

"UNBELIEVEABLE RESULT FOR GORBRO HOLSTEINS"

The Gordon family of Leitchville took home two of the three Champion titles on offer at the 2012 North West Victorian Holstein Spring Fair, hosted at Kerang Show. Judge Scott Somerville of Somerelle Holsteins, Timmering, lined up the 10year old Gorbros Stormatic Cretonne EX90 3E as his top mature cow, before tapping her as his Senior Champion.

Just fresh on her 7th lactation, Cretonne displayed the tremendous dairy strength the judge was looking for in his mature cow. "This cow has an advantage in her overall openness and cleanness of rib," Mr Somerville said in his comments. "It's her superior texture and dairyness that puts her at the head of the class today."

Elmar Goldwyn Jessica, won the 5 year old class, while another member of the Jessica family, Elmar Bolton Jessica 4 VG86 claimed victory in the 4 year old class.

In the Championship class, it was Cretonne's maturity and superior capacity that placed her ahead of the fancy 4 year old, Elmar Bolton Jessica 4 VG86, while the entry of the Dee family of Macorna, Ingolmore Empire Glory VG88, was given Honourable Mention. Stormatic Cretonne is a descendant of the three times All Breeds Melbourne Royal Champion Rockwood Park Achilles Felicity EX3E. "Cretonne has been a regular part of our show team for a long time," says owner Glen Gordon. "She has always been appreciated by the judges, and often won her class. Cretonne was Champion Cow back in 2007, so it's great to see she can hold her form at her age."

The Intermediate classes were strongly contested, with quality right down the line. Gorbros claimed victory in the Senior 3 year old with Heartland Goldwyn Patsy VG87, while the Junior 3 year old was won by the Dee family's entry of Clydevale Panolopy Feather VG85. Elmar had another win in the Senior 2 year old with their entry, Bushlea Denn Crinkle, and the Junior 2 year old class belonged to Gorbros Holsteins' Gorbros Baxter Unbelievable GP84.

The Intermediate Championship was a terrific display of stylish, refined and youthful Holsteins. Mr Somerville pulled out his top three in Patsy, Feather and Unbelievable. The silky black hide and soft milky udder of the Goldwyn daughter Patsy shone in the late morning sun, up against the hard topped and sweeping open frame of the Junior 3 year old Feather. But the day belonged to the faultless conformation and balance of the Junior 2 year old Unbelievable. In his assessment of the class, Mr Somerville praised his 2 year old winner on her dairy frame and udder attachments. "Our 2 year old is the winner today. She is showing tremendous openness and spring to her rib, and it's her superior depth of rear rib that allows for such a smooth and strong fore udder attachment. I have no doubt she will make a great cow." Unbelievable came to Gorbros Holsteins as an imported embryo in partnership with Cederwal Farms, Canada. Out of a VG Champion daughter of the Canadian Cow of the Year and prolific brood cow Braedale Gypsy Grand VG88, Unbelievable is living up to her impressive ancestry.

A real highlight of the day were the large classes of impeccably presented junior exhibits. And it was the second class of the day, calf 6 to 12 months old, that provided the Junior Champion and Reserve. The Wishart family claimed the major prize of Junior Champion with their entry of Rowlands Park Windbrook Chevy. Presented by Emmalea Wishart, this February born Gillette Windbrook daughter from the Chevy line at Ponderosa was a handy winner. "This calf to me is an obvious winner today," commented Mr Somerville. "She has great capacity for her age, clean through the hide and down the leg, and carries herself more correctly on her legs and through her top than our Reserve heifer today." The Reserve Champion, Elmar Reginald Primrose, exhibited by Brady Hore placed over the Honourable Mention Gorbros Braxton Tiffany for her cleanliness and style on the day.

In the paraders, Marty Hore won the Senior class, while younger brother Brady won the Junior, with Kaitlyn Wishart winning the Mini parader. The Hore family, Elmar Holsteins, were named Premier Exhibitor.



left: INTERMEDIATE
CHAMPION LINE UP
(front to back) Gorbro
Baxter Unbelievable,
Clydevale Panolopy Feather,
Heartlands Goldwyn Patsy

Right: INTERMEDIATE
CHAMPION
(left to right) judge Mr
Scott Somerville, Reserve
Heartlands Goldwyn Patsy
lead by Glen Gordon,
Champion Gorbro Baxter
Unbelievable lead by Daniel
Bacon



left: SENIOR CHAMPION
Gorbro Stormatic Cretonne

Right: SENIOR CHAMPION
(left to right) judge Mr Scott
Somerville, Reserve Elmar
Bolton Jessica 4 lead by
Marty Hore, Champion
Gorbro Stormatic Cretonne
lead by Glen Gordon



Left: JUNIOR CHAMPION
Rowlands Park Windbrook
Chevy

Right: KERANG SHOW
Mini paraders



left: GORBRO STORMATIC
CRETONNE EX90 3E

right: GORBRO BAXTER
UNBELIEVABLE GP84



