

Aberdeenshire breeders dominate top prices at Suffolk National Sale

A packed ringside of breeders and commercial buyers competed strongly at Saturday's National Suffolk sale at Shrewsbury, with a five figure price for the day's pre-sale champion the highlight of the sale.

Taking the top call of 17,000gns was Jimmy Douglas' lead lamb from his ever consistent Cairness flock, Fraserburgh. Mr Douglas' sale topper was a son of Middlemuir Messi, 33H: 12:135. He is out of a dam by Muirensk King of Diamonds and was the pick of the Robinson family, Northern Ireland, for their Benrafter flock, Downpatrick, Co Down.

Selling for the second best price of the sale was another Aberdeenshire-bred lamb, this time from Robbie Wilson's Strathisla flock. This lamb was FNV:12:036, a son of Forkins Figo ET bred out of a Strathisla Schumacher daughter who's dam was champion at the Highland in 2003 and 2004. He sold to G and J Soulsby, Penrith for 8,500gns.

Another from the champion's pen then sold at 7,000gns. This was another Messi son from Mr Douglas' Cairness pen, 33H:12:062. He is out of a dam by Cairness Achievement and was knocked down to Jim Fleming, for his Lanarkshire-based Hallhill flock.

A 5,500gns bid was enough to secure Gary Beacom's best from his Northern Ireland-based Lakeview flock. This was JFF:12:042, by Cairness Cyclone and out of a dam by Strathisla Shadrach. He was bought by G K Elsworthy, Bideford.

And selling for 5,000gns was the second prize lamb from the open ram lamb class Chris and Sally Holmes lamb DND 12:005. This Haddo High Voltage son is out of a dam by Marwood Millenium Man and was breed champion at Three Counties. He found a new home with D J Harvey, Builth Wells.

Following that at 4,000gns was Ross Lawrence's lamb NHL:12:017 from his Roundacre flock, Devon. This Forkins Figo son is out of a Strathisla Speed daughter and was breed champion at Royal Cornwall. This one was bought by Gary Beacom for his Lakeview flock.

Another 4,000gns sale was achieved for a Northern-Irish bred lamb from Messrs Liggett's Carony flock. This was DBB:12:081, a Rhaeadr Red Bull son out of a dam by Conveth Royal Flush and goes back to Boreland Buddah. Buying him were Messrs Denby and Thomas Darling.

Then finding a new home at 3,800gns was Myfyr Evans lamb from his Rhaeadr flock, A12:12:110. This son of the breed record holder, 90,000gns tup Ardlea Arbennig, is out of a dam by Cairness Stormer and is the first son of Arbennig to be offered for sale, he found a new home with A Mogford.

Then at 3,500gns was another from the Rookery flock, DND:12:055, a son of Deveronside Destroyer out of a dam by Rhaeadr Obsession. Taking this one back to Eire was the pre-sale judge Arthur O'Keefe.

And selling at 3,400gns was another from Robbie Wilson FNV:12:069. This is a son of Rookery Rooney out of a dam by Glenhead Golden Phoenix and was claimed by A and J Jones.

Then a 3,200gns call secured a Rhaeadr Rastafari son from the Solwabank flock of Iain and Judith Barbour. This one JOD:12:070 is out of a dam by Solwabank Santana and headed home with Hazel Martindale.

Robbie Wilson then sold another Figo son, this time FNV:12:050 at 3,000gns. He is out of a dam by Lakeview Leeroy and was bought by R B and G M Morgan for the Llangview flock, Usk.

Also at this price was a Lakeview lamb from Gary Beacom. This was JFF:12:064 by Cairness Cyclone and out of a dam by Meikleson Impression. Buying him was Thomas Hodges, Aylesbury, for his Knowlhill flock.

Then making 2,600gns was another Figo son from Robbie Wilson, FNV:12:052. He is out of a dam by Strathisla Schumacher. This one sold to M Holt.

Also selling at this money was another Strathisla lamb FNV:12:117 by Figo and out of a dam by Glenhead Golden Pheonix. He was bought by Stephen Bolland for the Skipton-based Wharfe flock.

Averages; 133 ram lambs £1368, two shearling rams £1365 (Halls with J Straker Chadwick and Sons).