

Thursday 8th March 2017 – Carlisle 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.

2.20 - 2m 3f+ Handicap Hurdle for Conditional Jockeys (11%): Five of the last nine winners were either 1st/2nd favourites. 8/9 past winners were rested at least 21 days since their last run. Trainers To Watch: D McCain (won 2017) & Mrs D Sayer (won 2012).

2.50 - 2m 5f Novices' Handicap Chase (14%): All past winners were aged 7-9yo. A recent run (9-29 days earlier) was also a common feature with five of the last seven winners finishing 4th or better on their last completed race (excludes falls etc). Trainer To Watch: D McCain (won 2015).

3.25 - 2m 1f Novices' Handicap Hurdle (50%): Race run as a 0-115 handicap today whereas previously a 0-120 handicap. Past winners were all aged 6-8yo. Only one of the five past winners was ridden by a conditional jockey. Trainer To Watch: S Coltherd (won 2016).

3.55 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (n/a): New race in 2016. Both winners to date last ran 17 days earlier finishing 6th or better on their last run, were aged 8yo and had odds of 4/1 or shorter. Trainers to watch: Jennie Candlish (won 2017) & Sue Smith (won 2016). Carlisle Form: Never Up (1P); Grove Silver (211).

4.30 - 2m 3f+ Novices' Hurdle (66%): All past winners finished 5th or better on their last run and had been rested at least 15 days before this race. With seven of the 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. Trainer to Watch: D McCain (won 2010 & 2014).

5.00 - 2m 5f Hunter Chase (n/a) New race in 2017. Trainer To Watch: Francesca Nimmo (won 2017). Carlisle Form: Cultram Abbey (122F).

5.35 - 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. the last four renewals were won by the 1st/2nd favourite. The honours are fairly evenly split between the 4yo & 5yo age groups with 4yo having a slight advantage. Of the nine past winners six were 2nd/3rd on their last run with two debutants and the other 4th on its penultimate start but unplaced on last run. Only one conditional jockey has won this race in the last nine renewals.

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