

Harris aiming trio at St Moritz ice meeting

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SWITZERLAND Chepstow-based trainer Ron Harris is planning to run three horses at the famous 'White Turf' meeting on the ice at St Moritz in Switzerland on Sunday.

Arturius, Daring Affair and Hart Of Gold are all due to be in action at the ski-resort meeting, where the track stands on a frozen lake.

"Although racing on ice is a first for our stable, everyone involved is very much looking forward to the adventure," said Harris.

"Hart Of Gold and Daring Affair, who is a recent purchase, have been campaigning on the allweather, which should help them prepare for the kickback on the ice!

"Arturius has recently joined the stable from Ireland, where he didn't seem to take to hurdling, although he has had good form on the all-weather."

FRANCE The Simon Dowtrained My Shadow finished a good second yesterday at Cagnessur-Mer, going down by only a neck to the favourite Pelvoux in a 71/2f event.

Four British raiders take to the ice

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TRAINER Ron Harris and jockey Francis Norton team up with three runners on the famously picturesque frozen-lake racecourse at St Moritz today.

Arturius, a recent recruit from Ireland, is their representative in the feature event, the £5,000-to-the-winner Grand Prix Sport Mind over 1m1f.

The 12-strong field also includes the Linda Jewell-trained Cupid's Glory, a Group 3 winner in his prime, who will be ridden by Richard Thomas, and German raider Simonas, a three-time Group winner.

They face local opposition from the likes of Quiron and First Time, who filled the first two places in this race last year, and Collow, who won in 2006 and was third last year.

The other Harris/Norton hopes are Daring Affair in the £3,200 Grand Prix American Airlines over 1m, and Hart Of Gold in the £4,200 Grand Prix Handels & Gewerbeverein St Moritz over 51/2f.