



It's like *Die Hard* in a football stadium

Defiant Screen Entertainment is proud to present the adrenalin pumping actioner *Final Score* starring Dave Bautista and Hollywood legend Pierce Brosnan.

A group of heavily armed terrorists take control of a football stadium packed with 35,000 spectators. Ex-Marine Michael Knox (Bautista), who is attending the game with the daughter of a fallen comrade, is forced to use his lethal fighting skills and everything at his disposal to save the hostages and prevent mass destruction.

An independently funded British action movie with the production value and spectacle to rival Hollywood's behemoths, *Final Score* was the brainchild of producer Marc Goldberg, who, in late-2015, spied a unique opportunity. "My business partner is David Sullivan, who owns West Ham [United Football Club]," he explains. "During the final season at Upton Park [West Ham's world-renowned home since 1904], I asked him 'What's happening to the stadium once you leave?' and he mentioned it was being reconfigured to be apartments. So, I got in touch with the developer, to see if there was a way to use the stadium before they knocked it down." At this point, there was not even an idea for a story, just the sure knowledge that to be allowed access to such an arena – and to be allowed to blow parts of it up – was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Director Scott Mann said about the opportunity to work on the film, "As a director it's really exciting when they say, 'you can really blow this building up', because you're normally just pretending. So being able to mess with the integrity of the building is a very tempting proposition."

"Everything happened for real," confirms Goldberg. "We exploded the stadium. There are things there that you've never seen on screen before. The truly heart-stopping, vertiginous stunt where Dave holds the banner and swings? That happened totally for real. There are no VFX elements there. The stunt guys were amazing."

It's the second time that Scott Mann and Dave Bautista have worked together on a movie. "He's a serious actor and he's working hard with that craft", says Mann about Bautista. "I saw a lot of potential in my previous movie (Bus657), that he could easily lead a film, but he hasn't been given the opportunity." Bautista adds: "I was looking for more leading roles. It's easy for me to step into the role of villain, I wanted to play the hero for a change, so people could see me in a different light; I'm still trying to prove myself as an actor."

Pierce Brosnan, who knows a star performance when he sees one, was certainly impressed with Bautista: "He's passionate, he's got the commitment, he's got the strength physically and emotionally, and he wants it," he says. "I wish him every success. He's a good bloke. A top man."

Bautista says laughing "producing *Final Score* was a lot of fun... and the best way to describe it is to say it's like *Die Hard* in a Football stadium. There's a lot of good old school action and fighting."

***Final Score* packs a bruising punch of heart-stopping entertainment
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