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(R6) 15:05 ASCOT, 1m 7f 152y Sodexo Handicap Hurdle (Listed) (Class 1) (4YO plus) **Horse Details** No Silk Form Age/Wt Jockey/Trainer **OR** 1-34114 **TEQANY** (IRE) 13 D 1 6 11 - 12t C Brace (3) 144 F O'Brien gr g Dark Angel - Capulet Monteque Jockey Colours: Purple, pink stars, mauve sleeves, pink stars, purple cap, pink star Timeform says: In fine form when scoring at Newton Abbot and Bangor last month. Not disgraced in listed company at Kempton (2m, good) recently, but he looks up against it back in a handicap off new mark. **** (Forecast 15.00) 143/141- **SEBASTOPOL** (IRE) 273 D 2 6 11 - 10t R Johnson 142 Tom Lacev b g Fame And Glory - Knockcroghery Jockey Colours: Light blue, black star, black sleeves, light blue stars, light blue cap, black star Timeform says: Winner of 2 of his 3 starts last term, including a 15.6f Musselburgh handicap in February. More needed up 6 lb back from a 9-month break, but this low-mileage 6-y-o may have more to offer. **** (Forecast 8.50) F4-1321 **DEAR SIRE** (FR) 21 D 3 8 11 - 10h Theo Gillard (7) 142 D McCain Jnr gr g Al Namix - Polismith Jockey Colours: Red, yellow stars, armlets and star on cap Timeform says: Has raised his game since returning from a break in July, producing his best effort yet when landing a 2m Chepstow handicap 3 weeks ago. 4 lb rise fair, but this looks more demanding. *** (Forecast 12.00) 114-322 | **CAIUS MARCIUS** (IRE) 54 D 9 11 - 9p Danny McMenamin 141 4 b g King's Theatre - Ain't Misbehavin N G Richards Jockey Colours: Yellow, light blue sash, armlets and diamond on cap Timeform says: Consistent and useful type, who has acquitted himself well in handicap hurdles at Market Rasen and Southwell, and over fences at Perth last time, since returning to action in July. Not discounted.★★★☆☆ (Forecast 15.00) 12/8170- **SCARAMANGA** (IRE) 232 (17F) D Bryan Carver (5) 5 5 11 - 9 141 P F Nicholls b g Mastercraftsman - Herboriste Jockey Colours: Black and white check, yellow sleeves, black and white quartered cap Timeform says: Cosy winner in this sphere at Wincanton last December and recent spin on the Flat will have blown away the cobwebs. However, improvement is needed off this toughlooking mark. Yard also runs Malaya.★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 13.00) U115F-6 | HANG IN THERE (IRE) 28 D Nick Scholfield 611 - 76 139 Miss E C Lavelle b g Yeats - Jaldemosa Jockey Colours: Royal blue, pink disc, maroon sleeves, royal blue stars, dark blue cap, pink spots Timeform says: Looked good when landing a Grade 2 Cheltenham novice last November, but hasn't matched that form in 3 subsequent starts, including when sixth on return/handicap debut at Fontwell. *** (Forecast 11.00) 10/3602- **MALAYA** (FR) 259 CD Bryony Frost 7 6 11 - 6 138 P F Nicholls b m Martaline - Clarte D'or Jockey Colours: Royal blue, pink hoops, armlets and cap Timeform says: Won Imperial Cup at Sandown in March 2019. Step back in right direction

when second in a 15-runner handicap here (19.3f) on final start of last season and claims off

the same mark if fully tuned-up. **** (Forecast 8.00)

8		1/12513-	KID COMMANDO 252 D b g Robin Des Champs - Banjaxed Girl	6 11 - 4	Aidan Coleman A J Honeyball	136
Timefo Plumpt	orm says: U on in Janua	seful bumpe ry. Good thir	res, yellow sleeves, black stars, yellow cap, white star r winner who easily landed the odds on his hurd d in Kempton Grade 2 the following month and capping.	lling bow at		
9		1530/78-	COUNTISTER (FR) 315 D b m Smadoun - Tistairly	8 11 - 3	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	135
Timefo both sta	orm says: F arts last sea	ine third in C	rellow hoops, white cap ounty Hurdle at 2019 Cheltenham Festival. Wel resumes on a potentially handy mark and is ve cast 6.50)			
10	***	556/11-4	BYRON FLYER 122 (35F) D b g Byron - Nursling	9 11 - 0p	W T Kennedy Ian Williams	132
Jockey Colours: White, purple stars, armlets and star on cap Timeform says: Useful dual-purpose performer who boasts a NH good strike (7-15 over hurdles/fences). Recent efforts on the Flat have not been overly inspiring, though, and others						

TIMEFORM VIEW: None of these can be safely discounted. It may be worth siding with COUNTISTER, who failed to fire in a couple of Grade 3 handicaps last season but is just 2 lb above the mark off which she was third in the 2019 County Hurdle. The unexposed Kid Commando is next best ahead of Malaya, who signed off last season with a decent effort here, while Sebastopol is also firmly in calculations.

Timeform 1-2-3:

- 1: COUNTISTER (9)
- 2: KID COMMANDO (8)

make more appeal.★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 17.00)

3: MALAYA (7)





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