

4000 GNS FOR GOLD ROSIE AT BEESTON FOCUS MILK

The Western Holstein Club's Monthly Focus Milk Show and Sale of fresh calved cows and heifers attracted an entry of 62 head for its April event of which 59 were forward on the day. Judge this month was Steve Armstrong of the local Armsdale Herd and for his Champion he selected Hawksmoor Goldie 129th, a daughter of Sterndale PS Lovejoy from RJ Clare & Partners of Adderley, Market Drayton and in Reserve was the second calf cow Ridgefield Gold Rosie (VG86-2yr) from Ridgefield Farm Partnership of Loughborough, Leicestershire.

The sale this month was held in conjunction with the Dispersal Sale of the Skyhigh Herds on behalf of Messrs Shadwick of Dalston, Carlisle (*See separate report*) which no doubt assisted in attracting a huge number of buyers to the sale from all over the country. The trade at the Focus Milk Sale was more than satisfactory being good for the very best and the second quality but sluggish for those that fell in between for some strange reason. It has to be said that although there were some really good individuals, quality was not up to the overall standard in previous months.

Top price was 4000 gns and achieved for the Reserve Champion, Ridgefield Gold Rosie ET (VG86-2yr), a fresh second calf daughter Braedale Goldwyn who had given over 9400 kg and 4.56% in her first lactation. She is 7th generation VG/EX from a wonderful maternal line; she already has 2 EX and 2 VG maternal sisters and is a grand daughter of the noted Bosdale Storm Rose (Ex93). She had calved in late January and recently been bred to Explode and was sold giving 42 kg. to Eryl Done of Wyevalley Dairy Genetics Ltd of Credenhill, Hereford.

The next top seller was Kellywell Golden Tickle 2nd ET consigned by David Robinson of Cockermouth, Cumbria. This was another daughter of the great Goldwyn who has 9 VG/EX sisters on both sides of the Atlantic out of a prizewinning VG89 dam by Outside. She sold giving 32 kg and now joins the herd of Brian Yates at Castle Douglas, Dumfriesshire.

The third top seller was a beautiful Red heifer from the Porter family of Crewe with their Monbar Roses Molly Red by Riverdane Roses Reflection; this very smart second prize heifer sold for 2800 gns to join the large Baltier Herd at Whithorn, Wigtownshire. Selling at 2500 gns was Holmland Baroque Paradise from Steve and Patricia Bell of Penrith which was sold to the Wyevalley Herd.

There was also a lovely group of maiden heifers and stirk heifers consigned by the Aintree and Dalebank Herds and the top seller went to a four month old calf from Aintree with their Aintree Wyman Sara. This was a beautiful daughter Pirolo Goldwyn Wyman bred from 8 generations of VG/Ex dams from the noted Sara family. She sold for 2100 gns to Baltier.

TOP PRICES:

				GNS
Lot 8	Ridgefield Farm Partnership	Ridgefield Gold Rosie ET (VG86-2yr)	Wye Valley Dairy Genetics Ltd Hereford.	4000
Lot 12	D Robinson & Sons	Kellywell Goldwyn Tickle 2 nd ET	D & M Yates, Castle Douglas	3200
Lot 30	Monneley Farm Partners	Monbar Roses Molly Red	Baltier Farming Company Ltd Whithorn	2800
Lot 17	SL & PS Bell	Holmland Baroque Paradise	Wye Valley Dairy Genetics Ltd Hereford	2500
Lot 31	Monneley Farm Partners	Monbar Diamond Holly	R Evans & Son, Anglesey	2400
Lot 4	Riverdane Holsteins	Riverdane Nwe Crimson ET (VG86)	Baltier Farming Company Ltd Whithorn	2300
Lot 26	RJ Clare & Partners	Hawksmoor Goldie 129 th (GP84-2yr)	D & J Armstrong, Tarporley	2100
Lot 187	Aintree Holsteins Ltd	Aintree Wyman Sara	Baltier Farming Compan Ltd Whithorn	2100
Lot 22	D & E Monk	Bannistree Marigold 53 rd	DE & MR Davies, Llanymynech	2000
Lot 23	S Wake	Blydale BI Frolic	D & A Roberts, Chester	2000
Lot 24	Aintree Holsteins Ltd	Holbeck Wisconsin Ruth	EM & RJ Edge, Taporley	2000
Lot 32	Monneley Farm Partners	Monlea Condore Delila	R Evans & Son, Anglesey	2000

AVERAGES:

6 Cows £2353.75; 34 Calved Heifers £2023.72; 15 Maiden and Stirk Heifers £1183.00

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

PRICES GO “SKYHIGH” AT BEESTON! DAM AND DAUGHTER SELL FOR 18000 GNS!

The Dispersal of the noted Skyhigh Herds of Holsteins, British Friesians and Swedish and Danish Reds, the property of Mark and Jane Shadwick and Family of Raughton Farm, Dalston, Carlisle were dispersed at Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire following the Western Holstein Club’s Monthly Focus Milk Show and Sale. It was an outstanding sale and prices literally did go “Skyhigh!” for all three breeds and all age groups. All breeds were run as one herd, were managed and fed organically, cubicle housed and averaged 8800 kg. 4.33% butterfat 3.41% protein with cell counts at 42 and a remarkably good calving index of 387.

HOLSTEINS SELL TO 4400 GNS

The top selling Holstein was Stardale Oman Adeen (VG86-3yr)(VG89-MS), a second calf daughter and one of the oldest in the UK by O-Bee Manfred Justice. She gave over 8600 as a heifer, calved her second in January and was PD back incalf to Goldfish. She also 4 straight Excellent dams from a prizewinning line and sold to The Baltier Farming Company of Whithorn, Wigtownshire. Two other milkers made over 4000 gns; the first was Skyhigh Durham Elegant (VG86-2yr), a milking heifer with six Excellent dams and two Excellent sisters who is due with her second in September to Windbrook who now joins the Cracking Herd of CSA Brassington at Roden, Shrewsbury and at 4100 gns was Stardale Minister Vaakje 2nd (VG88-3yr)(Ex-MS), a February calved second calf who is a 12th generation VG/EX, selling to Susan Armstrong for her Wolfa Herd at Penrith.

Four milkers made 3500 gns each: the first two were third calf full sisters by Talent from the Moondale Leader Pat (Ex94-4E)(Ex95-MS), with one going to join the Cracking Herd and the other to the Walkabout Herd of Richard Gay at Musbury, Devon. Peter Royle of the Warwickshire based Bolshaw Herd had the other two at this price; the first was a dry member of the Adeen family by Durham due in the autumn to Destry and the other was a VG86-2yr fresh second daughter by Baxter from the Stella family.

Young stock also sold incredibly well topping at 3600 gns for Talent Adeen heifer due in November to Destry and selling to Colin Dent for his Bridgend Herd at Penrith whilst this heifers twin sister was the choice of Baltier who had to pay 3000 gns to acquire her. Also at 3000 gns each were a pair of yearling full blood sisters by Windbrook out of the two third calf Pat cows. One was purchased Peter Waring for his Winton Herd at Beverley and the other by Andrew Williamson for his Ingleden Herd at Calthwaite, Penrith.

TOP PRICE HOLSTEINS:

			GNS
Lot 115	Stardale Oman Adeen (VG86-3yr) (VG89-MS)	Baltier Farming Company Ltd, Whithorn	4400
Lot 113	Skyhigh Durham Elegant ET (VG86-2yr)	CSA Brassington, Telford	4200
Lot 109	Stardale Minister Vaakje 2 nd ((VG88-3yr) (EX-MS)	Messrs M Armstrong, Penrith	4100
Lot 158	Skyhigh Talent Adeen	C Dent, Penrith	3600
Lot 105	Skyhigh Talent Patty ET (VG88-3yr)(EX-MS)	CSA Brassington, Telford	3500
Lot 106	Skyhigh Talent Pat ET (VG89)	R J Gay, Devon	3500
Lot 117	Skyhigh DRM Adeen ET (EX90) (EX92-MS)	PG & EM Royle, Coventry	3500
Lot 119	Skyhigh Baxter Stella 4 th (VG86-2yr)	PG & EM Royle, Coventry	3500
Lot 159	Skyhigh Talented Adeen	Baltier Farming Company Ltd, Whithorn	3000
Lot 170	Skyhigh Windbrook Pat	P J Waring & Son, Beverley	3000
Lot 171	Skyhigh Windbrook Patty	Messrs Williamson, Penrith	3000
Lot 102	Stardale Minister Madrigal (VG87-3yr)	R Evans & Son, Anglesey	2900
Lot 167	Skyhigh Pleasure Adeen	RD Kite & Son, Stafford	2900
Lot 101	Stardale Reflex Vaakje 2 nd (VG87-3yr)	R Kellett, Hexham	2800
Lot 111	Stardale Roumare Vaakje 4 th (GP84) (VG87-MS)	S Forshaw & Sons, Preston	2800

BRITISH FRIESIANS TO 9200 GNS AND 8800 GNS FOR HER DAM

There were only seven animals altogether in this section of the sale but amongst them there were two of the very best individuals in the country today. They were two fantastic animals and certainly created an enormous amount of interest. It all centred around Blackisle Pauline 71st, a daughter of Blackisle Glen Albyn, who was milking in her sixth lactation and has given over 70 tonnes of milk to date including two lactations over 13000 kg and butterfats at 5% and was back in calf to Morcourt Hilton for October. After a flurry of bidding the hammer eventually fell to Richard Pilkington of Aintree Holsteins who purchased in partnership with Steve Jones. However more excitement was still to come when her daughter entered the ring about an hour later; Skyhigh Quentin Pauline is a September ‘11 daughter of the popular Deangate Quentin and is a real beauty. Again there was plenty of bidding with hammer this time being knocked down to Peter and Ava Barrell for their Norfolk based Gemini Herd. Not a bad investment - 18000 gns for a dam and daughter!

TOP TWO BRITISH FRIESIAN PRICES:

		GNS
Lot 173	Skyhigh Quentin Pauline	P & A Barrell & Son, Norfolk
Lot 122	Blackisle Pauline 71 st (BFE95-4E)	Aintree Holsteins Ltd, Wrexham
		9200
		8800

SWEDISH AND DANISH REDS TO 4000 GNS

There was a huge demand with a colossal amount of bidding for the Reds and prices were literally on fire. The top seller was the sixth calf Danish import Orreja (Ex93) who was PD+ in-calf to a March service by the top sire VR Cigar. She has given two yields in excess of 10000 kg and was testing at over 6% fat in this lactation and has already bred two sons sold into AI. She was purchased by Eryl Done of Wyevalley Dairy Genetics Ltd of Credenhill Hereford.

Next in the red price list was a February calved heifer, Skyhigh Facet Strimma (GP83-2yr) (VG-MS) who has two VG dams. She sold to Ian Blamire of Thursby, Carlisle whilst her third calf (VG86-2yr) dam sold for 2700 gns to CD & SE Malkin of Stone. Two milkers sold for 2900 gns each; the first was a second calf daughter of R Facet which sold to Tollemache Farms Ltd., of Tarporley whilst the other was the fourth calf Skyhigh Fritz Hifa (Ex90 which also went to Messrs Malkin.

The top in-calf heifer was Skyhigh Linne Hjarta who is a daughter of an EX90 dam and due at the end of September to VR Cigar. She sold to J & J Messenger of Whitehaven, Cumbria whilst calves at foot topped at 2200 gns for a 4 month old Facet daughter of the 4000 gns top selling Orreja cow. The calf was purchased by Ian Blamire.

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		GNS
Lot 140	Orreja 690 (EX93)	Wye Valley Dairy Genetics Ltd, Hereford
Lot 129	Skyhigh Facet Strimma (GP83-2yr) (VG-MS)	I Blamire, Carlisle
Lot 151	Skyhigh Linne Hjarta	J & J Messenger, Whitehaven
Lot 126	Skyhigh Facet Lilia	Tollemache Farms Ltd, Tarporley
Lot 135	Skyhigh Fritz Hifa (EX90)	CD & SE Malkin, Stone
Lot 125	Skyhigh Bangkok Andera (EX90-4yr)	Wye Valley Dairy Genetics Ltd, Hereford
Lot 128	Skyhigh Lens Strimm ET (VG86-2yr)	CD & SE Malkin, Stone
Lot 133	Skyhigh Linne Rosa	Wye Valley Dairy Genetics Ltd, Hereford
Lot 138	Skyhigh Facet Avid	Wye Valley Dairy Genetics Ltd, Hereford
Lot 144	Skyhigh David Stala (VG85-3yr)	CD & SE Malkin, Stone
		4000
		3400
		3000
		2900
		2900
		2800
		2700
		2700
		2700
		2600

AVERAGES:

HOLSTEIN: 19 Cows and Milking Heifers (inc 5 heifer calves at £1417.50) £3406.97; 2 In-calf Heifers £3465.00; 13 Maiden Heifers £1797.12; 34 HEAD £2794.85.

BRITISH FRIESIAN: 3 Cows and Milking Heifers (inc 1 Heifer Calf at £2205.00) £5355.00; 2 In-calf Heifers £5880.00; 1 Maiden Heifer £945.00; 6 HEAD £4795.00.

SWEDISH and DANISH REDS: 24 Cows and Milking Heifers (inc 8 Heifer Calves at £1036.88) £2830.62; 3 In-calf Heifers £2275.00; 4 Maiden Heifers £1155.00; 31 HEAD £2560.64.

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