

Carlisle Trendsetters Guide ~ Tuesday 3rd February

Previous race trends (2016-25) 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 final declaration stage. In handicap races, horses that have won before off the same or lower rating will be flagged as 'well-handicapped' – racecard numbers only are given below.

In the last five years some key statistics are:

Leading jockey – B Hughes 38 wins from 213 rides.

Leading trainer – D McCain 32 wins from 180 runners.

(1.30) 2m 1f Novices' Hurdle (72%): Due to the weather, this race has been run just seven times in the last ten years. The betting market tends to be a good guide for this race with five favourites and two second favourites winning in the last seven renewals and all having odds of 5/2 or shorter. 6/7 past winners were 6th or better on their last run. All last ran 27-79 days earlier with 6/7 having run twice before this season.

Trainers to Watch: D McCain – 3 wins; N Richards – 1 win.

(2.00) 2m 5f Beginners Chase: New race in 2026.

(2.35) 2m 3f+ (Mares) Novices' Hurdle (28%): Race run seven times before. All winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter (two favourites and two 2nd favourites) and were 6th or better on their last run.

(3.05) 2m 5f (Mares) Handicap Chase: New class 4 race in 2025. Well handicapped: 1 & 5.

(3.35) 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle (28%): Race run seven times before. All past winners finished 5th or better on their last *completed* run (excludes falls etc). Four winners had odds of 9/2 or shorter with the others 10/1, 11/1 & 14/1 shots. Highest winner's weight was 11st 13lbs. Well handicapped: 8 & 11.

(4.04) 3m Handicap Chase (40%): New race in 2022 when race divided so five past runnings of this event. Three winners had odds of 3/1 or shorter and the others 7/1 & 14/1. All four were aged 7-9yo and had last run 12-51 days earlier. Well handicapped: 3-5-7.

(4.34) 2m 1f NH Flat Race: New race in 2026.

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