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White Turf St. Moritz 2019 - Passion for races!

Berrahri highly deservedly wins the LONGINES 80th Grand Prix of St. Moritz

In front of, believe it or not, 15,000 spectators, the best snow gallopers gave a terrific show at the anniversary edition of the 80th Grand Prix of St. Moritz with radiant sunshine and on a far faster race track. Berrahri, who had come from England, dominated thanks to his big fighter heart and finally won in a superior manner with an advantage of five lengths against Jungleboogie, the 2016 winner. Following in third place was title holder Nimrod. Kieren Fox led Berrahri, trained by John Best in England, to victory. Right from the start, Vladimir de Ginai left his opponents with no chance in the Grand Prix BMW, while Lips Legend with this victory in the Grand Prix CREDIT SUISSE produced the 20th Skikjöring success for his driver Franco Moro. The new “King of the Engadine” is almost 65-year old Alfredo “Lupo” Wolf from St. Moritz, who was unplaced with Pinot today, but nevertheless decided in extremis the Credit Suisse Skikjöring Trophy in his favour. “An organiser can but dream of a race day like today which was successful in every respect. We had a tremendous number of spectators on the frozen lake and the atmosphere was excellent. I am completely happy and grateful for this magnificent day, and proud of my crew. Each of them has done a marvellous job”, commented Thomas C. Walther, CEO of the Rennverein St. Moritz. The White Turf organizers could also be happy with the betting revenue of 106,298 Swiss francs (last year 99,475 Swiss francs). During the last two seasons, no Swiss race track had cracked the 100,000 Swiss francs mark.

New winner in the LONGINES 80th Grand Prix of St. Moritz

The initial situation prior to horse race endowed with 111,111 Swiss francs, the highest purse in Switzerland, was absolutely open. Finally, two guests tied for the two first places. Title holder Nimrod led on the opposite straight and seemed to get on better than his opponents. However, the English guest Berrahri, hard as iron, who needed to be strongly supported by his jockey Kieren Fox on the long track of 2,000 metres to stay connected, overtook in the final bend to become unbeatable on the final straight. Jungleboogie, trained in France for the Swiss owner partnership Allegra Stable, eventually snatched second place prizemoney from Belmond Stables’ Nimrod. The joy was boundless in the Berrahri camp. John Best had brought the gelding already for the fifth time to the Engadine - so far, Berrahri had won four races, but never the LONGINES Grand Prix of St. Moritz. Finally, the fighter running for the owner partnership Curtis and Purdew, succeeded. There was certainly nobody on the frozen lake who would not have begrudged the horse and his entourage this victory. Believe it or not, with 14 starts Berrahri has earned 133,605 Swiss francs in St. Moritz. And, if everything goes well, he will run again in St. Moritz in 50 weeks. Jockey Kieren Fox was responsible for a big share in the victory, he was still totally out of breath when he praised Berrahri’s fighter heart in the highest terms during the presentation ceremony.

Vladimir de Ginai surprisingly won the Grand Prix BMW - another new winner among the trotters

This year, the hierarchy of the best snow trotters had been completely stirred up by the heavy snowfalls. Spike, unbeaten in St. Moritz during the last two years, could not cope with the deep track on the two first race days and did not even show up for the finale. Today, in the race for the Grand Prix BMW it was a matter of 25,000 Swiss francs for the vacant throne. However, neither Super Berry Chenou, winner two weeks ago,



nor Apollo San - so convincing on the second Sunday, could double their winning performance. With Vladimir de Ginai, a new elite trotter made history today: driven by Evelyne Hirt and trained by her father Theo for Kurt Schlatter, the chestnut dominated his opponents right from the start. Even though the ten-year-old is not known as a front runner. Under her maiden name Evelyne Fankhauser, Evelyne Hirt had won exactly 20 years ago with Volcan de Billeron the most important race of the White Turf. Apollo San came second in front of Vasco de Graux.

Lips Legend wins with Franco Moro the Grand Prix CREDIT SUISSE and Pinot makes Alfredo “Lupo” Wolf “King of the Engadine”

The decision for the overall victory in the Credit Suisse Skikjöring Trophy could not have been more thrilling. As though Alfred Hitchcock had directed, the struggle went back and forth during the race. Today's victory was taken surprisingly by the 11:1 outsider Lips Legend with Franco Moro from St. Moritz, ahead of Usbekia with the reigning “queen” Valeria Holinger. Third place went to Erich Bottlang with Sociopath. The winner is trained by Christian von der Recke and the Wollin stable had purchased him just before this race.

As this time, last week's winner Pinot could only advance from last to sixth place, in the end Erich Bottlang and Alfredo “Lupo” Wolf had the same number of points in the overall ranking. According to the rules, the Credit Suisse King's Cup went to Alfredo “Lupo” Wolf, as he had won one of the races compared to Erich. Pinot, once purchased for “almost nothing” and in flat races mostly without a chance even against modest opponents, is now an official king maker. Carina Schneider trains the gelding, who outgrows himself time after time at the Skikjöring, for her parents Maya and Berti. Alfredo “Lupo” Wolf, who will celebrate his 65th birthday in spring, can thus call himself “King of the Engadine” for the first time ever. He succeeds Valeria Holinger, who had won in 2017 and 2018.

High Duty, Vigo du Verger, Heloagain and Fit for the Job win in the fringe programme

At the GP Moyglare Stud, the 30,000 Swiss francs sprint, Hight Duty dominated his opponents in a sovereign manner from the start. Dennis Schiergen sat in the saddle of the eight-year-old trained by Karin Suter-Weber in Dielsdorf for the owner partnership Meile and Weiss, who visibly seemed to have been better off on faster ground. Before, old master Jean-Bernard Matthey had piloted Peter Dittlis' Vigo du Verger in the trotting race for the GAMMACATERING AG prize to a never endangered victory. The last two races saw victories from co-favourite Heloagain (with Silvia Casanova at the GP Guardaval Immobilien - Zuoz and Blasto AG prize for trainer Miro Weiss and the Zürisee stable) and Fit for the Job prepared by Christian von der Recke for the Chevallex stable (Friends of the Rennverein St. Moritz prize) with Maxim Pecheur in the saddle.

Famous faces among the trophy winners at the meetings challenges

Traditionally, the best of each category is honoured on the final day. Among the trainers, Swiss champion trainer Miro Weiss received the Silver Challenge Trainer Trophy, sponsored by the Rennverein St. Moritz in the form of one kg of silver. The same prize went to Barbara Krüsi as the most successful trotting driver in the BMW Silver Challenge Drive Cup, offered by BMW (Schweiz) AG. Among the jockeys, Dennis Schiergen had his nose in front in the Longines Silver Jockey Trophy: he was rewarded by Longines with a kilo bar of silver. Among the owners (gallop and trotting) the Chevallex stable, very active in St. Moritz, dominated just as it did a year ago, and thus the caviar worth 2,000 Swiss francs offered by the company Glattfelder AG, St. Moritz for the victory of the Champion Challenge Owner's Cup, went to Ann und Hugo Beijerman.



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