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CRACK CARNIVAL BID

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COOMINYA trainer Ron Jackson reckons the Winter Carnival can't come quick enough. Jackson prepares handy middle distance galloper Crack Assassin who was a smart winner on the wet track at Albion Park on Thursday night.

He scored by three lengths over Emma Lee Burns in 35.78 in a 600m 5th Grade with a neck to Allira in third.

It might be a long way to Group racing from a 600m 5th Grade, but Jackson is hoping. His wife Cathy said after Crack Assassin had proved too strong for his rivals on Thursday night that the Group 1 Gold Cup was in the plans for the son of **Royal Assassin-Cape Drina**.

"We've always had high expectations for him and Ron is looking for the distance races of the Winter Carnival as a long-range plan," said Cathy.

Crack Assassin is raced by the Lonsob Syndicate who had the dog reared at the Jackson property at Coominya.

"We were working on him as a baby and he showed so much, was so keen, but when Brendan Rouse, one of the dog's owners, told us how old he was we realised he was far too young," said Cathy.

"We immediately put him away again and let him grow up more."

Crack Assassin has always shown ability and the likelihood he would run on further. His record is now three wins and six placings from 11 starts.

"He's a very sound dog, he's never had an injury since he's been put into training," said Cathy.

"Obviously we don't know if he is good enough to take on the good dogs in the 710m races, but that's the plan."