

Mike Tollin to receive 2013 Jean Ribaut Award for Excellence in Filmmaking



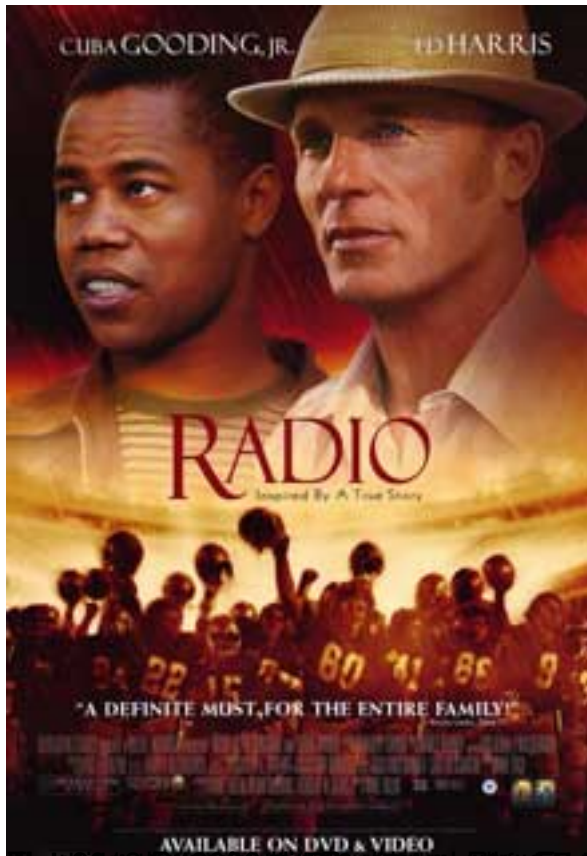
"I am a huge sports fan," Mike Tollin confesses over the phone. The Producer/Director's just finished up breakfast in his Los Angeles office as we begin our conversation. This may be a gross understatement coming from a guy who can quote Sports Illustrated chapter and verse.

Tollin's body of work is studded with features, documentaries and television shows all about sports and sports characters. He's directed hits like *Wild Hogs*, *Coach Carter*, *Hardball*, *Varsity Blues* and *Radio*. His long list of documentary projects – nearly all sports-related – include the Peabody Award winning *Hank Aaron: Chasing The Dream*, also nominated for an Oscar. He's won several Emmys for an expansive career in television producing long running hits like *Smallville*, *One Tree Hill* and the *The Bronx is Burning*, an eight-hour mini-series for ESPN about the 1977 Yankees. His HBO comedy *Arli\$\$* is to my knowledge the first and only program about the comic predicaments of an unscrupulous sports agent.

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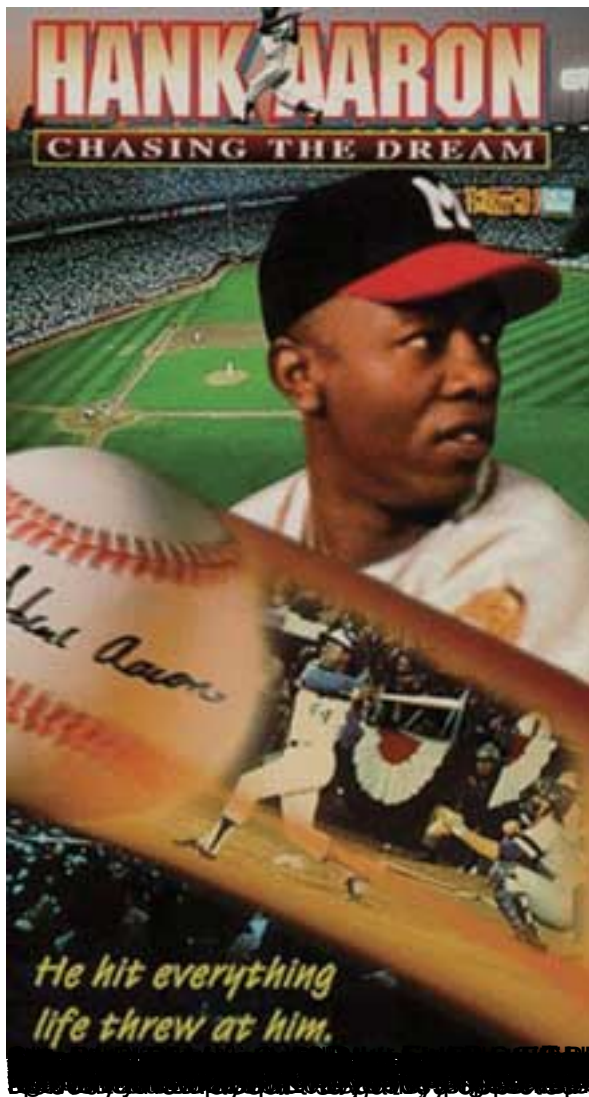
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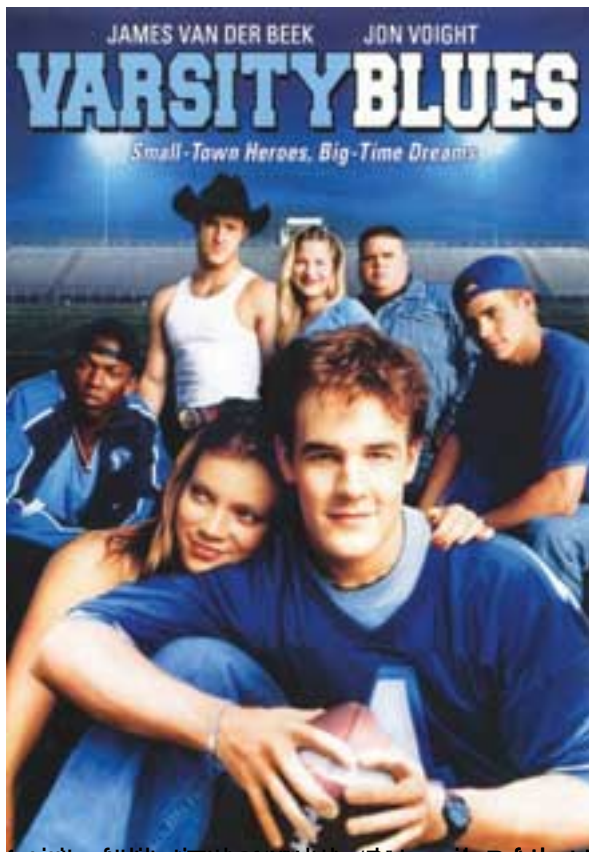
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Varsity Blues is the story of a small-town high school football team that dreams of making it to the big time. The movie is a comedy-drama that follows the team's journey from underdog to champions. The film is directed by Mark Shaffer and stars James Van Der Beek, Jon Voight, and a cast of talented young actors. The movie is a heartwarming story of teamwork, perseverance, and the pursuit of dreams. It is a must-watch for anyone who loves sports and underdog stories. www.beaufortfilmfestival.com [Facebook](#) [BIFE Blog](#)