

Suffolk shearlings a flyer at Ballymena

THE first ever all-shearling show and sale organised by the Northern Ireland Branch of the Suffolk Sheep Society at Ballymena Livestock Mart on Monday night proved to be a roaring success with all but two of the 49 rams finding new homes.

Demand for top quality shearlings was evident from early doors and bidding was brisk as a number of the main prizewinners featured prominently at the summit of the price leaderboard. In the show ring an outstanding Burnview Big Horse-bred ram brought forward by Keith and Gordon McAdoo, Cookstown walked off with the championship while a Castlewellan Shocker sire presented by E and G Gould, Garvagh claimed the reserve rosette.

Yet another Burnview Big Horse shearling from the McAdoo camp was third on the podium with Dundonald breeder JS Hamilton securing fourth place. And it was Hamilton's fourth placed prizewinner - a Stockton Sensation bred ram - that jointly claimed the top honour in the sale ring of 720 guineas.

A Moatfarrell Titan shearling bred by Ballywalter's Philip Savage also attracted huge interest before being knocked down for a similar price. Keith McAdoo's champion then changed hands for 700 guineas while A and N Robinson, J Hegarty, G Douglas and E and G Gould all received in excess of 600 guineas for excellent quality.

Prizes were generously sponsored by Norbrook and presented by representative Noel Gill.

Show

1st Keith McAdoo; 2nd E & J Gould; 3rd K & G McAdoo; 4th J S Hamilton.

Prices

Philip Savage, 720, 450, 400, 380

JS Hamilton 720,

K & G McAdoo 700, 550, 450

A and N Robinson 680, 620, 500, 480,

J Hegarty 650, 450

G Douglas 650, 620, 600.

E and G Gould 600, 550

Willaim Moore 400, 400.

W & R McMullan 380

Kyle Patterson 380

SH Coleman 350

C Watters 350



1st prize winner Keith McAdoo with Noel Gill from Norbrook, sponsor.



E Gould with her 2nd prize shearling ram



Keith McAdoo with the 3rd prize shearling ram



Chairman Anthony Patton with Norbrook representative Noel Gill.