

ZAZZLES DAZZLE AT BOGHILL GLAMOUR SALE

Genomic indexes at the very top of the scale combined with pedigrees from one of the world's most cherished cow families attracted breeders from far and wide to the sale from Morrell and Edith McCollum and David McAfee's Boghill Glamour herd on farm at Coleraine, Co Londonderry.

Morrell and David went into partnership 12 years ago with the purchase of embryos from the Larcrest Cosmopolitan family. This resulted in Glamour Carlin (Ex-92), and from this line by prolific use of ET work, a wonderful cow family emerged, which has attracted the attention of AI companies worldwide. There were over 200 descendants of Carlin in the sale which took place over 2 days, with the majority of the high flying lots sold on the first day.

Two three month old daughters of Peak Altazazzle, being the first two calves with TPI figures of over 3,000 to be sold in Europe, not surprisingly drew huge interest and sold for 40,000gs and 31,000 guineas to ABS Genus and Cogent in partnership with Diamond Genetics from Holland respectively. With Net Merit figures of over 1,000 they have enormous potential as future bull mothers and it will be fascinating to see how they develop.

More than 400 cattle were catalogued over the 2 days and with great local support many of the cattle stayed in Northern Ireland, there were also buyers from Holland and Spain, the Republic of Ireland and Scotland and almost 30 buyers from England & Wales widely spread from Cheshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Worcestershire, Monmouthshire, Pembrokeshire, Devon, Cornwall and Sussex. Almost 130 head sold over to the mainland UK.

Alan Paul of Slatabogie Holsteins has worked closely with the McCollums and David in recent years and purchased the top price milker in the sale in Boghill Medley D Carlin A ET (VG-87), who has given over 10,000kg in her first lactation and is safely back in calf with a sexed pregnancy to Pine-Tree Heroic, whose daughters proved very popular in the ring. She cost 9,200gs and her 7 calves following her in the sale grossed over £21,000, so she could look an extremely shrewd buy. Alan has developed the outstanding Hurricane Carlin D (VG-89 2yr) who is on course for a second lactation of over 20,000kg. Her 6 daughters in the sale averaged £4,497.

41 animals sold for 4,000gs or more and a further 45 over 3,000gs, leading to an average per head of £2,665 which is quite remarkable considering how many were calves under a year old. It was without doubt one of the largest and most successful pedigree Holstein sales ever to take place in the province.

Once again, proving invaluable was the Marteye online bidding facility. Norton & Brooksbank now have over 1600 registered bidders online and practically every lot through the ring had someone bidding on Marteye, and when the top animals were being sold over 50,000 people worldwide were viewing the action on the web!

TOP PRICES			
LOT			
110	Boghill Glamour Zazzle C Carlin M ET	Genus Breeding Ltd (ABS/Genus)	40,000
111	BG Zazzle C Carlin K ET	Cogent Breeding Ltd & Diamond Genetics	31,000
78	BG Medley D Carlin A ET (VG-87 2yr)	Alan Paul (Slatabogie)	9,200
136	BG Heroic C Carlin B ET	Cogent Breeding Ltd	7,100
115	BG Zazzle C Carlin L ET	The Somada Family (Spain)	7,000
133	BG Zazzle SS Carlin A ET	Cogent Breeding Ltd	7,000
62	BG Heroic A Carlin C ET	S.Morrison (Toberanne)	6,800
59	BG Achiever D Carlin C ET (VG-88 2yr)	Bellemont Holsteins (Bellemont)	6,500
176	BG Zazzle SK Carol	D.Willcox (Nortonhill)	6,200
16	SBG Ru-Bella ET	ML Farming (Crystalclear) & Partner	6,000
321	BG Zazzle CS Carlin A ET	Huddlestone Farmers Ltd (Huddlestone)	6,000
320	BG Crosby AC Carlin A ET	R,T,Halhead & Son (Norbreck)	5,600
98	BG Zazzle E Carlin B ET	Cogent Breeding Ltd	5,500
250	BG Skywalker HA Credit A ET (VG-85 2yr)	Penhill Farm Ltd (Richley)	5,500
25	BG Casper HC Carlin A ET (VG-87 2yr)	W,H,Millar (Glenleary)	5,400
71	BG Skywalker D Carlin E ET (VG-86 2yr)	John Leahy	5,300
114	BG Zazzle C Carlin J ET	Wills Bros Ltd (Willsbro)	5,200
156	BG Heroic SK Carlin C ET	D.Willcox (Nortonhill)	5,200
238	Glamour Boghill Superhero A ET (VG-87)	A.H.Laird (Blyth Farms) (Blythbridge)	5,200
153	BG Skywalker M Carlin A ET (VG-86 2yr)	Bellemont Holsteins (Bellemont)	5,100
2	BG Guarantee H D Carlin A ET (VG-87)	B.O'Connor (Bawnmore)	5,000
48	SBG Lambda Carlin A ET	Wills Bros Ltd (Willsbro)	5,000
97	BG Zazzle E Carlin A ET	Cogent Breeding Ltd	5,000
50	SBG Lambda Carlin C ET	Wills Bros Ltd (Willsbro)	4,800
154	BG Heroic SK Carlin F ET	W.W.Neilson (Overside)	4,800
122	BG Raptor SS Carlin C ET	Huddlestone Farmers Ltd (Huddlestone)	4,700
1	BG Guarantee H D Carlin B ET (VG-87 2yr)	J.Walker (Caddy)	4,600
113	BG Zazzle C Carlin I ET	Wills Bros Ltd (Willsbro)	4,600
241	BG Kenobi Su Credit B ET (GP-84 2yr)	Penhill Farm Ltd (Richley)	4,600
119	BG Zazzle C Carlin O ET	D.Willcox (Nortonhill)	4,500
155	BG Heroic SK Carlin B ET	D.Irwin (Urbal)	4,200
17	BG Skywalker H D Carlin A ET (VG-85 2yr)	B.O'Connor (Bawnmore)	4,100
61	BG Heroic A Carlin A ET	C.Creith	4,100
112	BG Zazzle C Carlin E ET	Wills Bros Ltd (Willsbro)	4,100
57	BG Dancer Si Carlin D ET (VG-85 2yr)	W,H,Millar (Glenleary)	4,000
116	BG Zazzle C Carlin G ET	ML Farming (Crystalclear) & Partners	4,000
117	BG Zazzle C Carlin H ET	R.J.Smith (Prehen)	4,000

121	BG Sass V Carlin D ET	J.Thompson (Glenhead)	4,000
193	BG Atrium Carol A ET	D.Prentice (Oughley)	4,000
240	BG Kenobi Su Credit B ET (VG-86 2yr)	W,H,Millar (Glenleary)	4,000
360	BG Atrium S Credit A ET	D.Irwin (Urbal)	4,000

AVERAGES

154 cows & calved heifers	£ 2,667.95
57 served heifers	£ 2,389.21
63 maiden heifers	£ 2,171.33
77 2001 born heifer calves	£ 3,456.82
3 bulls	£ 2,662.00
383 head	£ 2,665-71
20 embryos	£ 616-88

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