

Carlisle Trendsetters Guide ~ Thursday 24th October

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. Also repeated in 2019 is our unique Carlisle jumps form figures for their last six races at the track (shown in brackets after the horse's name) for those that have won here before.

(1.50) 2m 4f Novices' Hurdle (77%): Seven of the nine past winners were sent off as favourites with one second favourite and the other a 10/1 shot so a close eye on the betting market is advised. Trainer to Watch: C Longsdon (won 2015).

(2.25) 2m Beginners Chase (37%): Only run eight times before with all past winners having odds of 5/1 or shorter with 6/8 sent off as either 1st/2nd favourites – so again a close eye on the betting market is advised. Trainer to Watch: B Pauling (won 2018) and N Twiston-Davies (won 2011). Carlisle Form: Good Boy Bobby (1).

(3.00) 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle (20%): New race in 2014. All winners to date had won on either/both of their last two starts. One favourite and two second favourites have obliged to date with the others sent off at 5/1 and 18/1. Carlisle Form: Raise A Spark (21); Wishfull Dreaming (01); Attention Seeker (431); lolani (490401); Mint Gold (1).

(3.30) 3m 2f Handicap Chase (0%): New race in 2013 with all winners to date being easy to back at odds of 9/2 to 10/1 – including three winners at odds of 7/1. All had finished 5th or better on their last completed race with all rested at least 12 days since their last run. 2013 winner *Total Assets* finished 6th in last year's renewal and is now rated 4lbs higher in the handicap ratings. Trainer to Watch: Lucinda Russell (won 2015). Carlisle Form: Donna's Delight (1273); Cairnshill (21) & Total Assets (U16).

(4.05) 2m 4f Handicap Chase (25%): Race run eight times before with most winners well backed at odds of 6/1 or shorter with last years winner being the exception at odds of 12/1. Four of the eight winners were either 1st/2nd favourites although in the last four renewals all had odds of 4/1 to 12/1. Trainers to Watch: M Hammond (won 2018) & Lucinda Russell (won 2011). Carlisle Form: Duke Debarry (1P).

(4.35) & (5.10) 2m 3f+ Handicap Hurdle (16%): Two divisions of the race in 2019. Race status changed in 2014 so only run six times before in current format (race divided in 2018 also). So far it has proved a poor race for favourite backers with just one winning favourite and no winning second favourites. Four winner's odds were 15/2 or shorter with the others 11/1 & 16/1 shots. The last five winners all finished 6th or better on their last run. Three of the last four winners were aged 5yo. Trainers to Watch: J Ewart (won 2017) & J Moffatt (won 2015). Carlisle Form: Pistol (130424); Connective (1); Strike West (712).

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