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10,500 spectators came along to the initial 2013 White Turf event. Rather cloudy in the beginning, the weather improved during the afternoon with more and more sunny spells. The sum of 65,690 Swiss francs passed the betting counter, a true increase compared to the 59,308 Swiss francs twelve months ago, however with one race less.

The 'Grand Prix Guardaval Immobilien' was dominated by six-year old Amazing Beauty from the stable of Michael Figge. Thanks to this success the mare is quoted as a favourite for the 'Gübelin 74th Grand Prix of St. Moritz' on 17th February. Mirco Demuro took the ride on Amazing Beauty who reached the finishing line with an advantage of four lengths. 'It was not at all intentional that Amazing Beauty would take the lead right from the start. It was just the way it went. That is why I am all the more pleased that she won here in such a superior manner', said Michael Figge. Amazing Beauty will now be prepared in Munich for the final Grand Prix before coming back to the Engadine in a little less than two weeks' time. Nightdance Paolo (Frédéric Spanu) from Andreas Schärer's stable came second and Tepmokea (Shane Kelly) from England finished in third place. The gelding was a late entry for the 'Gübelin 74th Grand Prix of St. Moritz'. African Art (Daniele Porcu) the winner of the Grand Prix of St. Moritz could not do better than seventh last year.

The initial 'Grand Prix Handels- und Gewerbeverein St. Moritz' with Le Big as a winner, was extremely exciting. Trainer Philipp Schärer could celebrate a one two victory as his protégé Zack Tiger (Daniele Porcu) came second, in front of Chapman. 'The entire race was exceptional. Even though Le Big was slightly struggling from the final bend, he managed to speed up again', explained the winner Andre Best. With Run the Show (Daniele Porcu), Philipp Schärer also provided the winner of the final prize of 'Hotelleriesuisse und Galoppfreunde Schweiz' in front of the strongly fancied stable mate Saltas (Eduardo Pedroza). The 'Grand Prix American Airlines' with jockeys from six nations went to England thanks to Ancient Greece. George Baker's protégé under Freddie Mitchell arrived at the finishing line with an advantage of three lengths in front of Song of Victory (Jamie Flynn).

This year again, Mombasa and his driver Adrian von Gunten seem unbeatable at the Skikjörling. At the 'Credit Suisse Grand Prix of Sils' the duo placed the cornerstone for a new victory of the trophy. It was the manner of the mare's victory, trained in Cologne by Peter Schiergen, which was convincing. Adrian von Gunten: 'She wanted to take the lead right from the start. I had a few doubts in the beginning whether she would be able to keep up the speed. However, the mare became faster and faster'. Merely Bergonzi with the driver Fadri Casty was able to more or less follow and came second six lengths down, eight lengths in front of Grimm Dancer led by Leo Luminati who tremendously increased his speed towards the end.

The 'Grand Prix Data Quest', the first of the two trotting races, went with Paradiso Fox to the stable of Walter Theiler, who led the gelding himself towards an easy-going victory. At the second trotting race, the 'Grand Prix Koller AG', favourite Mask du Granit assured his victory. The gelding from the stable of Jean-Francois Johner was led by Laurence Kindler.

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