

Carlisle Trendsetters Guide ~ Wednesday June 25th

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. Drawfacts comments show the past record of winning stalls in the race – stalls divided as low-middle-high.

In handicap races, horses that have won before of the same/higher mark are flagged as 'well handicapped'. Due to the number of qualifying horses today only their racecard numbers are given below.

2.15 – 5f Maiden (2yo) – Fav 0%: New race in 2019 (run five times before). Three of the five winners to date had finished either 4th/5th LTO and had odds of 15/2 or shorter. The latest two winners were debutants with odds of 9/1 & 16/1. Drawfacts: Low 60%; Middle 20%; High 20%. Trainer to watch: J&S Quinn (won 2023).

2.45 – 6f Novice Stakes (2yo) – Fav 18%: New race in 2016 (run eight times before). The last six winners were all 6th or better on their last run. In the betting all had odds of 11/2 or shorter. Drawfacts: Low 25%; Middle 62%; High 13%. Trainer to watch: K Burke (won 2016).

3.15 – Lady Dacre Bell Handicap over 1m – Fav 0%: In the betting 7/9 winners had odds of 9/1 or shorter with the others 11/1 (twice). Horses drawn in the middle third of the stall have a poor record in this race (for winners). Since 2015, three winners had last run 11 days earlier at either York/Sandown (finishing 3rd 11th & 11th LTO) . Drawfacts: Low 32%; Middle 11%; High 55%. Trainer to watch: T Easterby (won 2024). Well handicapped: 1, 2 8, 9,11, 12, 13, 14 & 17.

3.45 – (Listed) Eternal Stakes over 7f (3yo Fillies) – Fav 22%: Race moved to Carlisle (from Newmarket) in 2015. Run at Haydock in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. A 6th place or better on last run was seen for 8/9 recent winners. In the betting all winners since 2015 had odds of 11/2 or shorter. Stall 7 has provided three winners since 2015 (latest 2018). Drawfacts (Carlisle races only): Low 10%; Middle 45%; High 45%. Trainer to watch: R Beckett (won 2021).

4.15 – Cumberland Plate Handicap over 1m 3f – Fav 22%: All winners since 2015 had finished 4th or better on their last run. In the betting 8/9 winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter (other was 16/1). Drawfacts: Low 56%; Middle 22%; High 22%. Trainers to watch: T Easterby (won 2017 & 18). Well handicapped: 3, 4 & 7.

4.50 – Carlisle Bell Handicap over 1m – Fav 5%: Another open race with 7/9 past winners having odds of 17/2 or shorter (others 14/1 to 25/1). 7/9 winners were 6th or better on their last run. A last run at York 11 days earlier was seen for three past winners since 2018 (finished 2nd 1st 12th LTO). Drawfacts: Low 45%; Middle 45%; High 10%. Trainers to watch: D O'Meara (won 2018 & 2024); K Burke (2022); R Fahey (2017). Well handicapped: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 12, 13, 14, & 17.

5.25 – 7f (Fillies) Handicap – Fav 25%: Race restricted to 3yo only in 2018 so ignored in these comments. Only one past winner was worse than 5th on their last run. All past winners last ran 9-34 days earlier. 7/8 winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter. Drawfacts: Low 24%; Middle 38%; High 38%. Well handicapped: 7.

For full 10-year Drawfacts for all winners/placed horses in the Carlisle Bell & Cumberland Plate races visit www.northernracingclub.com and click on the Carlisle Trends tab.

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