

Sunday 19th 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.

2.15 - 2m 1f Novices' Hurdle (60%): Four of the last five winners were 2nd/3rd on either of their last two runs with the latest winner making its NH debut (having previously run in point to points only). 5yo are the preferred age group with 3/5 wins to date.

2.45 - 2m Novices' Chase (10%): Apart from last year's surprise 25/1 winner the other four winners all had odds of 9/2 or shorter. All finished 6th or better on their last run. Trainer to Watch: R Lee/Kerry Lee (won 2013).

3.20 - 2m 3f+ Novices' Handicap Hurdle (20%): The 2012 winner was sent off as favourite but all subsequent winners have had odds of 8/1 or greater. All five past winners were 6th or better on their last run. Trainer to Watch: D McCain (won 2016).

3.55 - 3m+ Veterans Handicap Chase (n/a): New race in 2016. Last year's winner (Firth Of The Clyde) is again entered to try and repeat that success but is now rated 2lbs higher. The 2016 runner up (Milborough) was beaten just over 2 lengths and is now 7lbs lower in the handicap ratings. Trainer to watch: J M Jefferson (won 2016). Carlisle Form: Firth Of The Clyde (21); Cultram Abbey (122F); Cloudy Too (U11); Kaki De La Pree (1); Milborough (19241).

4.25 - 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle (60%): The 2015 winner was a surprise 25/1 shot with all of the other four winners having odds of 3/1 or shorter. Ages of winners has ranged from 5-7 years with 6yo faring the best so far. Trainer to watch: D McCain (won 2014) Carlisle Form: Hartside (3132); Lord Ballim (31); Endeavour (U1).

5.00 - 2m 5f Hunter Chase (40%) We have seen three winners with odds of 7/2 or shorter with the other two being 20/1 & 100/1 outsiders. A last run 9-21 days earlier was a common feature for all five past winners. Winner's ages have ranged from 8-14 years with the last three winners all aged 12yo. Carlisle Form: Mister Marker (712721); Quel Elite (U2).

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