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

### **Schiergen family dominates first Race Sunday**

St. Moritz, February 6, 2022 – **After last year's break, more than 7,000 spectators were looking forward to exciting sporting moments on this year's first Race Sunday. The GP LONGINES, the traditional visual check for the final LONGINES Grand Prix of St. Moritz, was eagerly awaited. Here the English stallion Mordred won ridden by Sibylle Vogt. For Dennis Schiergen, the day proved to be particularly successful: he left the rest of the competition behind in both two flat and one mounted skijoring race.**

#### **Shortened racecourse and mounted skijoring**

With enough ice and not too much snow on Lake St. Moritz, everything seemed perfectly prepared for this year's 114<sup>th</sup> edition of the White Turf. However, over the past week, water pushed through from below in the finishing area, so that the races could not be held as planned. All racing events – flat and trotting races as well as skijoring – were shortened to 800 metres. Since the starting boxes were not in use either, all races were started with the flag. The skijoring was held mounted and did not count towards the official Credit Suisse Skijoring Trophy. Accordingly, the celebrations to mark Franco Moro's one-hundredth race had to be postponed again.

#### **Only four horses in the main event**

For the main race of the day, the GP LONGINES, which has a purse of 20,000 Swiss francs, only four of the ten registered starters competed. All Swiss trainers had decided at short notice against the participation of their protégés due to the shortened distance. The rider from Aargau, Sibylle Vogt, immediately took the lead with Mordred, trained by Milton Harris, and successfully fended off attacks from Arktisz, who had come from Hungary.

#### **Dennis Schiergen as man of the day**

After Sibylle Vogt's horse failed to race from the start of the first flat race, only four horses settled the race between themselves. Bärtschi stable's Identified, ridden by Dennis Schiergen, won in a highly convincing manner ahead of Echo Beach, who fell after the finishing line. According to Annina Widmer, Head of Racing and veterinarian, the horse probably suffered an aortic tear. The jockey, on the other hand, was completely uninjured.

Schiergen also secured the final victory of the day with High Hope, in the colours of the Miracle stable. Once again, he had the best start and did not relinquish the lead. The Schiergen family also won the skijoring competition: with Dennis in the saddle of Turandot, his wife Valeria on the skis and Dennis' father Peter as trainer, the team of three proved to be unbeatable.

#### **Doum Jenilou first winner of the season**

The first race of the new horse racing season was the trotting race with GP-rating. Instead of a 25-metre handicap Marcel Humbert started with Doum Jenilou from the second row behind his five competitors. Nevertheless, he managed over the short distance to easily defeat Blackhawk and Cousin Hub. In the second test of this division, a duel developed between the Swiss debutant Daisy de la Vallée and Diva du Fossé. The latter proved to have the stronger lungs and won her first race in Switzerland with her owner and trainer Barbara Krüsi.

#### **Princess of the Engadine crowned at the first White Turf Family Day**

Yesterday, Saturday, the first ever White Turf Family Day was also held. The Family Days are all about young racing talent and will be held on the first three Saturdays in February from this year on. The program

included pony trotting and gallop races as well as mounted skijoring over 800 metres for 13- to 16-year-olds. As the latter was won by a girl, Coco Caratsch from S-Chanf, Credit Suisse was able to crown a Princess of the Engadine for the very first time.

Tickets for the second and third race day of the White Turf 2022 are available online at [www.whiteturf.ch/tickets](http://www.whiteturf.ch/tickets) - and the extensive VIP package can be purchased at [www.whiteturf.ch/vip](http://www.whiteturf.ch/vip).

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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](http://www.whiteturf.ch)

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