

Monday 13th November- Trendsetters Guide

Previous race trends (2007-16) 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 2017 are the 'Carlisle Form Figures' showing the horses last six form figures for races run here at Carlisle.

1.00 - 2m 4f Novices' Hurdle (60%): Whilst race over a longer trip last year the five earlier 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: Sue Smith (won 2011).

1.30 - 2m 4f Novices' Chase (0%): New race in 2014 with all past winners being reasonably backed at odds of 9/4 to 100/30 (without being favourites). All were returning after a break of at least 177 days. Trainer to Watch: Paul Nicholls (won 2015). Carlisle Form: Dubai Angel (13); Shades of Midnight (1065); Testify (1); Three Ways (1).

2.00 - 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle (n/a): New race in 2017. Carlisle Form: Viserion (1); Western Rules (1); Meadowcroft Boy (1); Idder (13); Un Guet Apens (312); Pistol (211U44).

2.35 - 2m Graduation Chase (n/a): New race in 2017. *Derintoher Yank* holds an entry and won the novice hurdle on the card at this meeting last year. Carlisle Form: Un Guet Apens (see 2.00 race); Derintoher Yank (111).

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 2007. That said the longest winning odds seen to date were 10/1. All past races were won by horses aged between 6-8 years old with 8yo taking 5/10 races. Potentially three of last year's runners are set to line up again in 2017. *Spanish Fleet* was 2nd and is now 1lb lower in the handicap, *Tikkandemickey* was 4th and is now 7lbs lower whilst *Amilliontimes* was 5th and is now 1lb lower. Trainer to watch: Sue Smith (won 2011, 2014 & 2016). Carlisle Form: Un Guet Apens (see 2.00 race); Spanish Fleet (114532); Amilliontimes (15); Ueuetotl (133); Tikkandemickey (414235); Dartford Warbler (1136).

4.00 - 2m 1f NH Flat race (33%): Race only run six times before with one debutant winning in 2016 and all other winners finishing 2nd/3rd/5th on their only previous run (PTP form excluded). All had odds of 4/1 or

shorter. Trainers to watch: D McCain Jr (won 2011 & 2013); R O'Leary (won 2015); Sue Smith (won 2016).

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