

Six pullers reach paydirt

THE BUCK — Tractor pulling enthusiasts who visited the Buck Tractor Pulls on Aug. 19 were treated to six full pulls, an unusual happening during contests where a good distance and winning pull is often just 250 feet or less.

The onslaught of full pulls - a complete run of the 300-foot track - came in the 5000 pound modified and 9000 pound open classes. Powerful engines jettied smoke into the August evening sky and tires scratched the dust wildly as one competitor after another swept through the end-zone in command of hundreds of mechanical horses. Some of the engines develop more than 1000 horsepower.

Gary Mills, a regular puller from Fallston, Md., steered a 427 cubic inch Chevy powered machine to victory in the 5000 pound modified class. He dragged the sled for the full distance on his first attempt and eventually won with an effort of 264 feet and 10 inches during the pull-off. The second slot was won by Eugene Spickler of Elizabethtown who managed a pull of 253-8 after having gone the full distance in his first try. His rig was powered by two Chevy engines. In third place was

Ted Houck of Gap, driving a third Chevy-powered tractor. His runs were measured at 300 and 247-7, respectively.

Winner among the three who went the full distance in the 9000 pound open class was Galen Spickler, Elizabethtown, whose drive ended at 288-7. Willard Will of Central City placed second at 283-7, and Elwood Funk, Lititz, was third. All three drove rigs powered by Allison Aircraft engines.

Following are results of other classes:

12,000 pound super stock
1. Tom Middleton, Rudgey, Md., IH 1066, 227-10; 2. Robert Riggs, Brookville, Md., JD 4320, 220-1; 3. Amos Stauffer, Ephrata, Deutz 8006, 176-6.

5000 pound super stock
1. Coleman Wheatley, Bethel, Del., JD 4010, 248-7; 2. Jim Brubaker, Quarryville, A-C 180, 244-0; 3. Joseph Bell, Sharpsburg, Md., JD 4010, 75-2.

9000 pound super stock
1. Tom Middleton, 262-7; 2. Robert Riggs, 253-2; 3. Tom Savage, Damascus, Md., JD 4010, 249.

7000 pound modified
1. Curt Stoltz, Myerstown, 427 Chevy, 283-1; 2. Eugene Spickler, 280-10; 3. Don Landis, Berlin, two 440 Dodges, 274-9.

7000 pound super stock
1. Tom Savage, 272-3; 2. Marlin Brubaker, Quarryville, A-C D-21, 260-9; 3. Coleman Wheatley, Bethel, Del., JD 4010, 259-9.



Cumberland County 4-H members recently received special recognition at the State 4-H Achievement Days, August 7-8 at the Pennsylvania State University.

The Cumberland County 4-H Horse Judging team placed first in the State wide contest. Team members include Judy Long of RD, Carlisle; Betsy Nichols, Mechanicsburg; Deb King, RD, Mechanicsburg and Cindy Otto of RD, Carlisle.

Betsy Nichols placed third in the State wide contest. Team mates Deb King and Judy Long placed ninth and thirteenth respectively.

The team was coached by Miss Barbara Rebert, RD, Mechanicsburg. The team has won the right to represent Pennsylvania 4-H Clubs at the American Quarterhorse Conferences held at Columbus, Ohio and at the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest that will be held in Harrisburg at the Keystone Livestock Exposition.



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