

Holsteins Highlight 7th Virginia PDCA Show

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HARRISONBURG, Va. — Holstein events capped this year's Virginia Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show held last week in Rockingham County, beginning with the Virginia Sale of Stars on Friday night. A 5-year-old Tennessee consignment, Indian-Crest Valiant Kando-ET, led the sale at \$64,000, going to the Nelson Gardner family of Rocby Holsteins of Bridgewater, Va. when the bidding was over.

The S-W-D Valiant daughter was consigned by William and Rita Rogers of Indian-Crest Farms in New Market, Tenn., and sold with two "Bell" or "Big Al" pregnancies plus a Ned Boy pregnancy, and a possible four pregnancies from an embryo transfer on June 28. The sale also included at least six major AI

contracts, all available embryo and bull contracts and a ten embryo guarantee along with the high index cow herself.

Forty-three lots consigned to the sale averaged \$4,232 each, with two other Holsteins bringing \$10,000 or more.

Oak Green S-H Precious-ET, a yearling Sweet-Haven Tradition daughter consigned by Richard P. Harris of Culpepper, was the second highest animal sold at \$10,300. Foxlease Bova Hester, sired by Rockalli Son of Bova, brought an even \$10,000 from Whippnrock Farm of Sutherland.

The sale was managed by Backus Associates Inc.

21st Virginia Holstein Summer Show

The 21st Virginia Holstein Summer Show was held on Saturday following the sale with nearly a hundred breeders from

across the state participating.

Breeders showed a total of 120 entries in the seven classes of the junior female division with Ken-Wan Farms of Stanley showing the Junior Champion Female, C Hanoverhill SWD Rose-ET, an S-W-D Valiant daughter who also took first place in the senior yearling heifer class.

In the junior show, the top junior yearling heifer, Eastview Valiant Bell Laux, another Valiant daughter, shown by Page Taylor Nuckols of Beaverdam took honors for the junior champion female as well as the reserve championship in the open show.

Yet another Valiant daughter, Willowlyn Valiant Sweetpea, exhibited by Matthew Eustace of Catlett, won the reserve champion female spot in the junior show after being named the top intermediate heifer calf. In other junior female classes, Iannidale Holsteins of Round Hill had the top junior heifer calf, Iannidale Victoria Tippy, while Bayville Holstein Associates of Virginia Beach showed the first place senior heifer calf, Tri-Day Valiant Golden Girl. Summer heifer calf, Harvue Ultimate Rita-A-ET exhibited by Clarke County's Dave and Debbie Hardesty, was first in her class as was Brad Eustace's intermediate yearling heifer, Willowlyn Bell Cathy.

Competition was almost as keen in the senior show with 117 entries in the nine classes. Once again as S-W-D Valiant daughter, Kents-Reserve Valiant Lassy, took top honors — this time aceing the 4-year-old class to take the senior champion female award and grand champion female of the show as well as best udder of the show for Bayville Holstein Associates.



Grand champion and best udder of show honors went to Kents-Reserve Valiant Lassy shown by Bayview Holstein Associates, Virginia Beach, right. Taking reserve honors was Jolin Elevation Astro Wayne shown by Bernie Frye.

Woodstock dairyman Bernie Frye's first place entry in the aged cow class, Jolin Elevation Astro Wayne, was the Reserve Grand Champion Female of the show and judged to have the second best udder of the day.

In the junior show, Wallmac Pete Jennie Teresa, a 3-year-old cow exhibited by Kristi Wall of Blacksburg, was the senior champion female as well as grand champion female of the junior show. Kirk Wagner of Bridgewater came in second behind Wall's entry in the 3-year-old class with Rilara Valiant Helena Tess, and followed her as reserve senior champion female and reserve grand champion female of the junior show.

Other senior animal class winners included Bruce Carlton of Little Plymouth whose Thayers Tradition Eva topped the dry 3- and 4-year-old entries. Willowlyn Farms exhibited the first place dry 5-year and older cow, Willowlyn Pal Lucy, while Dave and Debbie Hardesty took first place and best udder in the junior 2-year-old cow class with Kingstead Valiant

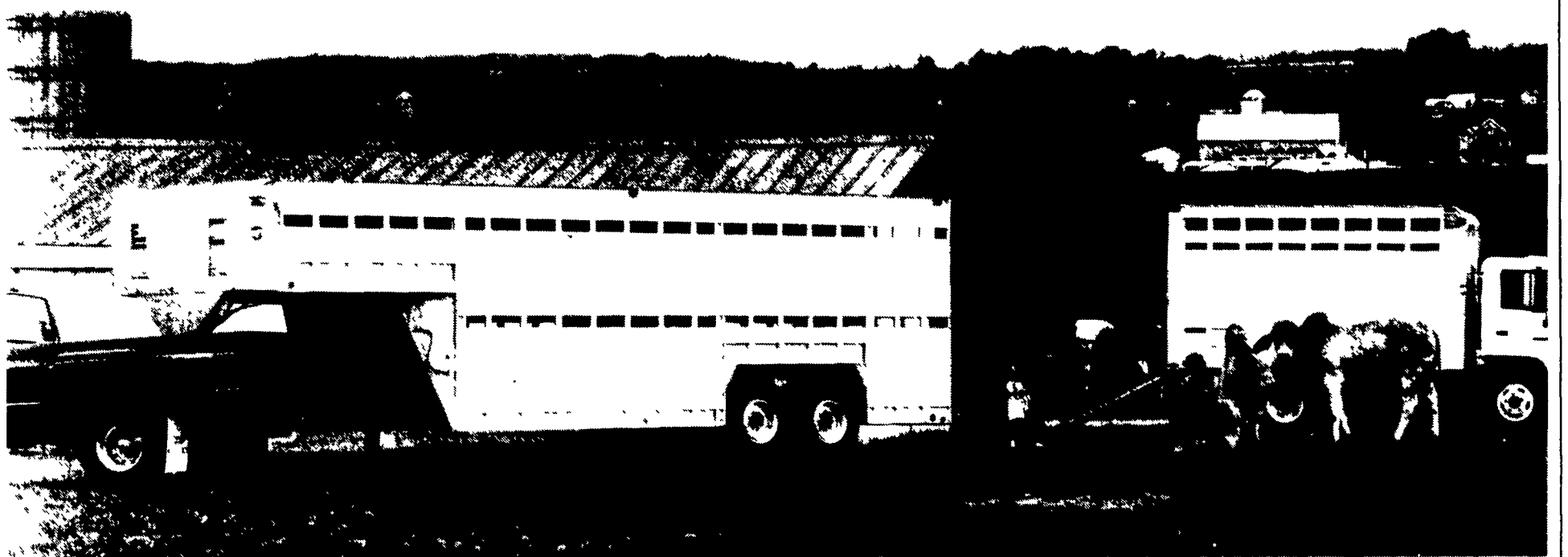
Kathy. The top senior 2-year-old cow, Whippnrock Valiant Gay, was also the best udder and best bred and owned in her class.

Daniel and Teresa Myers of Harrisonburg had the winning 3-year-old, Walkup Chairman Victoria, also the best bred and owned animal in her class and the show. Gloryland Sexsational Fling, shown by Waynesboro breeders James L. and David Tait, took best udder, best bred and owned and the top spot in the 5-year-old class while Ken-Wan Farms' 100,000 pound cow, Brookfield Elevation Pretty, passed her competition to take first place and the best udder in her class.

In other competitions, Jim Eustace of Willowlyn Farm won the outstanding herdsman award for the sixth consecutive year while Tom Street of Edgehill Dairy near Quicksburg was presented the herdsman award for a string of six animals or less. Harvue Farms, represented by Dave and Debbie Hardesty, took home double honors as they were selected as both premier exhibitor and premier breeder for the show.



Indian-Crest Valiant Kando-ET topped the Virginia Sale of Stars with a bid of \$64,000. Purchased by Rocby Holsteins, Bridgewater, shw was consigned by William and Rita Rogers of New Market, Tennessee.



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