

Carlisle Trendsetters Guide ~ Monday 3rd February

Previous race trends (2010-19) can often help provide a short-list of potential winners in the current year's races. The percentage figure in brackets after the race details is the favourite's 'strike rate' in the race for the last ten years. Trainers who have won the race before are also highlighted if they had an entry at the 5-day declaration stage.

(1.50) 2m 1f Novices' Hurdle (40%): The betting market tends to be a good guide for this race with two favourites and two second favourites winning in the last five renewals and all having odds of 5/1 or shorter. All five winners were either 2nd/3rd on their last run. **Trainers to Watch:** M Hammond (won 2011 & 2016); D McCain (won 2017); N Richards (won 2013).

(2.20) 3m+ Novices' Handicap Chase (10%): A poor race for favourite backers with just one joint favourite prevailing from the last five renewals. All others had odds of 12/1 to 16/1. Three of the last five winners were aged 7yo with the others aged 8/9yo.

(2.55) 2m 3f+ (Mares) Novices' Hurdle (40%): As with the first race today, the betting market tends to be a good guide for this race with two favourites and two second favourites winning in the last five renewals. All five winners had odds of 6/1 or shorter and were 6th or better on their last run. **Trainer to Watch:** D McCain (won 2011 & 17).

(3.25) 2m Novices' Handicap Chase (100%): New race in 2014 but due to poor weather only run three times before, with all races won by the favourites. All three had also finished 2nd/3rd on their last run. **Trainer to Watch:** D McCain (won 2014 & 17).

(4.00) 2m 5f (Mares) Handicap Chase (n/a): New race in 2020.

(4.30) 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle (33%): New race in 2014 but due to poor weather only run three times before, with all past winners 5th or better on their last run with a weight carried of 11st 3lbs or more. **Trainer to Watch:** J E Dixon (won 2016).

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