

CARLISLE TRENDSETTERS GUIDE – MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Trendsetters Guide Previous race trends (2014-23) can often help provide a shortlist of potential winners in the current year's races. Hopefully these brief pointers will assist racegoers at Carlisle today. The figure in brackets after the race details is the favourite's strike rate for the race. Trainers who have won the race before and have an intended runner at the 5-day declaration stage are also highlighted.

2.00 – 2m 1f Maiden Hurdle (50%): New race in 2020. Three of the four winners to date were either 1st/2nd favourites and ridden by Brian Hughes. The latest winner bucked the trend and was a 40/1 shot. Trainers to watch: D McCain (won 2021 & 2022); J Ewart (won 2020).

2.30 - 2m 3f+ Novices' Hurdle (55%): All winners since 2014 last ran 16-60 days earlier with the last nine winners all finishing either 1st/2nd on at least one of their last two runs. 8/9 winners since 2014 had odds of 9/2 or shorter. Trainers to Watch: R Menzies (won 2022); J O'Neill (won 2021); D McCain (won 2015).

3.00 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (31%): The last eight winners all finished 6th or better on their last *completed* run. Longest winner's odds seen since 2014 were 28/1 & 18/1 (both trained by M Hammond) although 6/8 winners had odds of 9/1 or shorter. Trainers To Watch: M Hammond (won 2023 & 2019; R Menzies (won 2021); V Williams (won 2017).

3.30 - 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle (25%): Run as a class 5 race since 2021 (race divided that year). All four past winners had finished 6th or better on their last run. In the betting the longest winner's odds were 13/2 with just one favourite and no second favourites winning. Trainer To Watch: D Bourke (Won 2022).

4.00 – 3m+ Handicap Chase (42%): New race in 2015. 7/8 winners to date had odds of 11/2 or shorter. Also, 7/8 winners carried a weight of 11st 7lbs or more. Trainer To Watch: N Richards (Won 2021).

4.35 – 2m 3f+ Handicap Hurdle (22%): 7/9 past winners had odds of 6/1 or shorter (others were 9/1). 6/9 winners had won either of their last two races. Trainer to watch: N Richards (won 2015)

5.10 – 3m 1f Handicap Hurdle (0%): New class 5 race in 2021. The three winners to date all carried between 10st 13lbs and 11st 9lbs. Past winners had odds of 12/1, 14/1 & 66/1 so maybe a lucky pin is required for this race?

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