

Catterick Trendsetters Guide ~ Wednesday March 4th

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. Trainers who have won the race before are also highlighted if they had an entry at the final declaration stage. The 2023 meeting was abandoned.

In handicap races, horses that have won before off the same/higher ratings will be highlighted as 'well handicapped' – with racecard numbers (only) given.

In the last five years some key statistics are:

Leading jockey – B Hughes 33 wins from 165 rides.

Leading trainer – D McCain 25 wins from 147 runners.

2.20 – 2m Claiming Hurdle (Fav 0%): New race in 2022. All past winners were easy to back at odds of 100/30 to 17/2.

2.40 – 2m (Mares) Maiden Hurdle: New race in 2026.

3.10 – 2m H/cap Chase (Fav 25%): Run as a class 5 race since 2022 albeit now moved from the late February fixture. The four winners all had odds of 100/30 or shorter. Trainers to watch: J Foster & C Grant (1 win). Well handicapped: 4 & 5.

3.40 – 3m 1f H/cap Hurdle (Fav 33%): New race in 2019. All past winners were 6th or better LTO. (20-81 days earlier). Trainer to watch: M Hammond (1 win).

4.10 – 3m 1f Hunter Chase: New race in 2024 when *Gaboriot* won. Trainer to watch: O Greenall & J Guerriero (1 win).

4.40 – 2m NH Flat Race (4yo Fillies): New race in 2026.

Information also available at www.northernracingclub.com – click on the Catterick Trends tab.

©Phil Evans 2026.

