

## Easter Saturday – Carlisle Trendsetters Guide

Trendsetters Guide Previous race trends (2015-24) 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 final declaration stage are also highlighted. In handicap races, horses that have won before of the same/higher rating are highlighted as 'well handicapped'.

Horses running here for the first time since a wind operation have a good record – 85 runners with this criteria in the last 5 years would have rewarded punters to a profit of £84.75 had £1 (win) been placed on each one! *Greatballinboris* (2.17) & *Cruden* (4.02) both fit this criteria at today's meeting.

In the last five years some key statistics are:

Leading jockey – B Hughes 44 wins from 251 rides.

Leading trainer – D McCain 39 wins from 188 runners.

**1.42 – 2m 1f (Conditional Jockeys) Handicap Hurdle (Fav 33%):** Run as a Class 4 race for the first time in 2022. All winners to date were 4<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run (13-23 days earlier) with odds of 11/4 to 8/1 seen. All carried a weight of 11st 6lbs or less. Well handicapped: *Russian Virtue, The Navigator & Ambassador.*

**2.17 – 2m 5f Novices' Handicap Chase (Fav 50%):** New race in 2021. All winners to date had finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better on their last *completed* race. All also carried a weight of 11st 1bs or greater. Longest priced winner was 11/1. All four winners were aged 7-9yo.

**2.52 – 2m 3f Novices' Hurdle (Fav 50%):** New race in 2021. All winners to date were aged 6yo and had finished either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> on their last run. In the betting they all had odds of 3/1 or shorter. Trainers to watch: N Richards & S Crawford (1 win each).

**3.27 – 2m 4f Handicap Chase:** Race restored to Class 3 status in 2024 with previous last runnings at this grade being in 2015. Both of those winners carried a weight of 11st 7lbs or less and had last run 30-42 days earlier. Well handicapped: *Special rate* Trainer to watch: M Hammond (1 win).

**4.02 – 3m 1f Handicap Hurdle:** Run as a Class 4 race for the first time in 2023. Both winners to date carried a weight of 10st 9lbs or less and last ran 15-33 days earlier. Well handicapped: *Hurricane Ali & Storm Nelson.*

**4.37 – 2m Handicap Chase:** Run as a Class 4 race for the first time in 2024. Well handicapped: *Grey Diamond & Five Dollar Fine.*

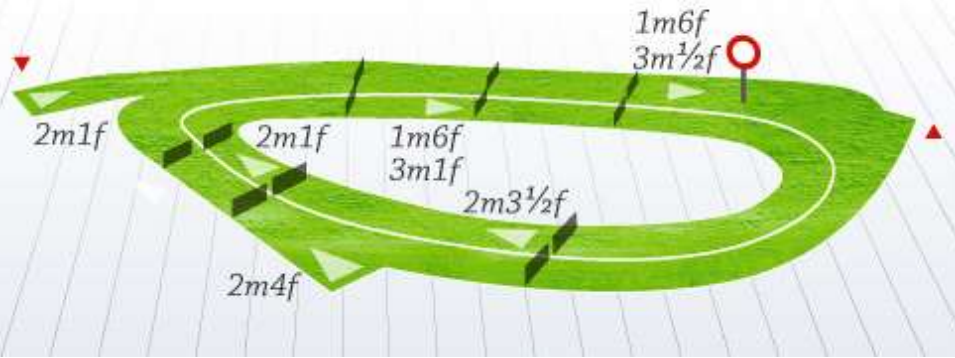
**5.12 – 2m 3f Handicap Hurdle:** New race in 2024 - previously restricted to amateur jockeys. Trainer to watch: M Hammond (1 win). Well handicapped: *Sonning, Jumping Jupiter, Socks Off, Coral Blue & Rickety Gate.*

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