

Huckleberry Finn and His Friends

Canada TV series : 1979 : dir. : ? x 30 min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:
Ian Tracey; Sammy Snyders
 Brigitte Horney; Gunnar Moller; Hagan Beggs; Barney O'Sullivan; Lillian Carlson

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A poor quality frame grab from the familiar Tom Sawyer schoolroom whipping scene (half-brother Sid watches gleefully left) – but note the meticulous period detail: boys in 1970s hairstyles, and one (second left) sporting the latest fashion in seventies shirt collars...

The Movie and TV Spanking Page note:

“The Canadian kids TV series, with Sammy Snyders as Tom Sawyer and Ian Tracy as Huck Finn. In this scene Tom is late for school because he has met Huck on the way there. This does not please the schoolmaster who switches Tom with a lithe green switch.”

TV Times episode note:

“ - "Huck Becomes the Victim"
 Huck's cruel father, Pap, returns and kidnaps his son for money.”

[no listing in "Halliwell's Television Companion", "History of Television", "Television's Greatest Hits" or "25 Years of ITV - 1955-1980"]

No further information currently available. From the few episodes and scraps of episodes that I caught, the series seemed to follow "Tom Sawyer" more closely than "Huckleberry Finn". Perhaps it simply took both books and banged their heads together. The general look and tone was very redolent of "**Little House on the Prairie**", its kids all immaculately scrubbed and often (Tom's mean half-brother Sid, for example) cherry-picked from the pretty-pretty school of child actor. Sammy Snyders played Tom and, while certainly not of the latter kind, with his horsey-horsey kind of face, he struck me as cast in the wrong role. Snyders would have made a more suitable Huck. Nothing else is known of him. Ian Tracey was seen previously in "**DREAMSPEAKER**" and "**IN PRAISE OF OLDER WOMEN**".

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