

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- Trendsetters Guide

Previous race trends (2008-17) 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 2018 are the 'Carlisle Form Figures' showing the horses last six form figures for races run here at Carlisle.

**12.25 - 2m 4f Novices' Hurdle (16%):** The last six winners had all finished 3<sup>rd</sup> or better on their last completed race (excludes falls etc). 5yo horses have fared best with 3/6 wins. Trainer to Watch: Mrs R Dobbin (won 2013).

**12.55 - 2m 4f (Mares) Handicap Hurdle (n/a):** New race in 2017. *Theatre Act* was 5<sup>th</sup> in the race last year when rated 95 and is now rated 99. In last year's race blinkers were fitted on the horse for the first time and a further change in the headgear used resulted in an improved 2<sup>nd</sup> place here 38 days ago. Carlisle Form: Hidden Dilemma (1); Theatre Act (113552). Trainer to Watch: S R Crawford (won 2017).

**1.25 - 2m 4f (Mares) Listed Chase (n/a):** New race in 2015 but only run twice due to cancellation of the meeting in 2016. Both winners to date had won on their last outing and both were 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites in the betting.

**2.00 - 2m 1f+ Handicap Hurdle (n/a):** New race in 2017. Last year's race was won by *Monfass* who was rated 107 in the handicap and is now rated 117. Also in last year's race was *Pistol* who finished 7<sup>th</sup> off a rating of 107 and is now rated at 105. Carlisle Form: Kelpies Myth (21); Monfass (81); Take A Break (31); Barrys Jack (1164); Pistol (447130). Trainer to Watch: Rose Dobbin (won 2017).

**2.30 - 3m+ Handicap Chase (n/a):** New race in 2017. *Nortonthorpelegend* was 2<sup>nd</sup> in last year's race (beaten a neck) when rated 114 and has since dropped to a rating of 93 so if the horse can re-kindle last year's form could run a big race again. Carlisle Form: Achill Road Boy (7314); Nortonthorpelegend (1682); Frank The Slink (1441P6).

**3.00 - 3m+ Handicap Hurdle (n/a):** New race in 2017. *Another Mattie* is the only runner from last year's race to try again and this year is rated 7lbs lower than when pulled up in 2017. Carlisle Form: Western Rules (1U); Letemgo (1U0).

**3.30 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (n/a):** New race in 2017. Last year's runner up *Calivigny* is looking to go one better this year and is now rated 12lbs lower than the 2017 race. Last year the horse was wearing a visor for the first time (worn all races subsequently). This will also be the second race back for the horse after having a wind operation. Carlisle Form: Instingive (001427). Trainer to Watch: Lucinda Russell (won 2017).

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