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MORE JUMP RACING STARS ON THE WAY TO THE RACES

EIGHT days after its major jump racing day of the year, Carlisle Racecourse is poised to welcome more stars of National Hunt on Monday (9 NOVEMBER).

It's Weatherbys Bank Graduation Chase day, and the feature three-mile race has attracted an entry from Cheltenham Gold Cup horse Roll Along.

The North is well presented among the other 11 entries, and the £30,000 steeplechase could see the first appearance at Carlisle Racecourse of county trainer Nicky Richards's promising Money Trix.

The Greystoke handler has sent out the winners of two of the first three Graduation Chases - with Turpin Green in 2006 and then last year with Faasel.

County Durham trainer Howard Johnson could run Companero which would be going for his third victory in a row at the Cumbrian track.

Five of Monday's seven races are sponsored by businesses - Cubby Construction, Baines Wilson solicitors, J&S Wilkinson, Capita Symonds and the Kier group - that are supporting the Carlisle Youth Zone.

The £5 million Zone will be open to all children and young people aged between eight and 21, and up to 25 years for those with disabilities or learning difficulties. It will serve the social, recreational and emotional needs of young people, particularly those facing some kind of disadvantage.

The two-and-a-half mile handicap chase - the fifth race of the afternoon - helps a local couple to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

2009/2010 jump racing season

Monday 9 November - Graduation Chase Day
Sunday 29 November - Ye Olde Medieval Day
Sunday 20 December - Christmas Countdown Day

Wednesday 10 February - Afternoon racing
Monday 22 February - Afternoon racing
Thursday 11 March - Afternoon racing
Sunday 21 March - Sporting Champions family day
Friday 26 March - Afternoon racing
'Easter Saturday' 3 April - Easter family fun day

Monday 9 November

Entrance gates open at 10.50am. The first race is at 12.50pm, with the finale at 4pm.

Admission: Premier Enclosure is £18 and Grandstand & Paddock is £12. Seniors pay £8 in the Grandstand & Paddock. Accompanied under 16s are admitted free of charge. Official programmes are £2.50. Further information is available at www.carlisle-races.co.uk, while tickets can be ordered on 0844 579 3002.

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