

Sunday 1st December- Trendsetters Guide

Previous race trends (2009-18) 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 will be highlighted if they had an intended runner at the 5-day declaration stage.

Also new for the jumps season (2019/20) is the third of a list of race facts, which hopefully race goers will find profitable to follow (or avoid)!

12.20 – 2m 1f+ Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle (n/a): New race in 2019.

12.50 – 2m Beginners Chase (n/a): New race in 2019.

1.20 - 2m 3f+ Novices' Hurdle (14%): Six of the last seven winners had finished 3rd or better on their last completed race (excludes falls etc). Last year's winner was, however, making its NH debut. 6/7 past winners had odds of 13/2 or shorter. 5yo horses have fared best with 4/7 wins. Trainers to Watch: D McCain (won 2018), N Richards (won 2017) & R M Smith (won 2014).

1.55 - 2m 4f (Mares) Listed Chase (33%): New race in 2015 but only run three times due to cancellation of the meeting in 2016. All three winners to date had won on their last completed outing and were either 1st or 2nd favourites in the betting. Also, all winners were aged either 6/7yo and carried a weight of 11st.

2.25 – 3m 1f Handicap Hurdle (n/a): New race in 2019 – previously run as a class 2 race. Under its former status both winners were easy to back at 10/1 to 14/1 and carried a weight of 10st 10lbs or less.

3.00 – 3m+ Handicap Chase (n/a): New race in 2019 – previously run as a class 2 race. Under its former status both winners had finished 5th LTO (18-34 days earlier) and carried a weight of 10st 9lbs or less with both also having odds of 8/1.

3.30 – 2m 1f NH Flat Race (n/a): New race in 2019.

Carlisle Race Fact #3 – Horses running after a wind operation are now more easily identified in many racing papers/racing websites such as the Racing Post. If running for the first time after their operation this is usually shown on the race card as W1 and W2 for their second race after the operation. Like wearing headgear for the first time, many racing pundits believe that wind operations will have a similar improvement in form. However, in 2019, for National Hunt races at Carlisle, we have seen 8 runners returning to the track after an operation and if backing them all with a £1 win stake this would have seen a loss of £4.75. The record is even worse if following horses making their second appearance after the operation with 7 runners all losing.

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