

## Monday 7th November- Trendsetters Guide

Previous race trends (2006-15) can often help provide a shortlist of potential winners in the current year's races. Hopefully these brief pointers will assist racegoers at Carlisle today. The figure in brackets after the race details is the favourite's strike rate for the race. Trainers who have won the race before and have an intended runner at the 5-day declaration stage are also highlighted. Extended for 2016 are the 'Carlisle Form Figures' showing the horses last six form figures for races run here at Carlisle.

**1.10 - 2m 3.5f Novices' Handicap Hurdle (33%):** The last six winners had all finished 6th or better on their last completed race (ignores falls etc.). All but one of the last six winners were either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. Trainer to Watch: Lucinda Russell (won 2009 & 2011). Carlisle Form: Theatre Act (581).

**1.45 - 2m 4f Novices' Chase (n/a):** New race in 2014 with both past winners being reasonably backed at odds of 5/2 & 100/30 (without being favourites). Both were returning after a break of at least 177 days. Carlisle Form: Baby Bach (11); Captain Redhead (41).

**2.20 - 2m 4f Novices' Hurdle (n/a):** New race in 2016. Carlisle Form: Derintoher Yank (1).

**2.50 - 3m Graduation Chase (21%):** Race only run seven times before at this trip with all winners finishing 1st/2nd on their last completed run. Only one of the seven winners had odds greater than 7/2. Trainers to watch: P Nicholls (won 2015); J O'Neill (2014) & Sue Smith (2013). Carlisle Form: Blakemount (331); Gevrey Chambertin (1) & Otago Trail (1).

**3.25 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (15%):** Favourite backers have largely struggled in this race in the past with just one sole and one joint favourite since 2006. That said the longest winning odds seen to date were 9/1. Second favourites have fared slightly better with three winners in the same period. All past races were won by horses aged between 6-8yo with 8yo taking 5/10 races. Trainer to watch: Sue Smith (won 2011 & 2014). Carlisle Form: Amilliontimes (1); Gleann Na Ndochais (643221); Shouldavboughtgold (521); Spanish Fleet (111453); Tikkanemickey (734741).

**4.00 - 2m 1f NH Flat race (50%):** Race only run six times before with one debutant winning in 2016 and all other winners finishing 2nd/3rd on their only previous run (PTP form excluded). All had odds of 7/2 or shorter. Trainer to watch: D McCain Jr (won 2011 & 2013).

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