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Released in 1988, 'Bloodsport' gave Jean-Claude Van Damme one of his first starring roles and introduced the world to his crazy action skills. The film follows Frank Dux (based on the real-life American martial artist of the same name), who goes to Hong Kong to participate in the Kumite - an illegal underground martial arts tournament in which competitors use freestyle techniques and are eliminated after a single round. It's been 25 years since the film was released, so join us as we look back at the cast of the film and see what they're doing so far. Jean-Claude Van Damme, Frank DuxThe Cannon Group/Getty ImagesThen: Jean-Claude Van Damme, aka The Muscles of Brussels, got one of his first leading roles in 'Bloodspord' as Frank Dux, a martial artist who puts it all on the line in one of Hong Kong's deadliest underground tournaments.Now: Van Damme continued his success with films like 'Kickboxer', 'Hard Target'. More recently he has shown he still has it in 'Expendables 2', and can be seen below in 'Welcome to the Jungle.'Donald Gibb, Ray JacksonThe Cannon Group/FilmMagicThen: Former football player Donald Gibb used his imposing frame to great effect in 'Bloodsport' as Ray Howard, an American participant in the Kumite tournament. Now: Gibb is also known for his role in the series 'Revenge of the Nerds', and in 2012 played one of the pillagers in a series of CapitalOne commercials. In the photo above, he appeared as his commercial character at the 2012 Espy Awards. Bolo Yeung, Chong LiThe Cannon Group/Popeeye, FlickThen: Professional martial artist and bodybuilder Bolo Yeung appeared in 'Enter the Dragon' and 'Bloodsport' as villainous characters. In the latter, he played Chong Li, a formidable opponent of Frank Dux.Now: Yeung developed a friendship with Van Damme, and the two also appeared together on 'Double Impact'. Yeung still appears occasionally in films and attends martial arts conferences. Leah Ayres, Janice KentThe Cannon Group/Leah AyresThen: The former star of the daytime soap 'Edge of Night' had also appeared in the HBO comedy series '1st and Ten' (in which Donald Gibb also appeared). After that, Ayres joined the cast of 'Bloodsport' as a romantic interest Janice Kent, a reporter trying to persuade Frank to pack up the tournament. Now: Ayres' last acting credit was in an episode of the 90s science fiction series 'Sliders'. She currently promotes yoga for children through various programs. Forest Whitaker, RawlinsThe Cannon Group/Getty ImagesThen: 'North and South' and 'Platoon' star Forest Whitaker played Rawlins, one of the detectives trying to track frank down to desert the army to participate in the tournament. Now: Whitaker won the Academy Award for Best Actor for his role in 'The Last King and gained acclaim for his role in seasons 5 and 6 of 'The Shield'. He can be seen this summer in 'Lee Daniels' 'The Butler. BloodsportThe theatrical release poster directed byNewt ArnoldProduced by Mark DiSalle Script by Cosby Mel Friedman Sheldon Lettich History from Sheldon LettichStarring Jean-Claude Van Damme Donald Gibb Leah Ayres Norman Burton Forest Whitaker Bolo Yeung Music byPaul HertzogCinematographyDavid Worth Edited byCarl KressProductioncompany The Cannon GroupDduced by John Bros.(United States and United Kingdom)U.G.C. Worldwide distribution (worldwide)Release date February 26, 1988 (1988-02-26) Execution time92 minutesPantunited StatesLanguageEnglishBudget\$1.5–2.3 million[1][2]Box Office\$50 million[3] Bloodsport is an American film directed by Newt Arnold. Its beginnings are marked by two major events: the beginning of the history of Spain on its website, in 476, and the Film is based in part on unverified claims made by the martial artist Frank Dux. [4] It sold well at the box office, with a budget of \$1.5-2.3 million. Bloodsport was one of the first films to star Van Damme and showed off his athletic skills. It has since become a cult film. It is the first film in the Bloodsport franchise. U.S. Army Captain Frank Dux (Jean-Claude Van Damme) has trained on the ninjutsu paths under his sense Senzo Tanaka (Roy Chiao). As a child, Dux and a group of his friends broke into Tanaka's house to steal a katana, but Dux was arrested while returning the katana instead. Impressed by Dux's integrity and toughness, Senzo decided to train him alongside his son, Shingo (Sean Ward). After Shingo's death, Senzo trains Dux as a member of the Tanaka clan. Dux is invited to kumite, an illegal martial arts tournament in Hong Kong. After his army superiors refuse to let him go, Dux leaves without permission, bids farewell to his sensei and goes to Hong Kong. Two officers from the Criminal Investigation Command, Helmer (Norman Burton) and Rawlins (Forest Whitaker), are assigned to locate and arrest Dux. After arriving in Hong Kong, Dux befriends American wrestler Ray Jackson (Donald Gibb) and his guide Victor Lin (Ken Siu). When they arrive at the Kumite arena, officials are skeptical, but eventually accept them after Dux demonstrates his connection to the Tanaka clan performing the death touch. On the first day of the tournament, Dux wins the enmity of ruthless champion Kumite Chong Li (Bolo Yeung) after breaking his record for the fastest knockout. Dux gets involved with American journalist Janice Kent (Leah Ayres), who is investigating the Kumite. Although Dux refuses to help her, she sneaks into the arena accepting a date with another spectator. On the second day, Jackson is equalized against Chong Li. Although Jackson comes close to defeating Li, he wastes brilliant time, allowing Li to recover and beat him viciously. Dux visits Jackson at the hospital and promises to avenge him. After witnessing the brutality of the tournament, Kent with Dux and try to convince him not to come back. Dux tells you you have to win to become the best you can be. Helmer and Rawlins arrive in Hong Kong and will contact local police. Begin Begin around Dux and locate him to his hotel. A chase through the center occurs, but Dux evades them when they fall into a canal. When Dux arrives at kumite, the local police are waiting for him. He also eludes them, but agrees to return with Helmer and Rawlins after the tournament. On the last day, Li kills his opponent, much to the dismay of the crowd. Fearing defeat, Li hides a salt pill in his waist before the final game against Dux. When Dux wins the upper hand, he blinds him by crushing the pill and throwing it into Dux's face. Dux returns to his Tanaka lineup, which taught him how to fight blindfolded, overcoming the blindcap and defeating Li. The next day, he bids farewell to Kent and Jackson before returning to the United States with Helmer and Rawlins. The cast of Jean-Claude Van Damme as Frank Dux Bolo Yeung as Chong Li Donald Gibb as Ray Jackson Leah Ayres as Janice Kent Norman Burton as Helmer Forest Whitaker as Rawlins Ken Siu as Victor Lin Roy Chiao as Senzo Tanaka Michel Qissi as Suan Paredes Philip Chan as Inspector Chen Bernard Mariano as Sadiq Hossein Shu Tanaka Pierre Rafini as young Frank Sean Ward as Shingo John Cheung as Toon Wing Sun Dennis Chiu as Chuan Ip Mung David Ho as Purnoia Paulo Tocha as Paco Eric Neff as Ricardo Morra Rick Erikson as Marc Cotard (Jackson's opponent) John Law as Chan Luu Samson Li as Budimarn Prang Attilio Reale as Toon's Opponent Steve Daw as Paco's opponent, Lam Shung-Ching, as Sen Ling Tse Kin Hung as Jackson Wilson Lee's opponent as Chong Li's Production Development Coach and writing co-writer Sheldon Lettich came up with the idea of the film. According to Lettich: I had known Frank Dux for a number of months before coming up with the idea for Bloodsport. Frank told me a lot of tall tales, most of which turned out to be crap. But his stories about participating in this event called Kumite sounded like a great idea for a film. There was a guy who introduced me, named Richard Bender, who claimed to have actually been to the Kumite event and who swore everything Frank told me was true. A few years later this guy had a falling out with Frank, and he confessed to me that everything he told me about Kumite was a lie; Frank had trained her to say. He is an American hero who fights for justice in the American way and expels the stuffing of the bad guys. [3] Bloodsport is one of the few films with scenes filmed inside Kowloon Walled City before its demolition in 1993. [7] Music Soundtrack This section does not cite any sources. Please help improve this section by adding appointments to reliable sources. Non-source material can be and removed. Retrieved January 23, 2018 in 1987, China's government decided to delete this template message. The Bloodsport soundtrack was composed by Paul Hertzog, who also another Jean-Claude Van Damme film, Kickboxer. The soundtrack contains the songs Fight to Survive and On My Own, both performed by Stan Bush. Bush's songs are replaced on the soundtrack by alternative covers sung by Paul DeLph, who was nominated for a Grammy for this work. The film performs Michael Bishop's song Seal the Night during a scene where Dux runs from Helmer and Rawlins. The song was released in the mid-2000s as a single containing a vocal and instrumental version. On June 26, 2007, Perseverance Records released a limited edition CD of the soundtrack including, for the first time, the original versions of Stan Bush's songs. Release Box office In January 1989, the Los Angeles Times reported a U.S. box office gross of \$11.7 million against a budget of \$2.3 million. [2] In August 1989, the Chicago Tribune reported that the film made \$50 million worldwide, including \$15 million in the United States and Canada, making it cannon group's most profitable film of 1988. [3] Critical reception Leonard Kladly of the Los Angeles Times wrote: Hacking through the cliché jungle and reservoir of poor acting in Bloodsport [...] are some pretty exciting parties. [8] Van Damme was nominated for a Golden Raspberry Award for worst new star, but lost Ronald McDonald to Mac and Me.[9] Rotten Tomatoes, a review aggregator, reports a 40% approval rating based on 25 reviews, with an average rating of 4.67/10. The site's consensus says: This is where it all started for brussels muscles, but beyond Van Damme's athletics, Bloodsport is a cliché exercise, virtually no arguments in recycling action films. [10] In Metacritic the film has a weighted average score of 29 out of 100, based on 5 critics, indicating generally unfavorable reviews. [11] Bloodsport domestic media were released on VHS, selling 150,000 units in 1989. [3] Warner Brothers released a DVD of the film in the United States on October 1, 2002. [12] Sequels Main Articles: Bloodsport II: The Next Kumite, Bloodsport III, and Bloodsport 4: The Dark Kumite Since its release, Bloodsport has become a cult film. [13] It was followed by three direct sequels to the video: Bloodsport II: The Next Kumite (1996), Bloodsport III (1997) and Bloodsport 4: The Dark Kumite (1999). Jean-Claude Van Damme did not appear in any of the sequels. Remake A remake of Bloodsport was reported to be under planning in 2011. Phillip Noyce teamed up to direct a screenplay by Robert Mark Kamen. The main character was to be a veteran of the American Alghanistan war competing in a Vale Tudo tournament in Brazil. [14] Director James McTeigue joined the project in 2013, and filming was to be done at and Brazil. [15] References 1 Bloodsport. The numbers. 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