McAdoo champion fetches 900 gns at Omagh

AN eye-catching ram lamb presented by Cookstown breeder Robin McAdoo stole the show as the NI Branch of the Suffolk Sheep Society returned to Omagh mart for their final fling of the season on Saturday.

The supremely-muscled Baileys Hilton ram lamb walked off with the top rosette in the show ring, a decision that appeared fully justified when the outstanding sire attracted huge interest in the sale arena before being knocked down for 900 guineas.

All in all the Branch's return to Omagh was marked with an excellent trade.

As well as achieving the top price of the day, Robin McAdoo sold three excellent lambs for 680, 580 and 540 guineas with Gary McAdoo selling a Knockadoo Premium bred lamb for 600 guineas before off loading a further two lambs for 540 guineas apiece.

Martin Harkin, enjoyed a successful trip to his hometown venue when his Strathisla Stoner bred first prize-winning shearling and reserve champion fetching 620 guineas with the third placed shearling, an Ortum Magic son, presented by Wilson and Roberta McMullan attracting considerable interest before the hammer dropped at 600 guineas.

Exceeding the 500 guinea barrier was a common occurrence with L and M Liggett, Jonathan Best, William Moore and Martin Hegarty all having reasons to smile.

Earlier in the show ring, L and M Liggett, Gary Beacom and Alan Bothwell were second, third and fourth respectively behind Robin McAdoo in the ram lamb class while Martin Harkin topped the honours in the shearling section ahead of Jonathan Best, W and R McMullan and Hunter Stewart.

Gary McAdoo presented the best of the pairs with Robin McAdoo and the Liggett camp in second and third, however the day ultimately belonged to Robin McAdoo and his supreme champion.

The judging duties were conducted by Denis Taylor Limavady and prizes were generously sponsored by Jack Maguire of JM Livestock Care.

RESULTS

Shearling ram: 1st M Harkin; 2nd J Best; 3rd W & R McMullan Magic; 4th S H Stewart Ram lamb: 1st R McAdoo; 2nd L Liggett; 3rd G Beacom; 4th A Bothwell.

Pair of ram lambs:1st G McAdoo; 2nd R McAdoo; 3rd L Liggett.

Champion R McAdoo; Reserve Champion , M Harkin.

PRICES:

R McAdoo 900. 680, 580 540, 380; G McAdoo 600, 540, 540, 400, 380, 340, 320; M Harkin 620, 420, 520, 440; W & R McMullan 600; L & M Liggett 560, 420, 400, 400, 400, 340; J Best 540; W Moore 530; M Hegarty 500, 430, 360.; G Beacom 480, 340, 300; SH Stewart 480, 440, 300; J McBride 460, 400; R Boyd 420; A Bothwell 390, 380; W Cousins 380, 300, 300; J Winters 320, 300, 300; Ian Donald 300.



Robin McAdoo with the Supreme champion being congratulated by Jack Maguire sponsor



Martin Harkin with his first prize shearling and reserve champion



Gary McAdoo with his 1st prize pair of ram lambs



Leslie Liggett with his 2nd prize ram lamb