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

Spanish victory at the LONGINES 82. Grosser Preis von St. Moritz

St. Moritz, February 21, 2022 – **More than 13,000 spectators turned out in bright sunshine on the frozen Lake St. Moritz on the final Race Sunday and were treated to a magnificent show by gallopers, trotters and skijorers in the races with the highest-prize money. First and foremost was the Spanish 14:1 outsider Furioso ridden by the Czech Vaclav Janacek, who won the LONGINES 82. Grosser Preis von St. Moritz, which had a purse of 100,000 Swiss francs. In the Grand Prix Genesis, Kiss Forever H.C. trotted to first place. The new "King of the Engadine" is Jakob "Köbi" Broger on Vienna Woods. The coveted Credit Suisse Skijoring Trophy was presented to him by surprise guest Roger Federer.**

Furious Victory at the LONGINES 82. Grosser Preis von St. Moritz

The flat race started with a bang, as the Italian grey mare Lyrical lost her rider when leaving the starting box. Undisturbed by this, Tim Bürgin on Autumn Twilight stormed to the front and led until the final turn, where he first saw the Spanish outsider Furioso, then the gallop favourite Mordred and finally Nubius all pass him. On the home stretch, it was the gelding Furioso that clearly pulled away and galloped on towards a convincing victory. Four lengths behind, Mordred, ridden by René Piechulek, beat Nubius, ridden by Bauyrzhan Murzabayev, in the race for second place. The LONGINES 82. Grosser Preis von St. Moritz also marked the end of a champion's career: 27-year-old jockey and Swiss by choice Dennis Schiergen said goodbye to equestrian sport after 12 years in the racing saddle.

Spaniard with international ambitions

The trainer of the victorious Furioso is Spanish Guillermo Arizkorreta Elosegui, who took part in White Turf for the first time and looks after around seventy-five horses in Madrid. Most of his understudies race in Spain, but he also likes to take his particularly talented gallopers abroad. With Lateran Accord for example, he was able to win two important races: the Grand Prix Jockey Club in Zurich-Dielsdorf in 2015 and also in Baden-Baden last fall.

Swiss victories featuring Identified and Samurai

Swiss racing teams dominated in the two other gallop races. Identified from the Bärtschi stable managed a clear start-to-finish victory in the sprint ridden by Dennis Schiergen. With it, the protégé of Karin Suter-Weber took revenge on the second placed Hakam, who had beaten him a week ago. In the final 1800-meter competition, Samurai, ridden by Carina Schneider and trained by Miro Weiss in Urdorf, won after a gripping duel just ahead of the favourite Enjoy Vijay.

Eleventh skijoring title for Köbi Broger

The skijoring race was clearly won by the team pulled by Praetorius with Franco Moro skiing. Köbi Broger, on the other hand, was proclaimed "King of the Engadine" with Vienna Woods. After his victory the previous week, yesterday's second place was enough for him to win the overall rankings. Broger was presented with the Credit Suisse Skijoring Trophy by surprise guest Roger Federer.

Two Wins for Woiton Trotters

In the two trotting races, owner-trainer Petra Woiton's horses put in first-class performances. Kiss Forever H.C. won the Grand Prix Genesis ahead of Doum Jenilou and Diva du Fossé, while in the smaller trotting race, stablemate Blackhawk did not give his rivals, led by the mares Cora du Châtelet and Daisy de la Vallée, the slightest chance. Kiss Forever H.C. was guided by Stephanie Theiler, while it was Stephanie's father Walter Theiler holding the reins of Blackhawk.

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About White Turf

White Turf, which has taken place annually since 1907, is a top-class event: it combines exciting horse racing, fine catering, attractive music and artistic performances set against a unique mountain backdrop on the frozen Lake of St. Moritz. White Turf 2022 will take place on 6th, 13th and 20th February - 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) AG and LONGINES. www.whiteturf.ch



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White Turf celebrates winter sports in a unique way: Here, tradition meets innovation, equestrian sport meets icy terrain, spectacle meets enthusiasm. It is also because this combination is as fascinating as it is unique that Credit Suisse has been committed to White Turf for over 40 years. Since 2016, Credit Suisse has awarded the three daily winners with the trophy created by the Swiss artist duo Aubry/Broquard. In addition, the overall winner across all three Race Sundays will be presented with the Credit Suisse Skijoring Trophy and will be crowned "Queen or King of the Engadine" and presented with the challenge cup created by the same artist duo.

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