

# Strong French challenge for AAI Paragliding WC

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When it comes to Paragliding, there are few countries, which produce Para Gliders the way France does. It will be no different this time when the world's best Paragliding pilots gather at Bir Billing for the Airports Authority of India (AAI) Paragliding World Cup.

Quite easily the strongest nation in the world of compet-



Maxine Pinot

itive Aero Sports, France will have as many 14 pilots from among the 100-odd men who will be competing in the last week at Bir Billing reckoned by most as the second-best site for the sport in the world.

That should come as no surprise, since the current Top-100 of the world has as many as 33 French pilots, which makes it one-third of the top stars. The current squad has a series of champions, who have won

World Cups and Superfinals.

Two of the French pilots, who will be at Bir Billing have won Superfinals — Maxime Pinot won the 2014 Superfinal in Turkey and Yann Martail won Superfinal at the same venue in 2010. Martail has also won two other World Cup titles. Besides them, Julien Wirtz, who is still looking for his first World Cup or Superfinal success, has held World No. 1 spot for almost 20 months in the past 25 months.