

'Loaded Weapon 1' shoots blanks

by Daniel W. Duffy

As if *Lethal Weapon 3* wasn't enough of a parody of the *Lethal Weapon* films, the folks at National Lampoon thought they would create their own, *Loaded Weapon 1*. They should have thought better.

Chock full of sight gags and one-liners, this film is a low-grade version of *Hot Shots!* only it stars Emilio Estevez instead of Charlie Sheen. Are these brother's going to be the next Leslie Nielsen's of low-rent versions of *Airplane*?

With *Hot Shots! Part Deux* coming out this summer, the answer is probably yes. The thing is, *Hot Shots!* was funny in a stupid way. *National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1*

**National Lampoon's
Loaded Weapon 1**



Starring Emilio Estevez, Samuel L. Jackson and Kathy Ireland.
Directed by Gene Quintano.

is stupid in a stupid way. It caters to children and adults with a low mentality.

Estevez plays Jack Colt, a renegade cop who teams up with the by-the-book veteran, Wes Luger (Samuel L. Jackson). They set out to shut down an evil ring of no-gooders headed by a army general gone-bad (William Shatner) turning Wilderness Girl cook-

ies into cocaine. What a hilarious premise. I almost peed my pants it's so funny. Yeah, right. Add in John Lovitz in his worst performance yet as the Joe Pesci character and Oscar Award winner Kathy Ireland (OK maybe not), you have a stinker that even Msr. LaTrine would turn his nose to.

What happened to National Lampoon films? *Animal House* and *Vacation* were hilarious, but its most recent efforts have stunk on ice.

Loaded Weapon 1 parodies every movie from *Silence of the Lambs* to *Basic Instinct* including it's own gratuitous beaver shot. Aside from these and some humorous cameos, *Loaded Weapon 1* shoots itself in the foot.



Wes Luger, Federal Informant Becker & Jack Colt (Samuel L. Jackson, Jon Lovitz & Emilio Estevez, from left) get hot and bothered during a *Basic Instinct*-inspired interrogation scene in the action-comedy, *National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1*.

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