

Cartmel Trendsetters Guide ~ Monday May 25th

Previous race trends (2016-25) can often help provide a short-list of potential winners in the current year's races. The percentage figure 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 final declaration stage. For handicap races, horses that have won off the same/higher ratings previously are flagged as 'well handicapped' – race card numbers given.

In the last five seasons some key statistics are:

Leading Jockey – Charlotte Jones – 21 wins

Leading Trainer - James Moffatt – 32 wins

B Haslam/R McLernon are a very profitable trainer/jockey combination to follow in the last 5 years.

1.38 – 2m 1f (Mares) Novices' Hurdle – Fav 60%: New race in 2021. All 5 winners were 5/2 or shorter, being either 1st/2nd favourites. All were also 1st/2nd LTO. 4/5 winners were aged 5yo (other aged 6yo). Trainer to watch: D McCain (1 win).

2.13 & 2.48 – 2m 6f H/cap Hurdle – Fav 14%: As this year, the race is sometimes divided so run 11 times since 2016. All 11 winners were 6th or better on their last completed run. Horses aged 7/8/9 years old have fared best with three wins each age group. In the betting 9/11 were 10/1 or shorter. *Evenwood Sonofagun* seeks a repeat win off a 2lbs lower mark this time. Trainers to watch: L Quinlan & G Bewley (1 win each). Well handicapped: (Div 1) 3-5-10-12 (Div 2) 3-5-7.

3.23 – 3m 1f H/cap Hurdle – Fav 33%: 8/9 winners had odds of 7/1 or shorter. 7/9 winners were 4th or better LTO (four also won LTO). The last two winners had run here 2 days earlier finishing 1st/3rd. *Musique Du Fee* is seeking a repeat win (for a new trainer) off the same handicap mark as last year. Trainer to watch: J Moffatt (1 win). Well handicapped: 7.

3.58 – 3m 5f Veterans H/cap Chase – Fav 44%: 5/9 winners had odds of 3/1 or shorter with others 9/1 to 25/1. The last conditional jockey to win the race was in 2013. Trainer to watch: P & M Bowen (1 win). Well handicapped: 1-3-5.

4.36 – 2m 1f H/cap Chase – Fav 22%: *Sir Tivo* is seeking a repeat win but is 6lbs higher in the ratings this time and no 12yo has won the race previously. Trainer to watch: G Hanmer. Well handicapped: 2 & 4.

5.11 – 2m 5f H/cap Chase – Fav 0%: *Pony Soprano* is the likely favourite and aged 7yo – we have to go back to 2014 to find the last winning favourite (also aged 7yo). Three 2nd favourites have won the race since 2018. Trainer to watch: Mrs D Sayer (1 win). Well handicapped: 1-4.

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