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# PRIX DU BOURBONNAIS AMÉRIQUE RACES Q#2 :

PRESS RELEASE

# THE MOMENT OF TRUTH HAS ARRIVED



Tension is set to rise again in the Amérique Races as Qualif #2 approaches! The champions will battle it out for a ticket to the Finals in the **Prix du Bourbonnais - Amérique Races Q#2,** on Sunday 8 December at Paris-Vincennes. *Idao de Tillard* and *Hooker Berry* will be the focus of attention.

### Anything is possible!

The top four finishers in the **Prix du Bourbonnais - Amérique Races Q#2** will book their places in the Finals of the **Amérique Races**, namely the **Prix d'Amérique** *Legend Race* (26 January), the **Prix de France** *Speed Race* (9 February) and the **Prix de Paris Marathon Race** (23 February). Who will join *Hussard du Landret, San Moteur, Hooker Berry* and *Just Love You*, who qualified after the first meeting on 17 November? The field of 18 contenders is of the highest quality, and virtually all of them could claim the precious sesame.

### Two Prix d'Amérique Legend Race winners at the start

Already qualified, *Hooker Berry*, winner of the **Prix d'Amérique** *Legend Race* **2023**, will be up against the crack *Idao de Tillard*, who won the 2024 edition of the world championship. Thierry Duvaldestin's protégé boasts a superb record of seven Group I victories. This magical duo will have plenty of supporters.

### The return of Hohneck

The talented *Hohneck* has not trod the track at Paris-Vincennes since his setback in the **Prix d'Amérique** *Legend Race* on 28 January. Philippe Allaire's *Hohneck* won the Elitloppet in 2023, the Swedish equivalent of our **Prix d'Amérique** *Legend Race*. This year, he distinguished himself in the provinces, at Enghien, in Italy and recently in the Netherlands. We'll be keeping a close eye on his return to the French capital.

### An ambitious Italian

Trained on the other side of the Alps by Mauro Baroncini, *Dimitri Ferm* has just finished second to *Jushua Tree*, who looks to be one of the favourites for the **Prix d'Amérique** *Legend Race*. This Group I winner in his home country could come into his own here.

### **Mission redemption**

A number of contenders were unable to shine in the **Prix de Bretagne - Amérique Races Q#1**, despite high expectations. The excellent *Josh Power, Gu d'Héripré, Hokkaido Jiel, Emeraude de Bais* and *Ampia Mede SM* will therefore be attempting to rehabilitate themselves and reassure their fans.

A number of outsiders have what it takes to spice things up. These include *Oracle Tile, Fakir de Mahey, Gamay de l'Iton, Inmarosa* and *Don Fanucci Zet.* 



#### The best 3-year-olds on the track

The **Prix du Bourbonnais - Amérique Races Q#**2 will not be the only highlight of the meeting. The **Prix Ready Cash** will provide an opportunity to admire the elite of the Sulky 3yrs. A quartet stand out among these future Trotting stars: *Liza Josselyn, Lombok Jiel, Frank Gio* and *Lovino Bello.* 

