



Peccadillo Pictures Presents

A film by Rikki Beadle-Blair

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**FUNNY, FAST, SEXY - THE HOTTEST NU-WAVE BRIT-COM OF 2011**

What happens when the hardest team in the Sunday Soccer league comes up against a gay team (pun intended) and finds they've finally met their match? Watch and wince as fledging referee Elton struggles to control this testosterone tsunami as rude-boy meets bum-boy in this outrageous new comedy set in the crazy gung-ho world of 5-a-side footie. The latest and craziest from award-winning writer/director Rikki Beadle-Blair (*Bashment*, *Stonewall*, *Metrosexuality*). High-voltage entertainment from a vibrant and sexy 17-strong cast.

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**Synopsis** - This is the best and worst day of Archer's life. Finally captain of his own gay 5-a-side football team – Platoon FC –this ex-soldier has the chance to break boundaries and stereotypes while doing what he loves most: Winning. But his team has brought along a posse of flamboyant supporters and his well-meaning but clueless boyfriend has designed a pink team strip... size Xtra small. And who are they up against for their first match? Only the notorious Bethnal Reapers – the hardest most cheatingest team in East London. It's going to be a bloodbath.

On the other side of the pitch, captain Adam is having his own problems: A twitchy goalie on the run from the feds who can't keep his eye on the ball, a defender in the grip of 'roid rage, a coke-fiend midfielder, and a wannabe striker with a ball-busting girlfriend. His team are on their last chance - one more 'incident of violent drama' and the Reapers are banned from the league. Desperate Adam drills his team on the importance of playing a gentlemen's game, unaware that they're up against a team who've decided to come out swinging and win this game by any means necessary.

Both teams get down and dirty, until we reach the penalty shoot-out – just as the police swoop in to arrest the Reapers' Goalie and as Platoon F.C's closet explodes into a billion glittering splinters.



**Rikki Beadle-Blair**

**Writer/director's statement**

**CHALLENGE: Make a football movie that appeals to everyone**

I needed to make it funny, fast and sexy in a way that appeals to girls, gay guys, and the straight lads who loved 300. I needed a plot to keep the audience unsure of whose side they were on – and make sure the boys got their abs out.

I cast first, then write. So we cast 10 actors who were brilliant at football. I asked them to choose their names, gave them all plot driving issues, then I started writing. They were all pretty fit to start with but I needed them to be ripped, so I created a circuit round the West End and South Bank that used bridges and public monuments as workout stations. The first time, people threw up...9 weeks later they were transformed.

The movie plays in real time - it needed to be tightly choreographed. I adapted a stage version for a one-off at the Riverside Studios. Now we knew which jokes worked, and we were well-rehearsed. Finding a location was so much harder than I thought. Anywhere you can play football, people are already playing. We found a pitch out in Essex next to a recycling plant. We lived there for the hottest fortnight of the year, trying the keep the actors from getting too sunburned or catching pneumonia in sudden ice storms.

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**Reapers**

vs.

**Platoon**



Kane –  
Dealer on the run



Fitz –  
Roid user ball abuser



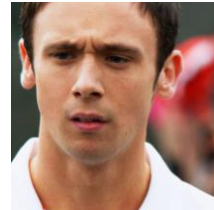
Kingston - Drama  
Queen



Archer –  
Closet case



Jensen –  
Rehab reject



Adam –  
Deadbeat daddy



Floyd –  
Militant slut



Marco –  
Attention junkie



Danny - Himbo bimbo



Alex - Wag from Hades



Maddox - Tessy tantrum



Donna - Bunny boiler



Kat –  
Babymamadrama



Romeo - Little accident



Benji - Thick pickup



Joey - Dizzy doormat