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Schumacher's crash with Damon Hill in Adelaide in 1994 was intentional

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(Motorsport-Total.com) – The legendary World Cup final of Adelaide 1994 has been hotly debated by the Formula 1 community to this day. While most Michael Schumacher fans see nothing unfair at the World Cup-critical collision at the Australian Grand Prix, the rest of the world is convinced that Schumacher deliberately caused his collapse with Damon Hill – one of the first of many actions from the “Sin register” of the most successful Formula 1 driver of all time, it is often said.

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Schumacher himself has never publicly admitted that he deliberately rammed Hills Williams in Adelaide in order to secure the world title by a point. But even Kai Ebel, as RTL's pit lane reporter, is not immediately suspected of belonging to the Anti-Schumacher faction, believes to know that the campaign was not clean.

"As you know today," says Ebel in the current edition of the Formula 1 podcast 'Starting Grid', Schumacher has provoked a "deliberate crash with Damon Hill" for which there would "no longer be a title today you deny him the title today. Nothing was said according to the rules at the time. "

However, it is clear to the bird of paradise on the RTL microphone: "But in the end you have to say that he can handle the World Cup [gewonnen] would have. He was actually the better driver than Damon Hill for the year. You have to say that. He just fouled him in the last race, very easy. "

The 1994 season, with various controversies surrounding Schumacher's Benetton team, saw Ebel as a young TV reporter at the time as a "thriller", which dragged on in Adelaide until the end. There Schumacher was then "with a foul on the World Cup, everyone knows that now. Now you can talk about it in a relaxed way. He still got some titles afterwards."

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sprayed all over his car.

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In the current issue of 'Starting Grid', Ebel talks, among other things, about why he wore racing overalls in the early years, he openly admits that criticism is particularly personal when it takes place below the belt, and he speaks to the moderator Kevin Scheuren tackles numerous other topics that many of our users have never heard of.

Especially during the corona crisis, the interview, lasting around an hour, is the perfect way to get to know the TV character Kai Ebel from a more personal perspective. And this is best done either via our audio player or via a free podcast subscription on iTunes or directly from our cooperation partner meinsportpodcast.de.

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