

Here's Sherrie in the saddle

# Sandy Hawley move over

By MIKE TOTH

This year's edition of the annual Rothman's Grand Prix and Hornby Horse Show at the farm of Mississauga businessman Ernie Samuel is developing into an extraordinary equestrian delight.

For one thing, Olympic champion Jim Day will be there riding host

Sam-Son Farms' duel entries, Out of Sight and the famous Steelmaster, a chestnut gelding regarded as one of Canada's top hopes for Olympic gold in Montreal.

And then, there will be Sherrie Hawley.

Sherrie Hawley?

Right! Wife of Sandy Hawley, the Mississauga rider who last year broke Willie Shoemaker's 20-year-old world record and went on to surpass the magic mark of 500 wins for a single season.

While Super Sandy pursues money and glory riding thoroughbreds at North America's racetracks, Sherrie is busy displaying her own riding skills at the equestrian circuit of Ontario.

At the Hornby Show — slated for Friday, Saturday and Sunday — she has two of her own horses entered, Iron Age and Sally Seagull.

"I really like riding and learn a lot each time I'm out," says Mrs. Hawley, who developed a lasting affection for horses at an early age.

"I started riding when I was a kid," she says. "Nothing much, just fooling around, competing in horse shows."

Later, she gave up the habit, not because she didn't want to ride anymore, but much more because of financial reasons. "I used to work at the racetrack," she says. "That was a seven day a week thing. Although I wanted to get back to riding, I just couldn't afford it. No time, no money."

Now it's a horse of a different colour all around, Mrs. Hawley has both the time and money.

She started competing last year. "I'm not very good yet, but I'm hoping to get better at it," she says.

This is the first year, she has her horses in the big show circuit. "The Hornby Show will be my biggest," she admits.

How does the king of North American jockey's view it?

"Sandy is quite glad knowing how much I enjoy it," says Sherrie, adding that her husband encourages her riding habits. "When I come home from a show, he always asks how I made out and when I win, he's really happy for me."

In addition to Sherrie's competing, the Hawleys have put up an attractive trophy and the prize in the \$500 Welcome Stakes for the Open Jumper Division.

Sherrie would just love to keep it all in the family.



Sandy and Sherrie Hawley — and canine friend