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## **JACOB RECORDS TUMBLE AT WORCESTER**

With bids of 2,600gns and 2,550gns, the breed society's sale price record was smashed twice during the Central Region show and sale at Worcester.

With a catalogue of more than 170 fully registered sheep from 40-plus vendors -- and some interesting pedigrees on offer -- it was always going to be an exciting sale.

But for one or two breeders, it turned out to be better than expected and recorded four, four-figure prices and a ram lamb average of £500.

Making top money was the third prize ram, Beiliau Freddie from Lyndon Trumper and family, Abergavenny. The two-horned, early March born shearling by Border Windrush and out of a Gronant female line, was fiercely bid to the new record price when it was knocked down to Peterborough buyers Woodbridge and Wallis.

Close behind on 2,550gns was the third prize ram lamb Bentley Stardust, a two-horned January triplet from Lesley and David Partridge's Bentley Flock, Redditch. A son of Gobaith Star, bred by Siwan, Sara and Lois Harries, it was bought jointly by Messrs Trumper, and Rhodri Jones, Lower Argoed, Builth Wells.

Rhodri had, at that stage in the sale, already made another of the sale's top prices when his supreme champion of the day, Lower Argoed Rhodri, was knocked down at 1,580gns to S. Coates, Barford St. Michael, Oxfordshire. The two horned ram lamb was also by the same Border sire as the sale topper, and was out of a Blackbrook Darcy-sired Hyndshaw ewe.

The other four-figure price of 1,050gns also came from Rhodri Jones. The February born two-horned triplet Lower Argoed Sooty, is out of a Nettlebed ewe and also by Border Windrush. It was bought by C.A. Coe and Son, Wenham, Colchester.

Topping the four-horners on price at 750gns was a Hyndshaw Highland Laddie-sired shearling ram from D.J. Bevan's Mayhill flock in Carmarthenshire. Out of a Hope Rocky sired Mayhill ewe it went to North Yorkshire buyer John Atkinson, Thirsk.

For the reserve male championship, judge and Pentre flock owner Robert Price went for Worcestershire breeders Jerry Strong and Lorna Hendy's big two horned shearling Bentley Lone Star, bred by Lesley Partridge. It is a son of Gobaith Star which of course had also sired the sale's top priced ram lamb. Buyer at 350gns, was Gareth Jones, Stockbridge, Hampshire.

In fact it was quite a day for the Bentley flock, taking both the reserve supreme and female championship along with the female reserve. The female champion, yet another by Gobaith Star, was out of a home-bred daughter of Nutwood Warrior, and she went at 660gns to J. Harlness, Northern Ireland.

And it wasn't the only sheep going across the Irish Sea. The reserve female champion, a Star-sired Bentley shearling, was one of 16 picked up by Co. Tyrone's Paul Colhoun. He paid 360gns for this one.

Dunmore flock owners Gordon Connor and Scott Dalrymple paid big money for a couple of two-horners. At 720gns, they bought one of the Trumplers' Beiliau tup lambs, a Border Windrush son out of a Gobaith ewe, and at 640gns, they bought one of the same flock's much-admired gimmer lambs, this one by Wharf Robbery. Another tup lamb from Beiliau and by Lower Argoed Titanic – the 2015 Royal Welsh reserve male and 2015 Worcester sale topper --- was bought at 680gns by Lisa Adams, Bury St. Edmunds.

A bid of 620gns, secured Derbyshire breeder Richard Chapman's two horned shearling ram Churchland Robin, for Kerry Morish, Exeter, while at 600gns, the four-horned shearling ram Whowells Exocet from Anne Urwin and Norma Crook, Edgworth, Bolton, was bought by Owain Jenkins, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire.

**AVERAGES:**

3 senior ewes £143.50;  
28 shearling ewes £189.37;  
48 ewe lambs £200.15;  
20 rams £374.42;  
22 ram lambs £500.18.

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