

Lyndon Reiff Wins Again At Solanco Fair

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.)— There seems to be no stopping Lyndon Reiff in sheep competition. At Solanco Fair he took champion and reserve champion titles with his market lambs. He did the same thing last week at Denver Fair, and he had the champion market lamb at the 4-H Roundup.

According to 17-year-old Lyndon, he was not supposed to win. He and his 13-year-old sister, Lisa, have about 13 lambs in their flock. They care and own them jointly and try to arrange taking turns showing the best ones. This time, Lisa presumably had the better sheep.

"But you never know what the judges are looking for. Every judge is different," Lyndon said.

It was the first time, Lyndon showed Eenie, a heavyweight. Lyndon said that he decided to show the lamb by haphazardly repeating the nursery rhyme Eenie, Meenie, Miney, Moe at the sheep in the pasture.

Fortunately for Lisa, the prize money is equally split between her and her brother. Lisa started the Fair season with champion and reserve titles at E-town Fair. And, she hopes to make a comeback next week at Lampeter and Ephrata Fairs.

The sister and brother team from Strasburg got their start in sheep raising six years ago when a friend of the family gave him a runt from his flock. It took at least two hours for Lyndon to coax the runt to drink from a bottle. When a strong bond developed between Lyndon and sheep, a neighbor suggested he join a 4-H sheep club.

The first time that he showed, Lyndon clinched the champion and reserve titles.

"After that, I had high expectations," Lyndon said, "but for three or four years after that I ended on the bottom."

Last year and this year the Reiffs, children of Lloyd and Lau-

ra Reiff, have been at the top at almost every fair, but close competition appeared at Solanco on Wednesday afternoon when five-year-old Tiffany Dean made her debut with Dorset market lambs that took the champion lightweight and the reserve champion middleweight titles.

Judge Cheryl Fairbairn, Chester County Extension agent said, "Quality ran deep here. It's a show that proves you don't need large numbers to have top quality. These sheep could compete anywhere and be winners. They have a lot of meat, muscle, and style."

In showmanship, Lisa took the top spot and Lyndon was named champion fitter.

Solanco sheep show results are as follows:

Fitting: 3 years or more experience. 1. Lyndon Reiff, 2. Lisa Reiff, 3. Scott Wagner. Under 3 years experience. 1. Jessica Schmidt, 2. Kimberly Ebersole, 3. Heather Ebersole. Champion: Lyndon Reiff Reserve: Lisa

Showmanship: 3 years or more experience: 1. Lisa Reiff, 2. Kevin Smoker, 3. Lyndon Reiff Under 3 years experience: 1. Brad Linton, 2. Kimberly Ebersole. Champion: Lisa

Reiff, Reserve: Kevin Smoker.
Lightweight 98-102 lbs: 1. Brad Linton, 2. Jud Wagner, 3. Jill Harnish. 106-109 lbs. 1. Tiffany Dean, 2. Scott Wagner, 3. Heather Ebersole. Champion: Tiffany Dean, Reserve:

Scott Wagner.
Middleweight 113-118 lbs: 1. Lyndon Reiff, 2. Tiffany Dean, 3. Jud Wagner. 128-132 lbs: 1. Lyndon Reiff, 2. Lisa Reiff, 3. Kevin Smoker. Champion: Lyndon Reiff,

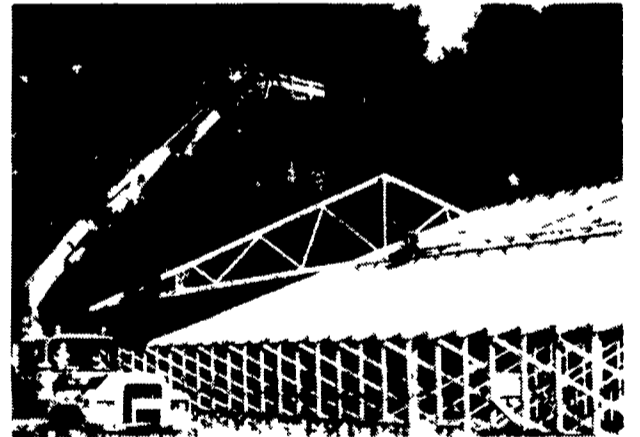
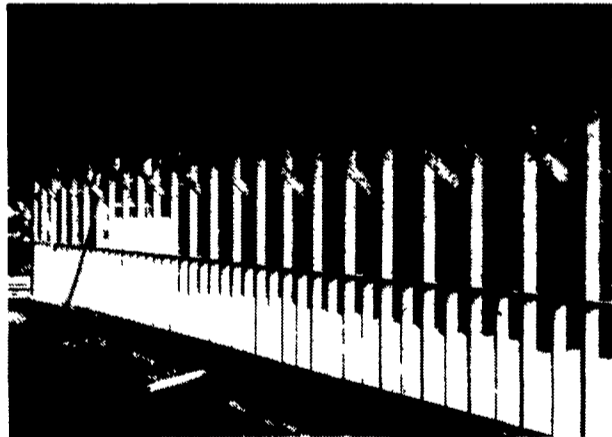
Reserve: Tiffany Dean.
Heavyweight 128-132 lbs: 1. Lyndon Reiff, 2. Lisa Reiff, 3. Scott Wagner. 140-146 lbs. 1. Lisa Reiff, 2. Kevin Smoker, 3. Brad Linton. Champion: Lyndon Reiff, Reserve: Lisa Reiff.
Champion Market Lamb: Lyndon Reiff. Reserve: Lyndon Reiff.



In friendly competition, Lyndon topped his sister, Lisa, when he showed both champion and reserve champion market lambs at Solanco Fair.



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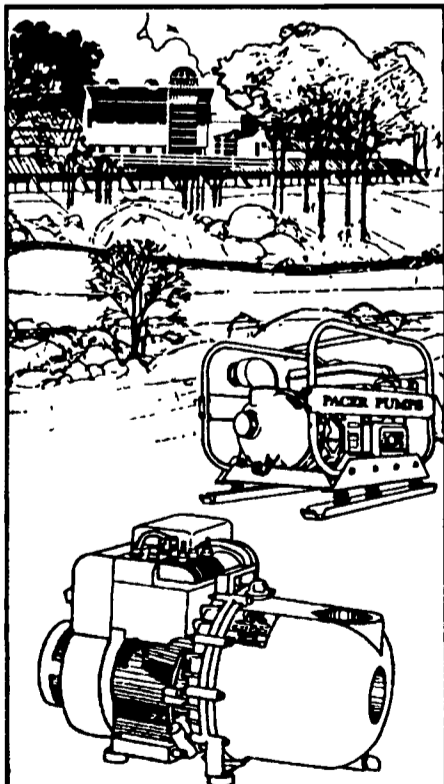


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