



PRIX DE FRANCE SPEED RACE: SUPERSONIC IDAO DE TILLARD SECURES A DOUBLE VICTORY



The **Prix de France Speed Race**, the second final of the **Amérique Races PMU**, showcased the emergence of an exceptional champion. **Idao de Tillard** triumphed masterfully, securing an extraordinary double victory in both the **Prix d'Amérique Legend Race** and the **Prix de France Speed Race**. Spectators at Paris-Vincennes were treated to an outstanding performance, witnessing a new speed record set on this remarkable day.

The **Prix d'Amérique Legend Race**, the first final of the **Amérique Races PMU**, had already delivered a dazzling spectacle two weeks before. The second final, **Prix de France Speed Race**, once again ignited excitement on Sunday 11th February, at the Hippodrome Paris-Vincennes. The field of 18 contenders, including 13 participants from the Sulky World Championship, showcased remarkable speed and performance, offering spectators a magnificent show. Despite fierce competition and the contenders' thirst for victory, **Idao de Tillard's** dominance remained unchallenged.

On the 2,100-meter Grande Piste speed course, featuring an autostart, **Joviality** rapidly surged ahead, leading the pack with **Vivid Wise As** briefly in tow. However, it was **Idao de Tillard**, the strong favorite, who made a decisive move on the final bend, catching up swiftly with the leaders. In the homestretch, he surged towards the finish line, securing a breathtaking victory. Trained by Thierry Duvaldestin, **Idao de Tillard** joined the ranks of trotting legends, following great heros such as **Bold Eagle**, the last champion to achieve the **Prix d'Amérique - Prix de France** double. Furthermore, he set a **new Group I record of 1'09"4**, further solidifying his place in history. **Go On Boy**, replicating his performance from two weeks ago, finished with impressive

speed, improving his position from fourth to second. **Ampia Mede SM**, the defending champion, settled for third place.



The champion trotters will reunite with their fans on Sunday 25th February, for the **Prix de Paris Marathon Race**, marking the culmination of the **Amérique Races PMU** series, once again held at Paris-Vincennes. Clément Duvaldestin, the driver of Idao de Tillard, shared his thoughts on their victory with Equidia: "He's an exceptional horse. We took our time for this race, allowing him to come from the back of the pack, which is where he excels. He won convincingly and everything went flawlessly. I'm truly relishing this success and recognize how fortunate I am to drive such a champion. He thrives on racing from behind the starting car and possesses remarkable speed. Today, I was even more confident than I was for the **Prix d'Amérique**."

Thierry Duvaldestin added his perspective: "Completing the **Prix d'Amérique - Prix de France** double is no small achievement, but he did it with grace and flair. He has all the ingredients you need to be a champion and I hope to see him compete for a long time. I think he'll continue to captivate his fans for many years."

