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### The best AQPS jumpers of 2016

Once again 2016 was a bumper year for the AQPS at home and abroad. The old French guard has welcomed a new valuable addition with Grand Prix d'Automne Hurdle winner **Alex de Larredya** while **Vinga** once again dominated the two main crosscountry chases in France. In Britain and Ireland, the likes of **Vroum Vroum Mag**, **Un de Sceaux** and the promising **Défi du Seuil** thrive on their way to Cheltenham and Aintree. The new wave also looks very promising and while some of the best AQPS novices have been exported to Britain and Ireland, a few remain in their backyard to take over the rich Auteuil program. Here's a comprehensive review of the best jumpers of 2016 in the country with quick reminders of their most remarkable races to date, their connections and their families

#### ALEX DE LARREDYA (Crillon, f. 2010)

• Won Grand Prix d'Automne Hurdle (Gr1) by 7 lengths, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil Hurdle (Gr1)

• Gave his trainer François Nicolle his 1<sup>st</sup> Gr1 win with the Grand Prix d'Automne.

• Bred in the Pyrénées by Chantal Terrenegre-Laval, Jean-Luc Laval and Maurice Letchimy, owned by Simon Munir.



Alex de Larredya



• His anglo-arab dam **Kin d'Estruval** (Panoramic) won 8 races, including the Prix Thuya in Auteuil. 5<sup>th</sup> in the Grande Course de Haies de Pau (L).

• Kin d'Estruval is a sister to Lettre d'Estruval (Vertical Speed), winner of 16 races and second in the AQPS Grand Prix (A) at Longchamp.

• Dam gave a flat winner before **Alex**. Then **Doctor X** (Tomorrows Cat), now 4. A full sister to **Alex** called **Gypsie de Larredya** foaled in 2016. In foal to **Kap Rock**.

#### ALARY (Dream Well, f. 2010)

 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grand Steeple-Chase of Paris (Gr1), 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prix La Haye Jousselin Chase (Gr1), beaten half a length by Milord Thomas.
 Bred in Normandy and trained by François-

Marie Cottin for Ecurie Centrale. • Sister **Musica Bella** (Bateau Rouge) also

2<sup>nd</sup> in 2008 Prix La Haye Jousselin Chase (Gr1).

• Sold by Écurie Centrale to Alan Potts, now in training with Colin Tizzard.

#### BLUE DRAGON (Califet, f. 2011)

- Won 2 major Hurdle races in the Spring, then 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil (Gr1).
- Struggled to get back after health scare, redeemed himself with a victory in the Prix Léon Olry-Roederer Hurdle (Gr2).
- Bred in Calvados by owner Magalen Bryant, Denis Baer and Ecurie du Chêne.

• Brother to Un **Dragon Bleu** (Enrique), unbeaten in three outings over hurdles and winner of the Prix des Platanes in Auteuil.

• Dam **Nathalie Blue** (Epervier Bleu) won over the flat, over hurdles at Auteuil and chasing too.

• «Nathalie Blue was a good filly but she once had a heatstroke and was never the



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*same again»*, explained David Powell, representative of Magalen Bryant, co-owner and co-breeder of **Blue Dragon**.

#### VALTOR (Nidor, f. 2009)

• Won top French handicap chase of the Autumn,  $\in$  175,000 Prix Montgomery (Gr3) after a few placings in that division.

- Expected to make it to the top chases at Auteuil in 2017.
- Bred in the West of France by his ownertrainer Eric Leray

• AQPS Sire **Nidor** also bred, owned and trained by Eric Leray, like dam **Jossca** (Badolato), a winner of four jumps races.

• Jossca also gave Argentier (High Rock), winner of five races, four of them over jumps.



#### ULTRAJI (Denham Red, f. 2008)

• Bred in the Maine-et-Loire by Pierre and Nelly de la Guillonière's Haras de la Rousselière, owned and trained by Fabrice Foucher.

• Promising winner of Prix Carmarthen Hurdle (Gr3) but had to be put down in the Grand Prix d'Automne Hurdle (Gr1).



• Brother to **Tennis Cap** (Snow Cap), a Gr3placed over Cheltenham's hurdles.

• Second dam **Sirta** (Le Pontet) won 2 Listed races at Auteuil, sister to **Oseille IV** (Le Pontet), who gave **Joseille** (April Night), 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Prix Montgomery Handicap Chase (Gr3).

• Family of **Bristol de Mai** (Saddler Maker), a double Gr1 winner over hurdles in England.

#### VINGA (Voix du Nord, f. 2009)



First ever mare to win both Anjou-Loire Challenge (L) and Grand Cross de Craon (L).
Bred by Jacques Cyprès and Laurent Couétil, Vinga won First Prize at the Decize breeding show as a foal.

• Second dam **Deauville** (Quart de Vin) has six winning foals, including **Baxter** (Boris de Deauville), twice a Listed winner, **Né à Pron** (Blushing Flame), 5 wins,  $3^{rd}$  in the Prix des Drags Chase (Gr2) and  $4^{th}$  in the Prix La Haye Jousselin Chase (Gr1).

#### **BEGUIN D'ESTRUVAL (Martaline, f. 2011)**

• Won 3 races and 5<sup>th</sup> in Prix Montgomery Chase (Gr3).

• Homebred by Bernard Le Gentil in the Pasde-Calais.

• Dam **Rose d'Estrival** (Lavirco) won 4 races over jumps.

• 3<sup>rd</sup> dam **Pomette III** (Trac) sister to top chaser **Sabre d'Estruval**, winner of the Prix Heros XII Chase (Gr3) and the President de la République Handicap Chase–French National (Gr3), twice 2<sup>nd</sup> and once 4<sup>th</sup> in the Grand Steeple-chase de Paris (Gr1).

#### VIZIR D'ESTRUVAL (Cachet Noir, f. 2009)

 Won Prix Robert & Richard Hennessy Chase (L) and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Prix du Président de la République Chase-French National (Gr3), 11 wins in total, 10 over jumps.

• Homebred by Bernard le Gentil in the Pasde-Calais.

- Dam Heure d'Estruval (Marasali)
- Brother **To Much d'Estruval** (Great Pretender) won 4 races.

• Dam sister to **Gris d'Estruval (**Mistigri), unbeaten in six races in France.

#### BALLOTIN (Enrique, f. 2011)

- Bred at the Haras du Hoguenet, in Calvados.
- Won 5 races in 2016, also 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Prix de Compiègne Hurdle (Gr3) and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Grand Prix d'Automne Hurdle (Gr1).

• Out of **Orphée de Vonnas** (Jimble), a sister of **Nathalie Blue** (Epervier Bleu), **Blue Dragon**'s dam.



#### BESTARABAD (Astarabad, f. 2011)

• Won Prix Prechac Chase at Enghien and the Prix World Citizen Chase at Auteuil.

• Bred in the Cher by Jean-François Colas.

• Brother to **Rock Noir** (Mansonnien), winner of the Prix Renaud du Vivier Hurdle (Gr1). Dam **Keep Me** (Kadalko) won over hurdles at Enghien and chasing at Auteuil.

• Dam's brother **Lacdoudal** (Cadoudal) won 8 hurdle races and chases in Britain, sister



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Soleiade (Laveron) 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Prix Sytaj (Gr3). • Family of champion hurdler **Questarabad**, winner of the Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil (Gr1), the Grand Prix d'Automne (Gr1, twice) and Prix Renaud du Vivier Hurdle (Gr1).

#### ARRY (Boris de Deauville, f. 2010)

• Won 4 races in 2016, only caught on post by Enghien local star **Miss de Champdoux** in the

very last Grand Steeple-Chase d'Enghien (Gr2).

• Bred in Nièvre by Jacques Cyprès and Laurent Couétil.

 Dam Panique Pas (Video Rock) won over hurdles at Auteuil, sister to Quart Monde (Network), winner of thePrix du Président de la République Handicap Chase-French National (Gr3) and 3<sup>rd</sup> of the Prix La Haye Jousselin (Gr1).
 Amazing AQPS family of Al Capone II (Italic) and The Fellow (Italic).

#### TIR AU BUT (Trempolino, f. 2007)

• 9yo in 2016, former winner of the Grand Steeple-Chase d'Enghien (Gr2) and the Prix Léon Olry-Roederer Hurdle (Gr2)

Bred Jump

• Won the Prix Fernand Roy Chase at Enghien, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prix Léon Olry-Roederer Hurdle (Gr2).

• Bred in Allier by Nicolas de Lageneste at Haras de Saint-Voir.

• Second dam **Tenice** (Quart de Vin) gave **Isidore Ranson** (Blue Agent), winner of the

#### AQPS IN GROUP RACES IN FRANCE IN 2016 (in the first five)

DATE	RACECOURSE	RACE	GROUP	DISC.	DIST	HORSE	PLACE	SIRE
01/24	Pau	129eme Grand Prix de Pau- Biraben Foie Gras (Prix André Labarrère)	Gr3	S	5 300	Varabad du Buisson	4	Astarabad
03/06	Auteuil	Prix Robert de Clermont-Tonnerre	Gr3	S	4 300	Amirande	2	Astarabad
04/02	Auteuil	Prix Hypothèse	Gr3	Н	3 900	Blue Dragon	1	Califet
04/17	Auteuil	Prix du Président de La République (Handicap)	Gr3	S	4 700	Vol de Brion	2	Day Flight
04/17	Auteuil	Prix du Président de La République (Handicap)	Gr3	S	4 700	Valtor	4	Nidor
04/17	Auteuil	Prix du Président de La République (Handicap)	Gr3	S	4 700	Vizir d'Estruval	5	Cachet Noir
04/30	Auteuil	Prix Ingre	Gr3	S	4 400	Vézelay	4	Dom Alco
04/30	Auteuil	Prix Léon Rambaud	Gr2	Н	3 900	Blue Dragon	1	Califet
05/03	Enghien	Prix Romati	Gr3	S	4 500	Tir au But	5	Trempolino
05/04	Auteuil	Grande Course de Haies de Printemps (Handicap)	Gr3	Н	4 300	Alex de Larredya	1	Crillon
05/04	Auteuil	Grande Course de Haies de Printemps (Handicap)	Gr3	Н	4 300	Virtuose	3	Poliglote
05/21	Auteuil	Prix La Barka	Gr2	Н	4 300	Un de Sceaux	1	Denham Red
05/21	Auteuil	Prix La Barka	Gr2	Н	4 300	Alex de Larredya	3	Crillon
05/22	Auteuil	Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris	Gr1	S	6 000	Alary	3	Dream Well
06/12	Auteuil	Prix des Drags	Gr2	S	4 400	Amirande	4	Astarabad
06/12	Auteuil	Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil	Gr1	Н	5 100	Alex de Larredya	2	Crillon
06/12	Auteuil	Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil	Gr1	Н	5 100	Blue Dragon	3	Califet
06/27	Auteuil	Prix Christian de Tredern	Gr3	Н	3 600	Casablanca Mix	4	Shirocco
09/15	Auteuil	Prix de Compiègne	Gr3	Н	3 900	Alex de Larredya	1	Crillon
09/15	Auteuil	Prix de Compiègne	Gr3	Н	3 900	Ballotin	2	Enrique
09/15	Auteuil	Prix de Compiègne	Gr3	Н	3 900	Ultraji	3	Denham Red
09/15	Auteuil	Prix The Fellow (Prix Edmond Barrachin)	Gr3	S	4 400	Class Conti	4	Poliglote
09/15	Auteuil	Prix de Compiègne	Gr3	Н	3 900	Alex de Larredya	1	Crillon
09/15	Auteuil	Prix de Compiègne	Gr3	Н	3 900	Ballotin	2	Enrique
09/15	Auteuil	Prix de Compiègne	Gr3	Н	3 900	Ultraji	3	Denham Red
09/15	Auteuil	Prix The Fellow (Prix Edmond Barrachin)	Gr3	S	4 400	Class Conti	4	Poliglote
10/09	Auteuil	Prix Carmarthen	Gr3	Н	3 900	Ultraji	1	Denham Red
10/09	Auteuil	Prix Carmarthen	Gr3	Н	3 900	Alex de Larredya	2	Crillon
10/09	Auteuil	Prix Héros XII	Gr3	S	4 400	Alary	3	Dream Well
10/15	Auteuil	Prix Montgomery (Handicap)	Gr3	S	4 700	Valtor	1	Nidor
10/15	Auteuil	Prix Montgomery (Handicap)	Gr3	S	4 700	Vol de Brion	3	Day Flight
10/15	Auteuil	Prix Montgomery (Handicap)	Gr3	S	4 700	Beguin d'Estruval	5	Martaline
10/22	Enghien	Grand Steeple-Chase d'Enghien	Gr2	S	5 000	Arry	2	Boris de Deauville
10/22	Enghien	Grand Steeple-Chase d'Enghien	Gr2	S	5 000	Tir au But	5	Trempolino
11/05	Auteuil	Grand Prix d'Automne	Gr1	Н	4 800	Alex de Larredya	1	Crillon
11/05	Auteuil	Grand Prix d'Automne	Gr1	Н	4 800	Ballotin	5	Enrique
11/06	Auteuil	Prix Cambacérès (Grande Course de Haies des 3 ans)	Gr1	Н	3 600	Dolos	3	Kapgarde
11/06	Auteuil	Prix La Haye Jousselin	Gr1	S	5 500	Alary	2	Dream Well
11/19	Auteuil	Prix Léon Olry-Roederer	Gr2	Н	4 300	Blue Dragon	1	Califet
11/19	Auteuil	Prix Léon Olry-Roederer	Gr2	Н	4 300	Tir au But	2	Trempolino
11/21	Enghien	Prix Général de Saint-Didier	Gr3	Н	3 500	Danseur Jaguen	4	Great Pretender
11/27	Auteuil	Prix Morgex	Gr3	S	4 300	Chahuteur	5	Saint des Saints

Grand Steeple-Chase of the Cépière in Toulouse and 3<sup>rd</sup> of the Grande Course de Haies de Printemps Handicap Hurdle (Gr3).

• **Tenice** also sister to champion chaser **Arenice** (Brezzo), winner of Grand Steeple-Chase of Paris (Gr1) in 1996, beating **Al Capone II** (Italic).

#### BRISHKILLE (Irish Wells, f. 2011)

- Won 2 flat AQPS races and the Prix Louis Champion Chase at Enghien, beating her younger sister Cashkille (Network).
- Bred and owned in Nièvre by Jacques Cyprès and Patrice Rabineau.
- Dam Nashkille (Roi de Rome) won 8 races, including Prix Louis Champion Chase in Enghien.
- Champion 2yo at Decize show, brother **Flashkille** (Network) crowned Champion foal in same contest in 2015.
- Dam sister to **Vaniteux** (Voix du Nord), 3<sup>rd</sup> in Supreme Novices' Hurdle (Gr1), but also of **Moskoville** (Kadalko), 5<sup>th</sup> in Prix Maurice Gillois-4yo Chase (Gr1), winner of the Prix Louis Champion Chase, a family must!

• Family of champions **Bilbao V** (Bad Conduct), **Alcaloid** (Maiymad), **Quimbango** (Dom Alco), **Janville** (Kadalko)...

#### UP AND RISING... CONCERTO D'ALLEN (Coastal Path, f. 2012)

- Best 4yo AQPS of 2016 is a filly.
- Won a record 5 races in the season at Fontainebleau, then twice at Auteuil and twice at Enghien, including Prix Rogert Saint Chase (L), beating two other AQPS, **Corazones** (Nidor) and **Callia d'Oudairies** (Saint des Saints).

• Bred by Bruno Vagne in Allier, leased to Franck Délibéros and trainer François Nicolle.



• By Haras de Cercy sire **Coastal Path** and **Nouvelle Recrue** (Ragmar), twice placed over hurdles at Vichy.

• Family of **Imposant** (Video Rock), double winner of the Anjou-Loire Challenge (L), and **Galapagos** (Silver Rainbow), winner of the Grand Cross of Vichy and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Anjou-Loire Challenge.

#### CORAZONES (Nidor, f. 2012)

• Won 4 times over jumps, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Prix Roger Saint Chase (L) at Enghien, and in Prix François de Poncins Hurdle (L) at Auteuil.

• Bred in the West of France by Eric Leray, Anne-Marie and Didier Paysan, owned by French actor Gérald Laroche.

• By AQPS Sire **Nidor** out of unraced dam **Céline Mon Cœur** (Sanglamore).

• Brother **Baroud de Cœur** (Baroud d'Honneur, f. 2011) won 3 races.

#### CRACK DE RÊVE (Loxias, f. 2012)

• One of the most impressive 4yo AQPS of 2016, won 4 races, including Prix Coq Gaulois and Prix Nupsala AQPS Chases at Auteuil.

• Bred in Saône-et-Loire by Jean-Paul Gronfier, owned by Simon Munir and Isaac Souede, now trained by Isabelle Pacault.

• Out of **Kyrielle de Rêve** (Dom Alco), winner of one single flat race in 27 outings on the flat and over hurdles, mostly in the Centre-east province of France.

#### CHAHUTEUR (Saint des Saints, f. 2012)

• Winner of the Prix de Triquerville Chase (L) at Auteuil for trainer Guillaume Macaire.

• Owned by Magalen Bryant, bred by Pierre de Maleyssie Melun in Sarthe.



• **Out of Redowa** (Trempolino), a dual winner over hurdles and fences, also trained by Guillaume Macaire.

• Brother of **Dolos** (Kapgarde), 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prix Wild Monarch Hurdle (L), one of the top 3yo hurdle races in France, exported to Great Britain.

• 3<sup>rd</sup> dam Temara (Rex Magna) foaled champion chaser **Azertyuiop** and **Bipbap**, winner of the Prix Maurice Gillois 4yo Chase (Gr1), 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prix La Haye Jousselin Chase (Gr1).

#### CLASS CONTI (Poliglote, f.2012)

• 2 wins in 2016 including Prix Al Capone II Chase at Auteuil.

- Bred in Allier by his owner Patrick Joubert.
- Out of **Gazelle Lulu** (Altayan), 5 time winner over the flat, also dam of :

- Champion chaser **Silviniaco Conti** (Dom Alco), two-time winner of the King George VI Chase (Gr1) and of seven Gr1s in total, **Ucello Conti** (Martaline), 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prix Duc d'Anjou Chase (Gr2), Fleuret Chase (Gr3) and Prix Edmond Barrachin Chase (Gr3), **Toscana Conti** (Dom Alco), winner of the Prix Triquerville Chase (L).

#### CAIMAN LAND (Passing Sale, f.2012)

• Four jumps races and four wins including Prix François de Ponçins Hurdle (L).

• Bred by David Lumet and Thierry Cyprès in Nièvre, now co-owners with partners, trained by Philippe Peltier.

• Out of **Noraland** (Homme de Loi), also dam of **Vukovar** (Voix du Nord), winner of the Prix Beaumanoir Hurdle at Auteuil and Prix Bango (AQPS-Gr2) at Maisons-Laffitte for Philippe Peltier, since exported to UK.



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• Noraland is sister to **Septland** (Agent Bleu), 3 wins, 2 at Enghien and 1 at Auteuil.

• Third dam **Queensland IV** (Citheron) foaled **Cumberland** (Cyborg), winner of Prix Maurice Gillois-4yo Chase (Gr1) and **Embiez** (Lute Antique), 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prix des Drags Chase (Gr2).

#### **CASSE TÊTE (Poliglote)**

- Easily won chasing debut at Auteuil in Prix Adrien Besnouin.
- Exported in Britain with trainer Gary Moore.
- Bred in Sarthe by Pierre de Maleyssie Melun.

• Out of **Ellapampa** (Pampabird), 6 times winner in 14 outings over the flat, hurdles and chases, dam of **Saccageur** (Poliglote), winner of 18 races, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prix La Périchole Chase (Gr3), 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prix Edmond Barrachin Chase (Gr3),**Redowa** (Trempolino), dam of **Dolos** (Kapgarde), 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prix Wild Monarch Hurdle (L), one of the top 3yo hurdle races in France, exported to Great Britain.

• Ellapampa is a sister of champion chaser Azertyuiop and Bipbap, winner of the Prix Maurice Gillois 4yo Chase (Gr1), 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prix La Haye Jousselin Chase (Gr1).

#### CHRISTMAS ROSE (Montmartre, f.2012)

• Revelation of the winter in Pau, winning 3 races, including the Prix Albert de Taillac, preparatory to Grande Course de Haies de Pau (L), where he finished a close 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Bred and owned by ML Bloodstock Ltd
- Brother to **Daring Rose** (Al Namix, f.2013), winner over hurdles at Enghien in November.

#### CASABLANCA MIX (Shirocco, f.2012)

• Won Prix Ex Voto Hurdle and Prix Pierre & Jean-Marie Mercier Hurdle at Auteuil,  $4^{th}$  in Prix Bernard Sécly Hurdle (L) and  $4^{th}$  in Prix Christian de Tredern Hurdle (Gr3).

- Bred and owned by Evan Hanbury in Nièvre.
- Out of **Latitude** (Kadalko), 3 times a winner at Auteuil including Prix Finot 3yo Hurdle (L), one of the top races for young hurdlers.
- Latitude is the dam of Vanilla Crush



(Martaline), winner of Prix Orcada Chase (Gr3), Prix Fleuret Chase (Gr3) and Prix William Head Chase (L).

• Second dam **Diyala III** (Quart de Vin) was bred by Bernard Cyprès and gave **Nautica** (Subotica), dam of **Utsala** (Shaanmer), winner of Prix Ginetta II Chase and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Prix Fifrelet Hurdle (L) at Auteuil, **Outre Mer** (Sleeping Car), dam of champion chaser **Vézelay** (Dom Alco), winner of Prix Georges Courtois Chase (Gr3) and Prix Héros XII Chase (Gr3), 3<sup>rd</sup> to Cue Card in Lancashire Chase (Gr1).

• Third dam **Judy** (Laniste) gave champion chaser **Ucello II**, dual winner of the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris (Gr1).

#### **CANDALINE (Martaline, f.2012)**

• Won 4 races over jumps in 2016 including Prix Elisa Chase at Enghien by 20 lengths. Sister to **Vitorio des Champs** (Robin des Champs), 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grand Steeple-Chase du Lion-d'Angers (L), and **Anda Singer** (Secret Singer), winner of 3 races.

• Family of **Massac** (Royal Guard), a Gr2 chase winner at Wincanton.

• Homebred by Patrick Joubert and Paul Couderc in Allier.

#### CARTE SUR TABLE (Poliglote, f.2012)

• Won twice at Pau early in 2016, then at Enghien in Prix Bucheur Hurdle, and won again twice again last Winter chasing at Pau.

• Bred and owned by Haras de Saint-Voir in Allier.

 Third dam Ability (Olmeto) gave Rendons Grâce (Video Rock), winner of Prix Alain du Breil 4yo Hurdle (Gr1) and Homme du Jour (Video Rock), winner of Prix Renaud du Vivier 4yo Hurdle (Gr1).

#### DÉFIT D'ESTRUVAL (Balko, f.2013)

- $\bullet$  Won twice and was placed  $2_{nd}$  four times.
- Bred by Bernard le Gentil in Pas-de-Calais.
- Out of **Udine d'Estruval** (Le Fou), maiden sister to **Aviso d'Estruval** (Urgent Request),

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4 wins in 9 races, including Prix Jasmin II Chase at Auteuil.

• Family of **Mioche d'Estruval** (Lute Antique), 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pertemps Final Hurdle (L) at the Cheltenham Festival.

#### DOLOS (Kapgarde, f. 2013)

• 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prix Wild Monarch Hurdle (L), won over Chepstow's hurdles, then 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prix Cambacérès 3yo Hurdle (Gr1) at Auteuil, and again in Wales in Future Champions Finale Juvenile Hurdle (Grade 1).

• Bred by Pierre de Maleyssie Melun in Sarthe, exported in Britain with Paul Nicholls.

• Brother of **Chahuteur** (Saint des Saints, read above), winner of the Prix de Triquerville Chase (L) at Auteuil.

#### DELPHI COLLONGES (Voix du Nord, f.2013)

• Bred by the Delorme brothers (of Neptune Collonges fame) in Saône-et-Loire, bought by Magalen Bryant after her Prix Comtat Venaissin hurdle win at Enghien

• First winner out of **Regence Collonges** (Robin des Champs), winner of 2 chases and 2 flat races.

#### DUCA DE THAIX (Voix du Nord, f.2013)

• Won 2 races including Prix Isopani 3yo AQPS Hurdle for her debut at Auteuil. The top three in the race changed hands thereafter.

- Now trained by Gordon Elliott for Gigginstown House Stud.
- Bred in Nièvre by Michel Bourgneuf.

• Brother to **Antartica de Thaix** (Dom Alco), 3<sup>rd</sup> in EBF & TBA Mares' Hurdle (L) at Newbury, and **Vica de Thaix** (Dom Alco), winner of the Prix du Rouergue Chase at Enghien.



### THE MAIN AQPS RACES IN 2016

	DATE	MAIN RACES (€28K +)	RACECOURSE	DISC	DIST.	AGE	PURSE	WINNER	SIRE	BREEDER
	28/03	Prix d'Estruval (Gr3 AQPS)	St Cloud	F	2.500	4 & 5	€34.000	Basta de From	Le Balafré	JP. Cherruau
		Prix Bango (Gr3 AQPS)		F	2.300	4 0 5				
	25/04		St Cloud				€32.000	Capsy de Mée	Apsis	AM. Pommerai & Mrs Pommerai
	16/07	Prix de l'Isle-Briand (Gr3 AQPS)	Lion-d'Angers	F		3	€30.000	Donasland	Apsis	T. Cyprès
	27/07	Prix de l'Union des AQPS du Centre Est (Gr3 AQPS)	Vichy	F	2.400	3	€30.000	Bambouzle	Forestier	Haras d'Ecouves
	18/08	Prix Antoine de Vazelhes-Critérium du Centre (Gr3 AQPS)	Vichy	F	2.400	3	€30.000	Divine Sainte	Saint des Saints	
	09/09	Prix de Craon-Grand Prix des AQPS (Gr1 AQPS)	St Cloud	F	2.500	4&5	€50.000	Chambard	Gris de Gris	Mrs Cyprès, AA. Maggiar & E. Roussel
F	03/10	Prix du Bourbonnais (Gr2 AQPS)	Maisons-Laffitte	F	2.400	3	€45.000	Divine Sainte	Saint des Saints	
A L	05/10	Prix Glorieuse (Gr2 AQPS)	Saint-Cloud	F	2.400	4&5-F	€40.000	Countister	Smadoun	D. Mazières & Mrs S. Mazières
ш	21/10	Prix Yves d'Armaillé (Gr3AQPS)	Moulins	F	2.400	3-F	€34.000	Demey	Enrique	Couétil Elevage
	27/10	Prix Chloris (Gr2 AQPS)	Maisons-Laffitte	F	2.500	4&5-F	€40.000	Countister	Smadoun	D. Mazières & Mrs S. Mazières
	29/10	Prix de l'Avenir (Gr3 AQPS)	Nantes	F	2.400	3	€40.000	Dis Donc	Kingsalsa	Mrs K. Perreau
	01/11	Prix des Guilledines (Gr3 AQPS)	Durtal	F	2.250	3 - F	€34.000	Divine d'Alène	Voix du Nord	L. Couteaudier & Mrs Couteaudier
	06/11	Finale du Challenge AQPS-Prix de la Sensive	Nantes	F	2.400	4	€30.000	Cut the Mustard	Al Namix	Earl de Faydeau
	19/11	Prix du Tremblay	Lyon-Parilly	F	2.400	3	€34.000	Delta Work	Network	C. Magnien & JF. Magnien
	25/11	Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS)	St Cloud	F	2.400	3	€50.000	Délirant	Khalkevi	S. J. Gondouin, F. Gondouin, M & Mrs E. Leenders
	DATE	MAIN RACES (€ 28K +)	RACECOURSE	DISC.	DIST.	AGE	PURSE	WINNER	SIRE	BREEDER
	01/03	Prix Fernand Roy	Enghien	Ch	4.500	6+	€55.000	Tir au But	Trempolino	Haras de Saint-Voir
	06/03	Prix Rivoli	Auteuil	Ch	3.500	5	€55.000	Béguin d'Estruval	Martaline	Mrs. le Gentil
	07/03	Prix Baroud III	Enghien	Ch	3.500	4 & 5	€55.000	Bête à Bon Dieu	Saint des Saints	Haras de Saint-Voir
	13/03	Prix de l'Yonne	Auteuil	Н	3.500	4	€48.000	Calnutz	Balko	Mrs Saliou & Mrs Ventrou
	19/03	Prix Samaritain	Auteuil	Н	3.500	4&5	€48.000	Calienta	Montmartre	G. Cherel & E. Cherel
	27/03	Prix Mitsouko III	Auteuil	Ch	4.300	4	€55.000	Cachaca Macalo Buck's Bour		Mrs Bouchanville
	05/04	Prix de Préchac	Enghien	Ch	4.500	5	€55.000	Bestarabad	Astarabad	Scea Terres Noires
	13/04 17/04	Prix André Boingnères Prix Oteuil SF	Auteuil Auteuil	Ch Ch	4.400 4.300	5 4	€55.000 €55.000	Brio des Villerets Cousin Germain	Protektor	F. Descharmes & haras de Saint-Voir
	20/04	Prix Radio Paris	Enghien	Ch	3.800	4 & 5	€ 55.000	Catiminix	Fragrant Mix	J. Hardy N. Cyprès
	27/04	Prix René Couétil	Auteuil	Ch	3.600	4	€55.000	Concerto d'Allen		B. Vagne
	21/05	Prix Djarvis	Auteuil	Ch	3.500	4	€55.000	Concerto d'Allen		B. Vagne
പ	27/05	Prix Jasmin II	Auteuil	Ch	4.400	5	€55.000	Banco des Mottes		Earl Ecurie des Mottes
Σ	12/06	Prix Ginetta II	Auteuil	Ch	3.500	4	€55.000	Chahuteur	Saint des Saints	P. de Maleyssie Melun
R	15/06	Prix Xavier de Chevigny	Auteuil	Ch	4.300	5&6	€75.000	Béguin d'Estruval	Martaline	Mrs le Gentil
	27/06	Prix Al Capone II	Auteuil	Ch	3.500	4	€55.000	Class Conti	Poliglote	P. Joubert
	06/09	Prix Jean Noiret	Auteuil	Ch	3.600	4	€55.000	Commetoi	Al Namix	Mrs Pacault, Miss Pacault & Mrs Girot-Pacault
	09/09	Prix Pierre Cyprès	Auteuil	Н	3.600	4&5	€48.000	Chanson Douce	Crossharbour	JF. landiorio
		Prix Patrick Lec	Auteuil	Н	3.600		€48.000	Caiman Land	Paasing Sale	D. Lumet & T. Cyprès
		Prix Fezensac	Auteuil	Ch	3.500	4	€55.000	Cri d'Amour	Coastal Path	Mrs Perreau
		Prix Laniste	Auteuil	Ch	4.300	5&6	€55.000	Bob and Co	Dom Alco	Mrs Juhen-Cyprès
		Prix Louis Champion	Enghien	Ch	3.500	4&5	€55.000	Brishkille Dues de Theire	Irish Wells	J. Cyprès & P. Rabineau
		Prix Isopani Prix Adrien Besnouin	Auteuil Auteuil	H Ch	3.600 4.300	3	€48.000 €55.000	Duca de Thaix Casse Tête	Voix du Nord Poliglote	M. Bourgneuf P. de Maleyssie Melun
	28/10	Prix Ferdinand Riant	Auteuil	Ch	4.300		€ 55.000	Borice	Network	G. Vagne & Mrs G. Vagne
	06/11	Prix Cog Gaulois	Auteuil	Ch		4	€ 55.000	Crack de Rêve	Loxias	JP. Gronfier
	07/11	Prix Elisa	Enghien	Ch	3.800	4 & 5	€ 55.000	Candaline	Martaline	P. Joubert & P. Couderc
	23/11	Prix Thuya	Enghien	Ch	4.500	5	€ 55.000	Balkan du Pécos		Haras du Pécos
	27/11	Prix Nupsala	Auteuil	Ch	4.300		€58.000	Crack de Rêve	Loxias	JP. Gronfier
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### BEST AQPS IN FLAT RACES New AQPS flat group races prove their point

For the first time, 13 flat AQPS races have been awarded Group status by France Galop last year. Those are the classic races that have been used for years by AQPS breeders and owners to select the very best of every generation before they're turned to the jumps program. Most AQPS champions and best broodmares took part of them before hitting the headlines at Auteuil or Cheltenham. The new status allows the AQPS selection process to gain International recognition. The winners of the 2 AQPS new Gr1s, Prix de Craon (AQPS Arc) and Prix Jacques de Vienne (AQPS Derby), namely **Chambard** (Gris de Gris) and **Délirant** (Khalkevi), were exported to Britain.Such races are equivalent to the bumpers awarded Group 1 status in Britain and Ireland. Yet, most of these AQPS flat races were created to give females an opportunity to prove their ability before entering stud without taking chances over the jumps, giving their breeders a safe return home. The best mares were awarded a fast pass to the best sires then owned and managed by the National Stud. Outstanding jumpers such as **Vroum Vroum Mag**, **Notre Père**, **Silviniaco Conti**, **Ucello Conti**, **Alex de Larredya**, **Saint Are**, **Rameur**, **Baraka de Thaix**, **Rhialco** and **Terre Neuve**, to list a few, are all out of mares who excelled in these AQPS flat Group races.

Some also managed to reach the top of the jumps' list after starting off over the flat, like **Blue Dragon**, **Questarabad**, **Rendons Grâce** and **Osana**.

#### COUNTISTER (Smadoun, f.2012)

• Owned by Corsican owner Alexandre de Lanfranchi, then sold to Britain.

• Won 3 races out of 7 and was never further than 3<sup>rd</sup>. Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prix de Craon (AQPS Gr1) and then won Prix Glorieuse (AQPS Gr2) and Prix Chloris (AQPS Gr2).

• Bred by Daniel & Sylvie Mazières in Périgueux.

• First foal of unraced mare Tistairly (Fairly Ransom).

• 2<sup>nd</sup> dam **Istérienne** (Saint Cyrien) gave **Saint Ber Song** (Bernebeau), winner of one flat race and seven jumps.

#### CHAMBARD (Gris de Gris, f.2012)

• Won 3 races including Prix de Craon (AQPS Gr1), the AQPS Arc.

• Trained by Alain Couétil for Ecurie Cerdeval, sold to bloodstock agent Guy Petit and now in training with Venetia Williams

• Out of **Regina Park** (Cadoudal), also trained by Alain Couétil but only placed over jumps. Bred in Nièvre by Andrée



Countister beating her stablemate with Etienne & Grégoire Leenders Bubble Sea in Prix Chloris.



Chambard holds on resist Countister, Bubble Sea and Biennale in Prix de Craon at Saint-Cloud.

Cyprès, Antoine-Audoin Maggiar and Emmanuel Roussel, ranked third in his foal section at the Decize show in 2012. • 2<sup>nd</sup> dam **Luna Park** (Cyborg) gave Arthur's Secret (Secret Singer), winner over hurdles in France and exported to Britain, where he became one of the best point-to-pointers in the country.

• Family of Welsh national winner Edmond, bred by Yves d'Armaillé.

#### BASTA DE FROM (Le Balafré, f.2011)

• Won 2015 Prix de Craon (AQPS Gr1) and her only start of 2016 in Prix d'Estruval (AQPS Gr3).

• Went straight to stud.

• Trained by Alain Couétil, she was bred in Mayenne by her owner Jean-Pierre Cherruau.

• Family of **Ograndy** (Grand Steeple-Chase de Bordeaux, L), **Quarouso** (Prix Georges Courtois Chase, Gr2), **So Young** (Gr2 winner in Ireland) and Upazo (Gr1placed in Ireland).

#### **BAMBOUZLE (Forestier, f.2011)**

Ended her career with a win in Prix Union AQPS du Centre-Est (AQPS Gr3).
Bred in Normandy at Doumen family's Haras d'Ecouves and trained by François

Doumen for Joerg Vasicek. • First foal of Quibble (Jimble), also bred by the Doumens. Quibble took 13 places out of 19 races. Her sister Ma'am (Royal Guard) won Prix Samaritain Hurdle at Auteuil and became dam of Champion **Umbrage** (Astarabad), winner of Prix de Craon (AQPS Gr1), **Dad** (Network), second in Prix Finot 3yo Hurdle (L).

#### CAPSY DE MÉE (Apsis, f.2012)

• Won Prix Bango (Gr3 AQPS) and was exported to Britain with Jamie Snowden.



Pierre-Charles Boudot checks out his lead over the field in Prix Jacques de Vienne.

• Bred by the Pommerai family, her previous owners, in Mayenne

• Out of **Keur de Mée** (Video Rock), winner of two races in France and dam of **As de Mée** (Kapgarde), 3<sup>rd</sup> in Henry VIII Novices Chase (Gr1).

#### BUBBLE SEA (Great Pretender, f.2011)

• Bred in Normandy by Pascal Noue, Etienne and Christine Leenders.

• Won only once in 2016 but was placed 5 times out of 9 races, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prix de Craon (AQPS Gr1), 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prix Chloris (AQPS Gr2), Prix Glorieuse (AQPS Gr2) and Prix Union AQPS du Centre-Est (Gr3 AQPS).

• 2<sup>nd</sup> dam **Kusea** (Useful) won 4 flat races and became the dam of 5 winners including promising 3yo **Delirant** (Khalkevi, see below).

• 3<sup>rd</sup> dam L'Allier (Rose Laurel) is the dam of Chriseti, winner of 12 races including 3 Grand Cross de Craon (L) and 2 Anjou-Loire Challenge (L).

#### **DELIRANT (Khalkevi, F.2013)**

• Won Prix Jacques de Vienne (AQPS Gr1), the AQPS Derby, by 7 lengths with

only one race under his belt, a decisive 5-lengths win at Pornichet

• Bred in Mayenne by the Leenders and Gondouin families, trained by Grégoire and Etienne Leenders for their mother and wife Christine, Délirant was sold to John-Patrick McManus.

• Family of **Chriseti** and **Bubble Sea** (see below).

#### DIVINE SAINTE (Saint des Saints, f.2013)

• Won 3 races in a row including Prix Antoine de Vazelhes (AQPS Gr3) at Vichy and Prix du Bourbonnais (AQPS Gr2) at Maisons-Laffitte, only to fail behind the freakish **Delirant** in Prix Jacques de Vienne (AQPS Gr1).

• Homebred by owner Karine Perreau in Nièvre, trained by Alain Couétil.

• Out of **Quinine de Mazille** (Network), winner of 2 races and dam of **Cri d'Amour** (Coastal Path), a winner of Prix Fezensac Chase at Auteuil.

• Family of **Imola II** (Video Rock), tracing back to the d'Armaillé's bloodlines. **Imola II** won Prix d'Estruval (AQPS Gr3) and Prix Bango before giving **Rameur** (Shaanmer), winner of the Grande Course de Haies de Printemps handicap Hurdle (Gr3).

#### DRIVE AGAIN (Diableneyev, f.2013)

• Won 2 races out of 6, including Prix Richard de Gennes (D) at Craon, 2<sup>nd</sup> second in Prix du Bourbonnais (AQPS Gr2 AQPS) behind **Divine Sainte**.

• Trained and owned by Christophe Plisson, bred by the Plisson family and Marie-Ève Forget in Maine-et-Loire.

• Dam **Rozen d'Armor** (Mad Tax) failed to show anything in racing but her dam **Rozen II** (Callio) won seven races and gave seven winners at stud.



Divine Sainte beating Drive Again, Diderot Vallis and Domino Doré in Prix du Bourbonnais.

#### **DIS DONC (Kingsalsa, f.2013)**

- Won twice including Prix de l'Avenir (AQPS Gr3) at Nantes for first season bow and his third race only.
- Bred by Karine Perreau, owned by Couétil Élevage and trained by Alain Couétil, he's been sold to Ireland.
- Out of maiden mare **Skarina** (Dark Moondancer), dam of **Chakina** (Fragrant Mix), winner of 2 races and 6<sup>th</sup> in Prix Glorieuse (AQPS Gr2).

• Family of **Divine Sainte** and **Rameur** (see below).

#### DONASLAND (Apsis, f.2013)

• Ran 5 times, won once and was placed three times 2<sup>nd</sup>, opening his winning account in Prix de l'Isle-Briand (AQPS Gr3) at Le Lion-d'Angers. Later 2<sup>nd</sup> in



Dis Donc beating Disco Môme in Prix de l'Avenir.

Prix Antoine de Vazelhes (AQPS Gr3).
Out of **Obiland** (Hawker's News), 5 wins over jumps. **Obliand**'s sister **Septland** (Agent Bleu), winner at Enghien and Auteuil.

• Family of **Embiez** (Lute Antique), winner of Prix Xavier de Chevigny Chase and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prix des Drags Chase (Gr2).

#### DIVINE D'ALÈNE (Voix du Nord, f.2013)

- Won Prix des Guilledines (AQPS Gr.3), the AQPS Oaks, at Durtal for owner Yoni Seror, who leased her from her breeder, the Couteaudier family.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dam Joliette d'Alène (Garde Royale) gave Hennessy Gold Cup (Gr3) winner Triolo d'Alène (Epalo) and Ocarina d'Alène (Sleeping Car), winner



Donasland, here with Daimiel, soon to be seen over the jumps.

of the Prix Pierre Cyprès Hurdle, Prix Rivoli Chase, Prix Oteuil SF Chase and Prix Jean Sens Hurdle at Auteuil.

#### **DEMEY (Enrique, f.2013)**

- Won Prix Yves d'Armaillé (AQPS Gr.3) at Moulins for Marie-Thérèse Théard after her winning debut at Saint-Malo. 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prix Jacques de Vienne (AQPS Gr1) afterwards for trainer Alain Couétil, also her breeder.
- Family of **Vindhy** (Yelpana), featuring Grand Steeple-Chase de Bordeaux (L) winner **Ograndy** (Cyborg), Prix Georges Courtois Chase (Gr2) winner **Quarouso** (Lavirco), Baring Bingham Novices' Hurdle (Gr1) 3<sup>rd</sup> **So Young** (Lavirco) and Tolworth Novices Hurdle 3<sup>rd</sup> Upazo.



Divine d'Alène winning Prix des Guilledines at Durtal.

### 2016-2017 SEASON ACROSS THE CHANNEL More AQPS join jumping stars in UK and Ireland

This Winter, AQPS owners in Britain and Ireland got many good results at the top of the jumping brigade, warming up nicely for the Cheltenham, Aintree and Punchestown meetings.

#### VROUM VROUM MAG (Voix du Nord, f.2009)

Bred in Nièvre by Antoine-Audoin and Antonia Maggiar and trained by Willie Mullins, the versatile mare won 2016 Cheltenham Mares'Hurdle (Gr1) over 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles and Punchestown Champion Hurdle (Gr1) over 2 miles in 2016. She started the new season with a 2nd place in Hatton's Grace Hurdle (Gr1), won the Christmas Hurdle (Gr1) over 3 miles at Leopardstown, then over an extended 2-miles trip in the Doncaster Mares'Hurdle (Gr1). She can do anything !



#### UN DE SCEAUX (Denham Red, f. 2008)

Bred by Haras de la Rousselière and Monique Choveau in Maine-et-Loire, now trained by Willie Mullins for Edward O'Connell, the successful twomiler crossed the Irish sea to take a second Clarence House Chase (Gr1) in a row, at Cheltenham this time, jumping to perfection. He could go to either the Ryanair Chase (Gr1) or the Queen Mother Champion Chase (Gr1) at the Festival.

#### BRISTOL DE MAI (Saddler Maker, f.2011)

He made it look easy to win the Peter Marsh Chase (Gr2) at Haydock with 22 lengths to spare. Aged

only 6, he surely looks like one to follow for the years to come, and there's plenty to look forward to for owners Simon Munir and Isaac Souede. Now under the care of Nigel Twiston-Davies, **Bristol de Mai** was bred in Maine-et-Loire by Jean-Yves Touzaint, father of the Olympic rider Nicolas, himself a former eventing champion.

#### SILVINIACO CONTI (Dom Alco, f.2006)

At 11, the warrior bred by Patrick Joubert in Allier and trained by Paul Nicholls for Chris Giles and Sullivan Bloodstock still delivers. 3<sup>rd</sup> in a splendid renewal of the King George VI Chase (Gr1) at Kempton, he went on to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the Cotswold Chase (Gr2) at Cheltenham, where he usually underperformed though.

#### UCELLO CONTI (Martaline, f.2008)

6th to Rule the World in the 2016 Grand National, the Patrick Joubert-bred brother to **Siliviaco Conti** went 4<sup>th</sup> in the Becher Chase (Gr3) since then and has been all the talk since the weights of the 2017 Grand National were released. Trainer Gordon Elliott seems to rely on him for another go at the Merseyside extravaganza.

#### VIEUX LION ROUGE (Sabiango, f. 2009)

Bred by François-Marie Cottin in Normandy, owned by Caroline Tisdall and John Gent, trained by David Pipe, he won 10 of his 20 races in Britain so far, including the becher Chase (Gr3) and the Haydock National Trial (Gr3). He was 7<sup>th</sup> in last year's Grand National and looks like another nice prospect for the race. His dam Indecise (Cyborg) ran in 3 chases and fell in every one of them but gave 4 winners over obstacles including **Reflexion** (Discover d'Auteuil), who won the Prix Hardatit Hurdle (L) at Auteuil.

#### DÉFI DU SEUIL (Voix du Nord, f. 2013)

5 for 5 in Britain, the 4yo bred by Catherine Boudot (Saône-et-Loire), widow of trainer Marc Boudot and mother of French ace Pierre-Charles Boudot, won the Future Champions Final Juvenile Hurdle (Gr1) at Chepstow and two different Triumph Hurdle Trials (Gr2) at Cheltenham. Seeing such a young horse galloping away in the infamous final climb of Prestbury Park has surely left a huge impression. Before joining the McManus string at Philip Hobbs' yard, **Défi du Seuil** was trained in France by Emmanuel Clayeux for the



Papot family. He's out of **Quarvine du Seuil** (Lavirco), from the same family that of good winners **Catamaran du Seuil** (Network), **Tulipe du Seuil** (Equerry) and **Orore Tennise** (Apple Tree).

#### BUVEUR D'AIR (Crillon, f. 2011)

Bred by Gérard Ferté in Cher, he won the Top Novices'Hurdle (Gr1) at Aintree last season. This winter, he joined the chasing novices and obliged twice at Haydock and Warwick. He is expected in one of Group 1 for steeplechase novice Cheltenham Festival. Nicky Henderson trains him for J.P McManus and he switched back the 6yo to hurdles in the Contenders Hurdle (L) at sandown, which could point him to the Champion Hurdle at the Festival.

#### VALSEUR LIDO (Anzillero, f. 2009)

A champion novice chaser last term, he left Willie Mullins to join Henry de Bromhead and scored for his new yard in the Champion Chase (Gr1) at Down Royal before getting beat 4<sup>th</sup> in the Lexus Chase (Gr1). Bred by Michel and Nelly Contignon in Meurthe-et-Moselle, he's unfortunately reported to be on the sidelines for the moment.

#### BLEU ET ROUGE (Charming Groom, f.2011)

Pierre and Nelly de la Guillonnière's Haras de la Rousselière, joint breeder of Un de Sceaux, is also on this one, winner of the 2016 Novice Hurdle (Gr1)



at Leopardstown for J.P McManus and trainer Willie Mullins. He started this season with a win for his chasing debut but got let down by his jumping since, although he finished a distant 4<sup>th</sup> in the Flogas Novices Chase (Gr1) lately.

#### **CAPITAINE (Montmartre, f.2012)**

Bred at Nicolas de Lageneste's Haras de Saint-Voir, a sound purveyor of jumping stars on both sides of the Channel, the Paul Nicholls-trained 5yo never finished worse than second. He won the Kennel Gate Hurdle (Gr2) at Ascot before finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> to the impressive Finian's Oscar in the Tolworth Novices'Hurdle (Gr1) at Sandown. Owners Martin Broughton and Friends (2) are probably eager to aim him at the Supreme Novices'Hurdle (Gr1) for the Festival.

#### VICENTE (Dom Alco, f. 2009)

Bred by Thierry Cyprès and Jean-François Naudin in Nièvre, he's now with Paul Nicholls and won the Scottish Grand National (Gr3) at Ayr in 2016 for lan Fogg and a great AQPS connoisseur, John Hales, who surely keeps very fond memories of the great **Neptune Collonges** (Dom Alco), 2012 Grand National winner.

#### URGENT DE GRÉGAINE (Truth or Dare, f.2008)

Emmanuel Clayeux won his first race in Britain thanks to him, and on Cheltenham Festival's Trial's Day no less, in Glenfarclas Cross Country Handicap Chase. Urgent practiced hunting in France during the winter and had no more entries in his homecountry. He could now participate in the second stage of the 2017 Crystal Cup, at the Cheltenham Festival.

#### MORE TO COME !

Last season, **Bacardys** (Coastal Path) showed some ability by winning Aintree's Champion Bumper (Gr2) after a 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cheltenham. Bred by Eric Vagne and José Louis Da Silva, he fell first time out over hurdles but duly obliged twice at Leopardstown since then, lately in a Gr1 Novice Hurdle, giving trainer Willie Mullins he'd be able to go further than that 2m2f trip.



Bred in Nièvre by Karine Perreau, **Avenir d'Une Vie** (Lavirco) did well last season in the top bumpers and then joined the Gigginstown exodus to Henry de Bromhead, who switched him to hurdles. «**Avenir**» won his first jumping test at Fairyhouse by 5 lengths and who knows what's next ! His dam is a sister to **Sous les Cieux** (Robin des Champs), winner of the Royal Bond Novice Hurdle (Gr1) and 4 times Gr1 placed. **Clan of the Obeaux** (Kapgarde), bred by the Devilder family, made a splash in the Berkshire Novices'Chase (Gr2) in November at Newbury when he beat **Virgilio** (Denham red) by 5 lengths, but he failed to reproduce that effort since then.

**Virgilio** however, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> again at Kempton on Boxing Day in the Kauto Star Novices' Chase (Gr1). One of his joint owners is none other than David Futter (Yorton Farm). Bred by François-Marie Cottin in Normandy, he's out of Liesse de Marbeuf (Cyborg), a Prix André Michel Hurdle (Gr3) 3<sup>rd</sup> at Auteuil.

Château Conti (Vendangeur) races for Un de Sceaux's owner Edward O'Connell and won his first hurdle race at Cork, beating 2016 AQPS flat champion Canelie (Gentlewave), now owned by John-Patrick McManus, by more than 7 lengths. This could lead him to the Supreme Novices'Hurdle (Gr1) or the Baring Bingham Novices'Hurdle (Gr1) at the Festival. Château Conti is one of the many good returns from breeder Patrick Joubert's best family, that of the champion Silviniaco Conti (Dom Alco).

D'Armaillé family's **Baron Alco** (Dom Alco) has probably relished his switch to the fences since he won twice and was placed three times in that many races since the beginning of the season. Latest news: he finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Scilly Isles Novices' Chase (Gr1) at Sandown. He's out of **Paula** (Network), 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prix de l'Avenir (AQPS Gr3), dam of **Anastasia** (Lavirco), winner of 5 races and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prix Glorieuse (AQPS Gr2) and Prix Chloris (AQPS Gr2).

J.P McManus' **Anibale Fly** (Assessor) won his first Group in the Novice Chase (Gr3) at Naas after being placed twice in Gr1s in Ireland over hurdles and fences. His dam is a sister to **Petit Robin** (Robin des Prés), twice a chase winner at Pau. Exported to Britain, that **Petit Robin**.

After a brilliant victory over Clonmel's hurdles, **Crack Mome** (Spanish Moon) finished second in the Moscow Flyer Novice Hurdle (Gr2) in Punchestown in January after going too freely. Bred by Bernadette and Alexandre Deschère at Le Lion of Angers, he's a good prospect to follow.

Another one to watch in the next few weeks is **Vroum Vroum Mag**'s half brother **Dandy Mag** (Special Kaldoun), impressive for his debut at Gowran Park for trainer Willie Mullins.

#### **MERCI, SPRINTER SACRÉ!**

**Sprinter Sacré** (Network) retired in Autumn 2016. One of his leg was causing some trouble and wisely, his connections opted for a full and happy retirement. After the heart condition he overcame, that was a challenge too far. He'd already managed an unthinkable come back, winning a 2<sup>nd</sup> Queen Mother Champion Chase (Gr1) that prompted one of the loudest ovations ever at the Festival. He finished the season with another victory in the Sandown Celebration Chase (Gr1). **Sprinter Sacré** was bred by Christopher Masle in Nievre, owned by Caroline Mould and trained by Nicky Henderson, he won 14 chases out of 18 and found a place in the heart of every National Hunt fan in the British Isles.



### AQPS IN GROUP RACES ABROAD / 2016

DATE	AQPS HORSE	RACECOURSE/RACE	CAT	DIST	DISC	PLACE	SIRE	BREEDER
Jan.	Ténor Nivernais	Cheltenham – Betbright Best	Gr3	4.200	Ch	2	Shaanmer	Jean-François landiorio
Jan.	Anibale Fly	Naas – Novice Hurdle	Gr1	4.000	H	3	Assessor	Early Baty, V. Baty & Freddy Lemercier
Jan.	Ball d'Arc	Punchestown – Moscow Flyer Novice Hurdle	Gr2	3.200		3	Network	Scea Le Fragneau & Nicole Terrière
	Coo Star Sivola	Chepstow – Future Champion Junior Juvenile Hurdle	Gr1	3.200		3	Assessor	Gilles Trapenard
Jan.	Rubi Light	Thurles – Ladbrokes Ireland	Gr2 Gr2	4.000		3	Network	Patrice & Valérie Vagne Maria Davilder & Stéphenia Facquelle
Jan. Jan.	Alpha des Obeaux Vroum Vroum Mag	Gowran Park – Galmoy Hurdle Ascot – Mares'Hurdle	Gr2	4.800		1	Saddler Maker Voix du Nord	Marie Devilder & Stéphanie Fasquelle Antoine-Audoin Maggiar & Miss A. Maggiar
	Un de Sceaux	Ascot – Clarence House Chase	Gr1	3.400		1	Denham Red	Haras de la Rousselière et Monique Choveau
	Sire de Grugy	Ascot – Clarence House Chase	Gr1	3.400		2	My Risk	Earl La Grugerie
Jan.	Bristol de Mai	Haydock – Altcar Novices' Chase	Gr2	4 000	Ch	1	Saddler Maker	Jean-Yves Touzaint
	Virak	Haydock – Peter Marsh Chase	Gr2	4.800		2	Bernebeau	Bruno Thierry, Sybille Mills & Emma Labataille
	Baron Alco	Ascot – Holloway's Handicap Hurdle	Gr3	3.800		2	Dom Alco	Succession Yves d'Armaillé
	A Toi Phil	Leopardstown – Novice Hurdle	Gr2	4.000		1	Day Flight	Dr Philippe Legault
	Acapella Bourgeois Velvet Maker	Leopardstown - Novice Hurdle Leopardstown – Frank Ward Sol	Gr2 Gr1	3.400		2	Network Policy Maker	Jean-Paul Bannier & Michèle Bannier Patricia Bellayer, Patrick Bellayer & Gérard Perrochon
Jan.	Vaniteux	Doncaster – Lightning Novices' Chase	Gr2	3.300		1	Voix du Nord	Jacques Cyprès
	Arzal	Doncaster – Lightning Novices' Chase	Gr2	3.300		2	Vendangeur	Dominique Gouin & Mrs Georges Racape
Jan.	Consul de Thaix	Cheltenham – Finesse Juvenile Hurdle	Gr2	3.300		3	Loxias	Michel Bourgneuf
	Ténor Nivernais	Cheltenham – Trophy Chase	Gr3	4.200		2	Shaanmer	Jean-François landiorio
Feb.	Arkwrisht	Clonmel – Novice Hurdle	Gr3	4.400		1	Lavirco	E. Hanbury
	Bristol de Mai	Sandown – Scilly Isles Novices'Chase	Gr1	4.000		1	Saddler Maker	Jean-Yves Touzaint
	As de Mée Bleu et Rouge	Sandown – Scilly Isles Novices' Chase Leopardstown – Novice Hurdle	Gr1 Gr1	3.600		1	Kapgarde Charming Groom	André Pommerai & Mrs Pommerai Haras de la Rousselière
	Silviniaco Conti	Ascot – Ascot Chase	Gr1	4.200		1	Dom Alco	Patrick Joubert
	Vyta du Roc		Gr2	4.800	Ch	1	Lion Noir	André Le Gall
Feb.	Ball d'Arc	Ascot – Novices'Chase Naas – Novice Hurdle	Gr2	3.200	Ĥ	1	Network	Scea Le Fragneau & Nicole Terrière
Feb.	Acapella Bourgeois	Thurles – Novice Hurdle	Gr2	4.000	Н	1	Network	Jean-Paul Bannier & Michèle Bannier
	Ubak	Fontwell – National Spirit Hurdle	Gr2	3.800		2	Kapgarde	P.de Maleyssie Melun, P. Lamotte d'Argy & l'Earl Guittet-Desbois
	Uranna Vraum Vraum Mag	Limerick – Mares' Novice Chase	Gr2	4.400	Ch	2	Panoramic Vaix du Nord	Rémi Juvin
Mar.	Vroum Vroum Mag	Cheltenham – Mares'Hurdle	Gr1	4.000 3.300	H	2	Voix du Nord	Antoine-Audoin Maggiar & Miss A.Maggiar
Mar. Mar.	Buveur d'Air Sprinter Sacré	Cheltenham – Supreme Novices'Hurdle Cheltenham – Queen Mother Champion Chase	Gr1 Gr1	3.200		3	Crillon Network	Gérard Ferté Christophe Masle
	Un de Sceaux	Cheltenham – Queen Mother Champion Chase	Gr1	3.200		2	Denham Red	Haras de la Rousselière et Monique Choveau
	Ubak	Cheltenham – Coral Cup	Gr3	4.200		3	Kapgarde	P.de Maleyssie Melun, P. Lamotte d'Argy & l'Earl Guittet-Desbois
	Coo Star Sivola	Cheltenham – Fred Winter Juvenile Hurdle	Gr3	3.300		3	Assessor	Gilles Trapenard
	Valseur Lido	Cheltenham – Festival Trophy Chase	Gr1	4.200		2	Anzillero	Michel & Nathalie Contignon
Mar.	Alpha des Obeaux	Cheltenham – World Hurdle	Gr1	4.800			Saddler Maker	Marie Devilder & Stéphanie Fasquelle
	Bristol de Mai	Cheltenham – Golden Miller Chase	Gr1	4.000	Ch	2	Saddler Maker	Jean-Yves Touzaint
Mar.	Bloody Mary	Cheltenham – Dawn Run Mares'Hurdle	Gr2	3.300		3	Fragrant Mix	Jacques Cyprès & Arnaud Poirier
	Acapella Bourgeois Uranna	Fairyhouse – Novice Hurdle	Gr2 Gr3	4.000 4.000		2	Network	Jean-Paul Bannier & Michèle Bannier Rémi Juvin
	Avant Tout	Fairyhouse – John & Chic Chase Limerick – Novice Chase	Gr2	4.000		1	Panoramic Agent Bleu	Y. de Soultrait
Apr.	Arzal	Aintree – Manifesto Novices'Chase	Gr1	4.000		1	Vendangeur	Dominique Gouin & Mrs Anna Racape
Apr.	Buveur d'Air	Aintree – Top Novices'Hurdle	Gr1	3.300		1	Crillon	Gérard Ferte
Apr.	Bacardys	Aintree – Champion Bumper	Gr2	3.400		1	Coastal Path	Eric Vagne & José Da Silva
Apr.	Ubak	Aintree – Handicap Hurdle	Gr3	4.900		1	Kapgarde	P.de Maleyssie Melun, P. Lamotte d'Argy & l'Earl Guittet-Desboi
Apr.	Vicente	Ayr – Scottish Grand National	Gr3	6.400		1	Dom Alco	Thierry Cyprès & Jean-François Naudin
Apr.	Bristol de Mai	Ayr - Future Champion Sandown – Celebration Chase	Gr2 Gr1	4.100 3.200		2	Saddler Maker	Jean-Yves Touzaint Christopha Maala
	Sprinter Sacré Un de Sceaux	Sandown – Celebration Chase	Gr1	3.200		2	Network Denham Red	Christophe Masle Monique Choveau & haras de la Rousselière
Apr.	Valseur Lido	Sandown – Oaksey Chase	Gr2	4.500		2	Anzillero	Michel & Nathalie Contignon
Apr.	Alpha des Obeaux	Punchestown – Champions Stayers Hurdle	Gr1	4.800		3	Saddler Maker	Marie Devilder & Stéphanie Fasquelle
Apr.	Vroum Vroum Mag	Punchestown – Champion Hurdle	Gr1	3.200	Н	1	Voix du Nord	Antoine-Audoin Maggiar & Miss A.Maggiar
Oct.	Coo Star Sivola	Chepstow – Persian War Novice Hurdle	Gr2	3.900		2	Assessor	Gilles Trapenard
	Ball d'Arc	Punchestown – Buck House Novice Chase	Gr3	3.600		2	Network	Scea Le Fragneau & Nicole Terrière
Oct.	Vibrato Valtat	Punchestown – Old Roan Handicap Chase	Gr2	3.600		3	Voix du Nord	Colette & Aude-Marie Duperret
	Valseur Lido	Down Royal – Champion Chase Down Royal – Champion Chase	Gr1 Gr1	4.800		1	Anzillero Dom Alco	Michel & Nathalie Contignon
Nov.	Silviniaco Conti Vézelay	Haydock – Betfair Chase	Gr1	4.800		2	Dom Alco	Patrick Joubert Michèle Juhen-Cyprès
	Aristo du Plessis	Wincanton – Stan James Hurdle	Gr2	3.000	H	3	Voix du Nord	J.P. Andriau, O. Regley, L. de Bronac & C. Morrisson
Nov.	Alpha des Obeaux	Cork – Novice Chase	Gr3	4.000	Ch	1	Saddler Maker	Marie Devilder & Stéphanie Fasquelle
Nov.	Défi du Seuil	Cheltenham – JCB Triumph Hurdle Trial	Gr2	3.300	H	1	Voix du Nord	Mrs Catherine Boudot
	A Toi Phil	Punchestown – Florida Pearl Novice Chase	Gr2	4.500	Ch	1	Day Flight	Dr Philippe Legault
	Clan des Obeaux	Newbury – Berkshire Novices'Chase	Gr2	4.000	Ch	1	Kapgarde	Mrs Marie Devilder
	Virgilio Un do Socaux	Newbury – Fuller's London Chase	Gr2	4.000		2	Denham Red	François-Marie Cottin
Dec. Dec.	Un de Sceaux Sire de Grugy	Ascot – Tingle Creek Chase Ascot – Tingle Creek Chase	Gr1 Gr1	3.400 3.400		2	Denham Red My Risk	Haras de la Rousselière et M. Choveau Earl La Grugerie
Dec.	Vieux Lion Rouge	Aintree – Handicap Chase	Gr3	5 200	Ch	1	Sabiango	E-M. Cottin
Dec.	Vroum Vroum Mag	Fairyhouse – Hatton's Grace Hurdle	Gr1	5.200	H	2	Voix du Nord	Antoine-Audoin Maggiar & Miss A.Maggiar
	Alpha des Obeaux	Fairyhouse – Drinmore Novice Chase	Gr1	4.000	Ch	3	Saddler Maker	Marie Devilder & Stéphanie Fasquelle
Dec.	Anibale Fly	Fairyhouse - Drinmore Novice Chase	Gr1	4.000	Ch	2	Assessor	Early Baty, Vincent Baty & Freddy Lemercier
Dec.	Aso	Cheltenham – Caspian Caviar Chase Ascot – Supreme Trial Novices'Hurdle	Gr3	4.200	Ch	2	Goldneyev	I. & AS. Pacault & M.Girot-Pacault
	Capitaine	Ascot – Supreme Trial Novices'Hurdle	Gr2	3.200		1	Montmartre	Scea haras de Saint-Voir
	Captain Forez	Ascot - Supreme Trial Novices'Hurdle	Gr2	3.200		2	Network	Marie-Caroline Coyne
	Consul de Thaix Silviniaco Conti	Ascot – Wessex Yought	Gr3	3.100		2	Loxias	Michel Bourgneuf
		Kempton Park – King George VI Chase	Gr1	4.800	UII	3 2	Dom Alco Denham Red	Patrick Joubert
Dec.		Kempton – Kauto Star Novices'Chase	(2r1					
Dec. Dec.	Virgilio	Kempton – Kauto Star Novices'Chase	Gr1 Gr3	4.800				François-Marie Cottin Michèle Juben-Cyprès
Dec. Dec. Dec.		Kempton – Kauto Star Novices'Chase Chepstow – Coral Welsh Grand National Chepstow – Futur Finale Champions Juvenile Hurdle	Gr3	4.800 5.900 3.200	Ch	2	Shaanmer Voix du Nord	Michèle Juhen-Cyprès Mrs Catherine Boudot

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### Best AQPS Breeders in 2016 according to breeders' premiums

#### FLAT RACING IN FRANCE – AQPS BREEDERS 2016

Karine Perreau leads the way with only four horses, including the top filly **Divine Sainte** (Saint des Saints), winning 8 races and  $\in$  21,519 in breeders' premiums. Thierry Cyprès succeeded his brother Jacques in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 6 wins and  $\in$  15,654 in premiums. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to ML Bloodstock Ltd, with 6 wins and  $\in$  14,531 in premiums.

RAKING	BREEDERS'	HORSES	RUNNERS	WINS	PLACES	BREEDERS' PREMIUMS
1	Mrs Karine Perreau	4	19	8	7	€21.519
2	Thierry Cyprès	9	27	6	13	€15.654
3	M.L. Bloodstock Ltd	3	20	6	11	€14.531
4	Michel Bourgneuf	7	27	6	15	€13.482
5	Jacques Cyprès	12	41	5	24	€12.124
6	Earl Ecurie des Mottes	6	31	4	21	€11.966
7	Mrs Marie-Caroline Coyne	2	10	2	6	€11.641
8	Michel Parreau-Delhote	1	7	3	3	€10.514
9	Haras de Saint-Voir	12	47	7	20	€10.067

#### **JUMP RACING IN FRANCE – AQPS BREEDERS 2016**

Bernard le Gentil and his wife finished very clearly ahead of their competitors in the Jumps AQPS breeders with 20 wins and  $\in$  85,865 in Breeders'Premiums, mostly thanks to the likes of **Béguin d'Estruval** (Martaline), triple winner in Auteuil, **Vizir d'Estruval** (Cachet Noir) and **Defit d'Estruval** (Balko), one of the richest 3yo AQPS in 2016. Bernard le Gentil beat last season's No. 1 Jacques Cyprès, 2<sup>nd</sup> this time with 23 wins and  $\in$  74,089 in premiums. Cross-country champion **Vinga** (Voix du Nord), **Arry** (Boris de Deauville) and **Vieux Morvan** (Voix du Nord) helped the Nièvre breeder to reach one again the top of the French AQPS list. Nicolas de Lageneste's Haras de Saint-Voir ended the season in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 14 wins and  $\in$  66,199 in premiums, thanks to **Tir au But** (Trempolino), **Carte sur Table** (Poliglote) and **D'Accord D'Accord** (Sholokov), winners of 6 races in 2016.

RAKING	BREEDERS'	HORSES	RUNNERS	WINS	PLACES	BREEDERS' PREMIUMS
1	Mrs Bernard le Gentil	13	66	20	38	€85.865
2	Jacques Cyprès	26	125	23	53	€74.089
3	Haras de Saint-Voir	24	106	14	50	€66.199
4	Scea Haras de Mirande	14	78	8	40	€61.468
5	Francois-Marie Cottin	16	73	3	27	€59.112
6	Thierry Cyprès	22	101	18	46	€50.223
7	Gilles Chaignon	17	80	6	41	€37.109
8	Bruno Vagne	10	59	10	23	€36.046
9	Maurice Letchimv	2	14	5	8	€35.505
10	Haras de La Rousselière Scea	4	30	4	17	€35.484
11	Mrs Michele Juhen-Cyprès Pierre de Maleissye Melun	11	53	6	28	€35.135
12	Pierre de Maleissye Melun	9	33	5	18	€30.722
13	Michel de Giaou	10	66	7	28	€28.755
14	Claude-Yves Pelsy	20	79	9	28	€24.319
15	Michel Bourgneuf	14	60	4	29	€23.571
16	Haras du Hoguenet	4	21	3	11	€23.379
17	Fric Lerav	10	51	10	25	€22.955
18	Mrs Magalen Bryant Haras du Pecos	5	27	4	12	€22.598
19	Haras du Pecos	6	20	5	10	€22.314
20 21	Hervé d'Armaillé	13	58 12	6	32	€21.632
21	Scea Terres Noires	3	12	3	6	€20.343

#### JUMP RACING ABROAD – AQPS BREEDERS 2016

RAKING	BREEDERS'	HORSES	RUNNERS	WINS	PLACES	BREEDERS' PREMIUMS
1	Christophe Masle	1	2	2	7	€46.000
2	Haras de La Rousselière Scea	4	20	5	8	€35.228
3	Patrick Joubert	5	17	1	10	€33.038
4	Antoine-Audoin Maggiar	2	8	4	3	€30.986
5	François-Marie Cottin	6	31	6	14	€28.976
6	Jean-Yves Touzaint	3	20	5	12	€25.492
7	Scea La Grugerie	3	14	1	6	€23.494
8	Mrs Monique Choveau	1	4	2	2	€22.999
9	Michel Contignon	4	21	6	10	€22.029
10	Jacques Cyprès	8	52	5	22	€18.289
11	Mrs Nicolas Devilder	3	22	6	13	€16.740
12	Mrs Michèle Juhen-Cyprès	4	18	3	8	€16.664

