

'WESTERN WONDERS' FLY TO 6,500GNS TOP

Suffolk Sheep sold to a new centre record when the 1st prize ewe lamb & Overall Reserve Champion from Dafydd Jones, Frongoy Flock, Llanon, Aberystwyth sold at 6,500gns to Phil Poole's Salopian Flock, Shrewsbury, she was a Crewelands Kingpin daughter and out of a homebred ewe, going back to Ballynacannon Black Diamond.

Judge Jack Pryce (Horton) found his Champion in the 1st prize Shearling ewe, once again shown by Ross Lawrence (Roundacre), Winkleigh Devon, she was by Strathbogie Magic Mike, inlamb to Castleisle Blackadder and was purchased by MW Roberts & Co, Ruthin at 1,800gns.

On an amazing day for Dafydd Jones, Frongoy, selling the 3rd prize shearling ewe by Strathbogie Rock On Tommy and inlamb to Ballynacannon Flash Man at 2,400gns and selling to Ioan Rhys Jones & Family, Trawsfynydd, with a Flock ewe of similar breeding selling at 1,000gns to E Hughes, Llanafan, Aberystwyth. Further shearling ewes from Frongoy selling at 1,850gns to P Brooks, Hardington, Somerset; 1,500gns to AJ & EA Price, Llangadog and 1,050gns to R Western, Pontyclun.

A fine consignment from SJ Buckley's Buxton based Sitlow Flock sold to 1,500gns for a Sitlow Clean Bandit daughter by Logie Durno Sunny Bill, and sold inlamb to Redbrae Russo, she was purchased by TJ & E Vaughan, Llanover, Abergavenny, who also took a further shearling from Sitlow, of similar breeding at 1,400gns, whilst another Sitlow shearling by Pyeston Stormzy sold at 1,150gns to OTW Jones, Llandovery.

Ross Lawrence sold a further shearling ewe at 1,300gns, the Strathbogie Magic Mike daughter stood 4th in her class and was taken by MW Roberts & Co, Ruthin.

Another breeder making the long trip to Raglan was Suffolk based Stephen Cobbald and his Lavenham Flock, he sold a Strathbogie Rock On Tommy shearling, inlamb to Strathbogie Joel at 1,200gns to D Jones, Frongoy, with a further shearling by Maidenstone Master Class at 1,000gns.

The strong Class of ewe lambs met a fantastic trade with Stephen Cobbald selling the 2nd prize lamb by Strathbogie Joel at 1,000gns to Phil Poole, Shrewsbury early on in the Section.

Late on Geoffrey Richmonds' Sullom Flock sold to 2,000gns with a Sullom Simply The Best daughter and purchased by A Cross, Barnacre, Lancs. MA Evans, Rhaeadr, a long standing supporter of the Sale, sold 4 great lambs to a top of 1,900gns, by Dumfell Dynamite and out of a Stockton Snipers Son ewe, she was taken by G Reddaway, Iddisleigh, Devon, with others at 1,300gns & 1,000gns twice.

Anglesey based Gary Owen (Morris Flock) sold 5 lambs to a top of 1,550gns, by Claycrop Colada, and purchased by Harley Turner, Newtown, with others at 1,000gns, 900gns & 850gns twice.

Local Breeder Mike Davies & Sons (Safaddan Flock) topped at 1,100gns for one by Strathbogie Scarmanga, which had stood 4th in the Show.

Overall trade was superb with no less than 23 x 1,000gns plus bids, and a tremendous clearance.

SHOW RESULTS

CLASS 1 – FLOCK EWE

- 1ST – (22) SJ BUCKLEY**
- 2ND – (35) RB & GM MORGAN**
- 3RD – (38) M DAVIES & SONS**

CLASS 2 – SHEARLING EWE

- 1ST – (98) ROSS LAWRENCE**
- 2ND – (60) STEPHEN COBBALD**
- 3RD – (63) DAFYDD JONES**

CLASS 3 – EWE LAMB

- 1ST – (125) DAFYDD JONES**
- 2ND – (122) STEPHEN COBBALD**
- 3RD – (155) MYFYR EVANS**

CHAMPION (98) ROSS LAWRENCE
RESERVE CHAMPION (125) DAFYDD JONES

<u>Overall Averages</u>		
29 Flock ewes	- max 1000gns	Ave £600.67
60 Yearling ewes	- max 2400gns	Ave £778.05
43 Ewe lambs	- max 6500gns	Ave £862.22
Overall 132 head averaged £766.50 (2022-£725.59)		

AUCTIONEERS: J. STRAKER, CHADWICK & SONS
NEWS ITEM: 11TH NOVEMBER 2023