

# Breckon Farms – The Savvy Six Syndicate



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## December 2018 Newsletter

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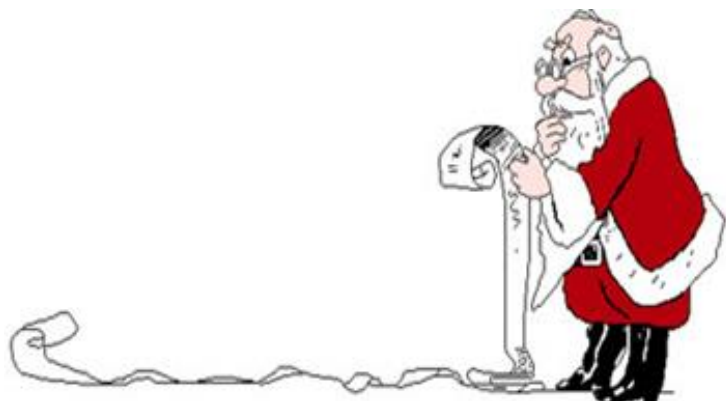
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Hi there

Once again, welcome to another monthly newsletter for the Breckon Farms – The Savvy Six Syndicate.

Last month you had some early action on the track, with the first of your fillies, **Ballroom Beauty**, attending the trials and duly qualifying, before going for a brief spell. She is already back in training and progressing well and should be ready to attend the trials again in the New Year. **On A Roll** has now undergone her recommended surgery and the operation went very well. She is to have 2 weeks in a box, 2 weeks in a yard, then 1-2 months in the paddock, before she should be ready to continue her endeavours to make it to race as a 2-year-old. After pleasing her training during her last preparation **Tailored Elegance** was given a 5-week spell and has now returned to training once again with the All Stars Stable, on the 10<sup>th</sup> December. **Cheeky Babe** has been making good progress in her training and is scheduled to attend the **Auckland TC Trials, at Pukekohe, tomorrow, Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> December**, so that will be great to see, even though she is only there for a look around and a quiet run. She is in **Heat 1**, timed to start at **12:00pm**, a 2YO Workout Learners Mobile Trot, Right Handed, over 1609m. Cheeky Babe is the only entry for this heat, as this is very early in the season for 2-year-old trotters, so Tony will run her around with a stablemate, just for the experience – **GOOD LUCK & GO CHEEKY BABE !!!** **Monkee Around** did well during her extended spell and has been back in training for a month now, so will start her hopped work in 2 weeks. **Dragon Tattoo** is also making pleasing progress in her training and should be ready to attend the workouts in the next couple of weeks, as scheduled, so once details are available, I will inform you of these by the usual email.

It certainly looks like we are well on our way to lots of fun and excitement and I am looking forward to meeting you all personally soon, hopefully some of you tomorrow, or in the next couple of weeks when firstly Cheeky Babe, then Dragon Tattoo are set to make appearances at the trials and workouts.



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

## **The Fillies.....**

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

### **Ballroom Beauty** (Bettor's Delight / Twist And Twirl)

Last month, Ballroom Beauty became your first filly to attend the trials and duly qualified at her first attempt, on the 7<sup>th</sup> November.



She did finish at the back of the main bunch in 7<sup>th</sup> placing, but was 1.9 seconds under the required time, so it was job done.

Ballroom Beauty did get on one rein and couldn't be driven out in the home straight, but co-trainer and driver Mark Purdon was happy with her and said that she had come a long way and with some experience gained through the trial run, he thought she should then go for a spell.

So after duly qualifying, Ballroom Beauty was then sent for a short spell, of 10-12 days.

She has now returned back to training with All Stars and was straight back into it.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> December, All Stars Stable Racing Manager Michelle Neilson advised, "She's back in and hopping now. She is all good and she shouldn't take too long to come up again. She should be ready to trial again in the New Year."

Hopefully Ballroom Beauty will have learnt a bit a ring craft from her previous trial and be able to progress to make it to race this campaign.

### **On A Roll** (Bettor's Delight / Only For You)

Following her troubles with bone chips or fragments that were required to be removed by surgery, On A Roll was to undergo this operation on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

This was originally scheduled for after Cup Week as it had been recommended by the surgeon that the surgery be postponed for 3 weeks after it was thought best to reduce the risk of damage to her other leg. Once her knee was x-rayed again and found to be stable, the surgery was then arranged to be done.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> December I phoned the attending vet, Lindsay Colwell and she advised, "The surgery was done last week. She recovered beautifully and everything went really, really well. She's a lovely filly. She's good looking and lovely to do anything with. We have recommended that she has 2 weeks boxed, then 2 weeks in a yard and then 1-2 months in the paddock. She can go back into work after that and everything should be fine."

After my request, on the 10<sup>th</sup> December Lindsay emailed as follows:-



Hi Rob,

Attached is the surgery report for On A Roll. Surgery was routine and her recovery was uneventful.

As discussed in early November, surgery had originally been postponed as a precaution after radiographs of the right knee showed an irregularity in one of the bones which, while likely an incidental finding, could have been evidence of a healing hairline fracture. At this stage I do not anticipate any long term clinical significance from either issue. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,  
Lindsay Colwell DVM

Here is the surgery report ...

*5<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

*FAO Dr Lindsay Colwell CC Prebbleton Veterinary Hospital, All Stars Stable*

*Re: On A Roll – 2yo SB filly Brand: 164864*

### *Surgery Report*

*History: The filly had been diagnosed with a RH fetlock plantar osteochondral fragment, radiographically, and was scheduled for surgery.*

*Surgery: (Prebbleton Veterinary Hospital, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec) The filly had pre-operative pencillin, gentamicin, phenylbutazone and TAT. Surgery was performed under gaseous general anaesthetic and in dorsal recumbency. After clipping, prepping and draping, a plantaro-proximal approach was made to the medial aspect of the RH fetlock. Using needles as guides, a more distal instrument portal was created at the base of the sesamoids. Although large, this fragment was a little more buried in ligamentous tissue than was typical, and a motorized synovial resector was used to expose the fragment more, before it was sharply resected using knives. The fragment was then grasped with ronguers. The base of the sesamoid was then examined by changing the arthroscopic portal. No further fragments were noted and the joint was lavaged, before the portals were closed with skin sutures only. A half limb bandage was then applied.*

*Post-operative treatment: The bandage was changed on 6<sup>th</sup> December and the wounds the surgical site looked fine.*

*Discharge instructions: Exercise – keep confined to a stable for two weeks, followed by two weeks in a yard. The filly should have paddock turn out for two months before returning to training.*

*Medication- give 1gram of phenylbutazone daily for five more days.*

*Bandaging – keep bandaged, replacing as required, until suture removal around 19<sup>th</sup> December.*

*Summary: This surgery has an excellent prognosis.*

*Signed,*

*Dr Guy Alexander. BVSc CertVR FANZCVS Registered Specialist in Equine Surgery*

As was previously advised, as On A Roll was actually due to have a spell at this time anyway, hopefully it will not put her back too far and once she is through her recuperation period, she should be able to return to normal training and we can only hope that she is fully recovered and ready and able to continue with her proposed racing career.

### **Tailored Elegance** (Muscle Hill / Classic Armbro)

Having pleased co-trainer Mark Purdon in her work during her last preparation, after about a 12-week stint in training and showing some promise, Tailored Elegance was to be sent for a spell.



She was to have a 4-5 week break out and returned to training at the All Stars barn on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The All Stars Stable Racing Manager Michelle Neilson advised on that day, "She's done well and looks good. We're all happy. She will jog up before getting on to some strong pace work."

So, while Tailored Elegance still has some way to go yet, she is well on the way to making it as a successful racehorse, having received some very positive reports on her attitude and ability to date.

It will be interesting to follow her progress during this preparation, but she won't be rushed, as she does have time on her side with the 2-year-old trotting feature races for the season not getting underway until April next year.

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

#### **Cheeky Babe** (Muscle Hill / Factor The Odds)

After having a decent long 5-month spell at Breckon Farms, Cheeky Babe returned to Tony Herlihy's stable on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, looking good and ready to carry on with her next preparation.

Cheeky Babe has been making good progress in her training to date and pleasing Tony.

She has now completed virtually 3 months in work and on the 14<sup>th</sup> December Tony reported, "We're looking to go to the workouts next week [Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December], just for a look around and a quiet run. Maybe just with another one of my own horses and not even anything official. It will give her a look at the mobile [gate] and a bit of experience. There's no rush for her, as there's nothing for her until at least February next year anyway. She's been solid trotting and I'm happy with her. I'd like to give her a little let up at some stage. Just a few days. Maybe after this trial, we'll do that. We'll just see how she goes and how she handles it."



So, Cheeky Babe is to attend the **Auckland TC Trials, at Pukekohe, tomorrow, Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> December**, so that will be great to see, even though she is only there for a look around and a quiet run. She is in **Heat 1**, timed to start at **12:00pm**, a 2YO Workout Learners Mobile Trot, Right Handed, over 1609m. Cheeky Babe is the only entry for this heat, as this is very early in the season for 2-year-old trotters, so Tony will run her around with a stablemate, just for the experience.

It will be great to follow Cheeky Babe's progress, as she heads towards hopefully making it to race as a 2-year-old in the early part of next year.

In the meantime ... **GOOD LUCK & GO CHEEKY BABE !!!**

### **Monkee Around** (Art Major - Sheza Monkee)

Monkee Around was also to have a decent 5-month spell at Breckon Farms, as she was a little immature and this would give her the chance to develop and strengthen up.

She completed her spell and returned to Tony Herlihy's stable on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, so has now completed a month back in work.



Monkee Around has just been jogging to date, to increase her fitness levels and after 6 weeks of jogging she will move on to her hopped work.

Tony reported on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, "She's still just jogging. She came back in great shape, like a solid little bull. She's not that big, but that family is a bit like that. She's OK so far and will move onto her hopped work in a couple of weeks."

It will be interesting to see how Monkee Around progresses through this preparation, as her work will become more serious as she advances along, hopefully to make it to race as a 2-year-old.

Trainer **Brent Mangos** :-

### **Dragon Tattoo** (Art Major / Rozelski)

Although Dragon Tattoo presented her trainer Brent Mangos with a few gait and attitude problems early on in her previous preparation, she did settle down and start pacing along quite nicely by the end of that campaign.



She then made an appearance at the Franklin Park Yearling Parade on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, being judged the Best Turned Out Pacing Filly on the day, before being sent to Breckon Farms for a 2-month spell.

This was completed on the 27<sup>th</sup> September and she then returned to Brent Mangos' stable, looking good, to commence her current preparation.

Dragon Tattoo was jogged for the first month back in training to increase her fitness, then moved on to her stronger hopped work, before increasing her speed and reducing her times in fast work.

She has pleased Brent in her progress to date and on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, he reported, "She's coming along OK. She's much better gaited this time. She's not trying to kick all the time. Actually, she hasn't kicked at all this time. We'll give her a quiet run at the workouts in a couple of weeks, just in one of those Learner Heats and see how she goes. She should qualify alright. Then we'll see where we go from there."

So, Dragon Tattoo should be right on schedule, as was previously advised, and be ready to attend the workouts at the end of December or early in January.

It is great that things are continuing to be positive for Dragon Tattoo and when she is ready to attend the workouts in the next couple of weeks, I will confirm the details to you as soon as they are available.

### **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 Savvy Six 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.

**So good luck and many wins to come and of course ...**



*Merry  
Christmas*

**& a Happy New Year**



Cheers

**Rob**



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