

Hexham Trendsetters Guide ~ Wednesday 10th December

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 overnight declaration stage.

In handicap races, horses that have won before off the same/higher marks are flagged as 'well handicapped'.

In the last five seasons some key statistics are:

Leading Jockey – S Quinlan – 43 wins from 241 rides

Leading Trainer – Lucinda Russell – 26 wins from 174 runners

12.55 – 2m (Mares) Novices' Hurdle – Fav 72%: New race in 2016 with 5/7 winning favourites so far. When favourites failed to win we saw one NH debutant winning and one having first run since a wind operation. Trainer to watch: Mrs S J Smith (1 win).

1.25 – 2m 4f Maiden Hurdle – Fav 42%: A new race in 2018 with 6/7 winners to date having odds of 9/2 or shorter (no 2nd favourites). All were 5th or better on their last completed race (excludes PTP, falls etc) with no NH debutants winning the race. 4/7 winners were ridden by conditional jockeys. Trainers to watch: J Moffatt & Lucinda Russell (1 win).

1.55 – 2m 4f Handicap Hurdle – Fav 33%: New race in 2018, with all six winners having odds of 9/2 or shorter (including three 2nd favourites). All six were 4th or better LTO and carried 11st 6lbs or less. Well handicapped: Pure Sirloin.

2.25 – 2m 7f Handicap Hurdle – Fav 33%: New race in 2021 with all three winners to date having odds of 4/1 to 11/2 and finishing 5th or better (33-35 days earlier). Well handicapped: Guernesey & West Lawn.

2.55 – 2m 4f Handicap Chase – Fav 16%: New race in 2018 with all six winners to date having odds of 15/2 or shorter (includes one favourite & one 2nd favourite). All six had finished 6th or better LTO and all were aged either 6/7yo. Trainer to watch: Lucinda Russell (3 wins).

3.25 – 2m Handicap Chase – Fav 14%: Race run seven times in last ten years (due to weather issues). All past winners were aged 5-9yo and carried 11st 11lbs or less. Just one favourite and two 2nd favourites have won the race since 2016 with all but one of the winners finishing 6th or better LTO. Trainer to watch: W S Coltherd (1 win). Well handicapped: Cudgel.

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