



## Breckon Farms – The Perfect Ten Syndicate



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Hi there

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!**

This month we have had some action, both at the workouts and on the racetrack.

**Gladamare** has had an impressive workout win and then made her return to the races last Friday at Cambridge. Unfortunately, she came up with an awkward 2<sup>nd</sup> Row draw and had to do some work to get into the race. The effort told and she finished in 6<sup>th</sup> placing, an effort that pleased the syndicate members that were oncourse, but was a little disappointing to trainer/driver Brent Mangos. She will be looking to race again, at Alexandra Park, in early to mid-February.

**Bubbled Up** is making good progress in her training, since returning after suffering a most unfortunate and unusual kick to the head that fractured her skull and necessitated a month off. She should be ready to trial in about 3 weeks. **Lovemelikeyoudo** has completed her pre-training and has transferred to the All Stars Stable, working down nicely at this stage, although she has just been favouring her left front leg a little, so Mark has requested the Breckon Farms vet's report from during her time there, just to have a look at and cover all aspects. She has been trotting well and hopefully will get over this minor thing quickly and be well on her way to the trials. **Gimme Hope** has completed her time jogging and started her hopped work. She will require about 6 weeks of hopped work before she will hopefully be ready for the workouts and trials at the beginning of March, so time will tell with her, as she has been given every opportunity to make the grade. **Tickle Me Pink** has had an additional month in the paddock, "as a bit of insurance" and returned to training with Tony Herlihy last week. She looks great by all accounts, so let's hope she is completely over her troubles and will now be able to progress through this preparation for a successful return to racing hopefully in April. **Taylor Bromac** has continued to do well in her new environment at the agistment farm and will be inspected again and reassessed at the end of this month to determine if she is ready to return to training. Let's hope so after such a long and troubled time off the scene.

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 having an enforced month off following receiving a kick to her head that fractured her skull, Bubbled Up returned to training at the All Stars Stable on the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

She immediately began jogging to increase her fitness and has now moved on to her hopped work.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> January, co-trainer Mark Purdon advised, "There's been no problems from her broken nose. She's about 3 weeks away from the trials. It's a case of so far so good, so she should be ready to race in February."

Hopefully Bubbled Up will have no further repercussions from her very unusual experience of a fractured skull and she will make the necessary progress to make her planned return to racing in February.

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

Lovemelikeyoudo spent some time at Breckon Farms after having reoccurring soreness issues in her pre-training with Stephen Boyd and after an extension of her time out and several evaluations, reassessments and x-rays, she was passed by the vet as ready to go back into training.

So, she was to head back south on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, to once again commence pre-training with Stephen Boyd. She immediately started jogging and after almost a month, Stephen reported that there had been no further reoccurrence of her previous soreness troubles and that she seemed pretty good.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> December, Lovemelikeyoudo started doing some strong work with Stephen and she has now returned to the All Stars Stable.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> January, co-trainer Mark Purdon reported, "She's been OK to date. She's working down nicely at this stage. She's been trotting good, but the last couple of mornings she's just favoured her left front leg, so can I ask you to please get the vet's report from when she was at the farm, just so I can have a look at it and know exactly what he found. I don't think it is anything major at this point, but I would just like to check it out."

The vet's report has been requested on Mark's behalf and once received it will be forwarded on to him. In the meantime, let's hope that this will not develop any further and Lovemelikeyoudo will be able to continue in her training and progress on to confirm the potential that she has already shown her trainers.

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

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

To give her the best chance to strengthen up and mature, Gimme Hope was given a long 6-month spell, that concluded with her return to training on the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Her trainer Mark Jones advised on her return that she was in good order and had grown and filled out and his opinion, she had been given every chance with time and she now has to front up in this preparation.

Gimme Hope was to immediately start jogging to increase her fitness and has now completed a month of this and started on her strong work.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> January Mark Jones reported, "The filly has been in the cart jogging and will get the hobbles on in the next week to start a bit of conditioning work. She has developed a bit while jogging, but is still very lazy, so we will see how she is working in company doing strong work. She's been out for 6 months so it will be a bit longer and if she keeps improving, she should be at the trials around the beginning of March."

It will be interesting to see how Gimme Hope progresses over the next 6 or 7 weeks, as things will gradually get more serious for her and she will need to step up and be counted if she is to make it as a successful racehorse. She certainly has been given every chance to do so, so let's hope that she will make it.

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

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

Having returned from an aborted Australian campaign at the end of August last year, Tickle Me Pink was to have an extended spell at Breckon Farms, to get over her foot troubles and some tenderness through her back.

She completed a little over 4 months out in the paddock and returned to training with Tony Herlihy on the 9<sup>th</sup> January.

On her departure from Breckon Farms, vet Noel Powers said, "She looks great and has really blossomed and done very well while she's been at the farm. Let's hope she's all over her troubles now."

After her arrival at Tony's he advised, "She looks great. She has grown a couple of inches too. She's a big tall girl now. She's in great order, but not too fat, so realistically we should be able to work her programme towards trialling and maybe racing before that race on the 26<sup>th</sup> April. Hopefully she comes up and is good enough for those good races."

Let's hope that Tickle Me Pink is now back to full health and able to continue her successful racing career.

As has been previously advised, due to her extended time out, Tickle Me Pink will miss the earlier feature races during February and March, but it is hoped that she will be ready to tackle such races as the Group 2 \$60,000 NZ Sires Stakes 3YO Trotting Champs, on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, on her home track at Alexandra Park and maybe the Group 1 \$100,000 Breckon Farms Northern Trotting Derby, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May and then the Group 3 \$30,000 Haras des Trotteurs Northern Trotting Oaks, on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, both of which are also at Alexandra Park. As the Derby is also up against the boys, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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 4<sup>th</sup> August, at Maryborough, the Breeders Crown Heats and then the Group 1 \$80,000 Breeders Crown 3YO Trotting Fillies Final, on the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 along the way.

Trainer **Brent Mangos** :-

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

After pleasing trainer Brent Mangos in her training, Gladamare was to attend the Auckland TC Workouts at Pukekohe on the 29<sup>th</sup> December.

This was in a Non Winners & Up To R42 Mobile Pace, Left Handed, over 2050m where she drew Barrier No.3, in a 6-horse field and was to be driven by stable Junior Driver Trent Lethaby.

Gladamare actually started from Barrier No.2 and made a good start to be first away from behind the mobile gate, leading early before handing up rounding the first bend to Manihiki Pearl. She enjoyed a nice trail throughout and was able to take advantage of a run up the inner in the home straight to finish strongly and win well by a length.

Gladamare's winning time was 2:39.8 (MR 2:05.4), with the final 800m completed in 59.2 and the 400m a slick 27.9.

Before the workout trainer Brent Mangos advised that Gladamare was just having a quiet run in her first appearance of her new campaign, so it was great to see her go so well.

Driver Trent Lethaby said after the run, "She was good. She did it easily. I said to Brent she probably would have been better without that Murphy Blind. It's to stop her running in, but she was running out a bit with it. She was good and she's got a bit of speed."

Brent added, "That was good. I think I'll give her another run again next Saturday and then she should be ready for that race [\$9,000 1700m Fillies and Mares] at Cambridge on the 11<sup>th</sup> January. She may still be eligible for the Non Winners Bonus too, so that would be good."

Here are some photos taken at Pukekohe on the 29<sup>th</sup> December ...







At the start



Heading for the early lead (inner)



A lap-to-go



On the  
home  
turn



In the home straight



At the finish



Return



Ungearing



**A hosedown**



**A well-deserved drink**

Although Brent had said that Gladamare would look to attend the workouts again the following week, on the 4<sup>th</sup> January Brent advised, "It was very hot there last Saturday and she blew a bit afterwards and it took her a couple of days to get over it, so we won't take her tomorrow, as she needs another run like that like a hole in the head. If she was a bit fat I would take her, but she doesn't need that. We're still going on the 11<sup>th</sup> to Cambridge and she should be ready for that. She seems good too. After last week, the last thing she needs is another run like that if it's another hot day. She's ready enough for that type of race and it will definitely be a starting point for her. She should go nicely for them, as long as she doesn't draw 8 or that if they get a full field, as it's over 1700m. All's good and we'll aim for that, just if you want to let them know."

In the Racing Programme, the Non Winners Fillies & Mares race was actually changed in distance to be a 2200m race and nominations were to close at 11am on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, when there were 15 fillies and mares nominated, but after being extended until 1pm there were then only 12 nominations, with Gladamare being the highest rated at MR52. The fields were then released later that day.

This race was to be the \$9,000 Five Stags Lemington Mobile Pace, for Non Winners 3YO & Older Fillies & Mares, over 2200m, in which Gladamare drew Barrier No.11 (No.3 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Row) with only an Unruly horse outside her and was to be driven by Brent Mangos.

Gladamare made a reasonable start from her awkward 2<sup>nd</sup> Row draw and managed to work forward between horses, but eventually she had to be restrained to find a position 6-back in the running line. As they passed inside the mile marker, several horses began a move forward and Brent was able to get a drag around the field 3-wide as he moved up to sit parked outside the leader Cowgirls N Angels with about 1250m to go.

Gladamare remained facing the breeze and as they passed the 400m pole she moved forward to get within a half length of the leader, with the favourite Ghostwriter looming up 3-wide. The effort told in the home straight, as although Gladamare tried hard, she faded to finish back in 6<sup>th</sup> placing, 5.4 lengths from the winner.

The winner was an outsider paying \$51.70, Major Blink, in a time of 2:43.6 (MR 1:59.6), with the final 800m completed in 59.6 and the 400m in 28.9.

Brent said, "She was just OK really. She should have gone better than that. She felt lethargic. She was pacing alright, but just didn't feel any good. She's better than that. She did get a kick in the hock yesterday, but that shouldn't have made any difference. The vet did give her antibiotics though, so that could have had an effect, but it shouldn't have really. I'll take a blood in a few days, just to make sure everything's OK. We might consider going to Auckland next, if she comes through this one OK."



Here are some photos taken at Cambridge on the 11<sup>th</sup> January ...



**Sitting in the breeze**



**Turning for home**



**At the finish**





Brent advised further on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, "I've arranged to take a blood tomorrow [16<sup>th</sup> January]. If there are any problems or major irregularities, then I will advise you and you can pass this on to the syndicate, otherwise we will look to set her to race early to mid-February at Auckland. She actually goes a bit better that way round at the moment. We'll look at a maiden first and not the first Nevele R Heat, as that would be a bit tough on her first-up at Auckland this time. If she goes alright in the maiden, then we can look to go in the second northern heat [at Cambridge on the 18<sup>th</sup> April] later.

So, it is likely that Gladamare will race again on either the 8<sup>th</sup> February (\$12,000 Non Winners 3YO & Older Mobile Pace 2200m), the 15<sup>th</sup> February (\$12,000 Non Winners Mobile Pace 2200m), or on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February (\$12,000 Non Winners Fillies & Mares Mobile Pace 1700m), all at Alexandra Park.

It will be interesting to see how she goes in whichever race Brent decides to line her up in. I will confirm details, when the decision has been made and these are available.



**Trainer Michael House :-**

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

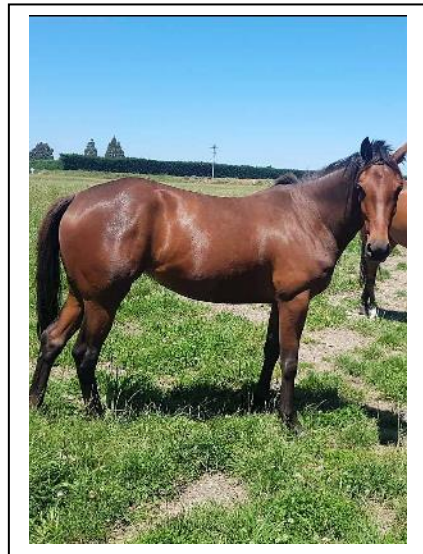
Unfortunately, I received Michael House's report too late to include in last month's newsletter, but did email this to you on the 20<sup>th</sup> December.

For the record, Michael advised on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, regarding Taylor Bromac, "I didn't get an email last week I'm sorry to say. After your text this [Sunday] morning I went to the farm where Taylor Bromac is this afternoon and I'm pleased to report she is in much better shape, which is I hope is encouraging for you and time here is the best remedy. I think she should go another month out and make sure she is 100 percent."

Michael also kindly sent through two photos of Taylor Bromac in her nice paddock and it certainly was great to see her looking so good.



Here are two photos taken by Michael on the 19<sup>th</sup> December ...



On the 14<sup>th</sup> January, Michael advised further, "Taylor Bromac looks great. As per last month — I'll head over to the farm at the end of the month and view Taylor and send you some photos and discuss then whether we bring her back in February."

So, hopefully Taylor Bromac will continue to improve and be completely over her disabling condition and be able to return to training and get her chance to make it as a racehorse. Once we have Michael's report at the end of this month, a decision will be able to be made.

### **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.

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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.

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Good luck and many more wins to come.

Cheers  
**Rob**



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