

New home for record breaking Speckle bull

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GENETICS from the newly crowned \$60,000 record breaking Speckle Park bull, River Hill 50T Crusader 025C, will soon be making their way to Minnamurra Pastoral Company. They are partners in the tri-continent syndicate (the Crusader Syndicate) who teamed up to purchase the bull at the Summit 3 Sale at Ardrossan, Alberta, Canada.

"There were quite a few classy bulls on sale that suited our requirements for confirmation, length and muscling," Minnamurra's general manager, Dennis Power said.

"But this young bull had the breeding to fit right into our stud program."

Crusader 025C is by River Hill Touchdown 50T out of a first calf heifer who was by River Hill Traffic Jam 26T.

Traffic Jam was grand champion Speckle Park bull at the Canadian National at Agribition, Canada's largest beef show.

He's described by breeder Barry Ducherer of River Hill Farm, Neiburg, Saskatchewan a powerhouse with exceptional growth and moderate birth weight.

"We are extremely excited about the genetic potential Crusader brings to the table," Mr Ducherer said.

The Speckle Park breed



Minnamurra Pastoral Company's Dennis Power and David Reid with the world-record selling Speckle Park bull River Hill 50T Crusader 025C, and breeders Cory, Carla and Barry Ducherer.

has found increasing demand throughout the world with their carcase quality, performance, meat quality and tenderness especially throughout Australia where their dominance in carcase and feedlot trials is becoming evident.

The Canadian sales again experienced increased sale grosses year over year, with more bulls being sold into

commercial operations.

In the purebred female area they have also been in great demand as established and new breeders compete for top genetics to both cow and calf pairs and heifers have met with unsurpassed demand throughout Canada over the past 12 months and the breed is seeing the same interest in Australia.

Several Australian breed-

ers traveled to Canada for the April sales. Canadian Speckle Park Association Business Manager, Rod Remin, said it is always a pleasure for Canadian breeders to host Speckle Park enthusiasts from around the globe. "In this 10th anniversary year, breeders in both countries can be proud of how the cattle have developed and how much commercial accept-

ance they've found in the short time Speckle Park have been recognized as a breed," Mr Remin said.

The Speckle Park International Inc.'s national society sale took place this past weekend at Sccone, NSW, offering more than 70 stud bulls and females, along with embryo and semen packages, show steers and heifers, and F1 females.

Zegna wool award to Pyramul

PYRAMUL fine wool producers, the Hundy family, have been crowned the best in Australia and New Zealand with first and third placings in the oldest wool competition in the world.

Ed and Jill Hundy, "Windrudeen," took first place in the 2016 edition of the Extrafine Wool Trophy with son Andrew and his wife Penny taking third place. Second place went to Allan and Carolyn Phillips, Deddington, Tas.

For the Venus Aureum Trophy, David and Susan Rowbottom, St Helens Vic, won both first and third place while Bradley Sandlot, Lexton, Vic, was awarded second.

Established with the Australian Superfine Wool Growers Association (ASWGA) in 1963, the goal of the annual Zegna Wool Awards is to weave finesse and tradition together to create the finest of fabrics.

"It is always a pleasure to award the efforts and achievements of the woolgrowers," Chairman Ermenegildo Zegna Group, Paolo Zegna said. All fleeces entered in the competition are purchased by the Zegna Group. A further severe selection of the best of them is transformed into the top-line fabrics of the Ermenegildo Zegna collections.

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