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## Action-Packed Season Finale at Special Event of DTM eSports Championship 2025

- No points, but plenty of fun
- Sim racing pros remain unbeaten
- A journey through time from 2025 to 1995

Munich. Fans experienced a special highlight at the season finale of the DTM eSports Championship on Wednesday: Two thrilling races with current GT3 racing cars and legendary DTM cars from 1995 provided top entertainment – and plenty of racing action. The starting field was as diverse as it was star-studded: Professional sim racers, real-world racing drivers, and influencers went head-to-head in gripping duels on the virtual track. Despite the 50 kilos of extra weight stipulated by the regulations, the sim racers once again proved their class.

### Manuel Vera dominant in GT3 race

In the first race, the current DTM cars took to the virtual Hockenheimring – where the grand finale of the eSports Championship was held just a few days earlier. Manuel Vera (Alien Motorsport), who caused a sensation in the Community Cup, got off to a perfect start and drove a commanding start-finish victory. Leonard Krippner claimed second place after a late overtaking manoeuvre against Nico Hantke. Former DTM eSports Champion Tim Jarschel made an impressive comeback, fighting his way up the field from the back of the grid into fifth place.

### Time travel with cult status: DTM 1995 at the old Hockenheimring

The second race focussed on motorsport history: the cars used were DTM racing cars from 1995 – the year in which Bernd Schneider claimed his first title – and the track was the historic Hockenheimring with its legendary forest straights. In a thrilling three-way battle in the Motodrom, Florian Hasse (Dörr eSports) narrowly came out on top against Luca Kita and Tim Jarschel. This sees the sim racers unbeaten in retro racing as well.

### High-calibre starting field with real-world and virtual greats

The special event brought drivers from various race series such as the ADAC GT Masters, ADAC GT4 Germany, and the NXT Gen Cup together – including famous names such as Nico Hantke, Linus Hahne, Thomas Rackl, Lukas Stiefelhagen, and Tim Heinemann. The field was complemented by top sim racers such as Tim Jarschel, Leonard Krippner, and Florian Hasse, as well as influencers like Gamer Muscle, John Munro (Traxion), and a representative of Overtake.GG.

**Manuel Vera:** “The start in the first race was a bit confusing because Tim wasn’t in front of me for some reason. But I was still able to take the lead. The actual race was a lot of fun. I had Turkka and Krippner behind me the whole time and they didn’t make things easy for me.”

**Florian Hasse:** "It was interesting to watch how Luca interpreted the track layout. Tim was in a more difficult position than me. On the one hand he wanted to beat me, but on the other hand he had to fend off Luca. Which is how I ended up in P1."

**Luca Kita:** "I just couldn't get past the two of them. Every time I drove out of the slipstream it felt like I was driving against a wall. Especially since they were helping each other out with bump drafting. Then I made a mistake and had to adapt the track layout a bit for myself. The race was so much fun."

**Tim Jarschel:** "This race night was great fun. Finally, you could compete with a clear head. It was fantastic having the old cars on the old track. How the race turned out didn't really matter to me – I had fun. That was also true in the first race, when I ended up right at the back because of the spin."

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