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Dick Saunders Novices' Hunters' Chase (Class 5) (6YO plus)

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT QUADPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		8142-22	**ASOCKASTAR** (IRE) 251 b g Milan - Baie Barbara	11 12 - 0p	Mr Shane Quinlan (3) Daniel Bourne	113
Jockey Colours: Maroon, royal blue star, maroon sleeves, royal blue stars **Timeform says:** *Point/hurdles winner who acquitted himself well in this sphere last summer and looks sure to put up another bold showing if he's fully tuned up for this return.* ★★★★☆ (Forecast 1.91)					Notes:	
2		5-22453	**CHASE ME** (IRE) 48 b g Mahler - Collatrim Choice	8 12 - 0	Mr Z Baker J M Ridley	80
Jockey Colours: Royal blue, white cross belts, red cap **Timeform says:** *Placed in a point recently but not up to the standard required to win this.* ★☆☆☆☆ (Forecast 17.00)					Notes:	
3		U24P12/	**DOWNBYTHESTRAND** (IRE) 677 b g Vertical Speed - Fancyfacia	10 12 - 0	Mr S Lee (7) F A Hutsby	-
Jockey Colours: Dark blue, white chevron **Timeform says:** *£9,000 6-y-o, Vertical Speed gelding. Dam unraced. Won once from 8 starts in points, runner-up last time (April 2017). One to note.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 8.50)					Notes:	
4		5S-2121	**JUST CAUSE** (IRE) 46 b g Court Cave - Secret Can't Say	9 12 - 0	Mr J Andrews (3) J P Owen	108
Jockey Colours: Yellow, dark blue striped sleeves, white cap **Timeform says:** *Arguably should have won a novice hunter at Fontwell (limited assistance from saddle) when last seen under Rules and has been prolific between the flags since, so capable of making amends here.* ★★★★★ (Forecast 3.00)					Notes:	

TIMEFORM VIEW: JUST CAUSE and Asockastar are closely matched on Rules form but the first-named has a fitness edge from his recent pointing exploits, which could prove the difference between the two in what should be an interesting battle. Downbythestrand, who has also enjoyed plenty of success between the flags, is another one to consider.

Timeform 1-2-3:
1: JUST CAUSE (4)
2: ASOCKASTAR (1)
3: DOWNBYTHESTRAND (3)

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Flat Turf: 5 - 0 - 0 - 1	Jumps: 26 - 1 - 5 - 2	All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
08 Jun 18	Str 27.5f Ch Cls2 15K	Gd	12-0p	2/11 7 len	Mr B Gibbs	20/1	1st Chosen Dream, **2nd ASOCKASTAR**, 3rd Wonderful Charm *prominent, led 10th, clear when jumped left 15th, headed when mistake last, no impression on winner flat*	107
04 May 18	Che 26f Ch Cls2 15K	Gd	11-12p	2/11 7 len	Mr B Gibbs	50/1	1st Barel Of Laughs, **2nd ASOCKASTAR**, 3rd Pentiffic *raced keenly, with leader, left in lead when slightly hampered 4 out, 4 lengths clear 2 out, ridden and hard pressed between last 2, headed last, no extra in clear 2nd flat*	94
03 Aug 17	Str 19f Hcp Ch Cls5 3K	Gd	11-12p	8/10 95 len	R Johnson	9/1	1st Daulys Anthem, 2nd Drumlang, 3rd Sage Monkey *prominent, lost place before 10th, behind from 4 out, tailed off*	95
02 Jul 17	Utt 16f Hcp Hdl Cls5 3K	Gd	11-11v1	4/10 23 len	R Johnson	8/1	1st Defining Year, 2nd Sweeping Rock, 3rd Trapper Peak *led until 3 out, weakened after next*	98
14 Mar 17	Sdg 16f Hcp Ch Cls5 3K	Sft	11-5	3/5 ½ len	George Blackwell (7)	11/4f	1st Duhallowcountry, 2nd Roxyfet, **3rd ASOCKASTAR** *chased leaders, went 2nd 5th until approaching 8th, chased leading pair, ridden and outpaced after 3 out, rallied well run-in, just held*	95
19 Feb 17	ffl 20f Hcp Hdl Cls5 3K	Sft	11-9	5/12 8¼ len	Alan Johns (3)	6/1j2f	1st Ben Arthur, 2nd Steel Native, 3rd Ochos Rios *mid-division, tracked leaders after 4 out, soon outpaced, no impression when came back into view after last*	100

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RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

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18 Jul 18	Utt 24f Nov Hcp Ch Cls5 3K	Gd	10-8	5/12 26 len	Sam Twiston-Davies	3/1f2	1st Ange Des Malberaux, 2nd Georgina Joy, 3rd Mirs Choice *held up in rear, ridden 10th, headway before 13th, modest 5th 3 out, no impression*	82
27 Jun 18	wor 16.5f Hcp Ch Cls4 5K	Gd	10-4	4/10 7½ len	Sam Twiston-Davies	2/1f	1st Alys Rock, 2nd Key To The West, 3rd Take A Break *mid-division, under pressure halfway, headway 2 out, never on terms*	83
30 May 18	War 20f Hcp Ch Cls5 4K	Gd-Sft	11-3p	2/8 8 len	Sam Twiston-Davies	13/8f	1st Too Much Too Soon, **2nd CHASE ME**, 3rd Irish Thistle *chased leaders on inside, went 2nd 2 out, kept on same pace, no chance with easy winner*	83
19 May 18	Utt 20f Cond Hcp Hdl Cls5 3K	Gd	10-9p1	2/8 17 len	Jamie Bargary (3)	6/4f	1st Isle Road, **2nd CHASE ME**, 3rd Benissimo *tracked leaders on inside, outpaced in 4th after 4 out, ridden and stayed on to take modest 2nd between last 2, no chance with winner*	83
25 Feb 18	Sth 20f Nov Hcp Ch Cls4 4K	Sft	10-13h	5/9 18½ len	R T Dunne	7/1	1st Normandy King, 2nd Champion Chase, 3rd Run Don't Hide *held up behind, in touch in 5th when blundered 4 out, driven to chase leaders next, never on terms, weakened from 2 out*	87
23 Jan 18	Wth 20f Hcp Hdl Cls5 4K	Hy	11-2h	5/11 20 len	R T Dunne	8/1	1st Age Of Glory, 2nd Cafe Au Lait, 3rd One In A Row *held up towards rear, headway before 3 out, ridden before last, kept on and no impression*	90

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19 Apr 15	sby 24f Mdn		11-6	U/10	Mr R Deegan (5)	7/1	1st Cooper's Friend, 2nd Swizzler, 3rd The Mobile Man, 3rd Doolough Lad *b mstk & ur 1st*	-

4 5S-2121 **JUST CAUSE** (IRE) 46
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Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
17 May 18	Fon 26f Nov Ch Cls6 1K	Gd	11-7	2/9 ¾ len	T Gredley (7)	9/2	1st Bally River Boy, **2nd JUST CAUSE**, 3rd This Breac *behind, headway 6th, chased winner before last, kept on and held towards finish*	108
07 Mar 18	ctt 25f Nov Ch Cls5 2K	Sft	11-5	5/7 13¾ len	Mr R Stearn (7)	5/1	1st Duhallow Tornado, 2nd Battle Dust, 3rd Greensalt *held up, took keen hold, well in touch 4th, not fluent 7th, every chance 4 out, weakened from 2 out*	126
20 Aug 17	trm 22f Hcp Ch 12K	Yl	11-0tp	5/10 28 len	D J McInerney (7)	14/1	1st Sir Jack Yeats, 2nd Burndown, 3rd Caniwillyegiveme *towards rear, reminder after 5th, 8th after 6th, 7th after 11th, progress to 5th after 3 out, no impression on leaders 2 out, no extra before last*	118
12 Aug 17	klb 20f Ch 8K	Gd	11-12t1p	F/11	S W Flanagan	8/1	1st A Rated, 2nd Arkwrisht, 3rd Deputy's Pass *chased leader, 4th before 6th, progress to 2nd after 6th, 3rd and fell 4 out*	118
03 Aug 17	Gal 22.5f Ch 10K	Yl	11-12p	6/13 24 len	B J Cooper	8/1	1st Tesseract, 2nd Dont Tell No One, 3rd Ballela Boy *mid-division, 6th halfway, pushed along and no impression approaching straight, no extra, kept on one pace*	120
22 Jul 17	Lim 19.5f Ch 9K	Gd	11-7p	2/14 4 len	J J Slevin (5)	5/1	1st The West's Awake, **2nd JUST CAUSE**, 3rd Lean And Keen *soon chased leader, slightly slow 9th and pushed along, one pace straight*	120

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