

**PRIX D'AMÉRIQUE RACES ZETURF QUALIF #2 :
ETONNANT, A DAZZLING FINISH AGAINST FACE TIME BOURBON
REBELLA MATTERS, QUALIFIED**



The competition **Prix d'Amérique Races ZEturf** has, once again, sparked general enthusiasm on Sunday 12 December at Paris-Vincennes. At the end of a breathtaking suspense, **Etonnant** beat hot favorite **Face Time Bourbon** in the **Qualif#2 Prix du Bourbonnais**.



Three weeks before, **Etonnant** had shown he was in top form with his second place in the Qualif#1 Prix de Bretagne. His first place in the Prix d'Amérique Races ZEturf Qualif#2 ranks him higher still. Anthony Barrier's partner triumphed over phenomenon **Face Time Bourbon**, so impressing in the Qualif#1 race that he was considered unbeatable.

Rebella Matters, finished nicely at the third place, thus qualifying for the Finals Prix d'Amérique Legend Race, Prix de France Speed Race and Prix de Paris Marathon Race. The first two at the finish of Qualif#2 had already gained their qualification in Qualif#1, the opening event of this decidedly astonishing competition.

The race scenario was ideal for suspense amateurs. Repeating his action of 21 November, **Face Time Bourbon** took the lead midway. He even pulled away in the last bend, which he is so good at. However, Eric Raffin's partner relaxed his efforts in the home stretch. **Etonnant**, then, launched into an incredible acceleration to beat his rival at the post. Richard Westerink's protégé even seized the opportunity to break the record of that Group II race by one second in 1'11"4.

A fantastic achievement in line with his victory in the Prix de Paris Marathon Race 2021. **Etonnant** is now a serious pretender to the Podium of the Finals in the Competition Prix d'Amérique Races ZEturf

Anthony Barrier, driver of the winner, beside himself with joy, declared on Equidia: "**Etonnant** has been so strong today. **Face Time Bourbon** pulled himself together in the finish but my partner, once again, gave his best. He is easier to handle now. He is in exceptional form. I hope this will last until the Prix d'Amérique".

Richard Westerink, **Etonnant's** mentor, was quite moved: "What an extraordinary horse! No one is unbeatable, we have seen it today. Even at mid-stretch, he gave a superb acceleration. And Bravo to Anthony Barrier who drove him superbly."

THE RACE

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