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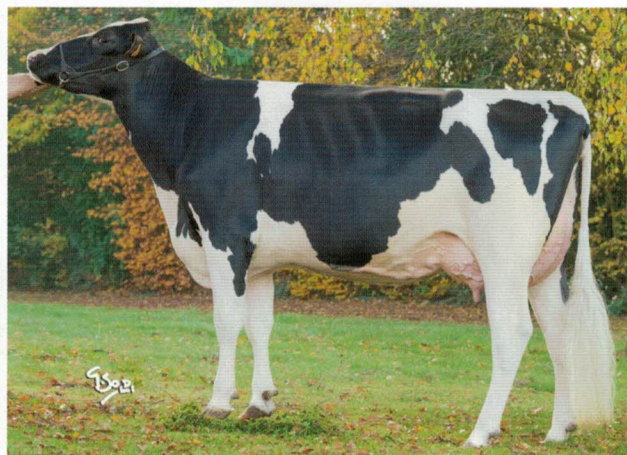
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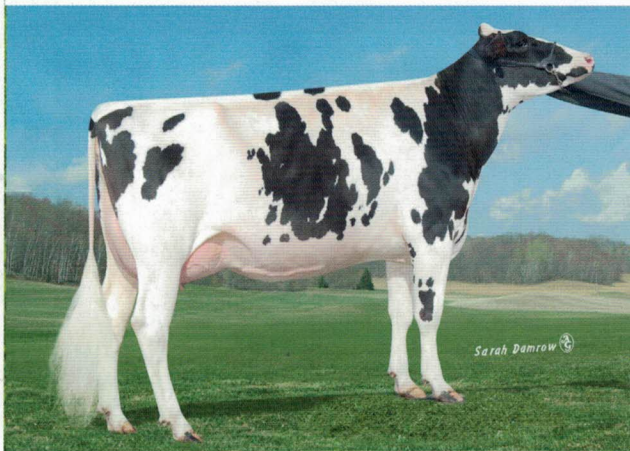
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Outcross Sire of the Year 2018 – Three Years after his Sire, Fortune takes to the Spotlight

Despite his age of three years, he still possesses outstanding numbers with 3315 gLPI and 2734 gTPI. His owner Semex alone has 12 sons with over 2850 gTPI and 17 sons with over 3500 gLPI in their lineup. His influence will certainly be felt worldwide. The fact that Progenesis Fortune become the new titleholder for Outcross Sire of the Year has a different reason, being the combination of his genetic potential with an out of the ordinary pedigree. While he doesn't get away from Shottle, Goldwyn, or O-Man, with Octoberfest-Tango-Epic he has an unusual background behind his sire. As such, there are enough strengths for Fortune, the Outcross Sire of the Year 2018.

STEPHAN SCHNEIDER

It is and remains a challenge. Where does one draw the line when defining outcross? Are sires who have fathers like Mogul, Supersire, Bookem, Planet, Goldwyn, Shottle, or O-Man somewhere in their pedigree eligible to be considered outcross? Does it make sense to nominate bulls for the international Outcross Sire of the Year competition who don't have any of the influential sires in their pedigree but, on grounds of being used only locally and having lower breeding values, do not have any international prominence? As in every year, it was a real challenge in 2018 to select candidates for the list of influential and in general highly valued outcross sires. Most of the information for candidates for the selection this year came once again from the nominations of the internationally active sire analysts. As mentioned, the outcross them itself is a challenge. For sire analysts as well as every individual breed around the globe. Whoever is looking for outcross to use is not able to avoid compromises, either in the realm of the genetic level or in the sire stack itself. We think that the top-3 for the selection of Outcross Sire of the Year 2018 (Table 1), and also the other deserving candidates that just missed the cut (Table 2), represent the best combination of high breeding values and alternative sire stacks.

RAGER-RED

But now to the results. For Fortune, who will be featured in the November issue of HI, all has been said. The great-grandson of Cookiecutter MOM Hue already achieved a strong second place finish in the 2017 Outcross Sire of the Year competition. Giving him the title this year was one of the clearest decisions since the introduction of the competition in 2011. Right behind Fortune is a sire who is gaining more and more attention and is leading the list of Red Hol-

steins in the USA by a wide margin. We are, of course, referring to Ri-Val-Re Rager-Red, the Relief-Observer-Advent out of Ri-Val-Re Range Rewing-Red. Thanks to genomics, there are always more Red and particularly RC sires who are able to close the gap to the top of the black and white list. And with that they are bringing new families and alternative sire stacks into the game. Rager-Red is the perfect example. The sire born in 2013 in the Select Sires program has increased his TPI in the last three years by an unbelievable 400 points. His 2578 TPI on the basis of 845 milking daughters have now

helped him to easily achieve a spot in the top-50 of the US chart, where he sits above well-known sires of sons like Monterey, Supersire, Missouri Saloon, Mardi Gras, and Kingboy. His high overall level and a +2.45 for conformation could certainly lead to him being a serious alternative for many Holstein breeders while also filling the desire for new blood. Rager's pedigree comes without any Mogul, Supersire, Bookem, or Goldwyn, while Shottle is only found once via his sire Relief (Toubib-Leif-Shottle). No other sire in the US top-50 reaches his level with such a low proportion of the influential sires of son-

Table 2 – Selection of bulls of made the shortlist for Outcross Sire of the Year 2018

NAME	PEDIGREE	OWNER
HaS Starello RC	Styx-Red x Galaxy x Beacon	RBB (DE)
Monument Impression	Socrates x Potter x Durham	Semex (CA)
DE-Su AltaLeaf	AltaOak x Trigger x Planet	Alta (USA)
BZH Moyrath	Jepsilon x Mack Coyne x Zelgadis	Evolution (FR)
VH Smoodie	Skipper x Miguel x Limbo	Viking (DK)
S-S-I PR Renegade	Jack x Millington x Davinci	SelectSires (USA)
Go-Farm Clearest	Scolari x Shot AI x Armstead	Intermizoo (IT)
K&L JS Donsimon	Jetset x Shotglass x Stol Joc	Xenetica Fontao (ES)
VH Don-Red	Dent RC x Fageno x Obo	Viking (DK)
Majestic-Manor Bluesky	Alco x Sudan x Emerald	IPS (USA)

Table 3 – The winners of the Outcross Sire of the Year competition since 2011

YEAR	NAME	PEDIGREE	OWNER
2018	Progenesis Fortune	Octoberfest x Tango x Epic	Semex (CA)
2017	BZH Marathon	Anamur x Mack Coyne x Zelgadis	Evolution (FR)
2016	Campogallo Zamagni	Super x Active x Laudan	Inseme (IT)
2015	Ladys-Manor Octoberfest	AltaOak x Dorcy x Auden	Semex (CA)
2014	Country Road Canbee	Roumare x Informer x Raimon	Alta (AUS)
2013	Sherdon Irresistable	Maestro x Zelati x Hairy Breiz	Genus (UK)
2012	Co-Op Bosside Massey	Mascol x Bret x Manfred	CRI (USA)
2011	Va-Early Dawn Sudan	Jammer x Sailor x Duster	CRI (USA)

Table 1 – Top-3 for the selection of Outcross Sire of the Year 2018

#	NAME	PEDIGREE	OWNER
1	Progenesis Fortune	Octoberfest x Tango x Epic	Semex (CA)
2	Ri-Val-Re Rager-Red	Relief x Observer x Advent	SelectSires (USA)
3	Delta Topgear	Malki x Solero x Cricket	CRV (NL)



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→ Last year, the sire stack Octoberfest-Tango-Epic behind the Canadian bull Fortune was good enough for second place. Today we know that he is able to pass on his breeding potential, which was already high then, to the next generation. Semex alone owns 12 sons with over 2850 gTPI and 17 sons with over 3700 gLPI.

HAN HOPMAN

→ The reserve winner for 2018, Ri-Val-Re Rager-Red, is the only red bull in the US top-50 with his 845 daughters and his pedigree is free of Mogul, Supersire, Goldwyn, and Bookem, with Shottle appearing only once.

2



Frank Robinson

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Alex Arkink

→ Delta Topgear, the talented sire of sons from the Netherlands, follows his father Big Malki to third place in the Outcross Sire of the Year competition. Further in his pedigree there are daughters of Solero (<Eminem), Cricket, Shottle, Addison, Cash, and Jabot.

in modern Holstein breeding. As clear as the title was for Fortune this year, the reserve title for Rager-Red was equally clear.

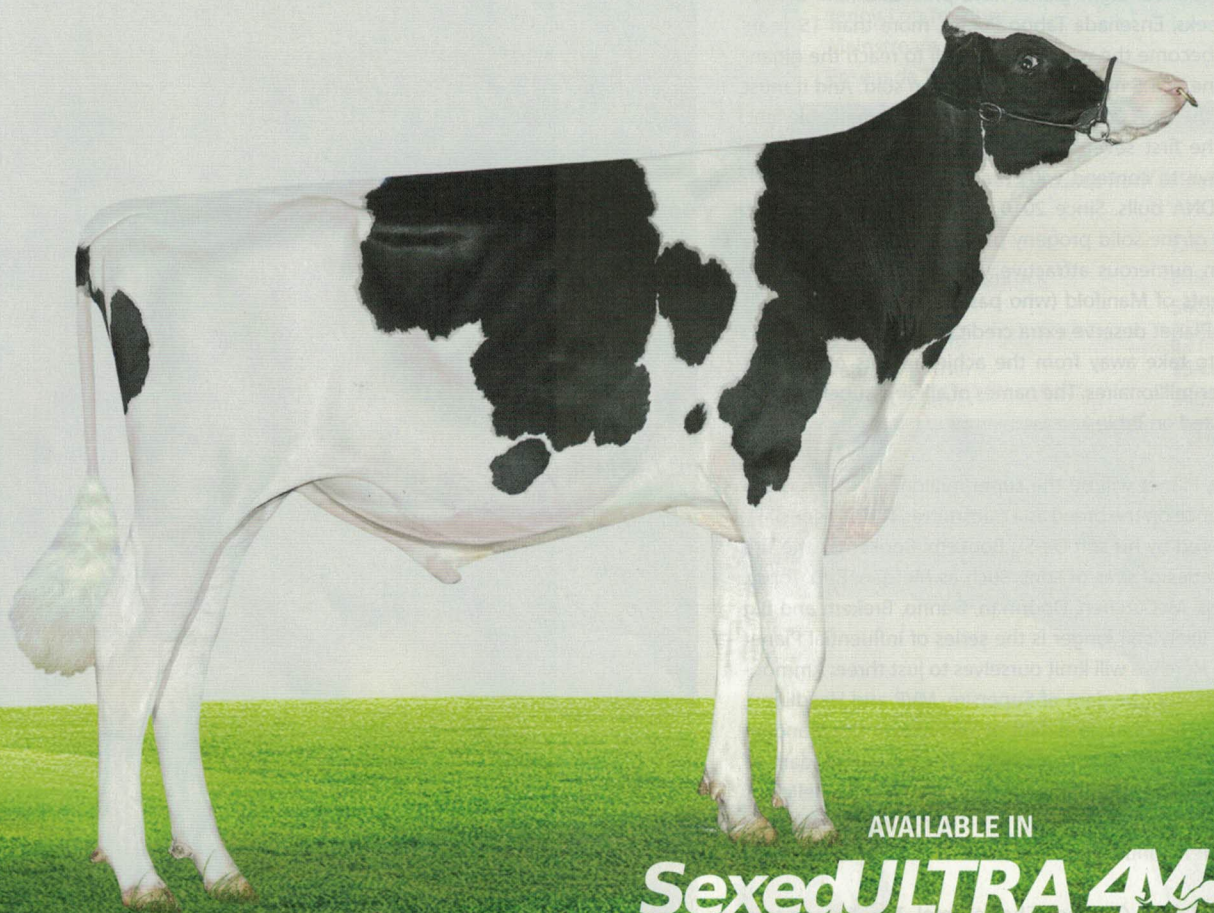
ALTERNATIVES

Aside from the relatively easy decisions that gave the top two spots to Fortune and Rager-Red for the Outcross Sire of the Year, there was a whole lineup of sires whose potential for outcross and a high breeding level worldwide who were also noteworthy. To the fore comes the CRV sire Topgear, who takes the third spot for this year's competition. With that he follows his sire Big Malki, who occupied this spot last year. Although Topgear is not free of bulls like O-Man or Shottle, the rest of his sire stack is certainly

different from the mainstream in the Holstein breed with Solero-Cricket-Shottle-Addison-Cash-Jabot. And he certainly counts among the best in the Netherlands. The first sons of his are currently finding their way into AI studs. The narrowing of the gap between red and white and black and white Holsteins at the top of the breed thanks to genomics and new bloodlines can be clearly seen with the new German youngstar Starello. The red carrier and Styx son comes from HaS Stalaxy, a Galaxy-Beacon from RUW Billion Study, and, as a top-10 sire with great numbers for conformation and longevity, is in demand as a sire of sons. In Scandinavia as well, there is a red alternative with the list-leader VH Don-Red, who can easily compete with the

black and whites. Other candidates who were seriously considered for the Outcross title were Monument Impression, who convinces with his daughters, and BZH Moyrath, the Jepsilon half-brother of last year's winner BZH Marathon. Other finalists were the Oak son AltaLeaf, the Scandinavian Smoodie, Go-Farm Clearest of Italy, the high Spaniard Donsimon and the US sire of sons Renegade, a son of the Oak son Jack from a Millington (Miles-Shamrock) dam who is also a Davinci (Mogul-Watson) granddam. ●

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