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PRIX DE PARIS MARATHON RACE : A LEGENDARY WIN FOR JOUMBA DE GUEZ



The **Prix de Paris Marathon Race** crowned a new champion today as **Joumba de Guez**, the undisputed queen of the Winter Meeting, stormed to victory. Following the **Prix de Cornulier**, the world championship in mounted trotting, **Joumba de Guez** won the third and last final of the **Amérique Races** competition.

On Sunday, 23rd February at Paris-Vincennes, the 4,150-meter **Prix de Paris Marathon Race**, the longest distance in the Temple du Trot, delivered a thrilling display of stamina and strategy. **Joumba de Guez**, driven by Jean-Michel Bazire, dominated the race from start to finish, holding off defending champion **Hussard du Landret**, **Fakir de Mahey**, **Inmarosa**, and **Josh Power**.

This victory marks a rare feat, as **Joumba de Guez** becomes the first horse since **Jag de Bellouet** (2004) to win both the **Prix de Cornulier** and the **Prix de Paris Marathon Race** in the same season. Jean-Michel Bazire's eighth **Prix de Paris** win as a driver establishes him as the race's most successful competitor. Her time of 1'12" nearly matched **Hussard du Landret's** record (1'11"9).

Jean-Michel Bazire analyzed the victory on Equidia: *"She's always had a lot of determination. It was a good race for her. She had regained her freshness and was looking great before the race. From the final turn, I knew she'd won and I really enjoyed the finish. My son said to me on Monday: "If you don't win on Sunday, I'll never understand!"*

Nicolas Bazire, **Joumba de Guez's** trainer, praised the mare's performance, stating, "She delivered an extraordinary race. My father's decision to take the lead was a slight surprise, but she was unchallenged for the rest of the race. She has the flexibility to win from any position."

Joumba de Guez's victory places her alongside **Idao de Tillard** (**Prix d'Amérique Legend Race**) and **Go On Boy** (**Prix de France Speed Race**) as champions of the **Amérique Races** finals 2024-2025. The highly anticipated competition will return to Paris-Vincennes in November, promising another season of thrilling races.



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