

Top Price of €5500 for Clonagh Rocket Explorer at Simmental April Sale

The Simmental Society April Sale took place at GVM Mart Tullamore on Friday evening last 26th April.

Topping the sale at €5500 was Clonagh Rocket Explorer for Garrett Behan, Ballyfin, Co. Laois. This fifteen month old son of herd stock sire Manor Park Handsome and is out of the twice Overall Simmental of the year Clonagh Dora The Explorer leaving Rocket Explorer a full brother to the €52,000 record priced bull, Clonagh Lucky Explorer. When auctioneer Tom Cox finished the bidding, this exciting young bull was knocked down to a UK Pedigree Breeder.

Next highest price of €5000 was received by Nigel Hogan, Benny Kerry, Co. Carlow for Rathnashan Randy. Again at fifteen months old, this Dermotsown Delboy sired bull is out of a Curaheen Viking dam, Seafort Beverely. This National Calf Champion at Strokestown last September, heads north to a Co. Fermanagh suckler farmer.

The Overall Champion went to Garrett Behan with Lot 11 Clonagh Pikachu Fab ET. Judge Martin Regan awarded the Champion to this December '22 born Kilbride Farm Dragoon son, who is out of a Banwy T-Rex dam, Clonagh Delightfully Fab. €4400 was the selling price to a Co. Monaghan suckler farmer.

The Reserve Champion when to Parknakyle Roddy, exhibited by Paddy Meaney, Old Leighlin, Co. Carlow. At fourteen months of age this Curaheen Gunshot P sired bull is out of a homebred Sneumgaard dam, Parknakyle Jolie P. €4200 was the selling price here to a Co. Laois farmer.

Also hitting the €4200 mark was Loughnavalley Ross Wave ET for Peter Fagan, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. This Curaheen Gunshot P sired bull which was born in February '23 is out of Auroch Wave who is sired by Darsham Playboy.

John Storey from Mountmellick, Co. Laois also received €4200 for his January '23 born bull Doire-Goile Reggie. Sired by Omorga Isaac this bull is out of a Curaheen Dickens homebred dam, Doire-Goile Jane Sunshine.

Ardunsaghan Paddy sold for €3500 for the Connolly Family, Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim. By Antrim Bodybuilder, this September '22 born bull is out of a Curaheen Wakeman dam, Bearna-Dhearg Janey.

Overall, in the bull section there was a 60% clearance with an average price of €3557.

A small female section recorded seven entries, four of which sold at an average price of €2050.

Special word of thanks to Tullamore Mart, our Judge Martin Regan, Dept Officials and all who attended, exhibited, purchased and helped out at our evening show and sale.