

## Monday 19th February 2018 - 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 final 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.

**2.00 - 2m 3f+ Novices' Hurdle (33%):** All winners last ran 16-69 days earlier. Whilst the last three winners were well backed two of the six winners since 2008 had odds of 20/1+. Trainer to Watch: D McCain (won 2015).

**2.30 - 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle (16%):** All past winners were rested at least 18 days before winning here. The last six winners all carried a weight of 11st 2lbs or greater. In the betting the longest winner's odds were 12/1. Carlisle Form: Cesar Collonges (41); Barrys Jack (11); Pistol (1U4477); Dakota Grey (1223); Snowed In (002360).

**3.00 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (33%):** Sue Smith is a trainer to follow in this race with four past winners seen since 2011. The last six winners finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better on their last *completed* run. Longest winner's odds seen since 2008 were 10/1. Trainer To Watch: Sue Smith (won 2011, 12, 15 & 16) Carlisle Form: Swing Hard (1137).

**3.35 - 2m 3f+ Handicap Hurdle (33%):** Four of the six past winners were 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites and all winner's odds being 6/1 or shorter. Four of the last five winners had won either of their last two races. Trainer to watch: B Ellison (won 2013). Carlisle Form: Slanelough (1); Lord Ballim (3111).

**4.05 - 3m 1f Handicap Hurdle (33%):** New race in 2015. All winners to date were ridden by a conditional jockey claiming a weight allowance. Highest winner's odds so far were 17/2. Trainer To Watch: N Hawke (won 2017).

**4.40 - 3m+ Handicap Chase (33%):** New race in 2015. All winners to date finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better on their last *completed* run with odds of 4/1 to 12/1 seen. Carlisle Form: Un Guet Apens (3121); Never Up (1).

**5.10 - 2m 1f NH Flat Race (n/a):** New race in 2017.

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