

National Holstein Convention

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champions.

Members of the winning team are Jennifer Neiman, Michael Neiman, Melissa Wherley, and Erica Davis. The runner-up team members are Haley Barker, David McCullough, Megan Hayes, and Patrick McCullough. Pennsylvania's junior coaches are Teresa David and Donna Wherley, and Wisconsin's coach is Marcy McCullough.

In the senior division finals, the New England team outscored the Pennsylvania team in both rounds to become the national champions. The senior winning team members are Rick Brown, Elish Chalker, Jacob Boorhees, and Laurel Rondeau. And the runner-up team members are Matthew Day, David Day, Heath Ocker, and John Creek.

The 1995 Distinguished Junior Awards were given to seven of the 12 semi-finalists. These winners are Molly Aylsworth, Shreve, Ohio; Sandi Hurtgen, Oakdale, California; Shelly Lammers, Brandon, Wisconsin; Christopher McCullough, Juda, Wisconsin; Jason Sheehan, Rochester, Minnesota; Michael Stebbins, Hornell, New York, and Candi Taylor, Wendall, Idaho.

One of the attention-getting features of the convention was described by the Sunday Pitts-

burgh Post-Gazette as "99 dairy cows are 'mooving' to town." Bringing live cows for the national sale into the city of over a million people guarantees media attention. The article in the Post-Gazette explained that the Convention Center prepared for the national sale by covering the concrete floor with tar paper and 15,000 square feet of carpet. Convention Center officials quoted in the article promised constant clean up and no lingering odors after the cattle are gone.

The sale animals were assembled 20 miles north of the city at Marburger Dairy Farm, George Cudoc, manager, and brought to the convention center last Saturday, along with a portable bulk milk tank, and a large supply of hay and straw to keep the five day city dairy farm operation going until after the sale Tuesday evening.

NATIONAL SALE

World-wide interest was generated in the elite offerings of Holstein genetics. The finest of every breeding philosophy in the industry was represented. Many of the animals for sale had four and five generations of excellent dams across the bottom of the pedigree. Both the live auction conducted on Tuesday evening and the silent auction held during the convention

drew strong bidding competition.

The first cow in the ring topped the sale at \$72,000. Singbrook Aero M Molly-ET, consigned by Singing Brook Farms, Imler, was purchased by Larry Mohnfield, Pleasant Plain, Ohio. This stylish Acrostar was fresh with the first three milk test weights over 100 lbs. as a two-year old. The dam is a VG, 87, Ned Boy daughter with impressive index numbers and a 3y record of 29,970m 1235f 1025p. The dam is a full sister to Mascot. The next dam is 2E, 92-EEEE DMD, and the third dam is 3E 94-EEEE GMD.

The second cow in the ring was the second high selling entry. Consigned by William Peck, Schuylerville, New York, Welcome Bellman Ginger-ET sold to Barry and Diane England and James and Dennis London, Punxsatawney, for \$33,000. This Bellman daughter was milking 124 pounds after 133 days as a 2-year-old and had classified VG-85 at 2y5m. The dam had impressive index numbers and a 2y record of 35,200m 1349f 1173p. and was also the dam of "Grand" VG-Extra, 3rd on Canada's LPI list.

A bull package of four brought \$100,000 from the PA Pride Syndicate, Millville. The consignors were: Loundondale Farms, Tidy



The senior bowl winners from New England are from left, standing: Steve Carson, coach; Rick Brown; Jacob Boorhees, and Rebecca Fisher, coach. Front: Laurel Rondeau, and Elish Chalker.

Brook Farms, Mike Weimer, Ken Raney, and George Sheypuk, and Rothrock Golden Holstein Farms, all from Pennsylvania.

At \$30,000, Clover-Mist RA Kayak-ET, consigned by Clover Mist Farms, Inc., Manitowoc, Wisconsin, sold to the Kayak Syndicate.

At \$28,500, Ked Mascot Julilla-ET, consigned by Edenbrook Holsteins, Knox, sold to U.S. Superior Genetics, Middletown, Wisconsin.

And at \$28,000, Londondale Luke Marvelous-ET, consigned by Londondale Farms, Punxsutawney, sold to Frazier and Jeff Paulen, Howard City, Minnesota.

In total, 14 lots sold for \$20,000 or more, and the average on 94 lots was \$8,770.

The Sunday farm tour featured visits to Somerset County farms. This county is well-known as "The Land of Milk and Maple." The four bus loads of National Holstein Convention attendees didn't see any maple (although they were given several pieces of maple candy by the Somerset Holstein Club), but the land of milk was well-documented.

CARRDALE HOLSTEINS

At Carrdale Holsteins, Somerset, the 7 EX, and 37 VG cows (Turn to Page A25)



The junior bowl winners from Pennsylvania are from left, Donna Wherley, coach; Michael Neiman; Melissa Wherley; Jennifer Neiman; Erica Davis, and Teresa Davis, coach.



Bud Leckle, Jr., presents the 1995 Distinguished Young Breeder Award to Steve and Chrissy Woods.



An estimated 2,000 Holstein enthusiasts jammed the sale arena set up in the convention center in Pittsburgh for the National Holstein Sale Tuesday

evening. The sale averaged \$8,770 on 94 head.