

CARLISLE SEES A NEW FEMALE BREED RECORD OF 50,000GNS AS THE GLANLLYN FLOCK DISPERSSES.

It was very different atmosphere to the normal buzz of the Solway and Tyne Texel Club sale at Carlisle on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September. Now the second biggest sale of Texel sheep in the UK, next to the Scottish National, there were 937 sheep catalogued, with an increase in both shearling and ram lambs due to the demise of Kelso ram sales, because of Covid-19 restrictions.

Social distancing, meant that the numbers in the ring were restricted and the usual discussions in groups could not take place, although the ring set up at H & H, Carlisle, was exceptionally well laid out and policed by the company and members, in the main, were happy to comply.

This year also saw the females set the sale highlights, with a top price of 50,000gns, breaking the old record of 32,000gns, currently held by Glenside at Carlisle.

The main prices came from the draft dispersal of shearling gimmers from the Edward Pugh's Glanllyn Floc , Balla, N. Wales. The outstanding back breeding of the flock and the investment made in it over the years by Edward, had paid him back handsomely, when last year's lamb crop appeared in the sale ring.

The flock leader sold in a joint bid of 50,000gns to Charlie Boden, Sportsmans and Robert Cockburn Knap flocks.. Like all of the sheep in the pen, she was turned out to perfection and showed her class from the minute she strolled into the ring. She is by the 6,200gns Eden Valley Wiz Kid, a son of 11,000gns Sportsmans Tremendous, which was out of a dam by the then breed record holder the 220,000gns Deveronvale Perfection. Her dam side was just as impressive as she is by Knap Vicious Sid and out of a 7.500gns Sportsmans gimmer.

Charlie Boden also took the next two gimmers in the ring when he paid 18,000gns for another Wiz Kid daughter, this time out of a 4,000gns Deveronvale gimmer and paid 9,000gns for a daughter of Garngour Alabama, which sold at the Solway & Tyne Club sale in 2017, for the top price that day of 40,000gns. Her granddam is a 22000gns Strathbogie gimmer. He later added another by Alabama, this time for 7,500gns out of the same dam.

Jim Innes from Strathbogie and Kenny Pratt, Hilltop flock, also paid 18,000gns for another by Alabama and this time out of the ewe sold for 9,000gns at the flock dispersal held at the club female sale in December 2019. They also added the 6,500gns gimmer, again by Alabama and this time out of a ewe by the 4,000gns Millar's Windbrook.

New breeder Craig Campbell of Deanscales, Cockermouth, invested 10,000gns in his first purchase to start of his flock. She is by Plasucha Big Gun, from Robert Bennet, which sold in Lanark two years ago as a ram lamb for 32,000gns. She is out of a home bred ewe by Glenside Wild Boy sold for 14,000gns at the same sale in 2015, which was later sold to Sportsmans flock in the 2019 dispersal for 9,000gns.

Donald MacPherson also paid 10,000gns for an Alabama gimmer, to join his Hexel Flock, at Berwick on Tweed. She is out of another Glenside Wild Boy ewe.

James Draper of The Claybury Flock near Shrewsbury, who had helped to turn out this outstanding pen, purchased his choice of an Alabama gimmer out of a Strathbogie ewe, for 8000gns.

7000gns saw another Alabama gimmer out of the 9000gns home bred, knocked down to Robert Pierce's Oldfield Flock from Chester.

Luke Lodge paid 2000gns for the penultimate offering of the lot, when he purchased an Alabama daughter out of the same ewe.

The last lot in the ring did not disappoint and sold for 6,000gns to Paul Castle, Ulmas Flock, from Peterborough, when he purchased one the same way bred as the 18,000gns sold earlier by Wiz Kid and out of the Deveronvale gimmer .

The Glanllyn flock averaged £13,300 for 12.

It was the aged ewes in the other dispersal of the day, which took the buyers' fancy, Archie Hamilton was dispersing his small Smyllum Flock, with his top at 3000gns being paid by Gordon Gray, to join his Ettrick Flock in the Borders. This two-crop ewe is by the 20,000gns Knap You're The Man and out of a Springwell ewe by Bradley's Underworld.

Steve Gibbons, Whatmore Flock paid 2,600gns for another You're the man ewe. this time out of a ewe by the 8000gns Tamnamomey Ultimate.

Jordon Green, Drumburn Flock, Keith paid 1600gns for the first in the ring of this good lot. She is a another two-crop ewe, this time by the 40,000gns Glenside Razzle Dazzle and out of a ewe by the outstanding breeder Knock Papoose.

Top price of the sale out-with the dispersals, was 5,500gns from Kerrin Forsyth's Kirrin Flock from Whithorn, with the last pen in ring. This very good pen saw her top gimmer sold to Cameron Gauld, Cairnam Flock from Auchterarder. She is out of a Baltier ewe and by the 32,000gns Garngour Upper Class.

Robert Bennet, Plasucha, Mid Wales, sold a daughter of Kelso Wiseman for 3000gns to F W Robson, Ryal, Newcastle Upon Tyne.

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Three gimmers made 2000gns each. The first of these from Messrs Boden & Davie Sportsmans Flock, when their first in the ring by Plasucha Big Gun and out of a ewe by Clinterty Yogi Bear, sold W F Ridge, Stretton, Shropshire. Next was a pair from Robert Cockburn's Knap flock with the second last pen in the sale. The first went to M & A J Tennant, Clitheroe. She is last year's show lamb by Knap Abracadabra and out of a ewe by Tullagh Whiskey. Her maternal brothers had previously sold to 3500gns and 2200gns. The second of the two went to P R & V Barlow, Shelford, Nottingham. She was by Knock Banker and out of a ewe by Clinterty Yuga Khan.

The shearling trade was headed by Karen Wights, Midlock Chief by the 2019 sire of year Knock Bantastic, out of a ewe by the 46,000gns Foyle View Superstar. Her dam had already bred females to 5,500gns and is the granddam of Midlock Yorkie and Midlock Avicci.

Two shearlings made 5,500gns. The first from the usual good pen from Angus McColm's Crailloch flock from Newton Stewart. Crailloch Chico is by Scotsman Bullseye and out of ewe by Procters Wildcard. He sold to Mr and Mrs Davies, Caebetran Flock, Brecon. Next at 5500gns also came from regular producers of top shearlings, Brain MacTaggart's Douganhill Flock. Selling to A E Williams & Sons, Clun flock from Craven Arms, he is by Deveronvale Aftershock out of a ewe by Cairnam Tavish.

The first from Messrs Chave & Son, Peacehay Flock, Wellington, Somerset made 5,000gns when he sold to Messrs Rottenbury, Wivelisbombe Somerset. He is by Clarks Wizard and out of a ewe by Peacehay Untouchable.

Ruaridh & Isla Graham, Craigdarroch saw their only entry take 4000gns, when Craigdarroch Chief sold to Jonathan Wales, Thackwood, Carlisle, Chief is by Scrogtonhead Benchmark and out of a ewe by Clinterty Yuga Khan

G & K Williams, Dragon flock from Lampeter, took the next top at 3000gns, when M & C Watson, Whitehaven, bought Dragon Comet, by Fachell Bobs Worth out of a ewe by Durisdeer Valiant.

There were plenty of bidders for quality ram lambs but the commercial trade was sticky with 24% failing to find a buyer. However, three rams made five figure prices.

The Boden Family's Sportsmans flock followed their Lanark success, where they sold the new breed record holder for 350,000gns. Their first lamb in sold for 48,000gns to Myrfyn Evans, to join his Rhaeder Flock in North Wales. Sportsmans Dare Devil is sired by the 65,000 Garngour Craftsman and is out of a ewe by Garngour Alabama, who featured strongly in the breeding behind Glanllyn Dispersal. Charlie, Steph and Rosie also sold Sportsmans Design to Tom Morgan to join his Morwood Flock, Whitchurch, Shrops. Design is another Craftsman son out of a ewe by Strathbogie Whiplash and a maternal brother to Sportsmans Belter.

Next highest price at 38,000gns came Bruce & Fletch Renwick's Legars Ltd, Castlecairn Flock. Castlecairn Doodlebug, sold in a half share to The Bodens' Sportsmans and Mellor Vale flocks in a partnership with G C Beacom, Lakeview, Co Fermanagh. Out of a home bred ewe by the well-known Midlock Ali Baa Baa, he is by Heymount Crackerjack. Bruce & Fletch also sold his next top for 6000gns in a join bid to George Howie, Knock flock and Kenny Pratt, Hilltop. Castlecairn, Diamond Vision, is by the 36,000gns Usk Vale Cheeky Charlie and out of the same ewe as Doodlebug.

The Boden family were also purchasers of the 32, 000gns Garngour Detroit from Messrs J & H Clark, Lesmahagow. Detroit is by Proctors Chumba Wumba, last year's 15,000gns lamb and out of a ewe by the 27,000gns Silvermere Baltic.

Several lambs hit the 5000gns mark. The first of these from Kenny Pratt's Hilltop flock, when Hilltop Dynamic sold to Tom Whiteford, Tercrosset Brampton. Dynamic is out of a Strathbogie Terminator ewe by the 8000gns Sportsmans Chieftain.

Next Karen Wights two very good Midlock lambs led off with 4500gns for Midlock Dynamo. He was an ET brother to their top Lanark lamb earlier in the month and his dam had bred lambs to 13,000gns and his granddam bred both Midlock Yorkie and Midlock Avicci. He sold to Robert Bennet's Plasucha Flock.

Her second lamb, Midlock Del Boy, again by Cannon Ball and this time out of a ewe by Knock Bantastic, sold for 5000gns to A M & L Sutherland, Carran Flock. Thurso.

Jack Arnott, Haymount Flock, Kelso, sold Haymount Diamond Dazzler for 5,000gns to Brian Buchan, Clinterty, Fraserburgh. Dazzler is by Usk Valley Crackerjack and out of a ewe by Sportsmans Yogi Bear.

Matt Stockdale, from Cumbria produced one of the best pens of the day with a top of 8000gns for Mattadale Dance Monkey by Cockney Rebel and out of a ewe by Cowal Vogue he sold in a half share to J E & L Davies and J & GY Davies for their family flocks, Teilo and Aman from Dyfed Wales. Another the same way bred, Mattadale Dancer, sold 5000gns in a half share between Hartside and Daer Flocks, Biggar Lanarkshire.

Usk Valley pedigrees from South Wales sold their 5000gns offering to John Forster, Castlederg, Co Tyrone to join his Springhill Flock. Usk Valley Dark Intentions is by Hexel Born To Be Wild out of a Knock gimmer purchased privately and is a maternal sister to Know Yardsman.

AVERAGES

Shearling Rams	180	ave	£1051
Ram lambs	302	ave	£1050
Gimmers	78	ave	£ 765
Ewe Lambs	9	ave	£ 618

12 Glanllyn Gimmers ave £13,300

12 Smyllum Gimmers ave £ 1,225