

WOODMARSH HAVE THE WOW FACTOR AT WEXHAM CUP BULL SALE – 5200 GNS TOP

The 57th Annual Wexham Cup Bull Show and Sale of Holstein bulls at Beeston Castle Auction, on behalf of members of the Western Club attracted an entry of 100 bulls of which eighteen were not forward on the day. This was certainly the best catalogue ever produced for depth of pedigree representing a broad spectrum of the very best international cow families and which were matched by the very high quality of the bulls themselves.

Judge this year was Robert Butterfield who awarded the Championship to a very smart bull from MW & GM Williams of Carmarthen for their Lyganlan Mars ET, a son of Picston Shottle bred from 6 generations of VG/EX dams of the Rose Vega Marion family. In reserve was the first prize senior bull Woodmarsh Lord ET from the herd of Mick and Jean Gould and son and daughter in-law Mick Jnr and Katherine, of Bomere Heath, Nr. Shrewsbury. The winner this year of the coveted Wexham Cup was, for the second year running, Richard Pilkington with Aintree Naldo, a son of Sandy-Valley Bolton from his famous Nugget family. In reserve was another entry from the Gould's with their Woodmarsh Lymerick ET, another son of Shottle.

The crowd assembled in great numbers and buyers were recorded from Scotland to Devon. The trade achieved was the best for many years particularly for the older bulls with only one in the first thirty or so failing to find a buyer. Competition at times was fierce and no less than twelve bulls sold for 3000 gns or more with buyers very keen to acquire the best bulls with the best pedigrees and who were ready to work now. However it was the Gould's of Woodmarsh who dominated the top prices with all five of their entry featuring in the leading prices and selling to average £4347.00. They had the top price selling their Reserve Champion for 5200 gns to Arthur Davies for his Hafesp Herd at Newtown, Powys. This top priced animal is a son of Toystory and bred from six generations of VG/Ex dams from the noted Lyme family.

The Gould's also received 4700 gns, the joint second top price, for Woodmarsh Mediator, another Toystory son but this time bred from their Melody family, from Messrs. LE and PM Rees and Son who were buying for their Aberystwyth based Anvil Herd. They also sold Woodmarsh Hornet, a son of Erbaces Damion from the Hope family at 4000 gns to WSJ Pugh of Bearstone, Market Drayton for his Wallhope Herd and Woodmarsh Mercedes, another Toystory son from the Melody family, for 3600 gns to Giles Dodd's Chester based Longfont Herd. Their fifth and final bull, Woodmarsh Lymerick, the Reserve Champion for the Wexham Cup sold for 3200 gns to Ray Pole of Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

The first prize junior intermediate bull Riverdane Benefit from Riverdane Holsteins of Middlewich attracted a lot of interest.; this son of Goldwyn from the Rainyridge Tony Beauty family sold for 4700 gns to join the Cilast Herd of the Vaughan brothers at Boncath, Pembrokeshire. Richard Pilkington of Aintree Holsteins also had a good day selling to a top of 4000 gns for Aintree Nebraska, a son of Zenith from his high component Nugget family. Nebraska was the choice of Guy Ley who was buying for his Hoops Herd at Holsworthy, Devon.

A further five bulls sold for 3000 gns or more; two came from the Holmland Herd of Steve and Patricia Bell of Penrith and shown by Paul Findley of Bestfed Nutrition. The first and selling at 3400 gns was Holmland Gillette ET a son of Gillette Final Cut from the Oralie family which was purchased by an undisclosed Scottish buyer, whilst the other was Holmland Stalagmite ET, a son of Stormatic, which sold for 3000 gns to PD Williams & Sons of Wrexham. In this bracket there were also two from Philip Davies' Gornal Herd; Gornal Blacktown, by Cowtown Lennox Dundee sold for 3100 gns to P Studley & Sons of Tarporley and Gornal Dramatic, by the homebred Gornal Penny Black sold for 3000 gns to Richard Williams of Wrinehill, Crewe. The only other to bull in excess of 3000 gns was the second bull in the ring, Kellywell Sheriff, a son of Shottle out of a Durham dam from the Pond-Oak Margot family; consigned by David Robinson of Cockermonth, he was the choice of Maurice Jones who was buying for his Calcourt Herd at Montgomery.

TOP PRICES:**GNS**

Lot 4	M & JC Gould	Woodmarsh Lord ET	W Davies & Son, Newtown	5200
Lot 58	M & JC Gould	Woodmarsh Mediator	LE & PM Rees & Son, Aberystwyth	4700
Lot 65	Riverdane Holsteins	Riverdane Benefit	J Gerwyn Vaughan, Boncath	4700
Lot 48	Aintree Holsteins Ltd	Aintree Nebraska	J G Ley, Holsworthy, Devon	4000
Lot 61	M & JC Gould	Woodmarsh Hornet	WSJ Pugh, Market Drayton	4000
Lot 59	M & JC Gould	Woodmarsh Mercedes	GTG Dodd, Chester	3600
Lot 2	D Robinson & Sons	Kellywell Sheriff	Calcourt Farms, Montgomery	3400
Lot 31	SL & PS Bell & P Findley	Holmland Gillette ET	Greentower Farms Ltd, Lanark	3400
Lot 60	M & JC Gould	Woodmarsh Lymerick ET	Ray Pole, Shepton Mallet	3200
Lot 15	D E Davies & Son	Gornal Blacktown	P Studley & Sons, Tarporley	3100
Lot 20	D E Davies & Son	Gornal Dramatic	R Williams, Crewe	3000
Lor 34	SL & PS Bell & P Findley	Holmland Stalagmite ET	PD Williams & Sons, Wrexham	3000
Lot 43	Aintree Holsteins Ltd	Aintree Nadal	Greentower Farms Ltd, Lanark	2800
Lot 16	D E Davies & Son	Gornal Black Legend	JW & TA Davies, Abergele	2600
Lot 44	Aintree Holsteins Ltd	Aintree Naldo	P G Beswick & Sons, Leek	2600
Lot 85	Wills Brothers Ltd.	Willsbro Ryan ET	E Evans & Son, Haverfordwest	2500
Lot 10	P J Waring	Winton Rubam	T & CJ Hadfield, Buxton	2400

AVERAGE: 63 Bulls £2127.50

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