

AINTREE HERD TAKES ALL AT ON A FAST TRADE AT WEXHAM CUP BULL SALE – 8000 GNS TOP PRICE – AT PART ONE

The Western Holstein Club's 56th Wexham Cup Show and Sale of Bulls attracted an entry of 84 head for this leading annual event where bulls are compared on their own conformation as well as the production and type qualifications of their dams. But due to the current blue tongue restrictions only 40 of the original entry were able to attend with those who reside within the protection zone being sold at Chelford Market on the following Tuesday as 'part two' of this old established event.

But for those who were able to sell in the first part of the sale it proved a more than satisfactory result and in particular for Fred and Richard Pilkington of Aintree Holsteins Ltd, Hope, Wrexham who swept the board taking all the top prizes. They won both the Championship and the Wexham Cup with the same bull, Aintree Network ET, who was 1st prize intermediate bull; he is a September '06 son of Picston Shottle out of five generations of high fat and protein Ex/VG dams bred in their noted Nugget family. They also won the Reserve Championship with their 1st prize senior bull, Aintree Rampage Red, an April '06 son of Rosedale Rampage Red and Reserve for the Wexham Cup with Aintree Nistleroy ET, an August '06 son of Mesland Duplex and both of these bulls were also bred from the Nugget line. And to complete the success they also won 1st prize junior bull with Aintree Norseman Red, an October '06 son of Baileys RL Matrix Red.

Trade was the best experienced for many years and at the end of the day 38 of the 40 bulls forward found new homes. " I can never remember such a high clearance rate at a bull sale" said senior partner and auctioneer, Clive Norbury. He went on to say that the overall standard this year was high, but it was those bulls that were the fittest, most well grown and had the best pedigrees, particularly for high classification and butterfat that commanded the fiercest bidding.

Naturally enough it was the top bull that made the top price of 8000 gns; after a battle between a Lancashire breeder in the audience and a South Wales breeder on the telephone, it was the man from Carmarthenshire that won the day. Aintree had the next three highest prices as well; selling at 3200 gns was the Reserve for the Wexham Cup, Aintree Nistleroy who was purchased by Gerald Ley for his Devon based Hoops Herd. Selling at 3100 gns each were two more bulls bred from this Nugget family; Aintree Norway ET, by Braedale Goldwyn, sold to Allen Brothers of Hanmer, Whitchurch and Aintree Neptune ET, by Picston Shottle, sold to Wallbank Farms Ltd of Lancaster. The Pilkington's Reserve Champion sold for 2600 gns to E. Atkin & Sons of Market Drayton and in total the nine bulls from Aintree averaged over £3000.

Riverdane Holsteins also had a good day selling their Riverdane Ghost Story, another Shottle son, for 2900 gns to Ken Marshall of Carmarthen and Neil Jones sold his Allen son, Fennshall Pagan for 2500 gns to A Williamson & Sons of Stoke-on Trent. In total 13 bulls sold for 2000 gns or more and there were only a couple below four figures.

TOP PRICES

Lot 36	AINTREE NETWORK ET	Undisclosed South Wales Buyer	8000
Lot 35	AINTREE NISTLEROY ET	J G Ley, Holsworthy, Devon	3200

Lot 33	AINTREE NORWAY	Allen Brothers Whitchurch	3100
Lot 39	AINTREE NEPTUNE ET	Wallbank Farms Ltd. Lancaster	3100
Lot 60	RIVERDANE GHOST STORY	K Marshall Carmarthen	2900
Lot 6	AINTREE RAMPAGE RED	E Atkin & Sons, Market Drayton	2600
Lot 23	FENNSHALL PAGAN	A Williamson & Sons, Stoke on	
Trent	2500		
Lot 37	AINTREE NORSEMAN RED	Ian Loughran, Co Tyrone, N	
Ireland	2400		
Lot 15	GORNAL BLACK SAPPHIRE	Undisclosed Scottish Buyer	2300
Lot 17	GORNAL STAR BLACK	O R Prince & Partners Burton-on-	
Trent	2100		
Lot 64	HOLMLAND JAKE RED ET	P G Williams, Haverfordwest	2100
Lot 66	HOLMLAND IVAN	W Shirt & Son, Buxton	2000
Lot 69	TOWNHOUSE ANGLE GRINDER ET	TO & GO Lewis Oswestry	2000

AVERAGES

38 Bulls £1958.39

AND NOW FOR PART TWO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT STORY!!

The second part of the Wexham Cup Sale duly took place a few days later at Chelford with 32 bulls being present for breeders who reside within the restricted blue tongue zone. Aubrey Greenhalgh kindly came down again from Preston to act as judge and for his champion he selected Marlie Jordan Supreme from Martin Rhodes at Goostrey for a son of Roylane Jordan. In reserve was Winton Rubwyn, a Braedale Golwyn son from Peter Waring of Beverley who was also winner of this section of the Wexham Cup. Reserved for the Wexham Cup was Woodmarsh Jacobite, another Goldwyn son from M & J C Gould of Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury.

Many often say 'what a difference a day makes' but in this case what a difference a change of zone makes. Trade was very flat and only eleven of the 32 bulls forward found new homes. Top price was 1950 gns for Bill Nadin's Sterndale Limelight ET, a son of Durham out of Thiersant Lili Starbuck ET (Ex94-4E) 1*, the dam of the world famous Lylehaven Lila Z (VG89-2yr); this November '06 son of Regancrest Elton Durham sold to David Oldershaw for his Premium Herd at Derby. Two other bulls made 1500 gns; Woodmarsh Lyric, a son of Drake from the Lyme family sold to W Bunting & Co of Ashbourne, Derbyshire and The Angel Partnership's Bidlea Atkins, a son of Tregibby Gibson and a g.dtr of the 'miracle cow' Gillette BLackstar Christiane (VG88-4yr) 16* sold to D & A Stonier of Congleton.

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11 Bulls £1283.86

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