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## Despite its best intentions, football remains unwelcoming of gay fans

By Ross Hunter for Nutmeg magazine*Ross Hunter*

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It is a cold March night at MacDiarmid Park. St Johnstone have just salvaged a draw against Hibs with an equaliser in the 83rd minute. As the referee blows the full-time whistle, the exasperated breath of a few thousand Hibeers meets in the air above our heads. We stand up, almost in unison and, clutching programmes and scarves, we begin the trudge out of the stadium. Despite the scoreline, I am happy.

This is the first football match I have been to in years and, as we file towards the turnstiles, I try to remember what's kept me away. I miss spending time with my brothers and my dad. I miss the palpable tension, the songs, the beauty and the rage apparent in a Friday night league game late into the season. I miss the scalding innards of a macaroni pie devoured too quickly. I miss, more than anything, the football. The depth of camaraderie that comes with following a team, particularly one whose fortunes seem to fluctuate year upon year.

As we leave we can see Ally McCoist in the punditry booth, elevated in the corner of the ground. A group of men start chanting "Ally, Ally, gies a wave!" and soon enough at least 100 people have joined in. Ally obliges with a big grin, knowing that this adoration is only fleeting. Still, the crowd cheers, happy to be acknowledged. Then from some unidentifiable source in the throng comes the shout "Aye, ya fuckin' poof!" and suddenly it doesn't seem quite so difficult to remember why I've never been a season-ticket holder.

The comment doesn't provoke much of a reaction. I, personally, am not even particularly offended by it in the moment; I just forgot that this was what it was like, that despite the years of rainbow laces and captain's armbands, Scottish football – that is, *men's* Scottish football – still has a problem with homophobia.

According to a 2016 survey by Stonewall Scotland, of the people who had witnessed anti-LGBT abuse at a sporting event, 82% had witnessed it at a football game. Indeed, just over half of Scottish football fans surveyed by the Equality Network in 2017 reported witnessing homophobic behaviour at a football ground. While rugby fans are praised for the welcoming atmospheres they create at Murrayfield, the same cannot be said for the crowds that gather weekly in the grounds of football stadiums across the nation.

The zero-tolerance approach of clubs towards racism has been commendable. Empowering fans to report instances of unacceptable abuse has yielded real results, such as the [two Hearts fans given indefinite bans](#) in 2018 because their fellow supporters alerted the club's staff to the racist abuse they had been spouting from the stands. And yet while the policies against homophobic language remain as stringent as that against racism, the reality of enforcement is different.

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# Tackling homophobic attitudes: the straight men who play for gay rugby clubs

Megan Maurice

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The most common question Morgan Trainer gets asked when he proudly tells people he plays for the Sydney Convicts is: "Why would you play for a gay rugby club?"

For Trainer, the answer is simple. "Why wouldn't I play for a gay team?" he says. "What's one reason why I shouldn't play for those guys? They're nice guys and they're good sportsmen."

Although he is straight, Trainer feels a connection to the gay community, having been raised by gay parents, and after giving away competitive boxing due to an injury he saw an opportunity to rediscover his love of sport.

"It was a really good opportunity for me to not only learn a new sport, but because they are a gay inclusive team it gave me an opportunity to give back to the gay community," he says.

"It gave me a chance to do something more meaningful. Being a young straight guy, playing in a gay team gives me the chance to challenge those norms and stereotypes. I think that is one of the most powerful things that young straight guys can do."

Jeremy Schmitz, a straight man who plays for the world's first gay-inclusive rugby club, London's Kings Cross Steelers, feels the same way.

"When I was around 16, I'd just started playing men's rugby and a guy at my rugby club had come out and this was a pretty big thing," he says. "And the guys reacted in a way that I just didn't expect and I didn't like, there were comments whenever he appeared, it was 'Oh quick lads, Johnny's here, backs to the wall!' That kind of homophobic slur manifested itself throughout the rugby club."

Schmitz found the culture so unbearable that he quit rugby in his university years and did not return until a friend took him along to a Steelers training session. "I didn't know that it was a gay rugby club when I turned up," he says. "But I got the sense that this was a bit different and I really liked the vibe."

Both men are adamant that these attitudes need to be addressed from a very young age before they become ingrained.

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“Already to my six-year-old son, things that are not good are ‘gay’,” Trainer says. “That’s just the word they use. At that age, they don’t even know what they’re saying and it’s hard to correct a child and try to explain to him why calling something he doesn’t like gay is not appropriate, because he hasn’t even learnt the word.

“But those words are permeating down the ranks of either family members, or sporting teams, or the classroom and already ending up in kindergarten as negative terminology and that really worries me.”

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# Under the bridge: a female journalist's life among the sports troll army

*Julie DiCaro*

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It was August 2015 when Chicago Blackhawks star Patrick Kane was accused of sexual assault. I had started working at my radio station, the biggest sports station in Chicago, only a few months before. Because I'd both been a criminal defense attorney and worked with victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, I was in a unique position to explain to our listeners how the investigation would proceed and what each step meant. And because I'd already developed a reputation of writing about violent athletes, several people close to the investigation reached out to me privately to talk anonymously and sometimes off the record.

A few days after the story broke, I wrote a piece for our website titled "How NOT To Talk About the Patrick Kane Case." calling out some of the "fans" who had taken to social media to share photos of the victim talking to Kane at a bar earlier in the evening and to speculate that she invented the rape as a "money grab," even though she never sought a financial settlement from Kane. We were told by our station's management to be extremely careful not to weigh in on Kane's guilt or innocence publicly. I tried to analyze the case straight down the middle but found myself spending a lot of time online and on the air debunking myths about rape victims and women in general.

And then the case against Kane fell apart. I have very definite feelings on how and why that happened. I stand by every iota of reporting I did during that time. I still believe all of it to be true. I never once weighed in on Kane's guilt or innocence. I would have been fired if I had stated my opinion one way or the other.

The day we got word that a family member of the victim had interfered with the investigation and that the case would not move forward, the trolls descended on me like a nuclear bomb. More than one man threatened to come to Chicago to kill me. Another suggested the only just punishment for me was to be raped with a hockey stick. Another said he hoped I would be raped "again." Someone else sent me the worst message I have ever received. It was an image of a naked woman, bound and blindfolded and bleeding. I still haven't recovered from that one.

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## Paralympics 'massively sidelined' in Tokyo Games coverage, says Hannah Cockroft

*By Molly McElwee* 5 June 2021 • 9:29am

Paralympic champion Hannah Cockroft says the Paralympics have been "massively sidelined" in the coverage around whether Tokyo 2021 will go ahead.

Last week the BBC was forced to apologise after facing criticism from the Paralympic community for calling the Olympics the "main" games. Both wheelchair racer David Weir and powerlifter Ali Jawad reacted angrily on social media, the latter calling it "shocking" and a "complete disrespect to all Paralympic athletes".

Twelve-time world champion wheelchair racer Cockroft said she was not surprised by their reaction, as the pandemic has caused a "massive step back", with the Paralympics consistently sidelined in the conversation.

"It was massively [sidelined], every headline - especially in the initial stages of it being postponed - was just 'the Olympics'," Cockroft, who is a five-time Paralympic gold-medallist, told Telegraph Sport. "As a Paralympian, you just felt like screaming, 'We're here too, this has changed our lives too - this is our job'."

"I think, for London [2012], we took such massive steps forward for equality and just equal representation, everything was 'Olympics and Paralympics'. It kind of felt like in the pandemic we just took this massive step back, and it was suddenly like, actually, just the Olympics is the important one. It's not helpful."

On Thursday the president of the Tokyo 2021 organising committee, Seiko Hashimoto, insisted that the games would go ahead as planned this summer, despite doubts among city governments and medical professionals about the safety of them taking place.

Cockroft, 28, said she remained confident she will be there to defend her T34 titles in the 100m, 400m and 800m, and showed remarkable form last month at a meet in Arbon, breaking world records in seven of her nine races. Whether or not Tokyo goes ahead though, Cockroft said she hoped build-up coverage acknowledged her and her fellow Paralympians' contributions: "It's literally two words - 'and Paralympics'. It is not hard. It would be nice if more people were just a bit more thoughtful about the fact that [the postponement] changed our lives as well and affected us a lot. It's the Olympics and Paralympics, please."

There are fewer immediate question marks around next summer's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, which this week launched applications for 13,000 volunteers. Cockroft will be aiming to compete for a Commonwealth title for the first time, after her classification was added to the schedule for the 2022 event. It will also mark the first time she will form part of a combined able-bodied and para-athlete team at a major event, as the championships have integrated para-sport since 2002. Cockroft said this may be the way forward for other events: "I definitely think more events can be integrated. Maybe not the Olympic and Paralympics because I'm a very proud Paralympian, I'm proud of the movement and how far it's come."

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# Tokyo 2020 chief pressed to resign after saying women talked too much at meetings

[Justin McCurry in Tokyo](#)

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Yoshiro Mori, the head of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics organising committee, has apologised for making sexist remarks about “talkative” women in sports organisations, but said he would not resign.

Mori, a former Japanese prime minister with a history of demeaning remarks, told a meeting of the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC) this week that meetings attended by too many women tended to “drag on” because they talked too much.

Referring to his time as chairman of the Japan Rugby Football Union, Mori said: “Women have a strong sense of rivalry. If one raises her hand to speak, all the others feel the need to speak, too. Everyone ends up saying something.”

He added: “If I say too much, the newspapers are going to write that I said bad things, but I heard somebody say that if we are to increase the number of female board members, we have to regulate speaking time to some extent, or else we’ll never be able to finish. I am not going to say who said that.”

“We have about seven women at the organising committee but everyone understands their place.”

At a hastily arranged press conference on Thursday, a “deeply remorseful” Mori acknowledged that his comments had been “inappropriate” and ran counter to the Olympic spirit.

But he added: “I am not thinking of resigning. I have been working hard and devoted myself to helping [the Tokyo Olympics] for seven years. I will not be stepping down.”

Asked why he had claimed that women talked too much at board meetings, he replied: “I don’t talk to women that much these days, so I don’t know.”

Accounts by Japanese media present at the online JOC meeting said several attendees laughed, but his comments were condemned by female politicians and sports administrators.

“His comments run counter to the spirit of Olympics that denounces discrimination and calls for friendship, solidarity and fairness,” Renho, a prominent opposition MP, tweeted.

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Kaori Yamaguchi, a JOC director who has campaigned to raise the number of women in Japanese sports administration, accused Mori, 83, of undermining the Tokyo Games' message.

"Gender equality and consideration for people with disabilities were supposed to be a given for the Tokyo Games," she said, according to the Kyodo news agency. "It is unfortunate to see the president of the organising committee make a remark like that."

"Mori, please resign," was trending on Twitter in Japan on Thursday, while Noriko Mizoguchi, a former judo silver medallist, tweeted the International Olympic Committee's code of ethics and said any form of harassment should be rejected.

Mori had earlier apologised for the "careless" remarks in an interview with the Mainichi Shimbun, but insisted he had not intended to demean women. He said he had been "scolded" by his wife, daughter and granddaughter.

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