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Haras des Passions
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Aliberty Monterg
and her foal by Bathyrhon

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The best AQPS jumpers in 2018 in France

AQPS jumpers keep winning at the highest level in France and on the international scene. **Bipolaire** (Fragrant Mix) was our flag bearer once again as he won the Prix La Haye Jousselin Chase (Gr1) for the second time. His trainer François Nicolle was able to rely also on **Alex de Larredya** (Crillon) and **Balkan du Pecos** (Balko). The promising **Crystal Beach** (Network), Prix Maurice Gillois 4yo Chase (Gr1) second **Epi Sacré** (Secret Singer), Prix Bournosienne (Gr3) winner **Floridée** (Masterstroke) and Prix Jacques de Vienne AQPS flat race (Gr1) victor **Fabulous Dragoness** (Poliglote) keep us going for the years to come...

THE STANDING GUARD

Bipolaire (Fragrant Mix, f. 2011)

The François Nicolle-trained grey won the Prix La Haye Jousselin Chase (Gr1) again. Unfortunately brought down at the first in the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris (Gr1), **Bipolaire** seems to get better every season. He started his career at 3 over the flat at Lyon-Parilly and finished that first season with a hurdle win at Nantes. At 4, he won his first three races at Auteuil, over hurdles and chasing twice. At 5, he won the Prix Fondateur Chase (L) and his first Prix La Haye Jousselin the following year! Owned by leading owner-breeder Jacques Détré and his partners François Seigneur, Edward Walsh and co-breeder Thierry Cyprès. A slow maturing typical «old school» AQPS, he was bred in Nièvre by Thierry and Jacques Cyprès and traces back to great French AQPS chaser **Ucello II** (Italic), dual winner of the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris (Gr1).



Crystal Beach (Network, 2012)

James-Douglas Gordon (JDG Bloodstock Services) owned only one AQPS in 2018 but his **Crystal Beach** won three races including the very competitive Prix Wild Risk Hurdle (L). He finished 2nd in the Prix Georges Courtois Chase (Gr2) and 3rd in the Grande Course de Haies de Printemps Handicap Hurdle (Gr3). His trainer Marcel Rolland said he was a Grand Steeple horse in the making. Well bred by Jean-François Colas (Scea Terres Noires), he was born in Cher. He is a brother to champion hurdler **Questarabad** (Astarabad), a winner of 13 Group races including the major league of hurdlers championships.

Balkan du Pecos (Balko, 2011)

He won the Prix du Président de la République Handicap Chase (French Grand National, Gr3) and finished 5th in the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris (Gr1) for owner Jean-Marie Lapoujade. He was bred at Haras du Pecos in Gers. His dam is a sister to mixed anglo-arab horse

Balkan du Pecos



Fiasco du Pecos (Anzillero), 3rd in the Prix Richard et Robert Hennessy Chase (L).

Alex de Larredya (Crillon, 2010)

Bred in Pyrénées Atlantiques by Chantal Terrenegre-Laval and Jean-Luc Laval, associated with Maurice Letchimy in the horse's ownership, **Alex de Larredya** won the Prix Léon Rambaud Hurdle (Gr2) and also finished 4th in the Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil Hurdle (French Champion Hurdle, Gr1). He originates from an Anglo-Arab family linked to the famous « Estruval » bloodlines created by the Le Gentil family in the North. ►



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C'Lartist Maulde

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► Côte d'Azur (Poliglote, 2012)

She didn't race much at a younger age but **Côte d'Azur** (Poliglote) caught up last season, running 12 times in 2018 to end up with a big handicap win at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Owned by Ecurie Centrale, she went on with a Grande Course de Haies de Cagnes Hurdle (L) win in 2019. Her trainer François-Marie Cottin is also her breeder. Born in Normandy, Côte d'Azur is out of **Réflexion** (Discover d'Auteuil), a Prix Hardatit (L) winner. Réflexion is a sister to Prix Finot 3yo Hurdle (L) winner **Azza** (Great Pretender), also a Gr2 third at Cheltenham, and to **Vieux Lion Rouge** (Sabiango), twice a Gr3 winner over fences at Haydock and Aintree, also 6th in the 2017 Grand National (Gr3).

Baie des Iles (Barastraight, 2011)

Foreign chasers succeeding at Auteuil over the bigger obstacles are scarce. In 2011, Tom George saddled the Frenchbred thoroughbred **Halley** (Loup Solitaire) to win the Prix Maurice Gillois 4yo chase (Gr1) but none had repeated the feat since then. Not until Ireland's Ross O'Sullivan, advised by French bloodstock agent Joffret Huet, picked up the Prix des Drags

Chase (Gr2) for his AQPS mare **Baie des Iles** (Barastraight) who stayed on to win!

Formerly trained by Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé, she'd finished 3rd in the Prix Congress 3yo Chase (Gr2) for actual owner Zorka Wentworth and went on to join Ross O'Sullivan's yard. Bred by Antoine de Talhouet Roy's haras des Sablonnets in the West, **Baie des Iles** is out of **Malownia** (Smadoun), a winner of Prix des Guilledines (Gr3 AQPS) at Durtal, a classic AQPS flat race nicknamed «the AQPS Prix de Diane»!

The Kings of Cross country

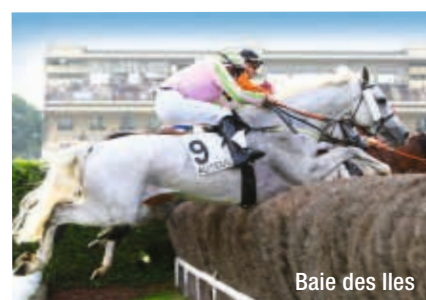
Winner of the 2018 Crystal Cup, **Bucéfal** (Pistolero) finished 3rd in the Grand Cross de Pau (L), in February, and went on to win the Anjou-Loire Challenge (L) in May at Le Lion d'Angers. Second in the Grand Cross de Craon (L) in September, he's owned by Georges Lacombe, Christian Gorge and Jacqueline Gateau. He was bred in the Cher by Lacombe. His 2nd dam **Vivixia** (Missolonghi) took over €120,000 over the flat and was 3rd in an open Listed race, a very rare feat by an AQPS.

C'Lartist Maulde (Maximum Security) won his best race to date in the Grand Cross de Craon-Prix Louis de Guébriant for owner

Alain Dollet, beating **Bucéfal**. Trained in Moulins by Augustin Adeline de Boisbrunet, he was bred by SCEA de Maulde, in Haute-Vienne. Another cross-country great, especially impressive over Pau's course, **Uroquois** (Passing Sale) won the local Grand Cross de Pau (L) for the 2nd time this Winter for owner Magalen Bryant and trainer David Cottin.

Décret (Network, 2013)

He took full advantage of the rich AQPS program for his generation at 5 in 2018. Owned by the Papot family and trained by François Nicolle, Décret won the Prix de Préchac Chase at Compiègne and then the Prix Xavier de Chevigny Chase at Auteuil. **Décret** was bred in the Nièvre at Hervé d'Armaillé's stud farm. He's a brother to **Cépape** (Saddler Maker), four times a winner over jumps, and his dam is a sister to **Osana** (Vidéo Rock), winner of the International Hurdle (Gr2) and 2nd in the Champion Hurdle (Gr1), the Aintree Hurdle (Gr1), the Nature Novices' Chase (Gr1) and the Maghull Novices' Chase (Gr1), but also to champion AQPS mare **Gloria IV** (Vidéo Rock), unbeaten in 12 races over the flat and dam of **Notre Père** (Kadalko).



Baie des Iles

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Bucéfal

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Divine d'Alène (Voix du Nord, 2013)

and Divine de Thaïx (Voix du Nord, 2013)

Divine d'Alène won more races (5) than any other 5yo AQPS in France last year for Eric de Saint-Pierre. Bred by Louis and Florence Couteaudier in the Nièvre, her dam is a sister to **Triolo d'Alène** (Epalo), a Group winner in Britain. Another filly by **Voix du Nord** bred in

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Décrot

the Nièvre, **Divine de Thaix** is trained by Laurent Viel and she has proved to be very

reliable as she won 2 races and finished 5 other times on the podium in both disciplines in 11 races. She was bred by Michel Bourgneuf and Mrs Guy Boillereau.

Dieu Vivant (Network, 2013)
and **Arry (Boris de Deauville, 2010)**

The brothers **Dieu Vivant** (Network) and **Arry** (Boris de Deauville) won the two top jumps races at Clairefontaine in August. Dieu Vivant ▶



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AQPS IN GROUP RACES IN FRANCE IN 2018 (in the first five)

DATE	RACECOURSE	RACE	GROUP	DISC.	DIST	HORSE	PLACE	SIRE	MARE
21/01	Pau	131 ^e Grand Prix de Pau - Biraben Foie Gras (Prix André Labarrère)	Gr3	S	5 300	Valtor	3	Nidor	Jossca
04/03	Auteuil	Prix Robert de Clermont-Tonnerre	Gr3	S	4 400	Bipolaire	2	Fragrant Mix	Kenna
04/03	Auteuil	Prix Robert de Clermont-Tonnerre	Gr3	S	4 400	Capferret	4	Day Flight	Panique Pas
18/03	Auteuil	Prix d'Indy	Gr3	H	3 600	Equemauville	5	Saint des Saints	Miss Academy
18/03	Auteuil	Prix Troystown	Gr3	S	4 400	Valtor	3	Nidor	Jossca
25/03	Auteuil	Prix Prix Hypothèse	Gr3	H	3 900	Alex de Larredya	2	Crillon	Kin d'Estruval
01/04	Auteuil	Prix Fleuret	Gr3	S	4 400	Eclat Collonges	3	Anzillero	Karesse Collonges
01/04	Auteuil	Prix Fleuret	Gr3	S	4 400	Elegant Star	5	Kapgarde	Victoria's Star
07/04	Auteuil	Prix Murat	Gr2	S	4 400	Bipolaire	3	Fragrant Mix	Kenna
22/04	Auteuil	Prix du Président de La République (Hand.)	Gr3	S	4 700	Balkan du Pecos	1	Balko	Fiesta du Pecos
22/04	Auteuil	Prix du Président de La République (Hand.)	Gr3	S	4 700	Borice	3	Network	Judice
22/04	Auteuil	Prix Léon Rambaud	Gr2	H	4 300	Alex de Larredya	1	Crillon	Kin d'Estruval
26/04	Compiègne	Prix Hopper	Gr3	S	3 900	Ex Fan des Sixties	2	Poliglote	Paranoia
28/04	Auteuil	Grande Course de Haies de Printemps (Hand.)	Gr3	H	4 300	Crystal Beach	3	Network	Hatilade
28/04	Auteuil	Grande Course de Haies de Printemps (Hand.)	Gr3	H	4 300	Ultraneet	5	Network	First Union
28/04	Auteuil	Prix Jean Stern	Gr2	S	4 400	Eclat Collonges	5	Anzillero	Karesse Collonges
20/05	Auteuil	Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris	Gr1	S	6 000	Balkan du Pecos	5	Balko	Fiesta du Pecos
20/05	Auteuil	Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil	Gr1	H	5 100	Alex de Larredya	4	Crillon	Kin d'Estruval
09/06	Auteuil	Prix La Barka	Gr2	H	3 900	Alex de Larredya	4	Crillon	Kin d'Estruval
09/06	Auteuil	Prix La Barka	Gr2	H	3 900	Bob and Co	5	Dom Alco	Outre Mer
09/06	Auteuil	Prix des Drags	Gr2	S	4 400	Baie des Iles	1	Barastraight	Malownia
09/06	Auteuil	Prix des Drags	Gr2	S	4 400	Bipolaire	2	Fragrant Mix	Kenna
21/06	Auteuil	Prix Christian de Tredern	Gr3	H	3 600	Ex Fan des Sixties	5	Poliglote	Paranoia
29/09	Auteuil	Prix de Maisons-Laffitte	Gr3	H	3 600	Ex Fan des Sixties	3	Poliglote	Paranoia
14/10	Auteuil	Prix Georges de Talhouët-Roy	Gr2	H	3 600	Farnice	3	Saddler Maker	Terenice
14/10	Auteuil	Prix Orcada	Gr3	S	4 400	Eludy	1	Saddler Maker	Idy
14/10	Auteuil	Prix Orcada	Gr3	S	4 400	Espion Collonges	4	Anzillero	Ivresse Collonges
14/10	Auteuil	Prix Orcada	Gr3	S	4 400	Echiquier	5	Network	Regate
14/10	Auteuil	Prix Heros XII	Gr3	S	4 400	Bob and Co	4	Dom Alco	Outre Mer
20/10	Auteuil	Prix Montgomery (Hand.)	Gr3	S	4 700	Cafertiti	2	Fairly Ransom	Ofertiti
20/10	Auteuil	Prix Montgomery (Hand.)	Gr3	S	4 700	Vic Royal	3	Malinas	Faste Royale
20/10	Auteuil	Prix Pierre de Lassus	Gr3	H	3 900	Extrême Noub	5	Zambezi Sun	Nasthazya
01/11	Compiègne	Grand Steeple-Chase de Compiègne	Gr2	S	4 900	Amirande	5	Astarabad	Furie de Carmont
03/11	Auteuil	Prix Bourmosienne	Gr3	H	3 600	Floridée	1	Masterstroke	Solidée
04/11	Auteuil	Prix Cambacères - Grande Course de Haies des 3 ans	Gr1	H	3 600	Farnice	4	Saddler Maker	Terenice
04/11	Auteuil	Prix La Haye-Jousselin	Gr1	S	5 500	Bipolaire	1	Fragrant Mix	Kenna
04/11	Auteuil	Prix La Haye-Jousselin	Gr1	S	5 500	Bob and Co	5	Dom Alco	Outre Mer
04/11	Auteuil	Prix Maurice Gillois - Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 Ans	Gr1	S	4 400	Epi Sacré	2	Secret Singer	Sacrée
04/11	Auteuil	Prix Maurice Gillois - Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 Ans	Gr1	S	4 400	Eni Light	5	Network	Or Light
11/11	Auteuil	Prix Sytaj	Gr3	S	4 300	Ecbatane	1	Balko	Djurjura
11/11	Auteuil	Prix Sytaj	Gr3	S	4 300	Decidée Allen	3	Kapgarde	Haida III
23/11	Compiègne	Prix Général se Saint-Didier	Gr3	H	3 400	Fandango	4	Poliglote	Paranoia
23/11	Compiègne	Prix Leopold d'Orsetti - Grande Course de Haies de Compiègne	Gr3	H	3 800	Corazones	3	Nidor	Céline Mon Cœur
25/11	Auteuil	Prix Morgex	Gr3	S	4 400	Edgeoy	4	Saddler Maker	Ireland
25/11	Auteuil	Prix Morgex	Gr3	S	4 400	Espion Collonges	5	Anzillero	Ivresse Collonges
25/11	Auteuil	Prix André Michel	Gr3	H	3 600	Ex Fan des Sixties	3	Poliglote	Paranoia
25/11	Auteuil	Prix Georges Courtois	Gr2	S	4 400	Crystal Beach	2	Network	Hatilade

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► won the Grand Steeple-Chase de Deauville (L) for Lord Daresbury, Andrée Cyprès and Laurent Couétil and trainer François Nicolle, while his eldest brother **Arry** (Boris de Deauville) took decisively the Grande Course de Haies de Deauville Hurdle (L) for Patrick Vandemoortele and Jacques Cyprès. Both are bred by Jacques Cyprès and Laurent Couétil in the Nièvre.

MORE TO COME...

Epi Sacré (Secret Singer, 2014)

With €205,075 in prize money, **Epi Sacré** is the best 4yo AQPS of 2018 and the second best jumper in the whole generation. He ran 9 times and scored 4 times at Auteuil to end up a great season with a promising 2nd place in the Prix Maurice Gillois 4yo Chase (Gr1) for owner Clément Machado. Trained by François-Marie Cottin, he was bred by Patrice Vagne in the Nièvre and belongs to the family of Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris (Gr1) and Prix La Haye Jousselein Chase (Gr1) second **Kamillo** (Agent Bleu), also trained by François-Marie Cottin.



Epi Sacré

Eludy (Saddler Maker, 2014)

By winning the Prix Orcada Chase (Gr3) in October, **Eludy** gave a first Group trophy to her young owner Patrice Détré, son of famed breeder-owner Jacques Détré. Bred by Thierry Cyprès in the Nièvre, Eludy is a sister to **Uddy** (Voix du Nord), winner of the Prix du Cher Hurdle



Eludy



Ecbatane

(L) and Prix Pierre Cyprès Hurdle, also 2nd in the Prix La Barka Hurdle (Gr2), and to **Quicody** (Dom Alco), 2nd in the Prix d'Indy Hurdle (Gr3). It is a very lively family tracing back to the great **Ucello II** and **Nupsala**.

Ecbatane (Balko, 2014)

Ecbatane was aimed at the Prix Sytaj Chase (Gr3) since the beginning of the season by her young trainer Hector de Lageneste – nephew of Haras de Saint-Voir's Nicolas de Lageneste –, who duly scored his first Group success in the process. Ecbatane was bred in the West by Ecurie Maulepaire. She's out of Anjou-Loire Challenge (L) 4th **Djurjura** (Akarad).

Ex Fan des Sixties (Poliglote, 2014)

Ex Fan des Sixties was the best 4yo AQPS in the Spring last year. She won two chases at Compiègne and finished 2nd in the Prix Hopper Chase (Gr3) there. She's racing for Antonia Devin, her son Henri-François and the trainer François Nicolle. She was however bred by François-Marie Cottin and owner Paul Green. **Ex Fan des Sixties** was born in Normandy and her 2nd dam, **Cate Bleue** (Katowice), won the Grand Steeple-Chase de Milan (Gr1) before producing Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris (Gr1) 3rd and Prix La Haye Jousselein Chase (Gr1) second **Alary** (Dream Well), and **Musica Bella** (Bateau Rouge), who also finished 2nd in one Prix La Haye Jousselein Chase.

Equemauville (Saint des Saints, 2014)

Ecurie Sagara's **Equemauville** won the Prix Roger Saint Chase (L) at Compiègne for trainer François Nicolle. Bred by the Haras de la Croix



Equemauville

Sonnet and the Hosselet family, in Normandy, she's out of **Miss Academy** (Video Rock), winner of the Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS), one of the top races over the flat for AQPS.

Equation (Network, 2014)

The Prix Samaritain Mares' Hurdle, an AQPS Classic race, went to **Equation** for owners Dominic Dormeuil, Louis Giscard d'Estaing, Jean-René de Fraguier and Hervé d'Armaillé. The filly also took the Prix Elisa Mares' Chase at Compiègne. Bred by Hervé d'Armaillé in the Nièvre, Equation is out of **Maorie Antique** (Lute Antique), a dual winner at Enghien, also 4th in the French National, the Prix du Président de la République (Gr3), and in the Autumn version, the Prix Montgomery Handicap Chase (Gr3).

Echo Sacré (Network, 2014)

Christopher Stedman's **Echo Sacré** finished the season with a win in the Prix Nupsala Chase after a 3rd in the Prix Roger Saint Chase (L) for trainer Yannick Fouin. Bred by Claudine Winkel, Echo Sacré is a brother to **Tiot Cas** (Dark Moondancer), a Prix Général Donnio Chase (L) winner. His dam is a sister to **Fatima III**, the dam of **Sprinter Sacré** (Network), dual winner of the Queen Mother Champion Chase (Gr1).



Equation

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Floridée

Eni Light (Network, 2014)

Eni Light easily won the Prix Adrien Besnouin Chase and finished 5th in the Prix Maurice Gillois 4yo Chase (Gr1). Owned by Simon Munir, Isaac Souede and the haras de Saint-Voir, he grew up in the Nièvre at Patrice Vagne's stud farm. His dam is a sister to **Rubi Light** (Network), a Punchestown Gr1 winner.

Ecrins (Network, 2014)

Ecrins easily won the Prix Jean Noiret Chase at Auteuil for the Écurie Couderc and Patrick Joubert, and trainer Emmanuel Clayeux. Even though all of them are pretty famous as breeders too, this one was bred by Michèle Juhen-Cyprès in the Nièvre. He's a brother to Prix Georges Courtois Chase (Gr2) winner **Vézelay** (Dom Alco), also 3rd in both the Prix La Haye Jousselein Chase (Gr1) and the Betfair Chase (Gr1).

Edgeoy (Saddler Maker, 2014)

Racing for Jacques Détré, François Seigneur, Edward Walsh, Olivier Rauscent and co-breeder Thierry Cyprès and trained by François Nicolle, **Edgeoy** flew away in the Prix Coq Gaulois Chase at for his return at Auteuil. Also bred by Jean-François Naudin in the Nièvre, he's out of **Ireland** (Kadalko), a Prix André Boingnières Chase winner at Auteuil, and brother to **Vicente** (Dom Alco), twice a Scottish Grand National (Gr3) winner, and **Porto Rico** (Vidéo Rock), who won several times at Auteuil, over hurdles.

3YO AND COMING UP...

Floridée (Masterstroke, 2015)

Floridée is the best 3yo AQPS of 2018, having won the Prix de Chambly Hurdle (L) and the Prix Bournosienne Hurdle (Gr3) for owner Patrice Détré and trainer Donatien Sourdeau de Beauregard. Bred in the Nièvre by Thierry Cyprès, she traces back to the family of the great **Ucello II** (Quart de Vin).

Farnice (Saddler Maker, 2015)

Farnice left a good impression when he won the Royal Junior Hurdle for his Auteuil debut, and confirmed in finishing 3rd in the Prix Georges de Talhouët-Roy 3yo Hurdle (Gr2) and then 4th in the Prix Cambacérès 3yo Hurdle (Gr1). Bred by Gabriel and Patrice Vagne in the Nièvre, he's owned by Franck Déliberos and the haras de Saint-Voir who are both quite familiar with his bloodlines. His dam's brother **Borice** (Network) was also owned by them when he won the Prix Xavier de Chevigny Chase, finished 2nd in the Prix Montgomery Handicap Chase (Gr3) and 3rd in the Prix du Président de la République (French National, Gr3). Farnice originates from the family of Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris (Gr1) victor **Arenice** (Brezzo).



Farnice

Twice in the bull's eye of the Finots

Fraca de Thaïx (Enrique, 2015)

and Flying Startandco (Cokoriko, 2015)

The AQPS have dominated the two Prix Finot 3yo Hurdles (L), both beating the thoroughbreds. **Fraca de Thaïx** won the first division for trainer Guy Cherel and Ecurie Etoile NV.



Fraca de Thaïx



Flying Startandco and Fandango

Bred by Michel Bourgneuf in the Nièvre, his dam is a sister to **Volca de Thaïx** (Voix du Nord), a Prix Ferdinand Dufaure 4yo Chase (Gr1) second, and of seven winners including **Deca de Thaïx** (Network). The second lot went to **Flying Startandco** (Cokoriko), who beat another AQPS in **Fandango** (Poliglote). Trained by François Nicolle, the winner is owned by Patrick Vandemoortele, like **Arry** (Boris de Deauville) and **Quart Monde** (Network). Bred at Montigny-sur-Canne by his co-owners, that is Jacques Cyprès and his children Fanny, Nicolas and Arthur, Flying Startandco originates from the family of **Vaniteux** (Voix du Nord), who won six races over the British obstacles. The Prix Isopani is the AQPS-restricted equivalent of the Prix Finot Hurdle and it went to **Farinet** (Lord du Sud), an impressive grey under Magalen Bryant's colours trained by Yannick Fouin. Bred by Jean-Marie Callier in Saône-et-Loire, **Farinet** is a brother to **Santorine** (Della Francesca), dam of Cheltenham Gr3 winner **Coo Star Sivola** (Assessor). His family is linked to the one of Triumph Hurdle (Gr1) winner **Défi du Seuil** (Voix du Nord). ■

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THE MAIN AQPS RACES IN 2018

	DATE	MAIN RACES (€ 28K +)	RACECOURSE	DISC.	DIST.	AGE	PURSE	WINNER	SIRE	BREEDER	OWNER	TRAINER
JUMP	04/03	Prix Rivoli	Auteuil	S	3500	4 yo	50 000 €	Eurasien	Kapgarde	G. Cherel	M. Bryant	G. Cherel
	05/03	Prix Baroud III	Compiègne	S	3900	5 yo	52 000 €	Darasso	Konig Turf	G. & E. Cherel	S. Munir & I. Souede	G. Cherel
	10/03	Prix de l'Yonne	Auteuil	H	3500	4 yo	45 000 €	El Martel	Martaline	I. de Saint Anthost	Gold and Blue Ltd	A. Couétil
	18/03	Prix Fernand Roy	Auteuil	S	4400	6 yo +	50 000 €	Casino des Bois	Nidor	R. Lardeux & H. Lardeux	D. Huyck/N. Paysan/P. Perreau	N. Paysan
	18/03	Prix Samaritain	Auteuil	H	3500	4 & 5 yo	45 000 €	Equation	Network	H. d'Armaillé	D. Dormeuil/L. Giscard d'Estaing/ J.-R. de Fraguier/H. d'Armaillé	E. Clayeux
	03/04	Prix de Préchac	Compiègne	S	3900	5 yo	52 000 €	Décret	Network	H. d'Armaillé	P. Papot	F. Nicolle
	01/04	Prix Mitsouko III	Auteuil	S	3600	4 yo	50 000 €	Etat de Grâce	Saint des Saints	Haras de Saint-Voir	Haras de Saint-Voir	A. Lacombe
	12/04	Prix Oteuil SF	Auteuil	S	3500	4 yo	45 000 €	Epervier	Saint des Saints	Haras de Saint-Voir	Haras de Saint-Voir	N. de Lageneste
	18/04	Prix René Couétil	Auteuil	S	3500	4 yo	50 000 €	Echo Sacré	Network	C. Winkel	C. Stedman	G. Cherel
	22/04	Prix André Boingnières	Auteuil	S	4400	5 yo	50 000 €	D'Entrée de Jeu	Network	Haras de Saint-Voir	Haras de Saint-Voir	N. de Lageneste
	12/05	Prix Jasmin II	Auteuil	S	4400	5 yo	50 000 €	Djazzman	Spanish Moon	Écurie Ténor	C. Dubourg	C. Dubourg
	15/05	Prix Radio Paris	Compiègne	S	3900	4 & 5 yo	50 000 €	Ecbatane	Balko	Écurie Maulepaire	P. Détré & H. de Lageneste	N. de Lageneste
	19/05	Prix Djarvis	Auteuil	S	3500	4 yo	55 000 €	Eden Conti	Khalkevi	P. Joubert	Écurie P. Joubert	N. de Lageneste
	04/06	Prix Ginetta II	Auteuil	S	3500	4 yo	50 000 €	Décidée Allen	Kapgarde	B. & A. Vagne	B. Vagne & P. Peltier	P. Peltier
	13/06	Prix Xavier de Chevigny	Auteuil	S	4400	5 & 6 yo	65 000 €	Décret	Network	H. d'Armaillé	P. Papot	F. Nicolle
	26/06	Prix Al Capone II	Auteuil	S	3500	4 yo	52 000 €	Epi Sacré	Great Pretender	P. Vagne	C. Machado/Écurie Centrale	F.-M. Cottin
	31/08	Prix Jean Noiret	Auteuil	S	3600	4 yo	52 000 €	Ecrins	Network	M. Juhen-Cypres	P. Couderc & P. Joubert	E. Clayeux
	13/11	Prix Pierre Cypres	Auteuil	H	3600	4 & 5 yo	45 000 €	Elisa des Obeaux	Magadan	N. Devilder & T. Devilder	N. Devilder	N. Devilder
	19/11	Prix Patrick Lec	Auteuil	H	3600	4 yo	45 000 €	Echo de Champdoux	Saddler Maker	M.-H. Cassier	M.-H. Cassier & P. Peltier	P. Peltier
	04/11	Prix Fezensac	Auteuil	S	3500	4 yo	52 000 €	Eludy	Saddler Maker	T. Cypres	P. Détré/J. Détré/T. Cypres	F. Nicolle
	24/11	Prix Laniste	Auteuil	S	4300	5 & 6 yo	52 000 €	Crystal Beach	Network	Scea Terres Noires	JDG Bloodstock Services	M. Rolland
	02/10	Prix Louis Champion	Compiègne	S	3900	4 & 5 yo	52 000 €	Enivrante	Saddex	Haras de Mirande	Écurie Mirande	I. Pacault
	04/10	Prix Isopani	Auteuil	H	3600	3 yo	45 000 €	Farinet	Lord du Sud	J.-M. Callier	M. Bryant	Y. Fouin
	10/10	Prix Adrien Besnouin	Auteuil	S	4400	4 yo	52 000 €	Eni Light	Network	P. & V. Vagne	S. Munir/I. Souede/H. de Saint-Voir	F. Nicolle
	25/10	Prix Ferdinand Riant	Auteuil	S	4300	5 yo	52 000 €	Défi des Mottes	Maresca Sorrento	Éc. des Mottes & G. Renier	S. Munir & I. Souede	F. Nicolle
	04/11	Prix Coq Gaulois	Auteuil	S	4400	4 yo	52 000 €	Edgeoy	Saddler Maker	T. Cypres & J.-F. Naudin	J. Détré/F. Seigneur/E. Walsh/ O. Rauscent/T. Cypres	F. Nicolle
	09/11	Prix Elisa	Compiègne	S	3900	4 & 5 yo	52 000 €	Equation	Network	H. d'Armaillé	D. Dormeuil/L. Giscard d'Estaing/ J.-R. de Fraguier/H. d'Armaillé	E. Clayeux
	17/11	Prix Thuya	Auteuil	S	4400	5 yo	48 000 €	Doux Dingue	Denham Red	Haras de la Rousselière	P. Terpereau & E. & G. Leenders	E. & G. Leenders
	25/11	Prix Nupsala	Auteuil	S	4400	4 yo	55 000 €	Echo Sacré	Network	C. Winkel	C. Stedman	Y. Fouin
FLAT	DATE	MAIN RACES (€ 28K +)	RACECOURSE	DISC.	DIST.	AGE	PURSE	WINNER	SIRE	BREEDER	TRAINER	OWNER
	27/03	Prix d'Estruval (Gr3 AQPS)	Saint-Cloud	P	2500	4 yo	32 000 €	En Mémoire	Poliglote	Haras de Saint-Voir	Haras de Saint-Voir	N. de Lageneste
	25/04	Prix Bango (Gr3 AQPS)	Maisons-Laffitte	P	2500	4 yo	32 000 €	Etatix	Vision d'Etat	Rush Tercah	C. Villaud-Ameline	A. Couétil
	10/07	Prix de l'Isle-Briand (Gr3 AQPS)	Lion-d'Angers	P	2400	3 yo	30 000 €	Flasher	Montmartre	Famille Artu	Artu Family	J.-Y. Artu
	18/07	Prix de l'Union des AQPS du Centre Est (Gr3 AQPS)	Vichy	P	2400	4 yo	32 000 €	Easy Time	Al Namix	J.-L. Derre	J.-L. Derre	A. Le Clerc
	18/08	Prix Antoine de Vazelles-Critérium du Centre (Gr3 AQPS)	Vichy	P	2400	3 yo	30 000 €	Fabulous Dragoness	Poliglote	M. Bryant/D. Baer/D. Powell	M. Bryant/D. Baer/D. Powell	G. Cherel
	05/11	Prix de Craon-Grand Prix des AQPS (Gr1 AQPS)	Paris Longchamp	P	2400	4 & 5 yo	50 000 €	Etatix	Vision d'Etat	C. Villaud-Ameline	C. Villaud-Ameline	A. Couétil
	28/11	Prix du Bourbonnais (Gr2 AQPS)	Saint-Cloud	P	2400	3 yo	45 000 €	Fan of Sea	Shamalgan	E. Leenders & F. Gondouin	E. Leenders	G. & E. Leenders
	03/10	Prix Glorieuse (Gr2 AQPS)	Saint-Cloud	P	2600	4 & 5 yo	40 000 €	Elisa des Obeaux	Magadan	N. Devilder & T. Devilder	N. Devilder	N. Devilder
	19/10	Prix Yves d'Armaillé (Gr3 AQPS)	Moulin	P	2400	3 yo	34 000 €	Fabulous Dragoness	Poliglote	M. Bryant/D. Baer/D. Powell	M. Bryant/D. Baer/D. Powell	G. Cherel
	31/10	Prix Chloris (Gr2 AQPS)	Maisons-Laffitte	P	2400	4 & 5 yo	40 000 €	Etoile du Seuil	Network	C. Boudot	C. Boudot & M. Seror	M. Seror
	27/10	Prix de l'Avenir (Gr3 AQPS)	Nantes	P	2400	3 yo	34 000 €	Femme de Tête	Day Flight	P. Peltier & H. Lussan	P. Peltier	P. Peltier
	01/11	Prix des Guilledines (Gr3 AQPS)	Durtal	P	2300	3 yo	34 000 €	Fée de Mée	Lauro	A. Pommerai	Écurie A. Pommerai	N. Leenders
	16/11	Finale du Challenge AQPS-Prix de la Sensitive	Nantes	P	2400	5 yo	25 000 €	Espoir d'Oudairies	Vision d'Etat	M. de Gigou	Haras de Beauvoir	A.-S. Pacault
	17/11	Prix du Tremblay	Lyon-Parilly	P	2400	3 yo	28 000 €	Fait Honneur	Authorized	Haras de Saint-Voir	Haras de Saint-Voir	N. de Lageneste
	24/11	Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS)	Saint-Cloud	P	2500	3 yo	50 000 €	Fabulous Dragoness	Poliglote	M. Bryant/D. Baer/D. Powell	M. Bryant/D. Baer/D. Powell	G. Cherel

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Fabulous Dragoness (Poliglote, 2015)

Fabulous Dragoness is definitely the best AQPS 3yo of 2018 over the flat. She won for her debut at Vichy and even more decisively in the Prix Antoine de Vazelhes-Critérium du Centre (Gr3 AQPS), also run at Vichy in August. She went on with the Prix Yves d'Armaillé (Gr3 AQPS) and finally beat the colts in the AQPS Derby, the Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS), for trainer Yannick Fouin. She succeeded her champion brother **Blue Dragon** (Califet), also a winner of the Jacques de Vienne. She thus emulated to start over jumps this year at Auteuil. Fabulous Dragoness was bred in Normandy by Magalen Bryant, Denis Baer and David Powell.

Fan of Sea (Shamalgan, 2015)

Fan of Sea won the Prix Richard de Gennes at Craon, and the Prix du Bourbonnais (Gr2 AQPS) before finishing only 4th to **Fabulous Dragoness** in the Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS). Bred in Maine-et-Loire by Christine Leenders and Françoise Gondouin, trained by Etienne and Grégoire Leenders, his dam is a sister to the cross-country great **Chriseti** (April Night), twice a winner of both the Anjou-Loire Challenge (L) and the Grand Cross de Craon (L), but also good chasers such as **L'Artiste Français** (Art Français) and **Gondleen** (April Night). His dam **Kusea** (Useful) won three times and finished 2nd in the Prix Chloris (Gr2 AQPS). Fan of Sea is a brother to **Délirant** (Khalkevi), winner of the... Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS) before his export to Britain.



Fan of Sea and Fabuleuse Sween in the Prix du Bourbonnais.



Fabulous Dragoness and Farafra in the Prix Jacques de Vienne

Femme de Tête (Day Flight, 2015)

Seven races, two wins including the Prix de l'Avenir (Gr3 AQPS) at Nantes, also 3rd in the Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS)... What can you blame **Femme de Tête** for? Bred in the West by her trainer and owner Philippe Peltier, she originates from the same family than **Elixir de Nutz** (Al Namix), recent winner of the Tolworth Novices'Hurdle (Gr1) at Sandown.

Flasher (Montmartre, 2015)

Flasher is one of the most impressive young AQPS of the season. Bred, n owned and trained by Jean-Yves Artu and his family, ridden by his son Damien, he won three times including the Prix de la Maroutière at Craon and the Prix de l'Isle-Briand (Gr3 AQPS) at Le Lion d'Angers. He's out of **Nice Donna** (Nice Havrais), winner of the Grande Course de Haies de Pau (L), also for Artu.

Farafra (Martaline, 2015)

Farafra won for her debut at Le Lion-d'Angers thanks to a nice acceleration and she went straight to the top races with very nice returns:

3rd in the Prix du Bourbonnais (Gr2 AQPS) and the Prix Yves d'Armaillé (Gr3 AQPS), 2nd in the Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS)! She's sporting the colours of Antoine-Audoin Maggiar, associated with Etienne and Grégoire Leenders, but was bred in Mayenne by Patrick-Georges and Lise Roulois. She's a sister to **Dortmund Park** (Great Pretender), a Hurdle Gr1 winner at the Punchestown Festival.

Fabuleuse Sween (Sageburg, 2015)

Second in the Prix du Bourbonnais (Gr2 AQPS) and Prix Antoine de Vazelhes (Gr3 AQPS) **Fabuleuse Sween** was bred in the Manche by Alain Couétil and Hubert Cerruti, who owns her. Her dam **Sweeny** (Lavirco), also formerly trained by Alain Couétil, won twice over the flat and gave the good **Elvira** (Poliglote).

Fée de Mée (Lauro, 2015)

Trained by Norbert Leenders, **Fée de Mée** picked up the right day to open her account as it was in the Prix des Guilledines (Gr3 AQPS), the «AQPS Prix de Diane». Bred in Mayenne by André Marcel Pommerai, whom silks she ▶



Flasher and Femme de Tête in the Prix de l'Isle Briand.



Farafra and Fée de Mée in the Prix Yann Poirier.

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► represents, she belongs to the family of **As de Mée** (Kapgarde), a Gr3 handicap winner and a 2nd of the Scilly Isles Novices' Chase (Gr1).

Fait Honneur (Authorized, 2015)

Fait Honneur has been quite consistent and won the Prix du Tremblay at Lyon-Parilly for his 4th and last attempt of the season. Bred at Nicolas de Lageneste's haras de Saint-Voir, trained by Nicolas de Lageneste, he's out of **Patte de Velour** (Mansonnien), winner of the Prix Sytaj Chase (L) and the Prix Christian de Tredern Hurdle (L). He's a brother to **Capitaine** (Montmartre), Paul Nicholls' 3,000th winner!

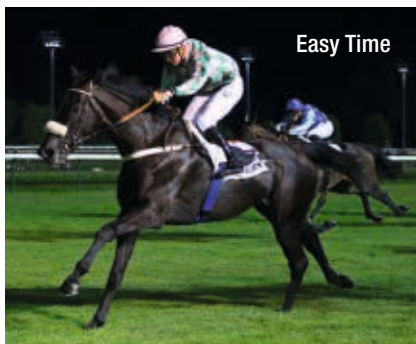
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Etatix (Vision d'Etat, 2014)

Trained by Alain Couétil in Senonnes, **Etatix** was probably the best AQPS of 2018 from the 2014 vintage as he won the Prix des Peltrais at Angers, then the Prix Bango (Gr3 AQPS) at Maisons-Laffitte to finish up the Spring season. Back in September, he took the Prix de Craon (Gr1 AQPS), the «AQPS Arc». Etatix was bred by his co-owner Catherine Villaud-Ameline in Maine-et-Loire. His dam is a sister to **Jau Lee** (Le Nain Jaune), winner of the Prix Ferdinand Riant Chase at Auteuil.

Espoir d'Allier (Policy Maker, 2014)

Espoir d'Allier won the Prix Collins at the Sables-d'Olonne and the Prix de l'Elevage du



Centre (D) at Lyon-La Soie. Trained by Bertrand Lefèvre, he won four of his nine races in 2018. Bred by Marie-Odile Laloi and Raymond Poiron in the Allier, he belongs to a family managed by Georges Trinquet.

Easy Time (Al Namix, 2014)

Jean-Luc Derré's grey homebred filly **Easy Time** won twice in 2018 including in the Prix de l'Union des AQPS du Centre-Est (Gr3 AQPS), in July at Vichy, offering her trainer Arnel Le Clerc his first success. Her dam **One More Time** (Le Balafré) won the Critérium du Centre (Gr3 AQPS) on the same course at 3 and won again chasing at Auteuil and Enghien. Prix Duc d'Anjou Hurdle (Gr3) third **Usual Time** (Great Pretender) is Easy Time's brother.

Elisa des Obeaux (Magadan, 2014)

Elisa des Obeaux easily won the Prix Glorieuse (Gr2 AQPS) at Fontainebleau for trainer Nicolas Devilder under his wife's colours after winning the Prix Pierre Cyprès Hurdle at

Auteuil! Also bred by the Devilders, her dam **Shifra** (Califet) won at Challan under Nicolas' care and gave three horses of racing age, but **Elisa** is the only winner to date. She's followed by an **Al Namix** filly of 2016 in training, a **Saddex** gelding and a **Lord du Sud** colt. **Shifra**'s dam **Hispaniola** (Useful-AQPS).



Elisa des Obeaux and Red Dune in the Prix Glorieuse run at Fontainebleau.

Elite de Prétot (Great Pretender, 2014)

A winner for his debut at Granville in 2017, **Elite de Prétot** didn't race again until last Summer, scoring once again at Granville on his way to a third consecutive victory, at Moulins this time, bang in the center of the country. He couldn't win again in the Prix de Craon (Gr1 AQPS) when finishing 2nd, beaten by **Etatix**. Bred in the Manche – near his favourite racecourse –, by the Chemin family, he's out of **Kobila** (Dom Alco) who, for the Chemins again, finished 3rd in the Prix de Craon and went on to win over hurdles and chasing.

En Mémoire (Poliglote, 2014)

En Mémoire gave Nicolas de Lageneste, her breeder, owner and trainer his first Group winner on the flat as a trainer when she won the Prix d'Estruval (Gr3 AQPS). After getting two places in the Provinces, she bloomed in Saint-Cloud to open her account for her first test in a selection race. Bred at Saint-Voir in the Allier, En Mémoire is out of **Sans Histoire** (Blushing Flame), a Prix Rohan Hurdle (L) winner when trained by Thomas Trapenard. ■



Etatix, Elite de Prétot and Dame de Montmartre in the Prix de Craon.

2018/2019 season across the Channel

French jumpers seem to fare better than ever in Britain and Ireland in this ongoing season. The likes of AQPS **Bristol de Mai**, **Clan des Obeaux**, **Buveur d'Air** and many more keep on winning. 10 of the 15 top Racing Post ratings on February 19 were French-bred, and so were 11 of the 20 richest performers of the season on both sides of the Irish Sea. And none of them is older than 8...

Clan des Obeaux (Kapgarde, 2012)

For the 11th time since 2000, a jumper born in France wins the King George VI Chase (Gr1). **Clan des Obeaux** has succeeded another AQPS last Boxing Day, one year after **Silviniaco Conti** (Dom Alco). Bred by the Devilder family, he won his first Gr1 Chase at 12/1. Trained by Paul Nicholls, he's partly owned by Sir Alex Ferguson, and could be headed to the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Bred in the Maine-et-Loire, Clan des Obeaux is a brother to **Bahia des Obeaux** (Saddler Maker) and **Varda des Obeaux** (Saddler Maker), two winners over jumps.



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Clan des Obeaux

Bristol de Mai (Saddler Maker, 2011)

A year after his Betfair Chase (Gr1) demolition job, **Bristol de Mai** won the 2018 renewal 2018 at Haydock in November, beating the Cheltenham Gold Cup 1-2 **Native River** (Indian River) and **Might Bite** (Scorpion). Only outstanding champions succeeded twice in that race, which **Silviniaco Conti** (Dom Alco) also did. Bred by Jean-Yves Touzaint (Maine-et-Loire), Bristol de Mai scored at Group level for the 7th time in the process, a 4th in Gr1s. Like **Silviniaco Conti**

however, Bristol de Mai is better on a flat course. Owned by Simon Munir and Isaac Souede, he's now unbeaten at Haydock in four attempts! Bristol de Mai belongs to the same family than the one of another famous grey, **Ilare** (April Night), a Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris (Gr1) second in 2001.

Buveur d'Air (Crillon, 2011)

Champion hurdler **Buveur d'Air** made the front page again on December 1st at Newcastle. He won the Fighting Fifth Hurdle (Gr1) for the second time, his 7th Gr1 victory. Nicky Henderson's trainee simply passed by **Samcro** (Germany), his best challenger on paper, in a matter of strides and the race was over. A few weeks later at Kempton he was more surprised than beaten, finishing second behind his stablemate **Verdana Blue** (Getaway). He was back on the winning track at Sandown in the Contenders Hurdle (L), just like he did twice already before. ►



Bristol de Mai

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Buveur d'Air

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► Bred by Gérard Ferté in the Cher, **Buveur d'Air** is a brother to Punchestowns (Morespeed), a Long Walk Hurdle (Gr1) and Scilly Isles Novices' Chase (Gr1) winner, also second in the World Hurdle (Gr1). Their 3rd dam, **Lili Dancer** (Evainqueur), is also dam of **Fujiyama** (Lute Antique), a double winner of the Grand Cross de Craon (L), and **Darjeeling III** (Quart de Vin), winner of the Grand Prix de Pau (Gr3) in 1998.

Delta Work (Network, 2013)

Delta Work is still improving a lot and he could become a main contender in two of the Festival's top novices' chases, the JLT Novices' Chase (Gr1) and the RSA Chase (Gr1) ... and possibly a Gold Cup (Gr1) suitor after that. ... Winner of a Gr3 Handicap at the 2018 Festival, he seized his first Gr1 title in the Drinmore Novice Chase at Fairyhouse despite an awkward jump at the last. He went on to win the Nevills Hotels Novice Chase (Gr1) at Leopardstown. **Delta Work** was bred by the Magnien family in the Nièvre. He started his career for them as owners too when trained by Emmanuel Clayeux. Like many others in that yard before him, he took the Prix du Tremblay (D) at Lyon-Parilly and was sold then to Gigginstown House Stud. **Delta Work** is the eldest brother of **Elwood** (Martaline), sold €170,000 by Emmanuel Clayeux to Margaret O'Toole at the Grand Steeple Arqana sale. The both are trained by Gordon Elliott. Like **Delta Work** and their Punchestown winning brother **Cap York**, **Elwood** races for Gigginstown. **Delta Work's** dam is a sister to **Now** (Video Rock), a Enghien winner, and he's related to the promising **Campero** (Fragrant Mix), who is now trained by François Nicolle.



Delta Work

Elixir de Nutz (Al Namix, 2014)

Winner of the Supreme Trial Novices' Hurdle (Gr2) at Cheltenham in November, **Elixir de Nutz** proved he was no fluke when winning the Tolworth Novices' Hurdle (Gr1) at Sandown. Thanks to these two Gr1 wins, he's now amongst the potential favourites in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle (Gr1). **Elixir de Nutz** started with a win at Argentan for trainer Guy Cherel. Scouted and bought by Joffret Huet and Claude Charlet, he went to England soon after. He was bred by Tangi Saliou (Haras de la Haie Neuve) and Jocelyne Ventrou in the Maine-et-Loire.

Fakir d'Oudairies (Kapgarde, 2015)

Now trained by Joseph O'Brien after starting his career with Guy Cherel, **Fakir d'Oudairies** took the le JCB Triumph Trial Juvenile Hurdle (Gr2) at Cheltenham before this magazine went into press. He won by 13 lengths, effortlessly and well enough for the bookies to write his name at the top of the Triumph Hurdle betting. Bred by Michel de Gigou in Brittany, **Fakir d'Oudairies** is out of **Niagara du Bois** (Grand Trésor), a mare placed in chases and cross-countries.



Fakir d'Oudairies

Easy Game (Barastraight, 2014)

Winner of the Monksfield Novice Hurdle (Gr3) at Navan, **Easy Game** prevailed again in the Navan Novice Hurdle (Gr2), beating **Défi Bleu** (Saddler Maker), an other French AQPS



Elixir de Nutz

who ended up 3rd in the race. It took his rider Ruby Walsh quite something to score though as he had to avoid a very tired horse, then go back on track after losing momentum, and queue in between two competitors to jump the last. **Easy Game** was bred by Jean-Yves Taupin in Loire-Atlantique. His dam is a sister of **Echiquier Royal** (Martaline), a Prix Congress 3yo Chase (Gr2) winner, and to **Playing** (Astarabad), a Prix Duc d'Anjou 4yo Hurdle (Gr3) winner.

Espoir d'Allen (Voix du Nord, 2014)

AQPS **Espoir d'Allen** won three consecutive Hurdle races in Ireland by 11, 8 and more than 2 lengths between November and January ... Bred by Bruno Vagne in the Allier, **Espoir d'Allen** is out of a dam whose brother **Mikador** (Kadalko) was second in the Prix Heros XII Chase (Gr3) and won the Prix Triquerville Chase (L). This is the family of **Imposant** (Video Rock), twice a winner of the Anjou-Loire Challenge Cross-Country Chase (L), and of **Galapagos** (Silver Rainbow), second of the same race.

Baron Alco (Dom Alco, 2011)

Second in the 2017 Scilly Isles Novices' Chase (Gr1), **Baron Alco** held off French-bred **Frodon** (Nickname) to win his first Groupe race in the Gold Cup Handicap Chase (Gr3). Since then, **Frodon** won the Cotswold Chase (Gr2) and could make it to the Cheltenham Gold Cup (Gr1). Joffret Huet and Claude Charlet bought **Baron Alco** after a 2nd place in a Vichy race in 2014. Bred by the Armaillé family in the Nièvre, he's out of **Paula** (Network), a Prix de l'Avenir (Gr3 AQPS) second at Nantes, against the males. **Paula** is a sister to **Natal** (Funny Baby)'s dam, who is a dual chasing winner in Britain.

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Baron Alco

Envoi Allen (Muhtathir, 2014)

Envoi Allen won a point-to-point in February 2018 and was sold less than two weeks later by Tattersalls Ireland at Cheltenham for £400,000! Cheveley Park Stud bought him through Tom Malone and the expectations were quite high at the time. Since then, the gelding won three bumpers, including the Matheson Flat Race (Gr2) on February 2nd at Leopardstown. He stands as the potential favourite for the Champion Bumper (Gr1) at Cheltenham and at Punchestown.

Bred by Bruno Vagne (Allier), Envoi Allen is a grandson of **Hesmeralda** (Royal Charter), a Grand Cross de Pompadour winner, and the dam of **Une Epoque** (Dom Alco), a Prix Sytaj Hurdle (Gr3) winner. It is again the family of **Imposant** (Video Rock), twice a winner of the Anjou-Loire Challenge Cross-Country Chase (L), and of **Galapagos** (Silver Rainbow), second of the same race.

Défi du Seuil (Voix du Nord, 2013)

Défi du Seuil was the best juvenile of the 2016-2017 season but he showed up only once the following season.

The Boudot family gelding only started over the fences this season. Second in the Dipper Novices' Chase (Gr2) behind **Lostintranslation** on January at Cheltenham, he avenged



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Un de Sceaux

himself in the Scilly Isles Novices' Chase (Gr1) at Sandown. Considering how gifted he is, what is yet to be seen with him is getting very intriguing ...

Un de Sceaux (Denham Red, 2008)

For his comeback this season, champion chaser **Un de Sceaux** (Denham Red) got the mighty **Altior** (High Chaparral) to work, which is not an easy task for anyone. Bred by the Haras de la Rousselière and Monique Choveau, he held off the Henderson prodigy for a while who only edged him in the end to score in the Tingle Creek Chase (Gr1).

Cyrname (Nickname, 2012)

Bred in Normandy by Stéphane Follain, Éric Lecoiffier, Stéphane Guesdon and Xavier



Cyrname

Lefeuvre, **Cyrname** has broken the news when he got a better rating than champion Altior by winning the Betfair Ascot Chase (Gr1) by 17 lengths. Trained by Paul Nicholls for Mrs. Johnny de la Hey, Cyrname will not go to the Cheltenham Festival, however. He's not been entered voluntarily because he is better on flat and right-hand courses. Cyrname began his career in France under the training of Patrice Quinton and won his first race in Pau at 4, beating another good AQPS in **Capferret** (Day Flight), who has since finished third in the Prix George Courtois (Gr3), and won the Prix Rigoletto (L). He was transferred to Paul Nicholls and matured slowly to reach his very best level. So do the BHA's official handicappers think anyway!

Cyrname's mother, **Narquille** (Passing Sale), won over hurdles and fences before entering stud. She gave two winners before Cyrname, Vakina (Avirco) over hurdles and Belle Namix (Al Namix) over the flat. ■



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AQPS IN GROUP RACES ABROAD / 2018

DATE	RACE / CAT.	RACECOURSE	PLACE	HORSE	SIRE	BREEDER
01/01	Tramore Steeple Chase (Listed)	Tramore	1	BACHASSON	VOIX DU NORD	P. de Quatrebarbes, Mrs T. de Quatrebarbes
01/01	Tramore Steeple Chase (Listed)	Tramore	2	A TOI PHIL	DAY FLIGHT	P. Legault
01/06	Welsh National Steeple Chase (Gr 3)	Chepstow	1	RAZ DE MAREE	SHAANMER	Mrs Michèle Juhen-Cypres
01/07	Novice Hurdle (Gr 1)	Naas	2	CRACKING SMART	GREAT PRETENDER	Écurie Smart
01/20	Clarence House Chase (Gr 1)	Ascot	1	UN DE SCEAUX	DENHAM RED	Haras de la Rousselière
01/21	Kinloch Brae Steeple Chase (Gr 3)	Thurles	1	A TOI PHIL	DAY FLIGHT	P. Legault
01/21	EBF Mares' Novice Steeple Chase (Gr 2)	Thurles	1	DINARIA DES OBEAUX	SADDLER MAKER	Mrs N. Devilder & Mrs L. Rebuffe
01/27	Trial Chase (Cotswold Chase) (Gr 2)	Cheltenham	3	BRISTOL DE MAI	SADDLER MAKER	Jean-Yves Touzaint
02/03	Scilly Isles Novices Chase (Gr 1)	Sandown Park	2	CYRNAME	NICKNAME	S. Follain, E. Lecoiffier & P. Nicholls
02/10	Bettfair Hurdle (Gr 3)	Newbury	2	BLEU ET ROUGE	CHARMING GROOM	Haras de la Rousselière
02/17	Reynoldstown Novices' Steeple Chase (Gr 2)	Ascot	1	BLACK CORTON	LAVEROCK	Dominique Guyon
02/17	Prestige Novices' Hurdle (Gr 2)	Haydock	1	CHEF DES OBEAUX	SADDLER MAKER	Mrs Nicolas Devilder & Jérôme Devilder
02/24	Pendil Novices' Steeple Chase (Gr 2)	Kempton	1	CYRNAME	NICKNAME	S. Follain, E. Lecoiffier
02/25	Naas Chase (Gr 3)	Naas	2	ALISIER D'IRLANDE	KAPGARDE	Miss M. Drion
03/10	EBF National Hunt Novices Handicap Hurdle Final (Gr 3)	Sandown Park	2	DENTLEY DE MEE	LAURO	Claude-Gérard Chambéry
03/13	Handicap Chase (Gr 3)	Cheltenham	1	COO STAR SIVOLA	ASSESSOR	Gilles Trapeard
03/13	Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy (Gr 1)	Cheltenham	1	BUVEUR D'AIR	CRILLON	Gérard Ferté
03/13	Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle (Gr 3)	Cheltenham	1	BLEU BERRY	SPECIAL KALDOUN	Mrs D. Chachignon
03/14	Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle (Gr 3)	Cheltenham	3	BARRA	VENDANGEUR	Patrice Vagne
03/15	Pertemps Final Handicap Hurdle (Gr 3)	Cheltenham	1	DELTA WORK	NETWORK	C. Magnien & J. Magnien
03/15	Pertemps Final Handicap Hurdle (Gr 3)	Cheltenham	3	CONNETABLE	SAINT DES SAINT	Serge Barthélemy
03/15	Festival Trophy Steeple Chase (Gr 1)	Cheltenham	2	UN DE SCEAUX	DENHAM RED	Haras de la Rousselière
03/16	Cheltenham Gold Cup Steeple Chase (Gr 1)	Cheltenham	3	ANIBALE FLY	ASSESSOR	Earl Baty, V. Baty & F. Lemer
03/21	EBF Mares Novices Chase (Gr 2)	Limerick	2	DINARIA DES OBEAUX	SADDLER MAKER	Mrs N. Devilder & Mrs L. Rebuffe
03/23	Webster Cup Chase (Gr 2)	Navan	3	ALISIER D'IRLANDE	KAPGARDE	Miss M. Drion
04/02	Novice Hurdle (Gr 2)	Fairyhouse	2	DRAONEN	LINDA'S LAD	A. Baudrelle, Y. Gourraud & J. Baudrelle
04/02	Keelings Irish Strawberry Hurdle (Gr 2)	Fairyhouse	1	COQUIN MANS	FRAGRANT MIX	H. Delorme, V.E. Fuzzy & L.J. Delorme
04/12	Handicap Hurdle (Gr 3)	Aintree	3	CALINO D'AIRY	ANZILLERO	Claude-Yves Pelsy
04/12	Bowl Steeplechase (Gr 1)	Aintree	2	BRISTOL DE MAI	SADDLER MAKER	Jean-Yves Touzaint
04/12	Bowl Steeplechase (Gr 1)	Aintree	3	CLAN DES OBEAUX	KAPGARDE	Mrs N. Devilder
04/13	opham Chase (Gr 3)	Aintree	1	ULTRAGOLD	KAPGARDE	Gilles Chaignon
04/21	Future Champion Novices' Chase (Gr 2)	Ayr	1	BIGMARTRE	MONTMARTRE	E. Prigent, E. Lecoiffier & S. Follain
04/21	Future Champion Novices' Chase (Gr 2)	Ayr	2	COBRA DE MAI	GREAT PRETENDER	Jean-Yves Touzaint
04/24	Champion Novice Hurdle (Gr 1)	Punchestown	1	DRAONEN	LINDA'S LAD	A. Baudrelle, Y. Gourraud & J. Baudrelle
04/25	Novice Hurdle (Gr 1)	Punchestown	2	DELTA WORK	NETWORK	C. Magnien & J. Magnien
04/26	Mares Novice Hurdle (Listed)	Punchestown	2	CREATION	VENDANGEUR	P. Vagne & A. Vagne
04/27	Punchestown Champion Novice Hurdle (Gr 1)	Punchestown	1	DORTMUND PARK	GREAT PRETENDER	Patrick Roulois & Pierre Roulois
05/14	An Ríocht Chase (Gr 3)	Killarney	2	ALISIER D'IRLANDE	KAPGARDE	Miss M. Drion
10/01	Novice Chase (Gr 3)	Roscommon	2	CADMIUM	EARLY MARCH	L. Hayères-Fouchard, F. Hayères
10/07	Novice Hurdle (Gr 3)	Tipperrary	3	EASY GAME	BARASTRAIGHT	Jean-Yves Taupin
10/14	Novice Hurdle (Listed)	Limerick	2	CALIE DU MESNIL	KAPGARDE	J.-P. Aumont
10/17	Buck House Novice Chase (Gr 3)	Punchestown	1	CADMIUM	EARLY MARCH	L. Hayères-Fouchard, F. Hayères
10/29	M.W. Hickey Memorial Chase (Listed)	Wexford	2	DINARIA DES OBEAUX	SADDLER MAKER	Mrs N. Devilder & Mrs L. Rebuffe
11/03	Charlie Hall Chase (Gr 2)	Wetherby	2	BLACK CORTON	LAVEROCK	Dominique Guyon
11/10	Fishery Lane Hurdle (Gr 3)	Naas	1	ESPOIR D'ALLEN	VOIX DU NORD	Bruno Vagne
01/01	Clonmel oil steeplechase (Gr 2)	Clonmel	2	ALPHA DES OBEAUX	SADDLER MAKER	Mrs Marie Devilder
11/15	Clonmel oil steeplechase (Gr 2)	Clonmel	3	A TOI PHIL	DAY FLIGHT	P. Legault
11/15	T A Morris Memorial Mares Chase (Listed)	Clonmel	1	CAMELIA DE COTTE	LAVERON	G. Richardot, J. Buiron & J. Duperret
11/15	T A Morris Memorial Mares Chase (Listed)	Clonmel	3	DINARIA DES OBEAUX	SADDLER MAKER	Mrs N. Devilder & Mrs L. Rebuffe
11/17	Craddockstown Novice Steeple Chase (Gr 2)	Punchestown	3	CADMIUM	EARLY MARCH	L. Hayères-Fouchard, F. Hayères
11/17	Gold Cup Handicap Chase (Gr 3)	Cheltenham	1	BARON ALCO	DOM ALCO	Yves d'Armaillé
11/17	Gold Cup Handicap Chase (Gr 3)	Cheltenham	2	FRODON	NICKNAME	Philippe Gasdoue
11/18	Sharp Novices' Hurdle (Gr 2)	Cheltenham	1	ELIXIR DE NUTZ	AL NAMIX	Tangui Saliou & Mrs Jocelyne Ventrou
11/25	Monksfield Novice Hurdle (Gr 3)	Navan	1	EASY GAME	BARASTRAIGHT	Jean-Yves Taupin
12/01	Fighting Fifth Hurdle (Gr 1)	Newcastle	1	BUVEUR D'AIR	CRILLON	Gérard Ferté
12/02	Drimore Novice Steeple Chase (Gr 1)	Fairyhouse	1	DELTA WORK	NETWORK	C. Magnien & J. Magnien
12/07	Winter Novices' Hurdle (Gr 2)	Sandown Park	2	DARLAC	LUCARNO	François Rimaud
12/08	Becher Handicap Chase (Gr 3)	Aintree	2	VIEUX LION ROUGE	SABIANGO	F. M. Cottin
12/08	Becher Handicap Chase (Gr 3)	Aintree	3	ULTRAGOLD	KAPGARDE	Gilles Chaignon
12/08	Tingle Creek Trophy Steeple Chase (Gr 1)	Sandown Park	2	UN DE SCEAUX	DENHAM RED	Haras de la Rousselière
01/01	EBF Mares' Novice Chase (Gr 3)	Cork	1	CAMELIA DE COTTE	LAVERON	G. Richardot, J. Buiron & J. Duperret
12/09	December Novices' Chase (Gr 2)	Doncaster	1	ENVOI ALLEN	MUHTATHIR	Bruno Vagne
12/15	Gold Cup (A Handicap Chase) (Gr 3)	Cheltenham	2	CEPAGE	SADDLER MAKER	Hervé d'Armaillé
12/15	Navan Novice Hurdle (Gr 2)	Navan	1	EASY GAME	BARASTRAIGHT	Jean-Yves Taupin
12/16	Navan Novice Hurdle (Gr 2)	Navan	3	DEFI BLEU	SADDLER MAKER	A. Peltier, M. Jérôme Houdin & Mrs Juste
12/16	Future Champions INH Flat Race (Listed)	Navan	1	ENVOI ALLEN	MUHTATHIR	Bruno Vagne
12/26	King George VI Chase (Gr 1)	Kempton	1	CLAN DES OBEAUX	KAPGARDE	N. Devilder
12/28	Irish Independent Hurdle (Gr 3)	Limerick	1	ESPOIR D'ALLEN	VOIX DU NORD	M. Bruno Vagne
12/29	Novice Chase (Gr 1)	Leopardstown	1	DELTA WORK	NETWORK	C. Magnien & J. Magnien
12/29	Novice Hurdle (Gr 2)	Limerick	2	DEFI BLEU	SADDLER MAKER	A. Peltier, M. Jérôme Houdin & Mrs Juste

Best AQPS Breeders in 2018 according to breeders' premiums

FLAT RACING IN FRANCE – AQPS BREEDERS 2018

Haras de Saint-Voir has retained the title acquired in 2017 as top AQPS breeders over the flat. With ten different horses, Nicolas de Lageneste-bred foals took 14 races and 17 places for 37 starters. He thus pocketed €19,285 in premiums. Prix d'Estruval (Gr2 AQPS) winner **En Mémoire** and Prix du Tremblay winner **Fait Honneur** are his best performers in 2018. Jean-Luc and Alain Couétil (Couétil Elevage) follow with €18,993 in premiums, including 8 wins.

RANKINGS	BREEDERS	HORSES	RUNNERS	WINS	PLACES	BREEDERS PREMIUMS
1	HARAS DE SAINT-VOIR	11	37	14	17	€19.285
2	COUETIL ELEVAGE	11	30	8	18	€18.993
3	MRS CATHERINE VILLAUD-AMELINE	2	6	4	2	€13.964
4	JACQUES CYPRES	11	32	6	17	€10.975
5	ANDRE-MARCEL POMMERAI	4	20	3	11	€10.583
6	EARL ECURIE DES MOTTES	4	25	7	14	€8.747
7	ECURIE CERDEVAL	5	19	5	8	€8.728
8	JEAN-LUC DERRE	1	6	2	3	€7.969
9	MICHEL DE GIGOU	6	21	1	13	€7.607

JUMP RACING IN FRANCE – AQPS BREEDERS 2018

Thierry Cypres succeeded his brother Jacques at the top of the list in 2018. Both bred **Bipolaire**, the leading earner of the year, but Thierry has had his best season, finishing second overall only €10,000 behind Benoît Gabeur. On the AQPS side, he is the man behind Prix Orcada (Gr3) winner **Eludy**, **Floridée** or **Ejland**. In total, his 26 AQPS representatives won 16 races accumulating €107,174 in breeders' premiums. Jacques Cypres is second this time but he still leads by number of wins with 25 races in the bag.

RANKINGS	BREEDERS	HORSES	RUNNERS	WINS	PLACES	BREEDERS PREMIUMS
1	THIERRY CYPRES	25	98	16	50	€107.174
2	JACQUES CYPRES	29	114	25	57	€102.169
3	FRANÇOIS-MARIE COTTIN	20	114	9	52	€59.341
4	HARAS DE SAINT-VOIR	31	119	16	61	€59.149
5	PATRICE VAGNE	10	42	5	25	€43.789
6	HARAS DE MIRANDE	12	79	13	40	€40.861
7	MRS MICHELE JUHEN-CYPRES	12	70	8	36	€39.830
8	BRUNO VAGNE	12	69	10	36	€36.156
9	MME BERNARD LE GENTIL	13	53	17	22	€35.532
10	SCEA TERRES NOIRES	7	20	5	11	€31.190
11	HERVE D'ARMAILLE	7	31	7	13	€28.573
12	HARAS DU PECOS	2	16	2	10	€27.737
13	ECURIE MAULEPAIRE	2	12	5	5	€25.116
14	EARL ECURIE DES MOTTES	8	28	7	15	€22.693
15	PIERRE DE MALEISSYE MELUN	10	40	7	22	€20.995
16	HARAS DE LA ROUSSELIERE SCEA	10	55	8	24	€19.614

JUMP RACING ABROAD – AQPS BREEDERS 2018

RANKING	BREEDERS	HORSES	RUNNERS	WINS	PLACES	BREEDERS PREMIUMS
1	GERARD FERTE	1	4	3	1	€20.000
2	MRS NICOLAS DEVILDER	5	24	5	12	€19.648
3	JEAN-YVES TOUZAIN	3	17	3	10	€17.387
4	BRUNO VAGNE	6	20	6	7	€15.239
5	HARAS DE LA ROUSSELIERE SCEA	2	11	3	4	€13.358
6	HERVE D'ARMAILLE	5	29	4	18	€10.486
7	FRANCOIS-MARIE COTTIN	7	26	7	13	€10.356
8	MRS MONIQUE CHOVEAU	1	5	3	2	€9.998
9	SUC YVES D'ARMAILLE	3	9	1	8	€9.133
10	CHARLES MAGNIEN	2	11	7	4	€8.787
10	JEAN-FRANCOIS MAGNIEN	2	11	5	4	€8.787
12	MRS MICHELE JUHEN-CYPRES	2	10	2	3	€8.665
13	MRS DENIS CHACHIGNON	1	6	1	3	€8.004

Buveur d'Air's breeder Gérard Ferté kept his title in the international division, reaching the maximum € 20,000 allowed in Breeders' premiums per year and per horse performing abroad. Second place goes to Nicolas and Marie Devilder, breeders of King George winner **Clan des Obeaux**, who alone counted for € 19,648 in Premiums...



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