

Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate



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Hi there

Welcome to another monthly newsletter for the Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate.

The last month has flown by and already we have received some very encouraging reports on your fillies, but as I always say, we have to be patient !!!

With the positive reports and action with some of your fillies over the last few weeks and months, we are well on our way to what looks like will be lots of fun and excitement.

I look forward to meeting you all personally soon, especially once things start to happen at the workouts, trials, or even races.

This brings me to one of the main points of this Newsletter ... information on your horses.

The Fillies.....

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

Bubbled Up (American Ideal – Speights Girl)

After being broken-in by Mark Smolenski and receiving a very good report, Bubbled Up was to have a break in the spelling paddock before returning to Mark's on 1st May, for a further month's education, before transferring to the All Stars Stable of Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen.

She had about 6 weeks with her trainers, also receiving very good reports and was then sent for a spell on the 27th July.

Bubbled Up has now completed her brief spell and returned to work on the 28th August.

She is being pre-trained by Tim Trathen, who is a trainer in his own right from West Melton, before she joins the All Stars Stable proper and so it will be interesting to follow her progress once she arrives at the stable.

Reports are certainly very positive to date on Bubbled Up and it will be interesting to follow her progress as she heads towards hopefully racing as a 2-year-old.

Lovemelikeyoudo (Love You – Regal Volo)

Lovemelikeyoudo was also broken-in by Mark Smolenski, who gave her consistently high marks on her report card. She was also to return to Mark's on the 1st May for a further month of education, once again receiving good reports, before she too transferred to the All Stars Stable.

She also had a further 6 weeks education with her trainers and received further good reports, before going for a spell on the 27th July.

She too was to have approximately a month out and returned to work on the 28th August.

Lovemelikeyoudo is also being pre-trained by Tim Trathen and after her time with him will join the All Stars Stable to continue her preparation and education.

It will also be very interesting to follow her progress once she arrives at the stable.

Trainer Mark Jones :-

Gimme Hope (Mach Three – Affairs Are Bettor)

After being broken-in in the North by Brent Donnelly, who was happy with her, Gimme Hope had a break at Breckon Farms before returning to Brent for a brief time and then heading south to her trainer Mark Jones.

Mark's initial reports were very good and on the 17th August, he reported further, "The filly is doing good and I can't fault her. The plan is to turn her out at the end of the month and she will run a half before spelling. She does things easy. I will give her a nice spell but think she will have no trouble qualifying as a 2-year-old and depending if she grows more or how she copes, will depend if we look to give her a race as a late 2-year-old."

Mark advised further on the 31st August, "Just an update for your syndicate on the filly and future plans. She ran a half [800m] in 1:06 this morning which is a nice run around my track and she was strong doing it and kept heading in the right direction. As I have said she's a big strong filly who has a little bit of action, but is a nice strong gaited filly and I've been happy with her progress. I will drop her at Greg O'Connor's place on Monday and give her a couple of months spell, but I do think she will qualify next time in, around February-March, but I will be wary of doing too much with her, with her size, so I will be guided by her, but she's definitely worth carrying on with. Yes, it's positive news about the filly. I'm a tough judge so it's a good sign."

So, Gimme Hope went for her spell at Greg O'Connor's [Trackside TV presenter] property, on the 4th September and will have about 2 months in the spelling paddock.

As she is such a big filly, I'm sure this will do her the world of good and she will benefit from her time out.



Trainer Ken & Tony Barron :-

Sassy Tart (Bettor's Delight – Kelly Maguire)

After being broken-in by Brent Donnelly, who was happy with her although did say that she was well named as she had bitten him a couple of times, Sassy Tart was to have a brief spell at Breckon Farms before she too returned to Brent for a brief time before heading south to her trainers Ken and Tony Barron.

Sassy Tart did 3 or 4 weeks work with Ken and Tony, once again receiving good comments as she wanted to run along and she was a nice pacer.

She was then sent for a spell and is scheduled to be out until October. Ken thought that she would benefit from being on some good spring grass, before returning to training in an effort to be ready to qualify around Christmas time.

Hopefully, if she is up to the task and going to make it as a 2-year-old, she will then be able to press on to race as a 2-year-old after that.

So, with positive reports on Sassy Tart to date, it will be interesting to see if she can make it to race as a 2-year-old this season, after she returns to training next month.

Trainer Tony Herlihy :-

Tickle Me Pink (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

Tickle Me Pink was broken-in by her trainer Tony Herlihy who gave her a good report and after her initial time with him she was to return to Breckon Farms for a spell.

She has since had two further brief preparations with Tony, to further her education and has endeared herself to him more each time she has been in training.

During her last preparation before once again returning to Breckon Farms for another spell on the 21st July, Tony had some very positive words to say about Tickle Me Pink and was determined to ensure that his brother-in-law Mark Purdon didn't get his hands on her, as Mark is very pleased with her 3-year-old full-sister Luby Lou who he trains and who has had one start as a 2-year-old for a win in a Breeders Crown Heat.

Tickle Me Pink is currently still enjoying her break at Breckon Farms, with Farm Manager Scott Yarndley reporting that she is doing very well, and she is set to return to Tony's stable next month.

So, Tickle Me Pink will return to training again in October, with things set to be more serious for her this time in. It will be great to follow her progress and see how she advances along the way.



Trainer **Brent Mangos** :-

Gladamare (Mach Three – Delightful Dale)

Gladamare was broken-in by one of your Syndicate trainers Mike Berger who was pleased with the way she broke-in and said that she virtually paced straight off.

She was only to have the one preparation before also being sent to Breckon Farms for her spell.

She was to have about 5 months out in the paddock and was then to go to her trainer Brent Mangos' stable on the 21st August.

Initially Gladamare had trouble pacing; so much so that I checked with Mike Berger to ensure she had actually broken-in well and paced along easily and well, and also to check her brand to make sure we had the right horse. Everything stacked up and on the 1st September Mike advised, "She virtually paced straight off and we didn't really have to gait her up" and Brent reported, "I put lighter hobbles on her today and she all-but paced. I had heavy hobbles on her to try and help her pace, but just thought I'd try the light weight ones. She will pace and felt like she will start pacing in 3 or 4 days."

Then on the 4th September, Brent advised, "She's started to pace. She's away now."

So it will be interesting to follow Gladamare's progress once she has had a little time to settle down properly and have things going along as they should.

Of interest is that her half-brother Shandale has been performing extremely well since his sale to Western Australia about 6 months ago. He had 3 wins and a second from 4 starts in his first month there, then had a spell and has now won 2-from-3 since resuming, to currently have the excellent record of 13 wins, 5 seconds and 5 thirds, for \$221,275 in stakes, with a best Mile Rate of 1:53.7 set in his most recent race on the 8th September and is now shaping as a leading contender for the upcoming InterDominion Series in Perth, in November.

Trainer **Barry Purdon** :-

Starski (Art Major – Rozelski)

Having been broken-in by Todd Macfarlane, along with Reachforthetill, Starski was to have a good break at Breckon Farms before returning to Todd's for some further education.

Todd said he was very happy with Starski and she was then to spend time with her trainer Barry Purdon.

Barry was pleased with Starski's way of going and said although there wasn't much to her, she was willing and had a great stride. She spent a few weeks with Barry before returning to Breckon Farms for a 3-month spell.

Starski is doing well during her time out and is due to return to training with Barry at the beginning of October.

It will be interesting to see how she progresses during this preparation.

Trainer **Brian & Gareth Hughes** :-

Reachforthetill (Art Major – Giveitawhirlgirl)

Reachforthetill was also broken-in by Todd Macfarlane, along with Starski, with Todd reporting that she broke-in well and paced along nicely, so he was pleased with her.

She too was to then go for a break at Breckon Farms, before returning to Todd's to further her education, with this session concluding with her trainer Brian Hughes coming to drive her.

Brian was also happy with the way she felt in her work and thought she was a good pacer, but also thought that Reachforthetill would benefit from having a break then, to allow her to develop further physically, so she was to return again to Breckon Farms for her spell.

Reachforthetill has been doing well in the spelling paddock and on Monday (the 11th September) she left the farm and returned to training, having had a little over 3 months out.

She will be jogged up by Glen Harwood, who is a former public trainer who now holds a 'Licence To Train' licence, at Rosslands Stud in Clevedon. She will have a month with Glen before transferring to her trainers Brian and Gareth Hughes for some more serious work.

Of interest is that two very close relations of Reachforthetill have been winners recently. Firstly, King Of Swing who is out of a three-quarter-sister in Twist And Twirl, won the Group 1 \$285,000 Breeders Crown (2YO Colts & Geldings) Final, at Melton in Victoria, on the 27th August and now has a record of 6 wins and 2 seconds, for \$190,127 in stakes and a Best Mile Rate of 1:55.1 over 2150m. Then her half-sister Double Twist, raced by the Breckon Farms – The Top Ten Syndicate, won at Cambridge on the 7th September, taking her record to 3 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third, for \$18,901 and a best Mile Rate of 1:59.7 over 1700m.

Trainer **Mike Berger** :-

Mermaid Explorer (Bettor's Delight – Corbie)

Mermaid Explorer was also broken-in by Mike Berger, who is of course to be her trainer too and who was happy with the way she broke-in.

After a little over 2 months with Mike in this initial time being broken-in, Mermaid Explorer returned to Breckon Farms for a spell.

Mermaid Explorer did well during her time out and returned to Mike's stable for further education and training on the 18th August.

Mike has reported, "She's just been flopping around since she came back, but we'll start bowling her along soon. I'm happy with her at this early stage."

So, once again reports are positive and progress is good, so it will be interesting to follow her progress.

Trainer Michael House :-

Taylor Bromac (Art Major – Tatijana Bromac)

Taylor Bromac was also broken-in by her trainer, Michael House, who was pleased with the way she gaited up and her willing attitude.

She continued to make good progress, despite the wet weather conditions through July and worked down nicely in her times.

Michael has reported today (14th September), "She is still in work and headed to Addington in two weeks for a run off home base. I will settle on a date once I talk to the track manager on Saturday at races. I'm not looking to break track records, but she is telling us she is going to be fast. Obviously the goal is to gauge her a little and to make a plan on whether she is going for a 2 week break or a 2 month one !! I'm really mindful of a deadline that requires answering in October about payments, but I'm thinking already it's a no-brainer that we should be committed !! My only negative comment is she has still not let her coat go and still looks a little hairy and is in between."

This is certainly very positive news and very exciting.

The payment in October that Michael is referring to, is the sustaining payment (\$575.00) that is due on the 1st October for the NZ Yearling Sales Series to remain eligible for the 2-year-old races of this series. As Taylor Bromac is the only filly in your Syndicate that was purchased at the Yearling Sales, she is the only one that is eligible to contest this series.

There is a Listed \$150,000 2YO Fillies Final, to be staged at Alexandra Park in Auckland, on the 11th May 2018, so it will be great to have this target for her to be aimed at.

Of course, if she is to make it to race as a 2-year-old, there are also many other opportunities for her and indeed all the other fillies in your Syndicate, such as NZ Sires Stakes Series, Caduceus Club Classic, Harness Jewels, Australasian Breeders Crown, etc.

Hopefully some very exciting times lie ahead.



Breckon Farms Syndicates at the Breeders Crown

Following in the great tradition of Breckon Farms Syndicate horses over the years, the Breckon Farms – The Top Ten Syndicate filly Partyon went a brave race in her Breeders Crown Final to finish a gallant 3rd placing, thus adding to the growing list of successful performers on "Super Sunday".

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

To add to the amazing record of Breckon Farms bred horses at the Australasian Breeders Crown, King Of Swing (Rocknroll Hanover / Twist And Twirl) was the winner of this year's Group 1 \$285,000 Woodlands Stud Breeders Crown Series 20 (2YO Colts & Geldings) Final. Our CONGRATULATIONS go to the owners Lincoln Farms Ltd, SB Fleming, RG Fleming and N McAlister, who purchased the colt at the 2016 Yearling Sales for \$80,000.

Interestingly, King Of Swing's dam Twist And Twirl is out of Giveitawhirlgirl and so is a half or full-sister to Breckon Farms Syndicate horses Spin To Win (Super Seven Syndicate), Double Twist (Top Ten Syndicate), Spandau Ballet (Six Of The Best Syndicate) and Reachforthetill (The Perfect Ten Syndicate).

Code Black (Bettor's Delight / Christian Watch) also bred by Breckon Bloodstock finished 3rd in the Group 2 \$50,000 Hygain Breeders Crown Championship (4YO Entires & Geldings).

So, all-in-all it was a good day's racing for the farm.



King Of Swing wins his 2YO Final



Partyon is 3rd in the 3YO Fillies Final

2017 ALWAYS B MIKI NORTH ISLAND HARNESS RACING AWARDS

The North Island Awards night was held on Saturday the 2nd September, at Alexandra Park in Auckland and details of the 2017 winners are:-

Auckland Harness Racing Trust Premier Cadet Award: **Erin Isherwood**

Dexion Amateur Driver of the Year: **Sheryl Wigg**

Kahukuri Bloodstock – Hollis & Robertson Groom of the Year: **Yvette Hughes**

Magness Video Ltd / Vid-Com Ltd Licence-to-Train/Owner-Trainer of the Year: **Tim Vince**

Mitavite Junior Driver of the Year: **Dylan Ferguson**

PGG Wrightson 2 year old Colt or Gelding of the Year: **Mach Shard**

PGG Wrightson 2 year old Filly of the Year: **New York Rain**

Breckon Farms 2 year old Trotter of the Year: **Paramount King**

Breckon Farms 3 year old Trotter of the Year: **C K Spur**

Dunstan 3 year old Colt or Gelding of the Year: **Jack's Legend**

Dunstan 3 year old Filly of the Year: **American Empress**

Merv & Meg Butterworth Female Racing Achievement of the Year: **Arna Donnelly**

Garrards Horse & Hound Owners of the Year: **Bernie Lim**

Caduceus Club Filly/Mare of the Year: **The Orange Agent**

NI Standardbred Breeders Association Breeder of the Year: **Woodlands Stud**

IRT Driver of the Year: **David Butcher**

Veterinary Associates Equine and Farm Trainer of the Year: **John & Josh Dickie**

Veterinary Associates Equine and Farm Broodmare of the Year: **Splendid Dreams**

Woodlands Stud Stallion of the Year: **Bettor's Delight**

Harness Racing New Zealand Trotter of the Year: **Temporale**

Auckland Trotting Club Aged Pacer of the Year: **Dream About Me**

Sir Lincoln - Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Racing Achievement Award: **Steven Reid**

Always B Miki Alabar/Nevele R Stud Outstanding Contribution to Harness Racing: **Tony Dickinson**

Congratulations must go to all award recipients. **Well done !!!**



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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.

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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 wins to come ...

Cheers

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