

JAD Speckle Park hit new world record

DEBUT auction appearances don't come much better than that of Justin and Amy Dickens, JAD Speckle Park, Yeoval, who broke a world record on their way to achieving what auctioneer Brian Leslie declared the country's best stud bull average of the year.

Visitors from Canada, New Zealand and all Australian states filled the Dulcogene sale complex at Dubbo last Friday for JAD's first offering, from 140 Canadian embryos purchased in 2016. All 28 bulls sold to average \$11,214 and top at \$24,000, while 11 registered females averaged \$11,365.

Praised by onlookers for their evenness, 21 stud sires averaged \$12,672 while seven commercial bulls averaged \$6571. It was Victoria's Fish Creek Farm Speckle Parks and Merom Speckle Parks who secured the \$24,000 sale-topper, JAD Napoleon N31, with his New Zealand semen rights going to Maungahina stud and Premier Cattle Company Ltd.

The rising 18-month-old white bull was sired by River

Hill 60W Line Drive 54Z from Codiak Acres Belinda 66A. He weighed 728 kilograms with a scrotal circumference of 37.5 centimetres, an eye muscle area (EMA) of 110cm sq and P8 and rib fat depths of 15 and 12 millimetres.

Fish Creek Farm Speckle Park stud's Jason Keays intended to look at Napoleon N31's full sister, JAD 54Z Belinda N68, but he couldn't go past the bull for his figures and out-cross genetics.

"I really had no intention to come home with a bull," he said. "We have a got a fair bit of high power here but if you see something that you think is going to benefit your stud then you have got to do something about it."

The young sire stood strongly within the breed's estimated breeding values and was in the top one per cent for EMA at +2, the equal second highest of all 2017-drop calves in the SPI Animal Register (February 2019). He was in the top 10pc for 400-day weight at +30 and weighed 39kg at birth.

All JAD animals were

structurally assessed by Dick Whale with Napoleon N31 recording a muscle score 39 of B grade equivalence. He was one of four progeny from the Line Drive/66A mating, which averaged \$18,750.

JAD Night Rider N8 was the second top-priced bull selling for \$23,000 to Ben and Ellie Wesley, Big Star Speckle Park, Hillston, for a Speckle Park black bull world record previously held by Wattle Grove Speckle Park.

At 20 months, he weighed 792 kilograms with a scrotal circumference of 42cm, EMA of 117cm sq and P8 and rib fats of 13 and 9mm. He was commended for his structure, data and performance.

Interest in the bull on the day prompted new owner Mr Wesley to send the record breaker to Holbrook Breeders for semen collection.

"I got asked to go into a syndicate on the day to buy him but a bull like that, I don't want to be sharing him," Mr Wesley said.

"Once I've done my joining (in September) I'll give the all clear and Amy and



The \$24,000 bull with agents, vendors and buyers. Bowyer and Livermore conducted the sale with Brian Leslie as auctioneer. Pictures: Ruby Canning of Emily H Photography



The \$23,000 world record bull with Ben Wesley, Big Star Speckle Park stud, Hillston, and Amy and Justin Dickens.

Justin said there was a bit of interest from Canada (for semen) so hopefully we can sell a bit overseas as well."

By Star Bank Lacerta 68L from River Hill 26T Whistler 38W, 10pc of the sale went to

the Black Dog Institute.

Top registered female, JAD 54Z Belinda N68, was purchased for \$17,000 by Tasmania's JJ. and VA. Argent.

She was joined to Minnamurra Marlin M4. Another

49 PTIC commercial heifers sold online to a \$1765 average. JAD's Mr Dickens said the result solidified their decision to pursue Speckle Park genetics, after crossing them over Angus females in 2012.

"We are commercially-focused and put a lot of effort into everything from genetic testing to structural assessment to Breedplan, with up to 10 traits observed along the way and contributed to Breedplan," he said.

Auctioneer Brian Leslie said JAD's cattle were backed by EBV and genomic information that hadn't been offered to the public so comprehensively in the Speckle Park world before.

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