

Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate



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Hi there

As advised last month, Luby Lou's frustrating time with soreness over December/January, culminated in her having surgery on both knees. This was performed very successfully on the 9th January.

With Luby Lou having to undergo an extended recuperation period, which in total will amount to approximately 6 months, it will mean that she will miss the entire 2018/19 season and so Ken Breckon decided to renew the racing lease to the syndicate for an additional year, to enable you to race her through her 5-year-old season in 2019/20.

With Luby Lou already demonstrating what a wonderfully talented horse she is; I surely don't need to remind you that she is the winner of 4-of-her-5-starts to date, one at the elite Group 1 level and one at Group 2 level, for \$94,300 in stake earnings, this is surely a great opportunity to continue to race her.

Co-trainer Mark Purdon holds Luby Lou in very high regard and thinks she is a very special trotter, so I'm sure this endorsement will carry a lot of weight in justifying the decisions that have had to be made.

Luby Lou's recuperation will be a long process, but the vet's opinion is that she will make a full recovery, so I'm sure, all being equal, it will be worthwhile and beneficial to the syndicate to be able to race her through next season.

I wish you and Luby Lou, all the best for a speedy and full recovery.

It should be onwards and upwards from here and you can rest assured she is in the best of hands to monitor her care and recovery.

We'll be in touch further, regarding going forward from here.



Here is the latest information on your mare:-

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen :-

Luby Lou (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

Having fallen victim to further bad luck on her latest trip north, when it was discovered that Luby Lou had lameness in her near fore leg, she underwent scintigraphy that confirmed her knees were the problem and so she was to have her knee joints injected in the hope she would then be able to race for the remainder of the season.

Unfortunately, this was not to be and Luby Lou went sore again and was to require an operation to remove the cartilage from her knee. The operation was performed on the 9th January and went very well, with the vets giving her a very positive prognosis.

Luby Lou has spent 4 weeks resting in a box at Breckon Farms and has now moved to do her 4 weeks in a very small paddock. After this time, she can be turned out into a normal paddock and then will hopefully be well on her way to a full recovery.

She has continued with her prescribed treatment, bandage changes, stitches removal, etc and had her first stem cell therapy on the 13th February.

Breckon Farms Farm Manager, Scott Yarndley, also advised on the 13th February, "She's nice and settled. She's not tearing around, which is great. She is in good condition and is being hard fed. She certainly seems to be enjoying her break."

Luby Lou will have 4 months in the paddock, with her stem cell therapy administered as specified, before she will be ready to return to training, at which time it is recommended that she has 6 weeks on a water walker or water treadmill before commencing regular training.

By all reports, Luby Lou should make a full recovery and be able to race up to her already known great potential.

As advised, Ken Breckon has offered for the Syndicate to continue racing Luby Lou for an additional season and so hopefully she will have a successful one next season.



Luby Lou wins Gr.2 NZ Trotting Oaks



Luby Lou wins Gr.1 NZ Trotting Derby

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Under the 'Syndicates' menu, click on 'Six of the Best Syndicate', then scroll to find your newsletters.

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So good luck and many more wins to come.

Cheers

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