

## Carlisle Trendsetters Guide ~ Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Previous race trends (2006-15) can often help provide a short-list of potential winners in the current year's races. The percentage figure in brackets after the race details is the favourite's 'strike rate' in the race for the last ten years. Trainers who have won the race before are also highlighted if they had an entry at the overnight declaration stage. Also, repeated in 2016 is our unique Carlisle jumps form figures for their last six races at the track (shown in brackets after the horse's name) for those that have won here before.

- **(12.00) 2m 1f Novices' Hurdle (84%)**: The betting market tends to be a good guide for this race with all but one of the past winners sent off as favourite (the other winner was 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite). **Trainers to Watch**: J O'Neil (won 2015) & D McCain (2011)
- **(12.30) 2m Novices' Handicap Chase (n/a)**: New race in 2016.
- **(1.05) 2m 3f Novices' Hurdle (60%)**: Apart from one horse making its NH debut (excludes p-t-p form) all others had finished 2<sup>nd</sup> or better on their last completed race. **Trainer to Watch**: D McCain (won 2012 & 14).
- **(1.35) 3m 2f Handicap Chase (n/a)**: New race in 2016. **Carlisle Form**: Ballyben (31); Fill The Power (72210); Basford Ben (145113).
- **(2.10) 3m 1f Handicap Hurdle (33%)**: New race in 2013. All winners to date had finished 2<sup>nd</sup> or better on their last completed race. **Carlisle Form**: Gevrey Chambertin (1); Shades Of Midnight (106); Knockara Beau (14); One For Harry (43161); Milborough (1924).
- **(2.40) 2m 5f Novices' Limited Handicap Chase (67%)**: New race in 2013. All winners to date were either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. In the weights, all carried between 11<sup>st</sup> & 11<sup>st</sup> 5lbs. A last run 15-22 days earlier was also a common feature. **Carlisle Form**: Fionn Mac Cul (1); Captain Redbeard (41); Palm Grey (P1).
- **(3.15) 2m 1f 'Mares' NH Flat Race (100%)**: New race in 2014. Whilst both winners were making their NH débuts they both had previous point to point experience.

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