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Breckon Farms – The Top Ten Syndicate



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Hi there

The last month has been a busy one for Partyon, firstly having two trials, then having two races down in Melbourne. It has been a great month for Partyon, racing at the Melton track on two occasions, for two wins, making it 2-from-2 under Dean Braun's care. **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

The first of these wins was on the 24th March, in the Group 3 \$30,000 Allied Express Jodie's Babe where she sped to the lead and ran them along at good pace, to complete a comfortable win in a good 1.53.4 Mile Rate for the 1720m journey. Partyon was then to race again on the 7th April, where she came from a 2nd Row draw to sit parked and dominate and old arch rival in Miss Graceland, to win again in good time and a slightly quicker Mile Rate of 1.53.3, winning comfortably by 6.8m.

Dean Braun is really quite in awe of Partyon and rates her very highly. He is doing a great job with her and long may the success continue.

Partyon is now to race again this Saturday, the **21st April**, once again at **Tabcorp Park Melton**, in Melbourne.

She is in **Race 5**, timed to start at **7.30pm (9.30pm NZ Time)**, the \$18,000 Cogs Pace, for M1 to M2 pacers, with a Preferential Barrier Draw, from a Mobile Start, over 1720m. Under the Preferential Barrier Draw conditions, Partyon has drawn **Barrier No.11 (No.4 on the 2nd Row)** in what is set to be a 10-horse field, as there is one Emergency currently at No.2 on the Front Line. She will once again be driven by Nathan Jack. I'm sure Partyon will once again be very competitive in this field, so ...

GOOD LUCK for this race !!!

According to the TAB Trackside schedule, this race will be shown live on Trackside 1 (Channel 62).

After this race, Partyon will be set to race in her main aim while in Victoria this campaign, a Mares Triple Crown Series, that starts with the Group 3 \$30,000 Alabar Make Mine Cullen, on the 5th May, then the Group 3 \$30,000 Alabar Angelique Club Cup, on the 12th May, with the Final being the Group 1 \$100,000 Benstud Queen Of The Pacific, on the 19th May, all of which are at Tabcorp Park Melton.

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... wins the Group 3 \$30,000 Allied Express Jodie's Babe (Mobile), at Tabcorp Park Melton, on 24th March 2018

Great to see Partyon back to her best !!!

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... wins the \$16,000 thetrots.com.au Pace, at Tabcorp Park Melton, on 7th April 2018

*Making it 2-from-2 for Dean Braun and in a fast
1.53.3 Mile Rate for 1720m !!!*

These two wins brought up a remarkable 29 wins for the Breckon Farms - The Top Ten Syndicate, so **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

The Breckon Farms - The Top Ten Syndicate now has a record of 93 starts, 29 wins, 10 seconds, 11 thirds, for \$762,321 in stake earnings.

That's an amazing **53.8%** record of starts in the money, which is truly ...

I-N-C-R-E-D-I-B-L-E !!!



Please Note:- Unfortunately I have had no response from Tabcorp Park Melton in my efforts to obtain the photographer's details to contact for photos of these wins - sorry.

Here is the latest information on your mare:-

Partyon (Bettor's Delight – Beach Parade) - **(PARTY)**

After spending time at Luke McCarthy's stable, just outside of Sydney, where she was recovering from her virus, Partyon travelled down to Victoria, on the 6th March, to join the stable of Dean Braun.

Dean advised on the 22nd March that Partyon had had two trials since arriving with him, the first of these on the 14th March, at Melton, where she was driven by Nathan Jack and dropped back to settle last in the 6-horse field, as they ran along in single file. Partyon was still last as the speed increased heading off the back the final time and was giving the leader the best part of 20m head-start as she commenced a forward move with about 450m to go. Partyon moved around the field and powered down the outer for a very good win, with the commentator saying, "Oh, it's a big trial win".

Partyon's winning time was 2.46.45 (MR 1.59.6) with the last 800m in 56.07 and the 400m in 27.4, which was excellent especially as Partyon had come from last at the quarter pole, so she would have run an exceptional last 400m. The winning margin was 1.5m.

Then Partyon was to have a quiet trial on Tuesday, the 20th March, once again at Melton. She was again driven by Nathan Jack and got out well to settle in the trail, where she remained throughout and took the passing lane to run a good 2nd placing to the good horse General Dodge, in a time of 2.47.57 (MR 2.00.4), with the last 800m in 57.48 and the 400m in 27.46. Partyon went down by a 4m margin.

Dean advised, "She has settled in really good. She is really, really good in herself and has trained on really good. Nathan is in love with her, but he isn't able to drive her as he has two of his own horses in at Bathurst, in the Gold Crown Heats, so I wanted to get someone who can commit to her right through and so I have enlisted Greg Sugars. I think she should lead from her handy draw on Saturday and there doesn't look like there's anyone to pressure her in there, so I think she's got a great chance of winning."

So, Partyon was to race on the 24th March, at Tabcorp Park Melton, in Melbourne.

This was in the Group 3 \$30,000 Allied Express Jodie's Babe, for Mares, M0 or Better, with a Preferential Barrier Draw, from a Mobile Start, over 1720m. Under the Preferential Barrier Draw conditions, Partyon drew well at Barrier No.2 in what was to be a 9-horse field after two scratchings. She was to be driven by Greg Sugars.

Quite amazingly, commentator Dan Mielicki didn't pick Partyon in four, but still she was sent out a warm odds-on favourite showing \$1.40 to win.

It was going to be interesting to see how Partyon went after 6 weeks away from racing, due to her contracting a virus.

Partyon was first out and showed speed to go on to lead as they headed into the first bend. Partyon led them along at good speed throughout, with fellow Kiwi mare Delightful Memphis sitting on her wheel in the breeze, but as they rounded the home turn for the final time Partyon drew away a little from the rest.

Into the home straight and Partyon was travelling nicely, drawing away at the finish for a nice win, after dominating throughout.

Partyon's winning time was a good 2.01.2 (MR 1.53.4) and the last 800m in 55.8 and the 400m in 27.3, with a winning margin of 4.2m.

CONGRATULATIONS !!! It was great to see Partyon back to her best and back in the Winners Circle. **WELL DONE !!!**

Greg said, "I was really happy with her. She was just cruising."

Dean added, "She was good, but nothing unexpected. You know how good she is. I was really happy with that."

Please accept my apologies, the Trackside TV schedule was not adhered to (as is often the case) and the race was actually shown on Trackside 1 (Channel 62), not Trackside 2 (Channel 63). So if you were like me and taped Trackside 2, you would have missed the race. Luckily, I managed to watch it live, so hopefully you did too.

After this very good win, Partyon was to be set to race again on the 7th April, once again at Tabcorp Park Melton.

This was in the \$16,000 thetrots.com.au Pace, for Mares, M0 to M1, with a Preferential Barrier Draw, from a Mobile Start, over 1720m. Under the Preferential Barrier Draw conditions, being the equal-tightest assessed mare in the race, Partyon drew Barrier No.9 (No.2 on the 2nd Row) in what was to be a 9-horse field. She was to be driven by Nathan Jack (who drove her in her two trials).

Dean advised on the 4th April, "She's really good. I'm really happy with her. Her work has been fantastic. She's trained on super. I've had a little bit of vet work done this week and she seems really good. I wouldn't be swapping her for any of the others. I couldn't fault her, two or three days out [from her race]. That win has built her confidence too. She's a lovely mare. It could be a little bit tougher this one, from the 2nd Row, but she should be hard to beat. Miss Graceland off the front will be the hardest, but I think Party will be very hard to beat again to be honest. I expect her to go a very good race. She should get a nice run through or could probably even park outside Miss Graceland; although I don't necessarily want her to be doing that and beat her. She's [Partyon] big and strong and ready to go."

Despite her 2nd Row draw, Partyon was sent out a hot favourite and obtained a good run through at the start, ending up in the one-one early in the running. Nathan then moved forward to sit parked with a lap-to-go and put it to the second favourite Miss Graceland heading off the back the final time. She got the upper hand at the 400m pole, to shoot away and go on for an easy win in fast time and to notch up win No. 17, together with 5 placings for \$631,726 in stakes.

Partyon's winning time was another very good 2.01.1 (MR 1.53.3), with the last 800m completed in 56.3 and the 400m in 28.8 and an impressive winning margin of 6.8m.

CONGRATULATIONS !!! It was certainly great to see Partyon carry on her winning way, with yet another very good win. **WELL DONE !!!**

Dean advised the following week, "She was never out of second gear. Nathan never pulled the deafeners. She's come through the race really well. She trained really well on Wednesday. I'll put her in next Friday, then wait for the first in that series, as she'll then have three in a row, before she heads back home."

This photo taken by Dean Braun before Partyon left for the races was sent across to Karen Breckon who forwarded it on. Thanks Dean and Karen, that's great. Partyon certainly does look a picture.



The HRNZ website "Aussie News – 9th April" stated ...

"Dean Braun is starting to rival Kerryn Manning for his strike with ex-pats of the All Stars barn.

Braun has enjoyed huge success with Stars Align, who won easily again at Melton on Saturday night, and now Partyon is doing the same.

The former NSW Oaks winner made it two wins from as many runs for Braun when she produced one of the best performances of her career on Saturday night at Melton.

Partyon popped out of the one-one early to parked outside her main danger, former Victoria Oaks winner Miss Graceland, then proceeded to crush her.

Driver Nathan Jack was still swinging against Partyon as she zoomed clear on the home bend and she cruised to a 6.8m win in a scorching 1min53.3sec mile rate for 1720m.

She looms as one of the hardest to beat in the upcoming Group 1 Queen of the Pacific at Melton."

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Unfortunately, I will be away for each of these races (see below), so I take this opportunity to wish you the very best of luck, in advance, for all these races.

Partyon will then head home to compete in the Group 1 \$150,000 4YO Diamond at the Harness Jewels, at Cambridge, on the 2nd June.

Let's hope all goes to plan and Partyon can do herself proud once again and have a fair chance at glory in these prestigious races.

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Group 1 Glory

With Luby Lou's win in the Group 1 NZ Trotting Derby for the Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate on the 6th April, she created an amazing achievement for the Breckon Farms Syndicates.

Remarkably, every Breckon Farms Syndicate to date (other than the latest 2-year-old fillies) has had a Group 1 winner.

This incredible record began with The Good Sports Syndicate's Linda Lovegrace winning the Group 1 Caduceus Club 2YO Fillies Championship, then the Super Seven Syndicate's High Gait became a 4-time Group 1 winner, winning the Group 1 Redwood Classic, the Group 1 Breeders Crown 2YO Trotting Fillies Final, the Group 1 Need For Speed Princess Final and the Group 1 Victoria Trotters Oaks, then the Top Ten Syndicate's Partyon became a 5-time Group 1 winner, winning the Group 1 Harness Jewels 2YO Diamond, the Group 1 Breeders Crown 2YO Fillies Final, the Group 1 NSW Oaks, the Group 1 Northern Oaks and the Group 1 Queen Of Hearts and now of course Luby Lou won the Group 1 NZ Trotting Derby.

CONGRATULATIONS to all Syndicate Members !!!

And of course ... **CONGRATULATIONS to Ken & Karen Brecon and Breckon Farms !!!**

With the early results already achieved with the Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate 2-year-old fillies, I'm sure it won't be too long before this Syndicate can follow suit.

Just as another reminder ...



As advised by email, the Harness Jewels is on 2nd June 2018 at Cambridge Raceway.

The Harness Jewels is the premier championship harness racing event of the year where the season's best horses, drivers, trainers, breeders and owners compete for the Harness Jewels crowns in nine Group 1 races.

With over \$1.2 million in stakes to be won, the Harness Jewels is the richest race day in New Zealand.

This is your chance to be part of this exclusive event and enjoy the thrill and glamour that is Harness Jewels 2018 at Cambridge Raceway.

Breckon Farms Syndicates currently have ...

Partyon – (6th – down from 5th) on the Group 1 \$150,000 4YO Diamond Pacing Mares Leaderboard

Tickle Me Pink – (3rd – down from 1st) on the Group 1 \$125,000 2YO Ruby Trot Leaderboard

Luby Lou – (1st – up from 16th) on the Group 1 \$125,000 3YO Ruby Trot Leaderboard

Bubbled Up – (5th – up from 8th) on the Group 1 \$150,000 2YO Diamond Pacing Fillies Leaderboard

So, it will be a great opportunity to get along and support these horses and enjoy a great days racing.

Breckon Farms will be forming tables in the Premium Marquee, so it is recommended that you book immediately to join one of their tables.

Be among the best dressed with tickets to the Premium Marquee at the premier harness racing event of the year. Located trackside, you will have unobstructed views of the racing action close to the winning post.

Seated at a table of ten, you will enjoy a luncheon like no other, with a platter on arrival followed by gourmet buffet lunch and decadent dessert served to your table. A selection of premium beverages are included in your package.

If this is your annual day out, you have a horse competing for a Harness Jewels crown or you want to treat yourself to a special day at the races, this is the spot for you.

Your package includes:-

- entry and reserved seating in the exclusive premium marquee for the duration of the day
- platter on arrival, buffet lunch and petit fours with tea and coffee
- premium beer and wine beverage package available until the start of race nine.

Usual Price:-

Table for 10 guests: \$3000 per table.

Individual tickets: \$320 per person.

Breckon Farms Price:-

By special arrangement, individual tickets are at the discounted rate of \$300 per person, but you must say you are with the Breckon Farms Party.

Premium Marquee - How to buy:-

Phone: Charlotte Mooney on 07-827-5506, or ...

Email: charlotte@cambridgeraceway.co.nz

Book Online @ <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2018/jun/harness-jewels-2018> giving the discount code:- BRECKONFARMSPARTY

If the Premium Marquee is not for you, there are other areas available and these are listed via the following link @ <https://www.theraces.co.nz/harnessjewels>, that you are welcome to also book yourself directly.

Holiday

I am about to embark on a very rare holiday and will be away from the 25th April to the 31st May.

As a result, there will unfortunately be no newsletter for the month of May, but I have arranged for Karen Breckon and Elaine Culley to keep you informed with emails as activities determine.

These will give you the usual detail of upcoming races and workouts or trials, so hopefully you will remain fully informed until my return.

Please accept my apologies in advance for the lack of a newsletter next month, but unfortunately this is unavoidable and will be the first lot of monthly newsletters I have missed since I joined Breckon Farms almost 4 years ago.

Good luck for all your racing that may occur during my absence, I look forward to seeing you at the Jewels, which will be happening just 2 days after my return.

Thanks for your understanding.



Newsletters On the Website

Please remember, your monthly newsletters are also 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

Under the 'Syndicates' menu, click on the 'Top Ten Syndicate', then scroll to find your newsletters.

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

So good luck and many more wins to come ...

Cheers

Rob



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