

Carlisle Trendsetters Guide ~ Sunday 15th December

Previous race trends (2009-18) 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 overnight declaration stage. Where horses have won at Carlisle previously their last six placings at the track are also listed in brackets after the name of the horse.

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)!

(11.50) 2m 1f Novices' Hurdle (75%): The betting market tends to be a good guide for this race with all but two of the past winners sent off as favourite (one other winner was 2nd favourite) with longest winner's odds being 15/2. Carlisle Form: Multellie (1).

(12.20) 2m Novices' Handicap Chase (n/a): New race in 2016 with both winners either 1st/2nd favourites, having finished 3rd or better LTO.

(12.50) 3m 1f Maiden Hurdle (n/a): New race in 2019.

(1.20) 2m 5f Novices' Limited Handicap Chase (40%): New race in 2013. Three of the five winners to date were either 1st/2nd favourites, with the others being 7/1 & 12/1 shots. In the weights all carried between 10st 12lbs & 11st 5lbs. A last run 15-24 days earlier was also a common feature). Carlisle Form: Cloudy Glen (1).

(1.55) 3m 1f Handicap Hurdle (20%): New race in 2013. Four of the five winners to date had finished 4th or better on their last completed race (excludes falls etc) with all winner's odds being 9/1 or shorter.

(2.25) 3m 2f Handicap Chase (n/a): New race in 2016 but meeting cancelled in 2017. Both winners to date were aged 8yo and carried a weight between 10st 9lbs & 11st 1lb. They were both 6th or better LTO. Carlisle Form: Shanroe Santos (314); Pookie Pekan (774121).

(3.00) 2m 1f 'Mares' NH Flat Race (50%): New race in 2014. Three winners were making their NH débuts - ignores previous point to point experience. The 2016 winner had finished 4th on her only other run. Trainers to Watch: N Richards (won 2016) & S R B Crawford (won 2015).

(3.30) 2m 1f NH Flat Race (83%): Race previously run from 2011-13. All past winners were 3rd or better on their last run and started as sole/joint favourites. Trainer to Watch: D McCain (won 2013).

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.