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- **Yearling registration:**
Dec. 31 of yearling year
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Feb. 15 of year breeding
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Millionaire Favorite Tale

By Linda Dougherty

Many breeders with a small broodmare band can wait years to produce a horse that's capable of competing in graded stakes competition. Many of them never do.

But sometimes, magic happens. Just ask Paul Conaway, a small breeder who owns and bred Favorite Tale. The gelding not only is a graded stakes winner, but he became the most recent member of the Pennsylvania-bred \$1 million club with his victory in the \$100,000 Dave's Friend Stakes at Laurel Park Jan. 8.

It was the ninth lifetime win for the son of Tale of the Cat—Tricky Elaine, by Grindstone, who began his career in January 2014 at Parx Racing under the guidance of trainer Guadalupe Preciado. He's finished in the money 18 times from 24 starts.

Making the story of Favorite Tale even more remarkable is that the Dave's Friend was his first trip to the winner's circle since returning to the races Sept. 2 after a 16-month layoff due to injury. Oftentimes, horses don't come back at the same level of competition—or they don't come back at all.

The 7-year-old gelding's triumph in the Dave's Friend didn't come easily. Dispatched at 6-1, he prevailed after a hard-fought tussle, in which he was bumped at the break but quickly recovered under Frankie Pennington and then sprinted clear of his nine rivals.

As the race unfolded, Favorite Tale opened up a 1½-length lead through the first quarter-mile, then was challenged on the turn by Struth, who ranged up on his outside after a first quarter in :22.40 and the half in :44.73. The pair slugged it out turning for home and continued the fight down the lane, zipping 5 furlongs in :56.39, with Pennington



Keri Walsont

applying left-handed and then right-handed pressure. Favorite Tale responded gamely and edged away from Struth to a ¼-length victory in a swift 1:08.93.

The \$60,000 Favorite Tale earned pushed his bankroll to \$1,020,300 from 23 starts.

"When Struth came outside of me, Favorite Tale was game," Pennington said. "Once Struth came up to give him the challenge, that's what he waited for and he fought it out to the wire."

Prior to the Dave's Friend, the last time Favorite Tale won was in the Fabulous Strike Handicap in November 2015 at Penn National, four weeks after finishing third behind Runhappy and Private Zone in the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 at Keeneland.

"We're obviously very fortunate to have bred and own him, and so proud of his effort in the Dave's Friend," said Paul Conaway. "We've been very, very careful with him, and

we've always put his health and longevity first."

"He is doing everything easily," Preciado said.

Favorite Tale now has five career stakes wins. In addition to the Dave's Friend and Fabulous Strike, he captured the Gallant Bob-G3 at Parx Racing and Gold Fever Stakes at Belmont Park in 2014, and the 2015 Smile Sprint Stakes-G2 at Gulfstream Park.

In addition to the Breeders' Cup, his Grade 1 efforts include a third in Saratoga's Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap in 2015.

The gelding's long layoff, which spanned from March 2016 through September 2017, began after a third-place finish in a \$60,840 allowance race at Parx Racing. After setting the pace in the 6-furlong test, he drifted out through the stretch and was defeated by the multiple graded stakes winner Stallwalkin' Dude.

"He just wasn't himself after the race, and we noticed he was a little off, so we stopped on him," said Conaway.

Conaway said the gelding was sent to the New Bolton Center of the University of Pennsylvania, where Dr. Dean Richardson removed bone chips from his right leg. After time off, Favorite Tale was put back into training, but just before he was to

make his return it was evident that he was still favoring the same leg.

Sent back to New Bolton, it was discovered that he had a hairline crack behind the knee. Richardson put a screw in, and said that he didn't see a reason why he couldn't make a successful comeback.

After a recovery period of several months, Favorite Tale started down the road towards a return to the races.

"He went to Bruce Jackson at the Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center, which has an AquaPacer [above-ground underwater treadmill] and vibration therapy," said Conaway. "After about 90 days he went to Jonathan Sheppard's farm [near Unionville, Pa.] where they got him ready to come back to the racetrack. He loved Jonathan's farm, where he would jog in a 100-acre field. Everyone did a great job with him."

Favorite Tale finally faced the starter on Sept. 2, 2017, and ran second in the Banjo Picker Sprint at Parx against Pennsylvania-breds, finishing a half length behind the talented The Man after 6 furlongs in a swift 1:09.47. The chart footnote stated that Favorite Tale "battled to the finish in a determined comeback."

His second race back was in the \$250,000 Phoenix Stakes-G2 at Keeneland Oct. 6, in which he pressed the pace

but was bumped at the seven-sixteenths pole and faded to seventh in the race won by Whitmore in 1:09.90.

"We had some bad luck those first two races," said Conaway. "They went in very good times, and all we needed was a clean run."

The \$200,000 Fabulous Strike Stakes at Penn National Nov. 22 looked to be the perfect spot for Favorite Tale to win, but again bad luck intervened when he bobbed at the break. Despite that misstep, he rallied to get within a half-length of winner Chief Lion, almost nailing him at the wire after six panels in 1:09.06.

And finally, Favorite Tale got his comeback victory in the Dave's Friend, which was extra sweet for Conaway.

"I wanted him to win just as much for him as for us," he said. "He loves what he does, and he puts out his best effort every time he races. He's shown that he can still race with top company."

Conaway said that Favorite Tale could be pointed to several added-money events at Oaklawn Park this spring after getting a breather.

"We bred him, we own the mare, so we've had him since he was born. He's very special to us. He's family," he said.

A few words from the Executive Secretary

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The new increased Maiden Breeder Award went into effect on Jan. 1—50% for PA-Sired PA-Breds and 25% for all other PA-Breds. That's a 25% increase for All Maiden races run in PA, finishing 1st through 3rd, including maiden claiming! We've heard

your concerns for more money up front. The increased breeder award and the waiver of maiden claiming at Penn are steps toward achieving that goal. There is no better time to Breed and Race in Pennsylvania!

New revised W-9s are required this year so please do not send any that may have been printed last year. Forms were mailed out to all of our members in February. If you have not already returned it to our office, you can access it on pabred.com under Forms. Please return the W-9 to us with your membership.

2018 PA foals have started to arrive! Send us your foal photos with lineage, foaling

date and location to be included in the 2018 Foal Gallery on the website and be featured on our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Email photos and information to pabreeder@gmail.com.

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2018 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD. Proposed 2018 schedule—dates and conditions for all the PA-Bred Stakes are subject to change. Please contact the Racing Offices for the most current schedules.

Sat., April 28	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur.
Parx	
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., June 2	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Penn	
	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., July 8	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
PID	
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
Sat., July 21	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
Sat., Aug. 4,	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., off turf
Penn	
Sun., Aug. 5,	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
PID	
Sat., Sept. 1	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur.
Parx	
PA Day At Races	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
	\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	Sun., Sept. 2,
PID	
Sun., Sept. 16,	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
PID	
Sat., Sept. 22,	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	
Sat., Oct. 6	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Parx	
Wed., Nov. 21,	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Penn	
Sat., Dec. 1,	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur.
Parx	

Total: \$2,750,000

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, rounded to dollars)

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Glenn E. Brok LLC	374,651	75,191	449,842	Blackstone Farm LLC	170,399	1,680	172,079
Donald L. Brown Jr.	274,488	52,374	326,862	Charles A. Cuprill	136,653	32,766	169,419
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	321,054	321,054	St. Omer's Farm	169,411	0	169,411
Barlar LLC	214,866	58,431	273,298	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	109,626	37,824	147,450
William J. Solomon VMD	102,616	162,982	265,598	Daniel W. McConnell Sr.	135,761	0	135,761
Patricia L. Chapman	162,409	94,120	256,530	Godstone Farm LP	115,316	15,017	130,333
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	245,533	0	245,533	Pewter Stable	106,689	11,522	118,211
Xanthus Farms Inc.	215,911	8,936	224,847	Hope Hill Farm	99,379	15,401	114,780
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	133,824	79,420	213,244	James E. Bryant	112,000	0	112,000
Michael W. Jester	137,506	72,558	210,064	Angelo Zalalas	108,259	0	108,259
Thomas G. McClay	190,903	0	190,903	Flint W. Stites	78,354	26,794	105,148
Henry R. Nothhaft	98,477	89,522	187,999	Sylmar Farm Inc.	103,471	0	103,471

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.	495	207,984	Offlee Wild	William J. Solomon VMD	128	35,159
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	244	96,388	Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	157	34,940
Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	246	89,522	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	156	34,103
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	161	80,251	City Sharpster	Charles A. Cuprill	122	31,539
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	183	79,420	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	86	28,836
Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	230	76,998	Got the Last Laugh	Glenn E. Brok LLC	70	28,063
E Dubai	Barlar LLC	165	58,431	Eavesdropper	Walmac Farm LLC	4	28,000
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	214	54,989	Lite the Fuse	William J. Solomon VMD	84	26,074
Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	105	52,034	Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	78	25,533
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	193	50,731	Andiron	Tea Party Stable Inc.	117	24,410
Ecclesiastic	Walmac Stud Managem't LLC	106	47,131	Trust N Luck	Michael W. Jester	63	22,180
Uptowncharlybrown	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	49	37,824	Love of Money	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	62	21,299

LEADING HORSES

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

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Restricted	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Owner Bonus	Total
Page McKenney *	Eavesdropper - Winning Grace	James E. Bryant	4	0	120,000	112,000	28,000	0	260,000
Firsthand Report	Blame - Kinsey	Lindsay C.F. Scott	6	0	183,000	42,400	0	0	225,400
The Man *	Ecclesiastic - Shorty's Epiphany	Glenn E. Brok LLC	6	0	60,000	96,792	24,198	34,800	215,790
Imply *	E Dubai - Allude	Barlar LLC	5	0	103,000	58,000	14,500	0	175,500
Grand Prix	Tale of the Cat - Be Envied	Henry R. Nothhaft	5	0	120,000	31,683	0	7,969	159,651
Risque's Diamond *	Weigelia - Diamonds No More	St. Omer's Farm	10	25,200	6,000	65,966	16,492	28,656	142,314
Power of Snunner *	Power by Far - Snunner	James M. Courtney	4	0	77,000	41,100	10,275	4,000	132,375
Oldzfourfortytwo *	Offlee Wild - Salander	Scot Waterman	4	16,200	60,000	40,480	10,120	0	126,800
Midtowncharlybrown *	Uptowncharlybrown - Torchwood	Godric LLC	9	0	20,000	67,187	16,797	17,268	121,252
Tipyourwaiterwell *	Talent Search - Abbicadabra	Glenn E. Brok LLC	12	0	0	59,074	14,769	42,196	116,039
Flashy Kyem *	Medallist - Flash Riot	Daniel W. McConnell Sr.	9	0	0	62,028	15,507	38,020	115,555
Advert	Lonhro (Aus) - Allude	Barlar LLC	5	0	60,000	32,624	0	20,320	112,944
Disco Rose *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	7	0	17,000	50,076	12,519	31,840	111,435
Someday Jones *	Smarty Jones - Last Toots	Patricia L. Chapman	5	0	20,000	53,152	13,288	23,280	109,720
Late Breaking News *	Jump Start - Very Distinctive	Stacy McMullin Machiz	6	0	23,000	47,408	11,852	26,720	108,980
Great Soul	Great Notion - What Am I Gonna Do	Steven E. Long	4	0	83,000	21,040	0	0	104,040
Winning the Medal *	Medallist - Fountain	Richard Molineaux	4	0	60,000	32,895	8,224	2,068	103,187
Threehohtwocassie *	E Dubai - Exquisite Cassie	Chadds Ford Stable LLC	3	0	60,000	34,129	8,532	0	102,662
Extrasexyexotkminx *	Silver Train - Extra Sexy Psychic	Toni M. Kirwan	8	0	0	61,734	15,433	24,484	101,651
Heatherly *	Petionville - Gianna's Reprized	Jodie Pointer	10	0	20,000	46,744	11,686	21,600	100,030
Prince Lucky *	Corinthian - Lucky Notion	Daniel W. McConnell Sr.	1	0	60,000	30,000	7,500	0	97,500
Spring Quality	Quality Road - Spring Star	George Strawbridge Jr.	2	0	80,000	16,000	0	0	96,000
Stardoza	Data Link - Lovely Reward	Two Sisters' Farm Inc.	5	16,200	60,000	17,724	0	1,620	95,544
Yeah Rocky *	Silver Train - Disco Flirt	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	13	0	11,000	50,222	12,556	21,216	94,994

*Denotes PA-sired