

Control and Ciderman: The Cinderella Story

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The high-type Canadian Snowman son JK Eder-I Control is building a strong following due to the consistent frame and strength of his milking daughters. His full brother, JK Eder Ciderman, had previously earned time in the spotlights as a former Nr.1 gICO bull in Spain and now ranks among the leading production sires in that country. This month we put the focus on the maternal line that produced these impressive brothers, the Dutch Cinderella family, a branch of the Roxys.

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It was at the start of genomics,' begins Dutch breeder Jan Kolff from JK Eder Holsteins at Woudrichem, south of Amsterdam. 'Jan de Vries called to say that he had found a Bolton 2-year-old that I needed to see. I knew the Shottle mother as she was Reserve Intermediate Champion at the HHH show at about that time. I had originally planned on waiting to see the Bolton's genomic results, but as soon as I saw the type of cow she was and how heavily she was producing, I bought her right away.' At this stage she was still open and had not been scored. When the genomic results arrived she was very high indeed, ranking as the Nr.1 PTAT cow in Europe, and she went on to score VG-87. 'Being a Bolton, the Brachyspina is also a concern, but she tested free of that too. We just had tremendous luck with that cow right from the start,' explains Jan. He owns the Cinderella's in partnership with Jan de Vries of Diamond Genetics.

EXPORTED EMBRYOS

And the good luck extended to her flush career too. At that time, the "hot" proven sire on the global scene was Snowman, so he was used on one of her early flushes. Quite a few embryos from that cross were exported to Canada, while those implanted at JK Eder resulted in 2 heifers and 2 bulls. The bulls both embarked on AI careers in Spain, with JK Eder Ciderman selling through a Diamond Genetics Online Bull Sale to the Spanish stud Ascol, before going on to top the Spanish genomic bull charts in the summer of 2013. The other bull, JK Eder Cancellara, also ended up in Spain. Meanwhile, on the other side of the Atlantic, a third full brother, JK Eder-I Control, went to Semex. 'They are quite different bulls, with Control being one of the leading type bulls in Canada leaving a lot of strength and more moderate production, while Ciderman might have a little more of Snowman and is a great production bull – I think he is

One of the stars of Jan Kolff's JK Eder herd in the Netherlands is JK Eder Meridian Cindere 1 VG-87, out of a VG-88 Atwood sister to Control and Ciderman. The Atwood has another daughter Fernycleugh Cashmoney Cindere VG-87 in the UK.

the Nr. 2 milk bull in Spain – while he is more moderate on type,' observes Jan.

CONSTRUCTOR BULL

Carl Saucier from Semex inspected 12 Control daughters in Ontario recently. 'They were all in large commercial herds, and were usually the best 2-year-olds in the herd. They were big and wide, very wide from behind with great width of thurls and a lot of width to the loin and topline. They had the high chine, with very sharp shoulder but were wide in the chest. They had great depth of heel, and wide rear udder. Perhaps they could have had more

veining on the udders to show them off, but they were still soft to touch. Some have a little more bone to them; I saw him as a really good constructor bull that could build frame and substance. Many of the better ones had Goldwyn blood behind them, and that's where he will really work well. There are quite a few top show cows here in Quebec being flushed to him right now.' Control has a proof of 2984 LPI with 853 milk and an impressive +17 for type. The almost all white Ciderman is the leading sire in the Ascol daughter-proven line-up, with his proof displaying an exceptional 1860 kg milk and 3681 ICO. His overall type rating stands at 1.74 with 1.94 udders. Frame-wise they are more refined and dairy than the Controls with moderate scores for strength, rump width and body depth.

FULL SISTERS

A total of 9 Snowman heifers – full sisters to Control and Ciderman – were born in Canada. They include 7 that are now VG, with 5 of those at 87 points. In addition there is a VG-87 Windbrook from Cinderella 20 at Bosdale in Ontario. Back at JK Eder in the Netherlands, the 2 Snowman sisters were both 88-point 2-year-olds and made significant contributions to the herd breeding program before being sold; one to Ireland while the other is still in the Netherlands. 'Perhaps the best family line we have comes from a polled Earnhardt out of the one that went to Ireland,' explains Jan. 'From the other one we have 2 Supersires milking, good solid functional cows that are milking well.'

300 EMBRYOS

While Cinderella 20 made her mark in the JK Eder herd, her full sister Giessen Cinderella 22 remained at Giessen Holsteins, owned by Theo van Vliet. She too has had success on the bull front, being dam of Giessen Clapton and Giessen Clide, bulls that ranked at Nr.1 and Nr. 4 gPFT on the genomic list in Italy in the summer of 2013. The mother of the two Bolton's is a great brood cow too. 'Giessen Cinderella 15, the Shottle, would be the most successful transmitter in that family for us,' comments Theo. 'She is now over 11 years old and is still very fit and healthy.' While the 2 Bolton daughters out of the Shottle have been highly successful transmitters, another popular daughter is her EX Goldwyn, Giessen Cinderella 17. This cow ended up in the De Rith herd of Adrion van Beek at Breda, in the Netherlands, and he has sold over 300 embryos from her! Her Man-O-Man daughter, De Rith Simone, followed in her mother's footsteps as a high demand embryo donor.

SWISS BRANCH

By now it must be clear that the Cinderella's are widespread in Europe, though as you will soon discover, even more widespread than you might expect. Theo van Vliet purchased the foundation cow after visiting the WEU Show in Germany in 2004, where the young Durham daughter Cinderelle was Reserve Champion 2-year-old. She had been owned by Andreas Lohmöller in partnership with Swiss breeder Rinaldo Müller. Before being sold, Cinderelle had been flushed to Champion, resulting in Riedmuellers Champion



Control and Ciderman's granddam, Giessen Cinderella 15 EX-91 (Shottle-Durham-Encore) was Reserve Intermediate Champion at the HHH.

- ♀ **Hanoverhill Tony Rae EX-96**
(Marshfield Elevation Tony)
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- ♀ **Scientific Cinderaella VG-88**
(Highlight Mr Mark Cinder)
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- ♀ **Wilcoxview Cinderella EX-92**
(Marcrest Encore)
- ▼
- ♀ **Durham Cinderelle VG-89**
(Regancrest Elton Durham)
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- ♀ **Giessen Cinderella 15 EX-91**
(Picston Shottle)
- ▼
- ♀ **Giessen Cinderella 20 VG-87**
(Sandy-Valley Bolton)

Cresta EX-91 becoming the family foundation cow in Muller's herd at Samenstorf in Switzerland. Cresta's Goldwyn son Ch-Du-Moulin Royalties went on to be the Nr. 2 ranked proven bull in Switzerland. Another daughter of Cinderelle in Switzerland is Riedmuellers Blitz Colombe EX-90, who has also been an impressive transmitter with her daughters including the successful show cow Moo Goldwyn Diamond EX-92.

FAMILY FOUNDATION

Durham Cinderelle was born in Germany in 2001 as a result of imported embryos out of the US cow Wilcoxview Cinderella, a daughter of the powerful Starbuck son Encore. Bred in Washington State, she was out of the original Cinderella who was a Highlight maternal sister to Scientific Debutante Rae, the famous World Dairy Expo Reserve Champion. Kolff summarizes: 'The Roxy's are one of the most successful families of the breed and are always easy to market. They are usually somewhat slow starting but develop tremendously as they mature. However, the Cinderella branch has added high genomic scores too.' The Roxy's have produced such internationally renowned sires as Raider, Rubens, Rustler, Destry and Detox. Now the Cinderella branch of the family can add Control and Ciderman to the growing list. ●



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Control and Ciderman's full sister, JK Eder Snowman Cinderella VG-88-2-yrs; now in Ireland. Her Earnhardt daughter Cinder heads up a strong family branch at JK Eder.