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AMÉRIQUE RACES Q#5: IDAO DE TILLARD BACK ON TOP FORM, GO ON BOY AND JUSTIN BOLD ALSO SECURE THEIR PLACE IN THE FINALS



The **Prix de Bourgogne - Amérique Races Q#5** delivered an electrifying show on Sunday, December 29th, at Paris-Vincennes. This Group II event showcased an exceptional comeback by **Idao de Tillard**, who claimed a stunning victory. Joining him in qualifying for the prestigious **Amérique Races Finals** were **Go On Boy** and **Justin Bold**.

The World Champion Returns!

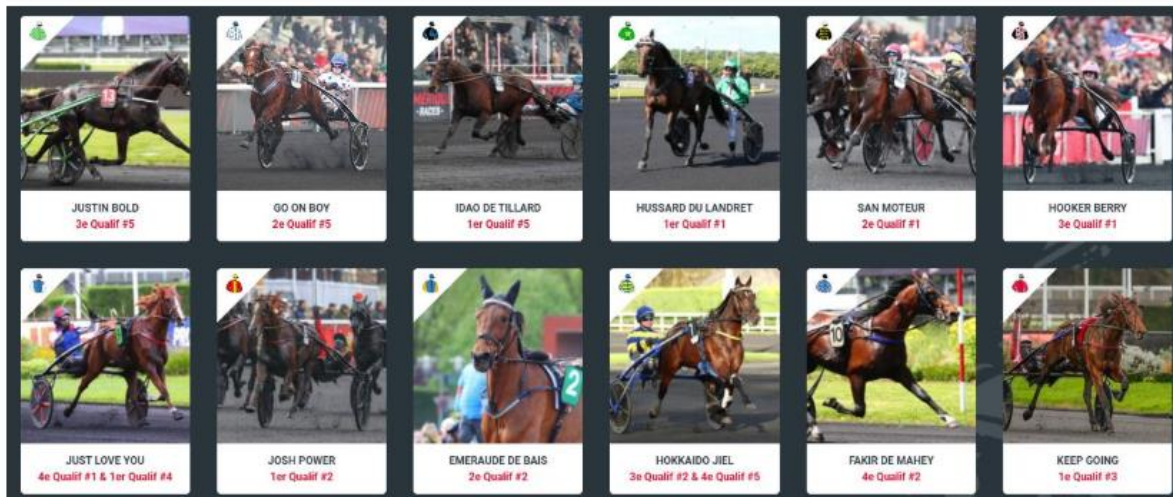
The race started with a burst of excitement as **Don Fanucci Zet** launched quickly into the 2,100-meter speed course from the autostart. The Swedish star set a commanding pace early on, only to be overtaken mid-race by **Emeraude de Bais**. However, disaster struck on the final bend when **Emeraude de Bais** faltered, causing a stir in the field.

Go On Boy, the favorite, capitalized on the opportunity, but **Idao de Tillard**, following closely in his wake, seized the moment. With a remarkable surge, **Idao de Tillard** pulled ahead to secure a decisive win. This victory marked a triumphant return for the 2024 **Prix d'Amérique Legend Race** champion, redeeming his reputation after a disappointing performance in the previous qualifier.

Go On Boy held on for second place, while **Justin Bold** claimed third, ensuring all three their spots in the Finals of the **Amérique Races** competition. **Hokkaido Jiel**, fourth, had already qualified on 8th December thanks to his third place in the **Prix du Bourbonnais - Amérique Races Q#2**.



Qualified for the Amérique Races finals



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*Clément Duvaldestin, driver of **Idao de Tillard**, shared his elation following their triumphant performance: “We were disappointed last time, as the horse wasn’t in top form. He wasn’t 100% today*

but he still ran an incredible race. He had the perfect setup, tracking **Go On Boy** closely, and his acceleration when I pulled him off the leader's back was simply remarkable. I hope he'll be even fitter in a month's time for the **Prix d'Amérique**.

Trainer Thierry Duvaldestin added "It's a real sigh of relief. Idao took full advantage of favorable circumstances, and we're thrilled with his performance. He's never been this supple before. While he's not quite at the level he showed last winter, he's returned to a very respectable form. We'll be monitoring him closely to ensure he's at his absolute best for the big race. That said, he won't be competing in the **Prix de Belgique**.

The champions now look forward to the final qualifier, the **Prix de Belgique - Amérique Races Q#6**, on Sunday 12th January 2025, which promises more suspense and a thrilling battle.

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