

Baby, Baby, Baby, Baby! Couple Hits Jackpot

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Considering the odds, it's safe to say that Chris and Amy Yarns of Clarks Summit hit the jackpot on Friday with the successful birth of the first quadruplets ever at Community Medical Center.

"I can tell you this," said Mr. Yarns, "with the exception of a couple in Hazleton, more people

have won the lottery in Northeastern Pennsylvania than have quadruplets."

The four babies, Tiana Elizabeth, Chase Christopher, Rhys Jenkins and Trey Donald, rested in the neonatal intensive care unit shortly after their midday birth, each with their own neonatal specialist and pair of nurses. The siblings were delivered by Caesarean section.

The only one who required special apparatus was 3-pound, 8½-ounce Trey, who, as the last to be born, was left without support from his mother the longest, Mr. Yarns said. He was receiving oxygen as a precaution.

Two-pound, 2-ounce Chase stuck out a tiny tongue as he squirmed in his bed, his beaming grandmother peering at him through the glass.

"He looks just like Chris," Carol Jenkins said, referring to her son-in-law.

Rhys was the biggest of the babies, weighing in at 3 pounds, 13 ounces. Tiana, the lone girl, 3 pounds, 7½ ounces, was the first one pulled from her mother.

Mrs. Yarns was doing fine, her husband said. She had been on complete bed rest at the hospital for the past 24 days, and on

limited activity at home for the previous 23 days.

"She's been fantastic," her mother said. "She's gotten bored but she's got plenty of company and lots of friends."

Doctors decided to go ahead with the delivery at 32 weeks. A full-term pregnancy lasts about 40 weeks. A 30-person team, including Dr. Harold Davis, who performed the actual delivery, at-

tended the birth.

Outside the neonatal unit, as family and friends oohed and aahed over the infants, big brothers Blaise, 10, and Ross, 7, frolicked in long white surgical gowns.

Mr. Yarns, meanwhile, said he was on "cloud nine."

"I'm sure it's going to be like that for a long time," he said. "It'll be 1 a.m. before I get to bed."