GOOD STEADY TRADE FOR SECOND SALE AT CARLISLE

There was a steady trade for the Solway and Tyne second sale of Texels on 24th September at Harrison & Hetherington, Carlisle, although averages were again up on the year.

The ringside had to wait until the second last pen in the ring, from J & H Clark, Garngour Lesmahogow, to see the top two prices of the day. The sale topper of 2,000gns was a March born ram lamb by Teiglum Windfall and out of the full sister to the 2016 Biggar Show Interbreed Champion. Garngour Yamaha, sold to Giles Pyman, Park View, Stainton Penrith. Her sister and Biggar show champion herself who is also by the renowned Castlcairn Vavavoom, produced the second top price, when the next through, Garngour You Bet, sold for 1400gns in a join purchase to Gordon and David Gray, Sunnycroft Lindean, Selkirk and Allan Mounsey, Wardhall Gaurds, Arkelby, Wigton.

The third fourth and fifth prizes, from the earlier show, judged by Dougie Fleming, Biggar, took the next three prices respectively. The first of these was an as yet unnamed Stainton ram lamb from Peter and Rose Woof, Stainton, Crooklands. Kendal. He is by Hexel Wildcard and out of a ewe by Sportsmans Tremendous II. He sold to Society Chairman, David McKerrow, Nochnary, Freuchie, Fife for 1000gns.

The next two both made 900gns. Firstly, R Connell, Grange Farm, Maryport secured Ellen Valley Yielder, from George Wilkinson, Arkleby, Aspatria. Yielder is out of the flock's show ewe and by Stainton Winchester. The second last lot in the ring from Andrew Neilston, East Brackenridge, Strathaven, sold to Ian Spedding, Harelaw, Wolsingham, Bishop Auckland. Brakenridge Yen is again by Hexel Wildcard and this time out of a ewe by Teiglum Thunder.

The females saw a sound trade, with averages again up on the year. The show Reserve Overall Champion, a shearling ewe by Foreman Hill Vampire and out of a ewe by Tullylagan Tonka, saw Charlie and Steph Boden of the Sportsmans flock, Mellor Hall, Stockport sell her to R Mitcheson, Bolam Lake, Belsay for the top of 1700gns.

The Alford Family from Foxhill Farm, Cullompton, Devon had the best run of the day on the female side with their two good pens of ewes.

Daughter Charlotte Alford led the way with her one crop Wayside ewe by Strathbogie Terminator, out of an Ettrick Rainbow Warrior ewe. She sold to Steph and Charlie Bowden for 1600gns Her first in the ring the same way bred, sold for 1500gns to D P Delves, The View, Churchstoke.

Mike and Melanie Alford sold their two crop ewe, by Douganhill McFly, out of another Rainbow Warrior mother for 1250gns to James Runciman & Sons, Allanshaws, Stow, Galashiels. A bid of 1000gns secured the next highest price, from Charolotte Alford, for R Mitcheson, Bolam Lake, Belsay, when he purchased her one crop ewe the same way bred.

Mr Delves added another three at 900gns a piece to his flock, purchasing another Terminator daughter from The Alfords, and two gimmers from Sportsmans flock, both by a Knap Sid Vicious.

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| 49 Shearling Gimmers 505.9362 | | £463.86 (62) | |
| 9 | Ewes £962.5 | 0 | £201.00 (14) |
| 1 | Aged Ram £ | 294 | £294.00 (1) |
| 15 | Shearling Ra | ms 569.10 | £497.05 (34) |

100 Ram Lambs 462.53 £422.88 (113)