



BELLE BREAKTHROUGH AT SANDOWN

War Chant (USA) mare La Belle Jude is a stable favourite of trainer Gemma Rielly and that made their first city win all the more heart-warming at Sandown last month.

La Belle Jude had won at Geelong and Pakenham early on but had been placed in 5 of her last 6 starts before breaking through in the Le Pine Funerals Hcp (1800m).

"She's lightly-raced due to a few niggles but the owners have been patient," Rielly said. "She can switch off in front so I told Joe (Bowditch) to be one with the horse. He kidded to her and it was one of his better rides."

Rielly, 31, started out in racing as an apprentice with Lindsay Smith in Perth before heading to Melbourne. "She was my first yearling and my first winner as a trainer that day at Geelong. I bought her after she was passed-in at the 2015 Perth Magic Millions and named her after my gran Jude.

"She will spend a week in the water-walker and we will now look for a race over 2000m."

La Belle Jude is the first foal of Cyclone Bella (Hurricane Sky), a Scenic Lodge homebred who was trained by Smith to win twice at Pinjarra. Second-dam Belle Chanson (Biscay) won a G1 Australasian Oaks.

Yarradale Stud champion War Chant (Danzig) had four colts sell for \$100,000 at the Perth Magic Millions in February. They were sold to trainers Dan Morton, Adam Durrant, Robert & Todd Harvey and Chris Waller.

The full-brother to War Chant's millionaire mare Dainty Tess was purchased by agent Guy Mulcaster on behalf of Waller. Auctioneer Grant Burns reminded the Swan Valley crowd he knocked down a Street Cry yearling to Mulcaster at the 2013 Gold Coast Magic Millions.

They named that filly Winx.



RIVALS FEEL WRATH OF BLACKFURY

Trevor Andrews picked a fitting goal for exciting colt Blackfury following his effortless victory at Ascot last month.

The Blackfriars 3yo was a class above his rivals winning the Hahn Superdry Hcp (1500m) from Uni Time (Universal Ruler) and Too Close The Sun (Carlton House). He put the race to bed after putting the writing on the wall with a brilliant finishing sectional on debut at Pinjarra.

Blackfury has been given a let-up and will be set for the LR Belmont Guineas (1600m) on June 22. The winter feature has been the launching pad for top-class gallopers like Great Shot, Tradesman, Grand Nirvana & Shot Of Thunder. Scenic Lodge champion Blackfriars won it with Rohan on the back of his victory in the 2012 WATC Derby.

"It was a huge run at Pinjarra and I told Jarrad (Noske) to go back and get home," Andrews said. "He's a big, raw colt and it's all part of his education. People think Blackfriars just sires stayers but this bloke is from a fast family and I think a mile will end up being his best distance."

Blackfury was bred and sold by Gervase Park for \$120,000 at the 2017 Perth Magic Millions. He's a brother to multiple city winner Blackline and a half-brother to LR Bunbury Classic winner Takanori (Vital Equine).

Their dam Nishikawa (Fuji Kiseki) was sold as a broodmare prospect for \$150,000 at the 2008 Magic Millions National Sale. She foaled an Awesome Rock colt in October and was then bred back to him at Gold Front Thoroughbreds.