

From August to Adler: Travel Along Through Adolf Langhout's Rich Photo Archive

Since the early 1990's, Adolf Langhout of A.L.H. Genetics has been a regular visitor to North America, searching out top genetics to supply to his many clients in Europe. Adolf has always taken a camera with him on those many trips and has now amassed an extensive archive of pictures of famous Holsteins. Here we share a behind-the-scenes look at many of the famous names of the breed. Time travel, along with Langhout and his camera, and witness the development of the D-R-A August family, among others.

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The story goes that after his first American trip, he returned with only cow pictures. According to Adolf Langhout, that is not entirely true. 'In the beginning, everything left an impression. To be sure, the Holsteins, but I also photographed large trucks, skyscrapers... until the newness faded.' Decades later, Langhout photographs museums, remarkable architecture, design and interiors of well-managed dairy barns from which customers with building plans can benefit, numerous friends and connections in breeding... and their very best Holsteins including many famous brood cows. Langhout's photo archive contains numerous images of breeders and Holstein cows that have laid the foundation for today's Holstein cow.

SUBLIMINAL

For each of the fourteen photographs presented, there is a story. In general, Langhout states: 'In barns, or at shows and sales, I only

photograph the animals that stand out to me. Such as Loyalyn Goldwyn June EX-97 (photo 1). She is the only cow at Ferme Pierre Boulet in Quebec that I photographed during my visit in August 2019.' Two years later, during the World Dairy Expo 2021, June placed third in the production class, immediately behind Blondin Goldwyn Subliminal EX-97 (photo 2) who was photographed in October at Budjon Farms in Wisconsin. 'Subliminal really appeals to me as a through-and-through dairy cow. Years ago, I was alerted to her pedigree, the Blondin Skychief Supra family, at the several thousand cow dairy of Cowtown Holsteins in Vermont. The purchase of a few female Subliminal embryos is a guarantee for a beautiful and productive two-year-old.' Of Farnear-TBR Aria Adler-RC EX-96, the cow that won the production class during the World Dairy Expo last year, Langhout has several notable pictures in his archive. More about her in a moment.

AUGUST

Cookiecutter, Regancrest, Sandy-Valley, Siemers; on these and many other farms where the Holstein cow of today has been created, Langhout has photographed influential Holsteins. 'Earlier you saw, like with the BW Marshall daughters, a few cows with sloppy udders from time to time. That, as well as mediocre udder health, has been entirely bred out of elite herds. At Siemers, for example, among the thousands of ultra-productive cows, you rarely see one with a faulty udder.' Besides the progress of the Holstein breed, we also see the young generations of breeders growing up. 'Here, in the office at Regancrest in Iowa (photo 3), I am standing beside Brolin Regan. He will be the new Frank Regan, his successful grandfather who stands beside him.' Langhout enjoys visiting farms in the American Midwest, such as Kamps-Hollow in Wisconsin. There at a later age, Langhout saw Clover-Mist Alisha RC (photo 10), originating from an ALH mating of Prelude and Clover Mist Augy Star RC, an EX-94 Jubilant daughter of D-R-A August

RC EX-96 (photo 9). Thanks to Kamps-Hollow Altitude RC EX-95 (Durham-Alisha/photo 11) and her daughters Apple (12&13) and Goldwyn Aiko RC, the August family would step-by-step develop into one of the most influential Holstein pedigrees right now. Langhout has several photos of MS Apples Aria-RC EX-92, a powerful Destry daughter of Apple from whom he has imported nearly 200 embryos already. Even more photogenic is Aria daughter Farnear-TBR Aria Adler-RC EX-96, the McCutchen who in October won the production class at the World Dairy Expo ahead of June and Subliminal. Langhout photographed Adler various times: For example, on April 29, 2019 (photo 14), the day that Adler scored EX-95 at Farnear Holsteins in Iowa. That day Langhout was photographed with Adler and her owners, the Simon and Rauen families: Families where Langhout is considered 'one of the family'. For Langhout, after three decades of travel, photos of famous Holsteins are increasingly taking on the character of family portraits. ●



1. Left, Loyalyn Goldwyn June EX-97 with owner Pierre Boulet (Quebec, 08/2019)



2. Right, Blondin Goldwyn Subliminal EX-97 at Budjon Farms (Wisconsin, 10/2021)



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3. Office of Regancrest Holsteins (Iowa) with Frank (left) and Brolin Regan (04/2019)