

## **43,000 GUINEA SILVER IS THE WILTOR CENTERPIECE**



**A packed marquee awaits the sale of the first lot (15)**

One of the most prestigious Holstein sales in recent times took place for David & Claire Jones on their farm at Magor, Monmouthshire when they dispersed virtually their entire prizewinning and high index Wiltor herd. With nearly 90 buyers ranging from Lanarkshire to Cornwall, Essex to Pembrokeshire and all points in between as well as from both sides of the Irish border, together with bidders from Holland, Luxembourg and Germany, and an overall average of nearly £4,000 per head, the sale demonstrated both the value in high level pedigree cattle and the benefits of holding a sale on farm where the cattle can be prepared in their own familiar environment with no pressure to move them away immediately after the sale.

Much of the pre sale talk had been about the superb young cow Wiltor Silver Centerpiece (VG-89), a granddaughter of the celebrated Larcrest Crimson and therefore a member of one of the currently most popular families worldwide. After a modest opening bid of 5,000 gs she soon sailed past the 20,000 guinea mark a figure at which several breeders had hoped to secure her. From then on it developed into a straight fight between Southern Irish interests and Nick and Louise Sercombe of the Shambles herd in Leicestershire, with the latter finally prevailing with a bid of 43,000gs, the highest price paid for a milking female in the UK for some years. Her full sister, the 88 pointed Silver Cosmopolitan could prove a bargain for Oliver Williams of the Rosehip herd in Cambridgeshire who secured her for 11,500gs. She had 9 daughters in the sale by Bacon-Hill Pety Modesty which averaged over £4000, the most expensive being acquired for 7,000gs by local breeders A.J & L.A.Duthie for their Langfordale herd.

David Jones's great eye for cattle at a young age was fully demonstrated by two of the highest priced animals. Rockset Integral Rae Red, purchased as a yearling at Robert Hugo's dispersal last year and now down calving to Jordy Red, realised a substantial profit when selling to the South West Scotland based Eastford Holsteins syndicate for 15,000gs. Wyndford Doorman Zandra 4 (VG-87), another yearling buy, this time at the 2017 Wyndford dispersal, made 14,000gs to a Northern Irish buyer, with her Atwood heifer calf bringing in a tidy 7,500gs when purchased by Sulwyn Richards for his Larks herd in Glamorgan.

Other red animals to ring the bells were two cows who were selected to represent Britain at the recent European show in Libramont, Belgium, but did not travel due to health regulations. Wiltor Integral Jodie Red (VG-89) was the choice of Leicestershire's Rob Kirk who took her for his Leedham herd at 8,300gs and the twice All Britain Red & White Champion Wiltor Chipper Rosie Polled Red (Ex-94-2), was bought for Alan Paul's Slatabogie herd in Northern Ireland at 6,200gs.

High index calves were in demand with one the UK's current top ten genomic index calves Sahara Outback Jamaica selling for 8,000gs to Crossfell House Farm Ltd, Cumbria.

Two guest consignments did much to complement the sale. Professional fitter Gary Jones, whose clipping expertise in helping to prepare the sale animals did much to enhance the day sold a stylish daughter of Stantons High Octane out of the prizewinning T-Triple-T I Durham Poppi (Ex-95) to Messrs Patton's Ards herd for 6,500gs. The Yates family from the Logan herd, Castle Douglas, brought down a super load of both milkers and young stock from the best families in their high yielding herd and were rewarded with a solid trade for the majority of between 3 and 4,000 guineas at which price Bryan O'Connor from Kanturk, Co Cork bought a De-Su Syracuse calf from the Sweet family.

A most encouraging day for the Holstein breed with a large crowd present and spirited bidding from beginning to end, emphasising the value in deep pedigreed cattle combining type and index.



**Wiltor Silver Centerpiece ET (VG-89) – 43,000 guineas**

<b>TOP PRICES</b>			
15	Wiltor Silver Centerpiece ET (VG-89)	N.J & L.C.Sercombe (Shambles)	43,000
43	Rockset Integral Rae Red	Eastford Holsteins (Eastford)	15,000
88	Wyndford Doorman Zandra 4 ET (VG-87 2yr)	Undisclosed N.Irish buyer	14,000
17	Wiltor Silver Cosmopolitan ET (VG-88)	J.O.Williams (Rosehip)	11,500
35	Wiltor Integral Jodie Red ET (VG-89)	R.J & S.J.Kirk (Leedham)	8,300
9	Wiltor Impression Atlee	G.A.Lawrie (Arranview)	8,000
47	Wiltor Labron Mani ET (VG-87)	N & R.Roberts (Dulais)	8,000
69	Sahara Outback Jamaica	Crossfell House Farm Ltd (Crossfell)	8,000

92	Wiltor Atwood Zandra	W.S.Richards (Larks)	7,500
121	Wiltor Magictouch Moviemax	R.T.Halhead & Son (Norbreck)	7,400
93	Wiltor Modesty Cosmopolitan 6 ET	A.J & L.A.Duthie (Langfordale)	7,000
44	Wiltor Labron Mae ET (VG-87)	B & L.Whitfield & Son (Alderbarrow)	6,700
74	Knowlesmere Jones Oct Poppi ET	H.Patton & Sons (Ards)	6,500
45	Wiltor Denver Mae	F.H.Chave & Son (Peacehay)	6,300
40	Wiltor Chipper Rosie Polled Red ET (Ex-94-2)	A.Paul (Slatabogie)	6,200
32	Showgirl S C Sara (Ex-93-2)	G & A.E.Smith & Sons (Alandrew)	6,000
41	Wiltor Diamondback Rosie Red	Willow Holsteins (Willow)	5,800
36	Wiltor Mesdoor Jasmine ET (VG-87 2yr)	A.Paul (Slatabogie)	5,500
3	Wiltor Oak Gucci ET (Ex-90)	Undisclosed Welsh buyer	5,100
33	Wiltor Beemer Sara 2 ET	R & S.Helen (Eedy)	5,000
60	Meiklefirth Army Kalibra Red ET	Nosbisch Holsteins	5,000

A further 13 animals made 4,000gs or more.

### AVERAGES

#### Wiltor & Sahara

43 cows & calved heifers	£ 8,226-63 (incl. 43 calves @ £2,993-72)
12 served heifers	£ 4,786-25
23 rec served & maiden heifers	£ 3,478-70
7 bulls	£ 1,965-00
85 lots	£ 5,940-52

#### Logan

16 head	£ 3,366-56
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#### Jones

3 calves	£ 3,815-00
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