

Mindy Reigns Supreme Again At Maryland State Fair

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TIMONIUM, Md. — The ten-day 1994 Maryland State Fair attracted a crowd of approximately 650,000 people, one of the largest crowds in years. Among the many exhibitors at the fair were owners and breeders of some of the finest dairy cattle in Maryland. On separate days throughout the fair each breed held their own show. At the conclusion of the last show of the fair, Monday, the grand champions of each breed were brought out and a supreme champion was chosen for the Maryland State Fair by judges, Denny Patrick, George Edgerton, and Murt Sowerby.

This year's supreme champion was Pen Smith T.J. Mindy, a five-year-old Jersey owned by Wayne and Allen Stiles and Mike and Billy Heath of Spring Valley Farms in Silver Run in Carroll County. This was the second year in a row for Mindy to be named supreme champion. "Last year was the first time a non-Holstein won supreme champion," said Wayne Stiles, co-owner of Spring Valley Farms, a predominately Jersey farm milking 55 head of Jersey and 3 Holsteins.

"My nephew, who is part owner (Mike Heath) found her in a herd down in Tennessee that had never showed," Stiles said. "We brought her back here and she went to the Louisville, National Show that year and won the three-year-old class. We calved her out the next summer in July and we showed her last year at Maryland State Fair and she won supreme champion. She went on from there to be grand champion in Harrisburg at the Pennsylvania All American Show. Then, we took her to Louisville again and she was first in the four-year-old class down there and was the national champion. She calved again in July and this was the first time we've had her out this year."

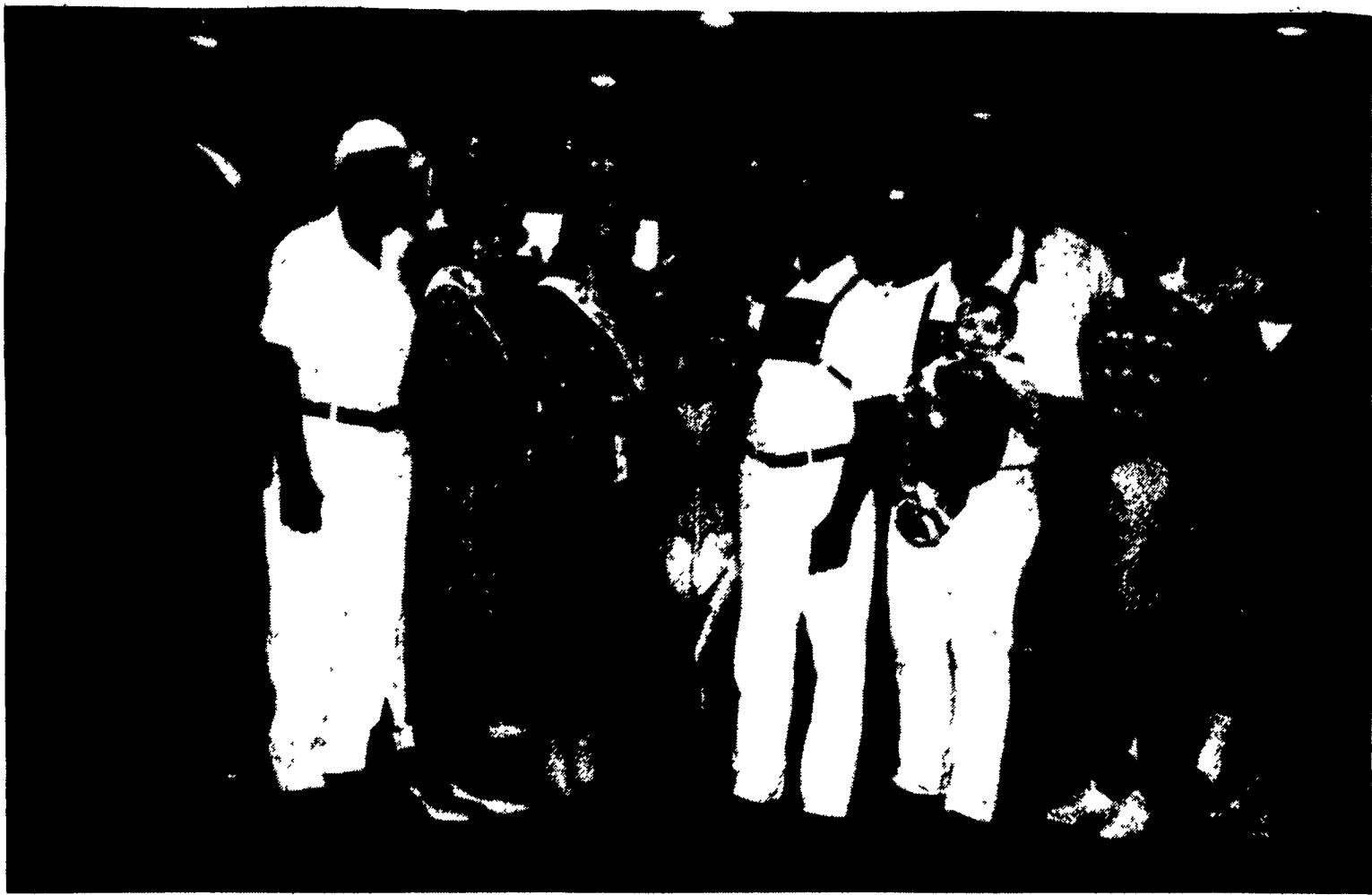
Mindy produced a record of 18,000 pounds of milk last year. Currently she is milking over 80 pounds and Stiles expects her to make another 18,000 pounds record this year. The next step for Mindy will be the end of the month when she will show in the Pennsylvania All American.

Each of six breeds of Dairy cattle were judged at shows held in the Cow Palace. Senior champion and grand champion of the Show was Three Spring's J.J., a junior two-year-old owned by James C. Young and Horizon Farms. The reserve grand champion was Three Springs Courtney, a junior three-year-old owned by Christina Young and Horizon Farms.

In the Ayrshire show, the grand champion was Palmyra Farm's Palmyra Chad's Nona, a six-year-old cow. The reserve grand champion was Perromont Festive Treasure of Perromont Farm, Inc.

In the Jersey show the grand champion was Pen Smith T.J. Mindy, owned and exhibited by Spring Valley Farms, Wayne & Allen Stiles/Heath. The reserve champion was Brandale Duncan Brass Lucinda, a four-year-old cow owned and exhibited by Waverly Farm-Stiles. The best Maryland bred and owned Jersey was S.V. Jays Melly, a four-year-old cow owned and exhibited by Spring Valley Farms, Wayne & Allen Stiles/Heath.

In the Brown Swiss Show the grand champion was D. Bradley Garst's nine-year-old cow, Michelle Valle Jade Laurie. The re-



The supreme champion at the Maryland State Fair dairy shows is the Jersey, Pen Smith T J Mindy. Mindy was the supreme champion last year too. In the photo from left, the three judges, Murt Sowerby, Denny Patrick, and George

Edgerton. In addition, Tanya Stambaugh, Carroll County dairy princess; Jamie Todd, Maryland Dairy Princess, and owners Billy Heath at the halter and George Will with family.

serve grand champion was Shen-Val Jades Cara, a junior three-year-old cow owned and exhibited by Jeremy McDonald. The best Maryland bred animal was Pheasant Ridge Marie, a four-year-old cow owned and exhibited by Pheasant Ridge Farms.

In the Guernsey show the grand

champion was Misty Meadows F. Candace, a four-year-old cow owned and exhibited by Beth Clark and Robert Smith. The reserve champion and best Maryland bred and owned was Rocky Maple Smokey Dylene, a junior three-year-old cow owned and ex-

hibited by Cletus and Janice Frey.

In the Holstein Show grand champion was Peace and Plenty Mark Lexine, owned and exhibited by Joseph Schwartzbeck of Peace and Plenty Farm. The reserve champion and winner of the Genuine Genetics trophy was C.

Audale Counselor Cecilia, a junior three-year-old owned and exhibited by Ernest A. Kueffner. The champion Maryland bred and owned cow was a four-year-old cow owned and exhibited by Marlin K. Hoff and named Md-Oakview Mark Kix.

Peace And Plenty Wins

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Announcer, David Brauning explained the procedure to the audience. "The Holstein Futurity begins with the dairy breeder nominating these calves, for at the time they are calves, with a payment of a fee. The following year the calves are re-nominated based on their growth and type potential and another cost is incurred. After they are grown out as yearlings, then they are bred to have their first calves somewhere around 24 to 26 months of age. As two year olds they must be re-nominated to be eligible and a divisional fee is paid," Brauning explained. "By the time the animals are three they have completed their first working lactation of producing wholesome milk. The animals are then bred back to calve in their second lactation, of which you see these contestants here this evening. A final fee has been paid for them to be eligible to participate in the futurity." Four hundred and eighty-five animals were nominated for this award, which is in its eleventh year.

To begin the evening, David Patrick was inducted into the Dairy Hall of Fame. Then, as the lights were dimmed, under a spotlight, vintage cars brought in the officials, Dairy Maids, Dairy Princesses and Farm Queens as well as others who were assisting in the show.

Before the judging, the top five production cows were announced. First, with a record of 34,968 pounds of milk was Savage Leigh Lyle Gwen ET owned by Wayne and Cindee Savage. The second and third highest production cows are both owned by Robert and

Mary O. Smith with the second highest production cow being Lady's Manor Temtress Jen with a record of 26,237 pounds of milk. Third was Ladies Manor Star Onyz ET with a record of 25,343 pounds of milk. The fourth highest production cow was Derrwyn Inspire Michelete owned by Derrwyn Holsteins with a record of 24,622 pounds of milk.

As the judge evaluated each cow, singer Abigail Sauer from Middletown, Maryland entertained the crowd with a selection of country hits.

Mark Lexine, the newly appointed Miss 1994 Maryland Holstein Futurity, was sired by Walkaway Chief Mark and is out of Leaseway Tradition Judith, a cow who is on the locator list for the Holstein Association, the top ten thousand cows in the nation. Peace and Plenty Mark Lexine gave the Schwartzbeck family their first Grand Champion of show in twenty years in the spring when she won the twenty-fourth Maryland State Holstein Show on April 9, 1994.

Second in the competition was Ms Md-Dun-Loafin Moonshine, a cow owned by sister and brother, Shannon and Paul Harrison of Howard County. Ms Md-Dun-Loafin Moonshine was previously Supreme Champion at the Howard County Fair and Grand Champion of the Maryland State Fair 4-H and FFA Holstein competition which was held the previous Monday.

Of the top five cows in the competition Judge Patrick said, "It makes me extremely proud to be a part of judging these five excellent

cows." He also noted that every entry was a quality cow, all the way down the line.

The top entries in the Maryland Holstein Futurity in placement order are as follows:

1. Peace and Plenty Mark Lexine/ Joseph Schwartzbeck.

Schwartzbeck Family Repeats Futurity Win In Open Show

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TIMONIUM, Md. — On Monday, September 5, the Holstein show at the Maryland State Fair was held in Cow Palace on the fairgrounds. Judge Denny Patrick of Howard County, Maryland spent the day evaluating one-hundred-eighty-four entries from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, North Carolina, and New Jersey. The grand champion of the show and the Best Maryland Bred and Owned cow was Peace and Plenty Mark Lexine, the three year old cow who had just won the title of 1994 Miss Maryland Futurity the night before!

Owned by the Joseph Schwartzbeck family of Peace and Plenty Farm in Union Bridge, Maryland, the home-bred cow was sired by Walkaway Chief Mark and is out of Leaseway Tradition Judith. She won grand champion at the twenty-fourth Maryland State Holstein Show in April. She has a Dixie Crat sister that is 88 points and her mother is on the locator

list for the Holstein Association, as one of the top ten thousand cows in the nation.

Peace and Plenty Farms was also named the Premier Breeder of Show. The Premier Exhibitor was My Ladys Manor Farm.

The reserve grand champion of the Show and winner of the Genuine Genetics Award was C. Audale Counselor Cecilia. Exhibited by Ernest A. Kueffner, the junior three year old cow was sired by Carnation Counselor ET.

The junior champion was Tri-Day Adeen. The senior heifer calf, owned and exhibited by Norman Voss, Jr. was sired by Marcrest Encore. The reserve junior champion was How El Acres Lee Ruffle, a junior yearling calf owned and exhibited by the Iagers.

During the show the Maryland State Holstein Association presented the Outstanding Senior Holstein Breeder Award to the Iagers of Maple Lawn Farm in Fulton Maryland, a family that has been working their farm for five generations, raising Holstein

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