

WHAT A DAY AT BEESTON FOR THE ASHACRES KOMET MILKING PORTION SALE - MILKERS TO 4500 GNS AND CALVES TO 2700 GNS

One of the largest crowds seen at any dispersal this year descended on Beeston Castle Auction for the sale of the entire milking portion of the Ashacres Herd, the property of John Wynn Ash Acres Farm, Ightfield Heath, Nr. Whitchurch together with that of Komet Holsteins' Komet Herd, a small and select herd based on PI bloodlines set up by its partners Phil Wynn (John's son) and Graham Brindley and kept at Ash Acres Farm.

Buyers travelled from near and far to acquire members of this high type herd which featured cows with great udders, durability and especially high components in its milk with herd average of 9390 kg 4.14% butterfat and 3.14% Protein and cell count of 105. The cattle were distributed throughout the locality but as far as Northern Ireland, Cumbria, Herefordshire, North and South Wales, Suffolk and Kent but many buyers tried hard but went home empty handed.

All this competition resulted in a fantastic trade for everything and it is the top priced lot that is travelling the furthest; making her way to join the Fortvale herd of David and Mimi McClurg in County Down, Northern Ireland and selling for 4500 gns is Komet Jordan Roxy (VG87), a milking heifer by Roylane Jordan, bred from 7 successive generations of VG/EX cows tracing back to the show winning Aitkenbrae Warden Roxy (Ex90) 13*.

Taking the next three top sellers was Richard Edwards of Tilstock, Nr. Whitchurch; for 2900 gns he purchased the exquisite Ashacres Esquimau Gwenda (VG88) due with her third calf in November to Jordan. At 2700 gns the (VG86-2yr) and 10000 kg heifer Ashacres Capri Patsy joins his herd having just freshened with her second and at 2300 gns Ashacres James Jenny 2nd (VG85-2yr), another fresh second calver also make the same journey. Mr Edwards purchased a fourth animal, the fresh third calver Ashacres Mandelin Gwenda at 2050 gns.

Two leading lots make their way to South Wales; Lloyd Thomas of Bancyfelin purchased Ashacres Shark Charm (VG85-3yr) who is due to Jordan with her third calf in September, for 2200 gns whilst Komet Mtoto Roxy 3rd (VG85 & SP) a fresh fourth calver and dam of the top seller was purchased by an undisclosed breeder.

The only other milker to break the 2000 gns barrier was Ashacres Revision Jenny (Ex90) (EX92-MS), a wonderful older cow who freshened with her fifth calf at the end of April, sold at the level money to Coopon Lavenham of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk who were the Sale's volume buyers raking 22 head.

Calves were an excellent trade, the highlight being the October '06 born Komet Shottle Jewel bred from 8 successive generations of VG/EX dams from the Angel PB Abbie family who sold for 2700 gns to an undisclosed buyer. A small offering of August and September calving heifers sold to 1250 gns for a Jordan daughter purchased by J E John & Son of Clarboston Road, Pembrokeshire and the only bull on offer, the 16 month Komet Vocation, by Braedale Freeman and bred from 9 gns classified in the top two grades sold for 1600 gns to Rob Hutchinson of Derby.

TOP PRICES:

		GNS
Lot 94	Komet Jordan Roxy (VG87)	W & D McClurg, N. Ireland 4500
Lot 63	Ashacres Esquimau Gwenda (VG88)	RL Edwards & Partners, Whitchurch 2900
Lot 83	Ashacres Capri Patsy (VG86-2yr)	RL Edwards & Partners, Whitchurch 2700
Lot 115	Komet Shottle Jewel PI	Purchased on behalf of a Client 2700
Lot 92	Ashacres James Jenny 2 nd (VG85-2yr)	RL Edwards & Partners, Whitchurch 2300
Lot 78	Ashacres Shark Charm (VG85-3yr)	VN & NE Thomas, Carmarthen 2200
Lot 28	Komet Mtoto Roxy 3 rd ET (VG85 & SP)	Purchased on behalf of a Client 2100
Lot 51	Ashacres Mandelin Gwenda	RL Edwards & Partners, Whitchurch 2050
Lot 23	Ashacres Revision Jenny (EX90)(EX92-MS)	Coopon Lavenham, Suffolk 2000
Lot 70	Komet Shark Roxy (GP83)	Coopon Lavenham, Suffolk 1850
Lot 27	Komet Mtoto Roxy 2 nd ET (EX90)	RL Edwards & Partners, Whitchurch 1800
Lot 77	Ashacres James Mary (VG85-3yr)	VN & NE Thomas, Carmarthen 1700
Lot 113	Ashacres Jordan Rose	W Bradbury, Buxton 1700
Lot 58	Ashacres Dante Jenny 2 nd (VG85-2yr)	Coopon Lavenham, Suffolk 1620
Lot 106	Ashacres Ray Jenny	T H Davies, Colwyn Bay 1620
Lot 131	Komet Vocation	CJ & RA Hutchinson, Derby 1600
Lot 18	Ashacres Storm Jenny (VG87) (EX91-MS)	Coopon Lavenham, Suffolk 1500
Lot 32	Ashacres Score Charm (VG88)	Coopon Lavenham, Suffolk 1500

AVERAGES

104 Cows and Milking Heifers (including 25 heifer calves at £554.40) £1444.96;

10 In-calf Heifers £1201.20; 1 Bull £1680.00. 115 HEAD £1425.80

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers.