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CLEARFIELD PA – The Pennsylvania fair circuit came to this northcentral Pennsylvania city for its only four-day stand of the season – two-year-olds on Sunday and Mondays, then three-year-olds the last two days, with trotters on the first card of the age group and pacers the second.

The freshman baby trotters thus led off on Sunday, with the fastest time, 2:05.1, recorded by the Fordham Road – Diamond Creek gelding Drive To Deliver for owner/trainer Roger Hammer. Hammer won two races as owner/trainer/driver; Brady Brown also drove two winners on the card.

During Monday's baby pacing action, the Betting Line – Goldies Bad Girl filly Rambling Ruby became the fair circuit's only five-time winner so far, going in 2:03.3 for trainer/driver Todd Schadel and owners Andy Miller Stable Inc., Jean Goehlen, and Bert Hochsprung. Faster in this class was the 2:03.1 turned in by the A Rocknroll Dance – Monet's Lilly filly Little Lady J for driver Brady Brown and owner/trainer Mitchell York. Fastest male was the Betting Line – Triplet Hanover gelding Trifecta Hanover, home in 2:01.4 for trainer/driver Todd Schadel, also co-owner with Glenn Dyke and LeBlanc Racing Inc.

When the three-year-old trotters took over Tuesday, an experimental 5:30 p.m. post time was used, with its merits to be studied for future uses. Fastest trotter of the day, and the meet, was the Better Caviar miss Caviar On Broadway, trained and driven by Dave Wade, co-owner with Gerald Brittingham and William Peel III, in a 2:04.2 mile.

The final card brought out the three-year-old pacers and the Always B Miki gelding Buchannon Hanover, whose 1:58.2 mile was by far the fastest mile of the meet, and just a fifth shy of the divisional track record set last year by Terry A Hanover. Trainer/driver Todd Schadel and his wife Christine own Buchannon Hanover, who now has three 2:00 miles on the fair circuit this year, while no other horse has more than one.

Todd Schadel won the Buster DiSalvo trophy, annually given to the horseman driving the most winners; Brady Brown was second in this competition. Todd also sent out the most winners from his barn, with Roger Hammer, Aaron Johnston, and Steve Schoeffel also harnessing multiple winners from their shedrow during a meet where eighteen different trainers won at least one race.

The Pennsylvania Fair Circuit now "splits." There will be racing at the Wayne County Fair in Honesdale (northeast Pennsylvania) this Saturday and Sunday as their "two-day Sire Stakes" event, and then their "regular fair meet" will take place this coming Wednesday and Thursday. The Greene County Fair in Waynesburg (southwest Pennsylvania, and birthplace of Dave Palone) will have two days of racing on Tuesday and Wednesday. Post times vary at Honesdale; Waynesburg's first race both days is at noon. Entries are drawn on the PA fair circuit two days before the first day of the meet.