

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November- Trendsetters Guide

Previous race trends (2009-18) can often help provide a short list 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. Also new for the jumps season (2019/20) is the first of a list of race facts, which hopefully race goers will find profitable to follow (or avoid)!

**12.45 - 2m 1f Maiden Hurdle (n/a):** This race was previously run as a novices' hurdle rather than a maiden hurdle. In that previous format the favourites had a 63% strike rate and all the winners had odds of 5/1 or shorter.

**1.20 - 2m 4f Novices' Chase (40%):** New race in 2014 with all past winners being reasonably backed at odds of 2/5 to 100/30 (with two winning favourites). All were returning after a break of at least 177 days and all had won at least one of their last three jumps races. Four winners carried 11st 2lbs and one carried 10st 9lbs.

**1.55 - 2m 1f (Mares) Handicap Hurdle (n/a):** New race in 2018 when won by *Hidden Dilemma*. Whilst the horse is again entered at the 5-day declaration stage it is now rated 22lbs higher in the handicap. The trainer also has entered *Lily's Gem*, with Brian Hughes provisionally booked, and may be the trainer's best chance in the race. However, see Carlisle Race Fact #2 below regarding Irish trainer runners here!

**2.30 - 2m Graduation Chase (n/a):** A new race in 2017. Both winners to date were 2<sup>nd</sup> on their last run (18-23 days earlier). Both were aged 6yo and started as either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites.

**3.05 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (25%):** All past winners had odds of 11/1 or shorter. Six winners had odds of 11/4 to 4/1 with the other four winner's odds all in the range of 15/2 to 11/1. The ages of all past winners were 6-9yo. Sue Smith is the leading trainer in this race with 3 wins and had entered *Never Up* at the 5-day declaration stage.

**3.40 - 2m 1f NH Flat Race (33%):** Race only run eight times before with two debutants winning in 2016 & 2018 and all other winners finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> on their only previous run (PTP form excluded). Apart from the 2017 winner at 20/1, all others had odds of 4/1 or shorter including 4 sole/joint favourites.

**Carlisle Race Fact #2 –** In 2019, for National Hunt races at Carlisle, we have seen 14 Irish trained runners with just one winning their race. If backing them all with a £1 win stake this would have returned just £1.28 (including stake).

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