

Zicostar Effie in 'last minute' win

HOLSTEIN heifer Lilylane Zicostar Effie took the dairy inter-breed title at the Royal Bath and West Show, but she nearly missed out as it was a last minute decision to attend by Les Bennett and his family.

The four-year-old, one of 171 milkers on the Bennetts' 188-acre Slade Farm, Templecombe, Somerset, had her second calf on February 1 this year, and is giving 56 litres a day, having recently eased off from 60 litres. In her first lactation she won a superior production award for giving 10,001 litres. Her butterfat content in that lactation was 4.15 per cent and protein was 3.34 per cent.

Mr Bennett said: "We nearly didn't come here as we have cows calving at home. We generally prefer the day shows as they are easier to cope with and we are not away for so long."

Supreme reserve went to the four-year-old Jersey, Braymeadow Paragons Misty 3. Herdsman Martin Peach paraded her for her owner,

eight-year-old Abi Sercombe. She owns two from the Braymeadow herd which the family bought last year at the Braymeadow dispersal sale.

Her parents Liz and Nick run Strangway Farm, Sturminster Newton, Dorset. The Jersey junior cow is now going to be dried off to have her third calf in August. Misty, which last calved 11 months ago, is giving 24kg day with 5.30 per cent butter fat and 4.10 per cent protein. This last lactation she gave 7,493 litres.

As for the beef classes, it was the females who proved superior, with Aberdeen Angus heifer Rosemead Karlotta being crowned inter-breed champion.

The judge Donald Biggar of Kirkcudbrightshire selected the five-year-old Charolais cow Penfold Rosebud as reserve.

The champion Rosemead Karlotta was showing with her calf at foot which she had at two years of age in January. Mr Biggar said: "To produce a calf at two-years-old is a huge benefit in this day and age of the single farm pay-

ment when efficiency is key. She has a wonderful udder and conformation."

Rosemead Karlotta is part of the Rosemead herd at Lydling Farm, Shackleford near Goldalming, Surrey. Andrew Robinson, herd manager for Angus Stovold, said: "She won the inter-breed title at Surrey County Show just two days ago. Her calf is an AI from Lord Horatio of Bleblack. I don't know of any other heifer as strong as her with a calf."

The reserve inter-breed, the Charolais Penfold Rosebud comes from a consistently successful showing line. Her dam and grand dam were both previously inter-breed champions at Shepton Mallet. Richard Hassell, who owns the Penfold herd at The Elms, Brilles, Oxfordshire, said the five-year-old homebred Penfold Rosebud is by Goldies Magnum and out of Penfold Gypsophila. She had her second calf at foot. Mr Biggar said: "The Charolais is powerful, has lots of capacity and walks well, she has plenty of meat on her shoulders and back end."



ABOVE: The group of four winners: Charolais cattle from Richard Hassell, Banbury, and Rachel Potter.

CATTLE RESULTS

BEEF:

Inter-breed (Judge D. Biggar, Kirkcudbrightshire) Supreme, P.C. Stovold and Son, Rosemead Karlotta (Aberdeen Angus); reserve, R. Hassell, Penfold Rosebud (Charolais).

Aberdeen Angus (R. Venner, Devon) Sup. and fem., P.C. Stovold and Son, Rosemead Karlotta; res. sup. and res. fem., N.J. and B. Pittams, Dark Lane Jasmine; male, C.J. Hutchings, Curzon Endeavour; res. male, P.C. Stovold and Son, Rosemead Knight.

British Blonde (J. McVeigh, Co. Down) Sup. and male, A. Harris, Fovant Really; res. sup. and res. male, The Whistley Herd, Ulysses; fem., P.J. Holman and P.M. Williams, Cosdon Shawnee; res. fem., The Whistley Herd, Holly Tara.

British Charolais (J. McMillan, Angus) Sup. and fem., R. Hassell, Penfold Rosebud; res. sup. and male, R. Potter, Coningsby Vesuvius; res. fem., R. Wyllie, Brilles Vienna; res. male, P.C. Old, Moynon Vilhelm.

British Limousin (E.T. Catchin, Powys) Sup. and fem., V. Maynard, Columbpark Ureka; res. sup. and male, T.M. Joseph and Sons, Sheelin Tiger; res. fem., C.J. Hutchings, Heathlands Tiamaria; res. male, C.J. Hutchings, Goldies Trophy.

British Simmental (G.W. Smith, Laurencekirk) Sup. and fem., D.B. Mills, Wishful Lavender; res. sup. and res. fem., J.B. and G.D. Doyle, Foreland Pretty; male, M.O. and L.D. Jones, Sundallens; res. male, R.J. Kimber, Beanhill Richard.

Devon (J.H. Thomas, Devon) Sup. and



Inter-breed beef champion from P. C. Stovold and Son, Aberdeen Angus cow Rosemead Karlotta C341.

fem., Stonegrove Livestock, Stonegrove Norie 4; res. sup. and male, Stonegrove Livestock, Stonegrove Fearless; res. fem., G.M. Hunter, Tilbrook Countess 2; res. male, G.M. Hunter, Tilbrook Wanganvi.

Hereford (R. Snelling, Berkshire) Sup. and male, L. Gould, Romany 1 Vine; res. sup. and res. male, P. and M. Richman, Costhorpe 1 Wolfman; fem., R.F. Bailey, Ullincillo Hall Beauty 11; res. and res. fem., P.T. English, Romany 1 Mink.

South Devon (I. Rounsevell, Cornwall) Sup. and fem., K.V. and M.A. Plain, A1 Foxhole Martha; res. sup. and res. fem., K.V. and M.A. Plain, Foxhole Doris 3.

DAIRY:

Inter-breed (J. Dennison, Cumbria) Supreme, A.J. Bennet and Sons, Lilylane

Zicostar Effie 7 (Holstein); reserve, A. Sercombe, Braymeadow Paragons Misty 3 (Jersey).

Holstein (J. Dennison, Cumbria) Sup., A.J. Bennet and Sons, Lilylane Zicostar Effie 7; res. sup., G.P. Jones and Sons, Newfaieland Rubens Val Carol ET.

Guernsey (M. Grose, Cornwall) Sup., Sansom Partners, Blacknor Yana 12; res. sup., M.J. and C.E. Greenslade, Greensfield Pink Lady.

Jersey (F. Prossitt) Sup., A. Sercombe, Braymeadow Paragons Misty 3; res. sup., International Jersey Breeders, IJB Remakes Galaxy.

DUAL PURPOSE

Dexter (M. Oliphant, Lincolnshire) Sup., J.F. and R.C. Gabriel, Bride Valley Honeysuckle; res. Sup., P.W. Hunt, Saltaire Prawn.