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# A 'Classic' crop at the All Holland Dairy Show

Promising first appearances from young sires and second-crop daughters

The debut of Beekmanshoeve Bertil was one of the highlights during the show of black-and-white progeny groups, fresh out of their test period, at the All Holland Dairy Show. Here's a taste of what visitors saw of the daughter groups from Dutch-tested sires.

There was an air of excitement at the All Holland Dairy Show as the crowds eagerly awaited the debut appearance of the first progeny group of Beekmanshoeve Bertil. Back in April this Willis son, from a Jocko dam, impressed with his first figures as a new high indexing flagship sire. And, as a consequence, many eyes in Utrecht were focussed on the daughters of Bertil. But could they handle all this attention?

On first sight the uniformity within the group was striking – they could have all been full sisters. Bertil showed five jet-black shiny heifers of average size, good length with beautiful capacity and sufficient angularity. Although on paper the rear legs tend to be a little bit straight.

But the progeny group didn't show that at all. The five heifers in Utrecht showed a nice angle in the rear legs and were using their legs very well. The udders were the most impressive part of the Bertil daughters – well attached with very good teat placement and a fine central ligament. It was obvious that Bertil will stamp his type on his offspring. With a Total Score 112 both Barnkamper

Support and Hole in One are in balance with each other. But how did they highlight this at the All Holland Dairy Show?

## Second outing

For Barnkamper Support (Sabre x Ronald) this was the second outing for his progeny group. At the CR Delta Cow Expo in autumn 2007 he showed a group of tall 'stretchy' heifers.

Since then the Support daughters have calved for the second time and in Utrecht they showed themselves in their 'work clothes' – just oozing milk with lots of dairyness and angularity.

In stature and length the group was again very convincing. The were clean-boned animals with very good feet and legs and displayed excellent locomotion. Their well attached, quality udders were high and wide and had strong ligaments and teats that were squarely at the centre of each quarter.

The group of Hole in One daughters (Allen x Design) showed their outstanding strength and power. He is clearly a bull to put much-needed sheer power back into the Holstein population.

The well-balanced cows caught many an admiring eye with their stature, chest width and body depth along with very good body condition. Their tremendous all-round udders, with silky texture, were clearly a characteristic of the daughters of Hole in One.

## Lots of capacity

The Paramount (Jocko x Fatal) group was the last to enter the ring during the morning programme. Two years ago Paramount also presented a group in Utrecht – a group of heifers.

These heifers are now very attractive third-lactation cows that have developed remarkably well. Now powerful cows that will obviously continue to work hard for their owners for many years to come, the daughters of Paramount showed lots of capacity.

After three lactations group members have produced, on average 30,482kg, of milk at 3.90% fat and 3.41% protein. Their udders are well attached in the front and rear with excellent teat placement, making them easily able to handle the huge amounts of high quality milk they produce. They strolled easily through the arena with excellent locomotion and were a worthy end of the morning programme.

## Plenty of length

During the afternoon Delta Canvas (Sparta x Celsius) presented his first second-crop progeny group of daughters – a group of three red-and-white and two black-and-



Classic daughter Barendonk Wilma 198  
Prod.: 2.00 305 days 9,221kg of milk at 4.06% fat and 3.61% prot.

white heifers from this red-factor carrier. But did they look able to handle the immense milk production – +1,014kg of milk – transmitted by Canvas?

On the evidence of these heifers, then yes. They had plenty of length, very good rumps and strong top lines, making them more than capable of handling their high yields with great ease. Their udders were particularly impressive with the very good rear-udder height.

The Delta Olympic (Addison x Besne Buck) group gave a taste of what's in store for producers in the coming years. This Addison son has been CRV's most in demand sire during the past two years. The five daughters of Olympic had very

well attached udders and, although he is an extreme calving ease sire, they impressed with their body size and beautifully balanced frames. In their bone structure it was easy to see the influence of grandsire Addison, but they used their legs and feet well with excellent locomotion.

## Stadel dominates

Poos Stadel Classic (Stadel x Camera) did not present a progeny group during the All Holland Dairy Show, but he did have remarkable results during the individual classes. Poos Stadel Classic and his father Stadel dominated the red-and-white competition. The junior champion red-



Classic daughter Liza 379  
Prod.: 2.03 305 days 8,432kg of milk at 5.18% fat and 3.37% prot.

and-white of the All Holland Dairy Show 2008 was Classic daughter Barendonk Wilma 198, and the reserve champion in the intermediate section was the well-known Classic daughter Liza 379. Proof, if it was needed, that Classic is one of those rare sires that can breed a VG daughter out of an ordinary cow.

Like father like son, Stadel saw his daughter Soetten Botter Allmacht 8 become the red-and-white grand champion and J & G Lena 63 become the intermediate champion.

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