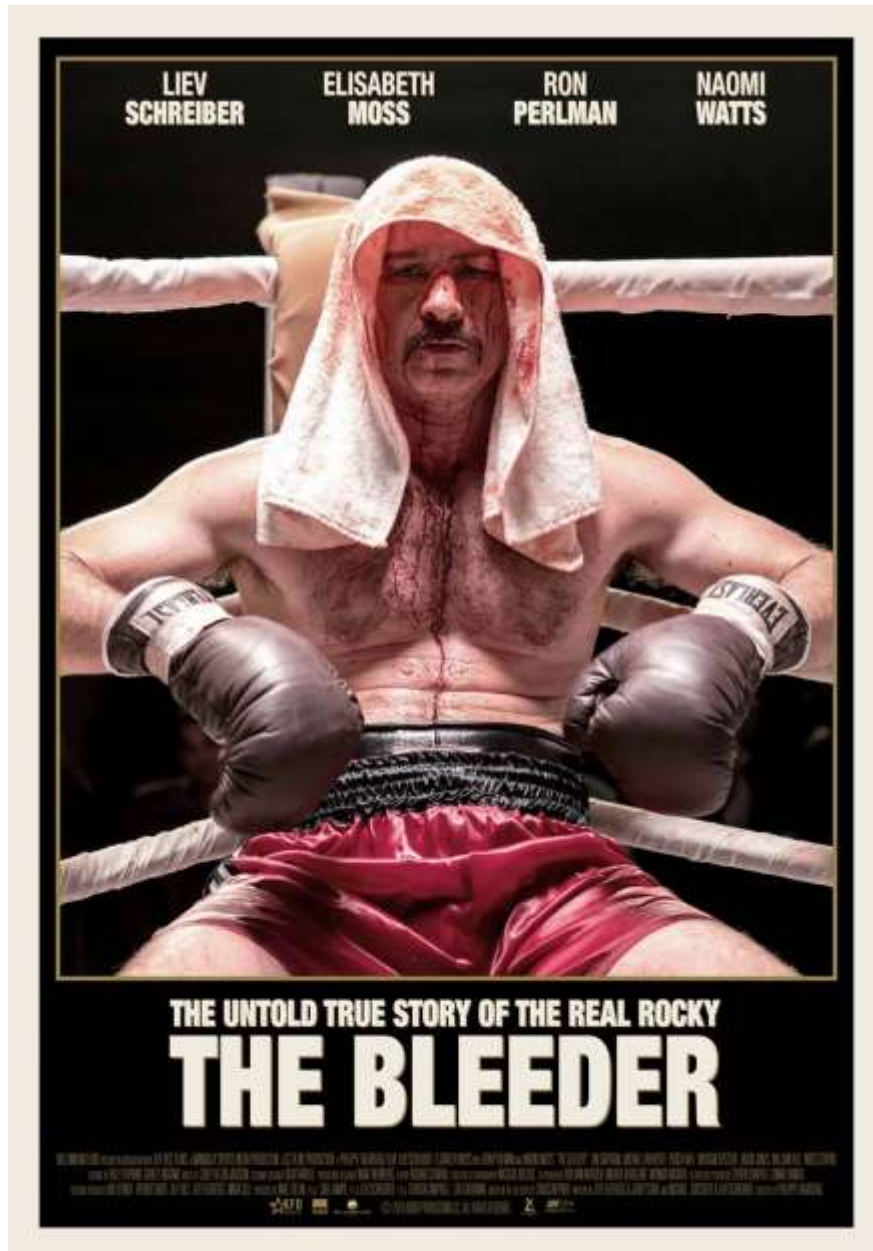




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SYNOPSIS NL

The Bleeder vertelt het verhaal van Chuck Wepner, letterlijk een zwaargewicht in het boksen. De film zoomt in op enkele belangrijke en historische gebeurtenissen van zijn leven, onder meer de legendarische bokswedstrijd tussen hem én superster Muhammed Ali. Het is deze bokswedstrijd die Sylvester Stallone destijds inspireerde voor de Rocky franchise.

production notes, foto's, trailer e.d. zijn terug te vinden op:
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SYNOPSIS FR

L'histoire vraie de Chuck Wepner, négociant en alcools du New Jersey, qui a tenu 15 rounds contre le plus grand boxeur de tous les temps, Mohammed Ali, lors du championnat du monde poids lourds en 1975 avant de finalement s'incliner par K.O. technique. Durant les dix années où il a été boxeur, celui que l'on surnommait "Bayonne Bleeder" a eu 8 fois le nez cassé, a connu 14 défaites, deux K.O., un total de 313 points de suture... et a inspiré le personnage de Rocky Balboa dans la franchise au succès planétaire Rocky.

notes de production, photos, lancement e.a. sont téléchargeables sur:
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PRODUCTION INFORMATION

THE BLEEDER is directed by Philippe Falardeau, the acclaimed helmer of *The Good Lie* and the Oscar-nominated *Monsieur Lazhar*, and stars Liev Schreiber as Chuck Wepner; Elisabeth Moss as Phyllis, Wepner's first wife; Ron Perlman as Al Braverman, the manager-trainer who guided Wepner to his unlikely title fight with Muhammad Ali; and Naomi Watts as Linda, Wepner's salvation – the woman who caught his fall.

The film also stars Jim Gaffigan as John Stoehr, Wepner's loyal best friend who lived vicariously through the fighter; Michael Rappaport as John, Wepner's estranged brother; and Pooch Hall as iconic heavyweight world champion Muhammad Ali. Morgan Spector portrays Sylvester Stallone, who wrote the screenplay for 1976's *Rocky* soon after the Wepner-Ali fight, garnering a total of ten Oscar nominations, with three wins, including Best Picture. Stallone might have penned *Rocky*, but in the mind of Wepner, and in the eyes of many others - he was Rocky.

PRINCIPAL CAST

Chuck Wepner LIVE SCHREIBER
Phyllis Wepner ELISABETH MOSS
Al Braverman RON PERLMAN
Linda Wepner NAOMI WATTS
John Stoehr JIM GAFFIGAN
Don Wepner MICHAEL RAPAPORT
Muhammad Ali POOCH HALL
Sylvester Stallone MORGAN SPECTOR
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PRINCIPAL CREW

director PHILIPPE FALARDEAU
writer / executive producer JEFF FEUERZEIG
writer JERRY STAHL
producers MIKE TOLLIN
..... CHRISTA CAMPBELL
..... LATI GROBMAN
..... CARL HAMPE
executive producer AVI LERNER
..... MARK GILL
..... TREVOR SHORT
..... JEFF RICE
production designer INBAL WEINBERG's
director of photography NICOLAS BOLDUC
editor RICHARD COMEAU
music COREY ALLEN JACKSON
costume designer VICKI FARRELL