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Hi there

Once again, we have had no action on the track over the last month, but several of your fillies that had suffered setbacks are now back on track (as it were), or at least back in training and starting to make some positive progress towards starting or continuing their race careers.

The filly who is next likely to make a public appearance will be **Gladamare** who will either be attending the workouts soon, or going straight to the races without a trial, with this to be decided by trainer Brent Mangos in the coming days. **Bubbled Up** has returned to training with the All Stars Stable after suffering a most unfortunate and unusual kick to the head that fractured her skull. Her injury has healed well and she is making good progress. **Lovemelikeyoudo** has now also returned to training and is being pre-trained by Stephen Boyd and so far has shown no signs of her previous troubles and is about to start strong pacework this week. **Gimme Hope** has completed her extended spell and has returned to training, looking good and set to go, so this will be make-or-break time for her, as she has been given the time she needed to strengthen up and mature, so here's hoping she can make the grade. **Tickle Me Pink** was reassessed again at the end of last month and although the vet thought that everything was pretty good, he advised another month in the paddock as a bit of insurance and so she is now set to return to training with Tony Herlihy at the end of this month. Let's hope she is well-over her troubles and can return to racing and continue to show her excellent ability that she has already demonstrated in the early stages of her career. As advised last month **Mermaid Explorer** had presented a few problems and after developing a little niggle as well, the decision was made that she would be retired. She will now start the next phase of her career as a broodmare, so let's hope she has beeter joy as a mum. **Taylor Bromac** had continued with her bowel troubles and was transferred to a nice paddock on the farm in the hope that this would flush her out and pick her up to improve her situation and to get her well again, but unfortunately I have not received an update this month, so cannot give you any further news, but as soon as this is received I will advise you accordingly.



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)

Having received a kick to her head on the 25th September, from her so-called “paddock mate”, which resulted in a fractured skull, Bubbled Up required a month off in the paddock to recuperate.



She spent her time at Carolyn Norton’s property and after her month had been completed, her head was re x-rayed by the vet who advised that there had been sufficient mending to give the OK for Bubbled Up to return to training.

So, Bubbled Up returned to training at the All Stars Stable after Cup Week, on the 19th November and immediately began jogging.

On the 13th December, All Stars Stable Racing Manager Michelle Neilson advised, “She’s back in. She’s just jogging of course. You can’t even see it [where she was kicked in the head]. It’s healed up really good. It was a really unusual one, I mean how do you tell an owner that their horse has broken its face? She seems to have no ill effects, so we will just press on.”

So, Bubbled Up is hopefully well over her very unusual experience of a fractured skull after receiving a kick to her head and it will be onward-and-upward for her now.

Lovemelikeyoudo (Love You – Regal Volo)

Having come back home to Breckon Farms for further evaluation after she had a reoccurrence of a soreness issue while in pre-training with Stephen Boyd, Lovemelikeyoudo was found to have a fractured splint bone on her near hind leg, as well as some soreness in her near front foot, but fortunately neither of these issues were considered to be major. The vet recommended she have a 6-week spell in the paddock and then for her to be reassessed.

After this reassessment Lovemelikeyoudo was still showing a little tenderness in her other splint, so on the vet’s recommendation she was to continue her spell for another month or so. Lovemelikeyoudo made good progress during this time and was once again reassessed by the vet, who took further x-rays and was very happy with her and deemed that she was ready to go back into training.



As this coincided with a busy time for the All Stars Stable around NZ Cup time, it was arranged for Lovemelikeyoudo to return south after Cup Week. So, on the 19th November, she was to head back down south and once again begin her pre-training with Stephen Boyd.

On the 12th December, Stephen Boyd reported, "We just have Lovemelikeyoudo here. She is looking great. I spoke to Mark today and we're going to start doing some strong work with her from next week. There has been no further reoccurrence of her previous soreness troubles and she seems pretty good, so touch wood all will be OK."

So, let's hope that Lovemelikeyoudo is well over all her troubles now and can go on through this preparation and confirm the potential she has already shown, to make it to the races and be a winner for your syndicate.

Trainer Mark Jones :-

Gimme Hope (Mach Three – Affairs Are Bettor)

During her last preparation, Gimme Hope had shown signs that she was still a little weak, so she was to be given a decent 6-month break in the spelling paddock.

This was to give her a chance to strengthen up and mature and ultimately allow her the best possible chance of making it as a successful racehorse.



Gimme Hope was due to complete her extended time in the paddock early in December and on the 10th December her trainer Mark Jones reported, "I picked the Mach Three filly up today and she is in good order. She has grown and filled out so simple fact is we have given her every chance with time and she has to front up this preparation. She will jog for a month before starting strong work. Merry Xmas to all the owners."

So, it will be interesting to follow Gimme Hope's progress this time in training, which really will be a make-or-break time for her. Let's hope she will be much improved and able to measure up this time.

Trainer Tony Herlihy :-

Tickle Me Pink (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

After her aborted Australian campaign, Tickle Me Pink arrived back at Breckon Farms for a spell on the 31st August and because she was very light in condition and was then soon to suffer from a deep abscess in her hoof, she did take some time to come right and start to improve.

Tickle Me Pink continued her good improvement, so it was decided in consultation with her trainer Tony Herlihy, that she would be given the time she needed to be completely right before returning to training. She was also suffering from some tenderness through her back, so it was decided she would go through to the end of November and be reassessed by the vet then, as to when she would be best to return to training.

On the 28th November Breckon Farms Farm Manager Scott Yardley advised, "Tickle has an ever so slight reaction in her back, but she will be reshod and given another month out. The vet is happy with her, but thinks that another month will be a bit of insurance. This has been discussed with Tony and he is happy with that. She has matured and strengthened quite a bit too, so if everything is OK at the end of the month, she will head back to Tony's."

Tony advised further on the 14th December, "I said to give her as long as she needs and when the vet's happy with her she can come back. We've still got the Jewels and Breeders Crown."

So, all going to plan, Tickle Me Pink will return to training at the end of December, so hopefully she will then be back to full health and able to continue her successful racing career in due course.

As I have already said, due to her extended time out, it is going to mean that she will unfortunately miss the earlier feature races during February and March, that were outlined previously.

This will now also mean missing the Group 2 \$50,000 Storer Motors NZ Trotting Oaks (won last season by the Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate filly Luby Lou), on the 22nd March and the Group 1 \$100,000 Inkwise NZ Trotting Derby (also won last season by the Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate filly Luby Lou), on the 5th April, both at Addington.



After that, the possibly realistic targets could be, the Group 2 \$60,000 NZ Sires Stakes 3YO Trotting Champs, on the 26th April, on her home track at Alexandra Park, the Group 1 \$100,000 Breckon Farms Northern Trotting Derby, on the 3rd May and the Group 3 \$30,000 Haras des Trotteurs Northern Trotting Oaks, on the 10th May, both of which are also at Alexandra Park, with the Derby also up against the boys of course.

To round off her season in New Zealand, there is 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 I'm sure if she is able to make it back OK, then she should be competitive in this race.

Then, later on, over in Victoria in Australia, there is the Group 1 \$75,000 Seelite Windows & Doors Victoria Trotters Derby, on the 4th August, at Maryborough, Breeders Crown Heats and 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 Tony is able to assess how she is handling her 3-year-old season.

Trainer **Brent Mangos** :-

Gladamare (Mach Three – Delightful Dale)

Gladamare returned to Brent's stable on the 27th September, following a 2-month spell at Breckon Farms.

She made good progress through her training and was scheduled to attend the workouts in Mid-December, but on the 14th December Brent advised, "I just had her hocks done. Her works been good and she's not far away, but she was just not quite right and the vet recommended injecting her hocks. We'll look at maybe going to the workouts on the 22nd December, but the way she's working, she could actually go to an easy maiden race without a trial, but for those better, higher staked ones, she'll be better to have a run [at the workouts] first."

Gladamare will resume her racing on a R52 rating, which as Brent has previously advised, means she will be racing against Non-Winners, so in his opinion she will win a maiden without much trouble.

Providing Gladamare performs well enough and can take the next step, then she may be given her chance to contest the Nevele R Fillies Series and maybe even some of the other big 3-year-old fillies races coming up.



The first of the Nevele R Fillies Series Heats is at Alexandra Park on the 8th February, then the only other heat in the north is Heat 6 at Cambridge on the 18th April, with the Group 1 \$140,000 Final then set to be staged at Addington on the 10th May.

Of the other 3-year-old classic filly races the Group 1 \$125,000 Northern Oaks is on the 1st March at Alexandra Park, the Group 1 \$150,000 NZ Oaks is on the 17th May at Addington and the Group 1 \$150,000 Harness Jewels Diamond is on the 1st June also at Addington.

Obviously Gladamare has a long way to go yet, but she has started her racing career as good as is possible, with one-start-for-one-win, so it will be interesting to see how she performs this campaign and whether she can make the grade to race against the upper level of her age group.

So, once Brent has decided if Gladamare will attend the workouts or go straight into a race in the weeks to come, I will confirm details to you by email in the usual manner.

GOOD LUCK & GO GLADAMARE !!!

Trainer Mike Berger :-

Mermaid Explorer (Bettor's Delight – Corbie)

As advised last month, Mermaid Explorer had proved very difficult to get weight off since her return to training and had also been a bit of a handful with some wayward tendencies.

She then developed a little niggle while working in her training and this was later to be diagnosed by the vet as chronic tying-up. This could be treated with a drug by injection, but the cost and effectiveness were in doubt.

Mike didn't get to the stage in training of being able to tell whether Mermaid Explorer was going to make it or not as a racehorse, but he did say he didn't think she was classic material.

The matter was then discussed with Ken Breckon and the decision made to retire Mermaid Explorer. This is obviously very unfortunate, but realist under the circumstances.



Mermaid Explorer has returned to Breckon Farms and will now have her future as a broodmare, so we wish her owners Ken and Karen and Sandy Yarndley all the best for her future in this role.

Trainer Michael House :-

Taylor Bromac (Art Major – Tatijana Bromac)



As reported last month, Taylor Bromac continued to experience problems with her bowel, so in a last-ditch effort to try something different to turn this condition around, she was sent to a farm in the hope that on good fresh grass she would show some improvement.

Unfortunately, despite my efforts by email and text, I have not received an update or report on Taylor Bromac, so I am unable to give you any up-to-date news on her.

I will continue to try and get some information from her trainer Michael House and will forward this information on to you once it is received.

Please accept my apologies, but this is beyond my control.



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Good luck and let's hope there are many wins to come ... and



Merry
Christmas

& a Happy New Year



Cheers
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