

DUTCH SPOTTED FEMALES AT CARLISLE PULL A PRE-CHRISTMAS CRACKER

There was an amazing trade at the Dutch Spotted Sheep UK society female sale, at Carlisle last week, where ewe lambs proved popular and led the sale at 4800gns on two occasions. There were no sales in a 100% that left for less than 1000gns!

The first lamb to hit the trade topping price was Whitney, an imported lamb from Stuart Wood's Woodies flock, based at Westhill Aberdeenshire. This March-born lamb, bred by Kristof Schillewaert, is by a Dutch sire and dam and was knocked down to Messrs Dykes, Offcote, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Making the same price, four lots later, was the February-born, Ty-Gwyn Delight, from Brian Davies, South Hill Farm, Wiston, Pembrokeshire. A daughter of Merryboro Cracker and out of an imported dam, she headed across the water to Messrs Millen, Coleraine, Londonderry.

Close behind on 4600gns was the full sister of Delight, in the form of Ty-Gwyn Diane, which also went to Northern Ireland, this time with Messrs McCabe, Kilkinam, Castlewellan.

Alastair Jackson's Tiptop flock, based at Annan, Dumfriesshire, attained a top of 4200gns for the ewe lamb, Tiptop Dream Catcher, which was bought by Messrs Hamilton, Chapelton, Strathaven. Selling in lamb to Mount Pleasant Ducati, she is sired by Westbroad B Explorer II and out the famous show winner Tiptop Hannah who made history when she took the overall interbreed championship at last year's Yorkshire Show . She has previously bred sons to 4000gns and daughters to £5000.

It wasn't long before Ali was in the money again when selling Mount Pleasant Cristal for 4000gns to Messrs Brown, Ludlow, Shropshire. Bred by Graeme Jackson, this February 2019-born gimmer is a daughter of the imported Spotted Dick ram, is out of the imported Banoffee ewe. She was sold carrying a single to Westbroad B Explorer II.

Two further females were knocked down at 4000gns, firstly another from Graeme Jackson's Mount Pleasant flock, High Bentham, Lancaster, in the form of an imported April-born ewe lamb. Bred in Holland and backed by Dutch genetics, she was knocked down to Messrs Morton, Kirkland, Penrith, Cumbria.

Thomas & Louise Nash, Wiston, Pembrokeshire, sold their ewe lamb, Merryboro Delight, for the second 4000gns price to Messrs Robertson, Yate, Bristol. Another daughter of this consistent ram and out of an imported ewe, she is the full sister to the 3500gns Merryboro Dottie, which was sold at Carlisle in August.

Drew Guthrie, Myreside, Selkirk, sold his two gimmers for 3600gns and 3400gns. The first out of imported parents, sold in lamb to Tiptop Diablo, to James & Ros Baker's Cofton flock from Cockwood, Devon. Drew's second gimmer, this time an imported sheep, sold in lamb to Charmer and went to I Davidson, Canonbie, Dumfriesshire.

E & S Adamson, Kilroot, Carrickfergus made 3500gns of their gimmer, the seasonally named, Kilroot Cinnamon C12. She is by Damson Buster and out of an imported ewe. She sold in lamb to Ty-Gwyn Dynamo and went to Messrs M & R McCornick, Barquill, Wigtown, Newton Stewart.

Auctioneers: Harrison and Hetherington.

Averages: Nine aged ewes, £2356.66; eight gimmers, £3255.00; 39 ewe lambs, £2501.15; four recipients carrying embryos, £2021.25.