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Hi there

Firstly, **Happy New Year to you all !!!**

I hope that you had a great festive season and all the best for your fillies racing in 2017.

After one trial at Geelong on the 3rd January, **High Gait** made her return to the races in great fashion on the 9th January, at Melton, winning well after putting in a very tough effort first-up. She is now set to race again this Saturday the **21st January**, at **Ballarat**, where she is in **Race 6**, timed to start at **11:00pm NZ Time**, the Group 2 \$30,000 E B Cochran Trotters Cup, for TM0 or Better trotters, over 2200m. High Gait has drawn **Barrier No. 1**, in what should be a 12-horse field that contains some quality opposition. She will once again be driven by Chris Alford. **GOOD LUCK for this race !!!**

Double Shot is doing very well having her well-deserved spell and it has been decided it would be very beneficial for her to have a little longer out, so she is now set to return at the end of this month.

I'm sure High Gait's upcoming racing will be exciting for us all and certainly something to look forward to.

Here is the latest information on all your mares:-

Trainer Nicole Molander :-

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

After returning from her spell, High Gait made good progress in her training and was ready to trial a little earlier than had been planned.

Nicole had previously advised that she thought High Gait would be ready to trial about the middle of January, but in fact we were to see her ready to go early this month.

She was to attend the Geelong Trials on the 3rd January, where she competed in a Mobile Trial for Trotters, over 2100m. She drew Barrier No.1 and was to be driven by Chris Alford.

High Gait got away well from the mobile gate to lead briefly before Glenferrie Burn came across and took up the lead. Chris popped High Gait out going into the first bend and moved forward to take the lead heading into the back the first time.

High Gait led the quality field along thereafter and going down the back for the final time Chris had to niggle at her a little and as they passed the 400m pole Glenferrie Burn moved up alongside to challenge.

As they turned for home Glenferrie Burn hit the lead and High Gait ran home under her own steam to finish in 3rd placing, 7m from the winner who was Glenferrie Burn, in a time of 2:40.2 (MR 2:02.7), with the final 800m completed in 58.9 and the 400m in 28.4.

Nicole Molander then reported on the 6th January, "I was very pleased with High Gait's trial. High Gait ran 3rd, but was not pushed to do so and pleased Chris Alford. As you have mentioned she is racing at Melton on Monday night, has a good barrier draw and should be very hard to beat. In relation to High Gait's programme it will depend how she goes on Monday night in progressing forward, so will confirm after Monday but a target is the Dullard Cup at Melton on the 28th, and if she steps up the Great Southern Star is an obvious target on Saturday the 4th of Feb."

So, High Gait was to make her return to racing on the 9th January, at Melton.

This was in the \$7,000 Pridmore Electrics Trot, for T3 or Better trotters, restricted to horses with a metropolitan assessment no faster than TM0, with a Preferential Barrier Draw, over 1720m. High Gait drew Barrier No. 4, in an 11-horse field and was once again to be driven by Chris Alford.

It was great to see High Gait back on the track again, first-up after her spell, as she once again made a good beginning and pressed on to take the lead heading into the first bend. Approaching the 1400m mark, the big horse Any Old Way came forward to sit parked and got quite keen in the running and was putting some pressure on High Gait.

She led them along throughout and rounding the final turn drew out a little as she put some pressure on the others. Chris shook High Gait up as they turned into the home straight and she fought determinedly to the wire, to hold on and win by the slender margin of a head, in her usual professional way.

High Gait's winning time was 2:07.1 (MR 1:58.9), with the closing sectionals completed in 29.9 and 28.8.

Nicole reported a few days later, on the 12th January, "High Gait has pulled up very well since her win and will be racing next Saturday night in the E B Cochran Trotters Cup at Ballarat, the same night as the Ballarat Pacing Cup. This will give us an indication of her progress and if she performs well her next start would be the Dullard Cup followed by the Gt Southern Star, but let's just keep our feet on the ground and let the horse do the talking!!!! In regards to High Gait's performance on Monday night I was really happy with her effort as she did not get much peace in front and gutsed it out to the line. She was always going to be a little vulnerable first-up with only the one trial under her belt, but as usual she gave 110% to the line and got the job done. Chris Alford was very happy with her effort and was never worried anything was going to get past High Gait (lucky he did, I was getting a little worried half way down the straight). She should improve a lot with that run, and as mentioned earlier her next run will be at Ballarat next Saturday night in the Free For All trot."

So High Gait is set to race next, on Saturday the **21st January**, at **Ballarat**.

This will be in the Group 2 \$30,000 E B Cochran Trotters Cup, for TM0 or better trotters, over 2200m. This is a Mobile Start event, with a Random Barrier Draw.

It is **Race 6**, timed to start at **11:00pm NZ Time** and High Gait has drawn **Barrier No. 1**, in what should be a 12-horse field that contains some quality opposition, one of whom is Prince Fearless (drawn alongside at No.2 and owned by Syndicate Members Glenys & Philip Kennard and Ken & Karen Breckon under the Breckon Racing Syndicate banner, along with Neil Pilcher and John Magness). High Gait will once again be driven by Chris Alford.

GOOD LUCK and GO HIGH GAIT !!!

According to the TAB Trackside TV schedule, this race is to be shown on **Trackside 2 (Channel 63)** here in New Zealand.

Providing all goes to plan, as Nicole has advised, it is possible High Gait will then look to start next in the Group 1 \$300,000 Pryde's Easifeed Great Southern Star, on the 4th February, at Tabcorp Park Melton, but this will be confirmed after her race on Saturday night.



Trainer Nicole Molander :-

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

After last racing disappointingly for a battling 7th placing, at Gunbower, on the 20th November, having been sent out favourite for the race, it was decided that Double Shot should be sent for a 4-6 week spell.

So since then she has been enjoying her time out and she was dus back into training at the beginning of January.

However, on the 12th January Nicole advised, "Double Shot is still out relaxing and we had planned to bring her back at the start of January, but in discussions with Ken [Breckon] a good break (10-12 weeks) was on the cards and she seems to have appreciated this and will now begin training in the last week of January. She looks very well."

So, Double Shot is now set to return to training at the end of January and I'm sure this extended spell will do her the world of good and pay dividends when she is ready to return to the races, sometime late in April, or early in May.

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

Cheers

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