

## Thursday 9th March 2017 - Trendsetters Guide

Previous race trends (2007-16) 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 overnight declaration stage are also highlighted. Extended for 2017 are the 'Carlisle Form Figures' showing the horses last six form figures for races run here at Carlisle.

**2.00 - 2m 3f+ Handicap Hurdle for Conditional Jockeys (12%):** Four of the last eight winners were either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. All past winners were rested at least 21 days since their last run. Carlisle Form: Morning Royalty (133421); Pistol (64211U).

**2.35 - 2m 5f Novices' Handicap Chase (16%):** All past winners were aged 7-9yo. A recent run (9-29 days earlier) was also a common feature with five of the last six winners finishing 4<sup>th</sup> or better on their last completed race (excludes falls etc).

**3.10 - 2m 3f+ Novices' Hurdle (63%):** All past winners finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run and had been rested at least 20 days before this race. With six of the eight winners sent off as sole/joint favourites, the betting market is clearly a good guide, but when the favourites failed to shine the other winners were easy to back at odds of 10/1 & 18/1. Trainer to Watch: D McCain (won 2010 & 2014).

**3.45 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (n/a):** New race in 2016. Trainer to watch: Sue Smith (won 2016). Carlisle Form: Grove Silver (21); Tikkanemickey (347414); Dartford Warbler (11).

**4.20 - 2m 1f Novices' Handicap Hurdle (40%):** Race run as a 0-115 handicap today whereas previously a 0-120 handicap. Past winners were all aged 6-8yo. Only one of the five past winners was ridden by a conditional jockey.

**4.55 - 2m 5f Hunter Chase (n/a)** New race in 2017.

**5.25 - 2m 1f NH Flat Race (37%):** Since 2008 this race has attracted an average field of 11/12 runners so it's a mystery why only three are declared this year! The honours are even between the 4yo & 5yo age groups with four wins each. Of the eight past winners five were 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> on their last run with two debutants and the other 4<sup>th</sup> on its penultimate start but unplaced on last run. Only one conditional jockey has won this race in the last eight renewals. Trainer to watch: N Hawke (won 2015).

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