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The Hub Hails Its Hobbling Hero Summary

In the article *The Hub Hails Its Hobbling Hero*, Peter Gammons argues that the fans in Boston do not only hold bad feelings for Bill Buckner, in fact, the people of Boston actually admire his play in the 1986 World Series. After being the scapegoat for the Boston Red Sox losing the 1986 World Series, Bill Buckner receives the praise he deserves for putting his body on the line for not only a team, but an entire city.

Days after missing a ground ball in game six of the 1986 World Series, Bill Buckner was convinced that Boston Red Sox fans all over the country “hated” him (Gammons). Buckner did not enjoy being in the city of Boston because he felt like everyone in the city blames him for the Red Sox losing in the World Series. Gammons goes on to write that the fans in Boston actually felt the opposite way. Red Sox fans knew that Buckner had risked his health and had played through injury just to give the Red Sox a chance to win. People in Boston went on to say that Bill Buckner was a “symbol of courage” for the city and a “true model for all of our children” (Gammons). Gammons writes that it was a great feeling for Buckner to return to the city of Boston and it was “the most incredible experience of [his] career” (Gammons). Bill Buckner inspired the people in Boston and was still loved for the effort that he gave.

In *The Hub Hails Its Hobbling Hero*, Gammons looks back on all of the injuries that Bill Buckner had to play through for the Red Sox to have a chance to win. The year of 1986 was one

of Bill Buckner's best seasons and he was for sure needed if the Red Sox were going to win. With this being said, Bill Buckner had to play not only for the Red Sox, but the entire city of Boston. During the 1986 season, Bill Buckner's body has been pushed to its limit. Buckner experienced injuries to his ankle, Achilles Tendon, lower back, elbow, and shoulder. In fact, after the 1986 season, Gammons writes that Buckner actually had surgery directly after the World Series. In an interview after his surgery, Buckner said that it was the first time he had not felt pain in ten years. It is easy to see why Boston fans should appreciate Buckner, instead of act like he was the reason they lost (Gammons).

Gammons concludes in *The Hub Hails Its Hobbled Hero* that Bill Buckner will always be remembered by the people of Boston. He goes on to talk about the positive influence Buckner has had on the people of Boston and what he really means to the city. When it's all said and done, Gammons and Bill Buckner hope he will be remembered for the courageous influence he had on a city, rather than for him missing a ground ball.

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In the article, *The Hub Hails Its Hobbling Hero*, Peter Gammons argues against the misconception that Bill Buckner is hated by the city of Boston. After missing a ground ball to lose Game 6 of the World Series, Bill Buckner believed he was never going to be accepted in Boston again. Contrary to his thought, most people in Boston admired his courage playing through multiple injuries that would later require him to have surgery. Some people even called Buckner a “symbol of courage” and a “model” for their children to look up to. Bill Buckner was a key piece for the 1986 Boston Red Sox and was needed if they were going to be successful. He gave his heart and soul, not only for a baseball team, but for an entire city. Buckner just hopes they are willing to forget about one ground ball.

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