

A day in the life of LORDPRES

Welcome to LORPRES world!

LORDPRES is one of the reluctant, more difficult bulls to get to work on semen collections. He is a popular bull with farmers and is in high demand, so every dose collected counts! Along with NINEFOLD and BESTKEPT, LORDPRES is housed in the '5-star' accommodation unit. The shed is insulated and temperature controlled, providing ideal conditions for bulls to produce the highest amount of semen.

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"Doors have opened, must be a workday. Suppose I'd better stand up, let the boys know I am still alive. Give NINEFOLD a bit of lip, he thinks he's pretty good now he's being collected six times a week. The boys keep telling him how popular he is and how all the farmers love his daughters. Yeah, mate ... welcome to my world! I tried to tell him that's why he's in here in air-conditioned comfort, but he just thought it was because of his accident last year. Must have hurt to lose his toe like that. Slowed him up a bit but he's looking all right now he's in 'the shed'."



"BESTKEPT is his normal self ... noisy bugger. He's a big, black shiny bull so he is apparently quite a catch for all the girls out there. He reckons he's so popular because he's from some place called Holland - came here as an embryo. I hear from the marketing people that come in here that he's popular there and some other place called the UK, no idea where those places are, but I guess they could do worse."

"He's not the best company though. NINEFOLD and I always have to explain our jokes to him, he just doesn't get them."



"Can just see out the window into the sand pit. Looks like a big day today, there is a bunch of the little fellas in for their first time. I can hardly remember what that was like! INFORMER is on again, see him out there nearly every day now, haven't had a chance to catch up since he was moved out into the '3-star' accommodations ... just a shed and a bit of a run. He did enjoy it in here, but I guess he doesn't really need the pampering like me and NINEFOLD. He's just a young fella, new to the game, so he doesn't need any extra encouragement to do the work."

"Think I'll rest a bit more, it'll be a few hours till they come and get me. Suppose I should think about it a bit, see if I can get focused. Wonder where they'll take me today?"
 "Last week we went for a walk over the bridge and into the big paddock. Reggie thinks it helps me when they do that."
 "But really, I've just got them all convinced that I don't like being collected and they need to 'spice it up' for me to work!"



"In fact I just want to take a walk to see what the farm is doing, have a chat to the boys, hear the gossip. Gives me something to do, gets boring just eating, sleeping and jumping. Don't know how the other fellas do it."

"Yes! Here comes Simon with a few pellets before we go. Thank goodness for that, getting a little hungry, can't work on an empty stomach! Simon likes to chat, he reckons some mob called 'the Dogs' are doing OK. Not sure what he's on about, he can talk some rubbish sometimes."



"Righto, they've put a few of the other fellas away, must be coming to get me shortly. Better make some noise and kick up the sawdust a bit, it looks impressive and like I'm a big tough bloke. Wonder where we'll go today? Wouldn't mind heading out the other side of the shed. Haven't caught up with some of these new boys for a while."



"Beauty! We're heading that way, past the '3-star' boys!"

"I'll slow down and say g'day to BELLTOWER and GOBETWEEN. Apparently they're cousins, grew up together down on their farm in Gippsland."

"They tell me INFORMER is their cousin too and an old fella called ALLORA. He was the first of their family to make it in the big time. They must breed 'em pretty good down that way."



"My family is doing pretty well too. My nephew TIDALWAVE is here. I didn't really know his mum that well, I had left before she came along but it looks like he's doing all right for himself."

"Got a fair bit in common with me, they tell me his daughters look pretty good and take the relaxed approach to life, much like myself."

"I hear a whisper that he's picked up the 'calving ease' trait that I have as well, that should make him even more popular!"



"Next down the line is some bloke called BADGER. Gee, he looks like ASTOUND! They both have great skin; they must really look after themselves! He's clipped on one side so he must have had his photo taken. That's always fun, especially in the middle of winter! Going into the sandpit, expecting to get a jump, gets blasted with freezing cold water instead. It's a bit of a rough deal, but on the upside you get more pellets while you are out there!"

"Ah! ... there's ASTOUND on the other side of this red bloke. His daughters must be good; he'd have to be the oldest fella on the farm now. You hear talk about how his daughters keep winning at all the shows and stuff and how he's No. 1 in some place called the USA. He's a legend this bloke but he's always happy to have a chat, just thinks he's one of the boys having a good time, chatting up all the visitors who stop to look at him."



"Not sure who this red fella is next to him, but he's had the old clip job as well. I can just read his tag, ARBJIM the hot new Aussie Red boy I've heard about. There seems to be a few more of these fellas around now. I heard all the visitors during our parade talking about how these red fellas are meant to be good for fertility and calving ease. They'd be doing well to be better than me though! Not that I'm bragging, but I am the best of the Black and Whites!"



"OK, OK ... drag me away from my mates!"

"But I guess I'd better get motivated before Johnny starts whispering sweet nothings in my ear again, not sure why you think that helps me there Johnny! They've got me in front of the young fellas, they think I'll feel the need to show off in front of them and do the jump straight away."



"Well I've got news for them, I'm way past the 'showing off' stage, and I'll get to it when I get to it! Better not leave it too long this morning though, Brendan is looking a little 'tired and emotional'. Look at him checking his watch, it's not like he's got anything else to do today!"

"Now Jimmy's bringing old 'Dave' out to see if that will fire me up. He is my favourite but sometimes it would be nice to have a 'real woman' in here!"



"Maybe they could bring some of those photos that Sheri and the team take out there. The little bits I've seen look all right. Some of the girls are not bad; think the other boys here are doing a pretty good job if all their daughters look like that."



"I suppose I'd better get on with it, it's getting near lunch time and I am really peckish now."

"Food is certainly the higher priority as I get older, don't get me wrong I still enjoy the odd jump but food ... I love food!"