

**PRIX D'AMÉRIQUE RACES ZETURF QUALIF #5 : COKSTILE WINNER & QUALIFIED  
WITH VIVID WISE AS AND BILLIE DE MONTFORT**



The Prix d'Amérique Races ZEturf Qualif #5 Prix de Bourgogne : a spectacular and eventful racing event on Sunday 2 January at Paris Vincennes !

Italian trotter Cockstile, won the race with flying colours over compatriot Vivid Wise As and French mare Billie de Montfort. The three of them have gained their qualifications for the Finals of the competition Prix d'Amérique Races Zeturf.



The Qualif #5 Prix de Bourgogne provided many unexpected developments, in particular, disqualifications of several stars of the field, such as **Délia du Pommereux**, **Zacon Gio** and **Davidson du Pont**. One of the most promising participants, speed champion **Vivid Wise As**, took the lead early in the race and remained there, at a fast pace, until the end or nearly so. **Cockstile** waited until the last turn to produce his acceleration. He kept his rival in his line of sight for some time and easily overcame him close to the winning post, thus securing a beautiful victory. Second at the post last year, Vivid Wise As finished second this year also, ahead of brave and enduring **Billie de Montfort**, Prix de Bourgogne winner in 2019, and still at the top of international trotting despite being 11, the maximum age allowed to run in France.

So, the winning duo of the race is coming from Italy. **Cockstile**, **Vivid Wise As** and **Billie de Montfort** have duly qualified for the Finals of the Competition Prix d'Amérique Races ZEturf: the Prix d'Amérique Legend Race, a summit encounter, to be held in four weeks' time, the Prix de France Speed Race (13 February) and the Prix de Paris Marathon Race (27 February). QUALIF#6, the last one, will take place on Sunday 16 January.

Gabriele Gelormini, **Cokstile**'s driver, was not surprised by his companion's success. He told Equidia: "This is a great victory. I was quite confident before the race since my partner had been brilliant in his latest outing. He is in shining form. I also wish to mention the great work of trainer Erik Bondo. I do not know if I will drive him in the Prix d'Amérique. No decision has been taken so far between Cockstile and Diable de Vauvert".

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