

## Thursday 5th March 2020 – Carlisle Trendsetters Guide

Previous race trends (2010-19) 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 overnight declaration stage are also highlighted. Extended for 2020 are the 'Carlisle Form Figures' showing the horses last six form figures for races run here at Carlisle.

**2.15 - 2m 3f+ Handicap Hurdle for Conditional Jockeys (n/a):** Whilst a similar race has been run in the past, only the last two renewals were as a class 5 race so comments are restricted to the new format. Both winners were either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites and had finished either 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> LTO. Both also carried a weight of 11st 9lbs or greater.

**2.50 - 2m 5f Novices' Handicap Chase (12%):** Race run 8 times before with one 6yo and three 8yo winning. Highest weigh carried by past winners was 11st 12lbs. Only one winning favourite and one winning 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite seen although this years much smaller field may make a difference in this aspect. Of the jockeys expected to line up, both Lucy Alexander (2012) and Brian Hughes (2014) have won before. Trainers To Watch: N Alexander (won 2019) & J Ewart (won 2014).

**3.25 – 3m+ Novices' Hurdle (n/a):** New race in 2020.

**4.00 – 2m 4f Handicap Chase (50%):** New race in 2016 with all having odds of 4/1 or shorter, but no winning 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites yet. All four past winners finished 6<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run, and were aged 8/9yo. *Up Helly Aa King* won the Novices' chase on this card in 2019 whilst *Divine Port* has an interesting sequence of runs at Carlisle (as below) with all seven runs listed to re-inforce this profile! All past winners carried a weight of 11st 4lbs to 11st 12lbs. No conditional jockey has won the race in the past. Carlisle Form: Up Helly Aa King (1); Divine Port (2131516).

**4.35 - 2m 1f Novices' Hurdle (n/a):** New race in 2020.

**5.10 – 2m Handicap Chase (n/a):** New race in 2020. Carlisle Form: Le Frank (13); Skipping On (210).

**5.45 – 2m 1f NH Flat Race (40%):** Historically this race had fields of up to 17 runners but in recent years it has attracted 8 runners or less which may affect some of the statistics e.g. five of the last six renewals were won by the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. The honours are fairly evenly split between the 4yo & 5yo age groups with 5yo having a slight advantage. However, no 6yo has won the race since 2006. Of the ten past winners seven were 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> on their last run with one debutant and the others unplaced on their last run (PTP form excluded). Only one conditional jockey has won this race since 2010. Trainer To Watch: N Richards (won 2016).

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