

# Gay enough, but sad about the rain

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If you're going to be gay, it is important to be gay enough.

And no, we're not talking about happy faces here. Although, given all the rain of late that certainly would be timely. So timely, it's worth a mention.

There has been plenty of grumbling about this miserable, rotten, wet, cold spring we're having. And those long faces and sour moods are completely understandable. The rain and cold simply wear on a person, and the mood attached to that person.

Rain and cold, after long enough, is reason enough to be a grump.

And let's not hear any of that sanctimonious chatter from the cheery crowd either. You know the drill, "But gee, we really can't complain. We had such a mild winter, it was s-o-o-o-o (those cheery people always talk like that) nice not having to shovel snow, we really should be thankful. Besides, I like the rain. It makes everything s-o-o-o-o green."

About the same color green, I might point out, that the black eye these people so richly deserve would turn after a few days.

Hey. We get it. We need rain in the spring. But not 98 consecutive days of it! And how is it possible that it is raining anyhow? It's so cold outside most days there should be sleet and snow. And while we're on the topic of sleet and snow, it may be true that we had very little of that this winter. And yes, for the record, that is something to be appreciated. But that doesn't mean we cannot whine about a cold, wet spring.

Not at all.

A decent argument can be made that miserable cold weather this time of year is far worse than miserable cold weather when you expect it n like during winter. But we've gotten way off topic.

The topic here is how gay is gay enough?

Yeah, that was our reaction too.

Who knew there were degrees of gayness? But, given the news out of Seattle, we now know there are. For those who missed it, a lawsuit was filed last week by three Bay Area men against the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance.

Yeah, that was our reaction too.

Who knew there was a gay alliance for amateur athletes? It's anybody's guess why they need their own special alliance. One would think that it would be counterproductive to distinguish between homosexual amateur athletes and those amateur athletes who are not homosexuals. It's just that over the last several decades, the entire 'gay movement' has been about homosexuals wanting to be treated like everyone else. Despite that, they form a group to treat them as if they're special.

And apparently in the gay world there are degrees of specialness.

The three men who sued the gay athletic outfit claim they were discriminated against and

want \$75,000 each for their trouble. The gay athletic outfit is not happy about this.

Here's what happened.

The gay athletic outfit sponsors a softball tournament every year. The rules of the tournament dictate that teams may have no more than two heterosexual players. Two is the limit. Everyone else on the team must be gay (although the two heterosexuals are allowed to smile.)

It seems that three players who filed the lawsuit all played for the same team n so you get an idea where this is going. Their team finished second in the tournament and while we're not here to condemn all homosexuals as being poor losers, at least some who played in this tournament are.

After the tournament was over the three suspect players were taken to a room and questioned "in front of 25 people" . . . people who shared the concern whether the three ball players were gay enough. It was their shared concern that prompted some in the crowd to quiz the three players about "their sexual attractions and desires."

Yeah, that was our reaction too.

It seems odd that a bunch of people who want to be accepted as who they are rather than what they do in the bedroom would want to judge other people based on what they do in the bedroom. Anyhow, for any good lawsuit to proceed the victims must suffer terribly. Lucky for at least one attorney our three sort-of-gay-but-maybe-really-only-bisexual players have suffered terribly.

So now the lawyers will battle it out. One side will hurl vicious, awful accusations at the other side, which then will say hurtful, mean things in return. The question remains whether the Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance will survive all this gay bashing.

If only the parties involved could take a deep breath, step back from all their legal haranguing and borrow a page from the Pentagon. Instead of fussing over the other guy's peccadilloes - don't ask, don't tell and just play softball.

Assuming it ever quits raining that is.