



## **Top for Knockin Flock of 12,000 gns at Charollais Premier Sale** **SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019**

A ram lamb with all the credentials; super breeding and top performance figures was the sale topper at the Charollais premier sale held at Worcester Market on Saturday. Knockin Ultrashock from Abbie Moseley's flock near Oswestry, Shropshire sold for 12,000 gns to Jeremy Price, Oakchurch Farm, Staunton on Wye, Hereford. The ram lamb was a full brother to the 2017 breed record holder, Knockin Shockin sired by Oakchurch Ruben out of a Dalby Malachite ewe. "The lamb had tremendous shape with a terrific gigot and outstanding figures from his CT data. Just the type of animal I was looking for my flock moving forward," said Jeremy. Under bidder on the top priced lamb was Jonathan Barber from the Crogham Flock in Norfolk who took another Oakchurch Ruben from the same pen at 3,200 gns. Knockin Ultimate Package also had performance figures in the top 1% and this time was out of a Lindisfarne ewe. Sharing his purchase was Stuart Dunkley, Hyde Flock in Northamptonshire.

Next best in the prices was 7,000 gns paid for Glyn Coch Usain Bolt, a triplet ram lamb from Adrian Davies's Glyn Coch flock, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire. He was a joint purchase of Dewi Evans, Anglesey and Emyr Hughes, Pembrokeshire. This smart lamb was sired by Wernfawr Stormer out of a Banwy Power Ranger ewe. Glyn Coch Up and Under, by the same sire made 4,600 gns and goes over the water to regular Worcester buyer, Michael Power from Co Limerick.

The Ingram family from Inverurie, Aberdeen enjoyed an outstanding sale with their consignments of shearling rams and ram lambs from both the Logie Durno and Loanhead flocks. They dominated the show classes held on the Friday afternoon and topped their sales with a figure of 5,500 gns for Logie Durno Ultimatum, a son of Loanhead Talisman. Buyers for him were 2 Scottish flocks; Ben Radley from Dumfries and R & J Andrew, Ayrshire. In the Logie Durno pen of lambs the top price was 3,500 gns for the first prize winner, Logie Durno Upper Class also sired by Talisman. This time a pair of buyers from Northern Ireland put in the final bid; William McAllister, Artnagullion Flock and Ian Craig, Ballynoe House flock. Two lambs from the same pen made 3,000 gns apiece; Loanhead Unleashed by Cannahars Super Star went to A P James, Bridgnorth, Shropshire and Loanhead Ur the Boy a Dalby Tuilagi son to McConnell Bros, Northern Ireland.

Sons of the record breaking Charollais ram, Knockin Shockin were in the top money for his owner, Robert Gregory from Shropshire. Leading his trade at 4,800 gns was Edstaston U R the Man; a top 1% performance ram out of an Arbryn Olazabal ewe. Going to this figure was Robert Whittaker from Roxburghshire for his Hundalee Flock. Another buyer interested in top figures was the purchaser of Edstaston Ultravox. Norman McMordie from Northern Ireland paid 4,000 gns for a son of top show ewe, Edstaston Madison. A further ram lamb, the same way bred sold for 2,600 gns to Helen Sloane, Rigghead Flock in Dumfries.

The first prize winning ram lamb from the Royal Highland Show came under the hammer late in the day and attracted a bid of 4,600 gns from David Roberts, Kenley, Shropshire. Rigghead Untouchable was a single born lamb sired by Tawelfa Rioja from Mrs Helen Sloane's flock, in Dumfries.

William McAllister's Artnagullion Flock from Northern Ireland certainly had some of the best trade on the day, selling to a top of 3,800 gns for Artnagullion Ulysses a son of the 6,000 gns sire Knockin Shop. His buyer was Patrick Tully from Bridgwater, Somerset. His pen of shearling rams was headed with a bid of 2,300 gns for Artnagullion Thunderbolt, also sired by Knockin Shop. He went to Gail and Gwyn Jones, Springfield Flock, Chepstow. The flock achieved the top price in the sale of shearling ewes at 1,850 gns for another Knockin Shop progeny, which went to B Danforth, Walton Lodge Farm, West Yorkshire.

In the shearling ram section the trade was topped at 3,600 gns for the prize winning and top 1% high performance index ram, Dalby Tarquin from Charles Sercombe, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Sired by Dalby Ranieri out of a Dalby Kracked-It ewe, his successes included Interbreed Champion at Rutland Show and five 1<sup>st</sup> prizes as a lamb, including the Great Yorkshire Show. He will be travelling over to Northern Ireland to join Drew and Stephen Cowan's Tullyear Flock. The Dalby Flock sold their top-priced ram lamb, sired by Edstaston Tulloch for 2,600 gns to Myfyr Evans, Rhaeadr, Denbigh.

The Ingram's flocks also featured strongly in the shearling sector with a top of 3,200 gns for the champion shearling ram, Loanhead Tarantino sired by Hollylodge Supreme. Chris Hawes from Bicester, Oxon was his buyer for his Grange Flock. Next best was 2,600 gns for Logie Durno Titan a Rhaeadr Orlando son which went to Griffiths Brothers, Cardigan. Another Welsh buyer, D A Evans from Carmarthenshire paid 2,500 gns for Loanhead Thunder, a Hollylodge Supreme sired tup.

**Averages**

1 Older Ram	£735.00	
105 Ram lambs at	£1352.16	(-£136.84)
22 Shearling Rams at	£1344.95	(+£280.15)
15 Shearling Ewes at	£835.00	(-£257.00)

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