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## **2025 Pennsylvania stallion** roster gets stronger

By Cindy Deubler

A Kentucky Derby winner. . . a Canadian champion. . . Hall of Fame pedigrees. . . dazzling racing careers – the Pennsylvania stallion roster has been enriched with the addition of nine new stallions for the upcoming breeding season. Pennsylvania stallions offer breeders added punch – in addition to their runners earning more

through the state's lucrative breeders program, their offspring are eligible for the rich PA-Sired, PA-Bred Stallion Series stakes.

**ALEJANDRO** - Lola Cash and Built Wright Stables' Alejandro brings a Hall of Fame pedigree to the breeding shed as a son of Preakness-winning two-time Horse of the Year and leading sire Curlin out of the only daughter of Preakness-winning Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra, Grade 1-winning juvenile filly Rachel's Valentina, a daughter of Preakness-winning champion and top sire Bernardini.

Rachel's Valentina's first foal, Alejandro earned \$453,836 in a 35-start career as he competed at 11 different tracks, winning four times and placing in 16 others over five seasons. The allowance winner scored at Churchill Downs, Fair Grounds, Oaklawn and Remington Park at distances up to 13/16 miles.

In her first four career starts, Rachel's Valentina won her debut at Saratoga, followed by the Grade 1 Spinaway and seconds in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1 and Ashland Stakes-G1. She retired after six starts with earnings of \$738,800.

Rachel Alexandra was the 2009 Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old filly after wins in the Preakness, Haskell and Woodward, each over males, the Kentucky Oaks-G1 by more than 20 lengths and Mother Goose-G1 by 19½ lengths. She retired with 13 wins and five seconds in 19 starts and earnings of \$3.5 million. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame in her first year of eligibility in 2016.

Curlin, who has become a noted sire of sires, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility in 2014.

Bay, 2018, Curlin—Rachel's Valentina, by Langfuhr. Standing his first season at Mountain Springs Farm, Palmyra. \$1,500 LFSN; a free lifetime breeding award is included if paying \$3,000 to send two mares

**BEREN** - The Pennsylvania-bred champion 3-year-old and sprinter of 2021, Susan Quick and Christopher Feifarek's seven-time stakes-winning homebred Beren has been retired to stand alongside his sire, Weigelia, at WynOaks Farm.

The bay speedster made a name for himself in 2021, racing at least once a month from January through November, winning seven times, five in stakes — the Gold Fever and Paradise Creek (by  $10\frac{3}{4}$  lengths) at Belmont Park, the Crowd Pleaser (by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  lengths going  $1\frac{1}{16}$  miles) and Parx Summer Sprint (by  $6\frac{1}{2}$  lengths) at Parx, and the Danzig at Penn National — and was caught late when second in the Steel Valley Sprint at Mahoning Valley Race Course. He amassed just shy of \$470,000 that year from 12 starts and also earned the title of PA-Preferred Male and Leading Breeding Fund Recipient.

Racing through age 6, Beren's richest victory in 35 career starts came in the 2022 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash. Eleven of his 12 victories were at distances from 6 to 7 furlongs. He also ran in 17 consecutive stakes and finished fourth or better in 14 times. His nine stakes-placings included a third in the 2023 Grade 3 General George at Laurel. Beren retires with earnings just shy of \$1 million (\$944,890).

His dam, millionaire Silmaril (by Diamond), is a Quick and Feifarek homebred with 12 stakes wins, twice in graded company. His third dam is

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graded stakes-winning Kattegat's Pride. The family includes graded stakes winner Chip and millionaire Smooth B.

Bay, 2018, Weigelia—Silmaril, by Diamond. Standing his first season at WynOaks Farm, Delta. Private Contract

**CURLIN'S WISDOM** - Bred on the same cross as Grade 1-winning millionaire Connect, one of the nation's leading young sires, Curlin's Wisdom enters stud after a career in which he was a stakes-placed runner of \$455,853 from 29 starts.

The dark bay son of Curlin was a model of consistency at 2 and 3. In 15 straight starts, from October 2021 through December 2022 while racing at Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga, he finished in the top three 13 times and was fourth in the other two. He finished second in the \$250,000 Empire Classic Stakes at 3 in his stakes debut after three straight wins, from 1 mile on the turf to  $1\frac{1}{16}$  miles on the main track. He won going  $1\frac{3}{16}$  miles early in his 4-year-old season.

His dam, the winning Rockport Harbor mare Whisper Wisdom, is a half-sister to two stakes winners including Curlin's son Connect, winner of the Grade 1 Cigar Mile and Grade 2 Pennsylvania Derby, the latter over Gun Runner. Connect has sired the likes of Grade 1 winner and \$2-million earner Rattle N Roll.

Whisper Wisdom is the dam of five foals of racing age — the four to sell as yearlings all brought six-figures. Second dam, stakes winner Barkerville Belle, produced graded stakeswinning track record setter and sire Native Regent and addition stakes winners Royal Fair, Morriston Belle and Mr. Villemore. The family includes Grade 1 winner Backseat Rhythm.

Dark bay or Brown, 2019, Curlin–Whisper Wisdom, by Rockport Harbor. Standing his first season at Cabin Creek, Gettysburg. Private Contract

**ENTICED** - A top-10 nationally-ranked sire with two crops of racing age, Medaglia d'Oro's graded stakes-winning son Enticed moves to Pennsylvania and immediately jumps into second on the state's 2024 stallion earnings list. Bred and raced by Godolphin, he previously stood at Darley's Jonabell Farm in Kentucky.

Now owned by a syndicate, Enticed is the sire of four stakes winners in his first crop, including graded winner Visually, winner of Santa Anita's Senorita Stakes-G3. His runners in 2024 earned more than \$3.2 million, for an average of \$31,879.

Enticed's first crop of 2-year-olds put him solidly in the top-10 on the freshman sires list in 2023, with 23 winners and earnings of more than \$1.2 million. His daughter Shimmering Allure earned \$239,095 while winning Aqueduct's Tempted Stakes and finishing second in the Demoiselle Stakes-G2. She made her stakes debut in Grade 1 company.

Enticed was a graded winner at 2 and 3 who earned \$595,680 in seven starts. His juvenile season saw him take the 1½6-mile Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes-G2 over Tiz Mischief and Promises Fulfilled, and finish third in the Grade 1 Champagne Stakes in his second start after winning his debut at 6 furlongs at Saratoga. Sent on the Triple Crown trail, he won the 1-mile Gotham Stakes-G3 by daylight and finished second in the Grade 2 Wood Memorial.

His dam, \$1,666,500-earner and six-time stakes winner It's Tricky, won eight of 14 starts including three Grade 1s – the Coaching Club American Oaks, Acorn and Ogden Phipps. Four times the daughter of Mineshaft was Grade 1-placed, including a second behind Royal Delta in the Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic. She is

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

I'd like to welcome Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike, who enters the ranks of Pennsylvania stallions and will stand at Rich Miller's Mountain Springs Farm in Palmyra. For breeding info on him and all of our PA stallions, please go to pabred.com and take a look at the 2025 Stallion & Boarding Farm Directory. We have nine new stallions along with our recurrent PA-Sires. Pick your next Derby winner!

Congrats to the Gregory and Caroline Bentley-bred 2yo filly Caprice, winner of the \$100,000 Gin Talking Stakes on Dec. 28. That makes her 6-for-7 lifetime, five of which were stakes! Wow!

The second leg of the PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series was run on Dec. 30 at PARX. Congratulations to the Desmond C. Wynter-bred Fenton Forever, who went gate-to-wire to win

the \$100,000 Wait for It Stakes. A shoutout to PA stallion Pat On the Back, whose first-crop runners finished 1st and 2nd!

In our second series race of the day, Pewter Stable-bred Honorable Win (Winchill) won the \$100,000 Miss Behaviour Stakes. She also won the Miss Blue Tye Dye in the first leg of the Stallion Series. The third and final leg of the 2024 series will be run in 2025, worth \$100,000 for 3yos and 3yo fillies. A \$50,000 breeder bonus for horses that finish first, second and third in total points for the series will be paid at that time — \$25,000 for first, \$15,000 for second and \$10,000 for third.

Domicile forms are mandatory and should have been completed by Dec. 1 or when you mare comes into the state if breeding back to a PA stallion or within 14 days of a public sale.

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 will be transitioning to paperless in 2025. As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have.

Wishing you a fantastic start to 2025, and remember, PA is the only place to Breed and Race! Approximately \$26 million will be paid out in 2024 to PA-Bred owners and breeders in Breeder Awards, Owner Bonuses and Restricted Races.

Go PA!!



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also the dam of graded stakes-placed 2-year-old filly Enliven. His second dam is graded winner Catboat.

Dark bay or Brown, 2015, Medaglia d'Oro-It's Tricky, by Mineshaft. Standing at Mountain Springs Farm, Palmyra. \$5,000 LFSN

**IMPOSING** - Royally-bred Imposing, out of Tapit's champion daughter Untapable, is the first son of Hall of Famer Gun Runner to stand in the region.

Gun Runner, the 2017 Horse of the Year and champion older dirt male, ranks as one of the top stallions in the world today, with more than \$22 million in progeny earnings in 2024 alone. Counted among his four Grade 1 winners last year is Breeders' Cup Classic champ Sierra Leone.

Gun Runner won six Grade 1s including the Breeders' Cup Classic, and amassed \$15,988,500. Imposing's dam Untapable earned the Eclipse Award as champion 3-year-old filly in 2014 when she won six of seven starts, all graded stakes, including the Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1 against older mares as the favorite. Other Grade 1 wins came in the Kentucky Oaks, Cotillion and Mother Goose at 3 and the Apple Blossom Handicap at 4. She retired with earnings of \$3,926,625 from 20 starts.

Second dam Fun House, a daughter of Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 winner Prized, was a graded winner of \$432,922. She was named Broodmare of the Year after also producing Grade 1 winner and sire Paddy O'Prado. The family includes multiple graded stakes-winning millionaire Red Route One, a son of Gun Runner out of a full sister to Untapable.

Imposing was unraced due to injury.
Bay, 2021, Gun Runner–Untapable, by
Tapit. Standing his first season at Cabin Creek,
Gettysburg. Private Contract

MAGIC SPOON - Undefeated juvenile Magic Spoon is the first son of champion 2-year-old Good Magic to stand at stud in the region. The chestnut 4-year-old is one of 20 stakes winners by one of the hottest young sires in the world today. With just three crops to race, Good Magic is already the sire of Kentucky Derby winner Mage and Preakness winner Dornoch, plus 10 other graded winners. The son of Curlin ranked in the top 20 nationally by progeny earnings in 2024.

A member of Good Magic's second crop, Magic Spoon captured Santa Anita's Golden State Juvenile Stakes over 11 rivals at 7 furlongs as the favorite in only his second start. In his debut he produced a great closing kick – flying at the end to get up after a troubled trip to break his maiden over the Santa Anita main track going 6 furlongs. He was sidelined by injury after his stakes victory and retires with earnings of \$136,350.

Magic Spoon is out of stakes-placed Canadian Mistress, a full sister to \$389,420-earning stakes winner Frontier Warrior (by the Gone West stallion Canadian Frontier) and half-sister to \$237,213 stakes winner Midnight Ruler. The family traces back to the influential Two Rings, dam of champion Bayford and sires Northern Baby and Northern Ringer.

Chestnut, 2021, Good Magic—Canadian Mistress, by Canadian Frontier. Standing his first season at Cabin Creek, Gettysburg. Private Contract

**RICH STRIKE** - Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike becomes the latest classic winner to stand in the state. The son of Travers Stakes-G1 winner Keen Ice and grandson of leading sire Curlin enters stud with career earnings of \$2,526,809 in 14 starts.

The chestnut burst onto the racing scene in spectacular fashion in the 2022 Kentucky Derby. The longest shot in the field of 20 – getting in last minute after a late scratch – he rallied from more than 17 lengths back, weaved his way through the field, caught favorite Epicenter in deep stretch and edged away. He had earned enough points to get into the field when he rallied to finish third in his previous start, the Grade 3 Jeff Ruby Steaks on Turfway Park's all-weather track.

Rich Strike won or placed in four stakes, three graded, in his career. He demolished his rivals when winning a maiden claimer at Churchill Downs by more than 17 lengths going 1 mile on the main track at 2. From the end of his juvenile campaign until his final start in May 2023, he raced exclusively in stakes. He missed by a head to the year-older Hot Rod Charlie in the 2022 Grade 2 Lukas Classic Stakes at Churchill and finished fourth behind Epicenter (in a three-horse photo with Cyberknife and Zandon for second) in the Travers Stakes-G1 as well as was fourth behind Flightline in the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1.

Out of Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Gold Strike (by Smart Strike), Rich Strike is a half-brother to graded winner Llanarmon and to the dam of graded-winning Pennsylvania-bred millionaire Neecie Marie.

Chestnut, 2019, Keen Ice—Gold Strike, by Smart Strike. Standing his first season at Mountain Springs Farm, Palmyra. \$6,500 LFSN, special consideration for PA foaling mares

**TYSON** - Canadian champion older horse of 2023, Tyson stands his first season as the property of Darryl and Jill Myers' new Thoroughbred operation, Stone Jug Ranch, in Dillsburg.

Tyson was on the board five times in seven starts his championship season, four in consecutive graded stakes. The son of leading sire Tapit counted wins in the 1½6-mile Seagram Cup-G2 and 1½8-mile Dominion Day-G3 and was third in the Eclipse-G2, all over Woodbine's synthetic track. He traveled to Saratoga for his main track debut in the Jockey Club Gold Cup-G1 and ran third, less than 3 lengths behind Bright Future. In his first start in 2024 he was second in the Eclipse-G2. He retires with a record of 10-4-1-2 and earnings of \$378,548.

Tyson is from the dynamic family that descends directly from Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour, his third dam. He is out of the winning Smart Strike mare Honouring, a full sister to Grade 1-winning juvenile filly Streaming and stakes winner Treasuring and a half-sister to three other stakes performers. Her half-sisters include the dams of Belmont Stakes-G1 and Travers Stakes-G1 winner and champion 3-year-old Arcangelo, and multiple graded stakes-winning sprinter Cezanne.

The rich family history boasts Belmont Stakes winners Rags to Riches, the champion 3-year-old filly of 2007, and Jazil, as well as Irish champion Man of Iron and multiple graded winners Casino Drive and Greatest Honour, all appearing under Better Than Honour, the most expensive broodmare ever sold (at \$14 million). Kentucky Oaks-G1 winner Blush With Pride is his fourth dam.

Gray/Roan, 2019, Tapit—Honouring, by Smart Strike. Standing his first season at Stone Jug Ranch, Dillsburg. \$3,500, or \$2,500 for multiple bookings, with special consideration for Pennsylvania foaling and stakes-producing mares

**ZOZOS** - Graded stakes-winning miler Zozos, the first son of major sire Munnings to stand in the region, has been acquired by Rodney Eckenrode to join the Equistar Training and Breeding roster.

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A millionaire who won seven of his 15 starts, from 6 furlongs to 1½6 miles, Zozos excelled as a miler. His victories at the distance came in the Ack Ack Stakes-G3 and Knicks Go Overnight Stakes at Churchill Downs and Ellis Park's Hanshin Stakes. When racing beyond a mile, he captured a 1½6-mile Oaklawn Park allowance by more than 10 lengths and two Fair Grounds allowances by daylight margins.

Zozos made his stakes debut at Fair Grounds in his third start, the 2022 Louisiana Derby-G2 at 1% miles, and finished second to Epicenter, who would later win the Travers Stakes-G1. That effort earned him a berth in the Kentucky Derby-G1 (he finished midpack). Last year he ran third to Gun Pilot, missing second by a neck, in the Grade 1 Churchill Downs Stakes at 7 furlongs. He retires with earnings of \$1,011,463.

His dam Papa's Forest, a winning daughter of Forestry who earned \$233,593 while racing from 2 to 6, has one other foal of racing age, \$334,948-earner Emerald Forest, the current 7-furlong track record holder at Louisiana Downs after zipping 1:21.07 in 2021.

Zozos' third dam Barbara Sue, a half-sister to Grade 1 winner and sire Super May and four-time graded winner and sire Ide, raced through age 8, won five stakes, and produced graded winner Diamond On the Run and additional stakes winners Tropical Blossom and Barbette. The family includes champion Consultora, Grade 1-winning millionaire Celestine and Japanese multimillionaire Piilani Highway.

Dark bay or brown, 2019, Munnings— Papa's Forest, by Forestry. Standing his first season at Equistar Training and Breeding, Annville. \$2,500 LFSN

## **PA-Bred Fund Statistics:** Top Earners

January 1 through November 30, 2024

## **LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS**

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Warriors Reward	684,354	188,374	872,728	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	103,961	165,824	269,785
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	472,059	211,091	683,150	Pewter Stable	188,128	53,747	241,875
Steven W. Young Racing LLC	287,318	98,443	385,761	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	199,030	0	199,030
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	357,626	357,626	Joseph Imbesi	188,239	0	188,239
Blackstone Farm LLC	306,399	0	306,399	St. Omer's Farm	185,706	0	185,706
Glenn E. Brok LLC	228,130	68,525	296,655	Sylmar Farm Inc.	156,845	0	156,845

### **LEADING STALLIONS**

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

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<b>Stallion Name</b>	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	<b>Award Total</b>	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	<b>Award Total</b>
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	473	211,091	Peace and Justice	Steven W. Young Racing LLC	201	98,443
Warrior's Reward	Warriors Reward	437	188,374	Winchill	Pewter Stable	134	53,747
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	306	161,319	Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	183	44,825
Hoppertunity	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	365	151,026	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	116	39,353
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	264	121,504	Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	60	37,436
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	195	110,927	Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	79	31,244

### **LEADING HORSES**

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

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Bonus	Total
The Boy's Warrior *	Warrior's Reward - Inciarte	Warriors Reward	4	138,800	64,880	16,220	5,400	225,300
Smooth B *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	5	60,000	84,000	21,000	0	165,000
Fierce and Strong *	Hoppertunity - Doubleclickdamouse	Ultra Championship Racing LLC	6	81,020	50,068	12,517	10,570	154,175
Confirmed Star *	Uptowncharlybrown - Its My Town	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	10	9,800	90,312	22,578	26,680	149,370
Morning Matcha	Central Banker - Home Ice	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	3	119,880	22,800	0	0	142,680
Pachelbel *	Hoppertunity - Brilliant Sunshine	Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd.	12	19,600	69,142	17,285	29,644	135,671
Traders Luck *	Weigelia - Deanies Dancer	Sylmar Farm Inc.	9	20,000	59,736	14,934	33,240	127,910
Capo *	Peace and Justice - Seven Dreams	Steven W Young Racing LLC	10	43,640	47,643	11,911	21,088	124,282
Veeson *	II Villano - Springingintherein	Chuck Russo	7	9,800	62,457	15,604	28,012	115,873
Honorable Win *	Winchill - Honorable Partner	Pewter Stable	2	75,200	30,080	7,520	0	112,800
Foxy Junior	Cuba - Foxy Drummer	Dianne L. Stern	5	64,500	25,680	0	9,600	99,780
Twilight Dancer	Tapiture - Moonlight Basin	Warriors Reward	8	58,200	27,160	0	13,900	99,260

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes PA-sired