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Hi there

We certainly have had some action on the track this month, with **Bubbled Up** racing three times that included a brave 5th placing in the Group 1 Northern Oaks and the following week a fast-closing 2nd placing to stablemate Kayla Marie back at Alexandra Park. Bubbled Up then travelled back to her Canterbury base and is set to race again this Friday, the 15th March, at Addington. She is in **Race 5**, timed to start at **7.26pm**, the \$20,000 Nevele R Fillies Series No.41 (Heat 4) Mobile Pace, for 3YO Pacing Fillies, over 1980m. Under the special Preferential Draw conditions for this race, she has drawn poorly at **Barrier No.7**, in an 8-horse field and is to once again be driven by Tim Williams. **GOOD LUCK & GO BUBBLED UP !!!**

Gladamare has raced twice in the last month, firstly for a 6th placing at Alexandra Park after being pressured in front, then a disappointing 11th placing in the Group 1 Northern Oaks, where she was understandably outclassed. She was given a few days off to get over this race and will now be brought back up and look for a maiden race in about two or three weeks time. Let's hope she can bounce back.

Gimme Hope made sufficient progress to attend the workouts on the 4th March, where she finished a nose from the winner in a 2-horse heat and then backed up the following week (yesterday, the 13th March) in a Qualifying Trial, clocking 2.4 seconds under the required time and so was to become your fifth filly to qualify - **CONGRATULATIONS !!!** However, trainer Mark Jones was not impressed with her effort, as she finished 4th-of-4-runners and some 8¾ lengths from the winner and he recommended that the syndicate stop with her. So, Gimme Hope is now to be retired.

Tickle Me Pink is progressing well in her training and reports are that she is still looking great. She should be at the workouts, in the next step for her return to racing, in about 3 weeks time. I'm sure that is something we are all looking forward to. **Taylor Bromac** has returned to training, as planned on the 28th February and she too look good in her condition, so we can only hope that she is completely over her troubles and all set to go this time ... third time lucky, as they say. **Lovemelikeyoudo** has completed her time out and had the OK from the vet that all is now OK with her bruised bone, so let's hope that she too will be over all her problems and able to make some real progress this time in training.

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

The Fillies.....

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen :-

Bubbled Up (American Ideal – Speights Girl)

After her great win in the Nevele R Fillies Series Heat on the 10th February in a sensational time of 1:55.9 on the grass, Bubbled Up came through this race very well.

She was taken into Addington Raceway to do her fast work on the 20th February and driven by her regular driver Tim Williams she worked over 2400m with Kayla Marie in a good time of 3:12, home in 59 seconds.

Here is a photo of this training run, that was published on the All Stars website ...



The caption read, "BUBBLED UP (INNER [on the right]) AND KAYLA MARIE FINISHED ON TERMS IN GOOD TIME at Addington 20.02.19

This was to be Bubbled Up's final hit out in preparation for her next race, to be at Ashburton, on the 23rd February.

This was in the \$14,999 Nevele R Fillies Series (Heat 3) Mobile Pace, for R40-R70 3YO pacing fillies with earnings up to and including \$50,000 for lifetime and as a previous heat winner 'Bubbled Up' has drawn the Least Preferential Barrier, over 1609m. Bubbled Up did indeed draw Barrier No.13 (the outside of the 2nd Row), in a 13-horse field and was to once again be driven by Tim Williams.

Bubbled Up was sent out favourite for this race, despite her awkward draw and was away well enough, but there was a charge of about six horses in front of her and she was 4-wide heading into the first bend, before Tim was able to move down to be 3-wide, but with easing to get in closer Bubbled Up ended up near the tail of the field.

As they headed into the back straight with about 1200m to go, Tim began a forward move, 3-wide with cover to get handier and was to land in the death at the 800m pole. She remained there and as they swung for home Kotare Yolande led them in.

Bubbled Up battled on bravely up the long home straight, as they fanned across the track and finished right with them for a close-up 4th placing, only 1/2 length, neck, 1/2 head from the winner.

Nakuru came from the trailing position to get the win, in a time of 1:55.2, with the final 800m completed in 57.0 and the 400m in 28.1.

Tim said, "That was a really brave run. She obviously went 4-the-backrow to parked and they went 1:55 and only one ran passed her up the straight. She stuck at it good, so she should improve off that run as we head North for the Oaks."

Bubbled Up was then to travel north, arriving the following Monday, the 25th February, to be set to contest her first classic race of the season.

This was to be at Alexandra Park on the 1st March, in the Group 1 \$125,000 Pascoes The Jewellers Northern Oaks (Mobile Pace), for 3YO Fillies, over 2700m. Bubbled Up drew well at Barrier No.3 and was to be driven once again by Tim Williams.

WOW !!! With Gladamare also starting in this prestigious race you were to have two fillies racing in this feature Group 1 event – **WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT !!!**

Bubbled Up was eased off the gate to look for a position to settle and as they sorted themselves out she was to end up one-out-and-3-back in the running, as the favourite Wainui Creek held the lead. Bubbled Up remained there throughout, following the second favourite Belle Of Montana.

No one made a move as the pace was really on, then rounding the home turn Belle Of Montana pulled out 3-wide to make her run and Tim sat nicely on her back. As they headed into the home straight, Bubbled Up was drawn to the outside and ran home well, passing Havtime but unable to catch the others in front of her as they turned in, to finish in 5th placing, only 4.3 lengths from the winner.

The winner was Best Western, who enjoyed the trail throughout and got the run up the passing lane, in a new NZ Record time of 3:16.4 (MR 1:57.0), with the final 800m completed in 56.2 and the 400m in 28.1.

Tim said, "I was really happy with her. She went a really good race. Especially the sectionals they went. It was a truly run race [NZ Record]. She got a good trip into it and nothing ran passed her in the home straight. Only the ones ahead of her, beat her home. I was really happy with her."

Sorry, there are no photos of the night, as unfortunately I was at home sick with the flu, but of course did watch the race.

So, it was decided that Bubbled Up would race again the following week, once again at Auckland, on the 8th March.

This was on Northern Derby Night, where Bubbled Up was to race in the \$20,000 www.one33.co.nz Mobile Pace, for 3YO & Older R55-R75, over 2200m. She drew well again at Barrier No.3, in a field that was reduced to just 6-runners after there were two scratchings. Bubbled Up was to be driven by Tim Williams once again.

Bubbled Up was out well from the mobile gate to take a brief early lead, before handing up to her stablemate and favourite Kayla Marie, to take a nice trail with 2000m to run.

Bubbled Up remained in the trail throughout, as they ran along in single file until Comic Book Hero moved forward to sit parked outside the leader with a lap-to-go.

Kayla Marie was pressured a little down the back the last time by Comic Book Hero, as they ran through that quarter in 28.3 and Bubbled Up awaited the home straight passing lane.

Kayla Marie led them into the home straight and Bubbled Up began to mount her challenge up the passing lane, running home strongly in what was to be a sharp sprint home, finishing in 2nd placing and going down by an ever-diminishing margin of a neck.

The winner was Kayla Marie in a time of 2:44.7 (MR 2:00.5), with the final 800m completed in 56.0 and the 400m in 27.7.

Tim said, "She was really good. Another honest effort. It's what we've come to expect from her. I was pleased to see that last week's run hadn't knocked her. That was good."

Here are some photos taken at Alexandra Park on the 8th March ...





Bubbled Up was then to travel south again, back to the All Stars Stable in Canterbury, flying home last Sunday and is to race again this Friday, the **15th March**, at **Addington**.

She is in **Race 5**, timed to start at **7.26pm**, the \$20,000 Nevele R Fillies Series No.41 (Heat 4) Mobile Pace, for 3YO Pacing Fillies, over 1980m. She has drawn poorly at **Barrier No.7**, in an 8-horse field. Bubbled Up's draw is due to the fact that she is a previous heat winner and under the conditions of the series has drawn the least Preferential Barrier, excepting La Bella Vita, which is Unruly. Tim Williams will drive her once again.

Bubbled Up is up against Kayla Marie again, who has drawn the ace and also the last-start Northern Oaks placed filly Wainui Creek, who has drawn No.2, so things won't be easy for her in this race, however ...

GOOD LUCK & GO BUBBLED UP !!!

Lovemelikeyoudo (Love You – Regal Volo)

After Natalie advised that a few things were still not right with Lovemelikeyoudo and that she was a "work in progress", having advised that as she was not trotting straight and she may be hurting in behind, so was going to look further into this.

Then on the 15th February, co-trainer Natalie Rasmussen advised, "She just jogged and trotted pace work this morning and she was certainly feeling something. It was in her off-hind, so I got the vet in to just confirm what it was and she has a bruised bone in the cannon bone. We don't want her to knock it and make it worse, so the vet has recommended having 3 weeks off to let it settle down. We will just keep her here and she will have it treated each day and we'll start back in 3 weeks and go from there. At least it's nothing more sinister and hopefully she'll be right when she comes back in."

So, Lovemelikeyoudo was to stay at the All Stars Stable and be treated, with Natalie advising on the 8th March, "She's back in work. We'll give her a quiet trot up tomorrow, just to start her off again. It's gone right down and the bruising has gone, so the vet said we could start again."

Hopefully Lovemelikeyoudo will be fully recovered after her short let-up and treatment and be all set to go now that she has returned to training.

At this stage we can only follow her progress and hope for the best.

Trainer Mark Jones :-

Gimme Hope (Mach Three – Affairs Are Bettor)

After an extended 6-month spell to give her every chance to strengthen, mature and develop, Gimme Hope returned to training back on the 10th December and immediately started jogging for the first month back in training.

She then moved on to hopped work, initially doing strong work to build her up slowly after such a long time out spelling, before progressing on to her speed work.

Gimme Hope was quite lazy in her work, but it was hoped that she would liven-up her attitude as she progressed through her training.

On the 23rd February, trainer Mark Jones advised, "Gimme Hope is still just keeping her head above water and I can't sack her yet as she does keep improving. She looks good in condition and her attitude seems to be improving. All going well we will be at the workouts in 3 weeks."

Then on evening of the 4th March, Mark reported, "I have got the filly in tomorrow at the Ashburton workouts to make a start on her. There is only two in the heat but experience off the place will do her good and providing she goes alright we will most likely qualify her next week."

So, Gimme Hope was then to be ready to attend the Ashburton Workouts, on the 5th March.

This was in an Unqualified Mobile Pace, over 2400m, that unfortunately had attracted only the 2-runners. She drew Barrier No.2 and was to be driven by stable Junior Driver Sheree Tomlinson.

Unfortunately, the video of this workout has not been uploaded to the HRNZ website, so no commentary can be given, however Gimme Hope did finish in 2nd placing, going down by just a nose.

The winner was Maggie, in a time of 3:08.6 (MR 2:06.4), with the final 800m completed in 60.3 and the 400m in 29.7.

Mark said, "The filly went around in a two-horse heat and got beat a nose, as they just finished together, but they went under qualifying time. Sheree said she did everything right, so I will throw her in the deep end next week to qualify and see where we are at, but as you know I don't want to muck around too long with her, so depending how she qualifies will determine her future, but we have options. She will head to Rangiora next Wednesday to have a go at qualifying."

So, Gimme Hope was to then attend the North Canterbury TOA Qualifying Trials, at Rangiora, on the 13th March.

She was to take her place in a Qualifying Mobile Pace, over 2000m, with a Qualifying Time required of 2:36.2. Gimme Hope drew Barrier No.1 in a 5-horse field and was to once again be driven by Sheree Tomlinson, with Mark saying, "It is a bit of a D day for her."

Gimme Hope went out with them and was then restrained to drop in behind, as the other three went forward in search of prominent positions. As they approached the 1600m point, the field settled in single file, with Gimme Hope at the rear.

They remained in the same order throughout and heading off the back the final time the speed was increased and a few gaps opened. Gimme Hope moved into the running line as they turned for home, but just battled in the run home to finish in 4th placing, some 8¾ lengths from the winner.

The winner was Maharajah, in a time of 2:32.1 (MR 2:02.3), with the final 800m completed in 58.4 and the 400m in 29.8.

Gimme Hope's time was officially recorded as 2:33.8, 2.4 seconds under the required time, so she duly qualified and became your fifth filly to do so; so **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

Mark reported, "Gimme Hope qualified going 2.33.8 today, a mile rate on 2.03. As I am sure you have understood by my emails she is no star! I was hoping she would qualify better than she did but she is what she is. My advice would be to stop with her now and it will stop the bills coming in each month for you. I can't advise Ken to breed from her. Will keep in touch."

So, the decision has been made, that as Gimme Hope is not the type of filly the syndicate wants to race in the better races, she will now be retired from the Syndicate. This will mean that you will now have five fillies to carry the flag.

Syndicate members Philip and Glenys Kennard were at the trials and said, "Only a fair effort."

Here are some photos taken at Rangiora by Philip & Glenys on the 13th March ...



Many thanks for the photos Philip and Glenys, they are great and most appreciated.

Trainer Tony Herlihy :-

Tickle Me Pink (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

Having completed an extended 4-month spell, giving her the time she needed to get over her foot and back troubles, Tickle Me Pink was to return to training on the 9th January.

She immediately began jogging to increase her fitness and after 6 weeks was to step things up to do some more serious strong work.

Stable employee Chanelle Lawson, who spends a lot of time tending to Tickle Me Pink, advised on the 23rd February, "She looks really great and is doing really well. Let's hope that we can maintain her like that and she will be back to her best."

In a further update, on the 5th March, trainer Tony Herlihy advised, "She's good. She's probably about a month away, but as we have missed those earlier races already, we'll let her tell us when she's ready."

So, it is a case of so-far-so-good for Tickle Me Pink, as she remains in great order and with no sign of any of her troubles to date. The next couple of months will see her get more and more serious about things and hopefully trial and race, so let's hope that she will continue in her very positive direction.

All going to plan and expectations, Tickle Me Pink should be ready to trial around the beginning of April, but with the length of time she has had off she will probably need a couple of runs before she races, so hopefully she will be ready in time for her first major aim, the Group 2 \$60,000 NZ Sires Stakes 3YO Trotting Champs, on the 26th April, on her home track at Alexandra Park.

If all goes well and she makes this and performs well, then Tickle Me Pink may then be considered for a start in the Group 1 \$100,000 Breckon Farms Northern Trotting Derby, on the 3rd May and then the Group 3 \$30,000 Haras des Trotteurs Northern Trotting Oaks, on the 10th May, both of which are also at Alexandra Park.

As I have said before, the Derby is also up against the boys, so a final decision on whether she competes in this will be made nearer to the time.

Hopefully, Tickle Me Pink can earn enough stakes to make it to the Group 1 \$125,000 Harness Jewels 3YO Ruby, on the 1st June, at Addington, which once again is a race against the boys, but one she should be competitive in, as she would have been last season, but for a mistake made in the score-up.

All going well, later on there is racing that could be considered in Australia, including over in Victoria, the Group 1 \$75,000 Seelite Windows & Doors Victoria Trotters Derby, on the 4th August, at Maryborough, the Breeders Crown Heats and then the Group 1 \$80,000 Breeders Crown 3YO Trotting Fillies Final, on the 24th August, at Melton.

All these opportunities will be considered for Tickle Me Pink, as she progresses along and will be confirmed by Tony as he is able to assess how she is handling her 3-year-old racing, step-by-step.

Let's hope that she is able to resume her successful racing career without any further problems and be able to compete in most, or maybe even all, of the above major classic races.

Trainer **Brent Mangos** :-

Gladamare (Mach Three – Delightful Dale)

After a pleasing run at the Pukekohe Trials & Workouts on the 2nd February, Gladamare was to be initially nominated to race at Cambridge on the 7th February, but before Withdrawals closed, Brent decided it was best to withdraw her as she hadn't eaten up since the trial and was not quite right in herself.

So, Gladamare was then to race next at Auckland, on the 15th February.

This was in the \$12,000 Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Mobile Pace, for Non Winners 2YO & Older, with a Preferential Barrier Draw Based on: Sex (fillies and mares drawn inside colts, geldings and entires), over 2200m. Gladamare drew well at Barrier No.1, in a 12-horse field and was to be driven by Brent Mangos.

Up against the boys, Gladamare made a good beginning to get out well from her ace draw to take the lead and hold all at bay as she ran along in front. She was however, taken on during the running by Eyespywithmylittleye, who gave her no peace from about the 1300m point and this effort told, as Gladamare headed for home in front by a slim margin, but then battled a little in the home straight, with first Eyespywithmylittleye wresting the lead from her and then the favourite Virgil taking the passing lane run and going on for a good win.

Gladamare finished in 6th placing, but was still only 3.8 lengths from the winner.

Virgil's winning time was a good one of 2:42.4 (MR 1:58.7), with the final 800m completed in 58.7 and the 400m in 29.1.

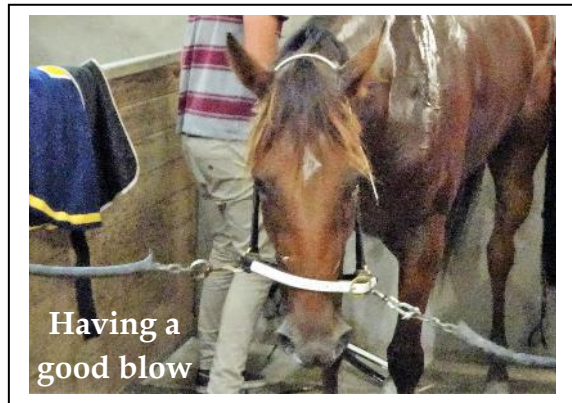
Brent said, "She was only OK. She didn't get much peace. She was OK. She was doing her best work on the turn. She kept battling on and wasn't far away. She is having a good blow. I was thinking about going again next week. There's not much else around. No Cambridge, and Taranaki is on the grass, but we don't want to go there. I think we'll come back here next week and try and get some more racing into her. It would be nice if they had a fillies and mares race for her."

Here are some photos taken at Alexandra Park on the 15th February ...





Ungearing



Having a good blow



A scrapedown



Head shot after

On the 17th February Brent advised, "We won't go this week with Gladamare, I'll just wait a little longer and maybe go to Cambridge on the 6th March. It's a Wednesday meeting and there is a Non-Winners Fillies & Mares race on the programme, so that would suit her better I think."

Gladamare did also hold a nomination for the Northern Oaks, but it was originally thought best that she did not compete in this race, however this was all to change.

Gladamare was indeed to race next at Auckland, on the 1st March, in the Group 1 \$125,000 Pascoes The Jewellers Northern Oaks (Mobile Pace), for 3YO Fillies, over 2700m. Unfortunately, Gladamare drew poorly on the outside of the 2nd Row at Barrier No.12, in a 12-horse field. With Brent Mangos away in Christchurch, she was to be driven by John Dunn.

With Bubbled Up also lining up in this prestigious race, you were to have two fillies racing in this Group 1 feature – **WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT !!!**

Gladamare made a good beginning from her awkward outside of the 2nd Row draw, but found herself towards the back of the field as was expected, then heading into the first bend The Blue Beat broke inside her and John Dunn managed to avoid any trouble and was able to find the markers soon after.

She then ran along 5-back on the inside throughout the race, but was locked away there until passing the 500m point, when John was able to get out and into the running line, but only had one runner behind her as they put the quarter pole behind them.

Gladamare lost touch with the main group turning for home and only battled in the straight to finish back in 11th and second-to-last placing.

The winner was Best Western, who enjoyed the trail throughout and got the run up the passing lane, in a new NZ Record time of 3:16.4 (MR 1:57.0), with the final 800m completed in 56.2 and the 400m in 28.1.

John said, "She drove good and paced nicely. She was a wee bit outclassed, in what was a pretty hot field and they went some time. They weren't waiting for us. With a drop back to maidens, she should be very competitive."

Brent added on the 8th March, "I've given her a few days off after the Oaks and we'll bring her back up and look for a maiden race for her in two or three weeks. We'll have to see what's coming up and where we can place her to try and get another win. I'll be in touch and let you know "

Sorry, there are no photos of the night, as I mentioned, unfortunately I was at home sick with the flu, but of course did watch the race.

Once Brent has decided where Gladamare will race next, I will confirm this to you with the details when they are available.

Trainer Michael House :-

Taylor Bromac (Art Major – Tatijana Bromac)

Following previous advice from trainer Michael House and his suggestion that Taylor Bromac have a further month out spelling and return to training at the end of February, this was to be agreed to and arranged.

Michael then advised on the 28th February, "I have been down to the farm picking up horses and have picked up Taylor. I feel very apprehensive and nervous about getting a third chance with two near death experiences in my hands. I am very grateful for the support."

Michael has also said that Taylor Bromac looks a picture, so hopefully it will be onwards and upwards for her and she can get back to where she was early on, when she showed Michael some ability.

As they say, it could well be a case of "third time lucky" ... here's hoping.

Hopefully, Taylor Bromac is now completely over her debilitating condition and will be able to make a return to the track in due course and get her chance to make it as a successful racehorse.



Newsletters to be replaced with regular Email Updates

This will be the last of the monthly newsletters, as you know them.

In our world of more instant information, we thought that you would enjoy getting more regular and current updates on your syndicate fillies, when they are trialling or racing and that this would work better for you.

Our usual email updates will give you more timely information and less duplication. Where appropriate they will now also include pertinent other information on your horses.

We are continually striving to provide you with the best service possible, so we hope that you will enjoy these timelier postings.

Good luck and many more wins to come.

Cheers
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