

Grace tops Maryland Show for second championship

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TIMONIUM, MD — "Grace" did it again. This time she did it at the Maryland State Holstein Show.

Savage-Leigh E-Star Grace was the grand champion at two shows last week. Her first was on Wednesday at the North American Spring Show in Springfield, MA. Three days later she stood the winner's circle again, this time in her home state of Maryland.

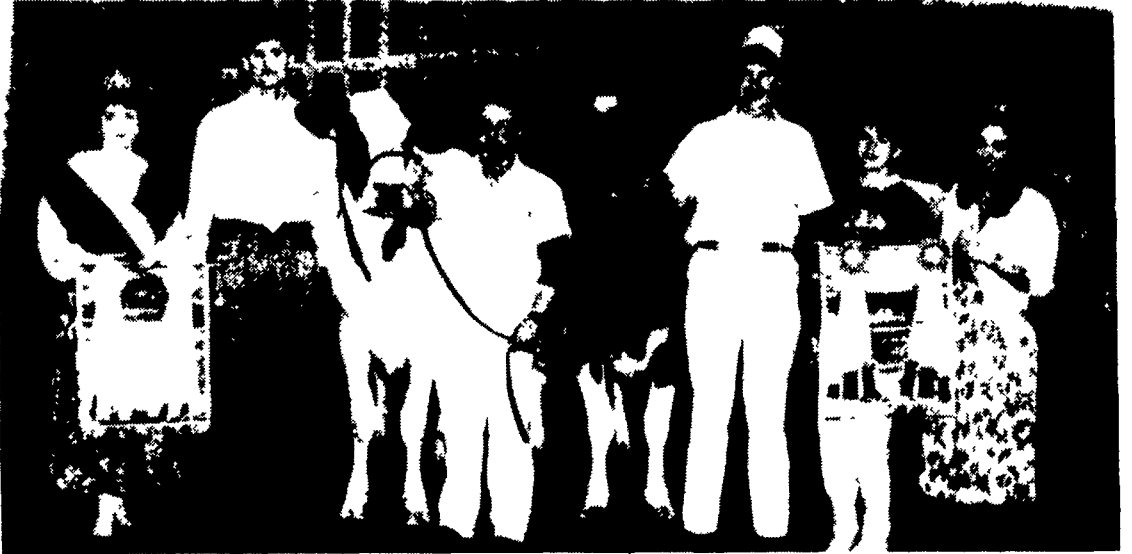
"Grace's" victory came as no surprise to those who have been following her tanbark trail victories. Last year she stood in the reserve position at this show, and spectators were commenting that she looked better than ever.

Her victories started last November at the Western National Show in California where she was named Grand Champion.

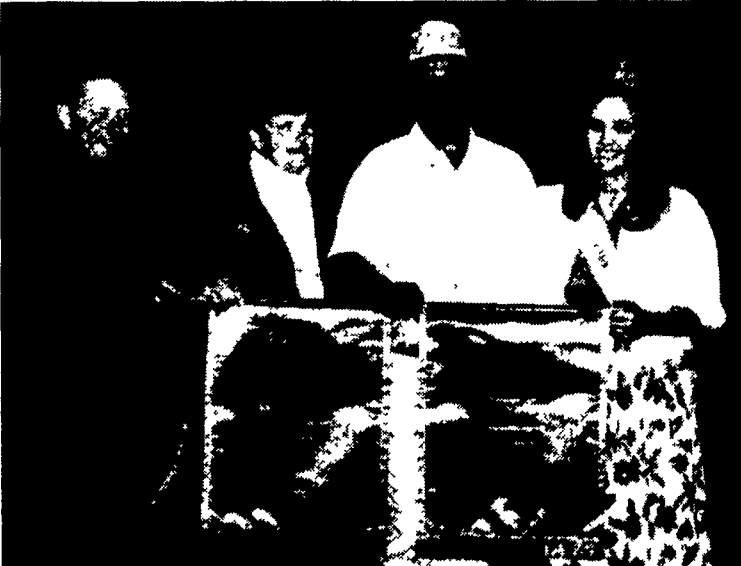
This five-year-old cow, fresh since July, is still pumping out 65 pounds a day. She recently classified EX-92 and is from four generations of Savage-Leigh breeding. Included among her honors is an All-American nomination last year.

"This year she is coming back and going strong," owner Wayne Savage notes. Wayne owns "Grace" in partnership with his father Melvin, and his brother Dennis. Last year they sold half interest in this Thonyma E-Star daughter to the Lylehaven Farm from Vermont.

"We are especially grateful to Lylehaven for the national exposure they have gotten for us," Cindee Savage, Wayne's wife explained. She also credited fitter Tim Coon with making "Grace"



Kelly Vansant, Baltimore-Harford Dairy Princess (left) and judge Dennis Patrick congratulate Jim Miller, Herds Manager of Fair Hills on his reserve champion placing. Next to Miller is the grand champion owned by Wayne Savage of Savage-Lehigh Farm. Presenting the award was Donna Johnson, banner donor, and Sheila Bender, Maryland State Dairy Princess.



Ted Ridgely, left, congratulates Kathy and Marlin Hoff on being named Premier Breeder and Exhibitor at the Maryland State Holstein Show. Sheila Bender, Maryland State Dairy Princess presented the award.

look her best. "Tim went to every show 'Grace' was at and knows her from head to tail," she added.

Coming in the Reserve Grand Champion position was the three-year old, Walkup Sir Chris Crystal - ET, owned by Fair Hill Farm, Chestertown, MD.

This champion, sired by Brown-dale Sir Christopher, is out of a 94 point Astronaut daughter.

"This is the best young cow we own right now," Peter Morris, herdsman at Fairhills commented. Morris also noted that they are "shooting for the All-Maryland award and maybe more."

"This cow has a beautiful udder and walks on a good set of hind legs," judge Dennis Patrick, Kempton, PA noted. Morris added that she is an easy cow to show since "she show herself and is just

an impressive individual."

Noting that this is the first top individual Fair Hills has shown in several years, Morris added, "We aren't worried about records, right now we are just going to have fun showing."

The junior championship of the open show went to Peace and Plenty Tempo Vanla Vala, owned by Gus Schwartzbeck. "You never know. We didn't expect to do this well," Joe Schwartzbeck father of Gus and President of the Maryland Association stated.

Schwartzbeck also commented on the large number of entries from across the state. "Everyone sees a good one in their herd and they come out. They are a good bunch of people and no one know who will win. It keeps things interesting."

The reserve junior title went Bowen-Vale Simon Lassie owned by Stone Haven Acres and sired by Harmony-Corners Simon-Twin.

The Grand Champion of the junior show was Chestnuts Rorae Joann. This four-year-old cow, owned by Samuel Davis, Earleville, was sired by Round Oak Apple Elevation.

Reserve Champion honors went to another four-year old Peace and Plenty Fal Nancy, owned by Shane Schwartzbeck. This Brookfield Falcon daughter produced 21,230 pounds of milk with a 4.1 percent test as a three-year old.

Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards returned to Coldsprings Farm owned by the Marlin Hoff family, New Windsor. This is the second consecutive year

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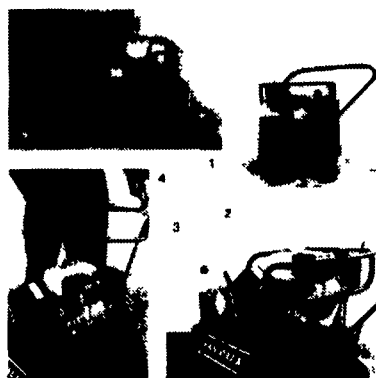
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