

Cartmel Trendsetters Guide ~ Saturday August 23rd

Previous race trends (2015-24) 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. In handicap races, horses that have won off the same/higher ratings previously are flagged as 'well handicapped' – racecard numbers only are given.

In the last five seasons some key statistics are:

Leading Jockey – Charlotte Jones – 31 wins from 138 rides

Leading Trainer - James Moffatt – 42 wins from 234 runners

2.10 & 2.45 - 2m 1f+ Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle – Fav 5%: Local trainer J Moffatt has won three times since 2019. *Mr Rumbalicious* won a division in 2023 and is now 6lbs lower in the handicap ratings this time. Besides the one winning joint favourite there have been two winning 2nd favourites since 2015. Only 1/11 past winners had won another race in the current season.. Trainers to watch: J Moffatt (3 wins), R Menzies, D McCain, S Mullins (1 win). Well handicapped: (Div 1) 5-7-9 (Div 2) 1-2-4-5-8.

3.20 – 3m 1f+ H/cap Hurdle: New race in 2024 (run on Monday then) with both divisions won by horses carrying 11st 13lbs or greater and with odds of 6/1 or shorter. Well handicapped: 2-3-10.

3.55 – 2m 1f+ Novices' Hurdle - Fav 37%: Race run as a maiden hurdle in 2022-23 but previously run as a novice hurdle. 7/8 winners had odds of 4/1 or shorter (other was 66/1) with 2/8 winners trained in Ireland. 5/8 winners were either 1st/2nd on their last *completed* run. Trainers to watch: J Moffatt & B Haslam (1 win).

4.30 – 2m 1f + Handicap Hurdle 'Cartmel Cup' – Fav 15%: Local trainer J Moffatt has a great record in this race with 4 wins since 2015. A last run here was seen for 8/10 past winners (finishing 5th 5th 1st 1st 4th 1st 2nd 3rd LTO). *Young Merlin* won the 2023 race and has a 3lbs lower handicap mark this time. 8/10 winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter. Trainers to watch: J Moffatt (4 wins); D McCain, B Haslam (1 win). Well handicapped: 5-8-9.

5.05 – 2m 1f+ Handicap Chase: New race in 2024. Well handicapped: 1-4-7.

5.35 – 2m 5f+ Handicap Chase: New race in 2024. Well handicapped: 1-4-5.

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