

## **HARRISON & HETHERINGTON LIMITED, CARLISLE.**

**FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2013**

### **PEDIGREE SALES – SUFFOLK SHEEP**

The dispersal sale of the Strathisla Suffolk flock from Robbie Wilson of Aberdeen, certainly attracted breeders and enthusiasts from all over the UK, Northern Ireland, Southern Ireland and Europe, to witness one of the greatest breed sales ever to take place.

The top price of the day was 10,000gns for a 3 crop ewe (N85) and one of the best ewes ever bred at Strathisla. She is a daughter of the great Glenhead Golden Phoenix and out of a Strathisla Schumacher bred mother. She is the mother of the 20,000gn Strathisla Spielberg who was Reserve Champion RHAS 2013. She sold in lamb to the 3,000gn Ballynacanon Big Den and attracted the attention of JM Stewart of Co.Down, N.Ireland.

One of the early entries to the sale ring was a Strathisla Schumacher daughter (L60) out of a Glenhead The McCoy sired mother. This ewe is ET sister to the 48,000gn Strathisla Dylan Thomas ram; also mother of the 9,000gn Strathisla King of Kings and other noted rams. She also sold in lamb to Ballynacanon Big Den and was purchased by JS Innes & Sons of Aberdeen.

Leading the gimmer entries was a Rookery Rooney daughter (12:100) and out of a Lakeview Leeroy bred mother going back to Glenho Gurkha. She sold in lamb to Strathisla Spielberg and caught the eye of S Sufferin of Co.Londonderry, N.Ireland.

Topping the ewe lambs on offer was a Strathisla Stifler daughter (13:103) selling for 5,000gns. Her mother is sired by Strathisla Schumacher and carries the Glenhead The McCoy breeding through her grand dams line. She was bought by R & S Hiddleston of Irongray, Dumfries.

A brace of ewe lambs sold for 4,500gns. The first (13:133) was sired by the 13,000gn Forkins Figo and out of a Strathbeg Stan the Man daughter. She sold to Devon breeder MJ Cornish of Buckfastleigh. The second bid was for (13:301) a Strathisla Stifler sired lamb and carrying the Schumacher and Glenhead The McCoy lines through her mothers pedigree. She was purchased by P Delves of Churchstoke, Powys.

The first purchase to go to Europe was a shearling gimmer (12:041) by the 23,000gn Rookery Rooney. Her maternal line features Meikleson Impression and Strathisla Kingsway bloodlines. She sold in lamb to Strathisla Spielberg and caught the attention of Claude Vanwijnsberghe of Belgium selling for 4,200gns.

Reaching the 4,000gn mark was gimmer and a lamb. The gimmer entry (12:008), a daughter of Rookery Rooney and out of a Lakeview Leeroy bred mother, sold in lamb to Ballynacanon Big Den. She is an ET sister to the 28,000gn Red McGregor and was another purchase heading to Belgium for Claude Vanwijnsberghe.

The second 4,000gn bid was for a ewe lamb (13:107) by Rhaeadr Ring-A-Ding. The prominent sires in this pedigree were Glenhead Golden Phoenix and Strathisla Schumacher. She is another entry heading to Devon, this time for R Lawrence of Winkleigh.

With 27 lots selling for over 2,500gns and an outstanding overall sale average just shy of £1,545, this sale undoubtedly provided a unique opportunity for both established and new breeders to obtain top quality Suffolk sheep genetics. So many eye catching sheep whether it be as show champions or a producer of noted Strathisla bred stock rams, the sale offered everyone a chance to acquire part of the noted Strathisla flock name to add to their flocks.

Averages – 47 ewes £1853.81, 62 gimmers £1581.77, 60 ewe lambs £1266.82, 3 stock rams 1435.00.

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