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Favorite Tale rewards breeder/owner Conaway

By Barbara Luna

Paul E. Conaway Jr. has loved horses since his childhood, learning about breeding and raising Morgan horses from his father. An astute businessman, he turned that knowledge toward Thoroughbred breeding, his research in pedigrees rewarding him with the success of his graded stakes-winning homebred Favorite Tale in 2014.

"I consider myself an owner and a horseman," said Conaway. "I try to stay out of my trainer's way and let him make the decisions, but I pay a lot of attention to what is going on. Through my experience with my father and our Morgan horses, I learned to breed out some of the bad qualities and work instead producing sound bone structure, and just as important, both mental and physical soundness."

The Chairman and CEO of Wanamaker Entertainment Group in Philadelphia, Conaway lives in Radnor, Pa. He is joined at Wanamaker by his two sons—Jacob, who works in the sales department, and Jeremi, who sees to the day-to-day operations of the still-growing company. Conaway's newest venue, 2300 Arena in South Philadelphia, is a multipurpose indoor arena used primarily for professional wrestling, boxing and mixed martial arts events and is billed as the "Future of Sports and Entertainment."

Conaway's initial involvement with Thoroughbred racing in 2008 was disappointing. Unhappy with the management of his horses, he consulted with Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association president Salvatore DeBunda who has horses at Parx with trainer Ed Lehman.

Conaway was a client of DeBunda, who is a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Archer & Greiner.

"I knew Paul loved horses but wanted a change," said DeBunda. "I put him in touch with Ed [Lehman] and got him involved with my partnership of Dun Roamin Farm. He had bred a wonderful weanling by Tale of the Cat and I advised him to bring him to the Houghtons' Sylmar Farm where I have kept my horses."

The colt was Favorite Tale, a 2011 foal out of Tricky Elaine. His dam is a graded stakes-placed half-sister to 1997 Horse of the Year and champion 2-year-old colt Favorite Trick.

Conaway and DeBunda travelled regularly to Betsy and Ronnie Houghton's farm in Christiana to watch Favorite Tale grow up. According to DeBunda the colt looked like a sprinter.

"He had the large hindquarters that you think of when you think 'speed'," said DeBunda. "But I don't think any of us knew he'd turn out as talented as he has."

Broken at Sylmar, Favorite Tale was hard on himself in training. Conaway didn't want to geld him, his pedigree being strong on both sides.

"I could see he was pounding the track hard in training," said Conaway. "I finally agreed to have him castrated. I had to decide whether I wanted a stud or a racehorse. With that decision I watched him change from an elephant to a deer in his movements. It was the smartest decision I ever made."

Conaway sent Favorite Tale to trainer Guadalupe Preciado, and the gelding made his debut as a 3-year-old in January 2014. He reeled off three consecutive wins at Parx including a 14-length victory in a 6-furlong first-level allowance March 24.

He met stakes company in his next eight starts at Aqueduct, Belmont (where he won the Gold Fever Stakes), Delaware, Saratoga, Monmouth, Parx

Favorite Tale *continued*

and Laurel. An attempt to rate the speedy gelding in Monmouth's Grade 3 Jersey Shore Stakes in August resulted in a second-place finish.

On Pennsylvania Derby Day, Sept. 20, at Parx, Favorite Tale returned to his home track and back to his front-running ways for the Grade 3 \$300,000 Gallant Bob Stakes. Through fractions of :21.33, :43.38 and :55.35, he scored by more than 2 lengths over heavy favorite Fast Anna, and earned his first graded stakes win in 1:08.16.

The well-travelled gelding races under the name of PJG Stable, which is Conaway, his girlfriend Judi, and her 17-year-old daughter Gabrielle.

"This horse is such a joy for everyone," said Conaway. "Judi has put a lot of time into creating this unique relationship with him and she brings him carrots and mints whenever we visit him. Both Judi and Gabrielle love horses and it shows with our horses in Lupe's barn where Favorite Tale actually vies for all the attention from stablemate Judi's Joy."

Calls with purchase inquiries began shortly after Favorite Tale began racing and prompted Conaway to make yet another difficult decision.

"Offers kept coming in from a particular buyer. Judi and Gabrielle were crying as this horse is a part of our family," said Conaway. "I am so appreciative of Keith Jones and especially Dick Jerardi, both so great interviewing me about Favorite Tale after the Gallant Bob. We talked about the offers and Dick's advice was that selling this horse would not change my life. He advised to just keep him and enjoy him and the benefits his status as a Pennsylvania-bred would offer.

"So I decided to keep him," said Conaway. "There are people who have been in racing for years that don't get horses like this. We had 45 people with us at Belmont when he ran up there and 80 people at Parx on Derby Day for the Gallant Bob. He has been so much fun for all of us."

With his year-end record of five wins from 11 starts and earnings of \$380,326, the future plans for Favorite Tale as of December call for some well-earned time off with the Breeders' Cup a possibility for 2015.

"He has had a nearly year-long campaign so will go to Florida for three months before coming back to Parx to prepare for his 4-year-old season,"

said Conaway. "We had come close to pointing him for the Breeders' Cup in 2014 but he missed qualifying for it by just a couple of 'noses' so we would have had to supplement him. We may look towards next year for that."

Meanwhile, Conaway continues to study pedigrees and conformation and stays up-to-date on the horses he owns with Dun Roamin Farm. In particular is just turned 3-year-old Don Lupe, whom he owns in partnership with Preciado. Don Lupe showed enough precocity in his first three starts (a win and two seconds) against maiden special weight company at Parx to make his stakes debut in November at Laurel, but he encountered traffic trouble and finished off the board.

Tricky Elaine is back in foal to Tale of the Cat. Conaway says her promising son by Corinthian is at Sylmar Farm with the Houghtons preparing for this year at the track. Conaway's other mare, Poquita Seniorita, an 8-year-old daughter of Macho Uno, is carrying a foal by Smarty Jones, a full sibling to Judi's Joy, the 2011 gelding currently in training with Preciado.

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2014 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES INCLUDED A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.

Sat., May 3	\$75,000 Lyman H , 3 & up, 7 fur.
Parx	1st-Officer Alex, 2nd-Zipped Code, 3rd-Rustler Hustler
	\$75,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
	1st-Where's Rosie B, 2nd-Villette, 3rd-Zippity Goomba
Fri., May 30	\$75,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Penn	1st-Lenape Rim, 2nd-Ferry Music, 3rd-Nellie Cashman
Sat., June 14	\$50,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
Penn	1st-Bump Start, 2nd-Johnny Jump Up, 3rd-Change of Seasons
	\$50,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
	1st-Raging Smoke, 2nd-Queen to Be, 3rd-Pixie Dust
Sun., July 13,	\$75,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
PID	1st-Edge of Reality, 2nd-Roadhog, 3rd-Pitch N Roll
	\$75,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
	1st-Star Pearl, 2nd-Cat's Holiday, 3rd-Angel Terrace
Sat., July 26,	\$75,000 Crowd Pleaser H , 3YO, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Parx	1st-Beyond Smart, 2nd-Athelstane, 3rd-Starry Moon
	\$75,000 Power by Far H , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
	1st-Miss d'Oro, 2nd-Rockinonthewater, 3rd-Previous Honor
Sun., Aug. 10,	\$75,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 1/16 mi.
PID	1st-Dame Dorothy, 2nd-Bound, 3rd-Je Suis Enchantee
Sat., Aug. 23,	\$75,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Penn	1st-Page McKenney, 2nd-Van Persie, 3rd-Starry Moon
Sat., Sept. 6	\$75,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur.
Parx	1st-Rustler Hustler, 2nd-Res Judicata, 3rd-Officer Alex
	\$75,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi.
	1st-Traffic Light, 2nd-Keepmeinstitches, 3rd-Sailor's Revenge
	\$75,000 Marshall Jenney H , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	1st-Merry's Honor, 2nd-Oklahoma Crude, 3rd-Atlantic Seaboard
	\$75,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
	1st-Aunt Ellipsis, 2nd-Pixie Dust, 3rd-Disco Chick
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi., turf
	1st-Appealing Cat, 2nd-Lenape Rim, 3rd-Previous Honor
Sun., Sept. 7,	\$75,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
PID	1st-Duff, 2nd-Adventurous Fox, 3rd-I Say I Will
Sat., Sept. 20,	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H , 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Parx	1st-Edge of Reality, 2nd-Roadhog, 3rd-Page McKenney
Thur., Sept. 25,	\$75,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
PID	1st-Happy to Go, 2nd-Chilly Start, 3rd-Brennan
Sat., Oct. 11	\$75,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi.
Parx	1st-Bound, 2nd-Primo Via, 3rd-Maybe Tonight
Sat., Nov. 29,	\$75,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Penn	1st-Rockin Jojo, 2nd-Kazuri, 3rd-Miss Rockport
Sat., Dec. 6,	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, 7 fur.
Parx	1st-Nasa, 2nd-Instructor Kunu, 3rd-Blitzensmajkreign

PA Day At Races

Total: \$1,675,000

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014, rounded to dollars)

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
Michael W. Jester	160,520	132,241	0	292,761	Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc.	91,290	0	0	91,290
George Strawbridge Jr.	200,113	47,417	0	247,530	Equivine Farm Inc.	86,774	0	0	86,774
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	7,000	190,673	0	197,673	Bettina L. Jenney	79,442	0	0	79,442
William J. Solomon VMD	63,427	133,456	0	196,883	Jon A. Marshall	77,832	0	0	77,832
Xanthus Farms Inc.	137,763	4,945	0	142,708	Triton Farms LLC	59,333	10,369	0	69,702
Charles A. Cuprill	106,668	33,793	0	140,460	St. Omer's Farm	68,800	0	0	68,800
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	83,148	50,109	0	133,257	Flint W. Stites	44,463	23,457	0	67,920
Thomas G. McClay	122,443	0	0	122,443	Sienna Farms LLC	67,662	0	0	67,662
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	114,221	0	0	114,221	Judith M. Barrett	32,263	34,744	0	67,007
Sylmar Farm Inc.	112,470	0	0	112,470	Joseph Imbesi	63,398	0	0	63,398
Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	112,271	0	0	112,271	James E. Bryant	61,740	0	0	61,740
Pewter Stable	74,973	35,452	0	110,425	Tea Party Stable Inc.	33,975	26,493	0	60,468
The Elkstone Group LLC	108,009	0	0	108,009	William E. Riddle Jr.	60,235	0	0	60,235

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	148	95,922	Changeintheweather	Pin Oak Stud LLC	81	31,028
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	240	90,795	Talent Search	Kenneth L. Ramsey	67	27,335
Real Quiet	Michael W. Jester	173	61,228	Siphon (Brz)	William J. Solomon VMD	94	25,884
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	145	55,321	Love of Money	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	67	25,829
Ecclesiastic	Walmac Farm LLC	199	54,443	Southern Success	Barbara A. Rickline	99	24,805
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	140	50,109	Barbican	Tea Party Stable Inc.	78	24,584
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	137	47,417	Partner's Hero	Peter Giangiulio	100	24,562
Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	75	36,983	Aisle	Flint W. Stites	98	23,457
Lite the Fuse	William J. Solomon VMD	156	36,327	Wiseman's Ferry	Lainey Bug Stables LLC	95	22,592
Congressionalhonor	Pewter Stable	108	35,452	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	122	21,545
Activist	Judith M. Barrett	153	34,744	Eavesdropper	Walmac Farm LLC	7	20,580
More Smoke	William J. Solomon VMD	92	33,022	Power by Far	Barbara J. Geraghty	55	18,503

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder, Stallion and Owner Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	PA-Bred Restricted Purse	PA-Bred Stakes Purse	Total Breeder Award	Total Stallion Award	Total Owner Award	Total Owner Bonus	Total Fund Amount
Edge of Reality	Lawyer Ron - Our Nancy Lee	The Elkstone Group LLC	3	0	109,500	21,000	0	0	0	130,500
Where's Rosie B *	Real Quiet - Lucky Nita	Michael W Jester	6	0	45,000	44,740	14,913	0	20,024	124,678
Bound *	Jump Start - China Sky	Barlar LLC	5	0	60,000	33,378	11,126	0	6,660	111,164
Primo Via	Candy Ride (Arg) - Breezy Street	Cedar Meadow Inc	15	0	15,000	50,122	0	0	45,260	110,382
Lenape Rim *	Rimrod - Mai Debeau	Margaret H Brigham	4	0	65,000	32,295	10,765	0	0	108,060
Disco Chick *	Jump Start - Disco Flirt	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	7	0	8,250	44,986	14,995	0	21,840	90,071
Aunt Ellipsis	Successful Appeal - Aunt Dot Dot	Truxton Stables	8	0	45,000	28,766	0	4,500	6,980	85,246
Raging Smoke *	More Smoke - Marquee Kelly	Thomas G McClay	4	0	30,000	31,194	10,398	0	11,980	83,572
Rustler Hustler	Ecton Park - Cozy Temper	Mark H Stanley	7	0	53,250	20,016	0	0	3,760	77,026
Favorite Tale	Tale of the Cat - Tricky Elaine	Paul E Conaway Jr	3	0	0	47,880	0	18,000	10,800	76,680
Appealing Cat	Successful Appeal - Dynamic Cat	George Strawbridge Jr	3	0	64,500	12,000	0	0	0	76,500
Merry's Honor *	Congressionalhonor - Merry Princess	Pewter Stable	2	0	45,000	20,739	6,913	0	3,680	76,332
Pixie Dust *	Ecclesiastic - Seagrapes	Lawrence Stables Inc	6	0	20,500	32,366	10,789	0	10,800	74,454
Star Pearl	Tapit - Lexi Star	Stephen E Quick	4	0	45,000	21,212	0	0	6,660	72,872
Duff	Candy Ride (Arg) - To the Brim	Two Sisters' Farm Inc	3	0	45,000	15,344	0	0	7,320	67,664
Isabella Swift *	Weigelia - Polar Miss	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	13	0	0	39,671	13,224	0	14,400	67,294
Monkey's Medal *	Medallist - My Little Monkey	Thomas L Teal	6	0	0	31,814	10,605	0	23,252	65,670
Fat Kat *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	5	0	0	32,946	10,982	0	21,120	65,048
Zipped Code	City Zip - Control Premium	Jon A Marshall	12	0	15,000	25,406	0	0	24,472	64,878
Officer Alex	Officer - Ms. C D Player	The Elkstone Group LLC	3	0	53,250	10,650	0	0	0	63,900

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