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- **Yearling registration:**
Dec. 31 of yearling year
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Feb. 15 of year breeding
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Fahan Mura finds her way on the West Coast

by Emily Shields

It was easy to be discouraged when Fahan Mura crossed the finish line trailing in the \$7 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational-G1. The \$350,000 payday did little to bolster the spirits of her connections, David Clark and Bran Jam Stables's Mike Mellen. But the race will ultimately be nothing more than a blip on a successful career, as the Pennsylvania-bred mare has nine wins in 25 starts, completed her 2018 season a Grade 3 winner at Santa Anita, and has compiled earnings of \$782,166.

Breeder Mike Moran originally campaigned Fahan Mura's dam, the Giant's Causeway mare Celtic Cross. Pennsylvania-based Brushwood Stable paid \$500,000 to acquire her at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale in 2007, and ran her through her conditions as she earned \$118,815, her last four starts in Moran's name. The mare was first bred in 2012 to City Zip, aborted that first foal, and gave birth to the English Channel filly Fahan Mura in 2014.

"We didn't think much of her at first, because she was very ordinary," Moran said of Fahan Mura. "Her dam was tough, a pretty mover and very sound. Celtic Cross had talent but she was crazy. Most people wouldn't gallop her as we got close to a race."

Fahan Mura trained at Moran's Applestone Farm in Unionville in her early years, and Moran noted the filly as "rugged looking." She went to auction at Keeneland as a yearling in 2015, where Jerry Crawford's Donegal Racing paid \$90,000 for her.



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Making all but one start of her starts on the turf, the chestnut filly broke her maiden at Gulfstream Park in January of her 3-year-old season with trainer Christophe Clement, and added a claiming event at Belmont for that outfit that May. At Saratoga in August 2017 Fahan Mura was claimed for \$40,000 by trainer John Toscano Jr. for Bran Jam Stables; ironically, the winner that day was Vasilika. Both fillies have gone on to be graded winners in California.

"I had watched her race a couple of times before the claim," Mellen explained. "I actually put in a claim a few starts before, but the claim was messed up because of a wrong account number, so we didn't get her. When I did get her, the original plan was to race in Pennsylvania for the bonuses, but I didn't like how she handled the East Coast tracks. She wasn't running that well, so I sent her out to California."

The form reversal has been inspiring. In her first California start under new trainer Vladimir Cerin in January 2018, Fahan Mura

won for \$32,000 claiming tag, and only improved from there. She raced 11 times in 2018, winning seven. With patience and careful race placement, Fahan Mura moved up the ranks from claimer to graded stakes winner.

Her first four races in California were all victories, including two allowance events at Santa Anita. She was 16-1 when shipped back to Belmont Park for the \$600,000 New York Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets-G2, but Mellen noted the filly had a strange trip in the 1¼-mile race.

Regular rider Edwin Maldonado opened up a staggering 8½-length lead that day, and although Fahan Mura was still in front turning into the stretch, the “cavalry came up and she got beat,” and she finished 5 lengths back in sixth. She returned to California and went back to her winning ways, winning her first stakes in the \$75,000 Osunitas at Del Mar in July.

Fahan Mura was third, 1¼ lengths behind winner Vasilika, in the John C. Mabee Stakes-G2, won the \$70,000 Swingtime Stakes, and followed Vasilika home again when second in the Grade 2

Goldikova Nov. 4. She turned in a disappointing effort next out in the Grade 1 Martiarch at Del Mar, which Mellen noted was an uncharacteristic performance and only the second bad race of her career.

Despite the Matriarch loss, Fahan Mura was favored in Santa Anita’s \$150,000 Robert J. Frankel Stakes-G3 Dec. 29 to close out the year. She and Maldonado led by as much as 2½ lengths before holding off Excellent Sunset (Ire) and Quebec to the wire in the 9-furlong turf contest. “She’s a tough filly,” Mellen said. “This was the first race where she won further than a mile. She likes the front end, and she can usually get it.”

That victory was parlayed into a trip to the Pegasus turf invitational, but torrential weather conditions made the course a question mark for all 10 runners. “Edwin said right out of the gate that he couldn’t feel her like normal,” Mellen said. Fahan Mura led in the Pegasus for the first half mile before fading. “The track was a mess,” Mellen lamented. “We had a lot of fun anyway. I’d like to see her back on the harder tracks in California.”

Fahan Mura returned to California in late January, but Mellen hasn’t ruled out a trip to her native Pennsylvania. “I wouldn’t be averse to running there,” he said. “If there’s something interesting on the cards we’ll look at it. She’s done so well for us in California. [Trainer] Vladimir was toying with running her down the hill at Santa Anita but it hasn’t happened yet.”

Moran, watching Fahan Mura’s progress from Pennsylvania, said, “I’m very happy with how she’s turned out.” He still has Celtic Cross. “The mare has a beautiful Verrazano yearling at the farm,” he added. “And her 3-year-old is by Broken Vow. She’s small but looks nice.” The Broken Vow filly is named Celtic Vow. Celtic Cross will visit freshman sire Mendelssohn in Kentucky this season.

Moran was hopeful Fahan Mura will get a bit of a break now after 11 starts in a year. Mellen agreed. “We will give her a little time off if that’s what Vladimir wants,” he said. “We didn’t push her, but she did race once every four or five weeks. She’s been great for us.”

A few words from the Executive Secretary

We are well into the breeding season so don’t miss out on the benefits of a PA-Bred. A maiden breeder award for PA-Sired horses is a whopping 50%, and 40% for all other races. Non PA-Sired awards are 25% and 20% respectively.

The new Stakes Schedule is out and was recently mailed to all members. It is also available online and at the racetracks. The first two stakes races are April 27 at Parx. Please note that after publication of the stakes schedule Parx asked if we would move the Plum Pretty Stakes from early October to PA Derby Day, Saturday, Sept. 21, so please make that adjustment. There may be national coverage on that day so it

will be beneficial to the PA-Bred program.

New revised W-9s are required this year so please do not send any that may have been printed last year. 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.

A couple of reminders: Our annual awards banquet honoring the champions of 2018 will be held at The Hotel Hershey June 7. Look for your invitations this month. PA Day At the Races will be held Saturday, Aug. 3. This is earlier than previous years because of a conflict in the MATCH Series. Invitations will be mailed out in June.

PA foals of 2019 have started to arrive! Send us your foal photos with lineage, foaling

date and location to be included in the 2019 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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2019 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.
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 27	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur.
Parx	
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., June 1	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
Penn	
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., June 9	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Penn	
	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., June 22	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
Sun., July 7	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
PID	
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
Sat., Aug. 3	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur.
Parx	
	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S , 3 & up, 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
Mon., Sept. 9	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
PID	
Sat., Sept. 21,	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	
	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Mon., Sept. 23	\$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
PID	
	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Wed., Nov. 27	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Penn	
Sat., Dec. 7	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur.
Parx	

Total: \$2,750,000

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through January 31, 2019

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	24,314	7,480	31,794	Pewter Stable	13,017	980	13,997
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	25,708	25,708	Peter Giangiulio	12,208	504	12,712
Godric LLC	25,296	0	25,296	Donald L. Brown Jr.	9,773	2,443	12,216
Spring Run Farm LLC	23,002	0	23,002	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	4,560	7,236	11,796
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	21,300	0	21,300	William J. Solomon VMD	2,386	9,065	11,451
Glenn E. Brok LLC	9,300	10,441	19,741	Sylmar Farm Inc.	10,421	0	10,421
Menotti Lembo	16,464	0	16,464	Donald Clifford Wilson	10,416	0	10,416
Blackstone Farm LLC	16,438	0	16,438	Matthew T. Groff	9,480	0	9,480
Edward H. Stone	15,456	0	15,456	Stonehedge Farm PA/Equine Farm	9,450	0	9,450
Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	15,288	0	15,288	Flint W. Stites	7,471	1,732	9,204
Silver Trail Stables LLC	14,610	0	14,610	Jon A. Marshall	8,596	0	8,596
Chuck Russo	11,928	2,386	14,314	Daniel W. McConnell Sr.	7,896	0	7,896

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.	36	12,438	Any Given Saturday	William J. Solomon VMD	15	1,798
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	9	10,678	Corinthian	William J. Solomon VMD	7	1,772
Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	12	7,787	Eurosilver	Dromoland Farm Inc.	7	1,728
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	23	7,480	Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	5	1,610
Uptowncharlybrown	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	8	7,236	Reflect Times	Flint W. Stites	5	1,473
Rockport Harbor	William J. Solomon VMD	6	3,151	Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	12	1,322
Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	8	2,482	Bullsbay	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	8	1,170
Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	5	2,443	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	1	1,166
Il Villano	Chuck Russo	3	2,386	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	8	1,013
Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	13	2,188	Winchill	Pewter Stable	1	980
Power by Far	Barbara J. Geraghty	2	2,044	E Dubai	Barlar LLC	4	949
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	10	1,961	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	4	724

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
Midnightcharly *	Uptowncharlybrown - Torchwood	Godric LLC	2	0	0	25,296	6,324	11,040	42,660
Eldora *	El Padrino - Broad Gale	Spring Run Farm LLC	1	0	0	18,900	3,780	10,800	33,480
Glowing Star *	Mad Flatter - Glowing Rate	Menotti Lembo	2	0	0	16,464	3,612	10,320	30,396
Jump for Alex *	Jump Start - Elena Says Hello	Edward H. Stone	1	0	0	15,456	3,864	11,040	30,360
Grand Blue Harbor *	Rockport Harbor - Grand Miz Blue	Silver Trail Stables LLC	3	0	0	14,610	2,981	8,516	26,107
Promised Storm *	El Padrino - Innovative	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	1	0	0	12,768	3,192	9,120	25,080
Chasing My Halo *	Weigelia - Halo Effect	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	2	0	0	14,512	3,628	3,680	21,820
D T Goodie *	Jump Start - Free Strike	Donald Clifford Wilson	1	0	0	10,416	2,604	7,440	20,460
Aspen Xtreme	Eskendereya - Redaspen	Stonehedge Farm PA/Equine Farm	1	0	0	9,450	0	10,800	20,250
Saint Main Event	Redeemed - Lucky Notion	Daniel W. McConnell Sr.	1	0	0	7,896	0	11,280	19,176
Gotta Be Strong	Strong Mandate - Gotta Rush	Scott Naylor	1	0	0	7,728	0	11,040	18,768
G Double *	Il Villano - Fine Feline	Chuck Russo	1	0	0	10,080	2,016	5,760	17,856
Not in the Mood *	Power by Far - I Disagree	Peter Giangiulio	2	0	0	9,688	2,044	5,840	17,572
Baron Barracuda *	Weigelia - Madelaine	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	1	0	0	8,064	2,016	3,360	13,440
Celesse	Line of David - Cherokee Moonlight	Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC	1	0	0	5,376	0	7,680	13,056
Kelly's Silver *	Eurosilver - Amber's Kelly	Pewter Stable	1	0	0	6,384	1,596	4,560	12,540
Let's Blaze *	El Padrino - Fix You	Matthew T. Groff	1	0	0	9,480	1,896	0	11,376
Nancy B	Afleet Alex - Party Fever	Charles J. Zacney	1	0	0	5,040	0	5,760	10,800
True Upgrade	Yes It's True - First Class Fever	Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc.	1	0	0	5,040	0	5,760	10,800
Fara's Kid	Lemon Drop Kid - Sticky	Fitzhugh LLC	1	0	0	4,368	0	6,240	10,608
Arch Contender	Archarcharch - Lola's Love	Blackstone Farm LLC	2	0	0	4,340	0	6,200	10,540
Owin I Am *	Jump Start - Owin Sylvia	Lydee D. Shea	2	0	0	6,259	1,565	2,608	10,432
Bob in Our Midst *	Corinthian - Barracouta	Carol Lynn LeVine	2	0	0	5,880	1,176	3,360	10,416
Yeah Rocky *	Silver Train - Disco Flirt	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	1	0	0	5,264	1,316	3,760	10,340

*Denotes PA-sired