

GRATTAN BARS WILL PROBABLY NOT RACE AGAIN

Cleveland, O., Oct. 6.—The harness turf doubtless has seen the last of the sensational Canadian pacer, Grattan Bars, 1.59½. The horse has been retired for the season by his owner, Fred Thrower of Kerwood, Ont. because of lameness that resulted from a training workout at the Syracuse Grand Circuit meeting and the retirement is extremely likely to be permanent in view of Thrower's announcement earlier in the campaign that the son of Grattan Royal would enter the ranks of progenitors next year.

Grattan Bars leaves the track with the distinction of being the largest money-winning pacer for one season in history and the only performer that has captured three \$25,000 events. His earnings total close to the \$50,000 mark. His \$25,000 conquests resulted in the New England Derby, American Derby and Page Dairy at the Windsor, Conn., Kalamazoo and Toledo courses respectively.

His best record is 1.59½ made in the Page Classic and equaled in the American Derby. He was expected to lower his mark against the watch at Lexington, Ky. this fall and it is unfortunate lameness kept him from making the attempt. Now, his real speed capacity never will be known. In his great mile at Toledo he was eased up in the closing stages.

Grattan Bars and the interesting story that surrounds him always will occupy a bright chapter in harness horse annals. As is now well known, Thrower obtained him as a youngster in trade for some calves. Following a stellar campaign in Canada last year, Thrower was convinced he had the best pacer in the world. Despite the fact he only was a poor farmer, he turned down an offer close to \$25,000 for Grattan Bars last winter.

He didn't even possess the money to enter the animal in the big stakes. He finally secured it from Al Matthews of Mt. Clemens, Mich., with the provision Thrower was to get half of the horse's earnings and Matthews and Vic Fleming who was to race the pacer, the other portion.

And Thrower's faith in his horse was substantiated. Grattan Bars was undefeated this season and he beat the best in the land, including Winnipeg 1.59½, who has turned in the fastest race mile of the year, twice.

Grattan Bars should prove a success as a sire. He is looked upon by Canadians as a worthy successor

MICKEY COCHRANE WILL BE IN BASEBALL PARTY TO HUNT IN N. B.; WILL BE HERE ON 15TH.

Former Boston University Boy Now Regarded as Best Catcher in the American League, Replaces Bob Shawkey, who is going to Japan—Eddie Collins to Pilot Party who will Arrive in Fredericton on Oct. 15th and Spend Two Weeks at Hopewell Lodge on Cain's River.

Mickey Cochrane, of the Philadelphia Athletics, acclaimed as the best catcher in the American League this year, is to join the party of baseball stars coming to New Brunswick to hunt big game following the close of the world series.

Word was received yesterday by J. D. Black who is arranging the trip, from Eddie Collins, assistant manager of the Philadelphia Athletics who is piloting the party of baseball hunters this season for the first time, that Bob Shawkey, the erstwhile pilot of the baseball hunting parties, will not make the trip this fall, having determined to accompany the baseball tourists who are going to Japan.

To fill the place of Shawkey, who dropped out of the American League this year and has been with the Montreal Royals in the International League, Mickey Cochrane has been enlisted. Cochrane is a graduate of Boston University and was one of the important factors in the success of the Philadelphia Athletics who by an unprecedented rush in the last half of the season almost overhauled the New York Yankees in the recent American League pennant race. Cochrane worked in 131 games in the 1928 schedule, batted for .295 and besides being acclaimed the best catcher in the American League is right in line amongst the leading contenders for the award which goes to the player in the league who is the most valuable to his team.

The other members of the party coming to New Brunswick have all been in this province before on big game hunting expeditions, the list including: Benny Bengough, whose catching has been a big factor in the New York Yankees' success in the present world series; Sam Jones who was the pitching ace of the Washington Senators this year; Fred Hofmann, who has concluded his best season with the Boston Red Sox and is now at Manager Bill Carrigan's camps in Maine and Joe

to his daddy, the lamented Grattan Royal, who sired a world of fast performers across the border.

Bush and Collins of the Philadelphia Athletics. The party will leave New York at noon on Sunday, October 14th, catching a train from Boston that evening which will land them in Fredericton at noon on Monday, October 15th. They will remain in Fredericton overnight and the following day will go to Doaktown on the Miramichi, whence they go into the woods 12 miles to Hopewell Lodge, one of the finest hunting camps in New Brunswick which has been placed at their disposal as a result of arrangements made by the New Brunswick Government Bureau of Information and Tourist Travel. Frank Russell of Doaktown, will be in charge of the half dozen guides who will be with the party during their two weeks at Hopewell Lodge.

Four members of the club owning Hopewell Lodge are now enjoying a hunting trip there and reports received from them today indicated there is plenty of big game in that territory. Up to the time the courier left the lodge to return to Doaktown after taking in some mail the four sportsmen now hunting there had killed two moose and had seen more than twenty others and they had also shot a number of deer and two large bears.

PRISONERS ARE INTERESTED IN WEDDING

Rome, Oct. 9.—The forthcoming marriage of Prince Humbert of Piedmont heir apparent to the Italian throne, to Princess Jose of Belgium, is expected to produce important political repercussions in Italy. It is considered virtually certain that on the wedding day, the date of which has not yet been fixed, most of those serving sentences for political offenses will be included in rather general amnesty.

Such an act of clemency, moreover, is customary with the reigning Italian family, particularly when the Crown Prince or other important members of royalty are married. It will be remembered that when Victor Emmanuel III, the present King, was married in 1896—at that time the Crown Prince—to Princess Elena, of Montenegro, the Italian Government granted amnesty which was enjoyed not only by political prisoners but even by certain classes of criminals.

Those now in Italian prisons, as well as members of their families, are naturally awaiting the wedding of Prince Humbert with keen interest. It is confidently expected that most of the enemies of Fascism, now serving exile sentences on the various islands in the southern Mediterranean, will be freed. Moreover, it is reported that many of the lesser important cases of those being tried for uttering offensive remarks against Premier Mussolini or the King will be dismissed.

As regards those cases awaiting trial before the Special Fascist Military Tribunal, nothing has yet been decided, but it is believed that even they will be treated with leniency.

BUYS INTEREST

Benny Leonard Buys Interest In Pittsburgh Hockey Club—Former Boxer Interested in Ice Game.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 8.—Benny Leonard retired king of the light weight division of pugilism today became a hockey manager having acquired a controlling interest in the Pittsburgh Pirates, local entrant in the National Professional Hockey League.

The club was purchased from Horace H. and Edward Townsend, brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Weeks of Winnipeg, are in the city today on a visit to relatives.

SHERDEL WILL OPPOSE HOYT IN TODAY'S GAME

St. Louis, Oct. 8.—The Yankees were stopped today in their push toward a second successive world's championship but not by the Cardinals. A downpour of rain early this morning swamped the playing field at Sportsman's Park to such an extent that Commissioner Landis authorized the postponement of the fourth game. The weather prospects favor resumption of the series tomorrow and playing prospects indicate its abrupt end, unless the National League champions show a remarkable reversal of form.

The decision to postpone the game made at 10.15 a. m. more than three hours before the scheduled starting time, not only disappointed thousands of fans, but aroused considerable protest.

At the time, after virtually 12 hours of steady rain, Sportsman's Park was a morass, with high pools of water in the outfield and the stretches along the foul line slippery with mud.

But the infield proper was fairly well protected by a heavy tarpaulin, carrying off most of the downpour and the field dried quickly when the sun came out and a brisk breeze blew up.

Ground is Soft

The ground was still a bit soft in spots at 1.15 p. m., but it seemed to the small cluster of disappointed fans that an emergency corps could have put the field in good playing shape. Conditions were much better for play in fact than they were three years ago in the final game of the series between Pittsburgh and Washington at Forbes Field.

Commissioner Landis, however, after poking his cane into the turf backed up the earlier decision and expressed the conviction it was too soft for combat. He explained that the early announcement made on the recommendation of San Breardon, president of the Cardinals was issued an order to give the fans, especially those from surrounding parts, plenty of advance notice of the postponement.

The effect of the postponement, first since 1925 on the contending teams, was variously interpreted. For the Cardinals it was at least a breathing spell, a chance to rest and perhaps check the demoralization that had so far gripped the National League champions.

But if the day of rest benefitted the Cardinals it also had its advantages for the aching limbs of the Yankee cripplés, in addition to giving Waite Hoyt, ace of the New Yorkers' twirling staff, a four day interval of relaxation before tackling the locals tomorrow.

Hoyt Will Pitch

Hoyt, who held the Cardinals to three hits in the opening game and a masterful exhibition is the definite choice of Manager Miller Huggins. He was slated to pitch today any way, although one day short of his usual rest period. The extra day also benefits Willie Sherdel, veteran Cardinal southpaw, who will attempt to break his jinx tomorrow and beat the champions. Willie had yet to get a decision over the Yankees in three starts.

The Yankees, with Hoyt in the box figure to make it four straight, eight straight in two years, and thereby smash all world's series records. In fact, about the only debate left in the hotel lobbies centres upon whether or not the Yankees will do the unprecedented.

Cardinal enthusiasts figure the law of averages is bound to operate in favor of the home team and that they will win tomorrow, but not even the most optimistic has any hope of St. Louis victory in the series.

It would be a miracle for the Cardinals to stage a winning comeback after the way they not only have been outpitched and out-hit but also out-smarted in the first three games. But Bill McKechnie their manager is still clinging to what slim hope is left.

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