

CNG 257, Lot: 65. Estimate \$100. Sold for \$85. KINGS of MACEDON. Alexander III 'the Great'. 336-323 BC. Æ (15mm, 4.06 g, 3h). Amphipolis mint. Diademed male head right / Horse galloping right; race torch below. Price 338.

The above common type: Diademed head variety for the ½ unit has over 20 different symbols. The legend can be split in many locations, but almost never concludes under the horse's belly. Style is quite basic.



Sale: CNG 79, Lot: 150. Estimate \$750. Sold For \$6150. KINGS of MACEDON. Alexander II. 370/69-368/7 BC. Æ Unit (3.34 g, 3h). Young male head right, wearing tainia; small Δ below chin (very faint) / A Δ E- Ξ AN- Δ PO, horse prancing right. Westermark, *Remarks* p. 308, 1; SNG ANS 110-1.

This very rare type: No symbols. The legend is always split with ΔPO under the horse's belly. Style is quite refined and of high artistic value.

This is an example of the only coinage definitely attributable to Alexander II. A salient feature of this type is the distinctive Aeolic Greek genitive form of the legend, $A\Lambda E \Xi AN\Delta PO$, which is normally used on Macedonian coins down to Philip II. In her

article on the early Macedonian regal coinage, Westermark (p. 308 and 313) noted two types with this feature. The first type, to which this coin belongs, has a free horse prancing right, and the legend is dispersed around the horse. In contrast, the second type has a mounted horse prancing left, the legend is concentrated in the field above the horse, and there is a control mark on the reverse. Both also have a particularly artistic style for the obverse portrait of Apollo, but only the first type has an additional mark, a small Δ , below Apollo's chin, which appears to be an artist's signature.

Based on the legend form and the fine style Apollo portrait, both Gaebler and Imhoof-Blumer placed these two types during the reign of Alexander II, although other scholars, such as Head, Naster, and Grose, disagreed. Westermark took a fresh look at the evidence. She notes that the attribution of the first type to Alexander II was certain, based on a number of bronze issues of Perdikkas III in London and Paris that were clearly overstruck on coins of the first type (cf. Westermark, pl. LXX, 41-2). There are no such overstrikes for the second type, which Westermark strongly doubted were issues of Alexander II, also noting that "the [Aeolic Greek] genitive is by no means unknown for Alexander III."

Other characteristics also support the attribution of the second type to Alexander III. While Westermark points out the exquisite style of the head of Apollo on the first type, which suggests Δ is an artist's signature, she does not see such a refined style on the second. The positioning of the letters in the legend also suggest the two types belong to separate periods. The spread-out fashion of the legend on the first type is typical of earlier Macedonian regal coins, while the concentrated fashion of the second is typical of later types. Similarly, the reverse types in general, a riderless horse and mounted horse, also correspond to earlier and later types, respectively. Finally, the addition of the control mark on the reverse of the second type also suggests a later issue.

In sum, Price's attribution of the second type to the reign of Alexander III appears to be correct, as all aspects of these coins correspond to the other bronzes that certainly belong to this later period of Macedonian regal coinage. Thus the first type remains the only coinage securely attributed to Alexander II.



Sale: CNG 81, Lot: 2423. Estimate \$100. Sold For \$110. **ARGOLIS, Argos.** Circa 400-350 BC. Æ Chalkous (1.90 g, 4h). Head of Hera left, wearing stephanos / Large A; archaic *heta* below crossbar. BCD Peloponnesos 1057.2.

The above common type: Many of these are struck off center, losing the two 'branches' at the top of the 'A'. Portrait always faces left.



Sale: CNG 81, Lot: 427. Estimate \$300. Sold For \$300 **THESSALY, Peumata.** 3rd century BC. Æ 12mm (1.70 g, 11h). Wreathed head of nymph right / Monogram; helmet to right. Rogers 442; Moustaka 154; SNG Copenhagen 198.

This very rare type: Legend has many starting points, but always contains the same letters. Portrait may appear male of female, but always faces right.



Sale: Künker 133, Lot: 7546. IONIA, EPHESOS. Æs, 4. Jahrhundert v. Chr., Magistrat Hegelochos; 1,48 g. Weiblicher Kopf l., dahinter Astragal// Biene. Head, NC 1880, S. 131

The above scarce type: Many of these are struck off center, losing the defining legend. Portrait always faces left and is always female. Many letters make up the reverse legend, and are small in proportion to the coins size.



CNG 205, Lot: 99.
THESSALY, Melitaia. Circa 400-350 BC. Æ 15mm (1.79 g, 12h). Laureate head of Zeus left; thunderbolt behind / Bee. Rogers 398; SNG Copenhagen 173.

The above rare type: Portrait can face both directions and is always male. Legend, with only one very rare exception, always contains **MEAI**, so look for a short legend with large letters.



CNG 263, Lot: 51. THESSALY, Larissa. Circa 380-337 BC. Æ Dichalkon (17mm, 4.08 g, 12h). Head of the nymph Larissa right / Horse standing right, about to roll. Rogers 288; BCD Thessaly 1167.2 var. (legend break).

The above common type: Portrait can face either direction and is always female with short, tightly curled hair. The horse can face either direction but will always have slightly bent legs appearing to 'crouch' with the head always pointing towards the ground.



CNG 229, Lot: 84. THESSALY, Atrax. Circa 400-344 BC. Æ 15mm (2.48 g, 1h). Laureate head of Apollo right / Horse grazing right. Rogers 167; SNG Copenhagen -.

This rare type: Portrait always faces right, and is male (Apollo), though is often portrayed feminine. This 'horse reverse' type can have the head in a natural position or directed toward the ground, but the legs will always be straight in a standing or walking attitude.



260, Lot: 58. KINGS of MACEDON. Philip II. 359-336 BC. Æ Unit (18mm, 6.65 g, 3h). Uncertain Macedonian mint. Male head right, wearing tainia / Youth on horseback right; vertical thunderbolt below. SNG ANS 883; SNG Alpha Bank –

The above common (as dirt) type: Portrait can face either direction and is always male. The horse can face either direction and appear to be alternately standing, prancing, galloping, etc. Legend is always Φ I Λ III Π OY with varying breaks and locations.



Sale: Nomos 3 & 4, Lot: 1249. Estimate CHF300. Sold For CHF1200. THESSALY, Phakion. 3rd century BC. Trichalkon (Bronze, 21mm, 6.14 g 12). Wreathed head of nymph to right, with triple-pendant earring. *Rev*. ΦΑΚΙΑΣΤΩΝ Horseman, with right hand raised in salute, riding prancing horse to right; between horse's back legs, grain ear. Papaevangelou 7. Rogers 444. Rare

This very rare type: Portrait always faces right, and is female wearing earrings and necklace. The horse reverse is always right, and is in a walking attitude with one foreleg raised.



Common

218, Lot: 160. Estimate \$75. Sold for \$45.

LOKRIS, Lokris Opuntii. Circa 338-316 BC. Æ 14mm (1.83 g, 11h). Laureate head of Apollo left / Grape bunch; leaf(?) to right. Cf. SNG Copenhagen 72



Very rare

Sale: Nomos 3 & 4, Lot: 1195. Estimate CHF400. Sold For CHF6500.

THESSALY, Meliboia. Circa 352-344 BC. Trichalkon (Bronze, 20mm, 7.98 g 11). Head of nymph to right, wearing earring. *Rev.* M]ΕΛΙΒΟΕΩΝ Bunch of grapes bound to and encircled by an ivy wreath. Helly 2004 pl. 3, 24 (*but ascribed to Eurymenai*) = SNG Copenhagen 249 (*but ascribed to Rhizos*). Rogers



Very rare

CNG 87, Lot: 426. Estimate \$300. Sold for \$2300.

THESSALY, Skotussa. Circa 367 BC. Æ Dichalkon (18mm, 3.94 g, 1h). Head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin / Grape bunch. Rogers 540; Moustaka -; BCD Thessaly -; SNG Copenhagen -; Traité IV 630.



Very rare

Sale: Nomos 3 & 4, Lot: 1329. Estimate CHF750. Sold For CHF5500.

THESSALY, Rhizos. Circa 352-344 BC. Trichalkon (Bronze, 18mm, 7.94 g 2). Laureate head of Zeus to right. *Rev.* PIZOYΣI[ΩN] Vine branch with bunch of grapes and two leaves; above grapes and below branch to left, Λ . Rogers 537. Traité IV, 746, pl. CCC, 18. Warren 1961, pl. I, 3. Very rare





Common

Sale: CNG 66, Lot: 576.

CILICIA, Nagidos. Circa 360-333 BC. Æ 14mm (3.50 gm). Head of Aphrodite right / Kantharos. SNG Levante 15 (this coin); SNG France 20; SNG von Aulock 5760





Very rare ++

Sale: CNG 81, Lot: 449. Estimate \$300. Sold For \$500.

ISLANDS off THESSALY, Peparethos. Circa 361-340 BC. Æ 14mm (1.87 g, 10h). Bearded head of Dionysos right / Kantharos wreathed with vine tendrils with grape bunches and ivy leaf. Rogers 559





Very rare +

Sale: CNG 60, Lot: 579. Estimate \$250. Sold For \$425.

CYCLADES, Andros. Circa 3rd - 2nd Century BC. Æ 16mm (3.99 gm). Bearded head of Dionysus right, wearing wreath of ivy / Kantharos. BMC Crete pg. 86, 7; SNG Copenhagen 601





Very rare

133, Lot: 35. Estimate \$75. Sold for \$360.

KINGS of THRACE. Ketriporis. Circa 357-352 BC. Æ 15mm (4.22 g). Thasos(?) mint. Wreathed head of Dionysos right / Kantharos; thyrsos left, crescent right. Cf. Peter p. 144; Youroukova 53, pl. X, 59; SNG Copenhagen 1069