

MIDCOMBE TAKE TOP PRICE OF 4200GNS AT SOLWAY & TYNE SALE

A good overall show, of quality commercial shearlings and ram lambs, attracted a large contingent of buyers to the Solway & Tyne second sale at Carlisle at the weekend. There were some strong, stylish ram lambs available, which also suited the pedigree buyers, as a trier or to sweep up the pedigree ewes. The interest showed in the ram lambs, saw an increase of almost £90 on the year's average for 14 more sold. As is usual at this sale, while the quality of the shearlings was good there was a lack of quantity with only four forward averaging £630.00. The drop in the gimmer average year on year from £605 in 2020 to £540 this year for a similar amount sold, was no reflection on the quality and good sheep were still making a good price through the ring.

The top price of the day was seen in the ram lamb ring, when local breeder, Adam Mawson, Midcombe Flock, presented his enormous, stylish lamb by the 100,000gns Sportmans Batman, out of ewe by Ettrick Yom Kippur, bought for 3800gns from Garngour, at the Select 7 sale in 2019. He was second in the pre-sale show under judge Simon Graham, Hallrig and made 4200gns, when purchased by Messrs Ashbridge & Son, Cold Kirkby North Yorks.

Next up at 2500gns, was the fifth prize lamb from Jeff and Stephen Tewards' New View Flock from Staindrop, near Darlington. By the record breaking, 350,000gns Sportsmans, Double Diamond and out of a ewe by Teiglum Braveheart, he was bought by Welsh breeders, Messrs Morgan Llanfynydd, Carmarthen.

Three lambs made 2000gns. The first of these was bought by Messrs Williams, Llanwen, Lampeter, when they took Kenny Pratt's Hilltop Emperor, from Peterculter, Aberdeenshire. He was third in the show and is by Castlecairn Double Vision out of a ewe by the 40,000gns Garngour Alabama.

Next, it was Steven Renwick's first lamb in his pen, Craig Douglas Email, which sold to Messrs McKenzie, Gartocharn, Loch Lomond. Email is by the 17,000gns Sportsmans Cannonball and out of a ewe by the 6000gns Auldhouseburn Batman.

The third lamb to make the 2000gns mark, came late in the day, when Alan Clark's Garngour Edgar, sold to Messrs Owens, Shobdon Leominster. This one is by Wydden Ding Dong, out of a ewe by the 15,000gns Proctors Chumba Wumba.

Also taking 2000gns and the top price in the females was a very smart gimmer from Janice MacTaggart's, Nethertown flock at Palnackie, near Dalbeattie. By Wester Moy Concorde, she is out of a ewe by Proctors Abracadabra and stood

first and female and reserve champion in the earlier show. She sold to Messrs Dixon, Corrie, Lockerbie.

Averages:

23 Aged Ewes	£520.89
56 Shearling Gimmers	£539.63
2 Ewe Lambs	£315.00
1 Aged Ram	£294.00
4 Shearling Ram s	£630.00
122 Ram Lambs	£685.77