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Sam and the skirt

Have you ever finally found that one thing you've been searching for your whole life? Was it exactly what you were hoping for? In *Sam the athlete* by Stuart McLean a young boy named Sam is searching for the sport he was good at. In the book Sam tries many different sports to find he wasn't really good at any of them. Then one day at school Sam found a poster that said tryouts were being held for field hockey. He got so excited and had a great tryout. Soon enough Sam realized it was an all girls team and they all thought he was a girl. It was the first time Sam felt included and apart of something. So he shaved his legs, wore a skirt, and went along with being called Samantha. Sam should continue to wear the skirt for his field hockey team. Wearing the skirt makes sam happy and also accepted. If Sam is really happy, people should leave him be. Sam tried so many sports before field hockey to find he wasn't good at anything. Once he found that he was good at field hockey, Sam was finally enjoying sports. He doesn't feel ashamed to wear the skirt because he feels good about himself. Skirts aren't just for girls either. Warriors back in the day wore kilts and some people still do. Sam is simply bringing the style back. On the other hand Sam may be more of a target to bullies but he is putting himself in that position and he knows that. If he is comfortable with who he is people shouldn't have a problem. He should be free to express whoever he wants to be. Same could simply be wearing the skirt just to feel part of the team. It's all in how you interpret it. Sam should continue to wear the skirt because he should be able to express himself, and be who he wants to be. No one should stop Sam from being happy and feeling part of a team for the first time. Sam should continue to wear the skirt for his field hockey team because it makes him happy, it's nothing to be ashamed of, and he is expressing himself and who he wants to be.