

RED LETTER DAY AT BEESTON

RED CHAMPION AND A HOT RED TOP OF 6300 GNS

The Western Holstein Club's Monthly Show and Sale of Pedigree Holsteins attracted an entry of 76 cows and Milking Heifers, 15 Served Heifers and 19 Maiden Heifers and included the virtual dispersal of the young portion of the Forte Herd, the property of AL & HF Nottage of Seething, Norwich, Norfolk.

Judge for the day was Claire Roston who runs the Cassia Herd with her husband, Steve, at Whitegate, Nr. Winsford for her Champion she selected the beautiful red and white heifer Fornside Distrigene Monogram Red from Enchanted Holsteins of Preston whilst the reserve was awarded to Gerrard Champion Jewel 124th from G & AE Smith & Sons of Garstang, Lancashire.

A very useful crowd of purchasers were present and bidding by telephone which resulted in a very fast trade for the best cattle, but it has to be stated that trade for the second quality sorts was harder to clear. The top price in the milking section was 3000 gns for the Champion female, a beautiful daughter of Carrousel Distrigene Red and bred from the renowned Avondale Monogram family. She was purchased by Martin Lowry for his large Halen Herd at Newcastle Emlyn, Carmarthenshire. Mr Lowry also purchased the Reserve Champion for 2350 gns and a Kendall daughter bred from 5 generations VG/Ex dams from the Smiths at 2450 gns. He also purchased Fornside Shottle Fancy from Enchanted Holsteins at 2400 gns.

Another good consignment from Sanders Farms of the Isle Of Man saw their heifers top at 2400 gns for Sandisfarne Lelia Blackberry, by the homebred Manat son, Sandisfarne Brilliance. She sold to F H Cookson & Sons of Agden, Altrincham. Two other animals sold at 2350 gns each and both sold to Aubrey Greenhalgh buying on behalf of JWC George & Sons, of Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. They were an RSVP daughter from H Lomas & Son, Gawsworth Macclesfield and a Talent daughter from Sanders Farms.

The stars of the sale in terms of top prices were all reserved for the dispersal sale of the Forte Herd from Nottage family of Norfolk with four of their heifers making over 3000 gns to a top of 6300 gns. The top seller was the quite stunning red heifer Forte PSC Renita Red, a daughter of Poos Stadel Classic born April 09 and bred from six generations of VG/Ex dams from the renowned Stelbro Renita Ranger family. After a fierce bidding battle with four different bidders in over 5000 gns the hammer was finally knocked down to Albert Innes-Smith of Ponteland, Northumberland for 6300 gns. The same purchaser also spent 3000 gns on the superbly bred Forte Blitz Rhapsody, a Jan 09 daughter of Blitz bred from eleven generations of Excellent dams.

Two members of the Elegance family were keenly sought; they both shared the same grand dam – Forte CS Elegance (VG85-2yr), a daughter of Comestar Stormatic who sold for the record price for a cow at the Club sales of 6200 gns at the last sale in May. The first high seller from this family was the Feb 09 Mr. Sam daughter Forte Sam Elegance who sold for 4000 gns to Peter Royle of the Bolshaw Herd based near Coventry whilst the other was the April 09 Damion daughter Forte E Damion Elegance who sold for 4300 gns to Peter Waring for his Winton Herd based near Beverley, East Yorkshire.

TOP PRICES - COWS and MILKING HEIFERS :

			GNS
Lot 18	Enchanted Holsteins	Fornside Distrigene Monogram Red 2 nd	3000
Lot 26	G & AE Smith & Son	Gerrard Kendall Princess 50 th	2450
Lot 19	Enchanted Holsteins	Fornside Shottle Fancy	2400
Lot 65	Sanders Farms	Sandisfarne Lelia Blackberry	2400
Lot 25	G & AE Smith & Son	Gerrard Champion Jewel 124 th	2350
Lot 36	H Lomas & Son	Chelton Counsellor Meg 3 rd	2350
Lot 56	RM & RA Shepherd	Oakshore Bolton J Arabian	2350
Lot 64	Sanders Farms	Sandisfarne Levana Olive	2350
Lot 77	John & Jeremy Platt	Lachstone Ingot Kindle	2250
Lot 53	RM & RA Shepherd	Oakshore Lucente L Ann	2150
Lot 43	H & VE Jolly	Fieldside Emblem 13 th	2100
Lot 79	John & Jeremy Platt	Lachstone Ingot Dandy	2100

FORTE SERVED HEIFERS AND YOUNGSTOCK :

Lot 102	AL & HF Nottage	Forte PSC Renita Red	A Innes-Smith, Newcastle upon Tyne	6300
Lot 101	AL & HF Nottage	Forte Damion Elegance	P J Waring, Beverley	4300
Lot 96	AL & HF Nottage	Forte Sam Elegance	PG & EM Royle, Coventry	4000
Lot 94	AL & HF Nottage	Forte Blitz Rhapsody ET	A Innes-Smith, Newcastle upon Tyne	3000
Lot 88	AL & HF Nottage	Forte RR Renita	Ledgers Farms Ltd, Kent	2600
Lot 100	AL & HF Nottage	Forte Damion Winnie	K Marshall, Carmarthen	2200
Lot 87	AL & HF Nottage	Forte LM Melinda	W A Jones & Son, Whitchurch	2100

AVERAGES:

**6 COWS £1184.75; 52 Milking Heifers £1934.42; 15 Served Heifers £1771.00; 19 Maiden Heifers £1705.42;
92 HEAD £1811.59**

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