

Kometdieding

Karel Miedema's Pedigree Evaluation

Elusive Fort – Adorable by Captain Al

A sire's best progeny often appears to have one of two origins, attributable to the affinities of either of his parents.

To make a prediction about what will suit Kometdieding the apparent affinities of his sire Elusive Fort (Fort Wood) and dam Adorable (Captain Al) need examination.

The half-dozen or so **best offspring of Elusive Fort** include dams by Captain Al, Argonaut and West Man. Captain Al has Adorable (dam of Kometdieding) and Betty Burke (dam of siblings Ernie and Freedom Charter). Argonaut has Ignition Lady (dam of siblings Catch Twenty Two and Big Burn). West Man has Siren's Cove (dam of Siren's Call). All have ratings between 105 to 115.

Argonaut is a son of Western Winter, by Gone West, the latter also sire of West Man. Gone West is close kin to Elusive Fort's damsire Secret Prospector. Their pedigrees have Mr Prospector and close kin-relatives Buckpasser and Tim Tam close up.

In addition, among the top fifteen of Elusive Fort's best offspring, there are three with dams by Parade Leader and Windrush (both with close kin connections to Secret Prospector) and one by Western Winter.

Kometdieding hails from a strong sire-producing female line, tracing to Queen Of Light. This mare is by Borealis out of Picture Play, making her very close kin to sires Alycidon and Acropolis. The notable lines here are grandsire Donatello and grandam Aurora.

The bottom female line extends further to the mare Absurdity, full sister to Doxa. The latter is grandam of Helene de Troie, dam of famous mare La Troienne. The pedigree make-up of Helene de Troie makes her close kin to Amuse, grandam of Queen Of Light, which in turn leads to a close kinship between La Troienne and Queen Of Light.

This gives an expectation that descendants of La Troienne and of Queen Of Light might combine well.

Four of Queen Of Light's daughters established sire-producing families: Chandelier, Crystal Palace, Picture Light and Lovely Light. Of these, Chandelier was the most prolific one. We follow the legacy of her daughter Crystal Light. Her two highest achieving descendants are **Kometdieding and Captain America, both multiple Gr I winners.**

Kometdieding is by Elusive Fort (Fort Wood) out of a mare by Captain Al, while Captain America is by Captain Al out of a daughter of Fort Wood.

Captain Al's influence appears to follow one of two routes: either his sire Al Mufti, or his bottom female line.

- Al Mufti is a son of influential mare Lassie Dear. She is by Buckpasser, possibly La Troienne's most influential descendant.
- Captain Al carries a double of Buckpasser's dam Busanda, and thus a double of La Troienne.
- This provides the link to Queen Of Light.

Kometdieding's sire Elusive Fort brings more of the same.

His dam Ever Seeking is by Secret Prospector. The latter's grandam Numbered Account is by Buckpasser out of Intriguing, herself a descendant of La Troienne, and so giving a double La T. Interestingly, Numbered Account is close kin to Lassie Dear.

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable lines for Kometdieding to consider:

- mares with multiples of La Troienne, which are widespread, and include Secret Prospector, Lassie Dear (Al Mufti, Captain Al, Duke Of Marmalade, Tiger Ridge, Jay Peg, etc), Northern Guest (Capetown Noir, Pomodoro), National Assembly (National Emblem, Rafeef, Vercingetorix), Complete Warrior, etc.;
- mares with Mr Prospector, which are widespread, notably including Secret Prospector, etc. (and generally hard to avoid);
- mares with kin-links to Secret Prospector, notably Gone West (Western Winter (Argonaut, What A Winter, Capetown Noir), West Man, Visionaire), Parade Leader, Seeking The Gold (Windrush, Lecture, Dubawi (Erupt, Willow Magic)), Forty Niner (Trippi, Distorted Humor (Flower Alley, Pathfork), Rich Man's Gold (Kildonan));
- mares with sires from Queen Of Light's female line, including Crystal de Roche, Welsh Pageant (Canford Cliffs, Saumarez, Second Empire, Kildonan), etc;
- mares with close kin-links to Queen Of Light, notably Alycidon (What A Winter (!), etc.), Acropolis (Kahal, Horse Chestnut, etc.); the dam of Queen Of Light is half sister to the dam of South African sire Royal Pardon (Goldmark, Vercingetorix);
- mares with Fort Wood (Dynasty, Horse Chestnut, Capetown Noir, William Longsword, etc).

Secret Prospector is kinbred through the bottom female line of his sire Mr Prospector (Miss Dogwood) to La Troienne and daughter Baby League. Miss Dogwood is also close kin to Businesslike, dam of Busanda.

Secret Prospector, in other words, **looks to be a notable influence.** In this context, note La Massine. She's by Secret Prospector out of Northern Guest mare Karpakova, a pedigree loaded with La Troienne. La Massine is dam of champion Variety Club.

Elusive Fort's sire Fort Wood will be of interest, as his dam Fall Aspen is close kin to Elusive Fort's bottom line ancestor Empress. Empress is also close kin to La Troienne and to Flower Bowl (dam of His Majesty, and Graustark – in Secret Prospector)

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