

A résumé of 2018's events (as a ten year old)

Ulyss began his season in March 2018 in a 2* CSI at Lier then Rik and he took themselves off at the end of March to the 3* CSI at Bonheiden. There our stallion had two clear rounds in the 1m40 class, then in the 1m50 Grand Prix on the Sunday he had a double clear and came second after the jump off, finishing less than a second behind the winner, Daniel Deusser. He didn't touch a pole in three days.

After that, in April, Ulyss stopped over in Lanaken jumping in the 1m50 before launching himself at the 1m55 Grand Prix at Maubeuge with incredible ease. Distracted by the big screen, he unfortunately made one little mistake which kept him out of the placings. But Ulyss was much remarked upon : no one had expected to see him reveal such talent.

In May he continued with a clear round in the 1m40 class and a 7th place in the 1m50 at the 4* CSI at Bourg en Bresse, then, in June, he won the first qualifier for the Grand Prix at the 4* CSI at Gross Viegeln in Germany. Rik and he flew over the course against the clock at supersonic speed, despite the presence of many excellent riders (a large concentration of German riders who of course were on home ground) and no one could catch them! Ulyss and Rik finished 2 and a half seconds ahead of Marco Kutscher and our stallion even won a superb horsebox. On the Sunday, Ulyss competed in his first 1m60 Grand Prix, finishing with four faults.

In late June and early July, Ulyss shone as he gained several placings in the two 3* CSIs at the famous Knokke then took himself off to the prestigious 4* CSI at Samorin in Slovakia. He was placed in his second 1m60 Grand Prix with just 4 faults.

In August, after a visit to 'Longines' at Deauville (4 faults in the Grand Prix), Ulyss took part successfully in his first Nations' Cup in Gijon in Spain. Once again he didn't disappoint, completing his two rounds over 1m60 with 8 and 4 faults. He was a major contributor to the placing of the Belgian team.

Ulyss took a break for six weeks then returned in three competitions including a nice place in the Grand Prix at Lier in October. He jumped very well in the 4* at Liège and finished with two beautiful rounds in the 4* CSI at Rouen Equiseine.