



### **Highland Cattle Society's 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Sale Report**

Averages: 15 two-year-old bulls, £3234.00 (+£363 for five more sold); five yearling bulls, £1491 (+£861 for two more); three senior heifers, £3710 (+£122 for one more); 13 three-year-old heifers, £2011.15 (-£468.85 for five more); five two-year-old heifers, £1039.50 (-£451.50 for five less); 19 yearling heifers, £1065.47 (+£53.97 for four more).

One of the oldest folds in the society's herd book led the way at the Highland Cattle Society's 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show and Sale at Oban on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February.

A top price of 6800gns was paid for an April 2017-born red bull from Angus MacDonald and family's Ardbhan fold on North Uist. This was the senior bull Muran Vallay of Ardbhan, a son of Gilleaspuig of Tiretigan, which also sired the family's 11,000gns sale topper last year.

Bred out of Muran Beanaichte of Ardbhan, he stood third in his class and sold locally to Kilchoan Management, Kilchoan, Kilmelford, Oban.

Next best at 6000gns was the male champion, K2 of Cladich from Jon and Queen Strickland's Cladich fold near Dalmally. This two-year-old black bull is by the 9500gns Campbell of Tilbouries, out of Lady Jane 3 of Cladich, which is the best dam in the 40-cow fold.

Brought out by farm manager Stuart Campbell, he sold to RA Phillip, Green Farm, Hellifield, Skipton.

Four animals came under the hammer at 5000gns with the first being the two-year-old red bull Hector of Earn, from Heather Corrigan's 21-cow Earn fold at Nigg, Easter Ross. He is by Angus Ruadh of Wester Croachy, out of Magaida 1 of Earn, and stood junior male champion at Dalmally and male champion at the national show.

He sold north to Aberdeenshire with David Smith, Flowry Brae Farm, Memsie, Fraserburgh.

Michael and Sally Nairn from Strathardle, Blairgowrie, received 5000gns for the first prize class winner Hector of Balnabroich. Selling to Angus MacDonald, Ardbhan, he is a March 2018-born red son of Ruadh Nero of Seam, out of Sidonia 2 of Ormsary.

The same home sold the three-year-old heifer champion for 3000gns to D Dempster, Keppoch Cottage, Monzie. This was Sidonia 7 of Balnabroich, a daughter of Cliadhamh Mor of Balmoral, out of Sidonia 8 of Ormsary.

Kinross breeders Ken and Eva Brown of the Craigowmill fold, sold two females for 5000gns each.

First at this money was Brogach 5 of Craigowmill, an April 2018-born red heifer by Ruaridh 1 of Ubhaidh, which stood overall champion at the Royal Highland Show in 2014. Out of Una Dubh 6 of Craigowmill, she was knocked down to RD Schuster, Duiletter, Glenstrae, Dalmally.

Also selling for the same money was their female champion Diorbhail Dhubh 3 of Craigowmill, an April, 2016-born heifer by Seaumus Dubh of Craigowmill.

Bred out of Diorbhail 2 of Knockendon, which stood reserve champion at Oban in February 2014, she is in-calf to Lasgaire 21 von Lehstener Moor and sold to Germany with Falk Steinberg, Lehstener Moor, Burgerhof.

A second prize three-year-old heifer named Baravalla Mina Calum of Killochries, from Iain and Sheena Graham's Killochries fold at Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire, made 4800gns to D Acella, Borgata Confine, Inferiore, Sampeyre, Italy. This was a black heifer by Calum Dubh of Killochries, out of one of the best cows in the fold Baravalla Mina 3 of Killochries.

She is in-calf to Calum Seoladair Dubh 2 of Killochries.

Ewan Mackay, Glengoyne, Killearn, Glasgow, sold the May 2018-born Archie of Glengoyne for 3500gns to Craig Finnie for his Richmondhill fold at Peterhead. This red bull is by Fear Siridh of Balmoral, out of Oighrig Ruadh 2 of Glengoyne.

Matching that price was Maureen Macarthur and John Ashton's similarly aged red bull Tobermory of Allanfearn from Strathpeffer.

By Rob Ruadh of Gartchonzie, out of Caileag Bheag 25 of Callachally, he is the first bull to be sold from this bloodline and sold to DE Klee, Auchnacraig, Lochdon, Isle of Mull.

Last at this money and selling for the top price in the yearling bulls was the champion from Hamish Irvine's Craiguscar fold near Dunfermline. Selling to the Iain and Sheena Graham, Killochries, was the January 2019-born Ron of Craiguscar, by Angus Dubh of Savalmhor, out of Lorna of Craiguscar.

This black bull stood reserve overall junior champion at the Stars of the Future Calf Show at Stirling last November.

Also selling for 3000gns was William Thomson's first prize three-year-old heifer Anabladh 12 of Woodneuk from his fold at Barrhead, Glasgow. She is by Jock 14 of Woodneuk, out of Anabladh 8 of Woodneuk and sold to M Oldenhaf, Denmark.

Two other senior heifers sold with a 2800gns price tag including the reserve champion Lady Gheal 1 of Pollock, from Glasgow City Council, purchased by David Williamson, Greenbraes, Whalsay, Shetland.

The other at this money was third prize winner Ruthaig 5 of Woodneuk from William Thomson, which sold to JC Dickson, Springhill, Berwick Upon Tweed.

Yearling heifers peaked at 2300gns for Seonaid Tearlach 3 of Killochries from the Grahams. Selling to JA McCulloch, Glentoo Farm, Castle Douglas, she is the first crop by Tearlach 2 of Killochries to be sold and is out of Seonaid Ruadh 3 of Killochries.