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## Caribbean Blaster On Different Track

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Victorian trainer Andy Gath is planning on giving Caribbean Blaster only two more runs this campaign before the stallion heads to the paddock for a well deserved break. The son of Bettors Delight will head towards the Inter Dominion heat at Tabcorp Park Melton on Saturday week and if he qualifies will proceed straight to the final.

"It is something that is different compared to what happened twelve months ago because last year I decided to give him a run at Geelong in between the Inter Dominion heat at Melton and the final at Menangle," Gath said.



"The reason I did that last year is because he had contracted a virus which made his joints blow up and I was always pushing to have him fully fit because of the work he had missed during a crucial part of his campaign. This year with no hiccups it will be heat and then hopefully final."

Gath was happy with how Caribbean Blaster recovered from his second placing in Saturday night's Hunter Cup.

"That is one of his best attributes, he has an unbelievable recovery and even on Saturday night when he was swabbed after the race the attendant joked with me that surely the horse he was swabbing wasn't Caribbean Blaster because he didn't look like he had just competed in a two mile race."

"I was really proud of him on Saturday night, even when he loomed up on the turn I didn't think he was the winner, he doesn't possess that real breathtaking quarter and if they broke 28 seconds for the final 400 metres I knew he was going to be up against it."

Despite winning the Chariots Of Fire at Menangle Gath admits the horse has performed below his best when racing on the 1400 metre track recently.

"He seems to drop the bit at Menangle and he did that in the Ballarat Cup last month and I now think he might have a tendency to do that when he is racing between horses so Kate (Gath driver) is going to have to keep that in mind in the future."

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