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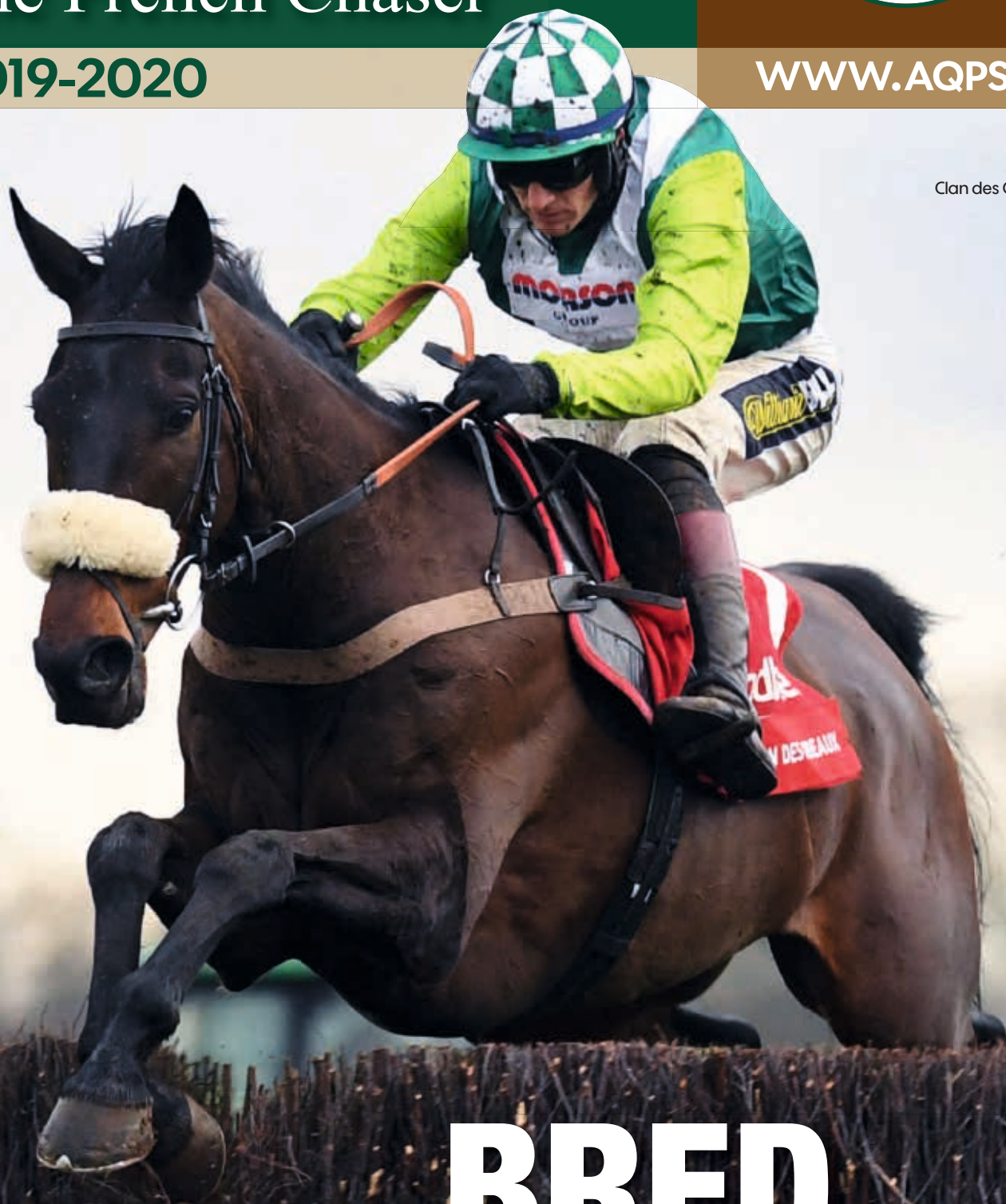
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The best AQPS jumpers in 2019 in France

Once again, the AQPS were all-round on fire on the French scene. The icing on the cake is that the overall leading 4yo and all-age chasers are two AQPS. They are respectively **Figuro** (Yeats) and **Bipolaire** (Fragrant Mix). Both are born in the Nièvre at Montigny-sur-Canne, and both race under the colours of leading owner Jacques Détré. In each generation, there are potential stars ready to take the helm left by the late **Blue Dragon** (Califet) and **Alex de Larredya** (Crillon). The future looks bright for the AQPS breed!

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THE OLD GUARD

Bipolaire (Fragrant Mix, 2011)

Immediately after **Milord Thomas's** treble in the € 520,000 Prix La Haye Jousselin Chase (Gr1), **Bipolaire** followed suit for owners Jacques Détré, Edward Walsh & François Seigneur with a 3rd consecutive win in the 2019 renewal. Two horses have won the last six editions of the Autumn Auteuil classic. **Al Capone II** (Italic), another AQPS, won 7 of those, but that seems like a very remote possibility



nowadays. This time, however, **Bipolaire** took over another AQPS, and a neighbor as the mare **Ebonite** (Khalkevi) has also been bred by the Cyprès family. The €820,000 Grand Steeple winner **Carriacou** (PS-Califet) had to settle for 3rd place this time. It was a 12th win in the race for **Bipolaire's** joint-breeder Jacques Cyprès! The other joint breeder, his brother Thierry Cyprès, became top breeder in France for the first time in the process.

A slow maturing typical «old school» AQPS, **Bipolaire** traces back to the great French AQPS chaser **Ucello II** (Italic), dual winner of the Grand Steeplechase de Paris (Gr1). But also **Vanilla Crush** (Martaline), **Vézelay** (Dom Alco) and **Bob and Co** (Dom Alco), all Group performers over jumps! His dam is a sister to **Moncadou** (Cadoudal), a Grande Course de Haies de Printemps Handicap Hurdle (Gr3) winner.

Ebonite (Khalkevi, 2014)

Pretty much like **Bipolaire**, and as most good AQPS do, **Ebonite** is improving every season. 2019 was her best year to date, as she won the €65,000 Prix Xavier de Chevigny Chase, the AQPS «Grand Steeple», before signing off with two great results. In the €145,000 Prix Heros XII Chase (Gr3), despite a serious mishap



at the open ditch which could have ended her race, she went on to finish second in one of the most competitive steeplechases of the season at Auteuil. Then, in the €520,000 Prix La Haye Jousselin Chase (Gr1), she swiftly came by the leaders and fought to the end to end up second to **Bipolaire**. **Ebonite** is trained by Emmanuel Clayeux, who is involved in her career along with her owners Andrée Cyprès and Laurent Couétil. The latter, a brother to Andrée and a vet in Indiana, is also the mare's co-breeder along with Jacques Cyprès, Andrée's husband. **Ebonite's** dam is a sister to **Quizas Jolie** (Vidéo Rock), a €50,000 Prix de Craon (Gr1, the «AQPS Arc») and €120,000 Prix Christian de Tredern Hurdle (L) winner, and to **Oranie Jolie** (Vidéo Rock), a 2nd in the €120,000 Prix André Michel Hurdle (Gr3). They belong to the family of **Quart Monde** (Network), a €225,000 French Grand National winner, and the great **The Fellow** (Italic) and **Al Capone II** (Italic). ►

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Edgeoy



Crystal Beach



Enjeu d'Arthel

► Edgeoy (Saddler Maker, 2014)

Jacques Détré's silks have been very successful with AQPS lately. On top of **Bipolaire**, his Edgeoy won the €145,000 Prix Heros XII Chase (Gr3) and the €90,000 Richard et Robert Hennessy Chase (L), leading all the way on both occasions. He was only narrowly beaten by the tough Roxinela in the €220,000 Drags Chase (Gr2) to sign off the season. Bred by Thierry Cypres in the Nièvre with Jean-François Naudin, **Edgeoy** is a brother to **Vicente** (Dom Alco), a dual Scottish National (Gr3) winner, and to **Porto Rico** (Vidéo Rock), a multiple winner at Auteuil, also 3rd in the €165,000 Prix La Barka Hurdle (Gr2).

Crystal Beach (Network, 2012)

The big **Crystal Beach** made his way among the best French chasers of 2019 when he won the €210,000 Prix Murat Chase (Gr2) in the Spring. He was a joint favourite in the €820,000 Grand Steeple, almost lost his rider at the rail-ditch-and-fence as he was coming up nicely. He was injured later and had to skip the second half of the year, but one should expect him to come back in 2020 as his trainer Marcel Rolland expects him to reach the higher ground. Bred by Jean-François Colas (Scea Terres Noires), he's a brother to the champion hurdler **Questarabad** (Astarabad), winner of 13 Group races including the Grande Course de Haies, the Grand Prix d'Automne Hurdle and the Prix

Renaud du Vivier 4yo Hurdle, all Gr1s. This is the family of **Rock Noir** (Mansonnien), another Prix Renaud du Vivier 4yo Hurdle (Gr1) winner. Both were also trained by Marcel Rolland. **Crystal Beach** is owned by John Douglas Gordon, as JDG Bloodstock, and is managed by Bertrand Le Metayer, who bought him at the Arqana sales, when consigned by Jean-Marie Callier.

Enjeu d'Arthel (Saddler Maker, 2014)

The great strides of **Enjeu d'Arthel** took him to the winning enclosure three times in 2019. He won the €80,000 Prix Fondateur Chase (L) and the €50,000 Prix André Boingnères Chase. In 2020, he could very well end up starting in the €820,000 Grand Steeple-chase de Paris along with his stablemate at Emmanuel Clayeux's yard, **Ebonite**. **Enjeu**

d'Arthel was bred by Guillaume de Brondeau in the Nièvre, at Arthel. He's out of **Olga d'Arthel** (Brier Creek), a steeplechase winner at Enghien and at Cagnes over hurdles. Apart from **Ebonite** and **Enjeu d'Arthel**, Emmanuel Clayeux also recorded some success with **Equation** (Network), 2nd in the €125,000 Prix Journaliste Chase (Gr3) at Compiègne for Dominic Dormeuil, and with the huge chestnut **Emirat** (Coastal Path), a winner at Auteuil for Patrick Joubert and Nicolas de Lageneste.

Easysland (Gentlewave, 2014)

Young trainer David Cottin saddled the AQPS winner of the €75,000 Pau Grand Cross (L) in 2019 with **Uroquois** (Passing Sale), and scored again in 2020 with the 6yo **Easysland** (Gentlewave), who had previously won €48,000 Grand Cross de Compiègne (L) and the Glenfarclas Cross-Country Handicap Chase at Cheltenham in December. After that convincing British debut, the horse was bought by Irish leading owner J.-P. McManus.

Easysland is on his way for Cheltenham Festival Cross-country. He was bred in Mayenne by Marinette Avril and Marie-Laure Labbe. He's a brother to **Sarisland** (Marta-line), a €165,000 Prix Montgomery Handicap Chase (Gr3) and to **Pop Island** (Mansonnien), a Grand Steeple-Chase d'Angers (L) 3rd and Grand Steeple-Chase de Waregem 2nd.



Easysland

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THE NEW WAVE

Figuro (Yeats, 2015)

Figuro was the best 4yo chaser in 2019. Owned by Jacques Détré, Thierry Cyprès and François Nicolle, he won the € 135,000 Prix The Fellow-Marquise de Moratalla Chase (Gr3) and the € 320,000 Prix Maurice Gillois 4yo Chase (Gr1) by no less than 30 lengths!

His trainer, François Nicolle, thinks the World of the Thierry Cyprès-bred youngster. He belongs to the family of **Cumberland** (Cyborg), a Prix Maurice Gillois Chase (Gr1) and **Orcada Chase** (Gr3) winner, and of **Maurice** (Vidéo Rock), 2nd in the Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS) over the flat and the Rigoletto Chase (L). ►



Figuro

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AQPS IN GROUP RACES IN FRANCE IN 2019 (in the first five)

DATE	RACECOURSE	RACE	GROUP	H/CH	DIST	PURSE	HORSE	PLAC.	SIRE	MARE
20 Jan	Pau	132 ^{ème} Grand Prix de Pau - Biraben Foie Gras (Prix André Labarrère)	Gr3	Ch	5 300	145 000	Amirande	4	Astarabad	Furie de Carmont
3 Mar	Auteuil	Prix Juigné	Gr3	H	3 600	120 000	Corazones	5	Nidor	Céline mon Cœur
16 Mar	Auteuil	Prix Troytown	Gr3	Ch	4 400	135 000	Bob And Co	3	Dom Alco	Outre Mer
16 Mar	Auteuil	Prix Troytown	Gr3	Ch	4 400	135 000	Edgeoy	4	Saddler Maker	Ireland
24 Mar	Auteuil	Prix Hypothèse	Gr3	H	3 900	120 000	Crystal Beach	2	Network	Hatilade
24 Mar	Auteuil	Prix Hypothèse	Gr3	H	3 900	120 000	Alex de Larredya	4	Crillon	Kin d'Estruval
2 Apr	Compiègne	Prix Journaliste	Gr3	Ch	4 100	125 000	Equemauville	1	Saint des Saints	Miss Academy
2 Apr	Compiègne	Prix Journaliste	Gr3	Ch	4 100	125 000	Equation	2	Network	Maorie Antique
6 Apr	Auteuil	Prix Murat	Gr2	Ch	4 400	210 000	Crystal Beach	1	Network	Hatilade
6 Apr	Auteuil	Prix Murat	Gr2	Ch	4 400	210 000	Bipolaire	3	Fragrant Mix	Kenna
21 Apr	Auteuil	Prix Notre Dame de Paris-Prix du Président de la République (H.)	Gr3	Ch	4 700	225 000	Chahuteur	3	Saint des Saints	Redowa
27 Apr	Auteuil	Prix Ingre	Gr3	Ch	4 400	140 000	Crystal Beach	3	Networ	Hatilade
5 May	Compiègne	Prix Romati	Gr3	Ch	4 500	135 000	Ecbatane	3	Balko	Djurjura
5 May	Compiègne	Prix Romati	Gr3	Ch	4 500	135 000	Equemauville	4	Saint des Saint	Miss Academy
19 May	Auteuil	Prix Ferdinand Dufaure	Gr1	Ch	4 400	320 000	Figuro	5	Yeats	Annaland
19 May	Auteuil	Zeturf Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris	Gr1	Ch	6 000	820 000	Bipolaire	2	Fragrant Mix	Kenna
19 May	Auteuil	Prix Alain du Breil - Course de Haies de Printemps des Quatre Ans	Gr1	H	3 900	250 000	French Made	3	Dream Well	Sempiternelle
9 Jun	Auteuil	Prix Questarabad	Gr3	H	3 900	120 000	French Made	4	Dream Well	Sempiternelle
9 Jun	Auteuil	Prix des Drags	Gr2	Ch	4 400	220 000	Edgeoy	4	Saddler Maker	Ireland
9 Jun	Auteuil	Prix La Barka	Gr2	H	3 900	165 000	Blue Dragon	3	Califet	Nathalie Blue
20 Jun	Auteuil	Prix La Périchole	Gr3	Ch	4 400	135 000	Farnice	1	Saddler Maker	Terenice
20 Jun	Auteuil	Prix Christian de Tredern	Gr3	H	3 600	120 000	Ecris L'Histoire	1	Kapgarde	Toi et le Soleil
17 Sep	Auteuil	Haras d'Etreham - Prixde Chambly	Gr3	H	3 600	120 000	Gamaline	5	Martaline	Urticaire
17 Sep	Auteuil	Prix The Fellow - Marquise de Moratalla	Gr3	Ch	4 400	135 000	Figuro	1	Yeats	Annaland
17 Sep	Auteuil	Prix The Fellow - Marquise de Moratalla	Gr3	Ch	4 400	135 000	Farnice	4	Saddler Maker	Terenice
23 Sep	Auteuil	Prix de Compiègne	Gr3	H	3 900	120 000	Blue Dragon	2	Califet	Nathalie Blue
23 Sep	Auteuil	Prix de Compiègne	Gr3	H	3 900	120 000	Bipolaire	4	Fragrant Mix	Kenna
1 Oct	Compiègne	Prix de la Gascogne	Gr3	Ch	4 500	125 000	Ecbatane	3	Balko	Djurjura
1 Oct	Compiègne	Prix de la Gascogne	Gr3	Ch	4 500	125 000	Dauteuil Précieux	5	Balko	Quennie Star
9 Oct	Auteuil	Prix Haras d'Etreham - Prix Magne	Gr3	H	3 600	120 000	Gomeraland	3	Lord du Sud	Annaland
13 Oct	Auteuil	Prix Orcada	Gr3	Ch	4 400	135 000	Farnice	1	Saddler Make	Terenice
13 Oct	Auteuil	Prix Carmarthen	Gr3	H	3 900	120 000	Bipolaire	3	Fragrant Mix	Kenna
13 Oct	Auteuil	Prix Heros XII	Gr3	Ch	4 400	145 000	Edgeoy	1	Saddler Maker	Ireland
13 Oct	Auteuil	Prix Heros XII	Gr3	Ch	4 400	145 000	Ebonite	2	Khalkevi	Tamise
19 Oct	Auteuil	Prix Montgomery (Handicap)	Gr3	Ch	4 700	165 000	Balkan du Pecos	5	Balko	Fiesta du Pecos
1 Nov	Compiègne	Grand Steeple-Chase de Compiègne	Gr2	Ch	4 900	210 000	Ecbatane	4	Balko	Djurjura
2 Nov	Auteuil	Haras d'Etreham - Prix Bournosienne	Gr2	H	3 600	165 000	Grakownia	4	Barastraight	Malownia
2 Nov	Auteuil	Grand Prix d'Automne	Gr1	H	4 800	350 000	Blue Dragon	5	Califet	Nathalie Blue
3 Nov	Auteuil	Prix Maurice Gillois - Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 Ans	Gr1	Ch	4 400	320 000	Figuro	1	Yeats	Annaland
3 Nov	Auteuil	Prix Maurice Gillois - Grand Steeple-Chase des 4 Ans	Gr1	Ch	4 400	320 000	Farnice	4	Saddler Maker	Terenice
3 Nov	Auteuil	Prix La Haye Jousselin	Gr1	Ch	5 500	520 000	Bipolaire	1	Fragrant Mix	Kenna
3 Nov	Auteuil	Prix La Haye Jousselin	Gr1	Ch	5 500	520 000	Ebonite	2	Khalkevi	Tamise
22 Nov	Compiègne	Prix Général de Saint-Didier	Gr3	H	3 400	120 000	Galan Chaba	4	High Rock	Kalypsonn
24 Nov	Auteuil	Prix Morgex	Gr3	Ch	4 400	135 000	Forland	4	Network	Septland
24 Nov	Auteuil	Prix Georges Courtois	Gr2	Ch	4 400	220 000	Edgeoy	2	Saddler Maker	Ireland
24 Nov	Auteuil	Prix Georges Courtois	Gr2	Ch	4 400	220 000	Dalahast	4	Ballingarry	Iroquoise II
24 Nov	Auteuil	Prix Georges Courtois	Gr2	Ch	4 400	220 000	Equation	5	Network	Maorie Antique

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► Farnice (Saddler Maker, 2015)

Farnice is the 2nd richest AQPS of his generation with over €200,000 earned in 2019. Owned by Franck Deliberos and Nicolas de Lageneste's Haras de Saint-Voir, he won the €135,000 Prix La Périchole Chase (Gr3) and €135,000 Prix Orcada Chase (Gr3) and finished 4th in the €320,000 Prix Maurice Gillois 4yo Chase (Gr1). He's the brave deputy of his stablemate at François Nicolle's yard, **Figuro**. Bred by Gabriel and Patrice Vagne in the Nièvre, **Farnice** is out of a sister to **Borice** (Network), who won the €65,000 Prix Xavier de Chevigny for the same connections. He also finished second in the €165,000 Prix Montgomery Handicap Chase (Gr3) and 3rd in the €225,000 Prix du Président de la République (French Grand National, Gr3). This is the family of Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris (Gr1) winner **Arenice** (Brezzo).

On top of **Figuro** and **Farnice**, François Nicolle relied on other AQPS 4yos at the top level with **Flying Startandco** (Cokoriko), who has extended his tally with a €75,000 Prix Dominique Sartini (L) win on November 1st. He'd already conquered the €50,000 Prix Mitsouko III Chase at Auteuil and races under Patrick Vandemoortele's colours. Bred by his joint owners, Jacques Cyprès and his children Fanny, Nicolas and Arthur, **Flying Startandco** is out of a sister to **Vaniteux** (Voix du Nord),



Galléo Conti



Farnice

who was very successful in Britain over fences and hurdles all the same.

Galléo Conti (Poliglote, 2016)

Galléo Conti is the best AQPS 3yo of 2019 in France. Owned by trotting owner Pierre Pilarski and his trainer's Palmyr Racing, he won easily the Prix des Platanes Hurdle (L) in a canter. Unbeaten in three outings, he avoided the main races in the Autumn and is now well in course to become an outstanding 4yo at Auteuil. **Galléo Conti** was paid €180,000 (a record bid!) at the Arqana Summer Sale by Guillaume Macaire for Pierre Pilarski when consigned by Jean-Marie Callier for the breeder Patrick Joubert. Bred like all the Contis in the Allier, he's very well-bred since he's a brother to **Silviniaco Conti** (Dom Alco), a dual King George VI Chase (Gr1) winner and 6 times Group 1's winner and to **Ucello Conti** (Martaline), 2nd in the Prix Duc d'Anjou Chase (Gr3), Fleuret Chase (Gr3) and Edmond Barrachin Chase (Gr3).

Gamin d'Oudairies (Kapgarde, 2016)

Gamin d'Oudairies is the richest 3yo AQPS of 2019 with over €58,000 - he's now passed the €110,000 line with his 2020 wins at the Pau Winter meeting. Bred and owned by Michel de Gigou and his trainer Guillaume Macaire's



Gamin d'Oudairies

Palmyr Racing, he won the Prix Piomarès Hurdle and then finished 3rd before the end of the Parisian season. At Pau, he won two chases before taking the €65,000 Prix Antoine de Palaminy 4yo Chase (L).

Galmin d'Oudairies is out of **Une d'Oudairies** (Discover d'Auteuil), winner of four flat races in the West and placed on Fontainebleau Hurdles and the Pontchateau steeplechase. He's her first foal before a 3-year-old colt by **Masked Marvel**, a 2-year-old colt by **Saddex**, and a filly by **Buck's Boum** born last year.

Grakownia (Barastraight, 2016)

Grakownia is the top 3yo filly of 2019 in France with €50,430 € in earnings, and above all a 2nd place in the €80,000 Haras d'Etreham Prix d'Iéna Hurdle (L) and €130,000 Haras d'Etreham Prix Bournosienne (Gr2). The filly races for her breeder, Antoine de Talhouët-Roy's Haras des Sablonnets in the Sarthe, and her trainer Arnaud Chaillé-Chaillé. She's probably the best maiden hurdler of her generation! She's a full sister to **Baie des Iles** (Barastraight), a Prix des Drags Chase (Gr2) winner.



Grakownia

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Fée Mano (Spanish Moon, 2015)

The consistent **Fée Mano** got a just reward when she won the €50,000 Prix de Craon (Gr1 AQPS). Owned by Céline Leduc and her shrewd trainer Laurent Viel, she had already conquered the Prix d'Estruval (Gr3 AQPS). Bred by Jean and Jean-Yves Danard, she's out of a sister to **Vyta du Roc** (Lion Noir), a triple Gr2 winner in UK.



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Felina Bella (Martaline, 2015)

Felina Bella finished very well to win the Prix Glorieuse (Gr2 AQPS) at Fontainebleau. Trained by Alain Couétil for Ecurie Bella, she was bred by Rémi Boucret in the Sarthe. **Felina Bella** is out of a sister to **Vladimir** (Saint des Saints), a Listed winner over hurdles at Auteuil, and to **Décidée Allen** (Kapgarde), third in the Prix Sytaj Chase (Gr3).

Also trained by Couétil, **Festinet** (Zambezi Sun) is also part of the 4yo elite AQPS. She races for Écurie Couétil and won three of her 7 races, including Prix Altesse V. She was bred by Jean-Luc Couétil and her wife in the Manche.

Farafra (Martaline, 2015)

Farafra never let her connections down. Owned by Antoine-Audoine Maggiar in partnership with her trainers Grégoire and Etienne Leenders, she finally won in the Prix Chloris (Gr2 AQPS). Bred in Mayenne by the Roulois family, she's asister to **Dortmund Park** (Great Pretender), a Gr1 over hurdles at Punchestown.

Felina Bella



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Falaze (Youmzain, 2015)

Fillies prevailed in that generation and the best colt to date is **Falaze**, winner of the Prix de l'Union des AQPS du Centre-Est (Gr3 AQPS) at Vichy. Trained by Charles Lécivain, in partnership with Jean-Yves Binois, he was also bred by Thierry and Mickaël Prod'homme from a modest bloodline.

Gannat (No Risk at All, 2016)

The Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS) is the AQPS Derby, run in Novembre at Saint-Cloud. Gannat won the 2019 edition of the race for trainer Alain Couétil and owner Thierry Pigeon. She also won the Prix Antoine de Vazelhes (Gr3 AQPS) before. Bred in the Manche by the Couétil brothers, she's related to **Elvira** (Poliglote), a multiple Group placed, and belongs to the family of **Vindhy** (Yelpana), and **Honey** (Highlanders), dam of groupe performers **Quarouso** (Lavirco), **Ograndy** (Cyborg) and **So Young** (Lavirco).

Farafra



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Falaze

Gant de Velours (Poliglote, 2016)

Gant de Velours is highly regarded and reminds his connections of the great **Rendons Grâce** (Video Rock). A Prix du Bourbonnais (Gr2 AQPS) winner, the Haras de Saint-Voir-bred and -owned finished 2nd in the Jacques de Vienne. He's out of **Patte de Velours** (Mansonnien), a Prix Christian de Tredern Hurdle (Gr3) and Sytaj Chase (Gr3) winner, and a brother to **Capitaine** (Montmartre), a Gr2 over hurdles at Ascot and a Gr1-placed at Sandown.

Gingermix (Sunday Break, 2016)

A former olympic eventer, now pre-trainer in the Maine-et-Loire, Aurélien Kahn won his first two Group races with **Gingermix** (Sunday Break), winner of the Prix de l'Isle-Briand (Gr3 AQPS) and the Prix de l'Avenir (Gr3 AQPS). **Gingermix** is the best offspring of his family, bred in Allier by Gabriele Perruchot-Siegl and Maurice Ministrot. ■

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Lynne et Angus MacLennan:

« buying and nurturing are the most enjoyable parts of ownership »

The black and orange silks of Lynne & Angus McLennan have enjoyed significant success in France over the years, and most lately in the Grande Course de Haies de Pau (L) won by their Highway to Hell in early February. The Scot couple has horses in training on both sides of the Channel and in Ireland, but they have decided to breed in France. This article is the first of a regular feature in this magazine as we venture to meet some foreign breeders and owners who chose to call France their horses' home, if not their own!



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What is the scope of your racing and breeding activity in France, compared to your home country?

We currently have horses in training with Michael Scudamore, Nick Alexander, Neil Mulholland and with David Pipe in the UK. We also have two flat horses with Hugo Palmer and Andrew Slattery in Ireland. We have no breeding aspirations within the UK, though. In France, we have horses in training with Adrien Lacombe, Richard Chatel, François Nicolle and Gaby Leenders. We have one broodmare with Mylène Peltier who has produced a **Great Pretender** colt and is in foal to **Cloth of Stars**. Our 2-year-olds, yearlings and weanlings are based in France as we think it makes sense and is more enjoyable there but doesn't make any financial sense for us in the UK. We still

have a couple of future broodmares racing in Britain at the moment. One of them has Black Type, and the plan is to take both of them to France when their racing career is over. We feel there is a greater selection of sires in France and we intend to spend more time there also since we own a house near Mont-St-Michel and see our future in racing based very much in France.

What kind of horses are you generally looking for?

We buy more horses and have a wider age range in France than in Britain. In the UK we buy mainly from the sales and the point-to-point circuit in Ireland. You'd have to wait too long if you were buying young stock over there. Whereas in France they run at a younger age, so there is less time spent waiting. We have also found the people in France very welcoming and helpful. We now have horses in partnership with Thierry Cypres, David Lumet and Nicolas de Lageneste amongst others. Buying in the UK is a challenging venture as you are competing for a small number of perceived «exceptional» future racehorses with extraordinarily wealthy and powerful owners. The prices can become silly because of this. We also enjoy buying young horses and watching them develop, even if it ends in disappointment. We enjoy having jumps horses for a long time and be part of their journey. I don't understand

chequebook ownership when large sums of money secure a proven horse. For us, the buying and nurturing are the most enjoyable parts of ownership as when they race dreams are shattered! We were a little taken aback by the prices at Deauville in August, though. It looks like we may have to work harder outside the sales to find horses this year!

Since 2018 we have acquired several young horses with the valuable assistance of Joffret Huet. While it is the hope that one will be a superstar, what you have in the back of your mind the real enjoyment comes from watching the horses develop through their career from the people you meet along the way. They come from different parts of France that we probably wouldn't have discovered otherwise. We enjoy meeting the breeders and keep contact with them through the horses' career if they wish. We also have enjoyed attending the AQPS shows for the last few years. We showed our foal at the Lion-d'Angers this year as well.

How and when did you first get involved in French racing and breeding, and what kept you going?

We read an article in the Racing Post in 2013 regarding the greater benefits of owning horses in France. In particular the much better prize money. At that time, given the Euro exchange rate, training and buying were much less expensive too. Angus being an accountant - and a Scot! - was very taken with the fact that you could cover costs with prize money, which is nearly impossible in the UK unless you were fortunate!



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◀ The MacLennans work with several trainers in France, England and Ireland. In France, their horses are currently distributed among Richard Chatel, Adrien Lacombe, Gabriel Leenders and François Nicolle.

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Our then trainer had been involved in sourcing horses in France to keep them there and eventually to bring them to Britain once they were 4 or 5 years of age. She contacted us to say she had bought a horse at the Decize AQPS show and was looking for an owner. We said we would buy him without knowing anything about him. We have always found the only way to find out about anything is to get involved. The horse was **Bon Augure**, trained by Adrien Lacombe. He was initially to stay in France only for one to two years, but he was so good that it would have been crazy to bring him back then. We had no say in who his trainer was to be in France as that had been decided before we bought him, but we do not think it could have worked out any better. Especially for that horse. As everyone knows, Bon was a superstar who sadly could not reach his actual status due to an unfortunate racing accident. For us as owners to have something so unique and see it destroyed was very difficult.

We came very close to stopping being involved in racehorse ownership the day of the incident and for several months after... It was hard to think we could ever find another like Bon and the emotion of almost losing him was tough. As ever, our love of horses and the awesome respect we have for these incredible animal athletes won. There was also the fantastic support we received from the racing community. We again were lucky to be offered **Highway to Hell** by François Nicolle and Jacques Détré. He had been sold to the UK but failed the vet and had stayed in training with Richard Chatel. **Bon Augure** also returned to the racecourse and won at Auteuil in the Prix des Drags Chase (Gr2) before retiring late last year.

If there were one thing you'd support in French racing and breeding, what would that be?

There are so many things we love about French ownership and racing to keep it to one is very difficult. Apart from the financial positives, we



Bon Augure



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Lynne and Angus roam the provinces and the conformation shows, pictured here with Adrien Lacombe and Joffrey Huet in June at Paray-le-Monial, then Decize, in July at the Show Lumet and in September at the Lion d'Angers where they had one of their own entered in the show!

have found the people within racing so welcoming and generous. We have many more friends here at the races than in the UK. The volume of racing in France is incredible and combined with the prize money allows single owners of not quite Auteuil horses to enjoy single horse ownership without financial stress. For this reason, I would hate to see French racing reduce the prize money. For us, it encourages people to own horses. In Britain, prize money is poor, especially for lower grade races, and that makes single ownership difficult. The breeders' premium is another positive. We feel it encourages responsible breeding and allows smaller breeders again some much-needed remuneration to keep breeding and feel part of the racing process.

And what should they do better?

The most significant improvement in French racing would be the welfare of the horses at the racecourse. In Britain, there are strict protocols for veterinary attendance and how to deal with stricken horses. There is a growing movement who believe horse racing is cruel and should be banned. We have to limit harm to horses as much as possible to pre-empt criticism. When the worst happens, the horse should benefit from the best and swiftest treatment to prevent any unnecessary suffering. Access between fences for an ambulance for a horse or a jockey is scarce at Auteuil. In the



provinces, veterinary assistance and essential equipment appear to be very limited. We have witnessed a horse with a severe laceration being walked off a course to a stable with no screens to stop people watching, which in turn distresses an already frightened animal more. The size or location is of no consequence if horses race the facilities have to be in place to deal with injuries.

Bon Augure is the epitome of how horses can be severely injured but can be brought back either to race or do another job and. He could not reach the top race wise, but it would be good if he could be remembered as the horse who kick-started a real emphasis and change in horse welfare within French racing. ■



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A great day at Auteuil when AQPS Bon Augure won the Drags Chase in 2017 after a miraculous recovery from injury thanks to the care of his connections and above all to the will of the MacLennans to give him a chance.

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THE MAIN AQPS RACES IN 2019

	DATE	MAIN RACES (€28K +)	RACECOURSE	H/CH.	DIST.	AGE	PURSE	WINNER	SIRE	BREEDER	OWNER	TRAINER
JUMP	26 Feb	Prix Rivoli	Auteuil	Ch	3.500	5 yo	€ 50.000	Emirat	Coastal Path	Mrs M. Juhen-Cyprès & J.-P. Sanson	Ec. P. Joubert & Haras de Saint-Voir	E. Clayeux
	4 Mar	Prix Baroud III	Fontainebleau	Ch	3.600	4 & 5 yo	€ 52.000	Etoile du Luy	Muhaymin	Earl Haras du Luy	Earl Haras du Luy & A. Duboé	G. Macaire
	4 Mar	Prix Fernand Roy	Fontainebleau	Ch	4.400	6y o +	€ 50.000	Défi Majeur	Cléty	P. Mesmoudi	P. Mesmoudi & P. Jourmiac	P. Jourmiac
	9 Mar	Prix de l'Yonne	Auteuil	H	3.500	4 yo	€ 45.000	Franco de Port	Coastal Path	P. Joubert & Haras de Saint-Voir	Ec. P. Joubert & Haras de Saint-Voir	G. Leenders
	16 Mar	Prix Samaritain	Auteuil	H	3.500	4 & 5 yo	€ 45.000	Fun des Mottes	Martaline	Earl Ecurie des Mottes	Y. Fouin	Y. Fouin
	24 Mar	Prix Mitsouko III	Auteuil	Ch	3.600	4 yo	€ 50.000	Flying Startandco	Cokoriko	J. & N. Cyprès/F. Cyprès/A. Cyprès	P. Vandemoortele/F. Nicolle/ Ec. J. Cyprès/A., F. & N. Cyprès	F. Nicolle
	2 Apr	Prix de Préchac	Compiègne	Ch	3.900	5 yo	€ 52.000	En Bonne Main	Poliglote	Haras de Saint-Voir	Haras de Saint-Voir	A.-S. Pacault
	11 Apr	Prix Oteul SF	Auteuil	H	3.500	4 yo	€ 45.000	Fabulous Dragoness	Poliglote	Mrs M. Bryant/D. Baer/D. Powell	Mrs M. Bryant/D. Powell/D. Baer	Y. Fouin
	11 Apr	Prix René Couétil	Auteuil	Ch	3.500	4 yo	€ 50.000	Fréro Banbou	Apsis	Mrs E. Bancheureau	Mrs E. Bancheureau	G. Leenders
	21 Apr	Prix André Boingnières	Auteuil	Ch	4.400	5 yo	€ 50.000	Enjeu d'Arthel	Saddler Maker	G. de Brondeau	Ecurie J. Cyprès/Ecurie Bag/F. Woods	E. Clayeux
	5 May	Prix Radio Paris	Compiègne	Ch	3.450	4 & 5 yo	€ 50.000	Fort Jolie	Cokoriko	J. Cyprès & L. Couétil	Ec. J. Cyprès/F. Nicolle/P. Rabineau/L. Couétil	F. Nicolle
	10 May	Prix Jasmin II	Auteuil	Ch	4.400	5 yo	€ 50.000	Ebonite	Khalkevi	J. Cyprès & L. Couétil	Ec. J. Cyprès/E. Clayeux/L. Couétil	E. Clayeux
	18 May	Prix Djarvis	Auteuil	Ch	3.500	4 yo	€ 55.000	Farnice	Saddler Maker	G. Vagne/Mrs G. Vagne/Miss D. Vagne	F. Deliberos/Haras de Saint-Voir	F. Nicolle
	28 May	Prix Ginetta II	Auteuil	Ch	3.500	4 yo	€ 50.000	French Bird	Cokoriko	F. Cyprès/P. Colson	F. Cyprès/P. Colson/E. Clayeux/C. Galmiche	E. Clayeux
	14 Jun	Prix Xavier de Chevigny	Auteuil	Ch	4.400	5 & 6 yo	€ 65.000	Ebonite	Khalkevi	J. Cyprès & L. Couétil	Ec. J. Cyprès/E. Clayeux/L. Couétil	E. Clayeux
	25 Jun	Prix Al Capone II	Auteuil	Ch	3.500	4 yo	€ 52.000	Fanion d'Estruval	Enrique	Mrs B. le Gentil	Mrs B. le Gentil/Palmir Racing	G. Macaire
	3 Sep	Prix Jean Noiret	Auteuil	Ch	3.600	4 yo	€ 52.000	Filup	Cokoriko	Earl Trinquet/O. Trinquet/M. Trinquet	Mrs M. Bryant	S. Dehez
	6 Sep	Prix Pierre et Bernard Cyprès	Auteuil	H	3.600	4 & 5 yo	€ 45.000	Fihalhohi Land	No Risk at All	D. Lumet & T. Cyprès	T. Cyprès & D. Lumet	D. Sourdeau de Beauregard
	11 Sep	Prix Patrick Lec	Auteuil	H	3.600	4 yo	€ 45.000	Faro	Cokoriko	J. Cyprès	Lord Daresbury/Ec. J. Cyprès/F. Nicolle	F. Nicolle
	17 Sep	Prix Laniste	Auteuil	Ch	4.400	5 & 6 yo	€ 52.000	Echo de Champdoux	Saddler Maker	Mrs M.-H. Cassier	Mrs M.-H. Cassier/P. Peltier/D. Beaunée	P. Peltier
	23 Sep	Prix Fezensac	Auteuil	Ch	3.500	4 yo	€ 52.000	Forland	Network	T. Cyprès	J. Détre/T. Cyprès/F. Nicolle	F. Nicolle
	26 Sep	Prix Louis Champion	Compiègne	Ch	3.900	4 & 5 yo	€ 52.000	Election	Khalkevi	H. d'Armaillé	Mrs I. d'Armaillé/H. d'Armaillé	A. Couétil
	3 Oct	Prix Isopani	Auteuil	H	3.600	3 yo	€ 45.000	Galant Chaba	High Rock	J.-P. Aubert	B. Letourneux	B. Letourneux
	9 Oct	Prix Adrien Besnoin	Auteuil	Ch	4.400	4 yo	€ 52.000	Flash d'Or	Nidor	S. Dupont	P. Millot/F. Leblanc/S. Dupont	A. Chaillé-Chaillé
	24 Oct	Prix Ferdinand Riant	Auteuil	Ch	4.400	5 yo	€ 52.000	Echo d'Estruval	Anzillero	Mrs B. le Gentil/B. le Gentil	Mrs B. le Gentil/Palmir Racing	G. Macaire
	1 Nov	Prix Elisa	Compiègne	Ch	3.900	4 & 5 yo	€ 52.000	Eliglote Ville	Poliglote	Suc. J. Poumaillou/E. Poumaillou	L. Viel	
FLAT	3 Nov	Prix Coq Gaulois	Auteuil	Ch	4.400	4 yo	€ 52.000	Fou Délice	Poliglote	F. Deliberos	F. Deliberos/Haras de Saint-Voir	F. Nicolle
	16 Nov	Prix Thuya	Auteuil	Ch	4.400	5 yo	€ 48.000	Ever Forget Me	Nidor	E. Leray/A. Dupont	Mrs V. Biot/E. Leray	E. Leray
	24 Nov	Prix Nupsala	Auteuil	Ch	4.400	4 yo	€ 55.000	Fou Délice	Poliglote	F. Deliberos	F. Deliberos/Haras de Saint-Voir	F. Nicolle
	26 Mar	Prix d'Estruval (Gr3 AQPS)	Saint-Cloud	Flat	2.500	4 yo	€ 32.000	Fée Mano	Spanish Moon	J. & J.-Y. Danard	Mrs C. Leduc/L. Viel	L. Viel
	26 Apr	Prix Bango (Gr3 AQPS)	Maisons-Laffitte	Flat	2.400	5 yo	€ 32.000	Eros du Quartier	Califet	Mrs N. Berdoll/Suc. J.-C. Berdoll	Mrs A.-S. Bernier/Ecurie J.-M. Carrie	D. Bernier
	9 Jul	Prix de l'Isle-Briand (Gr3 AQPS)	Lion-d'Angers	Flat	2.400	3 yo	€ 30.000	Gingermix	Sunday Break	Mrs G. Perruchot-Siegl/M. Ministrot	A. Kahn	A. Kahn
	17 Jul	Prix de l'Union des AQPS du Centre Est (Gr3 AQPS)	Vichy	Flat	2.400	4 yo	€ 32.000	Falaze	Youmzain	T. Prod'homme/J.-Y. Binois/ C. Lécivain/M.-T. Prod'homme	J.-Y. Binois/C. Lécivain	C. Lécivain
	17 Aug	Prix Antoine de Vazelles-Critérium du Centre (Gr3 AQPS)	Vichy	Flat	2.400	3 yo	€ 30.000	Gannat	No Risk at All	Couétil Elevage	T. Pigeon	A. Couétil
	5 Sep	Prix de Craon-Grand Prix des AQPS (Gr1 AQPS)	ParisLongchamp	Flat	2.400	4 & 5 yo	€ 50.000	Fée Mano	Spanish Moon	J. & J.-Y. Danard	Mrs C. Leduc/L. Viel	L. Viel
	27 Sep	Prix du Bourbonnais (Gr2 AQPS)	Saint-Cloud	Flat	2.400	3 yo	€ 45.000	Gant de Velours	Poliglote	Haras de Saint-Voir	Haras de Saint-Voir	N. de Lageneste
	2 Oct	Prix Glorieuse (Gr2 AQPS)	Fontainebleau	Flat	2.600	4 & 5 yo	€ 40.000	Felina Bella	Martaline	R. Boucret	Ecurie Bella	A. Couétil
	20 Oct	Prix Yves d'Armaillé (Gr3 AQPS)	Lignières	Flat	2.400	3 yo	€ 34.000	Gitanne Bleue	Cokoriko	Miss A. Berger, C. Gallorini Berger, J.-L. Berger	Miss Alexandrine Berger	J.-P. Gallorini
	30 Oct	Prix Chloris (Gr2 AQPS)	Saint-Cloud	Flat	2.400	4 & 5 yo	€ 40.000	Farafra	Martaline	P.-G. Roulois/Miss L. Roulois	A.-A. Maggier/E. & G. Leenders	E. & G. Leenders
	26 Oct	Prix de l'Avenir (Gr3 AQPS)	Nantes	Flat	2.400	3 yo	€ 34.000	Gingermix	Sunday Break	Mrs G. Perruchot-Siegl/M. Ministrot	A. Kahn	A. Kahn
	1 Nov	Prix des Guilledines (Gr3 AQPS)	Durtal	Flat	2.300	3 yo	€ 34.000	Giga Star	Spider Flight	N. Leenders/Mrs V. Van den Broele	N. Leenders	N. Leenders
	4 Nov	Prix du Tremblay	Lyon-Parilly	Flat	2.400	3 yo	€ 28.000	Gepetto	Lord du Sud	Mrs K. Perreau J. Bertran de Balanda/L. Colson	Mrs K. Perreau/G. Dumont	G. Dumont
	22 Nov	Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS)	Saint-Cloud	Flat	2.500	3 yo	€ 50.000	Gannat	No Risk at All	Couétil Elevage	T. Pigeon	A. Couétil

2019/2020 season across the Channel

Frenchbred jumpers, and AQPS moreover, have once again stormed the topflight races this season in Britain and Ireland. AQPS **Clan des Obeaux** (Kapgarde), **Delta Work** (Network), **Défi du Seuil** (Voix du Nord), and **Epatante** (No Risk At All), and many others keep on winning. Last year already, 10 of the 15 top Racing Post ratings (on February 9) were AQPS or Thoroughbred French-bred, and 9 of the 13 horses rated 171+ by the industry paper. **Clan des Obeaux** and **Cyrname** lead the tables with a 179lbs rating. As the 2020 Cheltenham, Aintree and Punchestown loom, meet the best AQPS in action...

Clan des Obeaux (Kapgarde, 2012)

Winner of a second consecutive King George VI Chase (Gr1) at Kempton last December, the Paul Nicholls-trained 8yo AQPS left his rivals over 20 lengths behind this time and he's due to line up in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (Gr1). He finished 5th last year in the National Hunt blue ribband. Bred in the Maine-et-Loire, **Clan des Obeaux** a brother

to **Bahia des Obeaux** (Saddler Maker) and **Varda des Obeaux** (Saddler Maker), two winners over jumps.

Défi du Seuil (Voix du Nord, 2013)

Owned by JP McManus, the 7yo AQPS has found his sport in the two-mile chasers' division with already two of the 3 top races in the bag, namely the Tingle Creek

Chase (Gr1) and the Clarence House Chase (Gr1), beating another class chaser, **Un de Sceaux** (Denham Red). He's now a favourite for the final jewel, the Queen Mother Champion Chase (Gr1) at the Festival. Bred by the Boudot family, is the grandson of **Fleur du Tennis** (Video Rock), a winner of 6 races over the flat in AQPS restricted races. ►



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Epatante

► Epatante (No Risk at All, 2014)

She left France having beaten the best AQPS 3yos in the Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1-AQPS) and she's now on course to become a champion hurdler in Britain. Owned by J.-P. McManus, the mare has dominated the Christmas Hurdle (Gr1) on Boxing D'Fay at Kempton. She's now amongst the favourites for the Champion Hurdle (Gr1). Bred in the West of France by permit-holder Anne-Doulce and her husband François-Xavier Lefeuvre, she gave them their first Gr1 over the jumps as breeders. **Epatante's** dam by **Silver**

Rainbow (a full brother to **Quest for Fame**) is a sister to **Tante Sissi** (Lesotho), a Hurdle Listed winner at Newbury.

Delta Work (Network, 2013)

Trained in Ireland by Gordon Elliott for Gigginstown House Stud, he won the Savills Chase (Gr1) and the Irish Gold Cup (Gr1) in Ireland and is now a leading contender for the Cheltenham Gold Cup (Gr1).

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



Delta Work

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.

Delta Work's dam is a sister to **Now** (Video Rock), a Enghien hurdle winner, and he's related to the promising **Campero** (Fragrant Mix), who is now trained by François Nicolle.

Cyrname (Nickname, 2012)

The Christy 1965 Chase (Gr2), at Ascot on November 23rd, was THE race of the early season as **Cyrname**, the top chaser in Britain and Ireland according to the ratings, was taking on the unbeaten **Altior** (High Chaparral). **Cyrname** brilliantly prevailed and even though the jury is still out, he's now well established at the top of the country's ratings with a mark of 179lbs he shares with Clan des Obeaux. **Cyrname** was bred in the Manche by a Follain-Lecoiffier-Guesdon-Lefeuvre partnership. He's a closely related to **Nivaling** (Passing Sale), 3rd in the Grand Cross de Craon (L).



Envoi Allen



Cyrname

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Envoi Allen (Muhtathir, 2014)

Last season, the gelding won the Champion Bumper (Gr1) at Cheltenham and at Punchestown, becoming one of the hottest novice hurdlers in town. Once again, he lived up these great expectations, and boy how did he! **Envoi Allen** won his three races over hurdles now, including the Royal Bond Novice Hurdle (Gr1) and the Novice Hurdle (Gr1). Everybody wants to see him show up at the Festival, the question being - as we go to press - in which race, as a tilt at the Champion Hurdle is not excluded! 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 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.

Fakir d'Oudairies (Kapgarde, 2015)

Already very gifted over hurdles, but built for steeple-chases, **Fakir d'Oudairies** proved he was one of the best novice chasers of Britain. This winter, he won the Drinmore Novice Chase (Gr1) and finished



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second to Notebook in the Racing Post Novice Chase (Gr1). As his name should suggest, **Fakir d'Oudairies** was bred by Michel de Gigou in Brittany. His dam **Niagara du Bois** (Grand Trésor) was placed chasing, and in cross-country too.

Cilaos Emery (Califet, 2012)

On December 8 at Cork in Ireland, 8yo AQPS **Cilaos Emery** easily won the Kerry Group Hilly Way Chase (Gr2). It was his first Group win over the bigger obstacles after already proving himself at such a high-level over hurdles. He was bred in the West of France by Nicolas Taudon and Joël Poitou. He belongs to a « Couétil » bloodline from which originated **Upsie** (Le Balafre) and **Parker** (Baby Turk).

Enrilo (Buch's Boum, 2014)

When he won the Ballymore Winter Novices' Hurdle (Gr2), Enrilo bought a first Group win to his breeder Daniela Airdi, based in the Centre of France. Now trained by Paul Nicholls for Martin Broughton and Friends, he is quite well bred since he's a brother to **Colère Noire** (Network), a Prix Santo Pietro Chase (L) second at Auteuil and a winner at Pau. His second dam is no other than **Harmonie Trésor** (Grand Trésor), a winner of the Prix Robert de Clermont-Tonnerre Chase (Gr3) at Auteuil, also second in the Prix des Drags Chase (Gr2), the Grand Prix de Pau Chase (Gr3) and 4th in the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris (Gr1)!

Galahad Quest (American Post, 2016)

British trainer Nick Williams has always been very successful with Frenchbred

horses, including many AQPS. One again, his magic has worked as **Galahad Quest** emphatically won the JCB Triumph Hurdle Trial (Gr2), on January 25 at Cheltenham. The very same **Galahad Quest** he said would make a great Gold Cup contender in the near future. **Galahad Quest** was bred by Bruno Vagne (also the breeder of **Envoi Allen**) in the Centre of France. His dam is a sister to **Une Destinée** (Assessor), a Prix André Michel Hurdle (Gr3) winner at Auteuil, from the bloodline of **Cand'Or** (Sir Brink), a Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris (Gr1) 2nd in 1997.

Cépage (Saddler Maker, 2012)

Placed a several times in main handicap chases, **Cépage** finally made his the Trophy Handicap Chase (Gr3) on January 25 at Cheltenham. He deserved this gutsy win and could now go for the Ryanair Chase (Gr1) at the Festival. **Cépage** was bred by Hervé d'Armaillé. He's a brother to **Décret** (Network), a Prix Xavier de Chevigny Chase winner and his dam is a sister to the great flat AQPS **Gloria IV** (Video Rock), unbeaten in 12 races and a winner of the Prix de Craon (Gr1 AQPS), Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS) and Bourbonnais (Gr2 AQPS), and to **Osana** (Video Rock), a Supreme Novices' Hurdle 2nd and Arkle Chase (Gr1) 3rd. ■

Many other AQPS have either won or been placed in Group races in UK and Ireland. Please check our tables on page 14.

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DATE	RACE/COURSE	RACE / CAT	HORSE	PLACES	SIRE	BREEDER
01/01	Cheltenham	Download The Betbright App Handicap Chase (Gr3)	Aso	1 st	Goldneyev	I.Pacault, A.-S. Pacault & Magali Girot-Pacault
01/05	Sandown	Unibet Tolworth Novices' Hurdle (Gr1)	Elixir de Nutz	1 st	Al Namix	Tangui Saliou & Mrs Ventrou
01/12	Warwick	Mcoy Contractors Civil Engineering Classic Handicap Chase (Gr3)	Calett Mad	2 nd	Axos	Michel Le Meur
01/26	Cheltenham	Jcb Triumph Trial Juvenile Hurdle (Gr2) (Registered As The Finesse)	Fakir d'Oudairies	1 st	Kapgarde	Michel de Gigou
01/26	Cheltenham	Jcb Triumph Trial Juvenile Hurdle (Gr2) (Registered As The Finesse)	Fine Brunello	2 nd	Al Namix	M.L. Bloodstock
01/27	Naas	Limestone Lad Hurdle (Gr3)	Espoir d'Allen	1 st	Voix du Nord	Bruno Vagne
02/02	Sandown	888sport Scilly Isles Novices' Chase (Gr1)	Defi du Seuil	1 st	Voix du Nord	Mrs Catherine Boudot
02/02	Leopardstown	Matheson (C & G) I.N.H. Flat Race (Gr2)	Envoi Allen	1 st	Muhtathir	Bruno Vagne
02/16	Gowran Park	Red Mills Chase (Gr2)	Anibale Fly	2 nd	Assessor	Early Baty, Vincent Baty & Freddy Lemerrier
02/16	Ascot	Betfair Denman Chase (Gr2)	Clan des Obeaux	1 st	Kapgarde	Mrs N. Devilder
02/16	Ascot	Betfair Ascot Chase (Gr1)	Cynname	1 st	Nickname	S. Follain, E. Lecoiffier et Al Trained By P. Nicholls
02/16	Gowran Park	Red Mills Trial Hurdle (Gr3)	Darasso	1 st	Konig Turf	Guy & Emmanuel Chere
02/17	Navan	Ladbroke's Ireland Boyne Hurdle (Gr2)	Cracking Smart	3 rd	Great Pretender	Ecurie Smart
02/21	Thurles	Betvictor Michael Purcell Memorial Novice Hurdle (Gr3)	Denwork	3 rd	Network	Jean-André Quesny
02/23	Fairhouse	Betvictor Bobbyjo Chase (Gr3)	Alpha des Obeaux	2 nd	Saddler Maker	Marie Devilder & Stéphanie Fasquelle
02/23	Fairhouse	Betvictor Bobbyjo Chase (Gr3)	Valseur Lido	3 rd	Anzillero	Michel & Nelly Contignon
02/24	Naas	Whatodspaddy Chase (Gr3)	Cadmium	1 st	Early March	L. Hayeres-Fouchard, F. Hayeres
03/02	Navan	Coral Novice Chase (Gr3)	Duca de Thaix	3 rd	Voix du Nord	Michel Bourgneuf
03/12	Cheltenham	National Hunt Challenge Cup Amateur Riders' Novices' Chase (Gr2)	Discorama	2 nd	Saddler Maker	Roland Buchot
03/12	Cheltenham	Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Novices' Chase (Gr1)	Duc des Genièvres	1 st	Buck's Boum	Colette Serre
03/12	Cheltenham	Unibet Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy (Gr1)	Espoir d'Allen	1 st	Voix du Nord	Bruno Vagne
03/13	Cheltenham	Rsa Insurance Novices' Chase (Gr1)	Delta Work	3 rd	Network	C. Magnien & J. Magnien
03/13	Cheltenham	Weatherbys Champion Bumper (Nht Gr1)	Envoi Allen	1 st	Muhtathir	Bruno Vagne
03/14	Cheltenham	Ryanair Chase (Registered As The Festival Trophy) (Gr1)	Aso	2 nd	Goldneyev	I.Pacault, A.-S. Pacault & Magali Girot-Pacault
03/14	Cheltenham	Jlt Novices' Chase (Gr1) (Registered As The Golden Miller)	Defi du Seuil	1 st	Voix du Nord	Mrs Catherine Boudot
03/14	Cheltenham	Nhbreeders Tattersalls Mares' Novices' Hurdle (Gr2) (Reg' As Dawn Run)	Eglantine du Seuil	1 st	Saddler Maker	Mrs Marc Boudot
03/15	Cheltenham	Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup Chase (Gr1)	Anibale Fly	2 nd	Assessor	Early Baty, Vincent Baty & Freddy Lemerrier
03/15	Cheltenham	Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Challenge Cup Handicap Chase (Gr3)	Brelan d'As	3 rd	Crillon	M. & Mrs Mahé
03/15	Cheltenham	Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup Chase (Gr1)	Bristol de Mai	3 rd	Saddler Maker	Jean-Yves Touzaint
03/15	Cheltenham	Randox Health County Handicap Hurdle (Gr3)	Countister	3 rd	Samdoun	M. & Mrs Mazieres
03/18	Navan	Totals.Com Webster Cup Chase (Gr2)	Ball d'Arc	3 rd	Network	Scea Le Fragneau & Nicole Terrière
03/18	Navan	Totals.Com Webster Cup Chase (Gr2)	Cadmium	2 nd	Early March	L. Hayeres-Fouchard, F. Hayeres
03/18	Navan	Totals.Com Webster Cup Chase (Gr2)	Darasso	1 st	Konig Turf	Guy & Emmanuel Chere
04/04	Aintree	Betway Aintree Hurdle (Gr1)	Buveur d'Air	2 nd	Crillon	Gérard Ferté
04/04	Aintree	Betway Bowl Chase (Gr1)	Clan des Obeaux	2 nd	Kapgarde	Mrs N. Devilder
04/04	Aintree	Goffs UK Nickel Coin Mares' Standard Open National Hunt Flat Race (Gr2)	Daylight Katie	3 rd	Bonbon Rose	Katherine Aalen
04/04	Aintree	Doom Bar Anniversary 4-Y-O Juvenile Hurdle (Gr1)	Fakir d'Oudairies	2 nd	Kapgarde	Michel de Gigou
04/05	Aintree	Randox Health Topham Handicap Chase (Gr3)	Cadmium	1 st	Early March	L. Hayeres-Fouchard, F. Hayeres
04/05	Aintree	Merseyrail Handicap Hurdle (Gr3)	Canardier	3 rd	Crillon	Jean-Kacques Lesouef
04/06	Aintree	Gaskells Handicap Hurdle (Gr3)	Aux Ptit's Soins	1 st	Saint des Saints	Haras de Saint-Voir
04/06	Aintree	Doom Bar Maghull Novices' Chase (Gr1)	Destrier	3 rd	Voix du Nord	Olivier & Marc Trinquet
04/07	Fairhouse	Fairhouse Rc Supporting Irish Injured Jockeys Association Novice Hurdle (Gr2)	Cash Back	2 nd	Linda's Lad	Anne Lagache & Jean-Marc Baudrelle
04/07	Fairhouse	Fairhouse Easter Festival Novice Hurdle (Gr2)	Domage Pour Toi	1 st	Magadan	Karine Perreau et Mrs Joël Poirier
04/07	Fairhouse	Fairhouse Easter Festival Novice Hurdle (Gr2)	Easy Game	3 rd	Barastraight	Jean-Yves Taupin
04/21	Cork	Betway Chase (Gr3)	Ball d'Arc	3 rd	Network	Scea Le Fragneau & Nicole Terrière
04/21	Fairhouse	Irish Stallion Farms Ebf Mares Novice Hurdle Championship Final (Gr1)	Eglantine du Seuil	3 rd	Saddler Maker	Mrs Marc Boudot
04/21	Fairhouse	Irish Stallion Farms Ebf Mares Novice Hurdle Championship Final (Gr1)	Elfile	2 nd	Saint des Saints	Michel Parreau-Delhotte
04/22	Fairhouse	Rathbarry & Glenview Studs Juvenile Hurdle (Gr2)	French Made	1 st	Dream Welle	Arnault Leraître & Laurent Delahaye
04/23	Fairhouse	Boylesports Grand National Festival L Ebf Mares Chase (Gr3)	Barra	3 rd	Vendangeur	Patrice Vagne
04/27	Sandown	Bet365 Oaksey Chase (Gr2) (For The Menorah Challenge Trophy)	Black Corton	1 st	Laverock	Dominique Guyon
04/30	Punchestown	Dooley Insurance Group Champion Novice Chase (Gr1)	Delta Work	1 st	Network	C. Magnien & J. Magnien
04/30	Punchestown	Dooley Insurance Group Champion Novice Chase (Gr1)	Discorama	2 nd	Saddler Maker	Roland Buchot
04/30	Punchestown	Boylesports Champion Chase (Gr1)	Un De Sceaux	1 st	Denham Red	Haras de La Rousselière & Mrs Chauveau
05/01	Punchestown	Ladbroke's Champion Stayers Hurdle (Gr1)	Bacardys	2 nd	Coastal Path	Eric Vagne & José Da Silva
05/01	Punchestown	Weatherbys General Stud Book Irish Ebf Mares Inh Flat Race (Gr3)	Daylight Katie	2 nd	Bonbon Rose	Katherine Aalen
05/01	Punchestown	Ryanair Novice Chase (Gr1)	Defi du Seuil	2 nd	Voix du Nord	Mrs Catherine Boudot
05/02	Punchestown	Ryanair Novice Chase (Gr1)	Duc des Genièvres	3 rd	Buck's Boum	Colette Serre
05/03	Punchestown	Betdaq Punchestown Champion Hurdle (Gr1)	Buveur d'Air	1 st	Crillon	Gérard Ferté
05/03	Punchestown	Alanna Homes Champion Novice Hurdle (Gr1)	Eglantine du Seuil	3 rd	Saddler Maker	Mrs Marc Boudot
05/04	Punchestown	Aes Champion Four Year Old Hurdle (Gr1)	Fakir d'Oudairies	2 nd	Kapgarde	Michel de Gigou
05/04	Punchestown	Aes Champion Four Year Old Hurdle (Gr1)	French Made	3 rd	Dream Welle	Arnault Leraître & Laurent Delahaye
09/30	Roscommon	Ballymore Irish Ebf Novice Chase (Gr3)	Djingle	1 st	Voix du Nord	Thierry Adenot
10/16	Punchestown	Irish Daily Star Chase (Gr3)	Alpha des Obeaux	2 nd	Saddler Maker	Marie Devilder & Stéphanie Fasquelle
11/02	Down Royal	Ladbroke's Champion Chase (Gr1)	Alpha des Obeaux	3 rd	Saddler Maker	Marie Devilder & Stéphanie Fasquelle
11/02	Wetherby	Bet365 Charlie Hall Chase (Gr2)	Aso	3 rd	Goldneyev	I.Pacault, Anne-Sophie Pacault & Magali Girot-Pacault
11/02	Ascot	Sodexo Gold Cup Handicap Chase (Gr3)	Black Corton	3 rd	Laverock	Dominique Guyon
11/02	Down Royal	Ladbroke's Champion Chase (Gr1)	Clan des Obeaux	2 nd	Kapgarde	Mrs N. Devilder
11/05	Exeter	Coral Haldon Gold Cup (A Limited Handicap Chase) (Gr2)	Destrier	3 rd	Voix du Nord	Olivier & Marc Trinquet
11/05	Exeter	Coral Haldon Gold Cup (A Limited Handicap Chase) (Gr2)	Dolos	2 nd	Kapgarde	Pierre de Maleissye Melun
11/16	Cheltenham	Betvictor Smartcards Handicap Chase (Gr3)	Achille	2 nd	Dom Alco	Yves d'Armaille
11/16	Cheltenham	Betvictor Gold Cup Handicap Chase (Gr3)	Brelan d'As	2 nd	Crillon	M. & Mrs Mahé
11/23	Haydock	Betfair Chase (Gr1) (Registered As The Lancashire Chase)	Bristol de Mai	2 nd	Saddler Maker	Jean-Yves Touzaint
11/23	Ascot	Christy 1965 Chase (Gr2)	Cynname	1 st	Nickname	S. Follain, E. Lecoiffier et Al Trained By P. Nicholls
11/29	Newbury	Ladbroke's Novices' Chase (Registered As The Berkshire) (Gr2)	Deyrann de Carjac	3 rd	Balko	Mrs Jacques Ferrero
11/30	Newcastle	Betfair Fighting Fifth Hurdle (Gr1)	Buveur d'Air	2 nd	Crillon	Gérard Ferté
12/01	Fairhouse	Baronracing.Com Hattori's Grace Hurdle (Gr1)	Bacardys	2 nd	Coastal Path	Eric Vagne & José Da Silva
12/01	Fairhouse	Baronracing.Com Royal Bond Novice Hurdle (Gr1)	Envoi Allen	1 st	Muhtathir	Bruno Vagne
12/01	Fairhouse	Baronracing.Com Drinmore Novice Chase (Gr1)	Fakir d'Oudairies	1 st	Kapgarde	Michel de Gigou
12/06	Sandown	Ballymore Winter Novices' Hurdle (Gr2)	Enrilo	1 st	Buck's Boum	Daniela Airdi
12/07	Aintree	Randox Health Becher Handicap Chase (Gr3)	Alpha des Obeaux	3 rd	Saddler Maker	Marie Devilder & Stéphanie Fasquelle
12/07	Aintree	Virgin Bet Price Boosts Many Clouds Chase (Gr2)	Black Corton	2 nd	Laverock	Dominique Guyon
12/07	Sandown	Betfair Tingle Creek Chase (Gr1)	Defi du Seuil	1 st	Voix du Nord	Mrs Catherine Boudot
12/07	Navan	Irish Stallion Farms Ebf Klairon Davis Novice Chase (Gr3)	Eclair de Beaufeu	3 rd	Monitor Closely	Mickaël Renaud
12/07	Sandown	Betfair Tingle Creek Chase (Gr1)	Un de Sceaux	2 nd	Denham Red	Haras de La Rousselière & Mrs Chauveau
12/08	Cork	Kerry Group Hilly Way Chase (Gr2)	Cilaos Emery	1 st	Califet	Nicolas Taudon & M. Poitou
12/26	Kempton	Ladbroke's King George VI Chase (Gr1)	Clan des Obeaux	1 st	Kapgarde	Mrs N. Devilder
12/26	Kempton	Ladbroke's King George VI Chase (Gr1)	Cynname	2 nd	Nickname	S. Follain, E. Lecoiffier et Al Trained By P. Nicholls
12/26	Wetherby	888sport Rowland Meyrick Handicap Chase (Gr3)	Didero Vallis	2 nd	Poliglote	André Noël Dutertre
12/26	Kempton	Ladbroke's Christmas Hurdle (Gr1)	Epatante	1 st	No Risk At All	M. & Mrs François Xavier Lefevvre
12/26	Leopardstown	Racing Post Novice Chase (Gr1)	Fakir d'Oudairies	2 nd	Kapgarde	Michel de Gigou
12/27	Kempton	Ladbroke's Desert Orchid Chase (Gr2)	Duc des Genièvres	2 nd	Buck's Boum	Colette Serre
12/28	Leopardstown	Savills Chase (Gr1)	Delta Work	1 st	Network	C. Magnien & J. Magnien
12/28	Newbury	Betway Challow Novices' Hurdle (Gr1)	Enrilo	3 rd	Buck's Boum	Daniela Airdi
12/29	Leopardstown	Advent Insurance Irish Ebf Mares Hurdle (Gr3)	Elfile	2 nd	Saint des Saints	Michel Parreau-Delhotte

Best AQPS Breeders in 2019 according to breeders' premiums

JUMP RACING IN FRANCE – AQPS BREEDERS 2019

Thierry Cypres succeeded his brother Jacques at the top of the AQPS breeders list in 2018, and he led the table again in 2019. Still, he also became the top overall French breeders for the first time! With over €160,000 in Breeders' Premiums, his horses also recorded 23 wins. It is a well-deserved reward. Thierry transformed a smaller breeding operation mixed with a cattle farm into a state-of-the-art stud farm in Montigny-sur-Canne, near the Haras de Cercy, about a three hours-drive southeast of Paris.

Thierry also benefitted from the support of some of the leading patrons, such as Jacques Détré and Edward Walsh. He bred **Bipolaire** (Fragrant Mix) in partnership with his brother Jacques. **Figuro** (Yeats), a Prix Maurice Gillois 4yo Chase (Gr1) winner, **Ecris l'Histoire** (Kapparde) and the up and coming **Edgeoy** (Saddler Maker), a Prix Heros XII Chase (Gr3) winner, also helped him secure the title. Jacques Cypres finished 2nd in front of the Chantilly trainer François-Marie Cottin. ■

RANKINGS	BREEDERS	HORSES	RUNNERS	WINS	PLACES	BREEDERS PREMIUMS
1	THIERRY CYPRES	31	114	23	63	€163 404
2	JACQUES CYPRES	31	120	22	63	€127 290
3	FRANÇOIS-MARIE COTTIN	16	74	14	29	€58 193
4	HARAS DE SAINT-VOIR	37	166	24	69	€55 532
5	HERVE D'ARMAILLE	11	63	7	28	€38 619
6	MICHEL DE GIGOU	7	59	7	34	€31 553
7	Mrs BERNARD LE GENTIL	14	65	10	34	€31 527
8	Mrs MAGALEN BRYANT	7	29	9	15	€29 537
9	PIERRE DE MALEISSYE MELUN	8	59	6	36	€28 948
10	SUC PAULE OUVRY	3	27	5	13	€26 131
11	HARAS DE LA ROUSSELIERE SCEA	10	52	4	23	€23 168
12	LAURENT COUETIL	14	69	12	41	€22 353
13	SCEA TERRES NOIRES	2	7	1	3	€21 810
14	HARAS DE MIRANDE	16	74	5	35	€21 311
15	COMTE GUILLAUME DE BRONDEAU	3	17	4	8	€20 115
16	E.A.R.L. TRINQUET	16	87	6	56	€19 949
17	BRUNO VAGNE	16	60	7	26	€19 571
18	Mrs MICHELE JUHEN-CYPRES	12	44	6	20	€19 491
19	Mrs NICOLAS DEVILDER	6	36	6	22	€19 310

JUMP RACING ABROAD – AQPS BREEDERS 2019

Mrs Catherine Boudot continues to live the life in Britain thanks to her Défi du Seuil (Voix du Nord). The Champion Chase fancy successfully went on novice chasing last Winter and is now well established amongst the best two milers in Britain. Novice hurdler Eglantine du Seuil (Saddler Maker) also helped Mrs Boudot secure her title in 2019.

Bruno Vagne comes next with Champion Hurdle (Gr1) winner **Espoir d'Allen** (Voix du Nord), and Champion Bumper (Gr1) winner **Envoi Allen** (Muhtathir). Second in 2018, Nicolas Devilder is 3rd now with dual King George VI Chase (Gr1) winner **Clan des Obeaux** (Kapparde). ■

RANKING	BREEDERS	HORSES	RUNNERS	WINS	PLACES	BREEDERS PREMIUMS
1	Mrs MARC BOUDOT	3	15	5	9	€25 095
2	BRUNO VAGNE	5	16	5	4	€24 860
3	Mrs NICOLAS DEVILDER	5	22	3	14	€22 326
4	GERARD FERTE	2	6	2	3	€20 000
5	DOMINIQUE GUYON	1	8	1	7	€12 569
6	JEAN-YVES TOUZAIN	3	13	2	6	€12 495
7	Mrs COLETTE SERRE	1	7	2	4	€12 490
8	MICHEL DE GIGOU	4	16	4	7	€12 305
9	JEAN-FRANÇOIS MAGNIEN	4	28	6	13	€9 780
10	EARL BATY	1	5	3	3	€8 677
11	CHARLES MAGNIEN	2	8	3	5	€8 314

FLAT RACING IN FRANCE – AQPS BREEDERS 2019

West trainer Alain Couétil's breeding operation, named Couétil Élevage, climbs the last step to victory this year with €40,262 in premiums and 15 wins. Prix Jacques de Vienne (Gr1 AQPS) and Critérium du Centre (Gr3 AQPS) winner **Gannat** (No Risk At All) made the most of it as his breeder netted over €11,000 thanks to him.

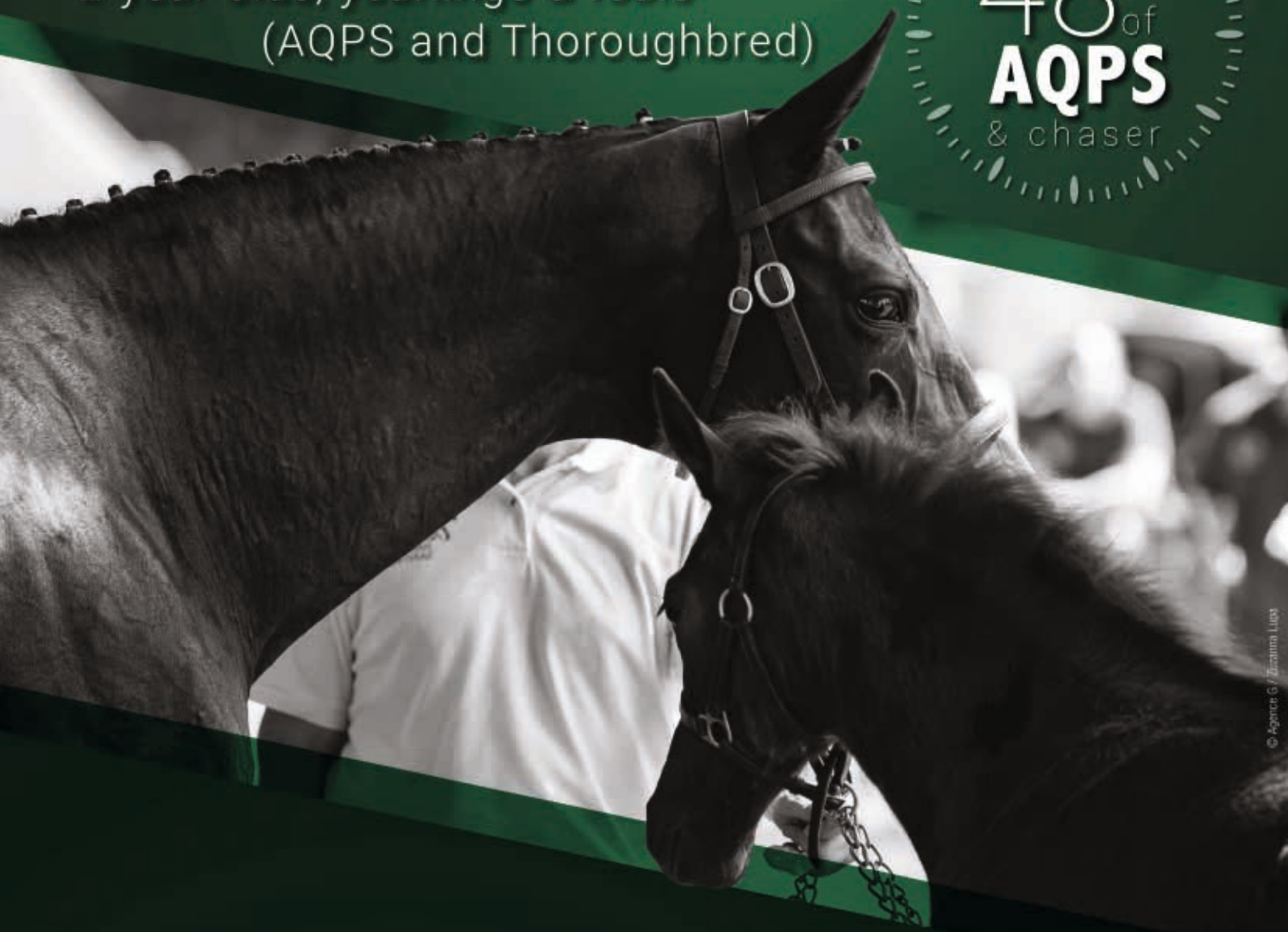
Nicolas de Lageneste's Haras de Saint-Voir follows after two titles in 17 and 18. The Allier breeder made over €31,000 in premiums in 2019 and produced another very talented AQPS in **Gant de Velours** (Poliglote), whom Lageneste also owns and trains. ■

RANKINGS	BREEDERS	HORSES	RUNNERS	WINS	PLACES	BREEDERS PREMIUMS
1	COUETIL ELEVAGE	13	50	15	26	€40 262
2	HARAS DE SAINT-VOIR	16	51	12	26	€31 757
3	ECURIE CERDEVAL	3	14	3	9	€10 582
4	JEAN DANARD	1	10	4	6	€9 942
4	JEAN-YVES DANARD	1	10	4	6	€9 942
6	Mrs ISABELLE DE SAINT ANTHOST	3	13	3	9	€9 364
7	REMI BOUCRET	1	7	2	5	€9 113
8	Mrs MICHELE JUHEN-CYPRES	4	28	6	14	€8 308

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