Rasharkin breeders tops at Swatragh

RASHARKIN breeders Campbell and Jason Watson claimed the major accolades at the recent show and sale of Suffolk ram lambs and shearlings held at Swatragh mart.

The Bannview flock owners secured first in both classes and inevitably went on to annex the supreme championship with an eye-catching ram lamb.

Reserve honours went to Elizabeth and James Gould, the Garvagh breeders finishing second and third in the ram lamb class, ahead of John Hegarty.

Second and third placings in the shearling class well and truly belonged to Ardstraw's William Moore with Philip Lamont, Kells, Co Antrim in fourth.

In the sale ring the Gould stable topped the market when their third-placed ram lamb changed hands for 540 guineas. The Ringsend flock owners sold three others for 480, 400 and 350.

Campbell and Jason Watson's first prizewinning shearling attracted considerable interest before being knocked down for 520 guineas, the Co Antrim breeders selling three more sheep for 420, 320 and 300.

Elsewhere William Moore was paid 400 guineas for his runner-up in the shearling class. Prizes were kindly sponsored by McLarnon Feeds.

Prizes

Champion: RC & JC Watson; reserve champion, E & J Gould. Shearlings: 1, RC & JC Watson; 2 & 3, W Moore;4, P Lamont. Ram lambs: 1, RC & JC Watson; 2 & 3, E & J Gould; 4, J Hegarty. Prices E & J Gould 540, 480, 400, 350. RC & JC Watson 520, 420, 320, 300. W Moore 400



Campbell Watson with his 1st prize Ram Lamb and sale Champion, W Montgomery the judge and Philip Whyte McLarnon feeds, sponsor.



James Gould with his 2nd prize Ram Lamb and Reserve Champion



Jason Watson with his $\mathbf{1}^{\mathrm{st}}$ prize Shearling Ram



Lauren Moore with her 2nd prize Shearling Ram.