

# Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate



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Hi there

As we make our way through the winter, as usual at this time of year, there is not a lot of action on the track with your horses. After the exciting, but somewhat disappointing Jewels action with both **Bubbled Up** and **Tickle Me Pink**, most of your fillies were spelling or in the case of **Sassy Tart**, **Mermaid Explorer** and **Lovemelikeyou do** they had just returned to training, having completed their respective spells.

The only action has been with **Gladamare** attending the workouts and trials, duly qualifying in extraordinary fashion and **Taylor Bromac** attending the workouts, but then getting sick.

Meanwhile **Gimme Hope** is continuing her time out during what is to be a long spell.

**Gladamare** is now to make her race debut this Friday, the **20<sup>th</sup> July**, at **Alexandra Park**, where she is in the **1st Non Tote Race**, timed to start at **5:40pm**, the \$5,000 Australasian Breeders Crown (Heat) 2YO Fillies Mobile Pace. She has drawn **Barrier No.2** in just a 2-horse field, so **GOOD LUCK & GO GLADAMARE !!!**

**Tickle Me Pink** only had 10 days off and returned to training to commence her preparation for an Australian campaign next month. She is only a week or two away from having a run at the workouts, so it will certainly be great to see her back.

# CONGRATULATIONS !!!

**Breckon Farms - The Perfect Ten Syndicate has another qualifier !!!**

## *Gladamare*

... qualifies in 2:38.1 in an excellent performance at Pukekohe Raceway, on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018

*... after being bowled at the start Gladamare managed to get going again and miraculously finished in 5<sup>th</sup> placing to qualify, incredibly 4.1 seconds under the required time !!!*



## **Gladamare becomes the fourth Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate filly to qualify !!!**

Here is the latest information on your horses, I hope you enjoy the read.

### ***The Fillies.....***

Trainer **Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen** :-

#### **Bubbled Up** (American Ideal – Speights Girl)

After racing at Auckland in April in the feature Group 1 \$110,000 Woodlands Stud Caduceus Club 2YO Fillies Classic and the Group 1 \$138,000 Magness Benrow Sires Stakes 2YO Fillies Champs, where she finished a good 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> placing, Bubbled Up was to return to home base in Christchurch to prepare for her season finale at the Harness Jewels.

Unfortunately, she was to receive some bad luck in the running there, getting a check at the 800m Mark, but still managed a creditable 4<sup>th</sup> placing.

Bubbled Up was then to go immediately for a spell at Breckon Farms.

She is doing well during her time out and is to have a total of 10 weeks in the paddock. This will mean that Bubbled Up is due to return to training on the 13<sup>th</sup> August.

It will be great to see her back next season, as I'm sure she will furnish into a nice 3-year-old.

### **Lovemelikeyoudo** (Love You – Regal Volo)

Lovemelikeyoudo completed her enforced spell at Breckon Farms on the 11<sup>th</sup> June and headed south to resume her training.

Everything seems fine with Lovemelikeyoudo and she is currently doing her pre-training with Steve Boyd. She will do her jogging up with Steve for about 6 weeks, then she will transfer to the All Stars Stable to continue with her more serious training.

It will be great if Lovemelikeyoudo can have everything go her way this time, to enable her to make it as a successful racehorse, as she has already shown some ability in that regard in her earlier days in training.

### **Trainer Mark Jones :-**

#### **Gimme Hope** (Mach Three – Affairs Are Bettor)

Unfortunately, Gimme Hope did not make the necessary progress during her time in training last preparation and was to fall short of making it to the workouts.

She was still a little weak, despite being given some time and so trainer Mark Jones made the decision to turn her out for a decent spell on the 5<sup>th</sup> June.

She will have at least 3 months, and possibly up to 6 months out, to give her the best chance to strengthen up and mature and have one last chance to make it as a racehorse.

She has now been out for 6 weeks and will continue in the spelling paddock, until Mark determines she is ready to return.

Let's hope that this extra time will mean that Gimme Hope has strengthened up enough and changes her attitude, to allow her to go on and make it to the races.

### **Trainer Tony Herlihy :-**

#### **Sassy Tart** (Bettor's Delight – Kelly Maguire)

Sassy Tart had her early education and then her first and only run at the workouts for trainers Ken and Tony Barron in Canterbury, before returning to Breckon Farms for a decent spell.

She was to have just short of 5 months out in the paddock, doing exceptionally well during her time out and returned to training with her new trainer Tony Herlihy, in the north.

It had been decided that Sassy Tart would be more suited to racing at Alexandra Park, for the better stakes that are on offer there, than she would be returning to race in the south and so she is now to be in the care of Tony Herlihy, who of course already has your star 2-year-old trotter Tickle Me Pink.

Sassy Tart had about a month of jogging, before starting on her strong pace work. She has had a couple of hopped runs already and should be ready to attend the workouts in about 6 weeks time.

This should be towards the end of August, or early in September, then hopefully she can go on to qualify after that, before looking to commence her racing career.

It will be interesting to follow her progress.



**Trainer Tony Herlihy :-**

**Tickle Me Pink** (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

After remaining unbeaten in four race starts and setting a new NZ Record in her win on the 25<sup>th</sup> April at Cambridge, Tickle Me Pink was to take her well-earned place in the 2YO Ruby at the Jewels, but very unfortunately she was to uncharacteristically break in the score-up and lose her chance, to suffer the first defeat of her career.

After this race her trainer Tony Herlihy decided she would have a short 10-day break and then commence her preparations for an Australian campaign.

Tickle Me Pink is to be aimed at a tilt at the Group 1 \$50,000 Seelite Windows & Doors Redwood Classic, on the 5<sup>th</sup> August, at Maryborough, a race that another very good Breckon Farms Syndicate filly, High Gait, won in 2015.

There are a lot of similarities in the careers of these two horses, as High Gait won her first five race starts before finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Jewels, then went on to win the Redwood Classic first-up in Australia, before taking out a Breeders Crown Heat and the Final, so let's hope Tickle Me Pink can follow in her hoof steps.

After her race in the Redwood Classic, which by the way should be made a little easier with the announcement that Enhance Your Calm, the Jewels winner trained by Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen, has gone for a spell and will not go to Australia (the Redwood is open to colts, geldings and fillies), Tickle Me Pink will then look to compete in a \$10,000 Breeders Crown Heat on the 16<sup>th</sup> August, once again at Maryborough, to then hopefully qualify for the Group 1 \$95,000 2YO Trotting Fillies Breeders Crown Final on the 25<sup>th</sup> August, at Tabcorp Park Melton.

Tickle Me Pink has been pleasing trainer Tony Herlihy in her work and has already had a couple of strong runs at home, in preparation for a run at the workouts in the next week or two and I will confirm details when these are available.

I'm sure Tickle Me Pink will provide lots of fun and excitement during her Australian campaign and it will be interesting to follow her progress.

After cracking several ribs in a racenight fall back on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, Tony Herlihy has not driven in a race since, but did indicate that maybe his return to race driving could be behind Tickle Me Pink in Australia. Let's hope this is the case, as it certainly would be a big plus.

**GOOD LUCK & GO TICKLE ME PINK !!!**

Trainer **Brent Mangos** :-

**Gladamare** (Mach Three – Delightful Dale)

After winning her Learners Heat nicely in her first time off the property, on the 9<sup>th</sup> June at Pukekohe, Gladamare was to have another run at the Auckland TC Workouts at Pukekohe on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

This was in an Unqualified Mobile Pace, Left Handed, over 2050m. Gladamare drew Barrier No.1, in just a 3-horse field and was once again to be driven by Brent Mangos.

Gladamare made a good beginning from the mobile start and was to take-up the early lead comfortably. She led them along nicely in front and as they passed the 700m point, L L Cool J came out of the trail and moved up alongside to have a look at Gladamare.

Gladamare continued the lead well and held L L Cool J at bay, with that horse going off-stride as the pace went on with 400m to run. Gladamare was left a little lonely in front rounding the home turn, but in the home straight Budapest Boy mounted his challenge and just caught Gladamare right on the line, with her going down by just a head to finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> placing, with 8 lengths back to the third horse.

The winner was Budapest Boy, in a time of 2:42.0 (MR 2:07.1), with good closing sectionals setup by Gladamare of 57.8 for the final 800m and 27.4 for the 400m.

Brent said, "I thought she was good. She ran a half [last 800m] in a tick better than 58 [seconds] and a quarter [last 400m] better than 28, so you can't get much better than that for a learner. I thought she was really good. So, she's going to go on Saturday to the Qualifying Trials at Pukekohe. She should qualify OK and we'll see where we go from there."

Gladamare was then to return to the Auckland TC Trials at Pukekohe on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, where she competed in a Qualifying Mobile Pace, Left Handed, over 2050m, with a Qualifying Time required of 2:42.2. She drew Barrier No.1, in a 7-horse field and was to be driven by Brent Mangos.

Gladamare came up behind the mobile gate nicely, then just as it was released, Macca the horse beside her broke and veered in, cannoning into Gladamare and virtually extinguishing her chances. She somehow managed to get going again, settling at the tail of the field, along way from the main bunch.

Rounding the first turn, as Budapest Boy made the lead, Gladamare would have been over 20 lengths from the leader and seemingly out of contention.

With a lap-to-go, Gladamare was probably still about 16 lengths off the pace, but to her credit she stuck gamely to the task. As they reached the 800m Mark, Gladamare had closed the gap to about 11 lengths and going down the back the final time they had managed to close most of the gaps, with Gladamare tacked on at the tail.

As they swung for home the field had split into two divisions with Gladamare still at the rear, but she showed determination to get passed two other runners and finish in 5<sup>th</sup> placing.

The winner was Budapest Boy, in a time of 2:34.9 (MR 2:01.5), with the last 800m completed quickly in 56.7 and the 400m in a very fast 26.9.

Gladamare was still a fair way from them and understandably so with a fast time overall and those quick sectionals posted, but she clocked a respectable time herself of 2:38.1 to duly qualify and become your fourth filly to do so.

## **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

So, despite being taken out of the event soon after the start, Gladamare managed to get going again and miraculously managed to finish in 5<sup>th</sup> placing and qualify, incredibly 4.1 seconds under the required time. It truly was a great performance and one that pleased trainer/driver Brent Mangos, with Brent saying, "That was really good. That young fella was hunting out of the gate and it was going rough. He should have taken hold of it. I wasn't going to persevere, but she felt good and when I asked her she picked them up well. I got her in 2:37.8 and down the back in 30 and home in 27 flat. That was a good effort. She went really well. She's a very nice filly. She should go on to do a good job. We'll look to trial her in a fortnight and then look at that Breeders Crown Heat on the 20<sup>th</sup> July."

Here are some photos taken at Pukekohe on the 30<sup>th</sup> June ...





**In the home straight**



**At the finish**



**Return**



**Leaving the track**



**Back to the stables**



**Ungearing**



**In the the wash**



**Brent talks to Tony Herlihy about the interference at the start**

Gladamare was scheduled to attend the Auckland TC Workouts at Pukekohe on the 14<sup>th</sup> July, but for some unknown reason these workouts were not to be held.

Trainer Brent Mangos did not know why these workouts were not held and it was mystifying as they had been scheduled on the ATC "Upcoming Trials & Workouts" list.

So, for whatever reason, these workouts were not held and so Gladamare was to complete her preparations at home and be nominated to make her race debut in the Breeders Crown Heat at **Alexandra Park** on Friday, the **20<sup>th</sup> July**.

These fields are now available and **Gladamare** is in the **1<sup>st</sup> Non Tote Race**, scheduled to start at **5:40pm**.

This is the \$5,000 Australasian Breeders Crown (Heat) 2YO Fillies Mobile Pace, for 2YO Fillies, over 1700m. Gladamare has drawn **Barrier No.2** in a field of just 2-runners and will be driven by Brent Mangos.

## **GOOD LUCK & GO GLADAMARE !!!**

**Trainer Mike Berger** :-

**Mermaid Explorer** (Bettor's Delight – Corbie)

Mermaid Explorer completed a little over 6 months out spelling at Breckon Farms, when she was to return to training on the 5<sup>th</sup> June.

She looked good and had done exceptionally well during her time off.

Mermaid Explorer has now completed her 6 weeks jogging and will start her strong pace work this week. She will then move on to her more serious hopped work, working on her speed and down in her times, when in about another 6 weeks she should be ready to attend the workouts late in August, or early in September.

Mermaid Explorer is so far progressing well, but of course it is early days yet and the serious stuff is yet to come, so it will be interesting to follow her progress hopefully through to trialing and going on to make her race debut.

**Trainer Michael House** :-

**Taylor Bromac** (Art Major – Tatijana Bromac)

With all the frustrations of the wet weather in Canterbury, Taylor Bromac was finally to make it to the workouts on the 20<sup>th</sup> June.

This was the North Canterbury TOA Workouts at Rangiora, where Taylor Bromac was to take her place in a Learners Pace, over 2600m. She drew Barrier No.3, in an 8-horse field and was to be driven by trainer Michael House, who advised before the run, "Let's pray for no more rain".

So, after a long and enforced layoff, due to her fibrillating in her trial way back on the 8th November last year, it was going to be interesting to see how she went.

On a slushy track Taylor Bromac stood nice and quiet, as the horse in Barrier No.1 reared-up and played up a little, then she stepped well from the standing start to settle in the trail initially before Amethyst went forward to take over the lead rounding the first turn, leaving Taylor Bromac 3-back on the markers.

She remained there throughout and going down the back the final time the one-out running line formed and Taylor Bromac became pocketed away on the inner. She ran home up the inner in the home straight to finish a creditable 5th Placing.

The winner was Amethyst, in a time of 3:42.8 (MR 2:17.8), with the final 800m completed in 62.0 and the 400m in 29.1.

Michael reported the following day, "Taylor Bromac was good yesterday ... the track was a mess and to be honest we were lucky they ran them. Her being in early meant the learners got the worst of the track, as it did get better later. She begun nicely and was kind during the running. I drove her three back on the fence and sat there. It ended in just a sprint up the straight and I actually couldn't see because I had taken my googles off, but I finished with a little horse left in her, half a length but off the back of the horse I was following and the plugs in ... I'll take her back very shortly for another quiet run before we put her in to qualify."

Michael also sent through this photo of Taylor Bromac on the day ...



Taylor Bromac was given a little of time before she was then scheduled to return for another run at the workouts, but then on the 9<sup>th</sup> July, trainer Michael House advised, "I've got some bad news for you. I've had a gastro bug go through four or five in the stable and last week she was quite sick. She scoured a couple of times and then got a bit of ringworm. She got down a little, then got the secondary thing with the ringworm.

She has been treated and is on the improve now. I can only link it to the water. After all the heavy rain in the West Melton area and as we're on well water, the only thing I can put it down to is the water. We did a culture from the first two horses to come down with it, but it didn't show much. Then I thought maybe it was the feed, so I changed that and more still got sick, so it was completely unrelated to that. The horse is OK. She's not dying but she has been sick. She's over it now. I'll arrange and send a report for you to give to the syndicate members."



Today (16<sup>th</sup> July) a vet report has been received from Prebbleton Veterinary Hospital (PVH) which states ...

## **VET REPORT**

*Animal: Taylor Bromac, 2yo SB Filly owned by Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate*

*Date: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

*History: Taylor Bromac was found to be scouring profusely on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. PVH was called to attend straight away.*

*Examination: On exam the filly was bright and alert. Her temperature and mucus membrane colour were normal. Hydration status was normal. Gut sounds were increased in all four quadrants and the filly had two episodes of very watery diarrhoea during the course of the examination. No explanation could be found as to the cause of the diarrhoea, however dietary change/weather changes can often disrupt the gut flora and cause sudden-onset diarrhoea.*

*Diagnosis: Mild colitis likely caused by disruption of gut flora*

*Plan: The filly was given one dose of 10mL Flunixin IV and 10mL Dexamethasone IV. She was also given dioctahedral smectite (Bio-Sponge) and electrolytes in 4 litres water by nasogastric intubation. She was prescribed a further course of 10mL Dexamethasone IM once a day for the next 5 days. It was recommended to remove the filly from all baleage and grain and to only feed good quality hay until her faeces returned to normal.*

*Conclusion: The filly was rechecked on the 9<sup>th</sup> July and had dramatically improved. The plan was to continue the medication as directed and very slowly re-introduce grain and baleage one-at-a-time so as not to further disrupt the digestive system.*

*Dr Sarah Daly BSc BVMS(Hons) IVCA*

So, Taylor Bromac will take a little time to get over her sickness, but is now heading in the right direction, so hopefully it won't be too long before she is back to normal and can resume her regular training regime.

### **Breckon Farms Syndicates at the Breeders Crown**

Over recent years, the Breckon Farms Syndicates have established an amazing record at the Australasian Breeders Crown, with no less than three starters in the Finals three years ago, then another three again two years ago and one last year.

Of course, they have certainly had their share of wins in this prestigious series, with it all starting back in 2014 when the first established Breckon Farms – The Good Sports Syndicate had Linda Lovegrace make the Group 1 2YO Fillies Final, but unfortunately, she finished back in the field.

Then in 2015 High Gait took out the Group 1 2YO Trotting Fillies Final, as well as Linda Lovegrace finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in her Group 1 3YO Pacing Fillies Final.

In 2016 there were two 2<sup>nd</sup> placings by High Gait in the Group 1 3YO Trotting Fillies Final and Regal Love in the Group 1 2YO Trotting Fillies Final and of course the very exciting win by Partyon in the Group 1 2YO Pacing Fillies Final.

Last year Partyon was the sole Breckon Farms Syndicate representative and she finished a brave 3<sup>rd</sup> placing in her final after having won her Semi-Final.

So, there have certainly been some extremely exciting times for our Breckon Farms Syndicates at the Breeders Crown.

This year, it is hoped that Tickle Me Pink can once again make it through to the Finals, as she gets set to compete in a Breeders Crown Heat at Maryborough on the 16<sup>th</sup> August, on the road to the Group 1 \$95,000 Breeders Crown Series 20 (2YO Fillies) Trotters Final, at Melton on the 25<sup>th</sup> August.

This year, Tickle Me Pink is the Breckon Farms Syndicates sole representative, so we wish both the Syndicate and Tickle Me Pink all the very best of luck for this prestigious race.

### **Newsletters On the Website**

Please remember, your monthly newsletters will also be displayed on the Breckon Farms Website, so you can access them whenever you wish, especially if you can't find them amongst your emails.

The Breckon Farms website address is:- [www.breckonfarms.co.nz](http://www.breckonfarms.co.nz)

Under the 'Syndicates' menu, you will find the 'The Perfect Ten Syndicate' section, then scroll to the bottom and you will find your newsletters.

You may also enjoy reading some of the other sections contained within the website.

Good luck and let's hope there are many more wins to come ...

Cheers

**Rob**



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