

# *A Once in a Lifetime Cow*



**ROSIER BLEXY GOLDWYN-ET EX-97 EEEEE 3E**

*The Story of Blexy* has many chapters and we have been lucky enough to be part of many of them. For us it started on an August evening. We were flying to Atlantic City to go to a Journey concert with Chris and Jen Hill and Chad and Sandy Umble. I promised Sharyn it was a NO COWS WEEKEND. We boarded the plane in Burlington and Chris Hill rang me and said he had just finished judging a show in PA and saw the greatest young cow he had seen in a long time. He told me who she was and I was particularly interested because I knew and loved her family and pedigree. I had always been a big fan of the great black cow Brabant that had anchored Jocelyn Cotes string in Quebec and the fantastic uddered cow that Brian Craswell showed many years in the maritimes...they were all from this family and the cross Goldwyn x Dundee was magic. So we landed in Phila and I called the owner, Brad Hoover (one of the partners) and asked if we could come see her. He said yes, when? I said in an hour and a half. We jumped in our rental car and instead of heading east to Atlantic City, we went west to Lebanon PA. We got there at 10:30 at night and there she was. She was very impressive in all ways. While Brad was leading her Sharyn got me to the side and said no matter what buy this cow. You can't let her go. So in true Abbott form, (my dad would have been proud) I started haggling over price. The price was pretty firm and so was Sharyn when she said, JUST BUY HER, don't worry about price (the only time that has ever happened). We bought her that night and went on to the concert that weekend. I called our great friend Clark Woodmansee and told him about her and immediately he wanted to own her with us. She was 6th that year at Expo and then had a year off after flushing a bit. As a 4 year old she had a tough start and looked great but never got in perfect show form and then the year she was coming as a 5 Year Old people started to buzz. We put her in the Define your Destiny Sale after much persuading by Tom Cull. She sold that day and we kept part of her and the other part was sold to Hank and Carolyn Van Exel, great friends and partners from CA. She did great things that year and continued to develop and that fall after caring for her for the summer, Tom and Kelli Cull and Peter Vail decided to buy in, rounding out the partnership as it is today. She has gone on to win numerous shows including WDE as Supreme Champion, has made great daughters and now is one of VERY FEW COWS of the HOLSTEIN BREED to hit the highest score ever EX 97. Blexy has brought us great joy over the years and we are lucky to have been involved in her success for years. We have to say, the Journey song....DONT STOP BELIEVING... a song we heard performed live the weekend we bought her has become Blexy's anthem!

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