

Easter Saturday 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 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.

1.40 - 2m 3f+ Novices' Hurdle (100%): New race in 2015 with all winners to date winning one of their last three races and also sent off as favourites Carlisle Form: Donnas Delight (1); Rockalzarro (1).

2.15 - 2m 4f Novices' Chase (50%): The last eight renewals have all been won by horses with odds of 3/1 or shorter. All past winners were 6th or better on their last *completed* race. Trainer to watch: D McCain (won 2014). Carlisle Form: Derintoher Yank (11124); Verona Opera (613).

2.50 - 2m 1f (Mares) Handicap Hurdle (N/A): New race in 2016. Both winners to date were either 3rd/4th on their last run and had odds of 5/1 or shorter. Also, both were ridden by a conditional jockey claiming a 5lb/7lb allowance. Last year's winner, *Catchthemoonlight*, is now rated 4lbs lower than when winning the race in 2017. Trainer to watch: Lucinda Russell (won 2017). Carlisle Form: Our Valentina (1); Catchthemoonlight (5138).

3.25 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (40%): Of the five past winners four started as either 1st/2nd favourites with the other winning at 10/1. *Wolf Sword* won the novices' chase on the same card last year. Carlisle Form: Un Guet Apens (31215); Wolf Sword (2121); Verona Opera (see 2.15 race); Ueuetetl (133); The Doorman (61); Indian Voyage (1211P5).

4.00 - 3m 1f Handicap Hurdle (0%): All four past winners carried a weight of 10st 11lbs or more and finished 4th or better on their last run. All had odds of 4/1 or greater with no 1st/2nd favourites winning the race so far. Last year's winner, *Total Assets*, is now rated 13lbs higher than when winning the race in 2017. Trainers to watch: S Waugh (won 2017); N Richards (won 2016); A M Thompson (won 2015). Carlisle Form: Apache Jack (1); Total Assets (U1); Volcanic (1); Letemgo (1).

4.35 - 3m 2f Handicap Chase (50%): New race in 2015 with two divisions run that year. All four past winners carried a weight of 11st 5lbs or more and were 3rd or better on their last run. Last year's winner, *Smugglers Stash*, is set to carry 12lbs more than when winning in 2017. Trainer to watch: Rose Dobbin (won 2017). Carlisle Form: Shanroe Street (1); Smugglers Stash (416); Freddie's Portrait (23215); Finaghy Ayr (P111).

5.10 - 2m 1f (Mares) NH Flat Race (20%): Race run five times before with 5yo winning the last four renewals. We have seen two NH debutants winning the race although the last three races were won by mares that were 2nd on their previous run. Trainer To watch: S R Crawford (won 2015 & 2017).

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