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THE PEE WEE: THE WINTER THAT CHANGED MY LIFE

French with English subtitles

http://www.cinemapassion.com/jaquettesdvd/Les-pee-wee---The-Pee-Wee--Canadienne-.php

Directed by: Eric Tessier
Genre: Family / Action/ Adventure
Country of origin: Canada (Québec)
Runtime: 122min

TIFF Kids Audience Choice Award — Best Feature Film

SYNOPSIS

Janeau Trudel, a 12 year-old prodigy hockey player, moves to Mont Saint Hilaire with his father Carl for a fresh start. Quickly Janeau befriends Julie, a talented Pee Wee hockey goalie determined to compete in the Annual World Tournament held in Quebec. She convinces Janeau to join the team but Joey, the captain and star of the team feels threatened. Driven by his jealousy and pressured by his competitive father, Joey will pull all the tricks to prevent Janeau from being accepted by his teammates.

REVIEWS

"A hit at the Quebec box office, this heartwarming and hilarious French-language film features fantastic hockey sequences, valuable lessons about family and teamwork, and a strong ensemble cast. *The Pee-Wee 3D* will have you raising the roof as you cheer on Janeau and his teammates."
http://tiff.net/filmsandschedules/tiffkids/2013/2330020767

DETAILS

LANGUAGE

Dealing with boys and hockey, the film reflects the language spoken by these pre-teens: coarse, aggressive at times. The English subtitles translate well the French dialogues through expletives such as "shit", "Dammit", "F…". The coarse language comes in expressions like "you suck" or "dumbass", "asshole", "jerk", "shut up" or again "F… you"
Some of the coarse vocabulary is generated in scenes of verbal bullying and hostility between Joey, the star and captain of the team, and his new rival Janeau
Derogatory language is used against lack of manhood. The father warns Joey not to be " a sissy"
(…)" a pussy" and "a wimp" (English subtitles).
Nicknaming Janeau is part of bullying. Joey calls Janeau "Janeau the toothpick"[Janeau le pic] most of the time or Janeau the rabbit"[Janeau lapin]. One of his teammates is also laughed at, as he is called "tubby" ["chaudron" in French]
Some Russian spoken

VIOLENCE

The sport of hockey in itself has its own violence: body checks, aggressive brawling, elbowing, pucks aimed at players. The violence is integral to the plot and, most of the time, does not result in tissue damage.
However, although not visible, Julie suffers from a concussion due to an unfair body check.
Joey is seen with a black eye after he fights with Janeau.
Eric, the goalie who replaces Julie, is fearful of the puck that comes at high speed.

NUDITY

None

SEXUAL ACTIVITY

None per se. A very short scene shows the pee wee hockey players looking at a magazine of women scantily clad.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT

✕ **Bullying:**

- Joey's father is vey competitive. He pushes his son very hard to the point that Joey will bully Janeau (verbally as he calls him Janeau the Toothpick and physically).
- Joey and his friends bully Janeau who will not return the treatment when he uncovers the nature of Joey's betrayal to his teammates.

✕ **The loss of a parent: the grief**

- Janeau's mom passed away. Janeau and his dad are mourning her in different ways but they cannot communicate until the end when they finally unite to comfort each other.
- Janeau sees his deceased mother supporting him in hockey games

Janeau's pessimism due to his grief turns into a positive outlook on life thanks to Carl getting close to his son Janeau.

✕ **The world of hockey**

- Ruthless and unfair: the Russians are opposing "men" to the "pee wee". As one character says: "*They are not pee wee, they are gorillas*"
- The will to win at any price: Joey's betrayal of his team
- The difficulty of keeping the game of hockey "clean" with no violence

✕ **The parents' attitude**

- Joey's father roots for his son in an aggressive way
- The parents argue and fight in the stand

But the parents are there to protect their children and worry for their safety

PICTURE GALLERY FROM THE FILM

Janeau Trudel

Julie Morneau

Joey Boulet

Saint Hilaire Pee Wee team

Photo source :

http://www.cinoche.com/films/les-pee-wee-l-hiver-qui-a-change-ma-vie/galerie images/index.html