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Welcome

Firstly, **CONGRATULATIONS** yet again, with another win this month, when Alannah Hall did a great job of winning in a career-best time, a Mile Rate of 1:58.6, at Melton on the 16th October.

ALANNAH HALL had been on and off her feed prior to this race, so it was an excellent effort for her to win so dominantly. It was her 5th career win and took her record to an impressive 14 starts, for 5 wins, 2 seconds, 4 thirds and stake earnings of \$33,033 and since she joined Craig Demmler's Victoria stable, she has had 3 starts for 2 wins and 1 second, for stakes of \$11,476. Alannah has now been sent for a 6-week spell.

LINDA has had two starts for her new Victorian trainer Kerryn Manning, having two very good wins, the most recent in a personal best and a track record 1:54.8 Mile Rate at Horsham on the 5th October, but was then unfortunately found to have fractured her sinus bone. Linda has been given the time needed to recover from this mishap, jogging throughout her down time and has now moved on to some more serious hopped training runs. Linda got a little chubby while she was only jogging, so will probably take a few weeks to get back into racing trim.

GLITZY GAL disappointed in her northern race debut and after showing some signs of soreness after, she was sent for a spell when it was discovered she had another issue with an under run in her foot, which has now been treated and corrected. Glitzy was given a total of just over 3 months out and returned to her new trainer Todd Mitchell's Cambridge stable on the 1st November, looking good and set to go. After completing 6 weeks jogging and a similar time of hopped work, we should get to see Glitzy ready to attend the workouts in January, for her final preparation in readiness to make her return to racing.

Although your Syndicate is now down to just three mares racing, I'm sure you will have plenty of excitement and success ahead in the near future.

GOOD LUCK for these future races !!!



CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Alannah Hall

... wins at Melton, on the 16th October 2015

*She now has had 3 starts for
Craig Demmler for 2 wins & a
second and set a career best
1:58.6 Mile Rate for 1720m !!!*



(Photo taken at Auckland 22nd May 2015, as no photos have been received from Melton)

This was Alannah's 5th win and brought up win No. 27 for the Breckon Farms - The Good Sports Syndicate and took the Syndicate record to an amazing 132 starts, 27 wins, 20 seconds, 18 thirds, for \$383,827 in stake earnings. **WELL DONE !!!**

This increases your record of being in the money to over 49% of all race starts ... **that is truly INCREDIBLE !!!**

... and it took Alannah's record to 14 starts, 5 wins, 2 seconds, 4 thirds and stake earnings of \$33,033 and since joining Craig Demmler Alannah has had 3 starts for 2 wins and 1 second, for stakes of \$11,476. **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-

Trainer Craig Demmler :-

Alannah Hall (Angus Hall – Regal Volo):-

Having notched up her first win in Australia on the 10th September at Kilmore, Alannah was to follow this win up with a good 2nd placing at Ballarat on the 24th September.

She was then set to race again on the 10th October, at Melton, but this was not to be as Alannah was off her feed spasmodically over the week leading up to this race. Craig took a blood test and in the meantime nominated Alannah to race the following week, on the 16th October, once again at Melton.

Her blood test came back as normal, so Alannah was to line up in the \$9,350 Swift Signs Trot, over 1720m, from a mobile start, where she drew well at Barrier No. 1 and was to be driven by top reinsman Gavin Lang.

Alannah was sent out favourite for this race and made a good beginning, managing to hold out Beta Hanoverdakash who made a spirited bid for the lead from out wide. Alannah settled nicely in the lead and was able to dictate terms from there.

Around the 800m mark Cold Crusher came forward and going into the back straight made the death to sit on Alannah's wheel. Heading passed the 400m pole, Gavin began to apply some pressure and managed to draw away from Cold Crusher rounding the turn, with that horse dropping down onto Alannah's back.

As they reached the home straight Alannah put 2 or 3 lengths on the rest and fought strongly in the run to the line to hold out the fast finishing Columbias DeeJay for a comfortable win.

Alannah's winning time was 2:06.8 (MR 1:58.6), with the final 800m in 58.1 and the 400m in 29.0. The winning margin was officially 2.4m, with a further 6.9m back to the 3rd placed horse.

This was Alannah's 5th win and took her record since joining Craig Demmler in Victoria to 3 starts for 2 wins and 1 second, for stakes of \$11,476. It also took Alannah's career record to an impressive 14 starts, for 5 wins, 2 seconds, 4 thirds and stake earnings of \$33,033.

Alannah's Mile Rate for this race of 1:58.6 was also a career best, so **CONGRATULATIONS** on all counts.

A week or so after the race, Craig Demmler advised, "The reason we took a blood was because she was on and off her feed and the blood test came back normal, so she then raced and won. That night and following she left feed again so the decision was made to give her a break just to freshen her up. Back in September she had some vet work done on her hocks and stifles, which is another reason for her break as I would like them to settle down instead of having to inject them again."

So Alannah was sent for about a 6-week spell, which I'm sure will do her the world of good.

It is likely that Alannah won't be seen in action again until around February next year, when there should be some worthwhile races for her to compete in.

Trainer Kerry Manning :-

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

Having last raced at Horsham on the 5th October, where she went a new personal best time and set a Track Record for the 1700m with an impressive 1:54.8 clocking, Linda came through this race well, but unfortunately had to be withdrawn from her next scheduled race at Bendigo the following week, as she was found to have whacked her head and possibly fractured her sinus bone.

The vet was called in and Kerry advised, "The vet came today and had a look at Linda. He confirmed she had fractured her sinus bone and was happy that it didn't seem too sore and it didn't seem to be bothering her too much. She has just been jogging since she did it and he said to jog her until next week and then try some fast work and if it doesn't make her uncomfortable to go a bit faster and she pulls up ok afterwards then she should be ok to keep on with. If she doesn't handle the faster work she may need 2 to 3 weeks off to let it heal right up but my gut feeling says she will be right as it really hasn't bothered her much at all."

Because the sinus bone is not a weight bearing area, it wasn't going to affect Linda too much and nothing can actually be done for such an injury other than giving her time to get over it. So, Linda was to be only jogged for the next couple of weeks and her progress monitored to see how she recovered, which of course was going to mean that she would have at least a month away from the races.

The vet was to check Linda's progress the following week, to see how the fracture was healing and was pleased with the progress.

On the 27th October, Kerry reported, "I thought you were probably wondering how Linda's been progressing so I thought I'd best give you an update. She had a light gallop Friday and seemed to handle it ok, so she did 2 heats today and again didn't seem uncomfortable and pulled up good so I think she is ready to press on as normal again (of course if I feel she isn't right I will back off again). She has gotten a little chubby whilst she has been only jogging so may take 3 weeks or so for her to get back into race shape. I might see you in NZ in the next week or so and catch up."

Of course Kerry has been over in New Zealand with her horse Arden Rooney, who toughed it out for back-to-back wins in the Kaikoura Cup on the 2nd November, before heading to Addington for a start in the NZ Cup, on the 10th November. Arden Rooney and Kerry Manning were to create history in the 2015 NZ Trotting Cup, by becoming the first Australian entrant to win since Lightning Blue in 1987 and the first female driver in 112 runnings of the race to take out the time honoured event.

CONGRATULATIONS Kerry, what an amazing achievement.

So let's hope that Linda's sinus bone heals quickly and completely, so it won't be too long before we see her back in action on the track.

As I have said previously, Linda is very well placed in the handicapping system in Australia and her two-from-two wins for Kerry have been very dominant ones, so I'm

sure there will be many more suitable racing opportunities for her in Victoria soon, with the likelihood of moving on to better staked races at Melton in the not too distant future.

Trainer Todd Mitchell :-

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

After a disappointing northern race debut and showing some signs of soreness, Glitzy was sent for a spell.

Originally she was to have 8 weeks out at Breckon Farms, but in her final week it was discovered that Glitzy had another issue; an under run in her foot. This was treated and required some time confined to a box and a further 3 weeks in the paddock recuperation.

A reinforced gel pad was fitted to Glitzy's foot when she went out into the paddock and this has helped her to get over the problem better.

As it was thought that Glitzy's under run could have been there for some time, this offered an explanation to the troubles she had been having and now hopefully with this corrected, it would be onwards and upwards for Glitzy.

Glitzy was given another 3 weeks out in the spelling paddock and returned to Todd Mitchell's barn on the 1st November.

Todd has reported, "She looks great. Her foot looks good too. I'm really pleased with her condition and I think we did the right thing, giving her a decent break. It should be onwards and upwards from here."

So, Glitzy had a little over 3 months out in the end and has now returned to training and will do approximately 6 weeks jogging before she moves on to her more serious hopped work.

This will mean that with another 6 weeks spent on hopped work, Glitzy will hopefully be ready to attend the workouts, in preparation for her return to racing, sometime in January.

Let's hope this will give her the best chance possible to show us all what we know she is capable of.



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Good luck and many more wins to come ...

Cheers

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