

## What A Pick!

A punter who placed a R2800 Scottsville Pick 6 perm just after 13h00 at Betting World in Emperors Palace on Saturday became an instant millionaire winning R3.37 million. The unidentified person took a virtually full Pick 6 perm, structured - Field x 9 (Mighty High) x Field x Field x 6 (Bold Respect) x 1 (Waywood) - for just over 99% of the bet. Three bankers and three fields later he was in line for a life-changing sum. He didn't even have to sweat as Shane Humby's Waywood came home a comfortable winner by almost two lengths in the last leg.



## JULY SHARES UP

Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum's Teofilio colt Yakeen could be a July candidate after his MR94 Handicap win at Turffontein on Sunday. One of four VDJ entries from the top yard, he will be going next for the traditional July last chance saloon - the Gr3 Jubilee Handicap at Turffontein on 10 June. Yakeen may have to win that to get into the big one - but stablemate Cascapedia, who also walks the Jubilee prep route, is already in.

## Star Shines

Pakistan Star registered his second Gr1 success in Sunday's Champions and Chater Cup at Sha Tin. Famous for an electric turn of foot - and occasional tendency to stop mid-race - Pakistan Star has now won consecutive Gr1's from his last two starts after winning the Audemars Piguet QEII Cup on 29 April.

## Var On Fire

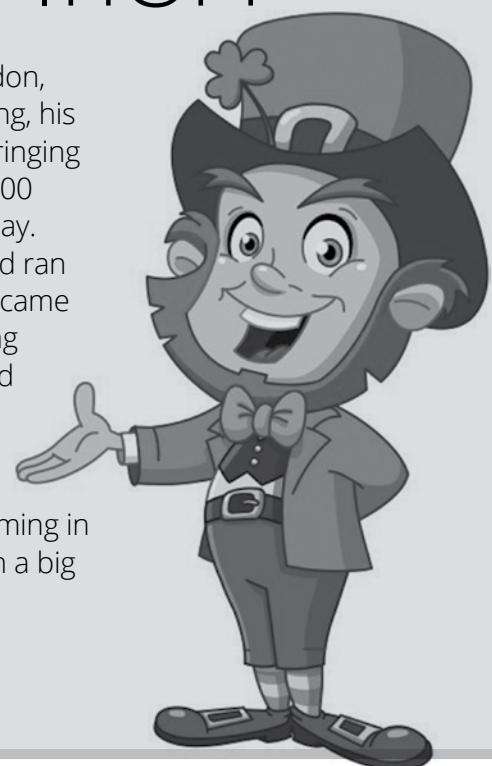
Avontuur's perennial leading sire Var was represented by his eighth Gr1 winner when Sommerlied won the SA Fillies Sprint at Scottsville on Saturday. Sommerlied, trained by Dennis Drier, is the third Var filly to win the SA Fillies Sprint following in the footsteps of Val De Ra and Via Africa.

## Ideally Versatile!

Mauritzfontein resident sire Ideal World is surely one of the most classy versatile sires in the country. His unbeaten 3yo son Rainbow Bridge made it three from three when winning Saturday's Gr3 Highlands Stud Winter Classic, over 1800m at Kenilworth and is now likely to be supplemented for the 2018 Vodacom Durban July. Ideal World is also sire of the high-class 2yo filly Inverroche, who finished a close up third in the Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship on Saturday. Another by Ideal World, the gelding My World, ran third in Friday's 3200m Listed Glenlair Trophy.

## Up The Irish

Romanised gave trainer Ken Condon, who has only 30 horses in his string, his first classic race success when springing a 25-1 surprise in the Gr1 Irish 2000 Guineas at the Curragh on Saturday. Ridden by Shane Foley, Romanised ran out an authoritative winner as he came from way off the pace. US Navy Flag and Gustav Klimt were second and third for the O'Brien team. A shocked Condon - winning his first race this season - said: "We knew we were a long shot coming in here, but I felt he was going to run a big race."



## Yesterday's Heroes?

You're never too old or ring rusty to win a Gr1! Comeback 'Kids' Tobie Spies and Mark Khan teamed up to win the Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship at Scottsville on Saturday with Pathfork daughter Mighty High. It was Khan's second Gr1 in a matter of weeks after his SA Derby surprise on Champions Day. Tobie Spies has been around the Gr1 winner's enclosure - the likes of Yardmaster, Fast Gun, Petros, Mysterious Hal and a few other stars come to mind. Part-owners Braam van Huyssteen and Jarryd and Lawrence Wernars only recently celebrated their maiden Gr1 wins - with Legal Eagle (LQP) and Hero's Honour in the SA Derby, respectively.



## O'S GR1 TOP TWO

Avontuur's internationally proven stakes winner producing resident stallion Oratorio totally dominated proceedings in Saturday's G1 Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion at Scottsville. The triple G1 winning son of Danehill had a trio of runners in the 2yo feature, with his sons Van Halen and Cue The Music duly running 1-2. Out of the Lecture mare Rock Concert, Van Halen, a first South African Gr1 winner for Oratorio, was a R100 000 buy from the 2017 Cape Premier Yearling Sale. A multiple champion overseas, Oratorio now has 8 individual Gr1 winners - and is responsible for more than 50 black type winners. His other notable performers include champions Military Attack, Cherry Collect, Banchee, and Biz The Nurse.

## The Right Path

Highlands' Irish Champion Pathfork is set to stand at Sandown Stud in 2018 and enjoyed a smart first Gr1 winner at Scottsville on Saturday when his unbeaten daughter Mighty High won the Allan Robertson. And to cap a great weekend, a close relative in Romanised also won Saturday's Gr1 Irish 2000 Guineas. Pathfork, whose family include numerous Gr1 winners, including Breeders' Cup Mile/Irish 2000 Guineas winner Spinning World, hails from the same family as Romanised. The latter, like Pathfork a descendant of the mare Stolen Hour, picked up the first Gr1 victory of his career at The Curragh.