

Monday 17th February 2020 - 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 5-day declaration stage are also highlighted.

1.45 – 2m 1f Maiden Hurdle (n/a): New race in 2020.

2.15 - 2m 3f+ Novices' Hurdle (42%): All winners last ran 16-69 days earlier. Whilst the last five winners were well backed at odds of 7/2 or shorter, two of the eight winners since 2011 had odds of 20/1+. Trainers to Watch: O Murphy (won 2018), Venetia Williams (won 2016) & D McCain (won 2015).

2.50 – 3m 1f Handicap Hurdle (40%): New race in 2015. All winners to date were ridden by a conditional jockey claiming a weight allowance. Highest winner's odds so far were 17/2. The five past winners had all finished 6th or better on their last *completed* race. Four of the five past winners carried a weight of 11st 6lbs or more. Trainers to Watch: S Drinkwater (won 2019), A Whillans (won 2016) & Sharon Watt (won 2015).

3.25 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (25%): Sue Smith is usually a trainer to follow in this race with four past winners seen since 2011. The last eight winners all finished 5th or better on their last *completed* run. Longest winner's odds seen since 2011 were 18/1 when race won by *Knocknamoora*. The horse again holds an entry for this year's race and is potentially 11lbs lower in the handicap this time after a string of disappointing runs since winning here. Trainers To Watch: Sue Smith (won 2011, 12, 15 & 16), M Hammond (won 2019), Venetia Williams (won 2017).

3.55 – 2m 3f+ Handicap Hurdle (37%): Five of the eight past winners were 1st/2nd favourites and all winner's odds being 6/1 or shorter. Six of the last seven winners had won either of their last two races. Several of last year's runners also hold entries this year including: *Teescomponents Lad* – won last year and now 4lbs higher in the ratings. *Informateur* – 4th last year and also up 4lbs in the ratings. *Taxmeifyoucan* – 6th last year and now 2lbs lower in the ratings. Trainers to watch: Gillian Boanas (won 2019), Sue Smith (won 2018), J E Dixon (won 2016), N Richards (won 2015) & D McCain (won 2011).

4.30 – 3m+ Handicap Chase (50%): New race in 2015. Four of the five winners to date finished 5th or better, in the last 52 days, on their last *completed* run, with odds of 4/1 to 12/1 seen. Also, four of the five winners carried a weight of 11st 7lbs or more. *Shanroe Santos* won the 2018 renewal, and again holds an entry, albeit is now 5lbs higher in the ratings. *Cultram Abbey* also holds an entry, having pulled up in last year's race, and is set to carry 1lb more this year. Trainers To Watch: Lucy Wadham (won 2018) & Kerry Lee/R Lee (won 2015).

5.00 - 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle (25%): Seven of the last eight past winners were rested at least 18 days before winning here. In addition, all eight had finished 1st/2nd/3rd on at least one of their last two *completed* races. All eight winners all carried a weight of 11st 2lbs or greater. In the betting the longest winner's odds were 12/1. The last three winners of the race were all ridden by a conditional jockey claiming a weight allowance. Trainers To Watch: D McCain (won 2012 & 2016) & M Barnes (won 2013).

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