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Uptowncharlybrown Stud sets all-time season record

By Nikki Sherman



UTCB Stud LLC is named after their star stallion Uptowncharlybrown

It has been said many times that Pennsylvania is THE place to breed and race Thoroughbreds. The story of Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (UTCB Stud), aptly named after their star stallion, proves without a doubt that it's true. The truly remarkable story of the chestnut stallion is quite the whirlwind tale.

The all-time season record-holder in Pennsylvania for combined Breeder

and Stallion Awards, which was set just last year by Northview Stallion Station at \$502,000, has already been surpassed. As of Sept. 30, and with a solid three months to go, UTCB Stud has overtaken that mark with over \$548,000 and climbing. From that figure, Uptowncharlybrown himself has accounted for \$152,044 in Stallion Awards.

The story of Uptowncharlybrown began at the 2009 April OBS 2YO's in Training auction when Bob Hutt, the current President of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA) and CEO of Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC submitted the winning bid of \$57,000 for Uptowncharlybrown. Before he ever made his first start, the story of Uptowncharlybrown had already begun. While training as a 2-year-old at Monmouth Park, Hutt's trainer and longtime best friend Alan Seewald said the handsome chestnut colt was the "best horse he had ever trained". Seewald was proven correct in the colt's debut Dec. 26, 2009, at Tampa Bay Downs when Uptowncharlybrown broke his maiden by a widening 9 lengths. He followed that up with a resounding 6-length victory in Tampa Bay Downs' early Triple Crown prep, the \$75,000 Pasco Stakes.

After only two starts Uptowncharlybrown Stud received an offer for their colt of \$2,500,000. At that time, he was prominently mentioned in the prestigious 2010 Derby Dozen as a hot contender for the Kentucky Derby. However, Hutt was resolute in his trust of Seewald's observation of Uptowncharlybrown and declined the offer.

Hutt's world was turned completely upside down when Seewald unexpectedly passed away in his sleep on April 12, 2010. With a broken heart, Hutt sent Uptowncharlybrown to a new trainer. The colt bravely contested the Grade 1 \$1,000,000 Belmont Stakes in which he had an eventful trip. His saddle slipped approaching the 7-furlong pole yet he still managed to

finish fifth, beaten by only 3½ lengths. What no one noticed was that after the finish line Uptowncharlybrown proceeded to gallop out some 20 lengths past the field. The bad luck continued when Uptowncharlybrown bowed a tendon while preparing for the \$1-million Haskell Invitational and, after a year-long layoff, was unable to return at the same high level.

Hutt had been reading about the Pennsylvania breeding program, so when he retired Uptowncharlybrown in 2013, he knew exactly where the son of Limehouse should stand. Uptowncharlybrown was joined by a small band of seven "unproven" broodmares: all maidens, three of which had never even raced, while the other four were all low-level claimers. Hutt knew from a business perspective that this was an absolute recipe for disaster, but he was unmoved in his path to see success with Uptowncharlybrown. No successful commercial stallion had ever started with the deck so stacked against him, but Hutt did not care as his only goal was to breed a few claiming horses for his partnership to keep the memory of his best friend Alan Seewald alive. The first foal born was a flashy bay colt out of the Dixie Union mare Glorious Union. Even before birth, the foal's name was predetermined: Alan's Legacy. He would go on to win twice and earn \$118,827.

Glenn Brok of Diamond B Farm, where Uptowncharlybrown and his "Angels" (the original broodmare partnership was named "Charly's Angels") lived, initially questioned the stallion's potential. But as more foals arrived, Brok marveled at the

magnificent youngsters. "Chuck", as Brok affectionately called him, was a "freak" as a stallion. What he couldn't prove on the racetrack, he was now stamping through his progeny, who hit the ground running and never looked back.

From those humble beginnings Uptowncharlybrown started throwing stakes winner after stakes winner: Midtowncharlybrown (\$581,248), followed by his full brother Midnightcharly (\$452,258), graded stakes winner Dixie Serenade (\$348,765) and Wait for It (\$726,593). Midtowncharlybrown and Wait for It were both crowned PA-Bred Champions in multiple years.

From his first three crops, Uptowncharlybrown sired an additional six runners who earned over six figures, including stakes-placed Charlybrown's Rose (2nd \$100,000 Power by Far Stakes) and Lula's Roadrunner (2nd \$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial Stakes). Longevity has also been an important part of his legacy, as several of his offspring raced through ages 7 and 8. Rolls Royce Joyce (\$235,928) and Lula's Roadrunner (\$260,826) both raced in 2023 at the age of 6, with the former still in training.

While racing mainly Uptowncharlybrown progeny under the careful management of trainer Ed Coletti Jr., Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC has finished in the top 1 percent of the Equibase Owner Standings since 2017. UTCB Stud has grown its broodmare band to 15 and each group of foals looks better than the previous one.

Pennsylvania breeders also started to take notice despite

Uptowncharlybrown Stud continued

Uptowncharlybrown's initial small foal crops. He has now sired several hundred foals, including runners not bred by UTCB Stud, among the latter (from his 2020 crop) stakes-placed Legend of Charlie (2nd \$100,000 Mark McDermott Stakes) and Upstate and Back (3rd \$100,000 Whistle Pig Stakes). Also in the crop are UTCB Stud's own stakes-performer Keithsendshelloooo and the UTCB-bred Marion Grace.

And nationally, Kentucky breeders advised Hutt that Uptowncharlybrown's AEI/CI ratio was among the best in the country for moving broodmares up as compared to if the same broodmares went to other stallions.

Buyers at auctions have also expressed interest in offspring of Uptowncharlybrown. UTCB Stud-bred Oxana was purchased for \$65,000 as a 2-year-old and she went on to earn \$336,010 during a career that included a victory in the \$100,000 Roamin Rachel Stakes and multiple stakes placings. Graded stakes winner Dixie Serenade was offered at the prestigious Keeneland November Breeding Sale and while she ended up not meeting her reserve, buyers actively bid on her up to \$425,000.

From humble beginnings it is nothing less than a miracle that Uptowncharlybrown is among the top-5 leaders by earnings in Pennsylvania in 2023 despite having 37 percent fewer

runners than the leader. In addition, Uptowncharlybrown's progeny have cumulatively earned over \$2 million.

It is projected that UTCB Stud will finish the year with approximately \$750,000 in Breeder and Stallion Awards.

Do you believe in miracles? The success of Uptowncharlybrown is living proof to anyone thinking of breeding and racing: That if you can dream it, you can make all your dreams come true in Pennsylvania.

NOTE: Uptowncharlybrown (Limehouse—La Iluminada, by Langfuhr) will stand the 2024 season at Blackstone Farm in Pine Grove, Pa., for \$2,500 LFSN, with special consideration to PA-foaling mares.

A few words from the Executive Secretary

Fantastic news for 2024! The PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series is being expanded to include 3yos. You should have received a letter in the mail. If you were nominated for the 2023 2yo series, you're automatically eligible as a 3yo. If you did not nominate as a 2yo, the fee will be \$100 if paid before April 30, 2024, for the 3yo races in 2024. For foals of 2022, the fee will include races for 2 and 3yos. Please refer to your letter as the earlier you nominate, the cheaper the fee.

The last leg of the 2yo PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series will be run at PARX Dec. 27 at 1 mile and 70 yards with purses of \$200,000. Nominations for the December races for 2yos, if not

already nominated, are \$5,000 through the PHBA office. You can go to pabred.com under 'Horses Nominated' to see if your horse is on the list. If not, go to 'Forms' and print the nomination form or just give us a call. Don't miss out on the fun. Please remember that if your horse is already nominated, you still **MUST CALL** the PARX racing office to enter your nomination.

The new 2024 Stallion and Boarding Farm Directory will be available online by Dec. 1 and mailed to all breeders shortly after that. We'll be sending out a list of the new 2024 stallions.

By now you should be familiar with the online registration system on our

website. We will be transitioning to that in 2024.

If you are still using a paper registration, please make sure you forward a signed copy of the Code of Ethics, which is attached to the registration form.

Broodmare domicile forms are online for the 2024 foaling season. These domicile reports are **MANDATORY** and if not completed, your foal could be denied PA-Bred registration. As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have. Pennsylvania is the only place to Breed & Race! Have a great finish to 2023! Go PA!!



2024 BROODMARE DOMICILE REPORTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 1, 2023

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