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White Turf St. Moritz 2025 – 118 Years of international Horse Racing on Snow

Clément Lheureux wins the 84th Grand Prix of St. Moritz with Saadi

St. Moritz, 17 February 2025 – **More than 13'000 spectators attended the last White Turf Race Sunday on Lake St. Moritz and were offered the best entertainment in the three disciplines of galloping, trotting and skikjöring. Above all, Saadi and rider Clément Lheureux won the Evangelos Pistiolis Foundation 84th Grand Prix of St. Moritz with prize money of 100'000 Swiss francs. Valeria Schiergen was once again crowned Queen of the Engadine after the overall victory went to last Sunday's winner following the void of the skikjöring race. After the cancellation of the first White Turf weekend due to rain, yesterday's exciting, sun-drenched Race Day was more than balm for the soul of all those involved. A total of 27'000 visitors flocked to the tent city for the two Family and Racing Days this season.**

Two extremely successful race days with over 23'000 visitors on the second two weekends came to a close on Sunday with 13'000 guests. Thanks to wintry snowfall on the second weekend and glorious sunshine on the third weekend, White Turf 2025 was once again a great success. Together with the Family Days on the two Saturdays, a total of 27'000 people visited this year's White Turf.

Rogue Spirit takes the Sprint Victory at the White Turf Opener

The Swiss horse racing season began a week late on the second Sunday with the White Turf Meeting on the frozen lake of St. Moritz. Spectators spent entertaining hours on the frozen lake and generated a betting turnover of 103'044 Swiss francs, around 25'000 Swiss francs more than a year ago.

The sprint for the Christoffel Bau Trophy was the highest priced race of the day at 25'000 Swiss francs. In the main event of the day, Anton and Verena Kräuliger's Swiss debutant Rogue Spirit, trained by Andreas Schärer, put on a great show with top jockey Rene Piechulek, who had travelled from Munich.

The celebrations continued on an even bigger scale for trainer Andreas Schärer and the Kräuliger couple in the GP Swiss Quality Broker, as they not only provided the winner, but also the second and third-placed horses. Jockey Clément Lheureux celebrated his 161st victory in Switzerland, the second with Saadi, who has now been unbeaten in five races.

In the third flat race, Nick Cassidy and Martin Seidl dominated his training partner Friendly Face, a double victory for Urdorf trainer Miro Weiss. No big surprise in the skikjöring «UBS – GP von Silvaplana»: In skikjöring, the last two «Queens of the Engadine», Valeria Schiergen and Valeria Walther, took the first two places.

The most important trotting race was an easy victory for the great snow specialist Fourteenth of July, who had already scored four bull's-eyes at the last two White Turf meetings. Marisa Bock drove Fourteenth of July for the first time and scored a long-awaited first White Turf victory.

Clément Lheureux wins the Evangelos Pistiolis Foundation 84th Grand Prix of St. Moritz

Saadi won the Evangelos Pistiolis Foundation 84th Grand Prix of St. Moritz from the front last Sunday at White Turf. Jockey Clément Lheureux rode the winner, just as he did two years ago at the last edition of Switzerland's most lucrative horse race with prize money totalling 100'000 Swiss francs. «This is emotional for me because Saadi didn't want to fight for a long time last year,» said jockey Clément Lheureux on the track after the big triumph. He sensed shortly after the start today that he would win with Saadi.

The most important trotting race was once again won by snow specialist Fourteenth of July, who kept the two attackers Elfe du Chatault and Dix Huit Brumaire safely at bay by just over a length from the front on the home straight. Marisa Bock drove the ten-year-old gelding to his sixth victory on snow, the second with the German rider and for her partner Robert Pletschacher, who is both trainer and owner. There was also a guest victory in the sprint, which the Hungarian Surprise of Easter won with jockey Martin Laube ahead of the previous Sunday's winner Rogue Spirit.

In the skikjöring, defending champion Valeria Schiergen was the favourite to win with the chestnut gelding Schael, who had already been successful at his debut in the St. Moritz World exclusivity last Sunday. After the safety harnesses of several drivers triggered shortly after the start, the race was declared void. The reason for this is subject of ongoing investigations. The void of the race meant that the overall victory went to last Sunday's winner. Schael, who was prepared by Germany's champion trainer Peter Schiergen in Cologne and runs for the Murezzan Racing Stable, made Valeria Schiergen queen for the fourth time in total in his first and so far only skikjöring outing. Whoever wins the overall ranking of the UBS Skikjöring Trophy can call themselves Queen or King of the Engadine for a year.

The void of the race meant that the bets from the skikjöring event amounting to over 25'000 Swiss francs had to be paid back to the bettors. Instead of 121'361 Swiss francs, 95'679 Swiss francs remained.

Family Days with new Skikjöring Taxi Record

Once again this year, the White Turf Family Days took place on two Saturdays before the White Turf Race Days - on February 8 and 15, 2025 - with a special focus on the region's young sporting talents. As always, the programme included pony trotting races and mounted UBS Kids Skikjöring. Various local sports clubs and associations took part, such as the ice princesses from ISC St. Moritz, who demonstrated their skills on the ice rink. On both Saturdays, the children who were able to take part in the popular UBS Skikjöring taxi rides were particularly happy: All places were fully booked well in advance. As a result, a new skikjöring taxi record was set: 36 children enjoyed the rides across the frozen lake.

High-resolution images of the race weekends are available under [this link](#). Please use the photo credits according to the captions.

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About the 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 against a unique mountain backdrop on the frozen Lake St. Moritz. White Turf 2025 took place on 9 and 16 February, with 27'000 visitors from all over the world. The St. Moritz Racing Club is behind the organisation, while the main sponsors are UBS and Genesis. www.whiteturf.ch



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