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White Turf St. Moritz 2020 - 113 years of international horse racing on snow

Wargrave confidently wins the LONGINES 81st Grand Prix of St. Moritz

St. Moritz, February 16, 2020 - **On the final Race Sunday, 13,500 spectators cheered for the winner of the LONGINES 81st Grand Prix of St. Moritz, which carries a prize money purse of 111,111 Swiss francs, as Wargrave gave them a terrific show: The four-year-old stallion dominated the field from the front and won by a clear margin of one and a half lengths over Hout Bay. Jockey Dennis Schiergen had ridden Wargrave to victory. In the Grand Prix BMW Apollo San didn't give his fellow trotter competitors a chance. The new "King of the Engadine" is Adrian von Gunten, who not only won the Grand Prix CREDIT SUISSE on Zambeso, but also the overall skijoring class.**

With the three most highly remunerated races in all disciplines - the LONGINES 81st Grand Prix of St. Moritz (gallop), the Grand Prix CREDIT SUISSE (skijoring) and the Grand Prix BMW (trot) - the third and final White Turf Sunday turned out to be a highly exciting top-class event for the 13,500 spectators. "As the organizer, you can only wish for such a successful race day," said Thomas C. Walther, Chairman of the St. Moritz Racing Association in summary. "The atmosphere among the spectators on the lake was excellent. I am happy all round, grateful for this great day and proud of my team!"

Wargrave brings the LONGINES 81st Grand Prix of St Moritz home safely

As soon as the starting boxes had opened, Wargrave from England, who had started out wide on the far side, stormed to the front. Accompanied by the mare Torochica, the stallion ridden by Dennis Schiergen also led the field along the far side and into the final bend. In view of the mild temperatures and the resulting soft and exhausting snowy track, the spectators, however, were left wondering whether the stallion, who had just turned four years old, would actually be able to keep up the pace he had set himself - and indeed, he did not gallop quite as smoothly on the home stretch: His strides became shorter, but his opponents were not racing any better, so Wargrave safely romped home to victory with a lead of one-and-a-half lengths. Hout Bay, who had travelled from Germany, was the only one to make up ground in the final phase with German champion Bauyrzhan Murzabayev and was rewarded with second place. Behind these two came English trained Torochica and Dolphin Vista, and Samurai trained by Miro Weiss finished fifth as best Swiss horse.

Apollo San clearly wins the trotting

In the Grand Prix BMW, the main event for trotters, the winners of the first and second Race Sunday were the clear favourites, namely Ugo de Tortière and Vladimir de Ginai. But while Ugo de Tortière did not even compete for health reasons, Vladimir de Ginai dropped back significantly after initially leading and was already beaten on far side. So, Apollo San had his hour of victory, not even giving the rest of the field the slightest chance with his owner trainer Daniel Grüter in the sulky. However, this was no great surprise since the ten-year-old gelding had already distinguished itself several times on the snow in St. Moritz.

Adrian von Gunten back on the throne

The Grand Prix CREDIT SUISSE turned out to be a superior start-finish-victory for draught horse Zambeso and skier Adrian von Gunten on the reins. As the duo had already won the race on the second Sunday, Adrian von Gunten was declared "King of the Engadine" as the clear winner of the overall CREDIT SUISSE Skijoring Trophy. No new experience for the optician from Burgdorf, who already carried off this title in 2012, 2013, and 2016 thanks to the legendary mare Mombasa.

Credit Suisse extends partnership with White Turf

In addition to the sporting highlights of the day, the racing association was able to announce another highlight: Credit Suisse has extended its partnership with White Turf by another two years and will thus remain on board as main sponsor until 2022, alongside BMW and Longines. Credit Suisse has been

committed to White Turf for more than 40 years and is particularly active in the traditional sport of skijoring. Today, for example, it presented the CREDIT SUISSE Skijoring Trophy for the 30th time - the trophy that is awarded annually to the "King" or "Queen of the Engadine". On the occasion of this anniversary, the artistic duo Aubry/Broquard created a very special cup: Instead of the traditional ceramic cup, Adrian von Gunten was awarded with a new cup in shining bronze on the back of which the names of all the previous kings and queens are engraved.

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About White Turf

White Turf, held annually since 1907, is a top-class event: it combines exciting horse racing, diverse catering options, attractive entertainment with live music and various exhibitors, all staged on the frozen Lake of St. Moritz with a unique mountain backdrop. White Turf 2021, with prize money totalling around 400,000 Swiss francs, will take place on February 7th, 14th and 21st. 35,000 visitors from all over the world are expected. The event is organised by the St. Moritz Rennverein, the main sponsors being Credit Suisse (Schweiz) AG, BMW (Schweiz) AG and Longines. <https://www.whiteturf.ch/en/>

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White Turf celebrates winter sports in a special way: 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.

Credit Suisse has awarded the ceramic cup created by the Swiss artist duo Aubry/Broquard to the three daily winners since 2016. The combined winner from all three racing Sundays will receive the Credit Suisse Skikjöring Trophy, the 30th time it has been awarded. To mark this anniversary, the artist duo Aubry/Broquard have come up with something special, which means that the 2020 King or Queen of the Engadine can look forward to being the first recipient of the new bronze perpetual trophy.

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Thanks to its commitment as a principal sponsor, BMW ensures year after year a successful performance on ice and snow at 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.

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