

Carlisle Trendsetters Guide ~ Thursday 25th October

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 5-day 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.

(1.55) 2m 3f+ Novices' Hurdle (75%): Six of the eight 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. **Trainers to Watch:** D Skelton (won 2016) & J O'Neill (won 2013).

(2.30) 2m Beginners Chase (42%): Only run seven times before with all past winners having odds of 4/1 or shorter with 5/7 sent off as either 1st/2nd favourites – so again a close eye on the betting market is advised. **Trainer to Watch:** Mrs R Dobbin (won 2017). **Carlisle Form:** Slanelough (126).

(3.05) 2m 1f Intermediate Handicap Hurdle (25%): New race in 2014. All winners to date had won on either of their last two starts. One favourite and one second favourite have obliged to date with the others sent off at 5/1 and 18/1. **Carlisle Form:** Kelpies Myth (21).

(3.40) 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. All had finished 5th or better on their last completed race with all rested at least 18 days since their last run. 2013 winner *Carrighdoun* again holds an entry and is currently rated 5lbs lower than when winning previously and 6lbs lower than when 4th in last year's renewal. **Trainers to Watch:** Lucinda Russell (won 2015); M Barnes (won 2013). **Carlisle Form:** Lord Ballim (31113); Carrighdoun (111446); Asking Questions (11); Shanroe Street (1); Amilliontimes (15) & Total Assets (U1).

(4.10) 2m 3f+ Handicap Hurdle (25%): Race status changed in 2014 so only run four times before in current format. All winners to date had odds of 11/1 or shorter. 2016 winner *Theatre Act* again holds an entry and is now rated 6lbs lower than when winning the race. **Carlisle Form:** Zabeel Star (1); Theatre Act (811355).

(4.45) 2m 4f Handicap Chase (28%): Race run seven times before with all winners well backed at odds of 6/1 or shorter with 4/7 being either 1st/2nd favourites. A 1st/2nd placed finish on their last completed race was seen for 5/7 winners. Two horses that ran in last year's race again hold entries. *Dartford Warbler* was 6th last year and is now 9lbs lower in the handicap. *Mumgos Debut* was 7th last year and is now 8lbs lower in the ratings. **Trainers to Watch:** Sue Smith (won 2017) & Lucinda Russell (won 2011). **Carlisle Form:** Sudski Star (31); Mumgos Debut (417); Dartford Warbler (11365).

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TRISTAN DAVIDSON STABLE VISIT – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

North & Midlands Racing Club is again teaming up with Carlisle Racecourse to put on this joint event. Tristan trains just 9 miles from Carlisle and has enjoyed success on both the flat and jumps this year. The visit will take place on the Sunday morning and there will be ample time to arrive back at the racecourse in the afternoon for the 'Cumberland Chase' race meeting.

Places are limited so please book as early as possible. You can e mail info@northernracingclub.com or phone David Bates on 01925 574140