

PRIX DE FRANCE SPEED RACE : THE CHAMPIONS ON TRACK FOR THE SUPER SPRINT

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The **Prix de France Speed Race**, the second Final of the **Amérique Races** competition, is set to thrill the public on Sunday 9 February at the Hippodrome Paris-Vincennes. Two weeks after a spectacular *Prix d'Amérique Legend Race*, the harness champions return to the track for a breathtaking speed race. Runner-up last year, **Go On Boy** has plenty of trump cards up his sleeve.

Authorised speeding

Run over the ultra-fast 2,100-metre Grande Piste course from the autostart, the **Prix de France Speed Race** will see 13 trotters of the highest international level compete in this showdown. This Group I race, also the second of the three Finals of the **Amérique Races**, promises a tough battle in which the hands of the stopwatch are set to race wildly. Idao de Tillard, winner of the *Prix d'Amérique Legend Race* on 26 January for the second time, was keen to defend the title he won last year in this *Prix de France Speed Race*. Unfortunately, Thierry Duvaldestin's prized jewel had to withdraw due to a sprain sustained in the paddock. Nevertheless, the show must go on and with a speed record to beat: 1'09''4, the event record held by Idao de Tillard. The Paris-Vincennes record of 1'09''1 will also be in the sights of the 13 competitors.

Go On Boy goes fast

Go On Boy, who took 3rd place in the 2025 *Prix d'Amérique Legend Race*, will logically be the firm favourite. Romain Derieux's protégé also finished second in the *Prix de*

France *Speed Race* in 2024 and excels in the fast races. Clearly in top physical condition, he will probably be aiming for the top step of the podium, especially as he has inherited the number 4, a favourable position behind the autostart.

An ambitious visitor

His main rival will be flying the Swedish flag. His name is Working Class Hero and he continues to improve with each outing. This trotter finished second in the Prix Ténor de Baune - Amérique Races Q#4 behind Just Love You, then second in the Prix d'Amérique *Legend Race*. Working Class Hero recently confirmed his success.

Emeraude de Bais : the fastest

There are plenty of possibilities behind these two favourites. If records are anything to go by, Emeraude de Bais is the fastest of the field, with a time of 1'08''3 set at Cagnes-sur-Mer in March 2024. Even though she has disappointed a little in her last two appearances, she should not be underestimated. Hussard du Landret, Idéal Ligneris and Justin Bold, fifth, sixth and seventh respectively in 'the Amérique', have the resources to improve their rankings. Inmarosa, often unlucky, Hooker Berry, winner of the Prix d'Amérique *Legend Race* 2023, and Don Fanucci Zet, who has solid references, also deserve a mention.





THE RUNNERS



**PRIX DE FRANCE
SPEED RACE**

DIMANCHE 9 FÉVRIER 2025
HIPPODROME VINCENNES

🏇 ATTELÉ 🕒 C4 - 15:15 🏁 AUTOSTART 📏 2 100 m (GP)

1	 AMPIA MEDE SM	 V. D'ALESSANDRO JR	🟡
2	 EMERAUDE DE BAIS	 F. NIVARD	🟢
3	 DON FANUCCI ZET	 P.PH. PLOQUIN	🟡
4	 GO ON BOY	 R. DERIEUX	🟢
5	 KILMISTER	 G. GELORMINI	🟡
6	 INMAROSA	 LEO ABRIVARD	🟡
7	 BANDERAS BI	 E. RAFFIN	🟡
8	 HOOKER BERRY	 N. BAZIRE	🟢
9	 HUSSARD DU LANDRET	 Y. LEBOURGEOIS	🟡
10	 IDEAL LIGNERIES	 B. ROCHARD	🟡
11	 WORKING CLASS HERO	 M. MOTTIER	🟡
12	 JUSTIN BOLD	 P.Y. VERVA	🟢
13	 HIP HOP HAUFOR	 D. BONNE	🟡

Quotes from the press conference

Romain Derieux: 'Go On Boy is doing well; everything was OK. Compared to last year, he looks just as fit. He's hardly ever been outside the top three in 2024. I'm happy with his number 4, which is perfect.'

Mathieu Mottier: 'Working Class Hero is on the rise and will have his good physical shape to thank for it. I advised those around him to give him a go and they thought it was a good idea. The number 11 behind Emeraude de Bais is a good position.'

Pierre-Yves Verva: 'Justin Bold ran very well in the Prix d'Amérique. He could finish in the top five. His number 12 behind Don Fanucci Zet looks OK to me.'

Gabriele Gelormini: 'Kilmister will start as an outsider. He'll enjoy the speed courses. His number 5 will be an advantage.'



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