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Welcome

The last month has been a little on the quiet side, with only Pinup Pony racing, but there has been plenty of action behind the scenes.

Many of your fillies have been making good progress in their training and in particular, Glitzy Gal is about to make her first public appearance at the workouts tomorrow.

Alannah Hall is the only one of your fillies not currently in work and this is only due to a minor setback with a skin disease she contracted while spelling, but she is now due to return to training in the next couple of weeks.

In the meantime, all of your other fillies are progressing well in their training and it shouldn't be too long before we once again launch into some major action.

Pinup Pony is currently racing, Glitzy Gal is about to embark on her racing career, Hothooves and Love Is A Drug are approximately a month away from trialling, with Ctheballerina probably 6 weeks away and Linda and Lucy are now in their third week back in work.

So there is going to be plenty of action over the next couple of months and beyond; exciting times !!!

Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen :-

Alannah Hall (Angus Hall – Regal Volo):-

After winning her race on 20 July, Alannah was sent for a spell and she was due to return to training at the beginning of October, but this has been slightly delayed.

Alannah was to have 10 weeks out in the spelling paddock, but during this time she contracted a skin disease that caused her hair to come out. The vets were called and examined Alannah and took blood tests, but they couldn't find anything.



Alannah does appear to be over this now, but she had not put on as much condition as would have been hoped, so she has been left out a little longer than was originally planned. Mark inspected Alannah last week and is now happy with her and said that she will return to training in about 2 weeks time, so this will mean that she has had approximately 13 weeks out; 3 more weeks than was scheduled.

So we can now look forward to Alannah returning to training, probably on the 27 October and follow her progress as she moves towards resuming her racing career as a 3-year-old trotting filly.

Big Lucy (Badlands Hanover – Halcyon Franco):-

Having notched up her first two wins in Australia and competed in the Breeders Crown Series, Lucy was to return home for a well-earned spell at Breckon Farms.

She joined Linda there and was to have a 6-week spell, as being an Australian purchase there were no early races in New Zealand for her as a 3-year-old.

However, it was decided that Lucy would return to training, virtually at the same time as Linda and so she headed south to Mark and Natalie's stable on the 29 September.



As a result of this, and because Lucy's spelling programme had been geared around her having 6-weeks out, not the 4-weeks that it turned out to be, she returned to training a little lighter in condition than she would have otherwise been.

Mark has reported that she has commenced light jogging and is putting on more weight in work than she did while spelling. With no early races for her at home and as she has some Australian races she may qualify for, a campaign across the ditch maybe considered at some stage, although Mark has said, "She may be an Oaks filly later on", so a race programme in New Zealand may still be considered.

A decision will be made a little later on where and when Lucy races, after seeing how she comes up over the next couple of months or so.

It will be interesting to follow Lucy's progress in training and see where she will head for her early 3-year-old season.

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

Having also won during her campaign in Australia; in fact a Breeders Crown Semi-Final win it was, Linda was to have no luck in the Final before also heading back to Breckon Farms for a well-earned spell, along with Lucy.

During her initial time at the farm, Linda was examined by the vet, as Mark had advised that he thought she maybe was just not quite right in her last race in Australia and maybe something was affecting her. Breckon Farms regular vet went over Linda and couldn't find anything wrong with her, so she was to complete her scheduled time out of 4-weeks in the paddock and head south to Mark and Natalie's on the 26 September.

Linda looked very good when she left Breckon Farms and Mark has reported, "She arrived in good order, looked great and her coat was very good too. In fact her coat never changed the whole winter. She has started jogging and we will see how she comes up".

As advised, Linda is eligible for the Group 2 \$75,000 Peter Breckon Memorial Ladyship Stakes (3YO Caduceus Club fillies race) at Alexandra Park on the 19 December, so this will be her initial main aim, with the Group 1 \$150,000 3YO Fillies Sires Stakes Final, also at Alexandra Park, on the 31 December, her next major target.



Linda Lovegrace wins at Ballarat 16.08.14

I'm sure these prestigious races will give everyone something special to look forward to and it will also be interesting to follow Linda's progress in her training, towards these major races.

Trainer Tony Herlihy :-

Ctheballerina (Bettor's Delight – Cheyenne Girl):-

Tina returned to training at the beginning of September, after having a 2-month spell following her qualifying on the 28 June.

She returned in great order, having developed and filled out as required.

She has now completed 6-weeks jogging and has come through this well. Tina has started on her hopped work; not doing anything serious yet, but reports are that she looks good and has grown into herself now and should fashion into a nice filly.



Ctheballerina qualifies on 28.06.14

Tina will complete approximately 6-weeks hopped work, before she will then be ready to attend the workouts in preparation to commence her racing career around Christmas time.

This will certainly give us all something to look forward to.

Trainer Cran Dalgety :-

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

Glitzzy Gal has now been in training this campaign about 13 weeks and continues to please her trainer Cran Dalgety.

Cran reports, "All's pretty good. We'll go to the trials on Wednesday [15 October], so she'll make her first public appearance at a workout. She's in good shape. She'll just want a wee bit more fine tuning for fitness, but a couple of trials will do that. When the flag drops, the bullshit stops, as they say. We'll get her qualified and see where we go from there, but it looks like we should be able to go on and race after that."

Won't it be great to see Glitzy make her first public appearance and hopefully she can go on to qualify and give you a 100% record of having all eight of your fillies qualify. That would be AMAZING !!!

Then of course, it would also be great to see her go on and race this campaign, but we will just have to wait and see how she progresses.

So, Glitzy is now to make her first public appearance at the North Canterbury Workouts at Rangiora tomorrow, Wednesday the 15 October. She is in Heat 4, an Unqualified Mobile Pace, over 2000m, scheduled to start at 11:45am. Glitzy has drawn Barrier No.4 in a 5-horse field, so it will be interesting to see how she goes.

If you are unable to attend, you can check the results and possibly view a video of the workout if it is filmed, on the HRNZ Website. Go to www.hrnz.co.nz, click on Racing, then 'Workout Results' and hopefully you'll find it there.

Good luck for the run.

Trainer Barry Purdon :-

Hothooves (Bettor's Delight – Matter Of Fact):-

After returning from her spell on the 24 July, Hotty completed 6-weeks jogging for fitness and started her hopped work on the 15 September.

She has been brought along slowly and is now in her fourth week of hopping and this will be stepped up over the next 3 or 4 weeks, when she should be ready to attend the workouts.

This of course is in preparation for her return to racing, which hopefully we can look forward to around the end of November.

Love Is A Drug (Art Major – Loma Fay):-

As with Hotty, Judy also returned from her spell on the 24 July and also completed her 6-weeks jogging, before moving on to hopped work on the same day as Hotty, the 15 September.

Hotty and Judy are still being generally worked together, so Judy will also complete her hopped work in 3 or 4 weeks time and then be ready to attend the workouts, in preparation to also make her return to racing.

This should be at the same time as Hotty, around the end of November, so it will be great to see both Judy and Hotty return to the racetrack.

Trainer Geoff Small :-

Pinup Pony (Art Major – Tarena Jay):-

After her race on the 11 September, where she finished a disappointing 12th placing, Pinny was to be given a bit of a quiet time in training, before stepping up her work in preparation to return to the races. She worked well two days before she was to race next, but was to go into this race fresher than normal, having missed some fast work due to all the wet weather at the time.

So, Pinny was to race next at Cambridge on the 25 September. This was in the \$5,500 World Ranking NZ Open Billiards Fillies & Mares Mobile Pace, for 3YO & Older Fillies & Mares C0, over 2200m, where she drew Barrier No. 4 and was to be driven on this occasion by Zac Butcher.

Pinny was sent out a clear second favourite and made a good beginning to be one of the first out from the mobile gate, before Zac eased her to take the trail behind Strawberry Miss, who came across after getting out quickly from her outside draw.

Pinny enjoyed a nice trail throughout and turning for home she just got out a little which cost her some ground, but ran home quite well to fight out a close go for the minor placings, finishing in 4th placing, but only half-a-length and a head from 2nd placing.

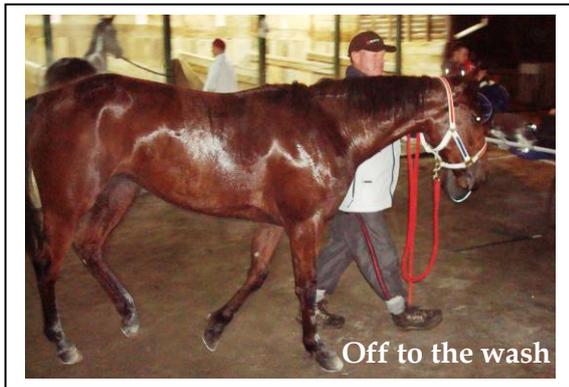
The winner was a comfortable one by 2½ lengths, the favourite Justforyou, in a time of 2:46.7 (MR 2:01.9), with closing sectionals in 59.4 and 28.6. Pinny was officially 3.1 lengths from the winner.

Zac said, "She went good. She just got out on the last turn and it probably cost her 3rd place. If she goes to Manawatu, she should be able to win down there."

Geoff added, "She was OK, but Zac said she did get out again on the home turn and it probably cost her third, but she went OK really and I think we might take her to Manawatu. It will give her a trip away and she will gain some more experience."

Here are some photos taken at Cambridge on the 25 September ...





So, Pinny was to have a trip away to the Manawatu HRC Meeting at Palmerston North, the first day of which was on the 7 October.

Pinny was to line up in the \$6,000 Silvester Clark Fillies & Mares Mobile Pace, for 3YO & Older Fillies & Mares C0, over 2000m, where she drew Barrier No. 11 (No. 4 on the 2nd Row), so was going to need some luck from her draw. She was to be driven by David Butcher.

Pinny was sent out 2nd favourite for this race and got back in the field from her 2nd Row draw, to settle at the tail. With a little over 1400m to run, the favourite Girls Nite Out went forward 3-wide, so David hopped onto her back to get a drag around, but unfortunately when Girls Nite Out reached the breeze with about 1000m to run, Pinny was posted 3-wide without cover for the remainder of the journey.

Pinny was vying for second turning for home and although she battled on well in the home straight, the effort told and she could only manage to finish in 4th placing, but was only 2.4 lengths from the winner.

The winner was Yankee Brandy, in a time of 2:34.8 (MR 2:04.5), with closing last 800m of 60.7.

David said, "It was a pretty good effort, seeing as she was 3-wide most of the way. It was always going to be hard from that draw."

Geoff added, "She got right to the line. He didn't knock her around. David said when Mango [Brent Mangos on Girls Nite Out] got parked he turned his stick, so he knew he wasn't going to hand. She was pretty good being wide all the way."

As planned, Pinny was then to line up again on the second night of the meeting, on the 9 October. This was in the \$6,000 Next Meeting Oct 23rd & 26th Mobile Pace, for 3YO & Older C0, over 2500m, in which she was to draw handily at Barrier No. 1. Pinny was once again to be driven by David Butcher.

Pinny was sent out a warm favourite for this race, but was crossed early out of the gate by All That Glitters, that was always going to be on the cards, but then Spanish Lustre went to the front, posting Pinny 3-back on the markers.

She was to remain trapped away there throughout and was only able to get off the markers with only 250m to run, just as they were about to enter the home straight.

Pinny managed to get a gap between runners in the run home and ran on fairly to finish in 5th placing, 2½ lengths from the winner, with a big gap back to the other runners.

The winner was Spanish Lustre, in a time of 3:15.2 (MR 2:05.6), with the closing sectionals completed in 60.3 and 29.8.

David said, "After being 3-wide virtually the whole way on Tuesday, the 2500m found her out a bit tonight. She steered better, but did run about a little early. When she flattened for the run home she kept trying. She's just a horse though."

Geoff said, "It was probably the run on Tuesday that counted most against her and maybe flattened her a little. We'll get home and see where we go from here."

Pinny had two or three days off after returning home and after speaking with Geoff this week, everything is looking like Pinny will return to race at Manawatu on the 23 and/or 26 October. She may even be sent down a little earlier to do some work on the beach, which will give her a change of scenery and Geoff actually thinks she may benefit from working straight lines on the beach. Let's hope it does, if it does eventuate, as Geoff thinks "it might be our do or die effort".

Geoff will talk to Ken in the meantime and decide what happens after that. Geoff's also commented, "To win a race in the next start or three would be good".

So I'll keep you informed with an email update once the immediate future plans are finalised for Pinny.

Newsletters On the Website

Don't forget, in case you weren't aware, 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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Cheers

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