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Barnstaple repeat, but with a bull

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FOR the second year in a row, the Mullaley stud, Barnstaple Devons, has made a clean sweep of the rosettes in the Devon section, with the only difference being that this year's best exhibit was a bull instead of a cow.

South Australian judge, Kevin Johnson — whose assessments occasionally provoked strong behind-the-scenes discussion — promoted the 26-month Barnstaple sire, Kismet 76, first to senior champion bull and then best exhibit, based on the sire's ability to provide market options in a breeding program.

Kismet, weighing 810 kilograms in the ring, was sired by Barnstaple Marriot, which demonstrated inherent ring appeal by also being grandfather of the 2002 reserve senior champion bull, Ashwood Beau, shown by Malcolm and Pauline Wood, Ashwood stud, Stroud Road, on the Mid North Coast.

In the female classes, Mr Johnson selected the 4½-year-old Barnstaple Nymphaea 5 as senior

Champions

Devon

Senior and grand bull and best exhibit: Barnstaple Kismet 76, Barnstaple stud, Mullaley. **Res:** Ashwood Beau, Ashwood stud, Stroud Road.

Junior bull: Ashwood Winalot W013, Ashwood stud, Stroud Road. **Res:** Palinga Paua V93, Palinga stud, Wards River.

Senior and grand female: Barnstaple Nymphaea 5, Barnstaple stud, Mullaley. **Res:** Palinga Amy U39, A.J. & A.S. Heap, Mt Wilson.

Junior female: Palinga Topsy V100, Palinga, Wards River. **Res:** Ashwood Queenie W004, Ashwood stud, Stroud Road.

and grand champion cow ahead of Palinga Amy U39, exhibited by A.J. and A.S. Heap, Mount Wilson.

The judge cited Nymphaea's structural correctness, depth, spring of rib and fine calf as factors in her win, adding that Palinga Amy, almost two years younger, had qualities that indicated she would be "a very fine matron".



Judge Kevin Johnson, "Kevlyn", Keith, South Australia, sashes the grand champion bull and best Devon exhibit, Barnstaple Kismet 76, held by Ashley Castles, Shambala Fitting Services, Tamworth, while the exhibitor, Graeme Barnes, Barnstaple stud, Mullaley, looks on.

The Sydney Royal rosettes are recognised as having a lot to offer the latest in a string of endorsements for Barnstaple stud, founded in 1984 by Graeme and Pauline Barnes and now with 300 registered heifers.

A notable commercial success for the stud has been the recent use of Barnstaple semen in 2000 Brazilian cows.

"Australian genetics are sired Ashwood's junior champion

bull, Ashwood Winalot W013, while Palinga Junior sired the reserve junior champion female, Ashwood Queenie W004, presented by the same stud.

Vic and Ruth Edwards took the reserve junior champion bull ribbon with Palinga Paua V93, sired by Wombramurra Visa 49 out of a Palinga dam.

Nine Devon studs took part.