

Gr.1 winner a boost for Fomalhaut

MORNMOOT Stud's Robert and Roshni Thompson are delighted with the news that Mogok, an unraced half-brother to their young sire Fomalhaut (USA), has sired a Gr.1 winner in South Africa. "With Fomalhaut's first crop racing this season, it's great to see his half-brother make such a good start to his stud career," Robert said.

Mogok (Storm Cat-Coup de Folie by Halo), who stands at the Scott Brothers Stud in South Africa on a fee of 10,000 Rand, has two crops racing and has had 40 winners from 66 starters (60.6%) including the 2008 Fillies Stakes-Gr.1 (1600m, Clairwood) winner Gypsy's Warning (ex Gypsy Queen by Royal Chalice), a member of his 2005 second crop. He also has the first crop stakes winner Island Retreat (ex Mayreau by Rakeen) and two stakes placed runners. It's little wonder Mogok is succeeding at stud as his stakes-winning dam Coup de Folie, a granddaughter of Natalma, has produced seven winners including Gr.1 winners and sires Machiavellian (Mr. Prospector) and Exit to Nowhere (Irish River) and the Gr.1 winner and producer Coup de Genie (Mr. Prospector), dam of the Gr.1 winner Denobola (Storm Cat).

Another daughter of Coup de Folie, the unraced Nureyev mare Moolight's Box (a three-quarter sister to Fomalhaut) is the dam of European Champion Three-Year-Old Bago (Nashwan), whose wins include the Arc de Triomphe-Gr.1. This is also the family of Danehill (USA) and El Moxie (USA).

Fomalhaut, a son of champion miler and successful shuttle sire Spinning World (USA) (Nureyev) was a speedy performer in France, winning over 1100m and placing in several stakes events at 1000m-1100m. He has been well received at Mornmoot at Whittlesea in Victoria, where he stands at \$5500 alongside the newcomer El Cumbres (CHI) (Hussonet (USA) and sire success Happy Giggle (Rory's Jester).

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