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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Consistency is one of the biggest reasons to breed in Pennsylvania. We've paid out over \$27.5 million on average the last 13 years. In 2025 we paid 322 breeders an award and 21 breeders surpassed \$100,000. Add all that to 331 days of racing. You can't beat it! Breed a mare this year so you won't be left out!

The 2026 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule was recently emailed to all and a copy of it is in this edition. With the help of the PTHA we were able to add back the Banjo Picker and the Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes for 3&ups on PA Day at the Races, which will be held on July 18 at PARX. We also added the Lil E. Tee Stakes for 3yos going long that day.

Please remember that there will be no registration fee for the PA-Sired PA-Bred Stakes in 2026. If your horse is a PA-Sired PA-Bred, you will be automatically registered and eligible to run but you will still have to nominate come race time.

Get ready for our 2nd Annual Yearling Show, set for June 20 at 10 a.m. at the Brandywine Polo Club. Prizes, ribbons and \$40,000 in bonuses are available to all participants. Rick Abbott will be our guest judge this year.

If you are still using paper registrations, please make sure you forward a signed copy of the Code of Ethics, which is attached to the registration form. We are transitioning to paperless in the first few months of this year and holding classes shortly on how to navigate the online registration system.

If you want to become part of our fantastic program or just want more information, give me a call at 610 444 1050. Remember, PA is the only place to breed and race!!

Brian Sanfratello
Executive Secretary



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PA Yearling Show

Brandywine Polo Club, June 20th, 2026
10:00am – 3:00pm

CLASSES, PRIZES & FEES:

- Colts & Geldings
Non-PA Sired & PA-Sired
- Fillies
Non-PA Sired & PA-Sired
- Champion Class
8 horses, 4 male & 4 fillies

PRIZES

\$1,000 each class
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CHAMPION AWARDS

\$1,000 Winner, \$500 Reserve Plus Win Trophy
PA Stallion Award – Trophy, Highest total
points, schedule: 7,5,4,3,2,1 participant

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- *\$40,000 in incentives to highest earning two- and three-year-olds. All earnings eligible, not just PA earnings.*

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“NY Traffic showed speed to win stakes sprinting, but carried it around two turns as well to show his versatility at Grade 1 level.”

**Saffie Joseph Jr.,
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WHERE RACING PARTNERSHIPS MEET THE BREEDING SHED

BY NIKKI SHERMAN

In Pennsylvania, syndicates are no longer just a way to buy into a racehorse. Many have grown into racing operations that also support the breeding program. The common thread is simple and powerful. Each group has its own stallion standing in the state, creating a direct line between the partnerships at the track and the long-term incentives that keep PA-Breds in circulation year after year.

That model is taking shape across the Keystone State, from Pewter Stable's hands-on approach with Winchill, to Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC's long-running partnership built around Uptowncharlybrown, and to Ultra Championship Racing LLC's evolution into stallion ownership with Enticed. Their operations look different, their day-to-day rhythms are distinct, and their horses run under different trainers and colors, but they are unified by the same belief. Ownership is meant to be immersive. Partners are encouraged to visit the barns, meet the broodmares and

foals, stand along the rail on race day and share the rush of watching their horse walk back to the winner's circle. In many cases, that relationship extends beyond racing, with some owners choosing to retire or adopt the very horses they once cheered for on the track.

"At the end of the day," Santella said, "no matter what percentage you own, you cheer just as hard."

For Pewter Stable, the stallion piece is not an add-on, it is part of the identity. Trainer and owner Kate DeMasi and her husband Greg DeMasi, who works alongside her managing the operation, have spent years offering partnership opportunities built around manageable numbers, steady communication and a philosophy that keeps both horses and owners close to the experience.

Winchill fits that approach naturally. He is a PA-Bred stallion by Tapit and

when the DeMasís brought him into their program they were building a local cornerstone.

"We weren't trying to chase the market," Greg DeMasi said.

PARTNERSHIPS (CONT.)

"We wanted a stallion that made sense for Pennsylvania and for the people breeding here. Winchill checked all of those boxes."

Winchill's runners have validated that vision, producing PA-Breds who can compete successfully at home and take full advantage of the state's incentive structure. From a relatively small number of starters, he has produced multiple stakes winners and runners capable of competing at the highest level offered within the Pennsylvania program, including a standout earner who surpassed the half-million-dollar mark. For Pewter partners, the experience remains deliberately personal, from watching young horses develop to following them through racing careers.

If Pewter Stable represents a hands-on, trainer-driven partnership model, Uptowncharlybrown Stud reflects a syndicate built around broad access and shared ownership, with stallions standing in Pennsylvania at the center of that experience. Managing partner Bob Hutt has never been shy about how modest the beginnings were. Uptowncharlybrown was not a commercial stallion prospect. He was a horse his people believed in, and they made him a stallion because they wanted to keep his story moving forward.

"I reached out to 50 individual partners that believed in me as we each put up \$400 to make Uptowncharlybrown a stallion," Hutt said. "That's \$20,000 total. We started with just seven unproven maiden broodmares. I figured we'd have a couple of cheap claimers and have some fun."

Instead, Uptowncharlybrown became one of the defining Pennsylvania stallions of the past decade, surpassing \$14 million in progeny earnings. While the operation typically breeds around 10 of its own mares each year, its broader impact comes from outside breeders who took notice as his runners proved themselves. That same shared-ownership structure that introduces new participants to the sport has also helped sustain a stallion whose influence now extends well beyond his original syndicate.

Their Pennsylvania footprint also includes Eastwood, a son of Speightstown, reinforcing the operation's continued investment in stallions standing in the state. In addition, the group owns Warrant, who now stands in Maryland. UTCB Stud continues to breed mares, especially homebreds by Uptowncharlybrown, to Warrant and foal them in Pennsylvania, allowing those offspring to qualify as PA-Breds and still take advantage of the state's breeding program.

Ultra Championship Racing shows how a racing partnership can evolve into breeding ambition while still keeping the focus squarely on the horses themselves. Ralph Santella's love of the sport began long before he founded UCR in 2010, and the operation has grown organically to include broodmares, yearlings, horses in training and retirees, without losing its accessibility.

Ownership percentages vary by horse. Some runners have no partners, others have several, and Santella works with individuals who want to get involved at different levels, whether that means buying into a younger prospect or

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\$699,777.85
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MIDTOWNCHARLYBROWN, OWNED BY
UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN STUD LLC,
WINS THE 2019 BANJO PICKER

PARTNERSHIPS (CONT.)

participating in the claiming game. "At the end of the day," Santella said, "no matter what percentage you own, you cheer just as hard."

In 2024, Santella took his most ambitious step yet by acquiring the Medaglia d'Oro-sired stallion Enticed and bringing him to Pennsylvania. Enticed brought with him a pedigree and race record most regional programs cannot access without shipping mares out of state. By standing him in Pennsylvania, Santella placed that opportunity directly into the hands of local breeders.

That philosophy carries into the breeding side. Enticed is syndicated between Santella and several UCR partners, and most of the operation's broodmares are syndicated in a similar fashion, with many partners choosing to stay involved through both racing and breeding. "They always have the option," Santella said, "and they share in the rewards along the way."

All three operations are answering the same question in different ways. How do you create access to the sport while also protecting its future? Pennsylvania's incentives reward PA-Sired horses, but the PA-Sired pipeline has to be built

first. That requires people willing to stand stallions in the state, support them with mares and give their offspring a place to run.

The syndicate model helps make that possible. It spreads the risk, spreads the cost and just as importantly spreads the commitment that keeps people involved. In Pennsylvania, participation does not have to be limited to a single lane. Newcomers can buy into a share and experience ownership without carrying the full weight alone. Established owners can diversify, race a few, breed a few and lean into the incentives that make the state program work.

"We like to have fun in this game," Santella noted. "I'm passionate and love every aspect of this industry. Our partners become like a second family, and there's nothing better than being in the winner's circle together."

In the end, these syndicates are offering more than a seat at the rail. From the breeding shed to the backstretch, from foaling season to the winner's circle and sometimes all the way to retirement, Pennsylvania's syndicate model continues to show how racing and breeding can thrive together. ■



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Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	\$477,860.40	\$221,917.45	\$699,777.85
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	\$179,715.60	\$181,511.10	\$361,226.70
Northview Stallion Station Inc	\$0.00	\$272,514.10	\$272,514.10
Blackstone Farm LLC	\$258,937.60	\$0.00	\$258,937.60
Arrowwood Farm Inc	\$194,059.50	\$0.00	\$194,059.50
Pewter Stable	\$139,539.90	\$42,767.55	\$182,307.45
Sylmar Farm Inc	\$178,047.50	\$0.00	\$178,047.50
Glenn E Brok LLC	\$108,432.40	\$68,625.05	\$177,057.45
Equivine Farm LLC	\$169,438.20	\$0.00	\$169,438.20
Steven W Young Racing LLC	\$104,072.40	\$59,692.05	\$163,764.45
Peter Giangiulio	\$136,472.20	\$0.00	\$136,472.20
Kathleen Brady	\$130,202.00	\$0.00	\$130,202.00
Joseph Imbesi	\$122,964.60	\$0.00	\$122,964.60
Y Jerry Kolybabiuk	\$118,876.00	\$0.00	\$118,876.00
Dennis Johnson	\$116,927.60	\$0.00	\$116,927.60
Richard N Miller	\$93,006.20	\$22,117.85	\$115,124.05
Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd	\$111,911.20	\$0.00	\$111,911.20
Godstone Farm LLC	\$111,338.00	\$0.00	\$111,338.00
St. Omer's Farm	\$107,170.80	\$0.00	\$107,170.80
W M T Stables Inc	\$103,699.40	\$0.00	\$103,699.40

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The 2026 Pennsylvania-Bred stakes schedule will offer \$1,700,000 in purses across 20 stakes races. All three of Pennsylvania's racetracks will host stakes. Beginning April 22, Parx Racing will feature three Pennsylvania-Bred stakes, among them the \$75,000 Wait for It Stakes for 3-year-old PA-Sired runners, which was carried over from December 2025. Contested over six furlongs, the Wait for It is restricted to Pennsylvania-Breds sired by registered Pennsylvania stallions. Also featured on the Wednesday card are the \$100,000 Unique Bella Stakes for fillies and mares and \$100,000 Page McKenney Handicap, both over six furlongs for ages 3-year-olds and up.

Similar to last year, Penn National will feature all turf stakes events. The first pair of turf stakes will be held on the Penn Mile card on May 29. Both contested over 1 1/16 miles, the Lyphard Stakes for fillies and mares and Alphabet Soup Handicap will both feature purses of \$75,000.

On Aug. 14, Penn National will host its second pair of PA-Bred turf stakes—the \$75,000 Crowd Pleaser and the \$75,000 Marshall Jenney.

Presque Isle Downs will feature three Pennsylvania-Bred stakes, starting with the \$75,000 Malvern Rose Stakes on

2026 PA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE FEATURES \$1.7 MILLION IN PURSES

June 22. The Malvern Rose is for 3-year-old fillies over 6 1/2 furlongs. The \$75,000 Princess of Sylmar Stakes for 3-year-olds and up fillies and mares will be contested over a mile and 70 yards on Aug. 17, while the \$75,000 Power By Far Stakes over 6 1/2 furlongs will be featured on the Presque Isle Masters undercard on Sept. 18.

Pennsylvania's Day at the Races, a card that exclusively features Pennsylvania-Breds, will return to a Saturday in 2026. Taking place July 18, the card will feature four \$100,000 stakes.

Parx's Labor Day card on Sept. 7 will feature two stakes for PA-Sired, PA-Breds. Both at \$75,000 the Prince Lucky and

Imply Stakes are both restricted to sophomores over 7 furlongs, with the Imply open to fillies.

Also available for PA-Sired runners at Parx are the Jump Start and Disco Chick. Slated for Tuesday, Nov. 10, the distances will again cover 7 furlongs, while this time open to runners aged 3 & up.

Wrapping up the Pennsylvania-Bred stakes schedule on Thanksgiving Eve, 2-year-olds will be featured in the \$100,000 Shamrock Rose for fillies at six furlongs while the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery covers seven furlongs. ■

FOR THE COMPLETE STAKES SCHEDULE, SEE NEXT PAGE.



— 2026 —

PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE



Wednesday, April 22

\$100,000 PAGE MCKENNEY HANDICAP	3 & up, 6 furlongs
\$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 6 furlongs
\$75,000 WAIT FOR IT STAKES	3YO, PA-Sired, PA-breds, 6 furlongs



Friday, May 29

\$75,000 LYPHARD STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf
\$75,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP	3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf



Monday, June 22

\$75,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES	3YO fillies, 6 1/2 furlongs
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PENNSYLVANIA's DAY at the RACES



Saturday, July 18

\$100,000 BANJO PICKER STAKES	3 & up, 6 furlongs
\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES	4 & up, 1 mile 70 yards
\$100,000 DR. TERESA GAROFALO MEMORIAL STAKES	3 & up fillies, 7 furlongs
\$100,000 LIL E. TEE STAKES	3YO, 1 mile 70 yards



Friday, August 14

\$75,000 MARSHALL JENNEY STAKES	3 & up, 5 furlongs, turf
\$75,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES	3YO, 1 1/16 miles, turf



Monday, August 17

\$75,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards
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Monday, Sept. 7

\$75,000 IMPLY STAKES *Non-Black-Type	3YO fillies, PA-Sired, PA-Bred, 7 furlongs
\$75,000 PRINCE LUCKY	3YO, PA-Sired, PA-Bred, 7 furlongs



Friday, Sept. 18

\$75,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES	3 & up, 6 1/2 furlongs
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Tuesday, Nov. 10

\$75,000 JUMP START STAKES	3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs
\$75,000 DISCO CHICK STAKES *Non-Black-Type	3 & up, f&m, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs



Wednesday, Nov. 25

\$100,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES	2YO, 7 furlongs
\$100,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs



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MEMORIAL TO ROGER LEGG



Roger Elliot Legg, Esquire, Chester County lawyer, Thoroughbred horse enthusiast and breeder, passed away on Feb. 16. He was 88.

Roger was born in Essex County, N.J., to Agnes and Victor Legg on Aug. 12, 1937. He was raised in Maplewood, N.J. on the edge of the South Mountain Reservation, where his love of horses began.

He was an enthusiastic boy scout in Troop 2 and earned his Eagle Scout rank. Graduating from Columbia High School in 1955, he then matriculated from DePauw University in 1959 and went on to study law at The University of Michigan where he received his Juris Doctoral Degree. After becoming a lawyer, he attended The Wharton School at The University of Pennsylvania and earned a Masters of Business Administration. After graduation he became a corporate lawyer for Sinclair and Arco Oil Companies in Philadelphia.

He met the love of his life, the former Brenda Gayle Lepree, at a Chester County equine event in 1969. They married in 1970 and began Highland Eyrie Farm together, a Thoroughbred breeding facility where they both thrived with their love of horses in Highland Township, Chester County, Pa. Although initially a

fox hunter, Roger became primarily interested in Thoroughbred horse racing and breeding. He and his wife bred and raised Thoroughbred horses at Highland Eyrie competing in many sanctioned races including various stakes races throughout the region. He was an officer as well as a long term board member of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association.

Among his best runners was homebred Willy d'Rocket, who made 50 starts in his eight-year career, earned over \$250,000, won the Maryland Million Turf Starter Handicap and was second in the Robellino Stakes. His winning homebred Roger E was claimed away after a maiden win in 2002 and went on to win 13 more races and become a stakes winner and graded stakes-placed earner of \$335,525.

Roger entered the practice of law in Chester County to be closer to his beloved wife and horses. Over the years of his lengthy legal career he had offices in West Chester and Parkesburg. He was a talented and accomplished civil litigator with an exceptionally keen mind for the law. He never hesitated when an opportunity presented itself to compete and zealously represent his clients in the courtroom arena. In addition, he developed an expertise in municipal law representing both individual and municipal clients. He faithfully served Highland Township and the Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA) as their solicitor for many years assisting them in their growth and development. He was also a mentor to his peers, partners and associates, always happy to pass on his knowledge while enjoying the teaching moment. His strong and gregarious personality will be greatly missed along with his storytelling sense of humor.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, his brother (Gilbert E. Legg) and sister (Marjorie L. Irvine Howell) and his wife Gayle of 51 years. He is survived by nephews Bruce Irvine (Judy), David Howell, Victor Legg, Robert Legg and niece Deborah Chapin. Roger will be fondly remembered by the community he so loved including many of his devoted friends.

Final arrangements will be in the care of the Wilde Funeral Home in Parkesburg. He will be buried in the East Friendship Church Cemetery in Coatesville next to his beloved wife. A spring-time celebration of his life and a grave side gathering is planned for May 9, 2026 at 12 p.m. Visit <https://www.wildefuneralhome.com/obituaries/roger-legg-esq> for any updates.

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Breeder Awards



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FASIG-TIPTON KY WINTER MIXED SALE RESULTS

Hip	Name	DOB	Color	Sex	Sire	Dam	Broodmare Sire	Cover Sire	Breeder	Consignor	Purchaser	Price
26	Schon	5/16/13	B	M	Harlan's Holiday	Spring Star	Deputy Minister	Mage	George Strawbridge Jr.	Denali Stud, Agent I	Douglas S. Arnold, agent	30,000
309		3/22/25	DB/B	F	Dialed In	Nebo	Freud		Joan A. Wilson	Equus Farm, Agent III	Athenian Bloodstock	28,000

FASIG-TIPTON FEBRUARY DIGITAL SALE RESULTS

Hip	Name	DOB	Sire	Dam	Damsire	Breeder	Consignor	Purchaser	Price
56		4/15/25	Independence Hall	Ronomes	Anthony's Cross	Linda Merritt	Brookdale, Agent	not sold	2,500
71		3/5/25	Keen Ice	Flashback Girl	Flashback	Linda Merritt	Brookdale, Agent	not sold	3,500
78		3/17/25	Cloud Computing	Kitten Purrs	Point of Entry	Linda Merritt	Brookdale, Agent	Pathfinder Racing	2,500
112		5/3/24	Take Charge Indy	Sonic Echo	Thunder Gulch	Linda Merritt	Brookdale, Agent	Paige Rodriguez	2,500
119		3/12/24	Take Charge Indy	St. Cherubin	Forty Tales	Linda Merritt	Brookdale, Agent	Pathfinder Racing	9,500
144		4/30/24	Outwork	Valentine	Pulpit	Linda Merritt	Brookdale, Agent	TJARLLC	3,500
199		5/22/24	Improbable	Dyna Waltz (GB)	Dynaformer	Linda Merritt	Brookdale, Agent	Pathfinder Racing	6,000
206		5/1/24	Yoshida	Foxtrot Seville	Seville (GER)	Linda Merritt	Brookdale, Agent	Stud Big Valdi	5,000
218	Henny Jenney	4/10/11	Henny Hughes	Delizia	Distant View	Derry Meeting Farm	Double O Bloodstock	Black Rose Farm	9,000

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568	5/17/24	Tiz the Law	Awesomemundo	Awesome Again	Dale N. Krapf	Top Line Sales LLC, Agent XLII
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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

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TAM, \$100,000, 4YO/UP, 6F, 2-7.

WON - CONCRETE GLORY

g, 7, Bodemeister—Take It Inside, by Disco Rico. (\$14,000 2019 FTMDEC) O-Big Frank Stable, B-Bodemeister Syndicate and Kyle M. Horlacher (PA), T-Saffie A. Joseph Jr., J-Irad Ortiz Jr., \$60,000.

The speedy and consistent Concrete Glory recorded the first stakes win of his 41-start career in dominating fashion as he cruised home a 2-length winner of Tampa Bay Downs' \$100,000 Pelican Stakes on Feb. 7. The Saffie Joseph Jr. trainee had control of the 6-furlong race the entire way as he flew through fractions of :22.19, :44.59 and :56.72 and crossed the wire in 1:09.74.

Racing in the colors of Frank Rupolo and his daughter Nikki's Big Frank Stable, Concrete Glory recorded his 18th career victory while pushing his earnings to \$583,249. The 7-year-old son of Bodemeister has been competing for the stable since Joseph claimed him for \$6,250 at Gulfstream Park on Dec. 9, 2022, a race that Concrete Glory won by 7¾ lengths. Up to that point the gelding was campaigned by Carl Hess Jr., who had purchased him for \$14,000 as a weanling out of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale.

Concrete Glory launched his career at Arlington Park as a 2-year-old in June 2021 and recorded his first win three months later at Presque Isle Downs, the start of a three-race win streak. Allowances, a few stakes and starter races followed – he won six times in 21 starts for Hess up to the claim.

Out of the Joseph barn, Concrete Glory has won 12 of 20 starts, and been in the money 16 times. He's been a Claiming Crown star after scoring victories the past two years in the \$100,000 Ready's Rocket Express Stakes at Churchill Downs.

"I'm the claiming king of Gulfstream," Rupolo told reporters after winning the 2024 Ready's Rocket Express. "I buy cheap, run them, get claimed, keep going. But this horse ended up being better than most so we never put him in for a claim. He ran 1:09. . . not bad for a \$6,250 claim."

Concrete Glory has run 22 times at the 6-furlong distance, winning nine, and regularly stops the clock in 1:09 and change. His stakes experience also includes a second in the 2025 Gulfstream Park Sprint.

Bred by Kyle M. Horlacher in partnership with the Bodemeister Syndicate, Concrete Glory is the first foal out for Take It Inside, a durable daughter of Disco Rico who earned \$317,829 from 71 starts while finishing in the top three 29 times. The mare, who raced through age 8, is the dam of two other foals, both bred by Horlacher: a filly by Weigelia born in 2020 named Fly Navy, who never started, and a 2023 Mitole filly named Brikeli currently in training at Fair Hill. ■



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SPECTACULAR BID S

LRL, \$100,000, 3YO, 7F, 2-4.

2ND - CLOSE THE GATE

g, 3, Engage—Bethaven, by Victory Gallop.
(\$17,000 2024 FTMOCT) O-Bird and Grady LLC,
B-Dr. and Mrs. William E. Riddle Jr. (PA), \$20,000.

MIRACLE WOOD S

LRL, \$100,000, 3YO, 1M, 2-21.

3RD - CLOSE THE GATE

g, 3, Engage—Bethaven, by Victory Gallop.
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LADIES' TURF SPRINT

GP, \$125,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 5FT, 2-7.

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