



**White Turf St. Moritz 2019 - Passion for Races!**

### **New Agenda now GP co-favourite after victory and Strade Kirk wins the Skikjöring**

On this the day of the smart-favourites series of races - and following the immense amounts of snow over the past few days - the deep-covered race track had a major influence on the outcome of the races. **New Agenda**, the English guest from the stables of Paul Webber, was not bothered at all by the strength-sapping surface. In the GP LONGINES with a purse of 20,000 Swiss francs, the seven-year old achieved victory with jockey Dennis Schiergen by a neck, or rather a matter of five hundredths of seconds. The Skikjöring was won, by **Strade Kirk** - also following a thrilling final spurt - with the tenfold champion Jakob Broger at the reins. Despite light snowfall, about 7,500 spectators turned out on the frozen lake of St. Moritz and put down a very considerable number of bets to the tune of 49'500 Swiss francs. This was about 4,000 Swiss francs less than a year ago, although there was one more race then.

### **New Agenda could not be edged out of top position and marches on toward the GP**

In the most important preparatory test for the LONGINES 80<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix of St. Moritz, the GP LONGINES, German jockey Dennis Schiergen who lives in Switzerland, guided **New Agenda**, with whom he was entrusted for the first time, to the head of the field of seven. Over the final few metres, **New Agenda** was pushed strongly by **Fiesta** ridden by the Swiss Tim Bürgin, but the 6.60:1 co-favourite always managed to respond. At the finish, the distance between the two was merely one neck, corresponding to five hundredths of seconds. **Berrahri** followed with more than a ten lengths deficit with last year's winner **Nimrod**, formerly unbeaten on snow, miles behind in a hard fought fourth.

For **Hakam**, the winner of the GP Koller Elektro, things could also be heading in the direction of the LONGINES 80<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix of St. Moritz, even though the newcomer ridden by Clément Lheureux for Anton and Vreni Kräuliger had to carry three kilos more over the sprint distance than his nearest opponent **Footprintinthesand**. However, the protégé of trainer Andreas Schärer from Dielsdorf, left him three lengths behind in quite a decisive manner.

The Fraumünster Insurance Experts FEGENTRI prize, the first race of the newly introduced LONGINES Fegentri Amateur Riders Champions Cup, went convincingly to **Acteur de l'Ecu** with Austrian Hanna Jurankova ahead of **Parthenius** with Alberto Berton for Italy and the Swiss **Claudia Wendel** in the saddle of **Fleur d'Ipanema**. There was a shock moment when **Lonessa** fell just before the finishing line. As her jockey Alice Bertiaux explained, the mare was tired and could not concentrate anymore, which is the reason why she stumbled. Luckily the horse and the jockey are both well. The winner **Acteur de l'Ecu** is owned by the Engadine stable **ForzAgricola** and is trained by Josef Stadelmann in Dielsdorf.

### **In the Skikjöring, Jakob Broger made his ambitions for his 11<sup>th</sup> "royal title" clear with Strade Kirk.**

The CREDIT SUISSE – GP of Celerina, the first race of the Credit Suisse Skikjöring Trophy, was extremely captivating. The winners for the last two years, **Uzbekia** and **Valeria Holinger**, struggled courageously, but finally had to be content with fourth place. The victory was decided in a true Hitchcock-style finale between



**white turf**<sup>®</sup>  
international horseraces since 1907

Strade Kirk and Sociopath, where the photo-finish picture showed an advantage of one neck (seven hundredths of a second) for Strade Kirk with Jakob Broger. "When he was in front, Strade Kirk slowed down, but luckily, he did not let Sociopath pass", stated the tenfold Skikjöring champion Jakob Broger. Third place went to Pinot with Alfredo Lupo Wolf.

**Super Berry Chenou and Anshy won for the first time on snow - top favourite Spike failed on the difficult surface**

The GP DQ Solutions had a towering favourite in the form of Spike, so far unbeaten in five starts in St. Moritz. However, the horse obviously felt uncomfortable on the deep surface and was already pulled up in the first bend. Victory went to Super Berry Chenou with Renaud Pujol in the sulky, who left animator Terry Gahn no chance whatsoever in the finishing straight. Jean-François Johner, owner and trainer of the winner Super Berry Chenou, had quite the perfect day with another third place in the sulky behind Vasco du Graux.

Among the less successful trotters, Anshy with Silvan Krüsi dominated the prize of the Handels- und Gewerbeverein St. Moritz ahead of Aladin Voisin with his mother Barbara Krüsi. Célèbre Gédé followed a good distance behind in third.

St. Moritz, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

**Press office:** **WOEHRLE PIROLA AG Events & Public Relations**  
**Claudia Grasern-Woehrle, member of the executive committee**  
Via Grevas 6c · CH – 7500 St. Moritz  
Telephone +41 (0)81 834 54 31 · Fax +41 (0)81 834 54 32  
[media@whiteturf.ch](mailto:media@whiteturf.ch) · [woehrlepirola.ch](http://woehrlepirola.ch)

Further information and current news can be found at [whiteturf.ch](http://whiteturf.ch) and on the social media channels [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

Tickets for grandstand seats and standing places are available by advance booking either online at [ticketcorner.ch](http://ticketcorner.ch) or directly from the Tourist Information in the village of St. Moritz.

All documentation of the tourism organisation Engadine St. Moritz can be found at the following link:  
<https://www.engadin.stmoritz.ch/winter/en/media/basisinformationen/>

**Main sponsors:**





**white turf**<sup>®</sup>  
international horseraces since 1907

**Credit Suisse – Main sponsor of White Turf**

White Turf celebrates winter sports in a special way: Here tradition meets innovation, as horse racing takes place over an icy course and enthusiastic spectators witness a truly impressive spectacle. Because this combination is as fascinating as it is unique, Credit Suisse has been involved with White Turf for more than 40 years.

Since 2016, it has been awarding the "Credit Suisse King's Cup," created by the Swiss artist duo Aubry/Broquard, as part of the contest for the Credit Suisse Skikjöring Trophy. This individually designed trophy is awarded to all the daily winners and the overall winner of the trophy, who is deemed the "King of the Engadine." In 2017 and 2018, however, Valeria Holinger reigned as Queen of the Engadine.

Further information on Credit Suisse's sponsorship commitments can be found at: [www.credit-suisse.com/sponsorship](http://www.credit-suisse.com/sponsorship).

**BMW (Schweiz) AG – Main sponsor of White Turf**

Thanks to its commitment as a principal sponsor, BMW ensures year after year a successful performance on ice and snow at the White Turf in St. Moritz. Equestrian sports are part of the selected sports events that BMW supports with its sponsoring activities. The support of top performances at the highest level matches the ethos of BMW because as a premium automobile manufacturer, the company offers products to its clients that are renowned throughout the world for their quality and efficiency. Equestrian sports and the BMW brand values share the same essential core attributes of dynamic force, aesthetical sense and performance.

**Longines – Main sponsor of White Turf**

Based in Saint-Imier, Switzerland since 1832, Longines watchmakers enjoy an expertise steeped in tradition, elegance and performance. With generations of experience as the official timekeeper for world championships, and as a partner of international sports federations, Longines has created strong and long-lasting relationships in the world of sports, over the years. Known for the elegance of its timepieces, Longines is a member of Swatch Group Ltd., the world's leading watchmaker. The Longines brand, with its winged hourglass emblem, is established in over 150 countries.