

Tyrone breeders to the fore

AN EXCEPTIONAL ram lamb, presented by Cookstown breeder, Robin McAdoo, claimed the top honour in the judging ring at the Northern Ireland Branch of the Suffolk Sheep Society show and sale at Killeter last week. The supremely-conformed Knockadoo Classic ram was selected the pick of the ram lambs by judge Philip Gurney (Coleraine) before walking off with the overall accolade.

Reserve champion was a Birness Bunratty bred shearling, bred by Ardstraw flock owner William Moore, who had earlier swept the boards in his class.

And it was the outstanding shearling that went on to secure the top price of the evening of 600 guineas.

The champion meanwhile changed hands for 500 guineas while the best of the rest saw a Scarvaghern Star bred ram lamb presented by Castlederg breeder Hunter Stewart fetch 460 guineas.

Robin McAdoo was paid 450 guineas for a Baileys Hilton lamb while Drumquin breeders Mervyn and Leslie Liggett sold their second and third prize-winning ram lambs, respectively bred by Conveth Royal Flush and Stockton Almighty, for 400 guineas apiece.

A fourth placed ram lamb, brought forward by Newtownstewart's Ian Donald, was knocked down for 420 guineas. The prizes were generously sponsored by LW Surplis, Drumlegagh and Parkview vets, Castlederg.

Prizes

Champion, Robin McAdoo, Cookstown; reserve, William Moore, Ardstraw.

Ram lambs: 1, Robin McAdoo; 2 & 3, M & L Liggett, Drumquin; 4, Ian Donald, Newtownstewart.

SHearlings: 1, 2 and 3, William Moore, Ardstraw.

Prices

William Moore 600; Robin McAdoo 500 450 340 300; Hunter Stewart 460; M & L Liggett 400, 400; I Donald 420, 340 340.



Robin McAdoo with his 1st prize Ram Lamb and sale Champion, and P Gurney the judge.



William & Lauren Moore with their 1st prize Shearling Ram and Reserve sale champion.