

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Trendsetters Guide

Previous race trends (2007-16) 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 also have an intended runner at the final declaration stage are also highlighted. Also, repeated for 2017 are the 'Carlisle Form' figures showing the horse's finishing positions in their last six NH races at Carlisle, if they have won here before.

**12.55 - 2M 4F Novices' Hurdle (50%):** Of the nine past winners since 2007, all finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run. Longest winner's odds seen were 11/1 with 7/9 having odds of 9/2 or shorter. 5 & 6yo horses are the preferred age group with 8/9 wins – 6yo now having a slightly better record. Trainers to watch: D McCain (won 2011 & 2012), Sue Smith (won 2010). Carlisle Form: Count Meribel (1).

**1.30 - 2M 4F Novices' Limited Handicap Chase (0%):** A new race in 2014. All three winners to date were 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> on either of their last two races and had odds of 4/1 to 12/1. Winner's weights carried ranged from 10st 7lbs to 11st 7lbs. Carlisle Form: Central Flame (1); Just Minded (1).

**2.00 - 2M 1F Novices' Handicap Hurdle (41%):** New race in 2011 with all winners to date having odds of 7/1 or shorter and having finished 4th or better on either of their last two runs.

**2.30 - 3M 2F 'Cumberland' H/cap Chase (20%):** A 5<sup>th</sup> placed run (or better) on their last completed run was seen for the last nine winners. *Presented* ran in the race last year and is now rated 10lbs lower in the handicap. Whilst pulling up last year, the drop in weights may boost the gelding's chances this time if the race does not come too soon after a promising 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the last meeting here. Trainers to watch: N Twiston-Davies (won 2007 & 2011); Venetia Williams (won 2014); O Sherwood (won 2013). Carlisle Form: Russe Blanc (043212).

**3.05 - 2M 4F Handicap Hurdle (33%):** New race in 2014. The three previous winning horses have all finished 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> on their last run and were making their seasonal re-appearances. Weights carried ranged from 10st 7lbs to 11st 4lbs. Whilst not running in the race last year, *One For Harry* must be respected having won the race in 2014 & 2015. However the horse is now rated 16lbs higher than the 2014 win and 8lbs higher than the 2015 win so will need to put in a career best to win this for a third time. Trainer to watch: N Richards (won 2014 & 15); B Ellison (won 2016). Carlisle Form: One For Harry (43161P).

**3.35 - 2m 4f (Listed) Intermediate Chase (20%):** The race was upgraded to 'listed' status in 2013. 10/11\* winners were making their seasonal re-appearance with the other winning its only race in the current season. The most notable recent winner in recent times was *Many Clouds* who went on to win both the Hennessy Gold Cup and

Grand National. \*11 past winners recorded as the 2010 race resulted in a dead heat. Trainer to watch: Sue Smith (won 2011 & 2013). Carlisle Form: Baywing (51).

**4.10 - 1m 6f NH Flat Race for 3yo (38%):** Race only run nine times before with 8/9 past winners making their NH debuts - the other won its only previous race. 7/9 winners had odds of 9/2 or shorter with these all being either 1st/2nd favourites. For those feeling a bit more adventurous the 2007 winner *Lie Forrit* won at 100/1 and 2014 winner *Virnon* started at odds of 20/1. Trainers to watch: K Dagleish (won 2016) & Susan Corbett (won 2014).

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