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## **Nobby (Prophecy EF x Nocturne) - Pedigree Analysis by Carl Fudge February 29, 2012**

Nobby (Prophecy EF x Nocturne) won the 2010 World Endurance Championship held in Kentucky. Nobby is not a tall horse (148 cms= 14'2) and his rider Maria Mercedes Alvarez Ponton is a petite woman. Maria rode for her home country Spain, but her husband trains the UAE team which won the Team Gold medal with a total time nearly 55 minutes faster than the second place finishing team, France. One article posted on the internet spoke about Nobby's exceptional recovery times being key to his success.

Nobby was 15 years old at the time of the World Equine Games. He completed the 100 mile course with an average speed of just over 21 kilometers per hour. Prior to winning the 2010 World Championship, Nobby had previously won the 2008 World Championship and the 2009 European Championship. Nobby averaged 17 kph at the rain-soaked 2008 Championships in Malaysia. Nobby's first international race was in Dubai in 2006.

Reading articles about Nobby, various claims are made about his heritage. One writer claimed he is Polish-bred in that his sire and dam lines originated in Poland. Another claimed he is French as he was born in that country. His sire, Prophecy EF, was born in the US and sold to Holland as a yearling. His dam, Nocturne, was bred by Robbie den Hartog in Holland. However, ALL of Nobby's great-grand-parents were born in Russia, so I would call him Russian.

Nobby has 3 lines to Nabeg and is 25% his blood. Nobby is small just as Nabeg was. The Russian Stud Book lists Nabeg as 150 cms. Nobby has 1 additional line to Arax, sire of Nabeg. After the death of Arax, the Russians carried on the Amurath Sahib sire line through his son Nabeg. While Arax gave many exceptional broodmares, he gave very few sons of breeding quality.

Nobby has 3 lines to the stallion Aswan who makes up 21.87% of Nobby's genetic make-up. The Russians used Aswan to level croups and give more exotic heads to the very athletic, but somewhat plain horses sired by Priboj, Arax and Kann.

Nobby's sire Prophecy EF, was by \*Menes who was an excellent racehorse winning 6 of 11 races. \*Menes was out of the Priboj daughter Metropolia. Metropolia was a very good racer 2/13(4,4,2) and she passed her ability on to her sons \*Menes and Mramor. Mramor set a Russian speed record.

Nobby has 4 lines to the stallion Priboj who won the Russian Derby and 6 of 8 races in total. At one point, Priboj and his offspring held 28 of the 44 Arabian speed records in Russia. Of particular note in Nobby's pedigree is the presence of two full sisters: \*Pustinia and Palmira. Those two mares represent 18.75% of Nobby's genetic make-up. \*Pustinia was Nobby's paternal great grand-dam and she held the Russian speed record for 2 year olds over a distance of 1,000 metres. \*Pustinia and Palmira were daughters of the Priboj x Taktika daughter Ptashka. Ptashka won 4 of her 8 races and was in the money 7 of 8 times. She won 1 Stakes race and placed 3rd in another as a 2 year old.