

Sunday Mar 15th - Trendsetters Guide

Previous race trends (2010-19) can often help provide a shortlist of potential winners in the current year's races. The favourite's win ratio is shown in brackets after the race details. Trainers who have won the race before are also highlighted if they had an entry at the 5-day declaration stage.

(2.00) 2m 3.f+ Maiden Hurdle (n/a) New race in 2020 (previously run as a novices' hurdle).

(2.30) 2m Novices' Chase (25%): New race in 2012. All winners to date finished 6th or better on their last run (three of the six winners also won their previous race). In the betting four of the six past winners had odds of 9/2 or shorter, including one favourite, one joint favourite and two 2nd favourites. The other winner (in 2016) was a 25/1 shot!

(3.05) 2m 1f Novices' Handicap Hurdle (n/a): New race in 2019 (previously run as a non-handicap race). Trainer To Watch: P Kirby (won 2019).

(3.35) 3m+ Veterans Handicap Chase (n/a): New race in 2016, albeit only run twice before due to the meeting being cancelled in 2017 & 2018. The first two home last year again hold entries this time. Winner *Taking Risks* has been raised 21lbs in the ratings since that win whilst runner up in 2019 *Jepeck* has been raised 11lbs in the same period. Just under 3 lengths separated the pair last year. Trainer To Watch: N Richards (won 2019)).

(4.10) 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle (50%): New race in 2012. All winners to date were aged between 5/8 years old. Also, five of the six past winners carried a weight between 11st 5lbs & 11st 12lbs. We saw a surprise 25/1 winner in 2015 with all others having odds of 6/1 or shorter. Trainer To Watch: Donald McCain (won 2014).

(4.40) 3m+ Hunter Chase (50%): New race in 2012. All winners to date last raced 9-21 days earlier (excluding PTP races). The race has had three winning favourites and a 7/2 shot with the other two surprising at odds of 20/1 & 100/1. The last four winners were aged 12yo. Last year's runner up *Settledoutofcourt* again holds an entry and as we had a 14yo winner here in 2013 cannot be discounted in this race.

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