

# Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate



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Hi there

Welcome to your November newsletter for the Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate.

Each of your fillies has seemingly made good progress over the last month, with only Luby Lou in the spelling paddock and your other five fillies making the progress required of them to date.

The end of the month will be a determining time for several, with most likely to go for spells to have their time to strengthen and mature in these early formative times.

So far, all your fillies have received positive reports as they work their way through their early education and training programmes.

Of course, there is still a long way to go, but as they say, "so far so good".

It will be great to follow their respective advancement through various stages of their training and hopefully to see them each on their way to providing you with lots of fun and excitement.

I look forward to meeting you personally soon.

*Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-*

Trainer **Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen** :-

**Luby Lou** (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

After completing a 7-week spell, Luby Lou returned to the All Stars stable for her third preparation, on the 8<sup>th</sup> August.

She made very good progress through her time in training, with co-trainer Mark Purdon continuing to be pleased with her progress.

Luby Lou had her final fast work in training on the 1<sup>st</sup> October and was then sent for a 6-weeks spell, once again. Mark was very pleased with her, but thought it was in her best interests to have another break then.

So, Luby Lou then went for her spell and is coming to the end of her time off very soon. She is doing well in her time out and is due back into training on the 21<sup>st</sup> November. So next Monday she will return to work and be looking to get serious this time in and hopefully progress on to race.

Hopefully Luby Lou can take up where she left off and continue her good progress and go on to commence her racing career in the New Year as a 2-year-old.

I'm sure this will be very exciting for us all.

### **Trainer Barry Purdon :-**

#### **Spandau Ballet** (Bettor's Delight – Giveitawhirlgirl)

After enjoying a 6-week spell at Breckon Farms, Spandau Ballet was to return to training on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, for her third preparation.

Barry was very pleased with her condition on arrival and she soon settled in to her training regime.

Initially she had the hobbles on to get her up and going and to make sure she was back into her pacing gait straight away. Then Spandau Ballet began jogging to increase her fitness levels and is about to move on to some more serious hobbled work, where she will commence a slow build up, initially doing strong work, before her speed will be increased and things will then get more serious for her.

The plan is still to have her going along by January and if she is up to it, then she will probably start with one or two runs at the workouts, before looking to attend the Qualifying Trials in preparation to race as an early 2-year-old.

Of course Spandau Ballet needs to measure up first, so it will be interesting to follow her progress in the hope that she does and if so, I'm sure it will be very exciting for us all.

#### **Deutzy Doos** (Muscle Hill – Love Ya Doosie)

Deutzy Doos also returned to training after a 6-week spell at Breckon Farms, on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. This is to be her third preparation.

Barry was also very pleased with Deutzy Doos' condition when she arrived back and she was ready to resume her work.

She began jogging initially to lift her fitness levels and has now started strong pace work, before she moves on to then working on her speed and reducing her times in training progressively over the next 6 weeks or so.

Once she starts her speed work, things will become more serious for Deutzy Doos and if she makes the necessary progress, then she too should be ready for a start at the workouts in January.

Hopefully she can progress on to the Qualifying Trials after one or two runs at the workouts and maybe even go on to race as an early 2-year-old in the New Year.

I'm sure this too, will be very exciting for everyone, should it eventuate.

## **Trainer Mike Berger :-**

### **The Vicars Daughter** (Rocknroll Hanover – Vicario)

The Vicars Daughter broke-in well and was sent for a 4-month spell at Breckon Farms, before she was ready to return to her trainer Mike Berger's Cambridge stable in the second week of September.

She settled in quickly once again and began to do her jogging to increase her fitness levels, before moving on to do some hopped work.

Mike advised this week, "She's bowling along alright. I'm happy enough with her. She does knuckle over a bit in behind, so she's still probably a little weak. She has no real issues. We'll tick her time down a bit and see what happens. By the end of the month, we'll have a better idea. She's quite a big filly, so it's likely we'll turn her out, but it will come down to seeing how she can run along at the end of the month. That will determine what we do."

So, things will get more serious for The Vicars Daughter over the next couple of weeks, as she starts to speed up and Mike sees what time she is capable of running at this stage.

As he has said, depending on how she progresses and how she handles the increase in pace, she will probably be given a brief let up of only a couple of weeks off and if she is looking a chance of making it as a 2-year-old, then she'll return to training and press on from there.

It will be great if she can make it to race as a 2-year-old, but of course we will have to wait and see.

### **The Peacemaker** (Somebeachsomewhere – Stateofthenation)

After not having made the cut for the All Stars Stable, The Peacemaker was to be given another spell before heading north to have her next preparation with trainer Mike Berger.

She had a couple of weeks at Breckon Farms to settle in up north, before joining Mike's stable in mid September.

After a tentative start to her time in training, The Peacemaker began to settle down and make relatively good progress. She is certainly not full-proof yet, but Mike is quite happy with the way she has advanced.

This week Mike advised, "She's bowling up alright. I'm quite happy. She's pacing along good, but she does still get her head around, but I don't think we should put a pole on her just yet. She has a good attitude. The only thing is you have to be careful when you let her go. You have to have her head up and slowly let her go. She's settled down and got better all the time. We worked her over a mile and a half [2400m] in 3:40, home in 68 [seconds for the last 800m] the other day and while that's only a moderate speed, she handled it well. At the end of the month, we'll have a better idea of where we are at. She's a big filly, so it will depend how she can run along at that point, whether we tip her out or not. It's more likely she will have a spell, but we'll just see and decide then, as well as how long she will need out."

So once The Peacemaker has progressed to the end of the month, it will be interesting to see where to from there, but Mike will only make this decision once he has reached that stage of her training.

Let's hope she is capable of going the next step, but only time and patience will tell.

### **Trainer Geoff Small :-**

#### **Drizella** (Bettor's Delight – Corbie)

Drizella caused Mike Berger a few anxious moments during her breaking-in period, as she was very tough and had a bit of an attitude, before she was sent for a 3 month spell at Breckon Farms.

She returned to Mike's barn at the beginning of September, as Mike wanted to do a further few weeks with her, to ensure she was settled and everything was OK before she was transferred to her official trainer Geoff Small's Pukekohe stable.

Mike was very pleasantly surprised with how settled she was and how well behaved she was and so after 3 weeks with him, she was ready to transfer to Geoff's stable.

Drizella settled in well at Geoff's and after a couple of weeks quiet work, she was ready to move on to some pace work.

Geoff reported this week, "She's alright. She's quite willing, which is good. I'm not sure if she's strong enough yet to handle things, but by the end of the month we'll have a better idea. It's likely that she will get tipped out [for a spell], but we'll see how she is in a couple of weeks and decide then, and how long she'll have out."

So, Drizella will have a couple more weeks in work and Geoff will make his decision after this time. It will be interesting to see how she progresses and how long she will need out, before hopefully she can go on to make it as a racehorse during her next time in training.



### **Newsletters On the Website**

Please remember, your monthly newsletters will also be displayed on the Breckon Farms Website, so you can access them whenever you wish, especially if you can't find them amongst your emails.

The Breckon Farms website address is:- [www.breckonfarms.co.nz](http://www.breckonfarms.co.nz)

Under the 'Syndicates' menu, you will find the 'Six of the Best Syndicate' section, then scroll to the bottom and you will find your newsletters.

You may also enjoy reading some of the other sections contained within the website.

Your fillies continue to make positive progress during their initial education and training, so we can all look forward to lots of fun and excitement once they reach the racetrack and commence their racing careers, hopefully in the New Year.

Once again, I hope that your involvement in this Breckon Farms Syndicate brings you lots of thrills and rewards.

Good luck and let's hope there are many wins to come ...

Cheers

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