

Speckle Park \$20,000 world record

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THE world record for a Speckle Park animal was broken on the weekend at the Speckle Park Spectacular sale at "Bimbadeen", Meadow Flat, with a bull commanding a \$20,000 price tag.

The sale was only the second of its kind in Australia where Speckle Park bulls and females were up for grabs at auction.

The sale saw 12 of 16 two-year-old bulls dominate the sale, topping at \$20,000 to average \$8955 and record the highest bull sale average of the year.

It was tougher for the yearling bulls as buyers were reluctant to shell out cash for the younger brothers, with nine of 28 yearling bulls selling to a \$4500 top to average \$4111.

A single cow by River Hill Traffic Jam, Bunderra 26T Notta Pho-Finish E1 with an April-drop heifer calf, was offered by WIN Speckle Parks, Sydney, and reached \$12,000, selling to I.Y. Hoolihan, "Rose-Lea", Rydal.

The heifers drew more competition with nine of 10 selling to a \$7500 top to average \$5944, due to the rare opportunity to buy Speckle Park females in Australia.

A single Speckle Park/Angus steer weighing 440 kilograms was also auctioned, making \$1300 and selling to Wallerawang Village Meats, Wallerawang.

The top bull, Almarlea 21K Lacerta E7, was always going to be bought by

return buyer, Tim Wilson, Orangeville Speckle Parks, Camden, who wanted the supreme exhibit from Canberra and Sydney Royal shows, offered by Mark Pointon, Almarlea Speckle Park stud, Oberon.

Lacerta E7, a Star Bank Lacerta 68L son from a Prairie Hill Amy's Girl 21K female, sold as full possession, but the vendors retained a half semen share in the bull.

"We liked him due to the awards he had won and the great sires outlook he possessed," Mr Wilson said.

"He will now go to Melbourne Royal with the Almarlea stud and then back to Orangeville.

"We have 65 Speckles now and building our herd up, which he will help us do, but we will sell semen out of him as he is a good bull for the breed."

The second-top bull, Wattle Grove 4K/68L Action Man E28, also a two-year-old Lacerta 68L son, sold to new West Australian stud, Tungamah Speckle Parks, Gin Gin, for \$18,000 – also eclipsing the previous record of \$16,000 for a Speckle Park animal at auction, and sold by the Humphries family, Wattle Grove stud, Oberon.

Mark and Colleen Constable, Merriwa, in partnership with former Australian Rugby League boss, John and Diane Quayle, Denman, were losing bidders on the top bulls, but still liked Six Star 68L Recharge D311, also by Lacerta 68L, which they purchased for \$12,000 from the Six Star Speckle Park herd.

Mr Constable said they were start-



Andrew and Dale Humphries, Wattle Grove Speckle Parks, Oberon, with the second-top priced bull (left), which sold for \$18,000 to Tungamah Speckle Parks, Gin Gin, Western Australia; buyer of the \$20,000 top-priced bull (centre), held by Almarlea stud principal, Mark Pointon, Oberon; Tim Wilson (kneeling left), Orangeville Speckle Parks, Camden, who bought top bull and Mark Constable (kneeling right), Merriwa, who paid \$12,000 for the top-priced Six Star Speckle Park sire, Six Star principals, Greg Ebbeck, Crowther, and George Kusely, Meadow Flat.

ing a Speckle Park stud and had been watching the breed for sometime, liking their softness and meat quality.

They also bought a heifer and a solid black yearling bull for \$7000 and \$4000 respectively.

Mr Constable and his son also own a chain of butcheries in the Hunter Valley, which the Speckle Park steers will be bred for to meet the consumer market.

I.T. and K.F. Grimshaw, "Burbon", Rylstone, bought a two-year-old bull for \$8000 and then followed up with a yearling bull at \$4000, while Tom Brinkworth, Kingston, South Australia, loaded up on three yearling bulls at \$4000 each.

Peter Thomasetti, "Ben Bhiragie", Robertson, was active on the heifers, buying four to a top of \$7000 to average \$4250, while Crocodile Creek Pty

Ltd, Annagrove, paid to a \$7500 for Bunderra 10N Daughter F15, a Traffic Jam daughter for \$5000, and U Organic Free Range, Allyn bought a heifer for \$5500 and year-old bull for \$8500.

The sale was conducted by and Bowyer and Livermore Paul Dooley as the auctioneer.