



PRIX DE PARIS MARATHON RACE : HUSSARD DU LANDRET BEATS ALL THE RECORDS



The **Prix de Paris Marathon Race**, the third and final Final of the **Amérique Races PMU**, was an uncompromising race on Paris-Vincennes' longest run on Sunday 25th February. **Hussard du Landret** scored a resounding victory.

The **Amérique Races PMU** competition ended with an impressive third Final. The **Prix de Paris Marathon Race** crowned **Hussard du Landret** on Sunday 25th February at Paris-Vincennes, after a spectacular 4,150-metre run. Benoît Robin's protégé managed to smash both the Group 1 and race records after completing the race in 1'11"9, an exceptional achievement given the long distance.

The 16 protagonists battled it out over two laps of the Grande Piste, with two turns of the challenging climb giving spectators and trotting fans plenty of time to admire their favourites. The race took off at a strong pace, with punters' favourite **Izoard Védaquais**, stealing the show at first at a steady pace. The peloton gradually thinned out and with just 700 metres to go, the leader began to lose momentum and lose pace.

Hussard du Landret, who had long been preparing his ambush, began his attack storming to victory. **Inmarosa** followed by **Hooker Berry** (third last year), both scored honourable 2nd and 3rd places respectively. Due to the absence of **Idao de Tillard**, winner of the first two Finals of the **Amérique Races PMU**, **Hussard du Landret** managed to take centre stage, and in splendid style.

Yoann Lebourgeois, the winner's driver, spoke to Equidia about his race: "*I'm delighted because Benoît Robin put his trust in me to drive him after his victory in the **Prix de Bretagne**. The horse was very good. I didn't want to take the lead straight away, but I didn't trot very far from the leaders. My partner was going 'easy', so I decided to accelerate with 700 metres to go. He was great and made up for his disappointing Prix d'Amérique.*"

Benoît Robin, his trainer, added: "*Yoann (Lebourgeois, his driver) played the game well. **Hussard du Landret** never gave up, he's a real champion. I'm relieved after our disappointment in the **Prix d'Amérique**. He's rewarded us today and we're really pleased. It's brilliant.*" »



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