

Our-Favorite Unlimited

Unlimited source of chart-topping type

Nearly every bull stud in the world has high PTA Type sires in their portfolio with new initiatives recently developed to focus on marketing these males. One family is leading the way and producing more high PTA Type bulls than any other on the list. For three generations, a female from the Our-Favorite Unlimited family has topped the PTA Type charts and currently four bulls rank in the Top 10. Today, Our-Favorite Velocity sits in the No. 1 spot on the female list with an impressive +4.53 PTAT, following in the footsteps of her dam, Voracious, and granddam, Unlimited.

Eight generations of Our-Favorite

But before we dig into the high heifers and bulls, let's take a look back at the loaded pedigree stacked with type and good milk cows. Todd Stanek, owner of Our-Favorite Holsteins, Fall Creek, Wis. shares, "We take a lot of pride of the fact that Velocity is the eighth generation to carry our prefix; but it all started with the purchase of five-year-old, EDR V I Angie Melvina EX-93 GMD DOM in 1992. Melvina was named Reserve All-American Senior Three-Year-Old in 1990, and was a tremendously tall and strong cow with the widest and highest rear udder I have ever had in my barn." Stanek purchased Melvina in the Marsh Farm Dispersal Sale, Palmyra, Wis.

"Melvina herself was carrying a good index at the time; however, her sire, Melvin, wasn't really the bull the A.I. studs were looking for," shares Stanek. Nonetheless, Melvina was a very prolific flush cow with many flushes of 20-25 embryos.

In order to gain A.I. interest, Stanek flushed Melvina to a variety of bulls including high index sires at the time like Mascot. From this we will jump forward to Convincer daughter Conceited. "Conceited put our farm on the map and brought visitors, A.I. studs and embryo buyers, she was considered one of the best Convincer daughters in the country." Consequently for Stanek breeding goals worldwide were

shifting more towards health and fitness traits. "Conceited's sire stack didn't align with the new breeding direction." Stanek adjusted and started using bulls like Outside and Shottle to improve the health traits of the family in hopes to bring back some A.I. interest.

When the Shottle [Our-Favorite Obvious] turned breeding-age, Stanek's son Cade had just started getting more involved in the matings. "The Shottle was such a nice and fancy heifer that Cade decided to breed her to Atwood," Stanek said. This natural pregnancy resulted in a heifer calf named, Our-Favorite Unlimited. "Cade and I can't agree on why and who decided to test her on genomics as we were more focused on GTPI at the time, but all I can say I am glad we did."

Todd Stanek, Our-Favorite
"Unlimited has taught us that when there is potential to score high, don't hesitate and test them. You will never know which one is the outlier. For us Unlimited was that outlier."

Unlimited type

And just like that a superstar evolved. When genomics came back, Unlimited immediately claimed the top spot on the PTA Type charts. Stanek shares, "Unlimited scored the maximum Excellent-92 and has done what every other cow in her pedigree has done before, namely in their best period they all belonged to the highest production and best type cows in our barn."

Unlimited was flushed as a heifer resulting in Our-Favorite Endless VG-87, sired by Doorman, and is now fresh for the second time. Her full brother, Union, is part of the Showcase Selections program at Select Sires and you will see his daughters at the shows this summer and fall. When Unlimited calved she was put in an extensive flush pro-

HIGH RANKING UNLIMITED SONS

NAAB	Name	Pedigree	GTPI	PTAT	Owner
7H013730	Our-Favorite Undenied	Solomon x Unlimited	2234	4.16	Select Sires
	Our-Favorite Jacoby 37	Jacoby x Inquisitive	2242	4.14	
	Our-Favorite Byway 28	Byway x Inquisitive	2244	4.13	Semex
	Our-Favorite Jacoby 25	Jacoby x Voracious	2151	4.07	Semex
200H010870	Our-Favorite VC Mafia	Solomon x Unlimited	2256	3.95	Semex
	Our-Favorite Jacoby 35	Jacoby x Munificent	2266	3.93	
	Our-Favorite Byway 30	Byway x Munificent	2237	3.90	
566H001283	Our-Favorite On Point	Solomon x Unlimited	2280	3.88	International Protein Sires
	Our-Favorite Byway 32	Byway x Inquisitive	2112	3.78	
7H012593	Our-Favorite Union	Doorman x Unlimited	2291	3.56	Select Sires

gram, yielding interesting daughters sired by Kingboy (Voracious +4.05 PTAT and former No. 1 PTAT heifer in the breed; Expectation +3.63 PTAT), Beemer (Munificent +3.80 PTAT, Undeniable +3.73 PTAT and Inquisitive +3.66 PTAT), Hang-Time (Compelling +3.70 PTAT). These heifers were and are still being worked in an extensive IVF program together with their dam Unlimited.

Working Unlimited and her daughters has resulted in a tremendous line-up of high ranking males and females. Stanek shares, “I am excited to see that the Solomon sons from Unlimited are producing semen now and will be available soon.”

Of these Solomon sons, Undenied is in the barns at Select Sires scoring an impressive +4.16 PTAT, a +3.95 PTAT Solomon, VC Mafia, is at Semex and the third son, On Point, +3.88 PTAT, will be available from International Protein Sires.

However, the story is far from over, Our-Favorite Inquisitive (s. Beemer) has Jacoby and Byway sons at +4.14 PTAT and +4.13 PTAT. A full brother to the No. 1 PTAT Heifer, Velocity, came back at +4.07 PTAT and will be heading to Semex.

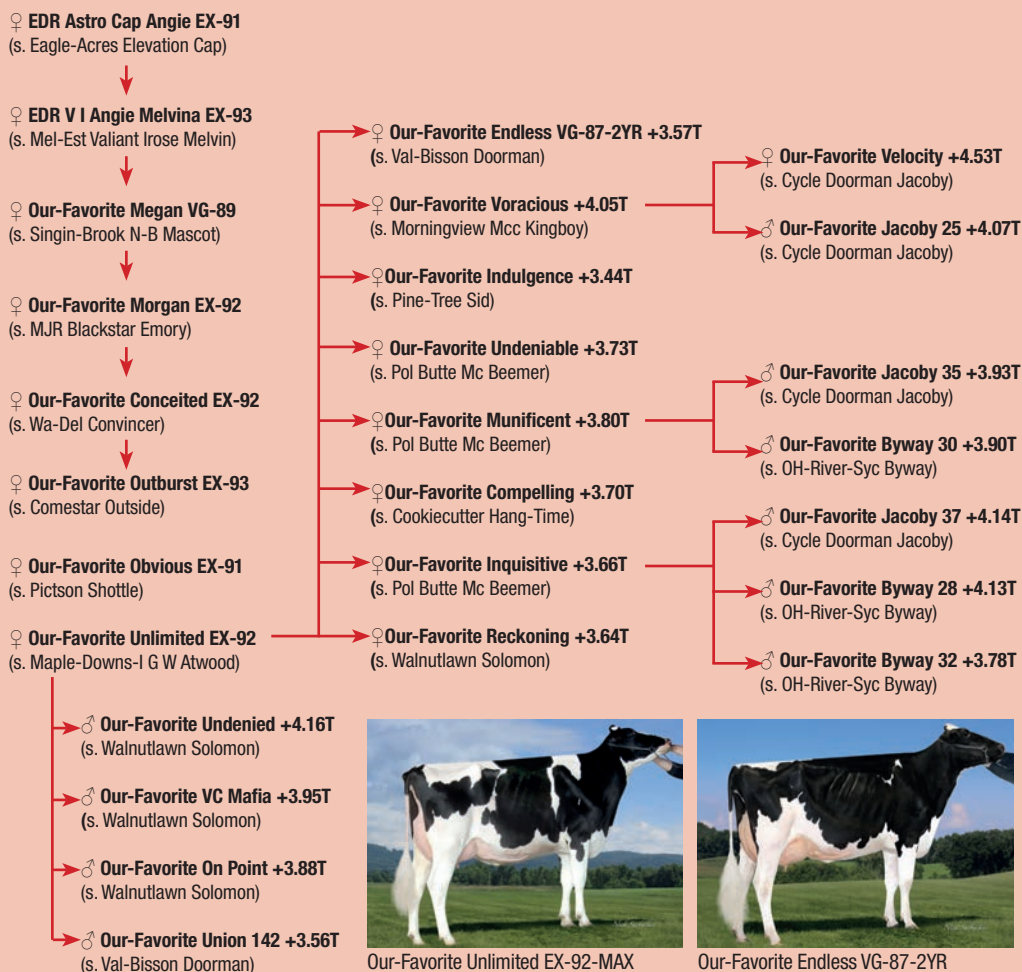
Stanek is very excited about the Byway sons from the Beemer sisters Munificent and Inquisitive. “They might not be the highest but they have complete indexes, including good scores for rump, PTA milk, calving ease and DPR. A.I.’s are more critical to their type bull selections so we try to breed high type bulls that are more than just a high PTA Type number,” shares Stanek.



Our-Favorite Unlimited EX-92 with owner, Todd Stanek

“With the exciting group of pregnancies coming up from the heifers and the next generation that will go into IVF including Velocity +4.53 PTAT, I am looking forward for what the future has in store for this family.”

One thing we can be sure, the story of the success of the Unlimited family is still in the early chapters and without question the breeding tradition of great production and type cows will continue.



Our-Favorite Unlimited EX-92-MAX



Our-Favorite Endless VG-87-2YR



Our-Favorite Conceited EX-92 GMD DOM