

Own brother to Hidden Cyclone sells to leading American owner



Kings Canyon, the winner of a Novice Hurdle at Carlisle for trainer Nicky Richards, attracted plenty of interest and was eventually sold to Irish trainer Shark Hanlon for £60,000. Hanlon, who trains the own brother Hidden Cyclone, a dual Grade 2 winner, secured Kings Canyon for his existing owner Irvin Naylor. Naylor is the leading jumps owner in America whose other horses include last year's American Grand National Grade 1 Hurdle winner Black Jack Blues, a £5,000 purchase as a store from Brightwells Ascot Sales.

The just turned 6 year old Ballincurrag was the 5 length winner of his Maiden at Dromahane at the New Years Eve meeting and attracted much interest with the final bid of £50,000 falling to Anthony Bromley of Highflyer Bloodstock.

"He is going point to pointing and hunter chasing in East Anglia and is a lovely big scopey horse" said Bromley. "There was a lot of interest in him and he was a hard horse to buy, but hopefully he'll make a smart hunter chaser in the next few seasons."

William and Angela Rucker paid £42,000 for It's A Steel, the winner of his 4yo point to point at Ballydarragh in November and Donald McCain paid £33,000 for Ifyousayso, the winner of his bumper at Musselburgh three days prior to the sale.

Matt Mitchell, Head of Bloodstock, said "We came into the sale with a number of high profile horses which were unfortunately unable to travel, however there were many clients with orders and quality individuals with scope were very much in demand."

"We now look forward to our flagship Spring Sales at Cheltenham on the 18th April and 25th May, which have both produced excellent returns for buyers with Graded Hurdle winners Monksland and Mount Benbulben both purchased last year".