Riders Can Get Top Spot By Defeating Tiger-Cats

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Football fans today will pay particularly attention to the quarterback in the orange jersey, a guy who's confirmed so well the fans are wondering whether more originality is needed in the role.

The quarterback is Bernie Faloney, who leads Hamilton Tiger-Cats against Ottawa Rough Riders to settle first place in the B.C. Four football union.

Tiats go into this last game of the regular schedule with a two-point lead. Faloney drove them most of the way against Hamilton's strong running power up the middle.

However, after last week's loss to Ottawa, which set up the Riders for top spot by a repeat victory today, Faloney started to get some sharp needling on his conformity.

MORE DASH NEEDED?

What was needed, the cry went up, was a new type offence, something with more dash and unpredictability. This strict adherence to power running would someday be stopped and then the loaded Tabbies would end up as dead cats.

Hamilton fans only have to look at the other team to spot a quarterback who more and more is gaining recognition for his unpredictable yet effective — play. That's Tom Dimitroff, who came into back up Hal Ledyard and stayed around with Ledyard's job.

If he can lead the Riders to a win, they'll end up tied with Hamilton and will be awarded top spot because of a better scoring record in games between the two teams. They've split four so far.

In Montreal, where the third-place Montreal Alouettes and last - place Toronto Argonauts tangle in a game that means nothing to the standings, rival quarterbacks Sam Etcheverry and Gerry Doucette both are out to prove something.

SAM UNDER FIRE

Etcheverry's ears have been buzzing with criticism ever since Montreal's fortunes tumbled this season. It's ranged from rumors about a dead arm to the fact that his continuous gambling on passes has caught up now that the other clubs are stronger.

Montreal answered by signing the brilliant flinger for another year, but Etcheverry still has to convince the public. He may not get much chance in this game if coach Doug Walker decides to save Etcheverry for the sudden-death semi-final Nov. 13.

Doucette, a Canadian, took over at quarterback this season when Argos had been eliminated. He's stayed, alternating good and bad games. His last, against Montreal, was a dandy, and if he can repeat he'll be first in line when coach Hamp Pool starts picking the spot next season.

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

ANNUAL AUCTION

The 19th annual auction of the Standardbred Horse Sales Company was commenced in the Pennsylvania State Farm show arena, Harrisburg, Pa., last Monday morning. A total of 1028 standardbreds, trotters and pacers, was catalogued. Many of these were yearlings, principally from the Hanover Shoe Farms — the world's greatest harness horse speed nursery. Buyers were present from all over the United States, and most of the provinces of Canada, quite a few of them being Maritimers.

Last year's final figure was $2,013,050 for 847 head, an average of $2,376 — a new record for an auction at Harrisburg. Following are the purchases made by Maritimers at this year's sale:

MARITIME BUYS

Frisky Gem — a three-year-old pacer by Friscoway, 1.59 1-5, with excellent breeding on his dam's side; he fell to the bid of Currie Wood, Saint John.

Sturdy Squaw, p. 2.11, a six-year-old bay mare, was raced for the first time this year and won a three-quarter mile dash at Vernon Downs in 1.33 2-5. She is out of a full sister to one of Joe O'Brien's favorite pacers, Indian Land, 1.59 4-5, and also Warpath, 2.00 4-5, new owner — Bob Brown, Woodstock, N.B. Price $1,100.

Sturdy Jimmy, p. 4, 2.03, by Calumet Fingo, 2.04. Dam Eleanor Girl, 2.06. Jimmy has won over $17,000 in the past two seasons. Price $450. Buyer, Aubrey Wood, Saint John, N.B.

Pleasant Gene — three-year-old gelding by Gene Abbe, p. 2.00 3-5. Was not trained this season. As a two-year-old worked miles in 2.13 and quarters in 30 seconds. Price $1,000. Owner — Bob Brown, Woodstock, N.B.

Magic Rapid — by Rapid Hanover, 2.08. dam Red Magic — hasn't been raced but has been in training. He is three-year-old pacer. Owner — Aubrey Wood, Saint John, N.B.

Gallant Way — 2, 2.07 3-5, — 3, 2.03. Winner of $15,492 — $6,000 of it in 1957. He is eligible for the 2.15 Trots and looks like a real good buy. Price — $1,900. New owner — Andrew Perry, Summerside.

Star Gamon Volo — p. 2.05 1-5. Five-year-old gelding by High Volo, 2.03. Dam * Gale Gamon, 2.11½. New owner — L. G. Wilson, Saint John, N.B.

Port of Call, p. 2.06 2-5 — a six-year-old gelding by Ensign Hanover, 1.59 4-5, dam Portia, dam of five with records of from 2.03 3-5 to 2.08 2-5. This horse has rached in better than 2.05 over half-mile tracks. At the end of last season, this horse had won $19,510; he should get a good piece of the money in the free-for-alls. Price, $2,250. New owner — Albert Harper, agent for Woodstock, N.B. horseman.

Knight Norris, three-year-old pacing gelding by Knight Dream, 3, 1.59, dam Margaret Ann, p, 2.10 3-5, dam of Billy Norris, 2.02 3-5,and Chios, 2.04 1-5. A very chancy horse. New owner: — Heber Sweeney, Pridgewater N. S. Price $1,100.

Sharp Rhythm — three-year-old pacing colt by King's Counsel, 1.58, the leading sire of winners in 1957. Dam, Rhythm, 3, 2.08½, dam of Direct Rhythm, 4, 1.56 1-5 — full brother to the above. Price — $3,300. New owner — Gibbon Stable, Halifax.

Rush Cedar — p. 2.08. A seven-year-old bay gelding by Watson Hanover, 2.02¾. Recommended as being a good meal ticket — always gets his share of the purse. Prices $850. New owner — Clayton Dickinson

Morgan Byrd, p. 3, 2.08 4-5. By Poplar Byrd, 1.59 2-5, dam Senator's Sister, 2.02¾. This ho is a full brother to Senator Byrd, 3, 2.02¾, and he was photoed out at Roosevelt in 2.06 4-5. His record was taken over a half-mile track. Price $2,700. New owner — Heber Sweeney, Bridgewater, N S.

Newport Dean — p. 1.59 2-5, dam Home Girl, dam of Newport Dream, 1.59 3-5, Newport Chief, 1.59 3-5, Hoot Newport, 3, 2.00 4-5 and five others with records better than 2.10. Has earnings of $81,928. Price $4,200. New owner — L. A. Nightingale, Halifax, N.S.

Darn Good Pick — 2.02, a trotter by Darnley, 4, 1.59¾, dam Roberta Vole, dam of seven with records of down 2.02 to 2.09 1-5. This is an exceptionally well-bred horse on both sides of his pedigree. As a two-year-old he won in 2.05 1-5 at Greenville — in 2.02 at Lexington, this year in 2.02 at Roosevelt, at Du Quoin Sidetracks, Ill., and at Springfield, Ill. Price $2,000. New owner — Dr. Cooke