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### In This Corner

(Continued from Page 6)

In this column yesterday we carried some facts on the past year's pitching statistics in Big League baseball, and the following are some further details for some of you rabid baseball fans to mull over.

Feller, who was the American League's only twenty-game winner in 1947, had to be content with a record of 19-15. He was a figure of frustration in the world series, charged with the Cleveland defeats in the only two games the Braves won, though one of them was a two-hit effort.

Once more Feller led in strikeouts, with 164, bringing his lifetime whiffings to an even 2,000 for ten years. Feller had higher totals. Christy Mathewson fanned 2,449, but it took him seventeen years to do it. Cy Young fanned 2,836 in twenty-two years and Walter Johnson 3,497 in twenty-one years. Lemon was runner-up to Feller in strike-outs with 147.

Aside from Lemon and Bearden, Detroit's lefty Hal Newhouse was the only other American League pitcher in the twenty-win-or-better class. Hal's twenty-one victories making him high man for the league. He lost twelve. Newhouse has now been in the twenty-game class in four of his last five years. Hal was second best to Lemon in complete games, with nineteen, and third best in earned runs averages, with 3.01.

Joe Page, who set a Yankee record by appearing in fifty-six games in 1947, was nearly as busy the past season, with fifty-five appearances. He led the league as a work horse, though his record tapered off to seven won, eight lost. The Yankee's high winner was Vic Raschi, 19-8, who registered six shutouts.

Accenting the Yankee mound trouble that did so much to spoil their bid to repeat for the flag, was the sharp falling off of Frank Shea in his sophomore year. In 1947 Shea was highest in the league in the win-loss percentage, with a 14-5 record for an .806 average. Last season Shea won only nine and lost ten. His earned run average was 3.40, compared with 3.07 for 1947.

Also Alie Reynolds slipped from a nineteen-game winner in 1947 to a sixteen-game winner last term. The Yankee's Lopez had been the third best in earned-run averages in '47, with the White Sox, at 2.81. But he was less impressive this year, at 3.65, though the red-headed lefty won seventeen games or one more than he had for Chicago.

And now with the Holiday Season upon us, this column would not be complete without extending to its readers sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

### Back Stretch

(Continued from Page 6) all miss Johnny and Monty from the races next year, but they were practically unknown this time last year and no doubt there will be others coming on that while they may not give us quite as many thrills, will keep the game going.

E. A. "Ted" Grant, Houlton, Maine, who was here demonstrating Turfcraft sulks and carts at The Charlottetown, had to cut his visit short but returning took away with him a weanling which he bought from Frank McKay, East Royal. The youngster is by Calumet Budlong 2:02 1/2 and his dam is Betty S. 3:07. Betty made a clean sweep of practically all the events she was eligible to the season she was raced through the Maritimes by C. M. Alexander, Saint John, N. B. Her get is bound to make headlines.

We learn with regret that Charlie Barrett, Park Hill, Ont., passed away early this week. Charlie had a most colorful career with the horses, which reached its climax when he brought out the pacer Grattan Royal. Every year Charlie would attend the Chicago Horse Sale which was then a big vendue, and return with one or more colts or aged horses, which he would train or race and sell. In 1911 he brought back with him a two-year-old by Grattan, out of Mona by Robert McGregor 2:17 1/2. I believe he paid about \$300 for the beautiful bay with the jet black mane and tail. He gave him a little training that winter and in the spring of his three-year-old term the youngster showed well. Through the summer he paced quarters in 30 seconds and that winter Charlie took him to the races in Toronto where he raced a sensational mile that led to his sale a few months later to a Toronto sportsman for \$5,000.

Grattan Royal was entered in a number of stakes. His first start was made in June and he won easily in 2:06 1/2. In a race later on he met with an accident which permanently crippled him and he was sold to a breeder in the mid-western states for a small sum. Early in the spring that he disposed of Grattan Royal. Charlie had bred him to four mares and these in their four-year-old form showed great speed and were very easy gated. Charlie realized at once that Grattan Royal was destined to be a great sire, so he went to the States, bought him and brought him back and placed him in the stud.

His name became famous through the exploits of Louis Grattan that took a record of 2:00 and dominated the Grand Circuit, and of Roy Grattan, that took a record of 2:01 1/2 and won most of the big pacing stakes on the Grand. The other two were not quite as classy but still great race horses. As time went on the fame of Grattan Royal spread over the United States and Canada, and horsemen made "a beaten path to his door". His fee was raised from \$50 to, I believe, \$500 as time went on and champion after champion was sired by him. Two of the greatest of these were Widow Grattan 2:00 and Grattan Bars 1:59 1/2. They met in a \$25,000 stake at Windsor, Conn., half-mile track as four-year-olds, and it was one of the great duels of speed of the century. Grattan Bars finally won out. He then went on to win two other \$25,000 stakes and a number of lesser ones and the year the greatest money winning pacer of all time. Widow Grattan after a very classy campaign, became a brood mare and is the dam of The Widower 1:59, destined to be a leading sire of speed in the United States.

The writer met Charlie Barrett for the first time when racing over the ice circuit in Toronto, December, 1914. He had been brought down to drive Grand Opera 2:08 in the Free For All, and what a drive he did give that horse. There was a tremendous speculation on the most thrilling contests I have ever witnessed. As a horseman he was versatile, knew how to break, train, manner and campaign and was peculiarly gifted in that he could pick out from a

bunch of colts the likeliest one to develop into a star.

When Grattan Bars died Charlie placed his son Grattan Direct in the stud and he became the sire of some notable campaigners. He, too, was replaced by Bennett Volo 2:04 1/2, sire of Gift Line 2:08, that Jennie Power purchased from Charlie and raced with such success on Maritime tracks. To enumerate the horses Charlie has owned and to assess his contribution to harness racing would take many pages, but what I particularly liked about him was the friendship he exuded, his genuine warmth of manner could not be exceeded. His home, which I visited, was a happy one and there we talked over the Grattans for many hours.

The four-year-old Margaret Grattan, which we bought from him in January, 1924, for \$2,000, when we were returning from Mount Clements with The Yank that set up a new world's trotting record on ice, was the fastest pacer I ever sat behind, and but for an injury which put her out of business for years, she would no doubt have taken a very low record. Given a short preparation later she won for owner Lt.-Col. J. P. Hooper, in 2:15 1/2 over a heavy track. Retired as a brood mare she is making her contribution as the dam of good pacers. To Mr. Barrett's family, we on behalf of ourselves and horsemen friends in the Maritimes, extend our deep sympathy.

A week from today, that is, Friday, Dec. 31st, our Maritime Racing Review will be published in this paper. It will be as complete as time and effort can make it, showing the highlights of a great racing season. All the winners of heats or dashes, new records and reduced records, fastest miles trotted and paced and a wealth of other information. And now, good friends and readers of this column, it is our pleasure to wish you and yours a Very Happy Christmas.

Last evening we learned on good authority that the sale of Johnny Kalmuck 2:13 had fallen through. Owner Walter Kelly decided he could not part with him and asked Mr. McGee to take back the money and let him retain the horse, and Mr. McGee agreed, so Johnny will be among those that line up for the starter's gong here next season.

J. Edward Turner, Hope River, has sold his coming three-year-old filly Juanita Clegg to a party in Maine. Myron MacArthur will attend to shipping her to her new destination. Juanita is by Abner T. Clegg 2:04 1/2 and her dam is Nora Kalmuck, by Kalmuck 2:15 1/2, out of Silver Lining by Petrello by Prodigal; great-granddam is Baby Lou by Laccopia. This beautiful filly has been much admired by horsemen who have seen her and a fast record is predicted.

A new departure in ice racing is now possible through the goodness of the directors of the Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Association, who are permitting the Victoria Driving Club to use their track and



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stables for winter ice racing meets. The machine has cleared off the track and it is now an excellent place to jog on, so horsemen would do well to avail themselves of this chance to get their trotters and pacers in shape. It is hoped to hold a meet there on New Year's Day.

The oldest driver in the Maritime Provinces, and probably one of the oldest in Canada, passed away Wednesday evening in Charlottetown—Tom Holmes. We have no record of the year he started racing, but Roger Duncan told the writer he remembers that when he was sixteen years old he saw Tom Holmes drive a race at a track near Boston and Tom was one of the finest looking men and best dressed drivers on the track. We do know that he raced horses in the Maritimes as far back as 1908 and was one of the top drivers through the New England States for many years. No horse

was too wild or unmanageable for Tom to drive and he knew all the tricks of the game.

We recall to mind among the many horses he drove locally the following:—Lusty Prisco 2:07 1/2, Sampson Hal 2:02 1/2, Dick Deforest 2:10 1/2, Kate Volo 2:18 1/2, Connection 2:12 1/2, The Drift 2:16 1/2, Wiltren Boy 2:14 1/2, Johnny Waik-

er 2:15 1/2, Jolyset 2:16, Captain Jackson 2:15 1/2, Grandma 2:10, Mr. Henley 2:19 1/2. For the past several years Tom has been failing but he did attend the races Old Home Week and kept his interest until the last. His end was very peaceful. The funeral takes place this afternoon from the Cuthbert Funeral Home with services commencing at two o'clock.



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