

## **UP AND DOWN DAY FOR HOLSTEINS AT BEESTON'S WEXHAM CUP BULL SALE GOOD DAY FOR WOODMARSH LEADING THE WAY WITH THEIR 4000 GNS CHAMPION**

The Western Holstein Club's 58<sup>th</sup> Show and Sale of Bulls attracted an entry of 85 head of which 74 were forward on the day. Officiating as Judge was Robert Burrows of the well known Stardale Herd who did a splendid job in sorting out the good selection of bulls on offer. It has to be said that there were many good bulls forward and very few tailenders.

The Champion Bull on inspection was Woodmarsh Lantern, a son of Dudoc Mr. Burns from the Gould family of Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury with the reserve being Holmland Status, a son of Shottle consigned by Steve Bell and Paul Findley of Penrith. The prestigious Wexham Cup where bulls not only compete on their own inspection but also on their Index and the production and classification scores of their dams, was won by Willsbro Rewind ET, a son of Shottle with PLI of £143 and consigned by Wills Bros of Cornwall. Reserve for the Wexham Cup was the Reserve Inspection Champion, Holmland Status.

For the last few years the Wexham Cup Bull sale has been a very successful event; however this year a different picture was painted. There were not as many potential buyers present which combined with the increased use of sexed semen in AI, the change back to increased use of beef semen in AI and the general tightening of the belt on dairy farms all led to a more indifferent trade than we have experienced in recent years. However it also has to be said that several buyers who wanted a bull went home empty handed which is surprising when there was so much choice. Perhaps there were too many by Shottle and Goldwyn this year?

Generally the very best bulls sold readily. The top price of 4000 gns was achieved for the Inspection Champion Woodmarsh Lantern who is bred from 6 generations of dams scored in the top two grades from the Goulds noted Lyme family, the dam being a EX92-3E daughter of Silky Cousteau who has already produced 60 tonnes of milk and three VG daughters. The buyer of the bull was John Dugdale from Giggleswick, Settle, North Yorkshire. The next top price also went to the Gould's with their Woodmarsh Lexicon, a son of the very popular Advent and out of a fifth generation Excellent dam from the Farnear Luxor family. He sold to the Davies family of Marli, Abergele, Denbighshire.

The superbly bred Sterndale Ladino ET from Bill Nadin of Buxton was the next top seller realising 2700 gns to Glyn Davies for his Rhydygors Herd in West Wales. Ladino is a son of Talent out of the famous cow, Savage-Leigh Licorice (Ex92), an 18000 kg daughter of the renowned Durham. Bell and Findlay's good consignment of Bulls were led by their Holmland Tantalize Red, a true Red son of Talent from their great show and production cow Indianhead Durham Roxan (Ex93 & SP). He was purchased by Ben Towers of Tunstall, Nr. Carnforth, Lancashire.

John and Ruth Morris of Sontley, Wrexham purchased three bulls; Woodmarsh Lancer ET, a Mr. Burns son from the Gould's of Bomere Heath at 2400 gns; Willsbro Rewind, the Wexham Cup winner at 2200 gns and Willsbro Starglo ET a Goldwyn son from the 77 tonne producer, Overside Shottle Sunshine (Ex92) at 2100 gns.

### **TOP PRICES:**

			<b>GNS</b>
Lot 52	M & JC Gould	Woodmarsh Lantern	H & M Dugdale & Son, N.Yorkshire 4000
Lot 55	M & JC Gould	Woodmarsh Lexicon ET	WP & JP Davies, Abergele 3100
Lot 39	W J Nadin & Co.	Sterndale Ladino ET	G & MM Davies, Carmarthen 2700
Lot 30	SL & PS Bell & P Findley	Holmland Tantalize Red ET	B Towers, Carnforth 2500
Lot 45	M & JC Gould	Woodmarsh Lancer ET	JH & R Morris, Wrexham 2400
Lot 22	Will Bros Ltd	Willsbro Rewind ET	JH & R Morris, Wrexham 2200
Lot 19	Wills Bros Ltd	Willsbro Starglow ET	JH & R Morris, Wrexham 2100
Lot 63	Messrs Armstrong & C Baty	Wolfa Retro	J & B Berrisford & Son, Nantwich 2100
Lot 25A	David Rees Farms	Dalebank Rotate Allen	P D Williams & Sons, Wrexham 2200
Lot 49	J & N Hull & Sons	Fortland Ruttle ET	J & I Garth, Preston 2000
Lot 59	Aintree Holsteins	Aintree Nationalist	L Hadfield, Buxton 2000
Lot 82	M & JC Gould	Woodmarsh Lymesman ET	R Maskell & Partners 2000

**AVERAGES: 47 BULLS £1751.90**

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