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**Whatmore shearling ewe leads Worcester Blue Texel trade at 3500gns**

Friday’s Southern Supreme Show and Sale of Blue Texels, held at Worcester Livestock Market, saw a top price of 3500gns for a shearling ewe from Sara Gibbons, Brecon Powys, which was knocked down to Paul Tippetts, Shifnal, Shropshire, for the Hackney flock. This one is by the homebred tup, Whatmore Wasp and is out of a Whatmore Tommy daughter.

Next best price on the day was a call of 2500gns for a ram lamb from Llangadog, Carmarthenshire-based Caryl Howell’s flock. Cary’s Blues Captain is by the 2018 Royal Welsh Show reserve champion Dragon Buster out of an imported Dutch ewe. This one was knocked down in a partnership between the pre-sale show judge Stasa Moyse and W J and M Hunter, Aberdeenshire.

Leading the shearling ram offering with a winning bid of 2000gns was the male and reserve overall champion, Glan-Y-Mor Bulldog from Matthew Jones, Talsarnau, Gwynedd. This one is by a Turbo Blue tup out of the Whatmore Siren daughter Hackney Yoko and found a new home with K Hawkins, Dunsford, Exeter.

The same buyer also bought the second highest priced shearling ewe in the form of the female and overall champion from G A and H M Francis, Abergorlech, Carmarthen. By a Dutch imported ram from the Werfhorst flock, this one is out of a Dutch ewe by a Rap-Heyting ram.

At 1400gns was the best from Ayrshire-based David Alexander’s Millside pen in the form of a shearling ewe by the 4000gns Sams Yoyo and out of a home bred ewe by a Craigalbert tup. This one was knocked down to V and G Bowring, Mansfield, Notts.

Confirming a strong demand for Blue Texel females were a pair of shearling females from Matthew Jones. His first, which sold for 1350gns was a Turbo Blue daughter out of a homebred female, was knocked down to M P Harding, Montgomery, Powys. Meanwhile, his next at 1250gns was a Hackney Yonker sired shearling ewe out of a Turbo Blue homebred daughter. This one sold to G D Stephenson, York.

Second best price in the shearling ram offering was a call of 1200gns which secured the best from Joe Thornley’s pen, Joe’s Bailey. By a Sams tup out of the dam of the 18,000gns Joe’s Alvin, this one was sold on the phone to J and A Strathdee, Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

At the same money was the second highest priced ram lamb, one from David Alexander’s Millside flock. This one is by a Beili Blues ram out of a homebred ewe and sold in partnership to D L and B W H Jones, Carmarthesnhire and J Rodenburg, Ceredigion.

***Averages: 9 flock ewes ewes £416.50; 69 shearling ewes £646.28; 28 ewe lambs £427.13; 2 senior rams £577.50; 25 shearling rams £622.86; 17 ram lambs £682.50 (McCartneys).***

**IMAGES:**

***184-Whatmore-Bamboo-3500gns-9085.jpg***

Leading the Blue Texel offering at Worcester on Saturday was Whatmore Bamboo from Sara Gibbons, selling for 3500gns to Paul Tippetts.

***413-Caryl's-Blues-Captain-2500gns9138.jpg***

Selling for 2500gns was a ram lamb from Caryl Howell, pictured alongside her fiancé Dafydd Lewis.

***345-Glan-Y-Mor-Bulldog-2000gns-8870.jpg***

Leading the shearling trade offering at 2000gns was the male and reserve overall champion, Glan-Y-Mor-Bulldog, from Matthew Jones.

***178-Pistyll-1650gns-8851.jpg***

The female and overall champion from the Francis family’s Pistyll flock sold for 1650gns.