English 10 Ainsley

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Character Sketch Paragraph

In the story “Sam The Athlete” by Stuart McLean it is about a young boy named Sam who is not good at sports but then sees an opportunity to try out for field hockey. Well in the end he finds a sport that he is good at but there is a twist.

The week before school began Sam was anxious and nervous because he was starting middle school and it was a brand-new chapter in his life. “Sam heading for a new school- middle school- about to begin a whole new chapter in his life, appeared in his parent’s bedroom in the middle of the night. He tapped his mother on the shoulder. I can't sleep, he said.”(Pg.59)

Sam is not good at sports, he has trouble finding sports that he is good at and when he tries a sport he is very clumsy at it. For example, when Sam went bowling he cleared the gutters and the bowling ball bounced to the neighboring lanes. On top of that the only time that he would get a strike it would happen two lanes over and wouldn’t count.

Sam’s second week in middle school he saw a poster that said “Tryouts: Tuesday 4pm. Field Hockey.” So Sam went and tried out but during the tryouts his coach called him Samantha not Sam. He realized that this is an all girls team and that he was going to have to wear a skirt. When Sam was in his skirt practicing game moves in front of his mirror, his father Dave walked in and during this moment Sam felt very awkward.

“This is the moment he will remember for the rest of his life; the moment in grade seven when he ran across the goal and jumped and fell, head over heels, lifted his head to see his team cheering his save.” (Page 71 and 72). In the end of the story Sam felt very happy and confident because him and his team went to the championships. While at the championships he made an impressive save and he saw a bully with envy in his eyes because he had all the girls cheering him on.