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## PHILADELPHIA OR BOSTON, WHICH?

Joe Page Casts His Eye Over The Rival Teams—Thinks Well Of Moran—Alexander, Cravatch and Burns Likely Great Factors in Phillies' Struggle—Boston's Strong Point is Team Work

(By Joe Page)

Patsy Moran or Bill Carrigan—who wins what promises to be one of the greatest battles that has yet been staged on the battlefield of baseball? Montreal baseball fans are greatly interested in the Philadelphia club on account of their manager, Pat Moran, at

going from Montreal to Boston via purchase route.

Moran, while he was with us in 1909 or thereabouts, proved himself not only to be one of those shooting stars on the baseball horizon, but one that grasped every detail of the game, not only from the playing point, but from the managerial end. The writer, who knows him intimately, knows that at that time he was a close student of the only one who ever brought a championship to Montreal—Charles Dooley. One other thing was at that time that was instrumental in forming the baseball character of Moran, and that was the old-time short stop—Frank Shibeck—a ball player who was second to none when it came to out-guessing his opponents.

Pat Moran today has won the National league championship for a city

that for thirty-nine years has been vainly spending money and striving to gain what looked to be the impossible; but, thanks to the early training of their manager, and the wonderful and careful teachings bestowed upon him by such men as Selee and Chance, he has more than made good. The question now is, can he reach the highest pinnacle that it is possible for baseball to give him—the world's championship?

To the writer's mind, he has a team who, in the season just past, have slightly lower record both in adding and batting than their adversaries, the Boston Red Sox; but in a short series of seven games, will that amount to much? With Alexander tested as the world's greatest pitcher by no less a personage than Ty Cobb, there is just that possibility that he may not only work in two, but possibly three games of the series, and if his work shows anywhere near as well as it did in the last game, against the Boston Braves, where he held them to one hit, he will more than likely come through with flying colors.

Burns, another Montreal player, and one whom the writer considers one of the best catchers in the world today, and who was recommended to the White Sox by the writer, is one of those earnest, aggressive, fighting, peppy catchers to whom the other eight men look when it comes to the issue. Burns showed himself, while in Montreal, an catcher who was destined to make all others sit up and look. This may be a little far fetched, but it will be just such a series as is about to take place that will show Burns and the calibre he has, if he is not a little better than the class between the two teams; but will

they prove the victors in a short series? They have everything that goes to make a first-class team, but with the possible exception of Tris Speaker, they have on their entire team none who can be pointed out at the particular moment to show above his fellow players. The Red Sox are entirely a baseball working combination. It is not one man, it is the entire team that wins or loses their ball games. In other words it is team work; they do not play for the individual; they play for the team. Team work has always been the essential necessity of making what is known as a world beater, and from that reason and no other, Bill Carrigan and his clan are today probably the slight favorites in the betting.

Taking their records as published by the writer a short time ago, Boston looks to be the winner, but the showing that the Philadelphia club has made and the probable possibilities in Burns, Cravatch and Alexander (last but not least), may show just that difference that will cause the favorite combination working team to take the short end of the series against another combination working team that has three outstanding stars on its roll as compared to one on the favorite team. Time alone will tell.

## CANADA IN THE WAR

Ernest Marshall, Picton, N. S., 25th Battalion has been wounded in action in France; Delbert H. W. Terris, Springfield, N. S., 18th Battalion has been reported killed.

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Smart's cavalry, Col. Loomis of Montreal probably will be made brigadier general. Thomas Gorman, Jr., writing from France where he is serving with the 24th battery said he had been detailed to an advanced observing post but was still "as safe as a church". Capt. J. W. Worden, wounded in France passed through the city yesterday to his old home in Baywater. He will spend a day or two here before going to Vancouver, where he resides. His wounds are healing rapidly. Premier Borden after an inspection of the troops at Valcartier has written a letter of congratulation to Sir Sam Hughes, saying how pleased he was with their appearance and efficiency. The Canadian government has offered to supply the British army and navy with canned and dressed meat, basing their first offer on a six month supply. Prices have been quoted.

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