

Chapter 3

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The New England Patriots are a popular team to dislike. If you're a football fan, you're probably well aware of that.

If, on the other hand, football's not your thing - don't worry. There's undoubtedly a team to dislike in whatever sport you follow. In baseball, it's the Yankees. Basketballs got the Lakers. And with enough research, we could probably find out which team everyone dislikes in the wildly obscure sport of underwater hockey.

Haters everywhere, no matter the sport. But why?

One reason - of many, no doubt - is bound to be the success achieved by each team. That's not to dismiss the haters as simply being jealous. It's only to point out the obvious fact that when others achieve success, it can be tempting to hate them.

The temptation to hate often comes from the sense that those who won, achieved their success through unfair means. Take the Patriots, for example. They've been accused of unfairly spying on other football teams.

Another of the teams we "love to hate", the Yankees, have also been called out for acting unfairly. In the Yankees case, haters feel it's unfair that the Yankees can vastly outspend other baseball teams in order to retain the best players.