Persuasive paragraph – Sam the athlete

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Have you ever wondered what is was like to dress up like a girl for a month? In the short *story Sam the Athlete* by Stewart Mclean, a boy named Sam decides to join the girl’s field hockey team and learns that he can be who he wants to be, even in a skirt. Even though Sam has just entered middle school and is trying his best to fit in, there is a so he tries out for the girl’s field hockey team and notices something a little different about the team uniforms. I think Sam’s choice to wear a skirt is **completely fine**. First of all, he’s comfortable and confident in the uniform! If you’re comfortable with what you’re wearing whether it’s a skirt or sweats you should be able to wear it as long as it doesn’t affect your performance in a negative way. At the end of the short story, Sam does all he can to block a goal to help his team win the game, “The moment in grade seven when he ran across the goal and jumped and fell, head over heels, and lifted his head to see *his* team cheering his save.” Imagine if Sam didn’t wear a skirt, he may not have had the confidence to save that goal. Attitude in sports is a big deal it could affect your view on the sport and how seriously you take it so when a player has a good attitude, it could change the team’s performance towards competition. Wearing a skirt makes Sam feel like he’s part of a team. For years, he has tried baseball, soccer, hockey, but nothing has felt right. Being part of the girl’s field hockey team, and wearing the uniform that all his teammates are wearing gives him a sense of belonging, like he finally fits in. Wearing a skirt is perfectly normal in some cultures. North America isn’t the first continent where boys wear skirts as Morely exclaims, “…and years ago, Scottish warriors wore them on the battlefield.” So, there are many places in Europe that wear skirts for formal reasons, such as Scotland. There’s even boys that play the bagpipes that wear a kilt when performing in front of an audience or at school so if we aren’t judging them then, why should people judge now? Those are my reasons why Sam should keep wearing his skirt to future practices and competitions, he’s comfortable, he’ll have a better attitude and there’s nothing wrong with it because we’ve been wearing them for years!