

Should Sam be Allowed to Wear a Skirt?

““You feel like you aren’t being honest,” said Dave, “exactly,” said Sam. “And you want...” said Dave. “You want to come out... and be honest.””(p.70) Why did Sam’s dad assume Sam did not want to be a boy when he saw Sam in a skirt? Sam the athlete by Stuart McLane tells the tale of Sam. Sam always wished to be an athlete, but he wasn’t good at any sports. He enjoyed hockey but he had problems with the skating portion. Ultimately, he found field hockey. However, when the coach was distributing the uniforms Sam was provided and skirt. The coach and the other players did not know Sam was a boy. Sam continued to hide that he was a boy so, he could continue to wear the skirt. Regardless why does he have to hide it? Just because he is a boy he can’t wear a skirt? Traditionally pants and shorts were for men and skirts and dresses were for girls. However this is the 21st century girls wear pants and shorts. Yet men don’t wear skirts and dresses. How is that reasonable? Skirts are easier to move in and less limiting, besides, he plays well in the skirt, “He had never jumped like this in his life.” he had more mobility in the skirt (p. 71). Sam is expressing his right to wear what he wants, it is not offending anyone, also, it follows the dress code. In addition to this, if Sam gets bullied due to wearing the skirt, it is only middle school so, he can reinvent himself in high school. Sam has every right to wear the skirt, “They jumped around him,” he belonged to the team, “hugging him and slapping him on the back.” (p.72) Sam was accepted as one of the team members, the fact that he was not a

girl did not matter, everyone supported him. As well wanting to stop Sam from wearing a skirt for field hockey demonstrates how stuck in the past one is.

This is a progressive country and a progressive world. After all, Sam can do what he wants as long as it follows the law.