

# Young and unborn calf share 14,000gns top spot at elite sale

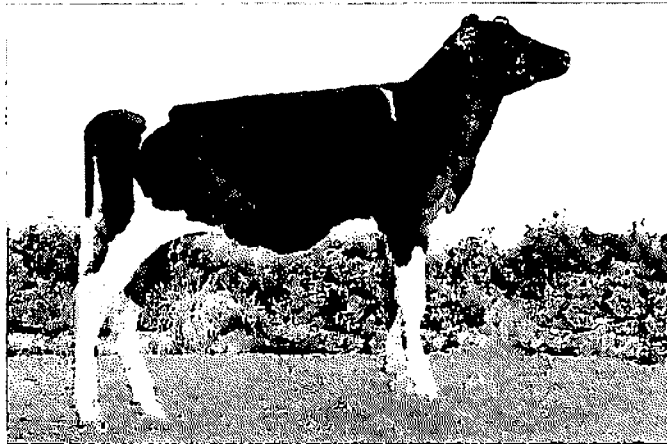
►► Strong bidding for 27 lots sold

►► Red Holsteins attract attention

THERE was quite a difference between the two top lots at Holstein UK's centenary elite sale, one being an eight-month-old calf and the other not yet born.

The sale followed the **National Holstein Show**, concluding a three-day celebration of black and white breeding, and drew a large number of bidders from the UK, Holland and North America.

The two top lots attracted bids of 14,000gns, with both buyers from Pembrokeshire, South Wales.

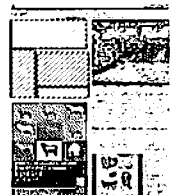


Sahara Talent Licorice from Sahara Holsteins made 14,000gns.

Arfon Phillips of Pedran Holsteins, Llanfyrnach, took home Sahara Talent Licorice, a June 2008-born Ladino Park Talent daughter bred by David Jones

for the Princess of Bahrain's Sahara herd, based near Newport, South Wales.

Talent Licorice's dam, Savage-Leigh Licorice, is classified





The first in the ring, Huddlesford Dellia Melody from T. H. Cope and Son, sold for 11,500gns.

EX92 and having given 18,951 litres in her second lactation is well known on the USA show circuit, as is her full maternal sister Savage-Leigh Lavish.

### Telephone bid

The second bid of 14,000gns came over the telephone from Hefyn George of the Trigarn herd. It was for the very last lot of the sale, first choice of six calves due next month to JK-RG Advent Maureen Red by Fradon Redliner.

It was one of several offers of red Holsteins in the sale, all of which attracted considerable

attention. The vendor was David Robinson of Cumbria, in partnership with the USA-based Gloryland Holsteins.

Another red Holstein offering from Mr Robinson was first choice of a Yursden Hrtgen Carabeth-Red calf by Ladino Park Talent. This calf went to Peter Horrell of Longthorpe Holsteins for 10,000gns, the fourth highest bid of the sale.

Third top was 11,500gns for Huddlesford Dellia Melody, the very first lot of the evening.

The 19-month-old heifer, an Erbacres Damion daughter out

of Shanael Gelpro Melody, was put forward by Tom and Andy Cope and was snapped up by Paul and Stephen Miller, who bred and successfully showed the dam. She will join their Shanael herd at Evesham, Worcestershire.

No other lots broke the 10,000gns barrier, but bidding was strong throughout with only four of the 31 lots not finding a buyer.

### AVERAGES

27 lots, £7,388.

Auctioneers: Norton and Brooksbank.