

One of the best Suffolk sales of the year attracted enormous interest on Saturday 19th November at Carlisle when the annual production sale from the Cairness flock of Jimmy Douglas, along with consignments from the Strathisla flock of Robbie Wilson, the Stockton flock from John Sinnett, the Whitestone flock from Gordon Troup and the Hazeltree flock from County Turf (Farm) Ltd. went under the hammer.

Heading up the prices was a gimmer from the Cairness flock. She was an embryo daughter of the noted Cairness Achievement and was out of a Solwaybank Salute sired mother. This gimmer is one of the best sheep offered from Cairness and she sold in lamb to Whitestone Footprint for 8,500gns going to David Duncan of the Endovas flock based in Northern Ireland.

Mr Duncan also secured the next top priced entry from Cairness at 4,000gns. This was a January 2008 born entry sired by Muirek King of Diamonds and carries Cairness and Stockton breeding through her mothers pedigree. She also sold in lamb to Whitestone Footprint.

The top price to come from the Strathisla flock was 5,000gns for a gimmer. She was sired by the 25,000gn Strathisla Speedson ram and out of a Strathisla Kingsway bred mother who sold for 12,000gns. She sold in lamb to the 23,000gn Rookery Rooney and joins the Benrafton flock for AJ & NAJ Robinson of Downpatrick, N.Ireland.

A maternal embryo sister to the last gimmer sold for 4,000gns. She was sired by Glenhead Golden Phoenix and sold in lamb to the 13,000gn Forkins Figo ram. She was purchased by Stephen Govin of Gordon, Berwickshire for his Govin flock.

Also selling for 4,000gns was the top entry from the Whitestone flock. This was the first entry from this pen, a daughter to Whitestone Warrior and out of a Glenho Cowboy bred dam. This gimmer was the flocks show ewe lamb in 2010 and she caught the eye of Aberdeenshire breeder, Jimmy Douglas.

Leading the Stockton flock consignment was a ewe lamb. She was sired by Stockton Arwell and goes back to Morris Les on her mothers line and

Cairness Impact on the grand dam line. She sold for 2,000gns and goes to the Kings flock for TA Irwin & Son of Umberleigh, Devon.

The top price for the Hazeltree flock was 1,100gns for a two shear ewe sired by the noted Muirek 999 ram and is bred from a Cairness Barnstormer dam. She sold in lamb to Solwaybank Sovereign and joins the Rosepark flock for CM Nelson of Kelso.

Averages – Cairness flock 8 ewes £2021.25, 34 gimmers £1561.10; Strathisla flock 10 ewes £1118.25, 42 gimmers £1347.50; Whitestone flock 16 gimmers £790.78; Stockton flock 17 ewes £718.32, 16 ewe lambs £764.53; Hazeltree flock 9 ewes £493.50, 3 gimmers £682.50.

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