

Monday 16th March

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| 2.15 | MORE RADIO MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m116y (4130 Metres) |
| RACE 1 | (8) VISCOUNTESS NELSON (1) ESCORT'KHEOPS (4) OUR AMIGO |
| 2.45 | SOUTHERN CRANES & ACCESS LTD HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m219y (3420 Metres) |
| RACE 2 | (4) KOOL KID (1) PARK ANNONCIADE (2) DELPOTRO |
| 3.15 | WILLIAM HENRY ROBINSON NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 1m7f195y (3200 Metres) |
| RACE 3 | (1) RISK IT ALL (7) JACQUETTA (3) MAJOR MAJOR |
| 3.45 | SOUTHERN CRANES & ACCESS LTD MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m1f169y (3570 Metres) |
| RACE 4 | (4) A TICKATICKATIMING (3) LA MARQUISE (2) DRAMATIC ENCORE |
| 4.15 | WEATHERBYS nhstallions.co.uk HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f157y (5170 Metres) |
| RACE 5 | (1) FERRET JEETER (2) WEST ORCHARD (4) ILLOGICAL LOGIC |
| 4.45 | KALM CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m116y (4130 Metres) |
| RACE 6 | (3) TARITINO (1) GHASHAM (4) ELIZA DOLITTLE |
| 5.15 | HOP ON DOWN TO THE EASTER FESTIVAL OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m1f169y (3570 Metres) |
| RACE 7 | (3) GETMYFRIEND (5) SECRET DES LUNE (1) DOUBLE THE DANCE |

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

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MORE RADIO MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000
2½m116y (4130 Metres)

RACE 1



Going: **Chase: Good (Good to Soft in places; Hurdle: Good to Soft)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 ESCORT'KHEOPS (FR) (26) **100**

5-723342 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Laura Horsfall **K. Brogan**
 Remains a maiden after 7 starts under Rules (also hit frame 3 times in points), though he further underlined his consistency when runner-up in 2½m Southwell maiden last month, splitting a pair from top yards. Looks sure to give another good account.

2 IDAHO FIRE (IRE) (60) **84**

7P **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Paul Nicholls **Harry Cobden**
 Runner-up in a point last March but has made an underwhelming start under Rules, well beaten on both bumper and hurdle debut over the winter. Too soon to dismiss one from a leading stable, however.

3 LUNAR MORNING (IRE) (162) **60**

P **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Max Comley **David Bass**
 Faller sole start in points and offered little on hurdle debut last October. Hard to be confident, now tried over markedly longer trip in headgear.

4 OUR AMIGO (118) **87**

35 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Nick Gifford **James Davies**
 Placed in point prior to promising debut third in a Stratford novice in October that has produced winners. Best forgiven Lingfield run the following month when found to have a bled and with this longer trip expected to suit on breeding, he's one to note for market support.

5 WEST ALONG (IRE) (22) **80**

263 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Richard Rowe **Tom Cannon**
 Placed in point/bumper but seemingly being brought along with handicaps in mind over hurdles.

6 APPROACHING STORM (IRE) (42) **70**

900 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Nick Gifford **Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)**
 Well beaten in bumpers and similar story on hurdles bow at Kempton last month.

7 LOLA DE MAGNY (FR) (49) **82**

3 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Andy Irvine **Caolin Quinn**
 Successful on last of 4 starts in Irish points and achieved a somewhat hollow third over C&D on hurdle debut, passing tired rivals late on. Could be one for the longer term.

8 VISCOUNTESS NELSON (IRE) (84) **90**

4 **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Nicky Henderson **Nico de Boinville**
 Won sole start in points and showed a bit when fourth in 8-runner Huntingdon bumper on Rules debut in December. Could prove a different proposition now sent hurdling over markedly longer trip.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Escort'kheops, **10-3** Viscountess Nelson, **11-2** Our Amigo, **8-1** Idaho Fire, **16-1** Lola De Magny, **33-1** West Along, **125-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It could be worth taking a chance on hurdle debutante VISCOUNTESS NELSON who shaped as though in need of this sort of test when fourth on bumper debut. She's less exposed than consistent Escort'kheops, who looks the most solid of those with hurdles experience, while any market confidence behind returning Our Amigo would be significant.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. VISCOUNTESS NELSON 2. ESCORT'KHEOPS 3. OUR AMIGO

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.45

**SOUTHERN CRANES & ACCESS LTD HANDICAP CHASE (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £11,000 2m219y (3420 Metres)**

RACE 2



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **PARK ANNONCIADE (FR) (89)** t **98**
3478-24P3 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Sarah Humphrey **Richie McLernon**
Hasn't won since 2023 but went close in Perth handicap hurdle on final start for Stuart Crawford (sold for £36,000) last spring and left previous efforts for this yard behind when third of 9 back chasing at Ludlow (2m, soft) in December. Solid claims.

2 **DELPOTRO (FR) (125) (D)** h+t **97**
P32-1P124 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Charlie Longsdon **David Bass**
Free-going front-runner who goes particularly well at Sedgefield, notching second success at that course in September. Below par away from that venue when last seen in November but performed with credit sole previous visit here and he's dangerous to discount.

3 **ALTO ALTO (FR) (21) (CD, BF)** v  **100**
5714-5924 9 11-13 | 75.7kg

 Chris Gordon **Freddie Gordon**
All 5 career wins have been registered here and just lost out when bidding to win a C&D handicap for the third consecutive season last month. However, his profile is rather hit-and-miss and he wasn't on a going day back here 3 weeks ago.

4 **KOOL KID (21) (C)** **98**
1-633361 6 11-13 | 75.7kg

 Joe Tizzard  **Brendan Powell**
Bumper winner on Rules debut and opened hurdles account here (2m, soft) last time, travelling well throughout and looking to cross the line with a bit left up his sleeve. Fact that he went close twice from 3 runs between the flags in 2024 augurs well ahead of this switch to fences.

5 **ANGEL'S DREAM (FR) (64) (C)** s **89**
67/PF16-6P 8 10-2 | 64.4kg

 Gary & Josh Moore **Caoilin Quinn**
Successful at second attempt over fences in 2m Lingfield handicap in November 2024 but hasn't shown much in 3 subsequent starts, including tried in cheekpieces (retained here) at Fontwell last time.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Kool Kid, **5-2** Alto Alto, **10-3** Park Annonciade, **11-2** Delpotro, **18-1** Angel's Dream

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KOOL KID deservedly got the job done over hurdles here 3 weeks ago and he is taken to follow up off this 5 lb higher mark now tackling the larger obstacles. Though yet to jump a fence in public under Rules, he went close twice in maiden points, which offers hope that he'll make a good shape over fences. Park Annonciade produced by far his best effort for this yard when third at Ludlow and is feared most ahead of Delpotro.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KOOL KID 2. PARK ANNONCIADE 3. DELPOTRO

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

WILLIAM HENRY ROBINSON NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE
(5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,250 1m7f195y (3200 Metres)



Going: **Chase: Good (Good to Soft in places; Hurdle: Good to Soft)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 RISK IT ALL (FR) (31) (D) 100
 326-3202 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Gary & Josh Moore **Freddie Mitchell** (3lb/1kg)
 Easy winner only start on Flat in France (at around 2m). Has proved inconsistent over hurdles but produced one of his better efforts when clear second (behind subsequent winner) at Fakenham latest.

2 KILL THE GROOVE (IRE) (35) 98
 9-333P624 6 11-12 | 75.3kg s+t

 Karen Jewell **Tom Cannon**
 Went close in a weak C&D handicap in January but cheekpieces go on having been below form under similar conditions last time.

3 MAJOR MAJOR (IRE) (21) 90
 575 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

 Cynthia Woods **James Best**
 Modest 3-time winner on Flat for Richard Hannon (stays 1½m) and though well held at long odds in trio of hurdle runs, there's hope he can make more impact now handicapping.

4 KINGSTON BRESIL (240) 99
 45639-453 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Lawney Hill **Charlie Maggs** (3lb/1kg)
 Maiden finished third over C&D as a novice and posted his best effort in handicaps when third on latest start at Cartmel in July. Has a drop back in trip/8-month absence to overcome, though.

5 MY LOVELY HORSE (FR) (21) 88
 6P6P3 6 10-13 | 69.4kg s

 David Bridgwater **Brendan Powell**
 Third both starts in point bumpers and while there haven't been many positives to take from hurdling efforts thus far (has bled), first-time cheekpieces/switch to handicaps can only help.

6 FOINIX (133) 62
 556 6 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Jim & Suzi Best **Richie McLernon**
 Modest stayer on Flat and despite not offering much in this sphere to date, he still warrants a market check on handicap bow.

7 JACQUETTA (IRE) (39) 65
 08P 5 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Gary & Josh Moore **Caolin Quinn**
 No impact in trio of hurdle starts, though his dam was fairly useful and he starts life in handicaps from a very lowly base.

8 CHARLES MORIN (349) 95
 6480U- 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

 Pat Phelan **Sean Houlihan**
 Likely to have hit the frame but for unseating on second handicap start in this sphere last April. Confirmed himself in good heart with narrow second on all-weather last month and ought to be competitive back over hurdles.

9 SOMKIYR (FR) (21) 60
 55P6 5 10-8 | 67.1kg

 Andy Irvine **Philip Armson** (3lb/1kg)
 Handicap debutant had fair form on the Flat in France but it's hard to be confident based on what he's shown over hurdles to date, looking a fairly hard ride over C&D last time.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Risk It All, **5-1** Kill The Groove, **13-2** Kingston Bresil, **8-1** Jacquetta, **11-1** Charles Morin, **12-1** Foinix, **14-1** Major Major, **20-1** Somkiyr, **20-1** My Lovely Horse

TIMEFORM VIEW:

RISK IT ALL may again get the run of the race, as he did when chasing home a subsequent winner at Fakenham last time. Stablemate Jacquetta is worth noting for support, along with fellow handicap debutant Major Major.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RISK IT ALL 2. JACQUETTA 3. MAJOR MAJOR

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

SOUTHERN CRANES & ACCESS LTD MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £10,000 2m1f169y (3570 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 AL SAYAH (149) s **95**

112-11234 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Neil Mulholland

Richie McLernon



Off for nearly 3 months prior to finishing fourth in a deeper handicap at Newton Abbot in October and though arriving on the back of a further absence, she has been likeably consistent.

2 DRAMATIC ENCORE (IRE) (40) s **98**

4412-344 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien



Hasn't quite kicked on from winning hurdles debut at Huntingdon last February but she ran respectably following 9 weeks off/in first-time cheekpieces at Ludlow 6 weeks ago and is still relatively low mileage.

3 LA MARQUISE (FR) (18) s **99**

713/18-543 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Jamie Snowden

Joe Anderson (31b/1kg)



Fairly useful dual bumper winner who looked a good prospect when making a successful hurdling debut at Ludlow (2m) in October 2024. Things clearly haven't gone to plan since, but she turned in her best effort of the season following a break/breathing operation when third at Wetherby last month.

4 A TICKATICKATIMING (21) (C, D) ★ **100**

23/4834-24 8 10-4 | 65.3kg

Sheena West

Marc Goldstein



Sole victory over hurdles came under a positive ride at this course back in November 2023. Did well to split a couple of handicap debutantes when well-backed runner-up here last month (too free over 2½m latest), and she could prove difficult to peg back if allowed her head.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 La Marquise, **9-4** Dramatic Encore, **7-2** Al Sayah, **9-2** A Tickatikatiming

TIMEFORM VIEW:

In a trappy 4-runner handicap, A TICKATICKATIMING may be the one to poach an easy lead. She's narrowly preferred to fairly useful bumper performer La Marquise, who ran her best race of the season when third at Wetherby last month after a breathing operation.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. A TICKATICKATIMING 2. LA MARQUISE 3. DRAMATIC ENCORE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.15

WEATHERBYS nhstallions.co.uk HANDICAP CHASE (5)
5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 3m1f157y (5170 Metres)

RACE 5



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Pace Information: **Weak**

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|  | 1 | FERRET JEETER (7) (C, BF) | t | 99 |
| | | 69/1F1312 9 12-0 76.2kg | | |
| | | Anthony Honeyball | | Chad Bament (7lb/3kg) |
| | | Good record in handicap hurdles, winning 3 of his 5 completed starts in such races, including over 25f here last month. Solid second in defeat back here last week, pulling clear of the rest, and will be a danger to all off the same mark if his jumping passes the test now switched to fences. | | |
|  | 2 | WEST ORCHARD (IRE) (19) (C) | s |  100 |
| | | 6/1131-252 9 11-13 75.7kg | | |
| | | Joe Tizzard  | | Brendan Powell |
| | | Solid record over fences, winning 4 times and placed on 3 occasions from 14 starts in this sphere. Latest success came at Wincanton (25f, soft) off 2 lb lower in December 2024 and returned to form with a near-miss over the same C&D recently. Has won here in the past and he's a big player. | | |
|  | 3 | INEDIT DE MEE (FR) (64) | s+t | 97 |
| | | 7B/643-39 8 11-10 74.4kg | | |
| | | Toby Lawes | | K. Brogan |
| | | Patchy record on British soil and while he posted one of his better efforts when third of 7 at Southwell in November, that was followed with a poor display at Fontwell. First-time cheekpieces and tongue strap enlisted here. | | |
|  | 4 | ILLOGICAL LOGIC (FR) (45) (D) | | 98 |
| | | F13PP223 8 11-6 72.6kg | | |
| | | Christian Williams | | Jack Tudor |
| | | Opened his account at Newton Abbot last summer and back in excellent form of late in recent months, runner-up at Windsor and Hereford prior to another creditable effort in defeat when third at Ffos Las. Should make his presence felt. | | |
|  | 5 | SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL (FR) (32) | | 97 |
| | | 4-P141745 11 10-10 68.0kg | | |
| | | Joe Tickle | | Taylor Fisher |
| | | Veteran who won at Windsor in November, narrowly seeing off the re-opposing Illogical Logic, but hasn't managed to back that up in 3 subsequent starts. | | |
|  | 6 | IMPERIAL PRIDE (IRE) (15) | s+t | 95 |
| | | 63-PP4P1 10 10-9 67.6kg | | |
| | | David Dennis | | Tom Bellamy |
| | | Multiple point winner in 2024 and belatedly opened Rules account when landing a Huntingdon handicap chase in first-time cheekpieces at the start of the month. 5 lb rise tolerable but whether the headgear will work so well second time round remains to be seen. | | |
|  | 7 | BALLYGELLY (IRE) (138) | h+t | 96 |
| | | 708/7P1P-U 8 10-4 65.3kg | | |
| | | Emma-Jane Bishop | | Liam Harrison |
| | | Wide-margin winner of a match at Fakenham last spring (form borderline worthless) and made a promising return there in October, in the process of running her most solid race so far when coming to grief at the last. Been off again since. | | |

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Ferret Jeeter, **4-1** West Orchard, **5-1** Illogical Logic, **11-2** Imperial Pride, **17-2** Inedit De Mee, **16-1** Ballygelly, **33-1** School For Scandal

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FERRET JEETER found only another in-form rival too strong when bidding for a fourth win over hurdles here last week and he will take some stopping off the same mark, granted a clean round of jumping on this chase debut. West Orchard has scored twice over these fences and looks the danger following a near-miss at Wincanton.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FERRET JEETER 2. WEST ORCHARD 3. ILLOGICAL LOGIC

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**KALM CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)
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RACE 6



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 GHASHAM (IRE) (50) (D) s **95**
35-426345 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

Dan Skelton *Harry Atkins (71b/3kg)*
Extended long losing run when fifth in 7-runner handicap at Sedgefield in January, though looks sure to be suited by step back up in trip/drop in grade.

2 BREAD AND BUTTER (IRE) (53) (D) t **93**
4-7P7838P 11 11-9 | 73.9kg

Cynthia Woods *James Best*
Veteran is far from consistent nowadays (pulled up latest), though back in the same grade as when third at Huntingdon in November.

3 TARITINO (IRE) (7) ★ **100**
313-25561 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Joe Tickle *Taylor Fisher*
Unpenalised for success in conditional jockeys' handicap at Taunton last Monday, both his hurdles wins now coming off this mark. This looks a good opportunity to follow up.

4 ELIZA DOLITTLE (IRE) (21) (CD) ✓ **93**
1661-5521 8 11-1 | 70.3kg

Nick Gifford *Tabitha Worsley (31b/1kg)*
Landed her third career C&D success in convincing fashion last month, though this race looks to have more substance.

5 JUNIOR DES MOTTES (FR) (2) (C, BF) s **94**
0P-3P1132 7 10-13 | 69.4kg

Nick Scholfield *Jack Quinlan*
Made it a double for new yard at this track last month. Back to form but couldn't land the odds behind a less-exposed one at Fontwell on Saturday and this looks more competitive, if he is turned out quickly.

6 KAP DE TRIOMPHE (FR) (117) s **92**
947775-85 6 10-12 | 68.9kg

Christian Williams *Jack Tudor*
Yet to threaten to add to his debut bumper win in Ireland, perhaps not the easiest to train given he's been off since finishing well held on Ffos Las reappearance in November.

7 EPHYRA (49) **96**
5756 5 10-10 | 68.0kg

Andy Irvine *Caolin Quinn*
Didn't improve immediately for the switch to handicaps at this track last time, though worth a go over this trip given the stamina she showed on the Flat.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Taritino, **7-2** Eliza Dolittle, **5-1** Ghasham, **5-1** Junior Des Mottes, **14-1** Ephyra, **16-1** Bread And Butter, **16-1** Kap De Triomphe

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TARITINO looks capable of landing the double off an unchanged mark, though class-dropper Ghasham is feared, especially if supported.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TARITINO 2. GHASHAM 3. ELIZA DOLITTLE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

HOP ON DOWN TO THE EASTER FESTIVAL OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4, 5 and 6yo £4,999 2m1f169y (3570 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 DOUBLE THE DANCE (IRE) (80) (BF) 97
22 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Gary & Josh Moore *Caolin Quinn*
€100,000 purchase after winning his completed start in Irish points and made an encouraging start under Rules under an enterprising ride when second of 6 in bumper at Ascot in November. Not quite in same form when filling same spot at Fontwell on Boxing Day.

2 SOLDIER POET (IRE) (75) 93
25 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Nick Gifford *James Davies*
Bred more for stamina than speed and produced a promising first effort in the circumstances when second of 7 over C&D on debut in December. Disappointing at Warwick since, however.

3 GETMYFRIEND (IRE)
5 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Dan Skelton *Kielan Woods*
Getaway mare. Half-sister to fairly useful hurdler Lau And Shaz and fairly useful hurdler Parvos, stays 2¾m. Dam unraced half-sister to high-class hurdler/top-class chaser (stayed 21f) Simonsig and useful hurdle winner/smart chaser (winner up to 3m) Dusart. Noteworthy newcomer.

4 LUNA MARQUESA (FR)
5 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Joe Tizzard *Brendan Powell*
€85,000 3-y-o, Kapparde mare. Half-sister to useful hurdler Halibut and fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser Jubilant. Dam, French 17f/2¼m hurdle winner, half-sister to winning hurdler/high-class 2m chaser Editeur du Gite. Good pedigree and needs a close look in the betting.

5 SECRET DES LUNE (46) 100
22 5 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Ben Clarke *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Maxios mare who showed plenty to work on when runner-up over C&D on debut in November. Seemed inconvenienced by the drop in trip when failing to match that form at Wincanton since, so is better judged on her initial promise.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Secret Des Lune, **11-4** Getmyfriend, **4-1** Double The Dance, **11-2** Luna Marquesa, **16-1** Soldier Poet

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GETMYFRIEND makes obvious appeal on paper for a top yard and is taken to get her career off to the perfect start. Secret des Lune will prove suited by this step back up in trip and is the pick of those with experience.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GETMYFRIEND 2. SECRET DES LUNE 3. DOUBLE THE DANCE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race