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This Sunday is the first of three that make up the White Turf meeting, possibly the most extraordinary race programme ever devised. Staged on the frozen lake at swanky St Moritz, it combines regulation Flat races with trotting and skikjoring, a terrifying spectacle in which the racehorses pull their jockeys on skis.

Ron Harris, whose burgeoning string in South Wales is more accustomed to Polytrack and Fibresand than packed snow, is dispatching three runners for an event that appears to be going from strength to strength in its 101st year. The White Turf organisers are claiming a world record, with horses from eight different countries scheduled to take part this week.