

## Thursday 7th March 2019 – Carlisle Trendsetters Guide

Previous race trends (2009-18) 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 2019 are the 'Carlisle Form Figures' showing the horses last six form figures for races run here at Carlisle.

**2.20 - 2m 3f+ Handicap Hurdle for Conditional Jockeys (0%):** Whilst no favourite has won the race in the last 10 years there have been 5/9 second favourites who have won the race. None of the last nine past winners had been rested for more than 67 days since their last run. Trainer To Watch: D McCain (won 2017). Carlisle Form: Strike West (71).

**2.50 - 2m 3f+ Novices' Hurdle (66%):** All past winners finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run and had been rested at least 15 days before this race. With seven of the last nine 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.

**3.25 - 2m 5f Novices' Handicap Chase (12%):** All eight past winners were aged 6-9yo with 7 & 8yo having the best record. A recent run (9-29 days earlier) was also a common feature with six of the last eight winners finishing 6<sup>th</sup> or better on their last completed race (excludes falls etc).

**3.55 - 2m 1f Novices' Handicap Hurdle (56%):** The seven past winners were all aged 6-8yo and had finished 6<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run (including four which also won their last race). Only two of the seven past winners were ridden by conditional jockeys. Trainer to Watch: S Coltherd (won 2016).

**4.30 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (67%):** New race in 2016. All three past winners to date last ran 17-26 days earlier finishing 6<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run, were aged 8/9yo and had odds of 4/1 or shorter. *Never Up* was 4<sup>th</sup> in the race last year when rated at 117 and is currently rated 110. Carlisle Form: Ryalex (F35134); Never Up (1P45); Instingtive (142725).

**5.05 - 2m 1f NH Flat Race (33%):** Historically this race had fields of up to 19 runners but in recent years this has attracted 8 runners or less which may affect some of the statistics e.g. four of the last five renewals were won by the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. The honours are fairly evenly split between the 4yo & 5yo age groups with 5yo having a slight advantage. Of the nine past winners seven were 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> on their last run with one debutant and the other 4<sup>th</sup> on its penultimate start but unplaced on last run (PTP form excluded). Only one conditional jockey has won this race in the last nine renewals.

**5.35 - 2m 5f Hunter Chase (N/A)** New race in 2017. Both past winners were 3<sup>rd</sup> or better on their last run and started as 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites (Excluded PTP form).