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White Turf St. Moritz 2022 - 114 Years of International Horse Racing on Snow

Attractive international field for the 82nd Grand Prix of St. Moritz

St. Moritz, 20th December, 2021 - **Although at present travel is more complicated for man and horse than it has been in the past, a strong field is emerging for the 82nd Grand Prix of St. Moritz, which is likely to be more international than ever before. In any case, the St. Moritz Racing Club is in a positive mood and is already eagerly preparing the next White Turf, which will traditionally take place on the first three weekends in February.**

Tradition and innovation have characterised the St. Moritz International Horse Races for over a century. As a top-class sporting event and social highlight set in front of a fairy-tale backdrop in the Engadine, White Turf belongs to the select collection of "Swiss Top Events". On February 6th, 13th and 20th, 2022, around 30,000 spectators are again expected on the frozen lake of St. Moritz. The programme includes a total of 18 flat, trotting and skijoring races, which will alternate at 30-minute intervals from 11:30 am on each of the three Race Sundays. The focus of the organisers is on quality and safety, which will also be guaranteed in 2022 with innovative technical measures such as georadar and infrared thermal imaging cameras.

International field of participants from England, France, Germany and Switzerland

Although the Grand Prix of St. Moritz is not scheduled until 20th February, 2022, the first entry deadline was last Monday. Twenty thoroughbreds from six countries were entered for the 100,000 franc highlight of the White Turf meeting. "With nine entries, Swiss racing stables make up the main core of participants. In addition, there are horses from leading turf nations such as England, France or Germany, but also from lesser-known racing countries such as Spain and Hungary," explains Annina Widmer, Head of Racing Operations.

Shooting star Ulster and GP winner Nimrod

The domestic line-up is headed by Ulster, Nimrod, Singledon and Flying Officer. Ulster was the star of Swiss racing in the fall. The grey, trained by Josef Stadelmann for Laetitia Domenig from Grisons, achieved a rare hat trick. First, he won the "Silver Blue Ribbon of the City of Zurich", then the "Grand Prix Jockey Club" and finally the most important handicap. Ulster proved that he is also capable of galloping fast on ice and snow in February 2020, when he succeeded on the first attempt in St. Moritz.

Nimrod is a real White Turf specialist. The experienced gelding from the training stable of 25-time champion Miro Weiss won the GP of St. Moritz in 2018 and finished third again on the podium in 2019.

For two other top-class candidates, Mr. and Mrs. Kräuliger's Flying Officer and Mr. and Mrs. Hartmann's Singledon, however, the races on the frozen lake are unfamiliar territory. While Flying Officer has raced with great consistency in the top ranks in this country's big races, Singledon has only recently been acquired for the races in St. Moritz based on strong performances in France.

Foreign Swiss Nubius and Tonnencourt

Taking international ratings as a yardstick, Nubius clearly stands above the rest among the foreign contenders. The gelding, who races in the colors of the Bärtschi stable in Aargau yet is trained in Cologne, has proven his great class not only in Germany, but also in Italy and Switzerland. A respectful distance behind Nubius follow the French horse Tonnencourt, only recently acquired by Michael Reichstein from Zurich, and the English contender Restorer.

A Hungarian or Spanish surprise?

Even if Hungary and Spain do not normally play a significant role in gallop racing, their exponents should not be underestimated. "Hungarian horses are always good for surprises – also in St. Moritz," emphasises Annina Widmer. For example, Ryan's Gift, ridden by Albert Klimscha, stunned in the GP of 1992 with a highly superior victory. Spanish trainer Guillermo Arizkorreta Elosegui, who named Furioso and Eminence, does not make his trips abroad for tourist reasons, as he showed this September when his protégés Rodaballo and Kitty Marion won two important races at the Baden-Baden meeting.

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About White Turf

White Turf, which has been held annually since 1907, is a top-class event: it combines exciting horse racing, fine catering, attractive music and art performances in front of a unique mountain backdrop on the frozen Lake of St. Moritz. The White Turf 2022 will take place on February 6th, 13th and 20th - 30,000 visitors from Switzerland and abroad are expected. The St. Moritz Racing Club is behind the organisation, the main sponsors being Credit Suisse (Switzerland) Ltd. and Longines. www.whiteturf.ch



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