

HARRISON & HETHERINGTON LIMITED, CARLISLE

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PEDIGREE SALES – SUFFOLK

A call of 5,500gns secured the leading price at the sale of pedigree Suffolk sheep from the Glenhead and Deveronside flocks, held at Borderway Mart. A palpable buzz around the pens prior to the sale manifested in a frantic trade; where an international crowd of buyers saw stock heading home to all corners of the United Kingdom and into continental Europe.

Trading at the headline sum was the shearling gimmer NAJ:12:061, the undoubted showpiece from a much admired consignment from Mr Barclay Mair's Turriff-based Deveronside flock. A Strathisla Sea Bird daughter, tracing back to the foundation ewe U46 on the dam line, the stylish gimmer had already tasted success in the form of a 1st prize ticket at the Royal Highland Show. Completing the package of proven pedigree and show-winning style was a catalogue-leading Index of 2.48. Taking home the potential-laden lady were Messrs J C Innes & Sons, Huntly for their newly formed Strathbogie flock.

Following in the prices, at 4,300gns, was NAJ:N5, a January 2010 born Strathbeg Stan The Man daughter. Descended from the best breeding family in the Strathisla Flock; including the noted X48, her dam was sold for 8,500gns in 2009. Securing a piece of these proven genetics was Mr M W Waycott, Ashburton, Devon for the Longridge flock.

Going under the hammer at 3,800gns was NAJ:L9, another Strathbeg Stan The Man daughter from an equally successful dam-line, including the 19,000gn DDY:Z110. With a glittering show career already under her belt, with consecutive 1st prize tickets from the Royal Highland Show including a Reserve Championship in 2011. Taking her home was previous buyer J C Innes & Sons.

At 3,300gns was a substitute lot, another Strathbeg Stan The Man daughter, this time out of a Meikleson Impression-sired dam. She sold to Mr Patrick McVerry, Comlough, Northern Ireland.

Not far behind at 3,200gns was a January 2011 born Strathisla Speed daughter. The showy ewe traced her pedigree back through a Royal Highland Show 2nd prize winning dam and back to the noted H28 grand dam. Buying again was JC Innes, Huntly.

Leading the prices from the Glenhead consignment of Mr Angus Wilson, Aberdeenshire was DHD:N73; a January 2010 born Glenhead Black Diamond daughter from one of the flocks most successful maternal lines. Boasting a 20-week weight EBV of 6.76, she was knocked down to Mr A Hambleton, Penrith, Cumbria.

Close behind at 1,400gns was the January 2010 born DHD:N54; the only living daughter of Greyhill Grundy, who traces their pedigree back to the 26,000gn Glenhead Gold. She heads to Dumfries with new owner CJ Roots.

Averages:

Deveronside Flock - 25 Ewes £1429.26, 21 Gimmers £1239.50

Glenhead Flock - 43 Ewes £524.02, 35 Gimmers £372.60, 5 Ewe Lambs £480.90, 14 Ram Lambs £418.50
