

## EXCELLENT RICKI LEADS TAMESIDE DISPERSAL AT 3200 GNS.

A good turnout of buyers were in attendance at Beeston Castle Auction for the final sale to disperse the Tameside Herd of Pedigree Holsteins, the property of brothers Ellis and Tom Summerscales and removed from their high and exposed Oak Farm, Matley, Nr. Stalybridge situated at about 1000 ft on the edge of the High Peak. The decision to retire was made about eighteen months ago and last year they reduced the milkers by some sixty head selling them as they calved and also sold forty bulling heifers. This left numbers at this final sale comprising 111 milkers and 78 served and maiden heifers and heifer calves of which a handful were not forward on the day.

The quality of the cattle was good although there were quite a proportion of older cows in the milkers and also a high proportion of cows that had calved in the winter, some of which were guaranteed back in-calf and some were not. The resultant trade was very good for all the senior stock but all ages of younger stock appeared a little harder to clear at recent levels, no doubt due to the lack of grass in many parts of the country. Nevertheless buyers gathered from many different parts and the cattle were distributed to Cumbria, North and West Yorkshire, Kent, West Wales as well as the locality and its surrounding counties.

Top price of the day was 3200 gns paid for the third calf cow Tameside Ricki 6<sup>th</sup> (Ex90) a daughter of Comestar Outside tracing to the well known show cow Calbrett Astro Ricki. This very powerful, handsome cow had calved in April and was sold giving 44.7 kg. She sold to Lin Davies to join his noted Meurig Herd based at Carmarthen West Wales. He also purchased Tameside Jonquil 78<sup>th</sup> (VG87)(Ex-MS), a fresh third calf daughter of Talent sold giving 49 kg for 2600 gns.

The second top price was 3100 gns for the wonderful catalogue cover girl, Tameside Vaakje 4<sup>th</sup> (Ex90), a daughter of Integrity, who is the tenth generation of VG/EX cows from the noted Stardale Vaakje family, Vaakje 4<sup>th</sup> calved her fourth calf in January and was sold giving 46 kg daily to Dennis Hughes of Clayden Holsteins at Haslington, Crewe. AT 2500 gns Richard Thompson who runs the Grinkle Herd with his wife Heather, at Whitby North Yorkshire selected the Bosside Roma Roman daughter Tameside Pamela 2<sup>nd</sup> (VG88); she is the sixth generation of cows classified in the top two grades and was back in calf for early November to Buckeye.

In-calf heifers sold to 2000 gns for another member of the Vaakje family sired by Sterndale Fanatic selling to JH & R Morris of Sontley, Wrexham whilst recently served and maiden heifers sold to 1750 gns for a member of the Pamela family, also sired by Fanatic which sold to MN Probert of Shrewsbury. Heifer calves topped at 1000 gns for an August 09 daughter of Atlas also from the Vaakje family.

### TOP PRICES :

			GNS
Lot 57	Tameside Ricki 6 <sup>th</sup> (EX90)	L S Davies, Carmarthen	3200
Lot 31	Tameside Vaakje 4 <sup>th</sup> (EX90)	Clayden Holsteins, Crewe	3100
Lot 55	Tameside Jonquil 78 <sup>th</sup> (VG87) (EX-MS)	L S Davies, Carmarthen	2600
Lot 45	Tameside Pamela 2 <sup>nd</sup> (VG88)	RG & HE Thompson, Whitby	2500
Lot 38	Tameside Dream 11 <sup>th</sup>	R Ward, Market Drayton	2450
Lot 88	Tameside Breeze 10 <sup>th</sup> (GP81)	L S Davies, Carmarthen	2200
Lot 91	Tameside Ella 124 <sup>th</sup> (GP83) (VG87-MS)	DR & A Higgins, Shrewsbury	2050
Lot 104	Tameside Mayflower 52 <sup>nd</sup> (GP84-2yr)	R Ward, Market Drayton	2050
Lot 46	Tameside Candy 15 <sup>th</sup> (VG85)	R Ward, Market Drayton	2000
Lot 103	Tameside Silverwings 6 <sup>th</sup> (GP82-2yr)	G Green & Son, Northwich	2000
Lot 123	Tameside Vaakje 6 <sup>th</sup>	JH & R Morris, Wrexham	2000

### AVERAGES:

**108 COWS and MILKING HEIFERS £1618.75 (including 35 Heifer calves at £699.90); 19 In-calf Heifers £1462.82; 10 Served Heifers £1135.05; 11 Maiden Heifers £914.45; 148 Head £1513.70**

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