

Carlisle Trendsetters Guide ~ Sunday 16th December

Previous race trends (2008-17) 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 2018 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.

(12.20) 2m 1f Novices' Hurdle (72%): 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. **Trainer to Watch:** D McCain (won 2011* & 2016). *The 2011 race was split into two divisions.

(12.50) 2m Novices' Handicap Chase (n/a): New race in 2016. **Trainer to Watch:** Rebecca Menzies (won 2016). **Carlisle Form:** Divine Port (21315); Xpo Universal (81).

(1.20) 2m 3f Novices' Hurdle (67%): All six past winners were aged 5yo. Apart from one horse making its NH debut (excludes point to point form) all others had finished 2nd or better on their last completed race (excludes falls etc). A last run 22-36 days earlier was seen for five of the six past winners. **Trainer to Watch:** D McCain (won 2012 & 14). **Carlisle Form:** One For Rosie (1).

(1.55) 2m 5f Novices' Limited Handicap Chase (50%): New race in 2013. Three of the four winners to date were either 1st/2nd favourites, with the other being a 7/1 shot. In the weights all carried between 10st 12lbs & 11st 5lbs. A last run 15-24 days earlier was also a common feature). **Carlisle Form:** Luckofthedraw (1); Slanelough (1264); Ryalex (3F351).

(2.25) 3m 1f Handicap Hurdle (25%): New race in 2013. All winners to date had finished 4th or better on their last completed race (excludes falls etc). **Carlisle Form:** Aspen Colorado (11); Apache Jack (1).

(3.00) 3m 2f Handicap Chase (n/a): New race in 2016.

(3.30) 2m 1f 'Mares' NH Flat Race (67%): New race in 2014. Whilst two winners were making their NH débuts they both had previous point to point experience. The 2016 winner had finished 4th on her only other run. **Trainer to Watch:** D McCain (won 2014).

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