Lylehaven Lila Z

The impact of a "Million Dollar Cow"



Lylehaven Lila Z EX-94-CAN 6* "The Million Dollar Cow"

Lila Z Facts

- There are 5 daughters of Lila Z which feature in Canada's Top 75 GLPI cows
- Approximately 50 sons and grandsons of Lila Z are currently housed in
- 13 different breeders have part owned shares of Lylehaven Lila Z up to this present time.
- Ownership on Lila Z has changed on 7 separate occasions!

Few cows can rival the accomplishments that Lila Z has already achieved; In 2005 she became one of only 6 individual animals to ever realise in excess of 1 million dollars, earning herself the nickname of the "Million Dollar Cow". Today her progeny continue to command high prices and top sales all over the world, and now we are beginning to see her legacy grow, as her first sons come through with encouraging proofs and high expectations.

In this issue of "Hotspots" we take a look at the global phenomenon that is Lila Z and investigate what the future holds for this remarkable family.

Origin

Lila Z began her life in the picturesque Lylehaven barns, in East Montpellier, Vermont. It is impossible to talk about any genetics at Lylehaven, without first acknowledging the impact her grand-dam Thiersant Lili Starbuck EX-94 4E has had and continues to have on the herd. Purchased as a two-year old from Quebec breeders Andre and Denis Levallee, Lylehaven manager Sue Brown talks fondly of the big black Starbuck cow who is fresh again at the age of 14-3, and looks on course to exceed the 100,000kg production mark this year. "Lili has been a tremendous cow for us at Lylehaven, unfortunately we never got her timed just right to compete at the major shows, but she has certainly established herself as a tremendous brood cow" With 38 registered progeny to date, she now has 13 EX and 7 VG daughters classified, this number is only set to grow as more of her promising daughters calve in. Probably Lili's most successful flush and certainly the one which gained her International recognition was the mating to Formation, which resulted in 5 heifers being born. Four of these went on to score EX, with the fifth remaining VG-88, amongst this flush was Lylehaven Form Laura EX-94 3E, a tremendous production cow who enjoyed celebrated success on the Tan-Bark trail and was voted Res. All Canadian Jr 3yr old 2002. Of course back in March 1999 when Laura was born, no-one could have anticipated the impact she would have on the breed in the 21st century, or the number of pedigrees she would feature on worldwide as a result of Lila Z being her daughter.

Lila Z

Having dominated the show-ring and having won the coveted premier sire award at the World Dairy Expo for a staggering five consecutive years, Regancrest Elton Durham will undoubtedly go down in history as being a breed legend. The combination of Durham X Formation Laura resulted in perhaps his best known daughter being born in the Spring of 2002- Lylehaven Lila Z.

As a calf Lila Z exhibited the size, style and capacity that evaded some young-stock sired by Durham, the following year a syndicate of Canadian breeders featuring Genibeq, Mary Inn and Genotyc saw her potential, and purchased her from Lylehaven. She went on to claim first Junior Yearling at the Royal Winter Fair and All Canadian Junior Yearling 2003.

Just a few months later she was re-sold to Cormdale and Genervations, who calved her out in the summer of 2004, just seventy days into her lactation she scored the maximum score for any 1st or 2nd calver in Canada, adding 89 points to her already growing list of credentials! She returned to the Royal that year in milking form where she repeated her success, winning as a Junior 2 year old and again claiming the All Canadian title.

In March 2005, Lila Z sold for 1.15 million dollars in the Triple Crown Sale held in Guelph Ontario, selling to a syndicate consisting of Cormdale, Genervations, Comestar, Whittier Farms, and UK based Mark Falshaw, with A.D.I Cattle Corp later joining the group. Lila Z became the first cow in over 20 years to sell for more than a Million dollars and today remains the 3rd highest grossing animal in Canadian history. Canada had a new cover girl and media sensation, not only had Lila Z



Comestar Goldwyn Lilac VG-88-CAN 2yr. #11 GLPI list (Jan '10) | Nom. All. Can Sr. 2yr Old



Calbrett Shottle Lisamaree VG-87-CAN 2yr. #29 GLPI list (Jan '10)



Rockledge Prissy Lyndon, dtr of Genervations Lyndon Jr. Champion Brant Wenworth County 2009

realised an incredible price, got a string of show-ring accomplishments, and cat walk looks, she had also proved at this stage she had incredible production (2-04 365d 16,187kgs 3.5%f 3.3%p) and world-wide appeal!

Shottle

When the first shipment of Picston Shottle semen arrived on Canadian soil, Lila Z was promptly bred to it for a flush, the Shottle daughters of Lila Z were amongst the very first registered in Canada, four daughters were registered, all of whom classified either 87 or 88 points as 2 year olds. Calbrett Shottle Lisamaree VG-87 2yr is the highest ranked Shottle daughter at #29 Canadian GLPI list (Jan 10), with +2620, owned by Fleury Holsteins and Genotyc, she completed a first lactation of 12,323kgs in 305days 3.9%f 3.2%p. Lisamaree has sons in AI, and demand for her progeny continues.

Calbrett Shottle Lela VG-87 2yr realised \$110,000 when she sold at the ADI 3rd Edition sale, she is ranked #67 on the latest GLPI list with +2414, whilst South of the border in the US, Calbrett Shottle Laura VG-88 2yr now owned by Select Genetics and Velthuis Farms remains in amongst the top 100 CTPI list.

Goldwyn

Having been sold at the Triple Crown Sale and now labelled as the Million Dollar Cow, Lila Z was successfully flushed under the management of co-owner Marc Comtois, probably her most notable daughter from this combination is Comestar Goldwyn Lilac VG-88 2yr who having been nominated All Canadian as a Sr 2 year old, completes

Top selling cows of all time

Name	Sale	Price \$
Brookview Tony Charity	Hanoverhill	\$ 1,450,000
EX-97 4E DOM	Dispersal sale 1985	(CAN)
G Metcalf Valiant Mist	Lylehaven All	\$ 1,300,000
EX-94 2E GMD DOM	Star-Sale 1985	(US)
Eastside Lewisdale	Morsan Road to	\$ 1.200,000
Goldwyn Missy VG-89	the Royal 2009	(CAN)
Lylehaven Lila Z EX-94	Triple Crown sale 2005	\$ 1.150,000 (CAN)
Allendairy Glamorous	Pearmont Farm	\$ 1,025,000
Ivy EX-96 3E	Dispersal 1983	(US)
KHW Regiment	Global Glamour	\$ 1,000,000
Apple Red EX-92	Sale 2008	(US)

three generations of All Canadian nominees! In the latest January rankings she stands at #11 GLPI; with +2880GLPI, she is the highest genomic tested animal in the world that has been nominated All Canadian or All American. "She really is the complete package, she has high

Albert Cormier, Cormdale

"I was at a show in Quebec in the fall of 2003, both Lila Z and her dam Laura were there, and I just fell in love with them both! They both had tremendous frame and length to them and they were from a great cow family. Durham at that time was so dominant, and having never been available in Canada, Lila Z had an element of exclusivity, Champion was #1 LPI bull in Canada for Genervations and we were looking to invest in something with the credentials to develop into a great bull dam and that was Lila Z!"

index and the elite type modern breeders look for", says Dave Eastman of Genervations. With an impressive first lactation of over 17,000kgs in 365 days and high components of 4.6% and 3.8% for fat and protein respectively, Lilac continues to be internationally in demand for her owners Maple Wood Farms, Genervations and O'Connor Land and Cattle company. Calbrett Goldwyn Layla VG-88 3yr, who was previously owned by an European syndicate consisting of Diamond Genetics, Drakkar Holsteins and Anderstrup Holsteins, is the daughter that most resembles Lila Z according to Albert Cormier, she has inherited much of the same type, and character from her dam Lila Z, and selling for \$230,000 makes her the highest selling daughter of Lila Z to be sold at public auction to date. Of course there are many other daughters from this mating, including Comestar Goldwyn Lava VG-87 2yr, the result of a split embryo with Lilac, who at #15, is right up there with the elite of the breed, and Calbrett Goldwyn Liza VG-88 2yr who topped the ADI 2nd edition sale in 2008 when she sold for \$175,000.

Of course Lila Z has daughters by other bulls including Comestar Lila C Stormatic VG-87 2yr owned by Isaac Lancaster, that won 2nd Junior 3yr old Ontario Spring Discovery Show 2009. In addition she has calves on the ground by Million and Alexander that have tremendous potential for the future.





Sons in A.I.

Lila Z's first natural born calf was a son by Freelance, he was tested and to date has 79 daughters in his proof with 73% classified GP or better. Based on the exceptional female results with the Shottle and Goldwyn crosses, it comes as little surprise that there are high expectations for these sons as well. Genervations Lyndon is the only Shottle son, with Parent average figures of LPI +2354 and +13 Conformation, he just recently scored EX-93, incidentally one of 4 Lila Z bulls to go EX on the same day! Lyndon's daughters are due to start calving in the next month or two, with over 280 daughters registered, he will be one of the first Shottle sons to get a proof in Canada. It's fair to say there is an air of optimism amongst the Genervations team, having already sired showwinners and with breeder reports on his progeny being very encouraging, Lyndon is without doubt a young sire to watch for the future. Several studs sampled sons by Goldwyn, including Genervations, St Jacobs and Semex, daughters of these should start calving this Spring, but early indications are extremely positive about their type, and the inheritance of the trademark frame Lila Z is renowned for. Lila Z has a total of 11 sons in AI, and it's estimated that in global AI there are a further 35-40 grandsons, distributed in studs around the globe. The influence of Lila Z's sons could potentially influence the breed on a major scale, not since the days of Laurie Sheik, has so much

Lila Z's in Europe

faith and confidence been put in one cow family.

In Europe Lila Z's only milking daughter to date is Acecroft Goldwyn Lila Z VG-87 2yr, who exhibits the same frame and scale we have come to expect from the family, she is projected to give over 13,000kgs in 305 days as a 2 year old, and is internationally in demand as a bull dam, the genomic results from her sons are extremely encouraging! At Willsbro they flushed her to Howie, Shottle and Mr Burns, with the Mr Burns influence the Lila Z family now has both heifers and bulls which possess the Red Carrier status which only broadens their global appeal. In a 2008 Eurogenes on-line heifer sale, Baxter Lilac Z (Baxter X Goldwyn Lilac VG-88 2yr) sold for EUR32,000 to Soureth Holsteins, this heifer ranks amongst the very best Baxter daughters tested for genomics. In Denmark at Hood Holsteins, they also have a full sister Hood Baxter Love, and Hood Baxter Lyndsey (Baxter X Goldwyn Lyndsey VG-87 2yr). In France at Drakkar Holsteins, two grand-daughters of Lila Z are

Dave Eastman, Genervations

"It's becoming increasingly apparent that Lila Z is able to transmit her exemplary type through the progeny of her sons, they exhibit the same length of body and ultra long dairy necks, with tremendous frames that have the balance and style associated with Lila Z; we are really excited about her first sons coming through and expectations are high"

housed, DKR Pronto Layla, a super stylish Pronto from the \$230,000 Goldwyn Layla and Hood Baxter Lucia (Baxter X Goldwyn Lilac VG-88 2yr) owned in partnership with GAEC Du Resto. Whilst Ven Dairy own in partnership with JK Eder, a promising Pronto heifer Anderstrup Pronto Liza, from the \$175,000 Goldwyn Liza VG-88 2yr.Whilst

Top	sel	ling	Lila	Z's

Name	Sire	Dam	Selling Price \$
Lylehaven Lila Z	Regancrest	Lylehaven Form	\$ 1.150,000
EX-94	Elton Durham	Laura EX-94 3E	
Calbrett Goldwyn	Braedale	Lylehaven	\$ 230,000
Layla VG-88 2yr	Goldwyn	Lila Z EX-94	
Calbrett Goldwyn	Braedale	Lylehaven	\$ 175,000
Liza VG-88 2yr	Goldwyn	Lila Z EX-94	
Lylehaven Lila Z	Regancrest	Lylehaven Form	\$ 113,000
EX-94	Elton Durham	Laura EX-94 3E	
Calbrett Shottle Lela VG-87 2yr	Picston Shottle	Lylehaven Lila Z EX-94	\$ 110,000
Gen-I-Beq Baxter	Emerald-ACR-	Comestar Goldwyn	\$ 69,000
Lavy	SA T Baxter	Lava VG-87 2yr	(US)
Whittier-CF Gold	Braedale	Calbrett Shottle	\$ 65,000
Lila	Goldwyn	Laura VG-88 2yr	
Smiddiehill Baxter Landy	Emerald-ACR- SA T Baxter	Calbrett Shottle Lisamaree VG-87 2yr	\$ 65,000
Fleury Gen Baxter Lisa	Emerald-ACR- SA T Baxter	Calbrett Shottle Lisamaree VG-87 2yr	\$ 61,000
Greenmile Bolton	Sandy Valley	Lylehaven	\$ 60,000
Lila B	Bolton	Lila Z EX-94	(US)
Willdina Baxter	Emerald-ACR-	Calbrett Goldwyn	\$ 57,000
Linda	SA T Baxter	Liza VG-88 2yr	
Baxter Lilac Z	Emerald-ACR-	Comestar Goldwyn	€ 32,000
	SA T Baxter	Lilac VG-88 2yr	(Euro)

in terms of numbers few Lila Z heifers have been genomic tested in Europe the #1 Bolton daughter based on gTPI in Europe is Tegan Bolton Lila Z 2, with an impressive +2122 GTPI, she is a daughter of Shottle Lela, and is jointly owned by Diamond Genetics and Drakkar Holsteins. It's certain that with some of the top family members already within Europe, the impact of Lila Z's genes will in the future continue to grow outside of North America as well.

Looking to the future

Lila Z's success is partly due to the great Holstein Breeders associated with her development and also the marketing frenzy she created. Few animals will ever generate the kind of income she has returned, largely thanks to the family's ability to produce significant volumes of embryos. Her money making ways looks set to continue for the new syndicate that purchased her at the most recent ADI sale for \$113,000. Since being trucked over 4000km to British Columbia for new syndicate owners Cedarwal and Bradner Farms and T&L Cattle Ltd she has already produced 21 embryos in her very first flush.

Will the sons of Lila Z meet the high expectations? Will her daughters continue the generations of Excellence we expect? – Only time will tell; What we can say without question is that Lylehaven Lila Z has earned her place in Holstein history, as one of the biggest grossing cows of all time.

Lylehaven Lila Z family cow family

O Ivyhill Astro Jet Ronie VG-86-CAN (s. Bridon Astro Jet)

Thiersant Lili Starbuck EX-94-USA 4E (s. Hanoverhill Starbuck)

13 EXCELLENT & 7 VG offspring

O Lylehaven Form Laura EX-94-USA

(s. Shen-Val NV LM Formation)









Uylehaven Damion Lullu VG-88-USA (s. Erbacres Damion)

♥ Lylehaven Lexus EX-91 -USA



 Lylehaven Fortune Latte (s. To-Mar D Fortune)



d Lylehaven Lightning (s. Regancrest Elton Durham)





Calbrett Shottle Lela VG-87-CAN

Q Calbrett Sh Lisamaree VG-87-CAN

9 Calbrett Goldwyn Layla VG-88-CAN

O Comestar Goldwyn Lilac VG-88-CAN

Q Lylehaven Lila Z EX-94-CAN

(s. Regancrest Elton Durham)

(s. Braedale Goldwyn)

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(s. Picston Shottle)

Calbrett Shottle Laura VG-88-USA

(s. Picston Shottle)



(s. Picston Shottle)

(s. Sandy-Valley Bolton) GTPI 2122 (Jan 10) #1 Bolton Europe o Tegan Bolton Lila Z



Smiddiehill Final Cut Lisa NC

(s. Emerald-Acres TA Baxter)

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o Genervations Lyndon EX-93 (s. Picston Shottle)

Lila Z sons

O Hood Baxter Lucia

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Acecroft Goldwyn Lila Z VG-87-UK (s. Braedale Goldwyn)

○ Cabrett Shottle Lea VG-87-USA

Calbrett Goldwyn Liza VG-88-CAN

Comestar Storma Lila C VG-87-CAN

Calbrett GW Lindsey VG-87-CAN

o Gen-I-Beq Zodiac EX-90

Braedale Freelance)

(s. Braedale Goldwyn)

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(s. Picston Shottle)



(s. Comestar Stormatic)

Genervations Landmark EX-92

(s Calbrett-IHH Champion)



9 Comestar Goldwyn Lita VG-85-CAN (s. Braedale Goldwyn)



O Comestar Goldwyn Lava VG-87-CAN (s. Braectale Goldwyn)

