

## Ballymena Sale Report

A packed ringside resulted in a cracking trade for Suffolk rams at the Premier Suffolk sale run by the Northern Ireland Branch of the Suffolk Sheep Society. Suffolk Shearling rams sold to a top price of 920gns paid for the 1<sup>st</sup> prize shearling from WR Blair. This impressive animal was sired by Wells Dynamite and out of a ewe by Ewebank Armani. The final bidder was G Coulter Cookstown.

The highest priced ram lamb went to P Donnelly when W Gleeson, Wexford, paid 1,700gns to secure a son of Baileys Paddy Power out of a ewe by Birness Starcracker. This ram had stood 6<sup>th</sup> prize in the open.

The second highest price came from L&M Liggett at 1,500gns. This son of Rhaeadr Red Bull and out of Conveth Royal Flush heads for pedigree use in the flock of well known Northern Ireland breeders E&J Gould from Coleraine. This ram was one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize group of three.

F Tweed had a memorable evening when his only lamb stood fourth in the Novice lamb class and went on to make 1,400gns. The sire of this impressive lamb was Glenho Royal Edition and out of a ewe by Baileys Invincible. Numerous buyers tried to secure this lamb but it was M Priestley and W Montgomery who placed the final bid to secure his services for the Limestone and Smiddiehill flocks.

PDW Taylor continued his year of success for the Ballynacanon flock when he won the Group of Three, Open Lamb Class and the overall sale championships. The winning lamb was an embryo brother to his best ram lamb sold for 3,500gns at Stirling a week earlier. The champion was sired by Limestone To-Tal out of a ewe by Lakeview Lord Lee and was sold for 1,300gns to M Beattie, Omagh.

T&B Robinson brought out two cracking ram lambs which attracted a lot of interest. The twin brothers were sired by Cairness Kanine and out of a ewe by Cairness See the Stars. The first was bought by J Linden Newry for 1,250gns. The second was sold for 1,000gns to D McGonigle, Maghera.

WR Blair sold his best ram lamb for 1,200gns. This one was sired by Pitfour Iron Man and out of a ewe by Wells Alls Mighty. This lamb had stood fifth in the open ram lamb class and was bought by D Murphy, Dungiven.

G Beacom sold his best lamb for 1,100gns to C Dickson, Newry. This son of Cairness Cyclone was out of a dam by Kings High and Mighty. He was purchased by B&C Dickson for use in the Islandmoyle flock.

J&I Porter sold the sixth prize Signet recorded lamb for 1,050gns. This son of Burnview Power Ranger and out of a ewe by Burnview Boxster was purchased in a two way partnership between W&R McMullan and A Rea. S&W Tait had won the Signet ram class with a son of Burnview Top Flight which sold for 700gns.

A&N Robinson sold their best for 1,000gn to D McGarry, Newry. This son of Benraffton Right Said Fred and out of a ewe by Glenhead the McCoy had stop second prize ram lamb.

The final four figure price was paid to the last exhibitor GD McAdoo. E&J Gould paid 1,000gns to secure a son of Smiddiehill Wonder out of a ewe by Baileys Hilton. This ended the sale which saw 101 sold to average £606 each which equated to an 80 per cent clearance rate for both shearling and ram lambs.

## **Show Results**

### **Class 1 Shearling Ram**

1. Lot 5 WR Blair
2. Lot 7 P McVerry
3. Lot 3 JS Hamilton

### **Class 2 Signet Recorded Ram Lamb**

1. Lot 82 S&W Tait
2. Lot 29 SH Stewart
3. Lot 28 SH Stewart

### **Class 3 Novice Ram Lamb**

1. Lot 58 S Sufferin
2. Lot 40 B&C Dickson
3. Lot 57 S Sufferin

### **Class 4 Open Ram Lamb**

1. Lot 105 PDW Taylor
2. Lot 47 AJ&NAJ Robinson
3. Lot 17 RC&JC Watson

### **Class 5 Pen of Three Ram Lambs**

1. Lots 106, 108 and 110 PDW Taylor
2. Lots 64, 66 and 68 L&M Liggett
3. Lots 49, 51 and 52 AJ&NAJ Robinson

<b>Champion</b>	Lot 105	PDW Taylor
<b>Res Champion</b>	Lot 58	S Sufferin