

WHINCHAT FINAL CHAPTER

The final dispersal sale of the Birkle family's noted Whinchat herd which took place on farm in Leicestershire attracted purchasers from Scotland to Cornwall and all points in between, drawn by the exceptional quality of the cattle on offer in terms of both their conformation and their wonderfully deep pedigrees. Andrew Birkle has bred quality Holsteins for more than 40 years and assembled some outstanding female families acquired through astute purchases in this country and the importation of embryos from the USA. Three previous sales from the herd have been held since 2000 and the herd's reputation drew both old and new customers for this final chapter.

Top price was 8,800gs paid by Blaise Tomlinson for an outstanding 12th generation Excellent third calver by Doorman from the noted Savoire Fare family which has been a signature line in the Whinchat herd for many years and is descended from embryos originally purchased from the famous Pinehurst herd in the States. Her heifer calf by Stantons Right Stuff made 3,800gs to the Pyne family's Postlake herd in Devon and Lancashire breeder Tom Riley acquired her Stantons Adorable in calf heifer for 5,100gs.

Blaise was a keen contender for many of the best cattle on offer, purchasing cows from the Flo and Star families for 7,200 and 6,000gs and adding more than 30 animals in all to his Sandyford herd in the county, many of them at over 3,000gs,

Another Savoire Fare to catch much attention was a second calf Unix daughter, sold for 7,500gs to join the Tregibby herd of Hefin Wilson, Cardigan, who has few superiors in purchasing quality animals, Her daughters made 3,600 and 3,200gs, both to Welsh breeders,

The Star family was one of the herd's best and most consistent families and three members of the family were among the top prices with Emma Murray, Shropshire giving 7,000gs for a VG-88 Tropic second calver; Bev Baker taking a VG 2yr by Adorable for 6,100gs for the BB herd in Monmouthshire and Peter Waring acquiring a 95 point fifth calver for the Winton herd at 6,000gs,

There were a number of big volume buyers with Obsidian Holsteins Ltd taking 37 cows and served heifers for a new herd being established in Staffordshire; John Colgrove buying 16 milkers to go to Cornwall and Martin Evans Farming Ltd purchasing over 40 served and maiden heifers for their extensive enterprise on the Welsh border. The biggest volume buyers were Messrs Roberts who bought 55 heifer calves for their increasing herd near Ruthin in North Wales.

The whole sale which lasted over 9 hours returned the impressive average of £2,328 for the 559 animals sold of which nearly 200 were under a year old. We would like to thank Andrew and Mimi Birkle and their family for their consistent support over many years and wish them the best of luck for the future.

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TOP PRICES			
32	W. Doorman Savoire Fare 7 (Ex-92)	E.T.Tomlinson & Son (Sandyford)	8,800
86	W. Unix Savoire Fare 6 (VG-88)	A.H.Wilson (Tregibby)	7,500
18	W. Sidekick Flo (Ex-93)	E.T.Tomlinson & Son (Sandyford)	7,200
79	W. Tropic Star 2 (VG-88)	D.P.Manning & Co (Etsill)	7,000
8	W. Doorman Star 5 ET (Ex-95-3)	P.J.Waring & Son (Winton)	6,600
217	W. Adorable Star (VG-86 2yr)	BB Farms (BB)	6,100
47	W. Sidekick Star (VG-88)	E.T.Tomlinson & Son (Sandyford)	6,000
39	W. Crushabull Cheers ET (Ex-92-2)	David Rees Farms (Dalebank)	5,700
128	W. Chief Lyme (VG-85 2yr)	S.Forshaw & Sons (Longshaw)	5,400
135	W. Medalist Amy (VG-85 2yr)	K.R.Lowry (Halen)	5,300

278	W. Adorable Savoire Fare 3	T. Riley (Halloverhill)	5,100
235	W. Sidekick Champagne (VG-87 2yr)	A.H.Wilson (Tregibby)	5,000
78	W. Tropic Star (VG-88)	A.Wilson (Northshields)	4,800
262	W. Mitchell Savoire Fare 5 ET	I.L.Harries (Eola)	4,800
9	W. Doorman Star 8 ET (Ex-92)	M & J.C.Gould (Woodmarsh)	4,600
114	W. Chief Star (VG-86 2yr)	Undisclosed Welsh buyer	4,600
178	W. Lambda Savoire Fare (GP-84 2yr)	R,Thomas (Northlee)	4,400
258	W. Mitchell Savoire Fare 2 ET	Thomas & Partners (Ramshill)	4,400
201	W. Lambda Lyme (VG-85 2yr)	I.L.Harries (Eola)	4,300
206	W. Jordy Farrah Red 3 (VG-85 2yr)	W.Bradbury (Doveside)	4,300
3	Bridgedale Mogul Roberta ET (Ex-92-2)	J.D.Greenop (Bridgedale)	4,200
32C	W. Chief Savoire Fare 12 ET	R.J.D.Jones (Brynmaen)	4,200
134	W. Chief Star 6 (VG-85 2yr)	David Rees Farms (Dalebank)	4,200
24	W. Bradnick Star (Ex-92-2)	W.Bradbury (Doveside)	4,100
68	W. Dealmaker Star (VG-86 2yr)	B.Carr (Iford)	4,100
109	W. Shottle Savoire Fare 7 (GP-84 2yr)	P.C, M & N.J.Ward (Ashtop)	4,100
183	W. Energy Savoire Fare (VG-86 2yr)	David Rees Farms (Dalebank)	4,100
289	W. Mitchell Savoire Fare 7 ET	M.Whitehurst (Folemill)	4,100
23	W. Eudon Savoire Fare 2 (Ex-92-2)	M & J.C.Gould (Woodmarsh)	4,000
32D	W. Chief Savoire Fare 13 ET	ML Farming (Crystalclear)	4,000
37	W, Atwood Roberta (Ex-90)	S.Forshaw & Sons (Longshaw)	4,000
44	W. Impression Darlene (Ex-91)	A.J.Minshall (Hemloe)	4,000
55	W. Shottle Star 4 (VG-88)	K.R.Lowry (Halen)	4,000
67	W. Awesome Farrah 3 (VG-85 2yr)	Undisclosed Welsh buyer	4,000
89	W. Army Tippy Red (VG-87 2yr)	J.Lomax & Son (Chorlton)	4,000
108	W. Jordy Farrah Red 2 (VG-87 2yr)	S.Forshaw & Sons (Longshaw)	4,000
154	W. Aladdin Molli Red 2 ET	W.J.Oldfield (Whinhill)	4,000
184	W. Lambda Champagne (VG-86 2yr)	P.J.Waring & Son (Winton)	4,000

AVERAGES

202 cows & calved heifers	£ 3,328-29
89 served heifers	£ 2,674-55
105 maiden heifers	£ 1,768-50
163 A lot heifer calves	£ 1,289-63
559 head	£ 2,328-44

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