

## **PRIX DE FRANCE « SPEED RACE » : DELIA DU POMMEREUX UNEXPECTED VICTORY**



Yesterday, the Prix de France "Speed Race" at Hippodrome Paris-Vincennes delivered an incredible scenario. Twists and turns, speed and intense suspense marked the second of three Ultimate Finals of the Prix d'Amérique Races ZEturf competition. **Délia du Pommereux** beat the predictions with a magnificent victory.

We were expecting a new duel between **Face Time Bourbon**, hero of the Prix d'Amérique "Legend Race", first Ultimate Final, and **Davidson du Pont**, second in the World Championship two weeks earlier. Last year, the latest triumphed in the Prix de France "Speed Race" ahead of its rival. The explanation did not take place. **Davidson du Pont** was at fault at the start of the race and was disqualified. **Face Time Bourbon** took the opportunity to lead the race. He stood out from the peloton at a breathtaking speed. Entering the straight, no one could imagine another winner. And yet ... Björn Goop's partner shortened his action 100 metres from the end. Meanwhile, **Délia du Pommereux** produced a splendid acceleration and won the race. She matches the 14-year-old race record in 1'09''8. Sweden's **Aetos Kronos**, youngest of the event, is third. The trotting champions will now compete in the third and last Ultimate Final, the Prix de Paris "Marathon Race", on Sunday February 28.



Eric Raffin, driver of **Délia du Pommereux**, won the Prix de France "Speed Race" for the first time in his career. His father Jean Raffin had won the race in 1990 with Pussy Cat. The 2019-2020 Sulky d'Or did not hide his emotion after his success: *"Honestly, I didn't think I would beat Face Time Bourbon. I was considering second place. But the mare is exceptional. She finished strong to make a difference. It's a dream coming true, it's my biggest win in harness racing. As I passed the post, I thought of my father. I thank him and I also thank Délia, of course"*.

Sylvain Roger, coach of the winner, relishes the moment: *"I am very happy, she is a wonderful mare, with a mind of steel. She deserved to win in a big test"*.

Sébastien Guarato, **Face Time Bourbon** trainer, analyzes his protégé's second place: *"Even if he is beaten, he runs well, he is simply beaten by a remarkable opponent. He ran out of air at the end after trotting very fast in the lead. We will probably see him again on March 6 in the Prix de Sélection"*.



**The Replay of the race :**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWaYNa2h\\_U0&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWaYNa2h_U0&feature=youtu.be)

**Discover journey through the video :**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWT0IAarYVU&feature=youtu.be>

**The replay if the press conference :**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9gbAKBwjJA&feature=youtu.be>



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