

Coyne-Farms Dorcy:

Why this Bolton Son Certainly Deserves a Review

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That is how it happened in 2009. Bull dam Mountfield Marsh Maxine VG-88-2yr had just recovered from a serious illness, and owners Marshfield-Fitzsimmons had decided together with the AI company Select Sires to flush the promising two-year-old. After fruitless efforts with Sanchez and Million, they decided it was time for a DNA-tested sire – they were just emerging at the time. ‘Rick Verbeek came with a recommendation: Coyne-Farms Dorcy from ABS. We had never heard of this bull before, but we decided to follow Rick’s advice. So I called ABS. They had never heard of Dorcy there either, but promised to call back. That they did, and yes, Dorcy was available. For just seven dollars a dose!’ Speaking is Amanda Fitzsimmons from Mountfield Holsteins in the American state of New York. There, more than nine months after her phone call, the bull Mountfield Mogul was born – now the most influential modern sire of the Holstein breed.

No, in 2009, Dorcy was not a well-known name. And today, 2020, this Bolton son has again returned to obscurity among many. That appears to be the lot of Dorcy – but it is a mistake, because as the proud sire of the millionaire Mogul, he realizes tremendous influence in the Holstein breed. Hence, a look back at this ABS star, who in January 2009 started his career as a young sire. ‘Just a week later, the first official DNA indexes came out,’ explains Ryan Starkenburg from ABS. A year later, in 2010, Dorcy gained more influence, but true name recognition followed in 2012, when with his progeny proven index he broke

This is Dorcy’s birth barn: Coyne-Farms near Avon in the western part of the American state of New York.

through to America’s TPI top-3. As a result, he became a popular sire for a number of years so that well over half a million doses of his semen were sold. In late 2016, Dorcy left ABS: ‘By then, he was passed by time and younger genetics,’ explains Starkenburg, who mentions udder, average stature, udder health, body condition and longevity as Dorcy’s strengths.

About Dorcy’s purchase, Starkenburg comments: ‘He was purchased just before the introduction of genomics, as a high Bolton son with an outstanding pedigree. Of note in his pedigree were the fitness qualities contributed by the sires of his dam and grand-dam, Peckenstein Form Bret and Startmore Rudolph.’ That brings us to the Coyne-Farms herd owned by the Coyne family in the American state of New York. There we find the extensive maternal line of Dorcy, beginning with his appreciated dam, Coyne-Farms Bret Daffers: EX-91 and Dam of Merit. By the way, we need to go back just three generations to arrive at a cow that was imported from Canada: Glanstai Darby, a daughter of Inspiration son Micheret Darby. How did this Canadian end up at Coyne Farms? ‘Through the years, our herd has continually expanded, and I definitely wanted purebred cows in the barn,’ explains breeder Greg Coyne. ‘We did not want to get up each morning to milk just any cows – they needed to be good cows.’ Three generations later, from this imported line Coyne-Farms Dorcy was



born – today with nearly 30,000 daughters in numerous countries world-wide. And... not only Dorcy was born, so was his full brother Coyne-Farms Dom; he went to Accelerated and produced 12,600 daughters.

Of this duo, Dorcy became the sire of sons, and brothers Mountfield Mogul and Mixer, as well as No-Fla Hurst, became his best known sons. Even so, in light of the appearance of a top bull like Mogul – did Dorcy receive sufficient opportunities as a sire of sons? We pose the question to Starkenburg. ‘I would say that for that time, Dorcy received the expected number of matings as a sire of sons. But at the same time, it must be said: today he would certainly have been used more.’ At any rate: son Mogul ensured a global anchoring of Dorcy’s genes. In addition: possible further strengthening is on the way. Among the offspring of Dorcy’s daughter Ladys-Manor Oda EX-93, we find the young bulls Ladys-Manor Outcome and Overview sky high in America’s gTPI list (index release 4/2020). In one breathe with Oda, of course the sublime Dorcy daughters Kings-Ransom Dextra EX-94 and Pine-Tree Alexa II deserved mentioning. Correct, Dorcy deserves more than just a place in the shadow of his son Mogul. ●

Dorcy at five years of age in the ABS barn in DeForest, immediately after his daughter proven breakthrough.



Coyne-Farms Dorcy – here as the 7-year-old transmitter at owner ABS – was used extensively world-wide so that he produced about 30,000 daughters in numerous countries. Today, with 2254 TPI, he is Bolton's second highest son; De-Su Gillespy is ahead of him by just 10 TPI points.

