



Golden-Oaks Champ Rae:

Everyone Wants More from this New Holstein Source

Kings-Ransom Mogul Cleavage, good for a maximum score of EX-94, is a tremendous ambassador for grand-dam Champ Rae.



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The Debutante Raes, Lana Raes, Perk Raes and Cinderellas; all these successful breeding lines have proceeded from Hanoverhill Tony Rae EX-96. Right now, a prominent new Rae line is emerging in the US, this time based on Golden-Oaks Champ Rae EX-93. After a difficult start, she too is now developing into a sensational brood cow. The harvest thus far: an impressive list of daughters and granddaughters. And partly due to two promising bulls, the Champ Rae line is now spreading internationally.

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Just like her illustrious foundation dam Glenridge Citation Roxy EX-97, generation after generation, the descendants of Hanoverhill Tony Rae EX-96 are garnering tremendous appreciation, a phenomenon that does not always correspond with leading indexes. A strong example is Champ Rae. This budding foundation dam, just like her sister Perk Rae, the Red Impact Cow 2012, was bred at Golden-Oaks Farm, the splendid herd of 700 milking cows in Wauconda, Illinois. Champ Rae, born in 2003, has 47 classified daughters in the US. Of them, 17 are scored VG and no less than 19 are EX, including three EX-94 daughters by Durham and Shottle (2), followed by 2 EX-93 daughters of Aftershock and Atwood. Their production also speaks to the imagination. On commercial dairies, numerous Champ Rae daughters have achieved top records of 35,000-40,000 lb. (18,144 kg) milk. 'Take for example our favorite Champ Rae daughter Golden-Oaks Atwd Charla EX-93, her Bradnick daughter Golden-Oaks Chaline EX-92 - in 2016 nominated for All-American 4-Yr-Old - or Charla's exciting young McCutchen daughter Golden-Oaks Charlina VG-88; all of them made their achievements primarily in our free stall barn.' Speaking is Ethan Heinzmann, the manager at Golden-Oaks, along with his predecessor Gary Janssen, the man who over the phone purchased Champ Rae's dam Scientific Beauty Rae at a sale in Kansas. The two passionate Holstein breeders gladly take

☉ **Glenridge Citation Roxy EX-97**

(Rosafe Citation R)



☉ **Mil-R-Mor Roxette EX-90**

(Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation)



☉ **Hanoverhill TT Roxette EX-94**

(Hanover-Hill Triple Threat-Red)



☉ **Hanoverhill Tony Rae EX-96**

(Marshfield Elevation Tony)



☉ **Scientific Jubilant Rae RC EX-90**

(Meadolake Jubilant RC)



☉ **Scientific Beauty Rae RC EX-90**

(STBVQ Rubens RC)



☉ **Golden-Oaks Champ Rae EX-93**

(Calbrett-I H H Champion)

the time to talk about the Raes at Golden-Oaks. These include Perk Rae granddaughter Golden-Oaks Primson-P RC EX-90 (Doorman-Colt), and the many descendants of Lana Rae granddaughter Gloryland-I Goldwyn Locket EX-95. 'Locket is an unbelievable brood cow. Her descendants stand out for their abundant dairyness and extremely good udders. Champ Rae also breeds very well. Her descendants stand out for their extra frame and strength.'

FAVORITES

The name of Champ Rae, whose daughters all made careers in the US, is now spreading internationally. Out of granddaughter Charlina, the mentioned McCutchen, the Spanish AI Ascol is testing the Byway son Tec Laureles Sanmame, good for 3.97 gPTAT. His full brother, Hulstein Goldenway, from AI Total, scores higher for milk (+778lb.) and almost as high for type. 'Champ Rae did not have a high pedigree index. As such, it took some time before she created excitement as a brood cow. Her fame is growing, in part due to various daughters and granddaughters we've sold that are performing well all over the US.' Heinzmann and Janssen point for example to Golden-Oaks Sid Charlise VG-87, who after her sale developed into an All-American Fall Heifer Calf 2015 and is now owned by Cherry Crest Primsteins in Canada. Charlise is bred out of Golden-Oaks Chalise EX-91 (Gold Chip), together with the 8-year-old Durham daughter Champ EX-94, one of the most appreciated Champ Rae daughters at Golden-Oaks. The absolute favourite of Heinzmann and Janssen is Charla, the previously mentioned EX-93 Atwood daughter. 'Charla is, following in the footsteps of her dam, a splendid donor. A young Solomon daughter, for example, has 4.17 gPTAT.' Heinzmann and Janssen see the type quality at Golden-Oaks in action every day. 'We anticipate a magnificent future for Charla and certainly for her daughter Charlina. Out of these consistent donors, Golden-Oaks wants to continue breeding offspring that also generate a lot of enthusiasm among their



Golden-Oaks Atwood Charla, favourite Champ Rae daughter at Golden-Oaks.



Golden-Oaks Champ Rae

breeders, we have noticed. Our goal then is to maintain the high type quality while at the same time increasing components.'

The duo often thinks back to Champ Rae's problematic beginning. 'As a calf she did not see anything and walked into all the gates. Once she calved she encountered numerous other problems. But at a certain point she overcame them. All the care that we gave her paid off, ensuring that we now enjoy her success as a brood cow all the more.'

MAXIMUM

Champ Rae's fame, for example, is bolstered by daughter Golden-Oaks Atwood Chloe EX-92 from Cranehill Genetics in California, and Long-Haven Sid Carla EX-94 from Oakfield Corners Dairy, the All-New York 4-Yr-Old 2016. The state of New York has still much more Champ Rae talent. That is especially true for Kings-Ransom Farm, the home base of three special sisters: Kings-Ransom Cleavage, full sister and Mogul daughter Cleo, and Kings-Ransom Epic Cassie. In their third lactation, each of them received the maximum score of EX-94 total with EX-95 udder! The best known of this unique sister trio is Cleavage, the photo cow for this article and thanks to successful IVPs, the dam of dozens of young daughters. 'We have sold numerous embryos out of Cleavage. It is remarkable how many more requests we have had during the past 12 months based on the fantastic Cleavage daughters born elsewhere.' This says Jeff King, a Champ Rae admirer from the first hour. 'I saw Champ Rae at Golden-Oaks myself, after we had purchased a first choice Shottle daughter out of her. With her enormous frame and

capacity, she left such an impression on me that we later purchased her daughter Golden-Oaks Classy as well. This Goldwyn developed into a beautiful producer with 92 points who also performed well at regional shows. And because she also had a decent index, we flushed her with Mogul and Epic, which resulted in three impressive third lactation daughters. From this unique trio, Cleavage scored VG-89 as a two-year-old and partly due to her picture in Select Sires' Mogul advertisements – and also likely a bit because of her unusual name – became popular. For that reason, we first used her for IVF. In the near future, we also want to use her sisters Cleo and Cassie.'

PROBLEM-FREE

King raves about the daily qualities of Cleavage and her sisters. 'They are not only tall, but also very functional, give lots of milk with a high fat test, and never require additional attention. The goal for the near future is to combine our descendants from the Champ Rae family with high type sires that sacrifice as little as possible for the fitness traits and longevity. Of late, we have used various Kingboy sons.' At Kings-Ransom, new generations of Raes are championing at the bit. Cleo provided early proof of her credentials with Olympian daughter Kings-Ransom Cora VG-88. Right now the King family is looking forward to 2-year-old Doorman and Monterey daughters of Cleavage that will calve shortly. And a 3 month younger Monterey out of Cleavage, Kings-Ransom Candies, is Jeff's favourite. 'A truly beautiful heifer! Admiration like this for a Champ Rae descendant, both in the US and elsewhere, is likely to be heard more often. ●