

Sundew, 20-1 Shot, Wins Grand National 'Chase

AINTREE, Eng. (CP) — Sundew, a 20-1 outsider but the biggest and stoutest of 35 starters, made almost every jump a winning one Friday in capturing the 11th Grand National Steeplechase.

The strapping 11-year-old gelding, ridden by Britain's champion jockey Fred Winter, forged to the front at the second jump, weathered a near-spill three fences from home and then drove to an eight-length victory over Wyndburgh.

The seven-year-old Wyndburgh, youngest horse in the race at 25 to 1, finished second, six lengths ahead of Tiberetta, a 66-1 shot. The hot betting favorite, Goosander, finished a lagging sixth in this rigorous four-mile, 856-yard 30-obstacle test which has become known as the "graveyard of favorites." The last favorite to win was Sprig, 30 years ago.

The results determine the winners of the jackpot of gold in the Irish sweepstakes.

Eleven horses completed the test of endurance and skill. No horse or jockey was seriously hurt in any of the spills. In previous races, as many as five horses have had to be destroyed, bringing an outcry of protests from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Sundew entered the Grand National in 1955 and 1956 but was beaten by the hurdles on both occasions near the finish.

Sundew, carrying the colors of Mrs. Geoffrey John of Warwickshire, went over the first fence in the lead but lost ground momentarily when he hesitated at the four-foot, 11-inch third obstacle.

Armorial swept ahead at this point but fell at the next fence.

Three fences from home, the big chestnut champion slipped and it appeared for a second that he may crumble and lose his advantage to the hard-pressing Athenian and the rallying E.S.B. the horse with the alphabetical name who won a year ago.

But Winter rode Sundew to his feet again and the 11-year-old chestnut shot to the fore again.

Sundew unleashed a new burst of power as he took the last hurdle, in full stride and bolted into the straightaway. He bolted off the challenges of E.S.B., Wyndburgh and Glorious Twelfth with his easy.

The winning time was nine minutes, 42.4 seconds, well off the record 9:30.4 set by Golden Miller in 1934.

Glorious Twelfth, third favorite at 100 to 8, made a gallant effort but finished fourth.

RANK OUTSIDER

A rank outsider, The Crofter, at 66 to 1, was fifth, just ahead of the 5-to-1 favorite, Goosander.

Sydney Jones was seventh, E.S.B. eighth, Merry Throw ninth, Sandy Jane II 10th and Gentl Moya 11th and last.

Hart Royal, the overwhelming choice of the writers, fell at the first fence.

The victory was worth £8,868 (\$24,831) to Mrs. Kohn, wife of a farmer and stockbroker who became the 10th woman to saddle a grand national winner. Wyndburgh's second place was worth £1,078 and Tiberetta's third place finish £539.

Mrs. Kohn acknowledged that

CAN HE REPEAT? By Alan Mauer

FRANK ROBINSON, CINCINNATI LEFT FIELDER, BY SETTING SUCH A BLAZING FRESHMAN PACE HAS SET HIMSELF A SOPA TASK TO MAINTAIN IT.

AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR HE HADN'T EVEN MADE THE OFFICIAL ROSTER BUT WENT ON TO BECOME AN ALL-STAR GAME STARTER, THE LEAGUE'S NO. 1 ROOKIE AND 7th IN THE N.A.P. BALLOTING.

HE LOOKED A GINCH FOR A NEW ROOKIE HOMER RECORD WHEN HE TIED THE OLD MARK OF 39 ON SEPT. 11, BUT HE DIDN'T HIT ANOTHER THE REST OF THE YEAR.

ALAN MAUER

10 Canadians Big Winners In Irish Hospital Sweepstakes

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ten Canadians were major prize winners Friday in an Irish hospital sweepstakes based on the running of the Grand National steeplechase at Aintree, England.

Three Canadians held tickets on second-place Wyndburgh and will collect \$50,000 each. Two others won third-prize money of \$25,000 with tickets on Tiberetta.

Winners of first prize were Laur-ent Lepage of St. Michel des Saints; John Trafik of Levas, Ont.; Roy Dear of Oshawa, Ont.; Earl Rowntree of Elmvale, Ont., and Walter Dow of Vancouver.

GOING TO BE MARRIED

Mr. Lepage, 22-year-old hotel chef said he hit the jackpot at the right time. He plans to become engaged at Easter and marry Helen Gareau next August.

"This fortune has fallen from heaven," he said, "but I will continue to keep on working."

Mr. Dear, a 41-year-old lessee of an Oshawa lunch counter, said he plans to sell out and move to Galt, Ont., to resume his trade as a cabinet maker.

Mr. Rowntree, 38-year-old general contractor, said he plans to buy a modern farm and take a summer holiday with his family out west. He has three children.

STENOGRAPHER WINS

Winners of second prize money were James Munro of Hamilton; Mrs. B. D. Weldon of Montreal; and W. M. Crichton of Windsor, Ont.

Third prize winners were Mr. E.O. Rud of Noranda, Que., and John William Toplosky of Montreal.

Mrs. Weldon, a public stenographer said she may use the money to take "a nice long vaca-

she had only a small tote bet on the winner, a horse she bought two years ago for just under £3,000.

A crowd of more than 100,000 jammed the track to see the race and Britons bet millions of pounds on the event.

The track was softened by rain which began to fall just before the start.

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SPORT SNAPSHOTS

Sports Fans In Toronto Treated To Serial Thriller

By JACK SULLIVAN

Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP)—Has anyone detected a soap-opera tinge to the Toronto Maple Leaf hockey story? Usually, a team finishing with the also-rans steals away into the night (to wit, Chicago Black Hawks) but not those off-the-ice bombastic National Hockey League Leafs. They pour on the drama and suspense of the daytime radio and television serials that have been keeping housewives on pins and needles many years.

Sports fans in Toronto haven't had as much fun and games, nor have they been so perplexed, since Harry Sonshine's ill-fated venture into the ranks of professional football operators with Toronto Argonauts a couple of years ago. Argonauts got gobs of newspaper ink, failed to make the Big Four playoffs and Sonshine got the gate.

Says Football Not Character Builder

WINNIPEG (CP)—Sport such as football is not the builder of character it is said to be but fine leadership in sports does build character, John Farina of the Canadian Welfare Council said.

The secretary of the council's recreation division told the recreation branch of the Manitoba Welfare Council Wednesday that sport is a medium in which competent leaders can develop character.

Football provides "the finest opportunities available to build trait of cheating, lying, foul play and downright brutality," he said.

"At present there is one official for every two players in Canadian football," he said. "This hardly says much for football as a character builder."

Hamia, Humez To Box In Montreal

NEW YORK (AP) — Montreal promoter Eddie Quinn said Thursday he has signed two French European boxing champions, featherweight Cherif Hamia and middleweight Charles Humez, for a series of bouts in Montreal.

Quinn said he hoped to get the final of the featherweight elimination tournament for Montreal. That bout matches Hamia against the winner of the April 26 Washington elimination between Puerto Rico's Miguel Berrios and Nigeria's Hogan (Kid) Bassey.

Back Stretch

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wick, Bathurst, N.B., trained and driven by Jimmy Boutillier, Halifax. He lowered the Maritime Province record at Chatham to 2:08 1/4; paced the fastest three heats ever made in harness in Eastern Canada at 2:09 1/4 and 2:09 1/4. Bob Mac, the bay gelding owned by Simpson Brothers of A.berst, a d driven by Fred Cameron, regained his position as the fastest provincial pacer, lowering his record to 2:11 1/4 at Chatham. He won the

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FASTEST MILE

"Fern Hal 2:05 1/4, owned by Dr. D.H. McAllister, Sussex, paced the fastest mile of the year by a mare at Chatham in 2:11 1/4. The Exposer, owned and driven by H.C. Jewitt, lowered the Maritime Province stallion trotting record at Chatham and the Canadian half mile track record for a trotting stallion to 2:10. He also made the three fastest heats ever trotted in the provinces, 2:10, 2:13, 2:12 1/4. Frank Boutillier's Barage lowered the record for stallions bred in the Maritimes to 2:15 1/4, when he won seven of nine races as a 2-year-old, twice winning in 2:10 over half mile tracks. All the wins were in straight heats, giving her 14 dash triumphs. She was 3-2 at Columbus to Gingelstein 2:00, that set the record for 2-year-old pacing fillies that season on a half mile track.

OLD HERO

By the way, we were talking to a great admirer of Calumet Budlong's the other day and he said he had been out to Frank McKay's farm and saw the old hero there and that he looks good and is receiving the at of attention from Frank. He is now in his 29th year and is the sire of 16 trotters and 90 pacers. His best performer was Miss Budlong P. 2:00, that won seven of nine races as a 2-year-old, twice winning in 2:10 over half mile tracks. All the wins were in straight heats, giving her 14 dash triumphs. She was 3-2 at Columbus to Gingelstein 2:00, that set the record for 2-year-old pacing fillies that season on a half mile track.

Ray Stewart of Murray Harbor has sold his good pacer Sea Plant 2:12 to Herb Chase of Fredericton, N.B. Last year he was four times first, seven times second and five times third and showed a lot of speed in his finishes.

Stanley Mayhew of Kinkora and Cyril Smith of Hunter River, returned early this week from a trip to the State of Maine where they looked over quite a few horses and Stanley bought two. They are Tribune 3, 2:09 3-5, a 7-year-old by Cardinal Prince 1:58 1/4, dam, Biddie Hanover by Billy Direct 1:55. In tough company last year he was four times first, twice second and seven times third and has total earnings of \$5,757. He is eligible to the 2:19 pace. The other purchase is the extremely well-bred chestnut gelding Pericles, by His Majesty 2:09 1/4, dam, Roberta McElwyn 2:09 1/4. She is the dam of one in 2:03 2-5 and five with records better than 2:10, three of them, Showman 2:08, Bertie Majesty 2:08 2-5 and Socrates 2:03 4-5 are full brothers and sister to Pericles.

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