

## PRIX DE FRANCE SPEED RACE: THE CHAMPIONS TAKE TO THE TRACK FOR AN EXPLOSIVE REVENGE MATCH



The **Prix de France Speed Race**, the second **Amérique Races PMU Final**, promises to be a monumental race on Sunday 11th February at Paris-Vincennes. The champions of **the Prix d'Amérique Legend Race**, Sulky's world championship run on 28th January, will once again face off in an exciting rematch. This high-speed course, however, could be full of surprises!

The Hippodrome Paris-Vincennes will be buzzing with excitement on Sunday 11th February. Fans of top-level sport are in for a memorable treat in the **Prix de France Speed Race**, the second Final of the **Amérique Races PMU**. The first, the **Prix d'Amérique Legend Race**, saw a sumptuous battle at the end of which *Idao de Tillard* was crowned in glory. The main heroes of this Sulky World Championship meet again two weeks later for an explosive rematch on the 2,100-metre Grande Piste speed course, with an autostart. 13 of the 18 protagonists were already present on 28th January. The change in distance (600 metres shorter) will add even more spice to the encounter.

Will this factor upset *Idao de Tillard*, the magnificent winner of the **Prix d'Amérique Legend** Race despite running outside the field? On the face of it, no, as Thierry Duvaldestin's protégé loves short distances, proven by his four wins in five attempts on the same track. The 6-year-old crack has had a fantastic run of seven wins. Only his number 7, positioning him on the outside and behind the car, could possibly prevent him from achieving the coveted America-France double.

Logic dictates that credit should be given to the competitors who finished closest to *Idao de Tillard* in the **Prix d'Amérique Legend Race**. *Hokkaido Jiel*, second, demonstrated a thundering finish. He also loves the 2,100 metres of the long Paris-Vincennes track. He will have to deal with lane 17, which will force him to endure the ups and downs of the field. *Joviality*, the youngest at the start at just 5 years of age, finished third in the World Championships after trotting at the front. She still has genuine ambitions. *Go On Boy* finished fourth at wind speed. Almost last to cross the finish line, Romain Derieux's apprentice impressed with his final dash. He could have threatened *Idao de Tillard* a few metres further on. Will he be able to outwit his number 18 behind the autostart? Other strong contenders include *Italiano Vero*, fifth on 28<sup>th</sup> January, *Ampia Mede SM*, winner of the *Prix de France Speed Race* last year, *Hooker Berry*, winner of

the **Prix d'Amérique Legend Race** in 2023, and **Vivid Wise As**, winner of the 2022 edition. So many ingredients to make the **Prix de France Speed Race 2024** an exceptional event!



## THE RUNNERS



## Eve Gilles, Miss France 2024, guest of honour at Dimanche Plaisirs

The programme of festivities will be just as rich as the sporting line-up. As part of Dimanche Plaisirs, the Paris-Vincennes racecourse will welcome **Eve Gilles**, **Miss France 2024**, who will admire the races, present the **Prix de France Speed Race** trophy and take part in an autograph signing session. The **Salon Mer & Vigne**, with its 100 stands dedicated to local and regional produce, will be providing the gastronomic side of things, while the Big Wheel set up alongside the track will be providing an unusual way to watch the races. Pony rides, a carousel, wooden games, guided tours of the stables and a follower bus to watch the race in the heart of the action also promise a fun day out for all the family.



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## Infos pratiques

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