

highlights of NAILE competition

A 'crowning' achievement for Patty Dreisbach

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — By Sunday, Nov. 6, all Pennsylvania Jersey Breeders at the North American International Livestock Exposition for the All American Jersey Show were smiling from ear to ear. For the first time in the history of the National Jersey Jug Futurity Queen Contest, a Pennsylvania girl stood in the top three finalists.

But Patricia Dreisbach, R3, Hamburg, was not content with "just placing" as she was named 1983 National Jersey Jug Futurity Queen. Selected because of her involvement in the breed, poise in front of an audience, and ability to convey her thoughts on the breed and promotion to the public, Patty reigned over the Jersey festivities for the weekend.

This national honor capped off a year filled with laurels for this outstanding young lady. The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Dreisbach, Patty began the year by winning the 1982 Olmstead Trophy for outstanding achievement in the state. In August, Patty and her teammates on the Berks County Dairy Judging team, won first place at the state level and went on to win the All American Invitational Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, besting 15 other teams. That same day, Patty showed her VG-87 point senior 2-year-old to first place in her class and Best Bred and Owned at the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show. September saw Patty named 1983 Eastern National Junior Dairyman at the state fair in Timonium, Md. Awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship, Patty topped

over 40 other contestants in judging, written tests, and interviews.

Currently the valedictorian in her class, 17-year-old Patty looked forward to the "challenge" of putting Pennsylvania on the top for the first time and meeting more people. "I want to get to know people... to go to a lot of events," Patty stated. "I knew there were many people out there supporting me," she stated.

There were 23 contestants from 21 states in the pageant. The girls were interviewed before the contest on their breed participation, ideas and thoughts on the Jersey breed and promotion, and their future plans. "I liked the interviews," Patty related. "They asked a lot about what you thought the Jersey breed should be striving for."

An accomplished speaker, Patty advocates protein pricing, and the breeding for combined type and production, not two types of animals. In the contest Patty was asked what her three wishes would be. Without a pause and very sure of herself, she stated, "number one would have to be worldwide peace and happiness." "An 18,000 pound herd average wouldn't be bad," she added. She concluded by saying that she would also enjoy exhibiting the national Grand Champion one day.

Ohio, Kansas, Indiana, Kentucky, New York, Texas, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Iowa, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Alabama, Minnesota, Oregon, California, Illinois, and Tennessee were represented in the contest.

First runnerup went to Kristen Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Benson, New Lebanon Center, N.Y. Second runnerup went to Kristen Clauss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Clauss, Hilmar, Cal.

Patty was awarded a limited edition clementine Jersey calf, porcelain Jersey Jug, a gold double bracelet, and a silver plated Jersey cow key chain from the American Jersey Cattle Club. Also given flowers, this 17-year-old, tall, slender blonde began her reign at the National Jersey Jug Futurity on Sunday by gracing the officials stand.

The most prestigious event of the Jersey breed, the Jersey Jug is often referred to as the "Kentucky Derby" of the Jersey Breed. "Only once in a lifetime can a heifer compete in the Jug," says David Parkinson, representative of the American Jersey Cattle Club, and must be nominated as yearlings for the competition.

The nomination process continues over the next two years depending upon the growth and development of the heifer. More than 770 animals were nominated for the 1983 show at the beginning of 1980, and 51 made it to the show ring this year. The 40-year history of the jug has given this show a tradition of competition that is unique from the other events, and exhibitors strive to show only their most nearly perfect three year olds.

From the spotlight presentation of each animal and exhibitor, the tuxedos worn by the judges and ringmen, the banners worn by each three-year-old, and the



parade of the Jersey Jug Queen and her court in the antique wagon pulled by a four-horse team of Belgian draft horses, the pageantry of the National Jersey Jug Futurity is incomparable with any other dairy show.

This year, the 1983 National Jersey Jug Queen, Patricia

Dreisbach, shared the spotlight with the 1983 National Jersey Jug Futurity winner, K.J.D. Dynamo Lassie Jill, exhibited by Nabholz Jerseys and Paula Shamsie, of West Union, Ia.

The three year old, a daughter of Milestones Dynamo, took home over \$1000 in prize money.

Top producer 'contributes' to college fund

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — In 1980, Jersey junior, Lisa Lusk, Charleroi, bought a heifer at the All American Pot of Gold Sale in Louisville, Ky. Little did she realize that this calf would not only earn her many times over the purchase price, but also national recognition as well. Brave Forest Gentle, Lisa's purchase, placed second in the 1983 Pot of Gold Production Contest and on November 5th, Lisa collected her check for \$2,554.75 at the National All American Pot of Gold Sale in Louisville, Ky.

The Pot of Gold sale and Production Contest is held annually by the American Jersey Cattle Club to make available top pedigreed Jersey calves to youths and to encourage good management for superior records on the animals. The contest is open to any Jersey junior between the ages of 8 and 19 with a Jersey completing a DHIA or DHIR lactation that they purchased in the Pot of Gold Sale as a calf. Winners are selected by computing the product value of the animal's production, adjusted for age. The 12 juniors whose calves purchased in this sale that gross the most 4% fat corrected milk during their first lactation, provided they calve before they reach 30 months of age, are awarded 17 per cent of the gross of this sale.

Lisa is the daughter of Robert and Connie Lusk. Her family started their dairy operation when the 4-H projects of the children kept multiplying. Today her family milks 22 cows in a simple loose-housing setup where they run several cows at a time into a small

shed equipped with stanchions to be milked. The operation is very simple and very neat.

Lisa, her brother, Mark, and her sister, Michelle, play an active part in the dairy, by doing much of the milking, and all of the feeding of heifers and calves. Seventeen-year-old Lisa owns 13 Jerseys and plans to attend Penn State to major in Dairy Production.

"Gentle", Lisa's winning cow, was selected by Lisa when she was purchased, but Lisa admits that her father does help her when looking at pedigrees. Currently appraised at Very Good - 87, "Gentle" is a favorite in the Lusk herd and is currently projected to 15,580 pounds milk and 644 pounds fat as a three-year-old. Her actual two year old record that was used to compute the winners in the contest was 1-10 years 305 days, 13,470 pounds milk, and 567 pounds fat, with an 18,319 milk and 754 fat mature equivalent.

The winner of the contest was Freddy Schiel, Hopkinsville, Ky., with Generators Chic and her actual record of 2-00 305 days 12,170 milk and 765 fat with a fat mature equivalent of 987 pounds, just beating Lisa's cow for first place. Schiel received a check for \$2,827.42 as his award for the top producing purchase.

Lisa's purchase of that year, "Gentle" had been consigned by Col. and Mrs. H. G. Wilde, of High Lawn Farm, Lenox, Mass. "Gentle" is a daughter of Briarcliffs Brave Soldier and currently ranks among the top 1% of the breed with a CPI of +272.

Lisa also demonstrated her ability to make money with a single purchase this weekend in Louisville as she collected another

\$1000 from the sale of "Gentle's" daughter, Midnight Brave Gertie. "Gertie" was consigned to this year's Pot of Gold sale. "We feel fortunate to have this heifer to sell...and this girl supporting this program," Maurice Core, representative of the American Jersey Cattle Club announced before the sale.

"After I found out I won (earlier this year) I thought of consigning her," Lisa stated. Saying that she will be needing money for college, Lisa admitted that she had planned to sell the heifer anyway and thought that this would be a good opportunity to sell the daughter of one of her top cows. "Gertie" was selected on type and pedigree and was shown once by Lisa to first place at the county fair in her area.

Lisa and "Gentle" also received more attention as they collected the 15th place award in the 1983 Jersey Youth Production Contest sponsored by the American Jersey Cattle Club. Open to any 4-H or FFA member under 19 years of age with a Jersey project completing a DHIA or DHIR lactation, there are 15 awards given nationwide each year.

The eight winners in this year's Pot of Gold contest averaged 15,266 pounds milk and 744 pounds fat mature equivalent. Over \$11,000 was presented to the eight winners on Saturday evening, preceding the 1983 sale.

Promoted as a "real opportunity for the youth of the breed to purchase and develop top quality animals," the 1983 Pot of Gold sale averaged \$1767.00 on 16 animals. A daughter of Favorite Saint, Green Views Saint Spice, commanded the high bid of \$3,700.00 from Signe

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Lisa Lusk, Charleroi, holds her consignment to National Pot of Gold Sale in Kentucky, a daughter of the cow that won second for her in this year's contest.