

SUFFOLKS PUT ON A STRONG SHOW AT THE ROYAL HIGHLAND

A great show of Suffolks at the Highland, saw an entry from Jim Innes' Strathbogie flock from Huntly, lift the top award for the second year in succession. The Champion was a home-bred gimmer on her first outing, brought out by flock manager, Michael Leggat. She is bred from the best of bloodlines on both sides, being a full sister to the 24,000gns Strathbogie ram lamb, sold last year to Helen Goldie and Gordon Mackie and is by Strathbogie A Kind of Magic, a 6000gns ram that sold to the Limestone flock, out of a Deveronvale-bred ewe by Stan The Man.

The male champion came from another Aberdeenshire flock, when Graeme Christie, Newton of Balquhain, Inverurie, picked up the male championship with his January-born ram lamb, brought out by son Finn. Producing a personal best for the 50-ewe flock, he was a son of last year's 6000gns Lakeview Under the Radar, out of a home-bred ewe by Strathisla Stifler. He is heading for the breed sale at Stirling, next month.

Father and son team, Roy and Gregor Hiddleston, Irongray, Dumfries, continued a good season, by winning both reserve male and reserve female tickets, with their ram and ewe lambs respectively. The reserve ewe lamb went on to pick up the overall reserve breed champion. Their first prize ewe lamb was a daughter of Irongray Black Magic, the home-bred show ram retained for breeding, out of a Stockton ewe. She was champion at the Club Show earlier this month.

Runner-up in the male section from the 35-ewe flock, was the second prize ram lamb, a previously unshown son of Stockton Snipe, the ram bought last year at Stirling, out of a home-bred ewe. The Hiddleston team also went on to take all three places in the Group of Three section.

Full Results

Aged ram – 1, Rodger Denby, Longtown.

Shearling ram – 1: Graeme Christie, Inverurie;
2: Ashley Bothwell, Patna
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4: Mrs Steph Ryder, Cumbria
5: James Wilson, Peterhead
6: Rodger Denby, Longtown

Ram lamb- 1: Graeme Christie, Inverurie;
2: Gregor Hiddleston, Dumfries;
3: Graeme Christie, Inverurie;
4, Ashley Bothwell.

Ewe – 5: Gregor Hiddleston, Dumfries
1: Miss Clare Anderson, Forfar;
2: Stewart Lathangie, Glenrothes
3: James Innes, Huntly
4: Graeme Christie
5: W.G. Troup, Inverurie.

Gimmer- 1: James Innes, Huntly
2: James Innes, Huntly
3: Gregor Hiddleston, Dumfries
4: Craig Paterson, Aberchirder
5: Alan MacKinnon, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Ewe lamb – 1 Gregor Hiddleston, Dumfries
2: Angus Howie, Oakhampton
3: Graeme Christie, Inverurie
4: James Innes, Huntly
5: Craig Paterson, Aberchirder

Group of three – 1, 2, 3, Gregor Hiddleston, Dumfries