

The two-day Solway and Tyne, 40th Anniversary sale at Carlisle, got off to a great start, with a pre-sale show and hog roast on Thursday afternoon, followed by a good show of gimmers at the female sale on Thursday evening.

Gimmers peaked at 5500gns for a Garngour daughter of Proctors Chumba Wumba out of a dam line which goes back to Knock Yardsman. A full sister to the Reserve Champion at this year's Gt Yorkshire Show, Alan Clark saw this offering go to Wales to join Messrs Davies' Teilo flock, at Capel Issac, Carmarthenshire.

The Female Championship in the pre-sale show, ably judged by Jennifer Aiken, Mosshouse, Wennington, Lancs, was presented to Robert Cockburn, Knapp, Crieff. This gimmer also changed countries when she went to Cumbria to join Messrs Campbell, Deanscales, Cockermouth for 4500gns. She is a daughter of Sportsmans Cannon Ball and out of a ewe by Mullan Amigo.

Two lots made 4000gns each. One was the third-place gimmer from the show – she was sired by Castlecairn Doodlebug and out of a Plasucha All Star ewe. She came from Gary Beacom's Lakeview flock, Co Tyrone, Northern Ireland, and sold to Stewart Craft, Little Balquhomrie, Fife.

Going with the judging, the second prize gimmer also made 4000gns for Messrs GL Riby and Son, Low Stonehills, Bridlington, selling to Messrs Raine and Son, Middleton -In -Teasdale. This Stonehills gimmer is by Craigdouglas Dancer and out of a Glanllyn Wallis ewe.

The top of a good dispersal from club stalwart, Carolyne Hastings' Courthill flock, saw her Whitepark Dell Boy-sired gimmer, sell to local breeders H and A Hiddleston, Wellhill, Kirkpartick Durham, for 3200gns. Another from the same pen sold to Spyrou Spiros, to join his Gib Farm flock at Hebden Bridge. Another by Del Boy she is out of a ewe by Craigend Ya Dancer and made 3000gns.

An improved show of males on previous years saw a good trade in the shearling ring in particular, although the ram lambs stole the show as always.

Topping the sale on Friday was Oakhall Fireball when he made 50000gns for Michael Turner's Hall flock, from Stoke-On-Trent. By the 12000gns Haymount Earth Wind and Fire, purchased at Lanark in 2021, Fireball is out of a ewe by Charben Babe Magnet and sold in a four-way split to Sportsmans, Auldhouseburn, Glenside and Plasucha.

A lovely pen from Hexel saw Donald and Sarah MacPherson's top lamb go to Gary Beacom, Lakeview, for a final bid of 32000gns. One of the first lambs from Coniston Equinox, bought at last year's sale for 10,000gns, he is out of a home-

bred ewe by Haymount Crackerjack. Another the same way bred, sold for 6500gns to Angus Sutherland, Crosskirk, Forss, Thurso.

Hexel Freaky Blinder, one out the same dam line, sold for 14,000gns. By the 24,000gns Rhaeadr Entrepreneur, which bred the Arnott's 160,000gns ram this year at Lanark. It was Tom and Jack Arnott, Kelso, who put in the final bid partnered by Messrs Porter, Long Marton, Appleby, Cumbria.

Another Entrepreneur lamb, Haymount Foremost, this time from the Arnotts, sold for 28,000gns in a three-way split to Bruce Renwick, Legars; Keith and Andrew Campbell, Overburns, Biggar; and Bryden Nicolson, Highfield Farming, Knockem, Duns.

Haymount Filmstar was knocked down at 6500gns to Messrs Morgan, Nantygwreiddyn, Brecon, Powys. He is also by the Entrepreneur and is out of an Usk Vale Crackerjack-sired dam.

Also achieving 28,000gns was Hugh and Alan Blackwood's Auldhouseburn Fancy Pants. By the 7000gns Seaforde Empire King and out of a daughter of the well-known Sportsmans Double Diamond, this ram lamb again sold in a three-way split to Kenny Pratt, Hilltop; Jim Innes, Strathbogie; and Will Davis, Usk Vale.

Jennifer Aiken's choice of pre-show champion, Milnbank Freddie, looked every bit a champion when he came into the ring and made 25,000gns for Robbie Wilson's Milnbank flock, Turriff, having also previously taken the male championship rosette at Turriff Show this year. Freddie is by Harestone Eldorado, which was purchased at Lanark last year for 17,000gns, out of a ewe by the 22000gns Cowal Bucking Bronco. Buying back some of their own genetics, this boy found a new home with the Campbell family's Cowal flock, Lochgoilhead.

Next best, at 15,000gns, was Midcombe Fireball from Adam Mawson's six-ewe flock from Millom, Cumbria. Backed by Sportsmans genetics on both sides, he is by the 48,000gns Sportsmans Dare Devil and out of a ewe by Sportsmans A Star. Teaming up for this one were Matthew Seed, Auchry, Turriff; Allan Campbell, Strawfrank, Lanark; and Alan Clark, Garngour, Lesmahagow.

Two lambs made the next best of 11,000gns. Firstly, it was Stephen Teward's Streatlam Fire Cracker, from Darlington, County Durham. He was purchased by Myfyr Evans to join his Rhaeadr flock, Llanrhaeadr, Denbigh, Wales. A son of the 26000gns Etrick Earthquake, he is out of a home-bred ewe by the record breaking 350,000gns Sportsmans Double Diamond.

Archie and John MacGregor's Allanfauld Flaming Star, from Kilsyth, Glasgow, also saw the hammer fall on their lamb at 11,000gns. He went in a four-way split to Andrew Neilson, Brackenridge, Strathaven; Alan Clark, Garngour; Allan Campbell, Strawfrank; and William, Graeme and Andrew Knox of the Haddo flock, Fyvie. He is by the 26,000gns Seaforde Egyptian Warrior and out of a

dam sired by Knock Bantastic, which was bought at the Select 7 sale at Lanark for 7500gns.

Another by the Egyptian Warrior, Teiglum Five Star, from Andrew Clark, Crossford, Carluke, made 10,000gns when he sold to Graham Morrison, of the Deveronvale flock, Banff. Five Star is out of a Procters Chumba Wumba dam and stood second in the Texelplus classes in the pre-sale show.

Another Five Star ram, this time Castlecairn Five-Star, also achieved a five-figure sum of 10000gns for Bruce and Fletcher Renwick, of Legars, Kelso. This ram lamb is from the first crop of lambs to be sold from the top priced lot at last year's sale, the 70000gns Bradleys Eubank, and again out of a Procters Chumba Wumba dam. Messrs Lea, Hales, Market Drayton, were the final bidders.

Not far behind, at 9000gns, was the best from James Theyer, Little Clanfield, Oxfordshire, brought out by shepherd, James Bradley Farmer. Clanfield Ferrari is by the 100,000gns Auldhouseburn Expression and out of a Knock bred dam, which was bought at the Select 7 sale two years ago. He now travels down to Wales with George Oare, Pant-y-Groes, Brynford, Holywell.

Ettrick Fire and Fury, from Gordon and David Gray, Sunnycroft, Selkirk, secured 6000gns when selling to Messrs Ellis, Ffordd Rhosemor, Llaneurgain, North Wales. Out of a Midcombe Brigadier daughter, Fire and Fury is sired by Ettrick Enforcer, which went onto make 9000gns in his own right, when he sold in the shearling ring for the father and son duo, to D Pawson, Billinge Nook Farm, Wivelisbombe, Somerset. A son of Hope Valley Dazzler, which has bred sons to 26,000gns and out of a home-bred dam by Castlecairn Vital Spark, he stood third in the pre-sale show.

He did not, however, secure the top shearling price of the day. This was the reserve champion which made 12,000gns.

Halbeath Emperor, from Robin and Caroline Orr, Halbeath, who run 85 ewes, is an embryo son of Teiglum Crackerjack, and out of a Loosebeare Voomer sired-ewe, which was bought at the Loosebeare production sale for 5500gns. He was bought by brothers, Daffydd Williams, of the Caron flock, and Geraint Williams of the Dragon flock, Lampeter.

Peacehay Ewe Donkey was next up at 6000gns for the Chave family, Peacehay, Wellington, Somerset. This shearling is by the home-bred sire, Peacehay Untouchable and out of a Scolton Panther ewe. He now travels back down to Somerset with Messrs Rottenbury, Wivelisbombe.

Jonathan Watson, Bowsden Moor, Berwick-Upon-Tweed, had a very good trade for an even pen of sheep. This peaked at 5500gns for Brijon Explosion, he sold in a two-way split to David Mallon, Eggleston, County Durham, and John Kelsall, Clapham, Lancaster. Explosion is a son of Craig Douglas Crackerjack and out of a home-bred dam by Pant Wolf.

Another from the same home, Brijon Emperor, stayed local when the hammer fell to Alan and Hazel Smith, Crumhaughhill, Hawick, who paid 5200gns. Sired by Pant Wolf and out of a Grey Peel Rambo-sired dam. Brijon Export again by Pant Wolf and out of a Meinspride Usain ewe, sold to E J and A Fox, St John's Kirk Symington, Biggar for 3000gns.

Another good pen, this time from Nicola Harkwright , Springfields, Worcs, saw Whitehart Entertainer take her top price of 4800gns when selling to Angela Nairy, Bank Hey, Blackburn. He is by Loosebeare Chopper out of a Langside The Gaffer ewe. Nicola also had another two at 2200gns.

Messrs Chave and Son, Wellington, Somerset, saw their pen peak at 3800gns when they sold a Clarks Wizard son, Peacehay Eye Of The Tiger, to VE and BM Samuel, Upper Monkton, Hereford.

Robert Cockburn's Knap flock sold its top shearling to RJ Tiplady Red House, Langely Dale, Barnard Castle, for 3200gns

AVERAGES

| <u>Averages:</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 0 Aged Rams | | £997.50(2) |
| 185 Shearling Rams | £1353.48 +£198 | £1155.53 (183) |
| 298 Lamb Rams | £1914.63 +£227 | £1687.21(294) |
| 39 Gimmers | £1240.61 +£377 | £863.54(62) |
| 10 Ewe Lambs | £624.75 +£152 | £472.50(3) |
| 29 Courthill females | £919.65 | |
| 9 Galloway and Clantibuies females | £511.00 | |
| 42 Crailloch females | £691.00 | |