

Hexham Trendsetters Guide ~ Saturday 2nd May

Previous race trends (2016-54) 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. No meeting was held in 2020.

Further information this time is to highlight 'well handicapped' horses that have won off the same/higher marks in the past. Racecard numbers only are given below.

In the last five seasons some key statistics are:

Leading Jockey— S Quinlan – 34 wins from 197 rides

Leading Trainer – Lucinda Russell – 21 wins from 121 runners

4.40 – 2m Selling Hurdle – Fav 25%: 8/9 past winners all had odds of 3/1 or shorter. Trainer to watch: J Candlish (1 win).

5.15 & 5.45 – 2m Maiden Hurdle: New race in 2025. Trainer to watch: D Killahena & G McPherson (1 win).

6.15 – 2m 4f Novices' Limited H/cap Chase – Fav 16%: New race in 2023. All winners to date carried a weight of 11st 2lbs to 11st 10lbs and had odds of 6/1 or shorter.

6.45 – 2m H/cap Hurdle – Fav 27%: 8/9 winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter (other was 22/1). Highest winner's weight seen was 11st 12lbs. 7yo have won 4 of the last 5 races.

7.15 – 2m 4f H/cap Chase – Fav 0%: No winning 1st/2nd favourites since 2016 with highest winner's weight being 11st 10lbs. All nine past winners were 3rd 4th or 5th on their last completed race. *Cave Hille* won the race in 2025 and is 3lbs lower in the ratings this time. Trainer to watch: I Duncan (1 win). Well handicapped: 8-9-10-13

7.45 – 3m H/cap Chase – Fav 33%: New race in 2023 with all winners to date aged 8/9yo and carrying a weight of 10st 10lbs to 10st 13lbs. Trainer to watch: M Todhunter (1 win). Well handicapped: 5-10-13.

8.15 – 2m 7f H/cap Hurdle – Fav 20%. Race run in current format from 2016-17 and again from 2024. All five winners were aged 8/9yo and carried 11st 4lbs or less. *Robert Does* is seeking a repeat win in the race off a 3lbs higher mark than last time. Trainers to watch: Mrs S Corbett, G Bewley & E Whillans (1 win). Well handicapped: 1-5-12-14.

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