

Monday 12th November- 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 5-day 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.

12.55 - 2m 1f Novices' Hurdle (50%): Whilst race over a longer trip in 2016, the six other races at this meeting were over this distance. All previous winners had odds of 5/1 or shorter and were aged either 4 or 5 years old. Trainer to Watch: E Williams (won 2017 & 2013).

1.30 - 2m 4f Novices' Chase (25%): New race in 2014 with all past winners being reasonably backed at odds of 2/5 to 100/30 (with just one being the favourite). All were returning after a break of at least 177 days. *Rhymers Stone* is worthy of a special mention as the horse won the handicap hurdle on last year's card. Carlisle Form: Count Meribel (111); Mister Kit* (11222); Rhymers Stone (14); Uncle Alastair (1). * Mister Kitt also entered in the 2.35 race.

2.05 - 2m 1f (Mares) Handicap Hurdle (N/A): New race in 2018.

2.35 - 2m Graduation Chase (N/A): A new race in 2017. Last year's winner, *Nuts Well*, again holds an entry. The horse will be carrying a double penalty this year and looks set to be re-united with the 2017 winning jockey, Brian Hughes. Carlisle Form: Nuts Well (21); Delire D'Estruval (1); Mister Kit (see 1.30 race).

3.10 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (15%): Favourite backers have largely struggled in this race in the past with just one sole and one joint favourite since 2008. That said the longest winning odds seen to date were 11/1. All past races were won by horses aged between 6-9 years old with 8yo taking 5/10 races. Sue Smith is the top trainer in the race with 3 wins since 2011. Trainer to watch: Sue Smith (won 2011, 2014 & 2016). Carlisle Form: Sudski Star (31); Mumgos Debut (417); Onderun (51); Instingtive (00142).

3.40 - 2m 1f NH Flat race (28%): Race only run seven times before with one debutant winning in 2016 and all other winners finishing 2nd/3rd/5th on their only previous run (PTP form excluded). Apart from the last winner at 20/1, all others had odds of 4/1 or shorter. Trainers to watch: Harriet Graham (won 2017); Lucinda Russell (won 2012).

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