

## 5,700GNS LOOSEBEARE TOP PRICE - AND MORE BULLS SOLD - AT SOCIETY'S BRECON LIMOUSIN MAY SALE

- 48 Bulls Average £3,767
- 18 More Bulls Sold on Year
  - 83% Clearance Rate
  - Sale grosses £213,397

Loosebeare Golddust from Messrs EW Quick & Sons, Loosebeare Manor, Zeal Monachorum, Crediton, Devon, made 5,700gns and topped the British Limousin Cattle Society's May Bull Sale held at Brecon Livestock Market with McCartneys on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013. He had earlier been put up as Senior and Overall Supreme Champion in the pre-sale show judged by Mr Stephen Illingworth of the noted Glenrock Herd at Howgillside, Eaglesfield, Lockerbie, Dumfries.

August 2011-born, Loosebeare Golddust is by the herd's stock bull, the 4,000gns Gronw Cheeky, a Scordale Terry son, and is out of the Rainbow Simon daughter, Loosebeare Cayley, making him a half-brother to the 6,800gns second top price at the Brecon November 2012 sale. He sold with a Beef Value of LM+30 and a Calving Value of LM+1C to the 50-cow pedigree Moonleaze Herd of JJ & BD Comer, New Moonleaze Farm, Braydon, Swindon, Wilts. "He was bought for his good, hard muscling and easy calving bloodlines and will be used on a dozen or so heifers later this spring," said purchaser Jeff Comer. Cementing a good day's trade, Messrs Quick sold subsequent bulls at 4300gns, 4000gns and 3200gns respectively.

A very solid commercial trade saw 18 more bulls sold on the year with 48 bulls overall levelling at £3,767. A smaller draft of mainly heifers saw 21 average £1,551 with the sale overall grossing well over £200,000. The British Limousin Cattle Society bull trade this May has seen 228 bulls go under the hammer to gross just over £1 Million (£1,019,248) at Brecon, Ballymena, Stirling & Carlisle respectively.

Securing a final bid of 5,600gns was Killerton Gauge on behalf of Mr & Mrs PW & SM Greed, Columbjohn Farm Ltd, Rewe, Exeter, Devon. Earlier in the day this November 2011-born bull had won the Junior section before moving on to be awarded Reserve Overall in the pre-sale show judged by Mr. Illingworth. Commenting the judge said: "There was a good level standard of bulls shown and my Junior Champion was very well-grown, wide with scale and power – a bull who will really go on." At the corresponding sale last November, Messrs Greed had snapped up the Junior and Overall Championship awards. Here, their four bulls grossed £15,015 to round off a good day's trading.

Killerton Gauge is by Loosebeare Exmoor (by Haltcliffe Anzac) and is out of the 2001-born cow, Killerton Sage, a daughter of one of the 130-strong herd's foundation females, Rivermead Impala (by Broadmeadows Cannon). With a Beef Value of LM+36, he now heads to WJ Davies & Co, Coedgennau, Pontfaen, Brecon.

At 5,300gns was the third prizewinner, Dinmore Grotto, from Mr P Dawes, Kipperknowle Farm, Dinmore, Hereford. Full of breeding, the June 2011-born Grotto is an embryo calf by Homebyres Visitor and is out of Carmorn Voney, dam of the 36,000gns Dinmore Fabulous. With a Beef Value of LM+41, the purchaser was TM Rees, Rhydalen, Cross Inn, Llandysyl, Brecon. Dinmore bulls also secured bids of 3700gns and 3100gns respectively.

Making 5,000gns was another third prizewinner, Wilodge Gladiator, from Miss C Williams, Lodge Hill Farm, Park Lane, Shifnal, Shrops. Sired by the 50,000gns Wilodge Cerberus and out of the Toubib daughter, Wilodge Coblahdi, this bull was snapped up with a Beef Value of LM+47 by Haskell Farms, Stokeford Farm, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset for their Stokeford prefix.

From first-time Brecon vendors PJ & S Edwards, Tydraw Farm, Gelliwion Road, Maesycoed, Pontypridd came the 4,800gns Gelliwion Gameboy. By the French Al sire, Acajou, and out of the Saunders Stallone-sired heifer, Pyebrook Emily, purchased at the Pyebrook Dispersal in 2010, Gameboy had previously stood second in his class at the 2012 Vale of Glamorgan Show. He now heads to EJP Thomas & Sons, South Hill Farm, Aston Munslow, Craven Arms, Shrops.

Two bulls from AG Kirton & Sons, Severn Lodge Farm, Kinlet, Bewdley, Worcs made 4,700gns. The first lot into the ring, Ashledge Gallant, born April 2011, reached the 4,700gns mark when going under the hammer to JM Merrit, Trecarne Advert, Camelford, Cornwall. A first prizewinner, Gallant is by Bailea Delboy and is out of Ashledge Teasmaid. Making the same money was Ashledge Gladiator, by Dolcorsllwyn Caio and out of Ashledge Umbrella (by Goldies Osprey). Another red ticket winner, he was bought by D Davies & Co, Rhydywernen, Libanus, Brecon.

The final bull at 4,700gns was the first prize-winning Cowin Gatland consigned by WDD & C James, Blaencowin, Bryn Iwan, Cynwyl Elfed, Carms. He is sired by the Mas Du Clos son, Tehix, and is out of the Ionesco daughter, Cowin Valmai, dam to the 4,000gns Cowin Caleb. With a Beef Value of LM+31, he was purchased by Mr E Jones, Coedmore Hall, Cellan, Lampeter. Six bulls in all traded from Messrs James to gross £21,945.

The female trade was led by the 2,700gns cow and calf outfit consigned by Mr GJ Morris, Mwche Farm, Llanstephan, Carmarthen which comprised the 2003-born sixth calver, Mynach Ustar, bred by ED Griffiths, Cilgryman Fawr, Hen Dy Gwyn, Carms, sired by Mynach Regis and out of Mynach Star. She was sold suckling her November-born heifer calf, Dylans Hipstar (by Ironstone Dusty) and was scanned in-calf to Goldies Glenfiddich.

## **Averages**

48 Bulls £3,767.00 21 Females £1551.50

Auctioneer: McCartneys