

Buch's Holstein takes grand championship

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READING — When judge Gene Francisco, Andover, N.J., selected the four-year-old senior champion Holstein shown by Keith Buch, Fleetwood as Grand Champion of the Holstein Open Show at the Reading Fair last week, she commented that it was the hardest decision she had to make all evening.

Granting the grand champ was competing against "a lot of big cattle" to win those honors

Francisco said she chose Ro-Ru Happy Nodia because she liked her feet and legs, her style and balance. This decision left Reserve Champion honors for a two-year-old, Y-Brookside Big Valley 114, shown by Scott Troutman, Myerstown. Francisco described this cow as having the least faults of her class and being very symmetrical.

In the 4-H show, Troutman's cow was pushed up to senior and grand champion leaving reserve honors for three-year-old Russeldale B

Chiet Pepsi, owned by Jay Bicksler, Richland.

Buch, 23, works at home with his father, Rodger Buch, Fleetwood. They maintain a herd of about 48 cows, and have a rolling herd average of 18,000 pounds milk. Buch also won Grand Champion honors at this year's Kutztown Fair.

Scott Troutman, 16, is a junior at Conrad Weiser High School. He has been showing dairy cattle for eight years and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Troutman, Jr.



Scott Troutman, Myerstown, exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion of the Open Show and Grand Champion of the 4-H show. This winning two year old is Y-Brookside Big Valley 114, sired by Peach-View Big Valley. Looking on are the Berks County alternate dairy princess and show judge.



Ro-Ru Happy Nodia, a four-year-old Holstein exhibited by Keith Buch, Fleetwood, was tagged Grand Champion in last week's

Reading Fair competition. She is a Harborcrest Happy Crusader daughter.

Jay Bicksler, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bicksler, Richland, is a sophomore at Tulpehocken High School. He too has been showing for eight years.

In the 4-H and Open junior shows, champion honors went to Connie Ohlinger, Mohrsville for her senior yearling. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ohlinger, Connie is attending eleventh grade at Schuylkill Valley High School. She presently has 17 head of Holsteins at home, seven of which are in the milking string. The Ohlingers are milking 38 head and producing a record of 20,500 pounds milk with 720 fat.

Reserve champion junior honors went to Jonathan Grimes for 4-H and Keith Buch for the open show. Show results follow:

- Junior Heifer**
1 Jonathan Grimes, Strausstown, 2 Michael Davis, Leesport, 3 Keith Schlegel, Fleetwood 4 Keith Buch, Fleetwood, 5 Cathleen Ohlinger Mohrsville
- Intermediate Heifer**
1 William Leshner, Bernville, 2 Keith Buch, 3 Lynn Krick, Lenhartsville, 4 Constance Ohlinger Mohrsville, 5 Jay Bicksler
- Senior Heifer**
1 Kirk Satzazahn, Womelsdorf, 2 Connie Ohlinger, 3 Michael Mertz, Fleetwood, 4 Susan Troutman, Myerstown 5 Heather Schlegel Fleetwood
- Junior Yearling**
1 Connie Ohlinger, 2 Connie Ohlinger, 3 Penny Bicksler, Richland, 4 Ernest Miller, Hamburg, 5 Penny Bicksler
- Senior Yearling**
1 Connie Ohlinger, 2 Keith Buch, 3 Donna Stump, Bernville, 4 Cathie Ohlinger, Mohrsville 5 Jeffrey Davis, Leesport
- Dry Cow, 3-4 years old**
1 Keith Buch, 2 Reu-Hel Farms, 3 Susan Troutman, Myerstown, 4 John Hoppes, Hamburg
- Dry Cow, 5 and Over**
1 Penny Bicksler, 2 Keith Buch, 3 Corinna Moyer, 4 Scott Miller, Hamburg, 5 Kevin Satzazahn

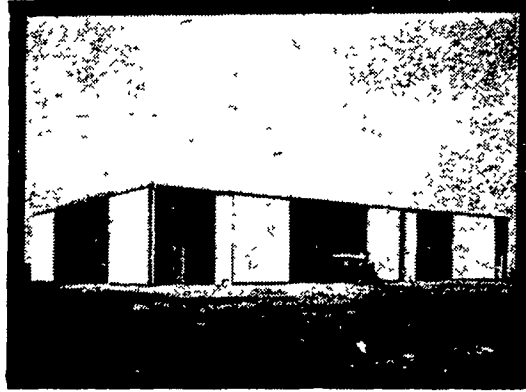
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