



Hawley wins Marsh Trophy



SMILING WITH RELIEF, Sandy Hawley sits atop Charlie Jr., the horse that brought him his 500th win of the year last Saturday at Laurel. Hawley last night was

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Turf writers dubbed Sir Lancelot when he established a world record that is unlikely to be equalled. It seemed fitting for a long-haired youth of exceptional politeness and horse backing ability.

He's Sandy Hawley and last night the 24-year-old Mississauga resident was named unanimous winner of the Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's outstanding athlete of 1973. He's the first jockey to receive the trophy since sportsman Charlie Ring donated it in 1936. It commemorates the late Lou Marsh, long-time sports editor of The Toronto Star.

Last Saturday, at Laurel Race Course in Maryland, Hawley reached and surpassed his personal goal of 500 winners in one year. He had set that unprecedented figure as his objective last New Year's Eve. At that time, few felt he'd achieve it and there were disbelievers as late as October.

Until this year, no one really had come close to the 20-year-old world record of 283 in one season, set by Bill Shoemaker. Hawley eclipsed that at Laurel Dec. 6. Going into today's races he had 505 winners, gaining two in four tries yesterday following the cancellation of the Monday and Tuesday cards because of a heavy snowfall.

SAME HORSE

One of his winners yesterday was Night Train Lane, the Canadian-owned runner on which he scored No. 486 to top Shoemaker. The horse is owned by Dave Mann of Toronto and trained by Mort Hardy of Schomberg, Ont.

Hawley informed of the trophy honour at his Laurel motel, said in that quiet way of his: "Gee, I really feel great about this. I feel everything I've done this year is worthwhile now."

Others prominent in the voting were Karen Magnusson, this year's world figure-skating champion; Ron Turcotte, native of Grand Falls, N.B., and rider of Triple Crown winner Secretariat and hockey's Phil Esposito, the Boston Bruin who won the Marsh award last year.

RECORD ENTRY

Eligible for the award is a nominated Canadian athlete, male or female, amateur or professional. The public which is invited to do so nominated a record 21.

From those a committee of five made final selections. Committee members were chairman Harry (Red) Foster, sports editors Jim Vipond of The Globe and Mail, George Gross of the Sun, Jim Proudfoot of The Star, Gordon Grant of



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The Canadian Press, plus Stars sports columnist Milt Dunnell.

The pale-faced Hawley, whose quiet mien hides a tremendous competitive spirit, was "knighted" as Sir Lancelot by writers from the two major cities near Laurel, Washington and Baltimore, after breaking Shoemaker's mark. He has been a tremendous ambassador for Canada, earning plaudits from the media for not only his sensational overall performance as a rider, but for his availability and direct replies to questions.

MODEL ATHLETE

He's a model for anyone aspiring to a career as an athlete. He doesn't smoke and he doesn't gamble, not even betting on his own horses. His drinking is confined to an occasional beer, and then only to be sociable in company. He's not a gadabout but he does attend rock concerts, hockey and football games.

In his fifth full year as a jockey, he has won the Canadian riding championship each year and has been continental champion three times, 1970, '72 and this year.

Only seven times has a jockey ridden more than 433 winners in one year, and Hawley is the only one to do it twice. He had 452 in 1970 which, until this year, was the closest anyone had come to Shoemaker's record. Besides Shoemaker, the others are Bill Hartack, Jorge Velasquez, Alvaro Pineda and Vince Bracciale. Bracciale, who is closest to Hawley this year, gained his 401st at Laurel yesterday.

AN ONLY CHILD

Raised in Whitby, Ont., as an only child, Hawley came to racing through an uncle who introduced him to trainer Duke Campbell here. After the usual stint of working about the stable, he began riding in 1968. He had only 40 mounts and four winners.

By comparison, he has had 1,887 rides this year with eight racing days remaining before 1974. He has a terrific win average of 269 Shoemaker holds the top one-year percentage, stemming from his record year in 1953. He scored with 483 of his 1,683 mounts for a 288 mark.

"I don't know much about figures like that," said Hawley, "I really wasn't aware my percentage was that good. I just believe in taking races one at a time and doing my best, treating horses as individuals and riding them accordingly."

His '73 purses approximate, \$2,040,000. Of that, \$10,000 came on one day, on a winner-take-all basis at Boston's Suffolk Downs a week ago last Sunday. It was billed as the North American Riding Championship Series, made up of three races with horses drawn by lot. Some top jockeys including Ron Turcotte, participated and the winner was decided on a point's basis. Hawley took the bundle with a first, second and third.

TOUGH SCHEDULE
He went to Laurel with 478 winners following the closing of the Canadian thoroughbred year at Toronto Greenwood Dec. 1. That total included 22 he gained on Maryland tracks while riding on Mondays and Tuesdays which were non-racing days at Toronto Woodbine's fall meet. In other words, he was so dedicated he rode seven days a week for two months.

Now, Canada may have lost him, for next year at least. He says that if he could make a riding connection with one of the better U.S. stables - preferably in California - he'd leave. Meantime, at his Laurel motel, Dandy Sandy will celebrate Christmas with his wife Sherrie, the Dalmation pup, Sheba, and the two cats he rescued from the rigors of the backstretch, Buttons and Bows.

HAWLEY'S RECORD OVER SIX YEARS

Year	Mts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses Won
1968	38	4	4	6	\$ 11,440
1969	920	230	151	123	615,078
1970	1,908	452	313	265	1,716,838
1971	1,281	349	233	207	1,195,515
1972	1,381	367	269	200	1,361,342
1973	1,887	505	330	284	2,040,000
Totals	7,415	1,907	1,300	1,085	\$6,940,213