

Lowlands Fabian

(Creylo x EX90 Tulip x VG88 Andries x VG86 Sunny Boy x VG86 Dictator x Voya)

Lowlands Fabian hails from a very strong cow family that for a number of generations has received a great deal of interest from the HG sire analysts. Two years ago, this 'F' family from the herd of Floris Dorrestijn and Tine van Houselst from Laren, Gelderland, delivered the sire Frederik Puntdroad, a strong component transmitter with positive scores for the health traits and durability.

Strong base

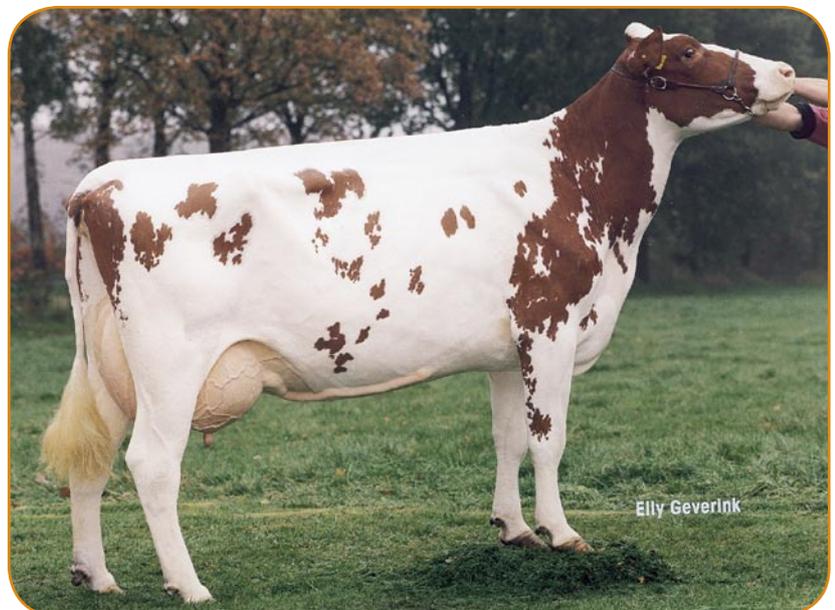
The cow that laid the foundation for this family was Fia, a daughter of Hazel Bush Rockman Dictator. Commenting on this cow family, HG sire analyst Henk Verheij says: 'Fabian's family is very impressive and convincing. They are very all-round for both production and conformation and produce milk with good components. Dictator daughter Fia is the foundation cow of this family and we can see the quality across all the generations. Fia was an appealing and very complete cow'.

Fia, who was classified VG86, achieved a lifetime total of 63,860kg M 4.92% F 3.63% P. She bred two good daughters that were sired by F16 and Sunny Boy and who both produced way above herd average. Frederika, the F16, was classified VG87 and Fiffy, the Sunny Boy, received a total score of VG86.

Sunny Boy

Fiffy, who completed a lifetime yield of 81,997kg M 4.75% F 3.44% P in eight lactations, attracted the attention of Henk Verheij: "Fiffy was a white Sunny Boy, a very strong beast. We tried to get a bull out of her, but didn't succeed. However, we tested two sons from her daughter Florina." Frederik Puntdroad (€135 DPS; 104 Total Score), her first son with a proof, has been a very popular sire on HG's active sire list for two years now. Her second son, by Nelson 165 RF (son of Lucky Leo), didn't quite make it as a proven sire, although his figures of € 62 DPS and 105 Total Score certainly aren't bad. A young Lightning son of Florina is just going through his progeny test and is awaiting his proof.

Florina is a daughter of Andries and has the same sire stack as the number one second crop



Florina VG88 (s. Andries), granddam of Fabian

Red Holstein sire Kian. "Andries x Sunny Boy is the Golden Cross, the perfect combination", according to Henk Verheij. "Florina is put together exceptionally well. Andries just needs some support for frames, which makes him an excellent mate for a Sunny Boy daughter." Florina, who in 2004 was rewarded with the "Star Brood Cow" award, is still milking in the herd of the Dorrestijn family and was reclassified at the beginning of this year, moving up from VG87 to VG88. Currently milking in her sixth lactation, she completed her fifth with a record of: 7.07 305d 11,816kg M 5.27% F 3.94% P 136LV. Her lifetime total stands at 63,067kg M 5.63% F 4.00% P.

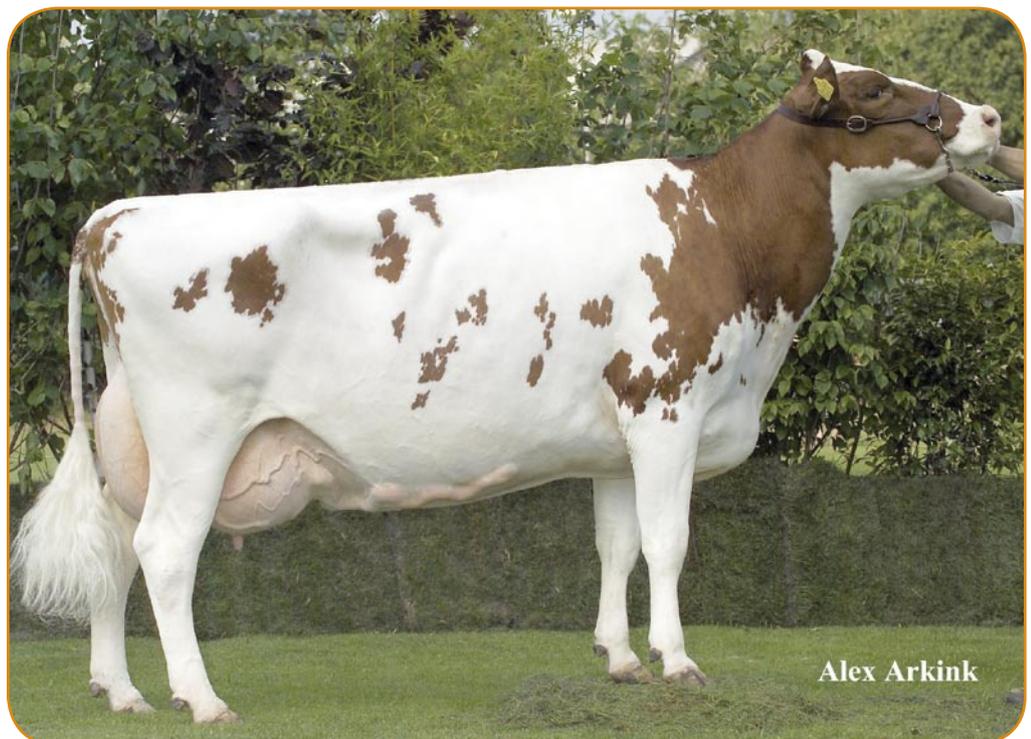
Third generation bull dam

In the meantime, Florina is also proving her genetic value in the female line. Her Tulip daughter Flora is the third generation bull dam from this family for HG. Early this year she was scored EX90 with EX93-Mammary! At the 2006 CR Delta Cow-Expo, Flora won her class and was later named the Hon. Mention Senior Red Holstein cow. Six months later she beat the competition and achieved her biggest success so far. After winning the Red Holstein Senior Championship she was named Grand Champion Red Holstein cow at the All-Holland Dairy Show. "Flora is one of the best Tulip daughters in The Netherlands", says Henk Verheij, "and she also proves to be a tremendous stayer." Flora, who for a long time held a top-10 position in the Red Holstein cow index list, has now almost completed her third lactation with a stunning record of: 5.11 305d 13,764kg M 4.55% F 3.59% P 138LV!

The next generation

Lowlands Fabian, a son of Creyhorst Clor 2 (Creylo), was Flora's first son to go through the HG progeny test. Now, in May 2006, he has flown in to the number one position on the Red Holstein DPS-list, and with his first proof he is miles ahead of the number two Kian.

Flushes of Flora with Lightning RF and Beautiful resulted only in heifer calves: Fatima VG86 (s. Beautiful) and Fleur VG87 (s. Lightning). From these cows, HG has Topspeed Gogo sons in its rearing units. A Stadel son of Flora has recently started his progeny test.



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Flora EX90 (s. Tulip), dam of Fabian

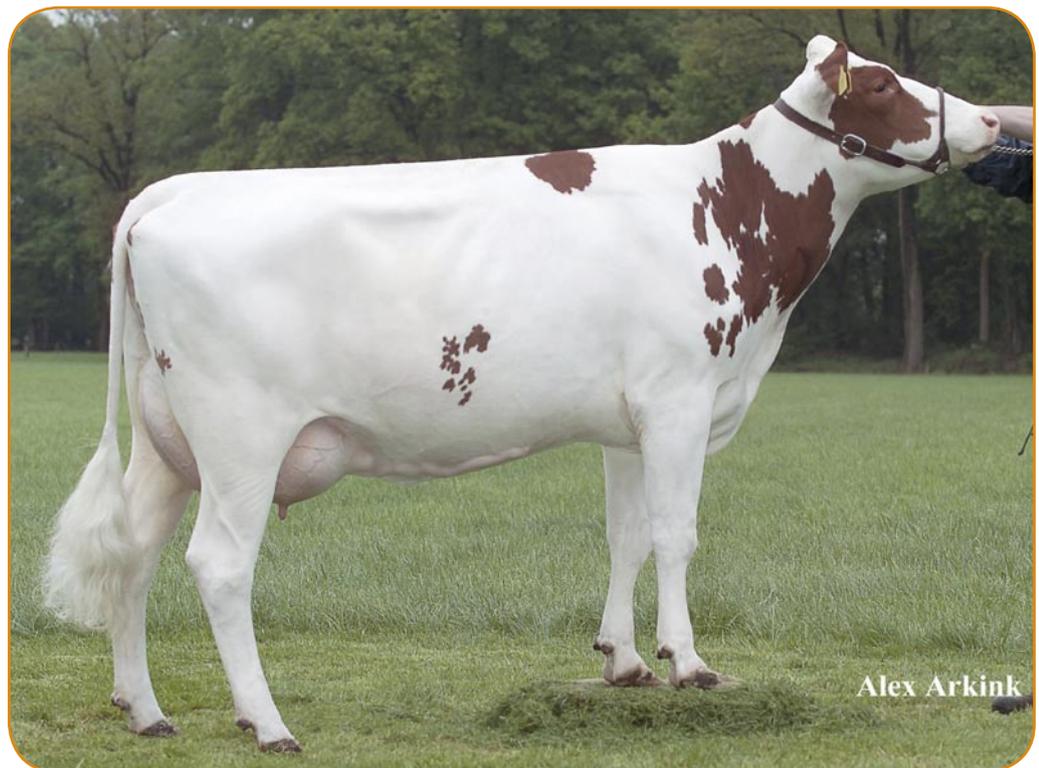
Interesting sisters

As well as Fatima and Fleur, Fabian has some younger sisters who are enjoying AI interest. Among them are Stadel and Reno yearlings, while from his Lightning sister Fleur, there is a red and white Canvas heifer calf on the ground that Henk Verheij is very impressed with. She has the right credentials to become the fifth generation of this 'F' family to get a bull contract.

Pleased

Henk Verheij inspected more than 20 daughters of Fabian: "Without exception the owners of these Fabian cows were very pleased with them. If you want to describe these cows, they are actually of the kind you don't notice in the herd. They produce well and are well put together. They are average for size, with good udders and locomotion." Production-wise, Fabian resembles his relative Puntdroad, and type-wise his daughters remind me of the daughters of his sire Creylo".

High component sire Fabian is very easy calving and an ideal mate for the daughters of Beautiful and Oudkerker Reno.



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Fabian daughter Emma 534