

Basketball Practice Doesn't Deter Lebanon Swine Champion

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — For want of a better expression, the Lebanon Hog Show is a tale of divided loyalties. In other words, you can't be in two places at one time.

Ask Jeremy (Jake) Mase. Because of the stringent obligations of basketball camp, on Monday morning he wasn't able to see his lightweight champion hog move all the way up to supreme market hog at the Lebanon Fair. Instead, he was busy at the Annville Cleona basketball minicamp at Messiah College.

Jake, 16, son of Ken and Irene

Mase, Lebanon, asked a friend, Blaine Brown, to show the Hampshire/Duroc gilt, obtained from Larry Arnold, Womelsdorf. While Jake was away training to be a varsity basketball player (he wasn't home the whole month of July, said his mom, Irene), Blaine showed the hog for Jake's first Lebanon championship.

"Figures that he loves to show pigs, and the first time he can't show he wins championship," said his father, Ken. "But athletics are his first priority." Jake works on his parent's 80-cow dairy farm in Lebanon.

Irene Mase said that Jake was feeding the 231-pound hog, the

crossbred champion, "a little bit of cow's milk," she said. "I don't know if that helped or not." Ken said that his son, an eight-year Lebanon County Swine Club 4-H member, will take a little bit out of his busy schedule (Jake plays football, basketball, and baseball) to attend the sale later in the week.

Show judge Randy Smith said he appreciated the "clean, eye-appealing" lightweight pig, one that showed "tremendous size."

Smith chose the heavyweight champion shown by Wendy Atkins as reserve champion market hog. He said the hog "intrigues me as far as being a big hog, but not the leanest, though with a lot of muscle." The 275-pound crossbred hog, shown by Wendy, was produced from her own sow using semen from an Oscar Manbeck boar.

Wendy, 17, daughter of Bill and Judy Atkins, Lebanon, is a 10-year 4-H member and attends Cedar Crest High School.

Randy Smith, show judge, is herdsman for Isler Purebreds, Prospect, Ohio. Smith raises Duroc, York, Landrace, and Hampshire hogs. Last year, Isler Purebreds produced the champion junior barrow at the Ohio State Fair and the champion open show barrow at the state fair. Smith also farms with his parents, who manage 60 sows and specialize in the show pig business.

There were a total of 117 hogs and about 65 exhibitors.

Following is a list of show placings.

LEBANON FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

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1. Blaine Brown. 2. Tim Crouse. 3. Emily Wenger. Champion: Blaine Brown. Reserve: Tim Crouse.

MARKET HOGS

Lightweight: Class 1 (220-223 lbs.): 1. Nathan Spatz. 2. Dan Atkins. 3. Shene

McKinney. Class 2 (227-231 lbs.): 1. Eric Atkins. 2. Tabitha Kohr. 3. Blaine Brown. Class 3 (231-232 lbs.): 1. Jeremy Mase. 2. Carl Eisenhauer Jr. 3. Nathan Spatz. Class 4 (233-235 lbs.): 1. Jeremy Mase. 2. Trisha Berger. 3. Billie Jo Atkins. Lightweight Champion: Jeremy Mase. Reserve: Jeremy Mase.

Medium Weight: Class 5 (235-238 lbs.): 1. Joe Blatt. 2. Billie Jo Atkins. 3. Nathan Tice. Class 6 (239 lbs.): 1. Holly Meyer. 2. Melissa Martin. 3. Joe Blatt. Class 7 (239-242 lbs.): 1. Jacob Spatz. 2. Joseph Tice. 3. Jon Hamish. Class 8 (242-244 lbs.): 1. Kim Getz. 2. Cindy DeLong. 3. Benjamin Wenger. Class 9 (245-248 lbs.): 1. Timothy Crouse. 2. Andrew Atkins. 3. Renee Atkins. Medium Weight

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Chester White champion Janine Winebark with show judge Randy Smith.



Hampshire champion Brandon Winebark, left with Randy Smith, show judge.



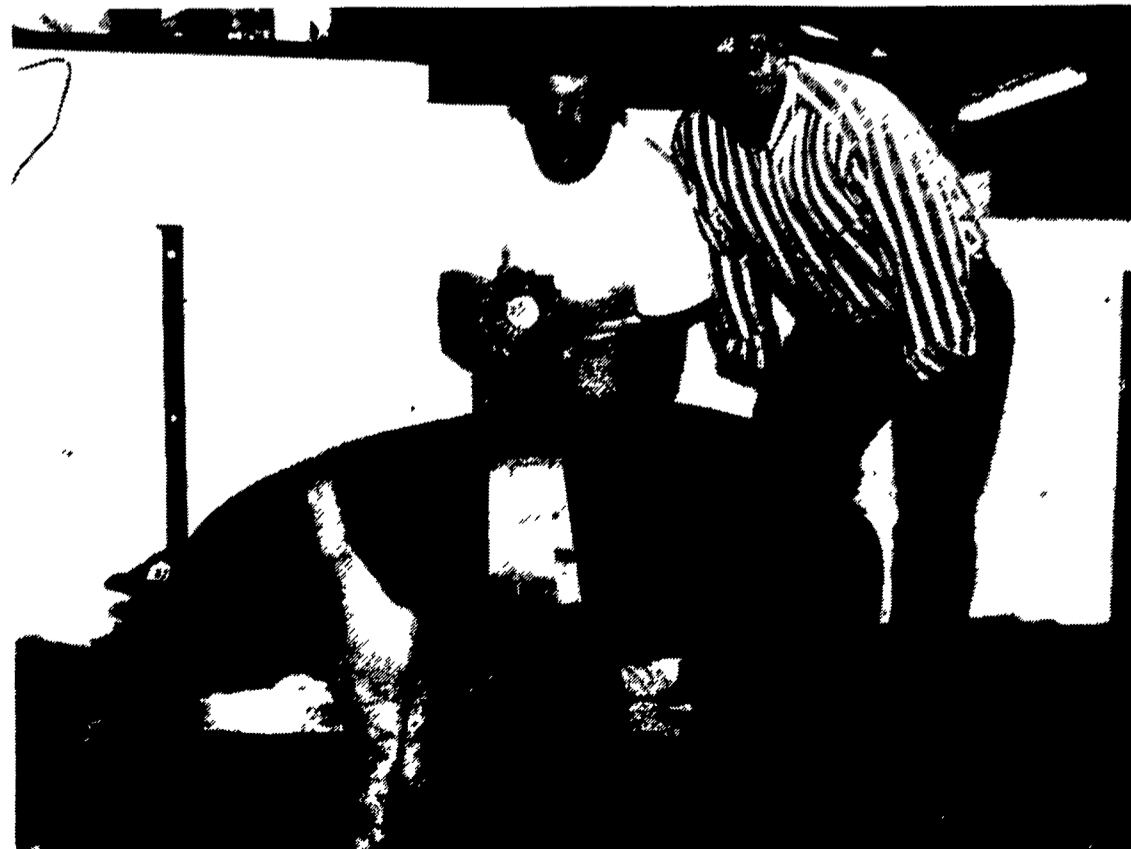
FFA showmanship champions of the Lebanon Fair Swine Show, from left, Dan Atkins, reserve, and Wendy Atkins, champion.



Market swine show reserve champion Wendy Atkins, left, with show judge Randy Smith.



Bred and owned exhibitors at the Lebanon Fair Swine Show, from left, Jason Shirk; Randy Smith, show judge; and Brandon Winebark.



Blaine Brown, showing for supreme champion Jake Mase, left, together with show judge Randy Smith on Monday at the Lebanon Fair Swine Show.