Follow Your Heart

 Sam is a kid with a passion for sports, so when he found the perfect sport for him, he wouldn’t let anything stop him from quitting. Sam the Athlete is a short story written by Sam McLean. It shows how loving yourself can affect how you perform. When Sam found field hockey he knew it was meant to be. However, he thought he had joined a girl’s field hockey team because he was given a skirt as part of the uniform. Little did he know it was a coed team. Sam didn’t want to quit the team just because of the uniform, so he pretended to be a girl. “Instead of disappearing quietly as he should have done, instead of ghosting away, Sam went home instead and shaved his legs.” This quote shows how badly Sam wanted to stay on the team. Though having hairy legs wouldn’t necessarily give away that he is a boy, he didn’t want anyone to even have the slightest suspicion. By Sam wearing the skirt it makes people automatically think he is a girl. There is lots of controversy about boys wearing “girl’s” clothing. In Sam’s case, he didn’t care because the skirt made him feel like part of the team. It also gave him the power and confidence he had been looking for. Yes, wearing the skirt could make some kids bully him, but if everyone understood Sam’s point of view they wouldn’t make such a big deal about it. As Sam feels strong and powerful in his skirt it shouldn’t matter if it is typically a girl’s clothing item. Sam should wear the skirt because he feels comfortable and happy in it.