

MIDWEEK PENNSYLVANIA FAIR RACING AT WAYNESBURG, HONESDALE

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HONESDALE PA – The Pennsylvania fair circuit went in two directions for midweek racing: the Wayne County Fair in Honesdale PA, and 348 miles away, the Greene County Fair in Waynesburg PA, where unfortunately the two-year-olds missed out on their Tuesday Fair Sire Stakes action due to weather.

On Wednesday, the fastest three-year-old performances came from two Artspeak pacing fillies: Artful Storyteller, who won in 2:02.1 for driver Branden Smith, trainer Lou Goans, and owner Christopher Conner, and Amelia B Hanover, home in 2:02.3 for trainer Gary Johnston and driver/owner Shawn Johnston. Gary Johnson was the leading trainer for the abbreviated meet with a double, while Shawn Johnston tied with Wayne Long with two sulky victories each.

Long was in the sulky when the Calchips Brute filly Brutal Apology won a "B" Fair Sires division in 2:04.2 – faster than any other trotter, "A" or "B" level. Long is also trainer and co-owner with Joyce Lineweaver.

At Honesdale both the Wednesday and Thursday cards were held, the highlight being a tying of the track record for three-year-old pacing colts by yet another offspring of Artspeak: Terry A Hanover, whose 1:59.1 time matched that of Star Of Terror five years earlier. Trained and driven by Todd Schadel, Terry A Hanover, the 2020 Fair Championship winner who recorded his third 2:00 mile at the fairs this season, is owned by Christine Schadel and Caitlin Solt.

Three generations of five different Schadels were in the winners circle as programmed trainers or drivers at Honesdale: patriarch Bruce, his sons Todd and Tony plus Tony's wife Linda, and Todd's son Cody. Tony was the leading driver with five wins; Todd and Linda tied for the training title with five successes.

Driver Eric Neal swept the "A" level three-year-old filly paces: with the A Rocknroll Dance miss TSM Princess Lexi, a 2:02 winner over the fair season's fastest performer, Tiamogonedancen, for trainer Robert Krenitsky Jr. and owner Theodore Tomson, and with the Artspeak distaff Catie Faye Hanover, a 2:01.3 winner for trainer Richard Dunn, also part-owner with MBC Stables LLC.

Honesdale Fair is proud of its tradition of continuing to offer \$2000 free-for-all for each gait. Sweet Heart AS won the lone division of the trot in 2:06.4, while successful on the pace were Dream Dancing in 2:02.2 and Big Is Better in 2:03.1.

The Pennsylvania Fair calendar gets very crowded over the next few days and weeks. The races will be at Washington (Arden Downs) this Sunday and Monday; Dayton on Wednesday and Thursday; Somerset on Thursday and Friday; and Meadville the following Sunday and Monday.