

Sunday 30th October - 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 also have an intended runner at the 5-day declaration stage are also highlighted. Also, repeated for 2016 are the 'Carlisle Form' figures showing the horse's finishing positions in their last six NH races at Carlisle, if they have won here before.

1.00 - 2M 4F Novices' Hurdle (50%): Of the nine past winners since 2006, all finished 6th or better on their last run. Longest winner's odds seen were 11/1 with 7/9 having odds of 9/2 or shorter. 5&6yo horses are the preferred age group with 8/9 wins. Trainers to watch: W Greatrex (won 2015); D McCain (2011 & 2012), Sue Smith (2010) & N Richards (2006). Carlisle Form: Derrintoher Yank (1); Ryedale Dancer (1).

1.35 - 2M 4F Novices' Limited Handicap Chase (n/a): New race in 2014. Both winners to date were 2nd on either of their last two races and had odds of 4/1 to 7/1. Carlisle Form: Double W's (1); Go Conquer (1); Ash Park (1); Gurkha Brave (11); Taking Risks (21); Amilliontimes (1).

2.10 - 2M 1F Novices' Handicap Hurdle (50%): New race in 2011 with all winners to date having odds of 13/2 or shorter and having finished 4th or better on either of their last two runs. All winners to date were aged either 5 or 6yo. Trainers To Watch: D McCain Jr (won 2011).

2.45 - 3M 2F 'Cumberland' H/cap Chase (20%): A 5th placed run (or better) on their last completed run was also seen for 9/10 winners. Two runners from the 2015 race hold entries again this year – *Basford Ben* was 5th last year and is now 2lbs higher in the handicap ratings whilst *Carrighdoun* was 8th last year and is now 2lbs lower in the ratings. Trainers to watch: Sue Smith (won 2015); Lucinda Russell (2008, 2009 & 2010) & N Twiston-Davies (2007 & 2011). Carlisle Form: Milborough (192); Cultram Abbey (12); Fill The Power (7221); Carrighdoun (P31821); Full Jack (1); Basford Ben (145113).

3.15 - 2M 4F Handicap Hurdle (n/a): New race in 2014 with local trainer Nicky Richards taking the prize money both times. The winning horse had finished 2nd LTO on both occasions and was making its seasonal re-appearance and carried a weight of 10st 7lbs to 10st 13lbs. Several of last year's unplaced horses in the race have entries again this year. *Shades of Midnight* was 10th and is now up 23lbs in the weights; *Tap Night* was 12th and is now 5lbs lower whilst *Big Water* was 13th and is now 7lbs lower. Trainer to watch: N Richards (won 2014 & 15). Carlisle Form: Shades of Midnight (10); Upsilon Bleu (21); Sergeant Mattie (1); Milan Bound (1); Big Water (141120); Tap Night (1250); Mwaleshi (12).

3.50 - 2m 4f (Listed) Intermediate Chase (33%): The race was upgraded to 'listed' status in 2013 and the data reflects only the last three years results. All three winners were making their seasonal re-appearance having finished 4th or better on their last run. The most notable recent winner was *Many Clouds* who went on to win both the Hennessy Gold Cup and Grand National. Trainer to watch: Sue Smith (won 2013). Carlisle Form: Blakemount (331) & Fourth Act (1).

4.20 - 1m 6f NH Flat Race for 3yo (38%): Race only run nine times before with 8/9 past winners making their NH debuts - the other won its only previous race. 7/9 winners had odds of 9/2 or shorter with all being either 1st/2nd favourites. For those feeling a bit more adventurous the 2007 winner *Lie Forrit* won at 100/1 and 2014 winner *Virnon* started at odds of 20/1. Trainers To watch: Susan Corbett (won 2014) & J Ewart (2011).

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