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- **Pierre Kaffer's Audi A4 DTM has won races**

When the new DTM season starts at Hockenheim next Sunday, Timo Scheider will not only be promoting AUDI AG's "Gebrauchtwagen:plus" used car programme on his vehicle – his Audi A4 DTM powered by roughly 460 hp is truly a "used car" with as much as one DTM season under its belt: In 2005, the A4 was black and driven by the Scot Allan McNish.

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The cars raced last year by Mattias Ekström, Tom Kristensen and Martin Tomczyk continue to be used as well. Ekström's A4, which won three races in the last season, has been taken over by Pierre Kaffer. Christian Abt will be at the wheel of the A4 DTM which in 2005 was driven by Martin Tomczyk, Frank Stippler will use Tom Kristensen's 2005-spec car.

The cars to be raced by Vanina Ickx and privateer Olivier Tielemans have been entered in the DTM for as many as two seasons. The A4 in which Vanina Ickx will be making her DTM debut next weekend was driven by Christian Abt during the past two years. Tielemans' A4 was the car in which Martin Tomczyk claimed fifth place overall in the 2004 season, in 2005 it was Pierre Kaffer's car.

Last year's vehicles may weigh ten kilograms less this season than the latest-generation DTM cars, the 2004-spec vehicles tip the scales at even 50 kilograms less – this should ensure the competitiveness of all three A4 DTM cars.

Tomorrow: Roll-out in Kempten

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