

# Paramount climax of show

Health, fertility and longevity were key words at the Koe Expo, organized by breeding organization CRV. Presented were a series of progeny groups from bulls, that comply with these three requirements.

Highlight of the show was millionaire Paramount.



The progeny group of Morazan (by Olympic) showed excellent udders. There were none better at the Koe Expo

Strong, self-supporting cows. That is what CRV wanted to show at the Koe Expo in Den Bosch, on October 22nd. Progeny groups of four black & white and four red & white bulls appeared in the ring. The bulls had been selected on health, fertility, and longevity. Can bulls that meet these three requirements also sire beautiful, strong daughters? The answer is yes.

Feet and legs and udders were of a high level. The thousands of visitors were shown beautiful daughter groups. After the All-Holland Dairy Show (next one on 29 and 30 June 2012), the Koe Expo is the most important show in the Netherlands. Four newcomers introduced themselves: Dome's Navarro (s. Mascol), Delta Morazan (s. Olympic), Aurora Ormsby (by

Shuttle) for black & white, and Klimmer (s. Taco) for red & white. In addition, daughters by Paramount (s. Jocko), Kian (s. Andries), Spencer (s. Lightning) and Beukenhof 346 Ideal (s. Talent) entered the ring.

### One million units

Good old Paramount and Kian, both intensively used internationally, stole the

show, but the newcomers made an impression as well. Paramount had a surprise for the spectators. He had not one, but two progeny groups on display. And during the Koe Expo it was announced that he is the 9th bull in the history of CRV to have passed the mark of one million units of semen. The reason why the black & white bull is in such high demand was illustrated by the two daughter groups (2nd and 3rd calver cows and a group of two-year-olds). The Jocko son (+1481 kg milk, 109 udder, 109 feet & legs) sires nicely developed, uniform cows with lots of strength. Cows such as any dairy farmer would like to have in his free-stall barn. Cows that will last for a long time too, given Paramount's extra number of 454 days of longevity.

Kian was represented by six excellent older cows (having calved 4 to 6 times), which had produced an average of 56,000 kg milk with 4.60% fat and 3.86% protein. The latter reflects the plus for protein (+0.28%) Kian transmits. However, he is also a master for feet & legs (110) with outstanding foot health (107). His daughters stepped through the ring with ease. They were all typical late-maturing cows, which is in line with his 110 for late maturity.

### Outcross calving-ease bull

Dome's Navarro made his debut with a group of

youthful black & white two-year-olds. They were functional and strong daughters. The Mascol son is known to be a perfect outcross calving-ease sire (109 calving ease). He excels for feet & legs (112) and udders (108). His daughters tracked well in the ring on sublime legs. These legs have extremely healthy feet (108 hoof health). The udders had nice udder depth and an outstanding udder ligament, without any flaws whatsoever.

Olympic son Delta Morazan attracts attention with an outstanding udder composite (113). Each and every one of his large, strongly built, 2nd-lactation daughters had very shallow udders with perfect fore-udder attachment and nice front teat placement. At the Koe Expo they were the very best. His daughters walked comfortably through the ring. Morazan is also popular because of the +40 kg protein he transmits. Aurora Ormsby is the highest ranking Shottle son worldwide. He inherited his sire's top type with 112 for udders. His five daughters (from his 1st crop) did show top udders too: shallow, tightly and, in the rear, highly attached udders. His daughters were well-sized with an open rib: sound cows that are very persistent for milk production. Ormsby transmits 114 for persistence. Lowlands Klimmer was the only newcomer of the

red & whites with a nice, uniform group of 2nd calvers. The Taco son is a component bull (+0.28% fat and +0.15% protein) and a health specialist with 111 for hoof health and 102 for udder health. He came out with a group of real farmer cows: moderately sized, uniform, showing great legs and correct udders with good teat placement and a nice ligament. Hoof health is an important aspect. It contributes to vital cows that show their heats well.

### Stunning udders

With their stunning udders, the red & white daughters of Beukenhof 346 Ideal reflected their sire's strength. With their nice and tightly attached front udders, very good rear udder height, and shallow udder depth, his five daughters (one being a black & white) confirmed Ideal's rating of 111 for udders. The group looked simply fantastic. The 2nd and 3rd calvers were robust cows with nice, wide frames. Heihoeve Spencer has been in the top of the ranking for red & white a long time. He is praised for his top fertility of 107. Not many bulls can match that. And with a strong plus of +0.29 for protein he draws the attention too. He works best on somewhat heavier cows. Spencer presented a nice, sound group of 2nd calvers with sound feet & legs, nice shallow udders and wide rumps. |

The show was a celebration for Paramount. He presented two progeny groups and passed the milestone of 1 million units of semen



Dome's Navarro (by Mascol) surprised with a progeny group (1st and 2nd lactation cows) with outstanding feet & legs



The six late-maturing cows by Kian, which still continue to develop after four to six calves



There are many beautiful cows in the Netherlands. Every year Veepro Holland publishes a special calendar with a different 'Calendar Girl' for every month of the year. In each issue the editor introduces two of them. This time two "Calendar Girls", both originating from the southern part of the Netherlands: Apina Massia 137 (by Barnkamper Support) adorns the month of October and Marietje 104 (by Topspeed Kodak) is on the calendar in November.



Apina Massia 137

Apina Massia 137 is a daughter of Barnkamper Support, who especially has great type traits (total score 107). Most notable are his scores of 112 for rump width and 113 for median suspensory. This great type is clearly visible in his daughter Massia 137, with VG87 total type. At exactly 3 years of age she started in her second lactation. In the first 176 days, she produced on average more than 40kg of milk per day.



Marietje 104

Marietje 104 is owned by the partnership Coumans-Janssen in Reuver. Her sire Topspeed Kodak (Kevin x Stadel) is one of the top sires for red & white. Kodak scores positively for all production traits (milk, fat, and protein), but also for type, SCS and calving ease (111). He transmits lots of longevity: +724 days. In the first lactation, Marietje 104 produced 9,189kg with no less than 5.59% fat and 3.81% protein.