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White Turf St. Moritz 2024 - 117 years of international horse racing on snow

Valeria Schiergen wins UBS Skikjöring Trophy and becomes Queen of the Engadine for the third time

St. Moritz, 19 February 2024 – **The final Sunday of the 117th edition of the International Horse Races on Snow marked the end of three weekends of thrilling horse racing, mostly sunshine and an exuberant atmosphere on the frozen Lake St. Moritz. The highlight of the day was the crowning of Valeria Schiergen as the new Queen of the Engadine, after she had won the skikjöring races on the first two race Sundays. A total of 36,000 visitors flocked to the tent city for this season's Family and Racing Days - a resounding success for the St. Moritz Racing Club, all sponsors and partners.**

Two extremely successful race days with over 10,000 and 11,000 visitors respectively on the first two weekends came to a close on the third and final race weekend with 7,000 guests. Thanks to mostly glorious weather and warm temperatures, White Turf 2024 was once again a great success. Together with the Family Days on the three Saturdays, a total of 36,000 people attended this year's White Turf.

Dolomite triumphs in the flat race on the first race Sunday

At the UBS Skikjöring, the grey Ulster had an excellent starting position with the two-time Queen of the Engadine, Valeria Schiergen, racing from the innermost starting box, which he made the most of. He immediately took command and Valeria Schiergen knew how to set the right pace to keep her most stubborn opponent, Atlantico, at bay until the finish. In the CHF 20,000 GP Casino St. Moritz, Sibylle Vogt rode Schiergen's protégé Dolomit, in the colours of the Murezzan Racing Stable, in front early on and skilfully controlled the action from there. Stable Bärtschi's snow specialist Identified was the favourite for the sprint race over 1,200 metres, but it was stablemate Tapeten Toni under Sibylle Vogt who won the race. The third flat race of the day, the Preis DC Aviation, was won by Nick Cassedy under Debby Eberle, a horse that feels particularly comfortable on snow.

Owner Hedy Schlatter, former champion Jean-Bernard Matthey and trainer Ursula Herren triumphed twice in the two trotting races: In the first, Fourteenth of July scored his fourth win from as many starts in St. Moritz by more than 10 lengths, while Emir des Forges won the second race.

Ulster remains untouchable in UBS Skikjöring on the second race Sunday

Valeria Schiergen got off to another excellent start in the Skikjöring with Ulster and laid the foundations to become Queen of the Engadine for the third time with another victory. Especially as Atlantico, the partner of her closest rival and defending champion, Valeria Selina Walther, had been declared a non-runner at short notice. Moderator, the winner of last year's Grand Prix of St. Moritz, was the favourite for the GP Swiss Quality Broker, but was beaten by one length by the six-kilogram lighter Postmark under Sibylle Vogt, who had travelled from England. Sibylle Vogt doubled up in the leading flat race over 1,600 metres, winning with Fairmac, trained like Postmark by Anthony Charlton, ahead of the Toto favourite Scipio after a tactically cleverly planned race despite the maximum weight. In the sprint race, Whaze lived up to his role as favourite under Clément Lheureux - it was the chestnut's 16th Swiss victory in the colours of the Falk + Cattoni owners' association.

Domingo Bello inflicted an unexpected defeat on the favourite Fourteenth of July in the 15,000-franc GP Gammacatering. As on the first weekend, Jean-Bernard Matthey Emir des Forges won the small trotting race unchallenged despite a 25-metre handicap and a broken sulky.

Great atmosphere in the tent city on the third White Turf Sunday

Due to the warm sunny weather conditions and the resulting state of the racecourse, the third weekend took place without racing. The entire event site, including the public and VIP areas, was open and admission was free. Admissions and grandstand tickets purchased were refunded. Over 7,000 visitors made their way to the frozen Lake St. Moritz to soak up the White Turf atmosphere. The highlight of the day was the crowning of Valeria Schiergen as the new Queen of the Engadine after winning the overall UBS Skikjöring Trophy for the third time in her career. Visitors also enjoyed three generous Prix d'Honneurs, one of which was offered by Genesis, one of the main sponsors: a weekend with a Genesis including an overnight stay in one of the Genesis partner hotels.

Expanded Family Days programme enjoys great popularity

The high number of visitors at the Family Days speak for itself: the expansion of the programme is a roaring success. Young racing talent was celebrated on all three Saturdays. The programme included pony, trotting and flat races as well as mounted UBS Kids ski jumping and duathlon competitions. In addition, the programme was expanded to include numerous hands-on activities and the event also teamed up with various local sports clubs and associations. New features included the White Turf Kids' Games by Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz and the UBS slide. The Ice Princess Show on the ice rink on the first weekend, organised by the ISC St. Moritz, was also very well received.

High-resolution images of this year's White Turf are available on [this link](#). Please use the photo credits according to the captions.

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About the White Turf

The 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 set against a unique mountain backdrop on the frozen Lake St. Moritz. White Turf 2024 will take place on 4, 11 and 18 February and is expected to attract 30,000 visitors from all over the world. The St. Moritz Racing Club is behind the organisation, while the main sponsors are UBS, Genesis and DC Aviation Group. www.whiteturf.ch



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UBS is a leading global wealth manager from Switzerland with over 160 years of history. The White Turf is not only a highlight for St. Moritz and the whole of Switzerland - guests from all over the world also celebrate this unique winter sports event year after year. UBS continues this traditional commitment of its long-standing White Turf partner Credit Suisse. UBS is now the new main sponsor and title sponsor of the UBS Skikjöring Trophy. With its support of the White Turf Family Days, UBS is also enabling families with children to enjoy a very special White Turf experience. ubs.com/wie-die-schweiz

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