

CHAMP

ANOTHER PACE SUCCESS STORY



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After the April 2009 Dairy Sire Summary, 014HO04766 Roylane Champion Champ-ET took a big jump toward the top of the elite lists. His unique pedigree among the other top bulls of the breed makes him an attractive choice for those looking for top genetics and a different bloodline. Whether it is production, type, calving traits or longevity, Champ is ready to deliver and came out on top.

The last sire summary brought a new group of elite sires to the top of the Net Merit and TPI® lists. A wave of O-Man sons brought a slew of new names to the Top 20 of both rankings. Among these bulls are 014HO04876 Paxton, 014HO04916 Jake, 014HO04924 Kramer and 014HO04956 Dotson. When looking for a different pedigreed elite sire that still ranks high, one cannot overlook 014HO04766 Champ.

The story of Champ begins at Roylane Holsteins in Othello, Washington (located in central Washington about halfway between Seattle and Spokane). Roylane Star Victoria-ET, the third dam of Champ, was an Excellent-90 Blackstar. She was purchased by Carnation Farms, also of Washington and produced many fine offspring. One of her elite daughters, Carnation Loyalty Victoria, the grandam of Champ, followed in her mother's footsteps and scored Excellent while producing over 51,000 pounds of milk in her best lactation. She was also the dam of two PACE sires that returned to active service, 014HO03154 Virgo and 014HO03614 Virgas.

One of Loyalty Victoria's daughters, Carnation Formatn Violet-ET, was purchased by Looslea Holsteins in Oregon.

After producing an impressive amount of milk in her first lactation and scoring Very Good as a two year old, Violet was sold in a group of cows that went to Roylane Holsteins. Thus a circle of heritage for Champ's family was complete.

Roylane Holsteins is owned by the Roylance family. They have a large commercial herd where all cows compete equally in very real world conditions. The day to day operations are overseen by Gary Roylance.

It was on a trip to central Washington, that I saw Violet at Roylane. Gary had put her on a flush program to obtain more offspring. Violet was a tall, long, deep and wide Formation daughter. It is not common to find a high genetic cow that excels in both frame and production. I felt



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