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Hi there

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

Well you have now had 5 of your fillies make it to the workouts/trials and this month has seen the first of your girls make their race debut – **all very exciting stuff !!!**

Partyon (Party) was the first to make a public appearance, back in November, followed by Regal Love (Love) who trialled twice in January, then Holdon For Tonite (Angela) went to the workouts also in January, followed again by Callmemaybe (May) also in January, then finally Double Twist (Nat) at the end of January.

Partyon has had a further run at the workouts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, running a good 2<sup>nd</sup> placing once again and is now set to make her race debut.

Regal Love was the first of your fillies to make her race debut, this being in a Non Tote race at Ashburton on the 6<sup>th</sup> February, where she ran a gallant 2<sup>nd</sup> place, just getting beaten by the barest of margins, a nose. She certainly was not disgraced and a programme is about to be mapped out for her immediate racing.

**Double Twist**, or Nat as we know her is now to have her second run at the workouts and this is to be at the **Franklin Park Workouts**, tomorrow, Saturday, the **13<sup>th</sup> February**, where she is in **Heat 2**, timed to start at **10:15am**, a Workout Unqualified (Left Handed) Mobile Pace, over 2050m, in which she has drawn **Barrier No. 5** and will be driven by Brent Mangos. After this run, it is planned that she will go on and attempt to qualify at Auckland on the 27<sup>th</sup> February, before an assessment is made on her immediate future.

Then, your second filly to make her race debut, will line up on Sunday, the **14<sup>th</sup> February**. This is **Partyon**, who will debut at **Timaru** in the first of the NZ Sires Stakes 2YO Fillies Heats. This is **Race 3**, timed to start at **2:19pm**, the \$22,000 Magness Benrow 2YO Fillies (Heat 1) Mobile Pace, over 2000m, where Party has drawn **Barrier No. 4** and will be driven by Matt Anderson. **GOOD LUCK FOR THIS RACE !!!**

Holdon For Tonite (Angela) has gone for a spell, Callmemaybe (May) appears to be heading the same way, but Moving Money (Molly) should be going to the workouts in the next week or so and Unlikely Lady (Lady) has been pleasing trainer Geoff Small and should be going to the workouts in about 4 weeks. Diamond Lace (Lacey) appears to be still struggling a little and Loveonthelawn (Roxy) and Fellamonstabeauty (Beauty) are both making progress in their training since returning 4 weeks ago.

So there is certainly plenty of action to look forward to.

**GOOD LUCK** for Party's race debut and other upcoming workouts and trials; the action is now really starting to hot up.

I look forward to meeting you personally soon.

*Here is the latest information on all your fillies:-*

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

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

After winning her trial on the 6<sup>th</sup> January, but not going the required qualifying time, it was planned that Love would trial again on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, but unfortunately these trials did not proceed.

So instead Love was to attend the North Canterbury Trotting Trials, at Rangiora, on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, where she competed in a 2YO Mobile Trot, over 2000m, with a Qualifying Time required of 2:42.0. She drew Barrier No. 2, in a 5-horse field and was to be driven by stable driver Tim Williams.

The track was very much weather-affected on the day, with the runners being forced to run wide out in the middle of the track throughout the heats.

Love made a good beginning and settled into the early trail, but after they had travelled about 400m, Heavyweight Hero moved forward to lead, posting Love 3-back in the running. With a little over a lap-to-go Jaw D Nancy came around the field to take up the lead and Love was now 4-back, in second-to-last position.

At the end of the back straight, with about 600m to run, Tim made a move and began to go forward one-out, with Chevron Express hopping onto her back. Love trotted forward nicely to be outside the leader as they passed the 400m Mark and hit the front in the home straight with about 200m to go.

Love drew away passing the 100m point and was running home strongly, when Chevron Express came off her back and got over the top of her to just get up in the last stride to win. Love was only a nose away in 2<sup>nd</sup> placing.

Chevron Express' winning time was, as expected under the circumstances, a slow 2:56.9 (MR 2:22.3), with the closing sectionals completed in 67.2 and 31.2.

So Love was ready to make her race debut. This was to be at the Ashburton TC Meeting, on the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Love was to take her place in the \$2,000 2YO Mobile Trot, a Non Tote race that attracted a field of only 3 runners and had a Qualifying Time Required of 2:09.1 attached to it. She drew Barrier No. 1 and was to be driven by stable driver Tim Williams.

The All Stars Stable Foreman Duane Marfisi advised on the 2nd February, "She worked like a diamond today. She's beautiful. Tim doesn't get to drive her at home, as I keep her to myself. He had a drive at the trials last week and when he got off he said 'Give me a drive on her anytime'. I'm so excited; you'll hear me screaming from there."

So, your first raceday starter was about to be, albeit in a Non Tote Race, but this was exactly how Love's older sister High Gait started her career, on the same day last year.

Love made a good beginning from the mobile gate, but had a good gawk at the Winning Post as they went passed it for the first time, allowing Winnie McGoogan to go on and take the lead. The other runner Eyrish Mist galloped at the start and was not to be in the race thereafter, eventually being disqualified.

Love trailed the leader throughout and when they turned for home and the passing lane presented itself, Tim moved Love down to make her challenge. She responded well, running up to Winnie McGoogan quickly before the other horse fought back and drew ahead again, but Love came back again in the last 50m to finish a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> placing, going down by the barest of margins, a nose.

Winnie McGoogan's winning time was 2:04.6, with the last 400m recorded in 28.0 flat.

Love was officially credited with a time of 2:04.7 and is thus now officially qualified to race.

## **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

This was a very exciting debut and although we were not able to watch the race live on Trackside TV, I see that they have now loaded the video of the race on the HRNZ Website results, so you can view it at:-

<http://harness.hrnz.co.nz/gas/wa/r/infohorsewahr/wsd01x?Arg=hrnzg-Ptype&Arg=RaceVideo&Arg=hrnzg-RacehdrID&Arg=223604>

Here are a couple of photos taken of the video footage ...



Duane Marfisi advised yesterday, "She has come through her race well. I took a bloodtest and her muscle count is back to normal, so all is good. I trained her today and she worked beautifully."

Duane will now consult with Mark, who is currently in Australia, and a programme will be mapped out for Love. There are several options of 2YO Trotting races programmed in the North and South, with the two features coming up over the next 6 weeks being the \$10,000 Sires Stakes Prelude at Cambridge on the 17<sup>th</sup> March and the \$25,510 NZ 2YO Trotting Stakes at Addington on the 26<sup>th</sup> March.

I'm sure all of Love's upcoming racing will be exciting for you all.

I will be in touch once race details are available for her next appearance.

## **GO LOVE !!!**

### **Partyon** (Bettor's Delight – Beach Parade)

After having a brief 4-week spell, Party was to complete 8 weeks back in training and then was ready to attend the North Canterbury Trotting Workouts, at Rangiora, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

The day prior to this, All Stars Stable Foreman Duane Marfisi advised, "She's working good. Her heels are a bit raw and she has boils on her back, so I arranged a blood test this morning and if her white cell count is up, we might even pull her out. It's not worth risking her at this stage, as she's got a lot ahead of her."

Party was to be OK and she was to take her place in a 2YO Fillies Unqualified Mobile Pace, over 2000m, that had a Qualifying Time of 2:36.2 attached to it. She drew Barrier No. 4 in a 5-horse heat and was driven by Matt Anderson.

Party wasn't rushed off the mobile gate and settled nicely into third in the running, as the field ran along in single file. She remained 3-back on the markers throughout, until approaching the 800m Mark she came out to move forward one-out and sit in the parked position.

Turning for home, Partyon moved forward to challenge for the lead and with about 100m to run she made the lead and was looking good, until one of her stablemates wound her way through the field from last to get up on the inside and go on to win.

Party finished a good 2<sup>nd</sup> placing, ½ a length from the winner.

The winner was Renske B, in a moderate time of 2:40.0 (MR 2:08.7), with good final sectionals of 57.6 and 28.7.



Here is a photo from the All Stars Stable Website of Partyon's run at the Rangiora Workouts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February; that's her centre stage, in the running ...



And here are a couple of photos taken from the video footage on the HRNZ Website ...



On the outside in the home straight



At the finish

So Party is now set to make her race debut.

This is to be at the **Timaru HRC Meeting**, at the Phar Lap Raceway, this Sunday, the **14<sup>th</sup> February**.

Party is in **Race 3**, timed to start at **2:19pm**, the \$22,000 Magness Benrow 2YO Fillies (Heat 1) Mobile Pace, over 2000m. She has drawn **Barrier No. 4** and will be driven by Matt Anderson.

According to the HRNZ Trottech, Party is their 2<sup>nd</sup> selection to win the race, behind her stablemate Renske B, with the comment stating, "2nd to her stablemate in only trial & workout. Strong quinella chance."

Duane Marfisi advised yesterday, "She worked very well today. Her heart rate was good, so everything's on track."

If anyone is planning to go along, any photos and/or report would be most appreciated for inclusion in the next newsletter.

**GOOD LUCK for this race & GO PARTY !!!**

Once through this race, depending on how she performs, her aim will still be a tilt at the \$25,000 Young Guns Fillies Heat, in Auckland, on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. This is also a Sires Stakes Qualifying Race and hopefully if Party does make it there, she can perform well enough to qualify for the Young Guns Final which is run as the Group 2 \$80,000 Delightful Lady Classic, on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, also at Alexandra Park.

This would certainly be something for us all to look forward to with lots of excitement, so I will keep you informed and confirm details as they come to hand.

### **Trainer Cran Dalgety :-**

#### **Holdon For Tonite** (Somebeachsomewhere – Angela Patron)

After attending the workouts on the 13<sup>th</sup> January, at Rangiora, where she finished back in 6<sup>th</sup> placing, never really get on the bit, Angela was due to attend the trials again on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, but these trials did not proceed.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January, Cran advised, "I have just waited until I trained her today before getting back to you and I'm just not as happy with her as I was 2 weeks ago. I'm going to give her the month of February off, so that will be 4 weeks in total and then start back on her again. She's quite a big, strong, bulky filly and is up in the rear, so looks like she is having a growing patch. I was hoping to qualify her, but she'll have the 4 weeks off and start again. She is a well above average filly, but she's just going through a growing patch, as 2-year-olds do. I'm sure you're well aware of how this happens."

So, Angela has been sent for her 4-week spell and hopefully will be better equipped to cope next time in.

### **Trainer Ken Barron :-**

#### **Moving Money** (Bettor's Delight – Angela's Dream)

Molly has continued with her pace work since after Christmas and has progressed well, with her times coming down steadily and her work has been good.

Ken reported this week, "Her times are coming down nicely and she will be ready to go to the workouts in the next week or two. I'm not sure where they're having them yet, but when the suitable ones are on we'll be ready to go. We'll see how she goes and have a better idea if we are to go forward and qualify, or give her a bit of a spell."

So, once Molly's workout details are confirmed, I will forward these to you.

It will be great to see her make her first public appearance and interesting to see how she goes.

### **Trainer Geoff Small :-**

#### **Callmemaybe** (Artsplace – Dale Elinor)

After suffering a minor setback with a little bump on her knee and missing some work, May was to soon be back on track and working down in her times, to be ready to make her first public appearance in attending the Franklin Park Workouts, at Pukekohe, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Geoff advised that May's work in training two days prior was OK, so she was set to go and he would see how her fitness levels were in her workout and if she ran well enough, she would look to go to the Qualifying Trials on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, also at Pukekohe.

So, May was to line up in a 2YO & Older Unqualified Mobile Pace, Left Handed, over 2050m, where she drew Barrier No. 2 in just a 4-horse field and was to be driven by Geoff Small.

Unfortunately May was to go into a break as the mobile gate pulled away at the start, but she managed to settle back into a pace and catch up with the other two runners.

Then, at the same spot where she broke at the start, with just over a lap-to-go she broke again and was pulled up.

For the record, the winner was Youshallnotpass, in a time of 2:37.7 (MR 2:03.7), with the final 800m completed in 60.3 seconds and the 400m in 29.8.

Geoff said, "It felt like her hobbles were about 2 holes too long. She just went no good at all. We won't be going next week now [to the Qualifying Trials]. I'll have to get her sorted."

The following week, Geoff took May's hobbles up a couple of holes and she appeared to be a lot happier in her pacing action. However, as she was sped up in her fast work, May began to flail in her front action, so Geoff tried spreaders on her, to help her along, but he was not happy with her.

Geoff has reported this week, "She got uncoordinated trying to go too fast, so I slowed her down in her work and put spreaders on her. She got unbalanced and I think she probably needs to strengthen up and maybe needs to go out for a spell. She seemed really, really good working up, but we've come undone. It's frustrating. She doesn't feel like I can chase her and she flails around in front. It's not her natural action. You can feel her panic a bit. I'll give her a few more days, but I'd say she will probably need to go out."

So after pleasing Geoff so much early on, May has lost her way a little and it is likely that this is a maturity and strength thing, so if she is sent for a spell, I think this will be the best thing for her at this stage, then next time in, she will hopefully be better able to cope with the rigours of training and fast work in particular.

### **Unlikely Lady** (Artsplace – Affairs Are Bettor)

After returning from her spell on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, Lady completed 4 weeks jogging, before moving on to pace work in the hobbles and more latterly she has been working down in her times and pleasing her new trainer Geoff Small.

Geoff reported yesterday, "She's got a nice way of going. She worked a mile and a half [2400m] yesterday in 3:25 and was happy doing it. She's developed into a nice filly and I'm pretty happy with her. She's making good progress and you wouldn't know it was the same horse that turned up here. She's about 4 weeks away [from the workouts]."

So, Lady appears to be making good progress, so it will be interesting to see how she progresses over the next 3 or 4 weeks, when she should be ready to attend the workouts and/or trials.

So, if Lady is ready to go before next month's newsletter, I'll will email you the details of her workout.

It certainly does sound quite promising, so I'm sure will be something for us all to look forward to.

### **Trainer Barry Purdon :-**

#### **Loveonthelawn** (Love You – Rock N Rhonda)

Having completed an extended time out in the spelling paddock, Roxy returned to training on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

She had had 4 weeks jogging now and Barry has reported, "She looked great when she came back from the farm. She's filled out and looks really good. She just flops around like she's on a Sunday stroll, but that's just a maturity thing, but going on last time and so far this time in, she's not quite there to make a 2-year-old, but not many of them do make it as 2-year-olds. We'll give her about 8 weeks and see where we're at, but she might need another short break by then."

So, we will see how Roxy progresses over the next month or so and what Barry decides then.

#### **Fellamonstabeauty** (Bettor's Delight – Goodlookinggirl)

Beauty also had an extended break, along with Roxy and she too returned to training on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

She has completed 4 weeks jogging to lift her fitness levels and will now have her work stepped up over the next 4 weeks.

Barry will reassess things after this time and see where Beauty is at, with the possibility of either carrying on with her, or also giving her a brief let-up too.

We will know more in another month's time.

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

#### **Diamond Lace** (Artsplace – Diamonds N Gold)

Lacey completed a 7-week spell, before returning to training with Tony Herlihy, on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

She completed her 6 weeks jogging and has now moved on to a little more serious work.

Tony has reported, "She's got better in herself, but she does still have that streak in her. From what she has shown so far, she is a bit limited at this stage. We'll step her up and do a bit more with her until the end of the month and see where we are at then. We're hoping for improvement, as we really need it, but we'll give her her chance and see what happens."

So, it will be interesting to see how Lacey progresses over the next few weeks and to see if she can show some improvement and the ability to make it as a successful racehorse.

Only time will tell.

Trainer **Brent Mangos** :-

### **Double Twist** (Artsplace – Giveitawhirlgirl)

After returning from her decent 3-month spell, Nat spent 4 weeks jogging to lift her fitness levels, before starting on her hopped work that became more serious during January.

She made good progress and was ready to attend the Franklin Park Workouts, at Pukekohe, on the 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Nat competed in a Workout Unqualified Mobile Pace (Left Handed), over 2050m. She drew Barrier No. 4 in an 8-horse heat and was driven by Simon Lawson, as Brent had another runner in the heat which he drove.

Nat was just eased out of the gate from the mobile despatch and settled 4-back on the markers initially, then 5-back as Lincolns Superstar went to the lead after they'd gone about 200m. Soon after Lincolns Delight rushed forward to take over from her stablemate and Nat was now 6-back on the markers, as they settled into single file.

Just inside the final lap, Nat was the first to make a move and she began to move forward one-out and facing the breeze. As they ran passed the 800m Mark, Nat's stablemate Front Row popped out in front of her, so she was to now enjoy the one-one ride home.

Nat ran home well in the home straight, in behind a wall of horses without much room, to finish a close-up 6<sup>th</sup> placing, only a little over 2 lengths from the winner.

The winner was Lincolns Delight, in a time of 2:43.6 (MR 2:08.4), with the closing sectionals completed in 61.3 and 29.4.

Simon said, "She just got a little lost across the top, but she finished it off well, in behind them. That was pretty good really."

Brent added, "That was good, especially for her first time at the workouts. She did get a little lost around the home turn, but she was good. We'll go again in a fortnight and then look at qualifying at Auckland at the end of the month. She's going to make it, it's just whether it's this time in. Her sister [Twist And Twirl] didn't race until she was a 3-year-old and won two Group 1's [NZ Sires Stakes Championship and Northern Oaks]."



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



Heading on to the track



Warming up



Out at the start



A lap-to-go



Making her move



Into the home straight (centre)



At the finish  
(observed inner)



Return



So, Nat is to attend the **Franklin Park Workouts**, as planned, on Saturday, the **13<sup>th</sup> February (tomorrow)**. She is in **Heat 2**, timed to start at **10:15am**. This is a Workout Unqualified (Left Handed) Mobile Pace, over 2050m, in which she has drawn **Barrier No. 5** and will be driven by Brent Mangos.

It will be interesting to see how Nat goes and hopefully she can carry on, to go forward and qualify at Alexandra Park, on the 27<sup>th</sup> February.

I will keep you posted with details when they are available, if this is indeed to eventuate.

### **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](http://www.breckonfarms.co.nz)

Under the 'Syndicates' menu, you will find the 'Top 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 many wins to come ...

Cheers

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