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Welcome

Well, two of your mares have now been retired. As you know **ALANNAH** was retired after her last race in Australia on the 12th March and has now arrived home at Breckon Farms safe and sound. She will now embark on the next stage of her career as a broodmare.

As you will now read, **LINDA** is, or actually has, joined Alannah at Breckon Farms, having been retired after her race at Addington, on the 1st April and she too is now destined for a career as a mum in the matrons paddock.

This of course now only leaves **GLITZY** to fly the flag for the Breckon Farms – The Good Sports Syndicate. After suffering from a bug and having to be scratched from her latest race assignment on the 24th March, she managed to shake this off and it is now planned for her to make her return to racing next Friday the 22nd April, at the Auckland TC Premier Meeting, so **GOOD LUCK & GO GLITZY !!!**

Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-

Trainer Craig Demmler :-

Alannah Hall (Angus Hall – Regal Volo):-

After racing in the Breed For Speed Silver Series Final on the 12th March at Melton, where she finished a battling 7th placing, some 41.3m from the winner, Alannah was to be officially retired from racing.

Arrangements were made for her to return home to Breckon Farms to prepare for the next stage in her career, as a broodmare next season.

I am pleased to advise that Alannah arrived safely back at the farm on the 31st March and Farm Manager Scott Yarnley reported, "She looks really good."



Alannah will now be let down and preparations made for her to become a mum in the spring.

Having returned to New Zealand, Alannah's Australian stakes have now been officially converted to NZ Dollars, so her final career record stands at:-

18 starts, for **6** wins, **2** seconds, **4** thirds, for **\$38,928** in stakes and a career best mile time of **1:58.6**.

So, **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

Once again, we wish Ken good luck with Alannah in the next phase of her career and look forward to seeing her progeny racing in the future.

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen :-

Linda Lovegrace (Bettor's Delight – Linda Grace):-

After deciding it was best to miss the All Star Drivers Series race on the 12th March, Linda was to be kept ticking over by Kerryn Manning until she could be flown back to New Zealand on the 16th March.

So, after completing her time in Australia with 15 starts, for 8 wins, 2 seconds and 2 thirds, for stake earnings of A\$65,045 and a career best Mile Rate of 1:54.8, Linda was to arrive back in Christchurch safe and sound, at the All Stars Stables on the 17th March.

Mark reported the following week, that Linda had had a couple of hopped runs in her training and all was good. So she was to head towards her first start back in New Zealand, since she ran a brave 4th placing in the 3YO Diamond at the Harness Jewels, at Ashburton, on the 30th May 2015.

This was to be in the Group 1 \$100,000 PGG Wrightson New Zealand Breeders Stakes, for 3YO & Older Fillies & Mares, over 2600m.



Linda drew Barrier No 14 (No.5 on the 2nd Row) and was to be driven by co-trainer Mark Purdon.

Linda didn't get a lot of room in the initial stages off the mobile gate and was forced to settle at the tail of the field. Mark held his ground in the running line and two runners outside Linda dropped back to be behind her as they headed into the back straight the first time.

Linda remained back in third-to-last spot throughout and looked to be pacing a little roughly at times. Linda was still back in second-to-last place as they swung into the home straight and headed for home.

She was forced to race out 7-wide as they turned in and battled on well in the run home to come from a virtually impossible position to finish in 8th placing, only 5.2 lengths from the winner.

The winner was Luisanabelle Midfrew, in a good time of 3:11.9 (MR 1:58.7), with the closing sectionals completed in 57.6 and 28.0.

Mark advised that Linda was showing major signs of soreness, so he duly recommended she be retired.

Ken has agreed that this is the best action to be taken, so Linda was then also to head back to Breckon Farms, to join Alannah and be let down from her racing trim, to become a broodmare next season. She arrived home back at the farm on the 10th April.

After Linda returned to New Zealand, her Australian stakes were officially converted to NZ Dollars, so having now had her last race, her final career record stands at:-

38 starts, **14** wins, **7** seconds, **5** thirds, for **\$265,433** in stakes and a best winning time of a **1:54.8** Mile Rate.

CONGRATULATION on racing such a successful filly and mare as LINDA LOVEGRACE !!!

Ken, we wish you luck with Linda in the next phase of her career and I'm sure she will do a great job for you in the future and make a great mum.

Trainer Todd Mitchell :-

Glitzy Gal (Bettor's Delight – Diamonds N Gold):-

After her excellent win first-up for Todd Mitchell on the 26th February, Glitzy was to race again at the Auckland Premier Meeting on the 11th March, albeit against the boys as there was a lack of nominations for the programmed fillies race, where she finished a good 5th placing, only 3.5 lengths from the winner, from her 2nd Row draw.

Then Glitzy was set to race next on the 24th March, in a Mobile Pace, for 3YO & Older C2-C3, C4 with Conditions, as the Junior Drivers race programmed that she was to target didn't get off the ground. With the Preferential Barrier draw conditions for her substitute race, she had drawn well at No. 2, but unfortunately Glitzy had to be scratched from this race as she had picked up a bug that was going through Todd's barn and many others in the area too.

Todd advised the day before the race, "I've got a bug in the stable. They've got sores in their noses and it looks like Glitzy has got it now. I worked her yesterday and she didn't feel as good as she did before her last two starts and her heart rate was up too. This morning, when we got her out of her box, she has sores up her nose, so she's got the start of it. Apparently it's rife in the Waikato and lots of studs and stables have got it, so it's an airborne thing. If we line her up we'd most likely flatten her, so it's best to take her out, treat her with antibiotics and back off for a week and get her over it. It will probably set her back about 2 weeks."

So, unfortunately Glitzy had to be scratched from her race and was to be treated and have an easy time for the next week or so.

Glitzy seemed to shake her bug off well and Todd originally thought that she may be ready to race again tonight, the 15th April, but he advised further on Monday this week (the 11th April), "It might be another week yet. I wasn't happy with her work on Saturday, so I'll pull a blood today and won't put her in this week."

So, providing all is well with Glitzy, she will be looking to make her return to the races next Friday, the 22nd April, at the Auckland TC Premier Night.

There is a very suitable race for her on the programme, this is a \$20,000 C1-C2 Fillies & Mares Mobile Pace, over 2200m. This race has a Preferential Barrier Draw Based on Assessment, so it will depend on acceptors for this race as to how well she will draw.

I will confirm Glitzy's start and the details of the race, once they are available, likely to be on Monday afternoon next week.

In the meantime though, **GOOD LUCK for this race !!!**

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Don't forget, your monthly newsletters are also displayed on the Breckon Farms Website, so you can access them there whenever you wish, especially if you can't find them amongst your emails.

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Good luck and many more wins to come ...

Cheers

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