

NEWS HOLSTEIN CELEBRATIONS

Jersey takes calf title but Sahara Holsteins dominate

▶▶ Rapidbay-UK calf 'well-balanced'

THERE was a splash of colour in Holstein UK's celebration of 100 years of black and white breeding with the All-Breeds All-Britain Calf Show on Sunday.

A Jersey calf was voted top in the inter-breed final, ahead of the Holstein in reserve.

Rapidbay-UK Pandoras Jurisdiction, exhibited by James Strachan and Candace Borland, was described by Jersey judge Jimmy Irving, Northumberland, as 'well balanced with dairy strength, angularity and the promise of a super udder'.

Two points clear

His four fellow judges then went on to give the 12-month-old female a score of 38 out of 40, putting her two points clear of the rest of the field.

Rapidbay-UK was established

seven years ago with 60 embryos from Rapidbay-Canada, owned by Candace Borland's father.

Pandoras Jurisdiction is a daughter of one of those embryos, sired by Jewels Jurisdiction. She will calve in April to Rapidbay-UK WB Hero and join the milking herd of 30 Jerseys and 40 Holsteins in Suffolk.

While Sahara Holsteins had to make do with reserve honours in the inter-breed, they enjoyed such an incredible three days of showing they barely seemed to notice.

David Jones, who runs the herd for the Princess of Bahrain, saw his daughter make the young handlers final on Saturday, followed by a clean sweep in the Holstein calf final on Sunday and two major wins at the **National Holstein Show** on Monday.

It was quite a moment on the Sunday when Holstein judge Dan Doner, unbeknown to him, named three Sahara Holstein entries as his champion,

reserve and honourable mention.

Champion (and reserve inter-breed) was Ridgefield Fortune Ash Angel, a December 2007-born To-Mar D-Fortune daughter bought by Mr Jones at the Ridgefield dispersal sale in September.

A purchase from the same sale - Ridgefield Show Rosie, a Shortle daughter born in September 2007 - was the honourable mention.

Best heifer

Sahara Damion Tessie, a home-bred 21-month-old calf, was reserve champion at the calf show and then best heifer in the **National Holstein Show**.

A different judge and different age ranges in the classes meant she jumped ahead of Ash Angel to take this important title.

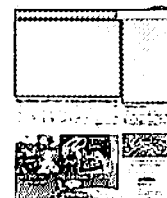
She makes three generations of successful Tessie cows, with mother Wiltor Morty Tessie taking the calf championship at the 2005 **National Holstein show** and grandmother Wiltor Dante Tessie, the

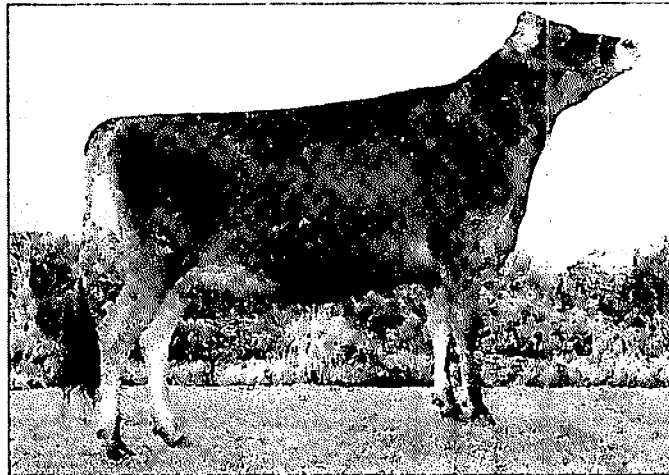
heifer title at AgriScot 2006. Damion Tessie will calve in early July with a Baxter calf.

Another Sahara-bred calf, also by Erbacres Damion, won this year's **National Holstein Show** calf championship. Sahara Damion Sara was born in February 2008 out of Riverdane Sept Sara Red.

Results

Inter-breed (All breed judges) Supreme, J. Strachan and C. Borland, Rapidbay-UK Pandoras Jurisdiction (Ursay); reserve, Sahara Holsteins, Ridgefield Fortune Ash Angel (Holstein); hon. men., G.A. Madolay, Rodway Tiny 253 (Shorthorn).
 Ayrshire (M. Broadley, Derbyshire) Sup., D. Hunter, Harrofoot Shady Bella; res., J.S. Watson, High Mark Mikado Maxi; hon. men., D.W. Borroford, Heydale Ovoid 270.
 Guernsey (C. Glead, Buckinghamshire) Sup., T. Christophers, Traddinoy Buzzard Bracken 4; res., M. Sankor, Traddinoy Andares Lily 5; hon. men., Sankor and Warron, Traddinoy Prince Liam B. Holstein (D. Doner, Ontario, Canada) Sup., Sahara Holsteins, Ridgefield Fortune Ash Angel; res., Sahara Holsteins, Sahara Damion Tessie; hon. men., Sahara Holsteins, Ridgefield Show Rosie.
 Jersey (J. Irving, Northumberland) Sup., J. Strachan and C. Borland, Rapidbay-UK Pandoras Jurisdiction; res., O.P. Manning, Etsill Lioutonants Paradise; hon. men., C. and J. Smith, Inspired S Nikku.
 Shorthorn (M. Fisher, Cumbria) Sup., G.A. Madolay, Rodway Tiny 253; res., Baynes and Robinson, Strickley Gert 15; hon. men., G.A. Madolay, Rodway Janna 5.





**Jersey and supreme inter-breed champion, Rapidbay-UK
Pandoras Jurisdiction from J. Strachan and C. Borland.**



**Holstein and reserve inter-breed champion, Ridgefield Fortune
Ash Angel from Sahara Holsteins.**