

## Clickety Click...

Veteran Milnerton trainer Piet Steyn made some pointed observations about the sad lack of support of the smaller trainer after his winner at Kenilworth on Saturday. Without naming names, he pointed a finger for the 'disaster' in the 'clicky Cape' at 'agents, breeders and the whole clique'. "It doesn't matter how good you are - if you are not in that flow you can forget about it. In two years we will have five yards left here," he added. What's the answer?



## Pure Magic

Summerhill based Willow Magic, the first Gr1 winning son of Dubawi to stand at stud in South Africa, will offer his first yearlings at the National Yearling Sale on 24, 25 and 26 April. Trained by Sean Tarry, Willow Magic won the Gr1 SA Nursery and Gr2 Dingaans. The only British stallion to ever sire 100 Group winners in no time at all, Dubawi is the sire of 38 Gr1 winners and counting, with 16% Stakes winners and 10% Group winners. Impressive stats.

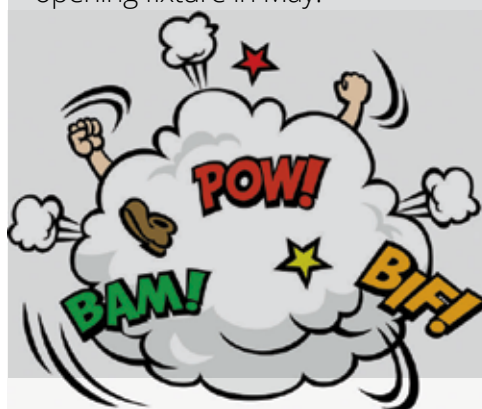
## Jackpot

Versatile Varsfontein sire Judpot, a half-brother to breed shaping sire Kingmambo, produced Sunday's Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Handicap winner Down To Zero. Judpot has one lot on next month's Cape Yearling Sale. Lot 163 is a ¾ sister to the Gr1 Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic/ Gr2 Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks winner Juxtapose.



## PRETTY PUNCHY

While we are battling to get folk to our racecourses, the Brits have a different problem. A mass brawl erupted at Haydock Park on Saturday just before the final race at the prestigious Grand National Trial meeting. Apparently 40 or 50 people were involved. There are reports of beer and more beer and the action started after one punter bumped another. The fight follows several similar incidents on British courses in 2018, including a mass brawl at Goodwood's opening fixture in May.



## Left... & Right!

It's not often a first-timer gets left and loses lengths at the jump - and wins convincingly. Joey Ramsden's R400 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate Minnesota Dream (Visionaire), racing in the familiar King Of Pain silks, caught the eye at Kenilworth on Saturday. He won the 1000m Maiden Juvenile Plate by just under a length under S'manga Khumalo at 13-1. He is the second of JR's four 2yo runners this term to win.



The 2017 Vodacom Durban July winner Marinaresco looks likely to have his second Dubai start at Meydan on Thursday in the \$250 000 Gr2 Zabeel Mile. The 6yo Silvano gelding finished just over 5 lengths back in the Al Fahidi Fort last month in his first outing since going third to Oh Susanna in the 2018 Sun Met. His first start in Dubai impressed trainer Mike de Kock and Marinaresco could also start in the Gr1 Jebel Hatta over 1800m on 9 March.



Cape Star

## Frankly Fine

Opportunities for owners in Hong Kong to acquire progeny of Frankel without dipping into the European sales market are few and far between but on 15 March a pair of 3yo geldings bought at the Arqana August Yearling Sale in 2017 will step into the Sha Tin parade ring for the Hong Kong International Sale. Frankel has produced 19 Group winners from his first crop - a figure which equates to an impressive 22 per cent Group winners to runners and he reached 20 Group winners quicker than any other European stallion in history. It is hardly surprising that his stud fee for 2019 is £175,000.



## SHONGWENI COUNTDOWN

A reminder that the Shongweni Mixed Sale will be held at the famous Polo Grounds on Tuesday 26 February. 114 lots make up the catalogue for this year's sale, which, once again, will offer buyers the opportunity to acquire bloodstock, for a variety of purposes, at bargain basement prices.

## KZN Yearling Sale

Bloodstock South Africa are accepting entries for the KZN Yearling Sale to be held at Sibaya on 4 and 5 July. Entries close on 22 March. Visit [www.bsa.co.za](http://www.bsa.co.za) for more info.