

DAMION RAE TOPS CLAYDEN HOLSTEIN SALE AT 7400 GNS WITH ANOTHER AT 7300 GNS. SEVEN OVER 5000 GNS AND 21 OVER 3000 GNS

A great crowd of Pedigree and Commercial Holstein cattle breeders were in attendance at Clayhanger Hall, Haslington for a major reduction sale from the Clayden Herd, the property of Clayden Holsteins (Dennis and Rachel Hughes). Some 90 different buyers from Scotland to South Wales were recorded for the 250 plus cattle on offer.

The present day herd stems back to 2002 when Dennis Hughes re-established his herd with purchases of animals from many of the great and most renowned families the UK and world Holstein could offer. After a lot of hardwork and many long hours in the parlour numbers of milkers at Clayhanger Hall have grown to some 350 head. The herd follows an all year round calving pattern and has a rolling average of 8771 kg 4.04% butterfat and 3.29% protein. The sale included all cows and heifers calving between July and December.

There was a great trade, particularly at the top end of the market with no less than twenty one animals selling for 3000 gns or more including seven at 5000 gns or more and two over 7000 gns. The two top priced animals were jointly owned Dennis Hughes' good friend Bryan Challenor with the top seller being Smiddiehill Damion Rae (VG87-2yr), a daughter of the highly respected Erbacres Damion and bred from an outstanding line of the Roxy family. Damion Rae gave almost 9000 kg as a heifer and was sold dry due to calve in November to Picston Shottle. The hammer fell at 7400 gns to Maurice Jones buying on behalf of his Calcourt Herd at Montgomery.

At just 100 gns less the maiden heifer, Clayden Jasper Dacia, born July last year caught the eye of Michael Hollins buying for his Barmick Herd at Cheadle, Staffordshire. Dacia is a daughter of Wilcoxview Jasper and out of Golden calf SR Dacia LP(60) (EX94-3E) and a great grand daughter of the world renowned Snow-n Denises Dellia (EX95-2E).

Creating quite a stir was the Irish bred Croagh Susie Mist 25th (VG87), a daughter of Silky Gibson bred from six generations of VG/EX dams from one of the best families in the Republic of Ireland. She gave 8500 kg as a heifer and calved her second in May. After a long bidding battle the hammer was eventually knocked down to Will Glenn of Distinctive Holsteins, Middlewich. There were towards fifty daughters of Shottle in the sale; his best was Clayden Shottle Charlene (VG86-2yr) who had given 8200 kg 4.15% as a heifer and was sold dry due in November to the farm's stock bull Clayden Leematt. She sold for 6100 gns and now joins the Calcourt Herd.

Three animals made 5000 gns or more; the first was Clayden Outside Rosetta (VG88-3yr) who had calved her second at the end of May and had been served by Shottle. This fourth generation (VG/EX) whose gg dam was the noted EX92 Murlone Ultimate Rosetta sold to Steve and Ann Morley for their Petteril Herd in Cumbria. It is fairly unusual for a dam and daughter to make the same price at the same sale but that was the case when Smiddiehill Mr Sam Marie (VG88-3yr) and her daughter Clayden Goldwyn Marie entered the ring following each other; the Mr. Sam is milking with her second and due again next February to Million and was sold at 5000 gns to the Calcourt Herd whilst her January 08 daughter was sold due in March to Shottle and was sold for the same price to Alan and Steve Moore of the Danevalley Herd, Middlewich.

Heifer calves sold to a top of 4300 gns for Clayden Shottle Praline ET, a six month old daughter of Shottle from the Promise/Pledge family selling to Ian Williamson of Wardle Holsteins, Nantwich and bulls sold to 3000 gns for the 12 month old Clayden Rae of Sunshine, a Goldwyn son out of the top selling Smiddiehill Damion Rae (VG87-2yr), and purchased by Mark Hockenhull of Crudgington, Telford.

TOP PRICES:

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| Lot 141 | SMIDDIEHILL DAMION RAE (VG87-2yr) | A M Jones (Calcourt Farms), Montgomery 7400 |
| Lot 115 | CLAYDEN JASPER DACIA | M P Hollins, Stoke on Trent 7300 |
| Lot 82 | CROAGH SUSIE MIST 25 th (VG87) | Distinctive Holsteins, Middlewich 6300 |

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| Lot 136 | CLAYDEN SHOTTLE CHARLENE (VG86-2yr) | A M Jones (Calcourt Farms), Montgomery | 6100 |
| Lot 110 | CLAYDEN OUTSIDE ROSETTA (VG88-3yr) | S & A Morley, Carlise | 5300 |
| Lot 101 | SMIDDIEHILL MR SAM MARIE (VG88-3yr & SP) | A M Jones (Calcourt Farms), Montgomery | 5000 |
| Lot 102 | CLAYDEN GOLDWYN MARIE | AL Moore & Partners, Middlewich | 5000 |
| Lot 151 | CLAYDEN SHOTTLE FARRAH 4 th | Thomas Plas Ltd, Carmarthen | 4600 |
| Lot 131 | CLAYDEN SHOTTLE PRALINE ET | J R Williamson & Co. Nantwich | 4300 |
| Lot 58 | CLAYDEN JOURNALIST FARRAH 2 nd (VG88)(EX92-MS) | M P Hollins, Stoke on Trent | 4200 |
| Lot 47 | CLAYDEN CHARADE CLARE (VG85) | J Caldwell, Ayrshire | 3800 |
| Lot 38 | CLAYDEN OUTSIDE SARA 3 rd ET (EX90 & SP) | S & A Morley, Carlisle | 3600 |
| Lot 96 | ALDERBARROW JORDAN SPOTTIE (VG85-3yr) | T A Hack, Llandysul | 3500 |
| Lot 44 | AINTREE CHAMPION NUGGET C ET (EX904yr & SP) | S & A Morley, Carlisle | 3400 |
| Lot 145 | CLAYDEN SHOTTLE GEM PI | T A Hack, Llandysul | 3100 |
| Lot 146 | CLAYDEN SHOTTLE PEARLACME PI (VG85-2yr) | J C Bell, Knutsford | 3100 |
| Lot 45 | BARDELL LANDSCAPE JORDAN CHARLENE PI (VG86-3yr) | P J Waring, Beverley | 3000 |
| Lot 55 | CLAYDEN OUTSIDE PAMELA PI (VG88) | Messrs J A Martin, Carlisle | 3000 |
| Lot 111 | CLAYDEN MR SAM NUGGETT ET PI | RG; A & RT Lloyd, Anglesey | 3000 |
| Lot 141a | CLAYDEN RAE OF SUNSHINE | M Hockenhill, Telford | 3000 |
| Lot 160 | CLAYDEN SHOTTLE FARRAH 6 th (VG86-2yr) | SL & PS Bell, Penrith | 3000 |

AVERAGES:

186 Cows and Milking Heifers £2334.83 (including 62 Heifer Calves at £902.15 and 2 Bull Calves at £1680.00);
2 Served Heifers £3780.00; 2 Maiden Heifers £6090.00; 5 Bulls £1039.50; 195 HEAD £2331.80.
4 Embryos £525.00

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