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Hi there

I have returned safe and sound from a great holiday and would like to thank Karen Breckon and Elaine Culley for holding the fort while I was away and doing a great job of keeping everyone informed of happenings with your fillies.

I was straight back into it, with the Mixed Stock Sale the following day after we arrived home and then I was honoured to be part of a great Harness Jewels Day the very next day, although with some bad luck (Bubbled Up getting a check at the 800 & Tickle Me Pink very uncharacteristically breaking in the score-up) and an interrupted preparation (Partyon fibrillating at the workouts the week before), unfortunately the three Breckon Farms Syndicate horses competing didn't quite get to feature in the placings. They did get close though, with a 4th (Bubbled Up) and a 5th (Partyon) placing. However, Ken and Karen Breckon, along with fellow Breckon Farms Syndicate members Phil and Glenys Kennard, did however have success on the day with Another Masterpiece, in the 2YO Emerald, so CONGRATULATIONS to them and their fellow owners for a very good win !!!

Oh what Jewels Day could have been, had Luby Lou not suffered her injury !!!

Having cleaned up in the NZ Trotting Oaks and NZ Trotting Derby, **Luby Lou** was to head north and prepare for some serious upcoming racing, but sadly this was not to eventuate. Luby Lou suffered a paddock accident prior to her first race in the north and it was in such an awkward place on her leg that the battle to have her ready for later racing was lost. She was to miss the Sires Stakes Trotters Champs, the Northern Trotting Derby, the Northern Trotting Oaks and the Harness Jewels 3yo Ruby. Now she is also to miss the Breeders Crown in Australia, as it has been decided to follow Mark Purdon's recommendation and not travel to Australia, but instead ensure that Luby Lou is completely healed before any attempt is made to race her again. So, she is continuing to receive much TLC and will only return to training once her leg is completely healed. Mark is sure her leg will be 100% and he is erring on the side of caution only because he thinks so much of Luby Lou. Let's hope she recovers well and will be ready to race again around Christmas time.

The Vicars Daughter continued to have trouble with her breathing, flipping her palate on two occasions before attending the workouts regardless and doing the same again. It was then decided that the Syndicate should finish with her, but Ken Breckon and Sandy Yarnley continued with her to try and get her qualified to help her as a broodmare proposition. She had a further unplaced workout run before she was to be

given one more chance at the workouts on the 26th May where she did finish a close second there, but in a very moderate time, but The Vicars Daughter did go on to qualify on the 7th June, finishing in 3rd placing, 5¼ lengths from the winner and recording a time of 2.53.5, so hopefully she can go on and make a success of her career as a broodmare.

Drizella raced on the circuit at Manawatu and Hawera, before returning home and suffering a setback with a viral infection, but once she was over this she returned to race again at Manawatu for two poor showings. Drizella was then to be given her chance racing at Auckland, but also went poorly there, before having her final race for the Syndicate at Cambridge on the 17th May where she finished back in 10th placing and so the decision was made for the Syndicate to finish racing Drizella.

With these retirements of The Vicars Daughter and Drizella, Luby Lou remains as the only filly that will be racing for your Syndicate, but I'm sure she will do you all proud and provide lots of fun and excitement once she is back to full health again.

Here is the latest information on your fillies:-

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen :-

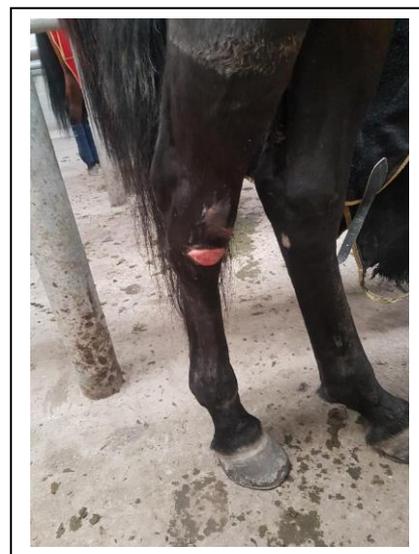
Luby Lou (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

Having last raced on the 6th April where she was an amazing 3½ length winner of the NZ Trotting Derby, following on of course from her very impressive win in the NZ Trotting Oaks, Luby Lou was to travel north and begin her preparations for a tilt at the upcoming major races to be staged at Alexandra Park and Cambridge Raceway, including the Group 2 \$55,200 Sires Stakes Trotters Champs, the Group 1 \$94,000 Northern Trotting Derby, the Group 3 \$28,200 Northern Trotting Oaks and the Group 1 \$125,000 Harness Jewels 3yo Ruby.

Her wins in the south had cemented Luby Lou's position at the top of the Jewels Leaderboard, with a very healthy \$90,500 in stakes, which was more than three times her nearest rival.

However, disaster was to strike, when on the 18th April Luby Lou very unfortunately got herself caught in a fence and had to be scratched from the first of her planned races in the north on the 20th April. This was done on vet's advice as it was considered that with work and exercise it would stretch and not allow the wound around her hock area to heal.

No risks were to be taken, especially as Luby Lou is held in such high regard and as injuries of this type are notoriously slow to heal and it was considered best to do things properly and slowly and so Luby Lou was to miss not only the Northern Trotting Derby, but also eventually the Northern Trotting Oaks and the Jewels.



After Jewels Day was over and things had settled down, Ken Breckon managed to catch up with co-trainer Mark Purdon and had an indepth discussion regarding Luby Lou's immediate future. Mark advised, "Her leg is healing up well. She does have a haematoma on the inside of her leg, but it is coming along OK. She has been out so

long now, it will take some time to get her back up, so I would rather we gave her the time now to properly get over this and not rush her for the Breeders Crown and risk something going wrong, or even have her breakdown. She is a very talented filly and is lengths ahead of Winterfell [the 3YO Ruby winner], so I would strongly recommend to leave her in the paddock now. We would like to get her into a bigger paddock and complete her recovery properly and then maybe bring her up slowly and aim for the Christmas racing. Her leg will be 100%, if we do it properly, so that's what I recommend."

Ken agreed to follow Mark's recommendation and so, unfortunately, Luby Lou will now not be aimed at the Breeders Crown in Australia in August. Instead she will complete her recovery as recommended by Mark and spend longer in the paddock, which I'm sure you will all agree, is the best course of action and in the best interests of Luby Lou herself. I'm sure this caution now will pay dividends in the future.

Luby Lou has now returned south and is in the care of a lady who does a lot of agistment for the All Stars stable and I am informed is certainly getting very special treatment.

Given this time, Luby Lou should make a full recovery and be set to resume her racing career heading towards Christmas later in the year.

It is certainly a great disappointment to miss all those races, that surely Luby Lou would have had at her mercy, but in the long run as long as she can make a successful return to racing, that is of paramount importance at this stage.

Let's hope she can, as with the retirement of both Drizella and now The Vicars Daughter (see below) from your syndicate, Luby Lou is the sole remaining filly that will be racing for you, but I'm sure she will do you all proud and provide lots of fun and excitement once she is back to full health again.

GOOD LUCK & GO LUBY LOU !!!



Trainer Mike Berger :-

The Vicars Daughter (Rocknroll Hanover – Vicario)

Having flipped her palate on two occasions in training during her preparation to attend the workouts, The Vicars Daughter was finally to make it there on the 21st April in an effort to see where she would go from there and then a decision was to be made on her future as a racehorse after that.

This was at Cambridge Raceway, where she was initially mistakenly put in a Non Winners 2YO & Older Mobile Pace, but was then transferred to a Learners Mobile Pace, over 2200m. The Vicars Daughter drew Barrier No.3, in just a 3-horse field and was to be driven by Rodney Frampton.

Although The Vicars Daughter was wearing No.3, she went from No.1 and despite having a practice lap behind the mobile, as is customary for learners heats, The Vicars Daughter shied at the start and ran down inside the markers, before getting herself sorted and settling a little distance behind them. She got going and caught the other two at the end of the back straight the first time and ran along behind them, until rounding the home turn where she lost a little ground and just battled into 3rd placing.

The winner was Changed, in a time of 2.57.8 (MR 2.10.0), with the final 800m completed in 61.6 and the 400m in 29.4. The Vicars Daughter was officially 7 lengths behind the other two runners.

Rodney said, "She was alright. She shied at the start there, when the gate pulled away, but was OK after. She did flip her palate though. She got her head around and got on her knee on the last bend, but she'll qualify easily enough, but after that I'm not sure what you'll want to do."

Here are some photos taken at Cambridge on the 21st April ...



Warming up



Some practice behind the mobile



Set to go



... but then ducked inside the markers



Going again



Running along behind them



Loosing a bit of ground on the home turn



At the finish



Ungearing



Set for a wash

This was to be the last run of The Vicars Daughter for the syndicate, as it was decided that although she could qualify, as she was still flipping her palate and an operation costing \$4,000 or \$5,000 was not an option and also the fact that she lacked much real speed, there was not much of a future in racing her.

The Vicars Daughter did continue on in the interests of her breeders the Best In Class Syndicate (Ken Breckon & Sandy Yarnley), having another workout run at Cambridge on the 19th May where she was unplaced and then went again on the 26th May, where she finished a close 2nd placing in slow time, before going on to qualify on the 7th June at Cambridge once again. She finished in 3rd placing, 5¼ lengths from the winner, recording a time of 2.53.5, so good luck to Ken and Sandy for The Vicars Daughter's future career as a broodmare.



Trainer Mike Berger :-

Drizella (Bettor's Delight – Corbie)

After racing at Manawatu and Hawera, Drizella returned home and was to race at Cambridge on the 18th April, having recovered from her chaffing-up after breaking on the second day at Hawera, but unfortunately she then suffered a viral infection which forced her scratching from this race.

It took Drizella a couple of weeks to recover from this setback, with trainer Mike Berger saying on the 21st April, "Her chaffing is all pretty good now, with a bit of treatment. The swelling in her legs is right down and all is OK."

So, Drizella was to have a run at the Cambridge Workouts, on the 28th April, in preparation for her return to racing.

This was in a Non-Winners Mobile Pace (MR40 & Faster), over 2200m. She drew Barrier No.4 in a 6-horse field and was to be driven by Philip Butcher.

Drizella won narrowly by a nose, in a moderate 2.51.6 (MR 2.05.5), with the final 800m in 58.9 and the 400m in 29.2.

Drizella was then to return to racing at the Wairarapa HRC Meeting at Manawatu, on the 1st May.

This was in the \$7,900 Connie Stewart – Bayleys Wairarapa Mobile Pace, for Non-Winners 3YO & Older, over 2500m. Drizella drew Barrier No.3 and was to be driven by Philip Butcher.

Drizella made a good beginning from the mobile start and made the lead heading into the first bend but was soon after to be crossed by Tactical Change from out wide and then proceeded to roll into a gallop, losing all chance and tailing off at the back of the field.

Drizella began to race fiercely with a lap-to-go, as Philip eased her out 3-wide onto the back of It's Me. Into the back she was left out 3-wide without cover and began to give ground as they headed to the end of the back straight the final time. She dropped out badly to finish in 7th and last placing, some 34.4 lengths from the winner.

The winner was Hunter Red, in a time of 3.11.1 (MR 2.03.0), with the final 800m in 58.2 and the 400m in 29.2.

Drizella was then to line up again on the second night of the meeting, on the 3rd May.

This was in the \$9,660 River Field Mobile Pace, for Non-Winners 3YO & Older, over 2000m, where she drew Barrier No.7 (outside of the Front Line) and was to be driven on this occasion by Scot Phelan.

Drizella was sent out the rank outsider at 11/11 in the betting in the 11-horse field and although she got out reasonably well from her wide draw, was caught 4-wide into the first bend. She managed to get down into the running line as they headed into the back straight the first time and settle one-out-and-4-back.

She remained there until rounding the last bend when she couldn't quite go with the leading bunch as the sprint went on and Scot switched back down to the inside as they entered the home straight.

Drizella battled on in the home straight to finish in 7th placing, some 6.6 lengths from the winner.

The winner was Drum Withers, in a time of 2.27.9 (MR 1.59.0), with the final 800m in 58.2 and the 400m in 29.3.

Drizella returned back to home base in Cambridge and was then set to be given her chance racing at Auckland, on the 11th May.

This was in the \$13,740 Dayaveg Mobile Pace, for Non-Winners 2YO & Older, over 2200m. Drizella drew Barrier No.5 and was to be driven by Philip Butcher.

Drizella got out well at the start but with several other runners also going out was unable to get a position and was 3-wide with cover as they headed into the first bend. Philip had to restrain her to get a position in the running line and was briefly 4-back there, before moving down onto the markers down the back straight the first time as the pace was on.

Drizella remained 4-back on the markers until the pace went on down the back the final time and when Mr Yips made the lead at the 500m mark, she was then 5-back on the inner. The leading three drew right away from the rest and Drizella battled on in the run home after being held up a little on the home turn to finish in 7th placing, some 18.6 lengths from the winner.

The winner was Make Way, in a time of 2.42.8 (MR 1.59.0), with the final 800m in 58.4 and the 400m in 28.3.

Drizella was then to race again at Cambridge on the 17th May.

This was in the \$8,445 The Cambridge Cricket Association Mobile Pace, for Non-Winners 2YO & Older, over 2200m. Drizella drew Barrier No.15 (outside of the 2nd Row) and was to be driven once again by Philip Butcher.

Drizella was again sent out the rank outsider, this time at 13/13 in the betting, in the capacity 13-horse field. Philip tried to push her through from the 2nd Row but was caught 4-wide into the first bend and so had to restrain her back to get into the running line and settled at the tail of the field.

Drizella remained back in the field as the pace went on mid-race and was still second-to-last with 800m to run. She got passed a couple of stragglers heading into the final bend, but when they turned for home there was no gas left in the tank and she faded to finish back in 10th placing, some 26.5 lengths from the winner.

The winner was In The Shadows, in a time of 2.42.9 (MR 1.59.1), with the final 800m in 59.4 and the 400m in 28.8.

Soon after this race, the decision was made for the Syndicate to finish racing Drizella. She had mainly been very disappointing and was showing no signs of improving, having been given more than a fair go to do so.

With this retirement of Drizella and also now The Vicars Daughter, Luby Lou is the sole remaining filly that will be racing for you, but I'm sure she will do you all proud and provide lots of fun and excitement once she is back to full health again.



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So good luck and many more wins to come ...

Cheers

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