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Hi there

After battling on well to finish 4th in the Group 1 Breed For Speed Gold Series Final at Melton, on the 11th March, High Gait was to disappoint when uncharacteristically breaking as the mobile gate was released and finishing in a career-worst 9th placing, in her next race on the 25th March, once again at Melton.

Initial reaction was to consider retiring High Gait, with the thought that maybe her 2 and 3-year-old racing could now be taking its toll on her and it wasn't wanted to devalue her by pressing on with below her usual high standard of results. Nicole considered that High Gait could still win 2 or 3 more races and as she was still working well in her training maybe all would not be lost to continue on.

It was then decided High Gait's best options for her future racing were back in New Zealand and so it was arranged to fly her back to Auckland on the 12th April, for her to now be trained by John and Josh Dickie. She will now be aimed to race next in the Group 1 \$100,000 2017 Anzac Trotting Cup, on the 21st April and then the Group 1 \$150,000 2017 Rowe Cup, on the 28th April, both at Alexandra Park and then maybe a tilt at the Group 1 \$100,000 McMillan Feeds 4YO Ruby at the Harness Jewels, on the 3rd June at Ashburton, if she can qualify for this.

I will update you with details when they are available, but in the meantime ...

GOOD LUCK and GO HIGH GAIT !!!

Double Shot returned from her 10 weeks spell on the 1st February, looking in very good order and continues to make good progress in her training.

She is now well into her hopped work and is working down in her times, pleasing her trainer Nicole Molander.

Double Shot is on target to attend the trials towards the end of this month and then make her return to racing at the beginning of May, so I'm sure it will be great to see her back and exciting to watch her when she makes her return to the races.

GOOD LUCK & GO DOUBLE SHOT !!!



Here is the latest information on your two mares:-

Trainer Nicole Molander :-

High Gait (Muscles Yankee – Regal Volo) - **(REGAL)**

After last racing at Tabcorp Park Melton, on the 11th March in the Group 1 Breed For Speed Gold Series Final, where after drawing well she didn't get much luck in the running, High Gait battled on well to finish in 4th placing and was to race next back at Melton, on the 25th March.

This was in the \$16,000 TAB.COM.AU Trot, for TM0 Only Trotters, over 1720m from a Mobile Start. High Gait drew Barrier No.1 and was to be once again driven by Chris Alford.

Nicole reported two days before the race, "High Gait is in on Saturday night at Melton Race 2 No.1. She should be tough to beat as she has a very favourable draw in Barrier 1 and should be suited over the 1720m trip."

Having drawn the ace, High Gait was sent out favourite for this race and looked very keen up behind the mobile gate. Then just a few strides after the mobile was released she went into an uncharacteristic break.

High Gait took some time to settle and really lost all chance at that point, being tailed off once she did settle. She did catch the field quickly and remained at the tail until with about 900m to run Chris moved on to the back of Kyvalley Boomerang to get a drag up 3-wide. Down the back the final time, High Gait was 3-out-and-3-back, but still last in the running.

She ran on down the outside in the home straight, but after they went 28.6 for the second-to-last quarter and 28.4 for the last quarter, it took its toll and High Gait finished in 9th placing, 19.6m from the winner, for her worst ever finishing place in a race.

The winner was Illcryifhewinds in a time of 2:06.6 (MR 1:58.4), with the closing sectionals in 57.0 and 28.4.

Nicole later reported on the 6th April, "High Gait basically galloped for no reason at all according to Chris [Alford], so was disappointing. Ken was initially going to retire her, but I think he was planning to return her to NZ on the 12th April, but you will have to speak to him in regards to this, as a tilt at the Rowe Cup was being earmarked."

John and Josh Dickie, of Speeding Spur fame in most recent times, will take over the training of High Gait, who arrived safely at their training establishment in Clevedon at 8am this morning, the 13th April (see photo).

John and Josh, of Speeding Spur fame in most recent times, will now aim High Gait to race next in the Group 1 \$100,000 2017 Anzac Trotting Cup, on the 21st April



Looking relaxed, just off the plane

and then the Group 1 \$150,000 2017 Rowe Cup, on the 28th April, both at Alexandra Park.

These are the two immediate major aims for High Gait and things will be re-assessed after the Rowe Cup, to decide where High Gait will race after that. It might be that a tilt at the Group 1 \$100,000 McMillan Feeds 4YO Ruby at the Harness Jewels, on the 3rd June at Ashburton, will be on the programme, but first of course she will need to get some dollars on the board in New Zealand to qualify. I will keep you posted.

John Dickie has advised this morning, "She was a little bit light, but that's to be expected of a horse that has been racing in Australia and the trip back. She's out in the paddock now and loving that. Because she galloped in her last start, she is Out of the Draw, as they term it, so without having any trials to take her to, as there aren't any over Easter, she will be Unruly for her race on the 21st [April], but that just how it is and we can't do anything about that. She will probably need the run too, so we'll see how we go."

Fields for the Anzac Cup should be available on Tuesday, the 18th April and once they are known, these will be confirmed to you as usual by email, but until then ...

GOOD LUCK and GO HIGH GAIT !!!

Trainer Nicole Molander :-

Double Shot (Bettor's Delight – Twice As Good) - **(RHONDA)**

Double Shot returned to training on the 1st February, having completed 10 weeks in the spelling paddock and has been making good progress in her training to date.

Double Shot was in great order when she returned from her spell and has continued to look good throughout her time in work.

Double Shot is well into her hopped work and is working down in her times, to be on target to be ready to attend the trials towards the end of this month and then make her return to racing at the beginning of May.

On the 6th April Nicole reported, "Double Shot is progressing well and will be ready to trial at the end of the month all going well at this stage and she has a lot more condition on since she has come back from her spell."

So, we will soon see Double Shot return to the public arena and it will be great to see her and to follow her progress at the trials and then on to the races again.



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

Cheers

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