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Portland-made documentary 'Brutal Beauty' about the world of roller derby hits DVD

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from "Brutal Beauty" (Photo: Steven L. Price (Skippy Steve))

If you haven't seen it yet, try to catch up with "Brutal Beauty: Tales of the Rose City Rollers," a documentary by Portland director Chip Mabry about the rough-and-tumble world of roller derby. The film has played **festivals hither and yon**, but it's now on DVD and it got **a nice write-up in USA Today** for its disc release.

Says USAT reviewer Steve Jones,

"Brutal Beauty takes on a certain poignancy near the end as the season concludes and the players contemplate their futures, which may mean retirement for some or switching

teams for others. There's no miraculous Hollywood ending, but the little triumphs ring true and the emotions are much more honest."

"Brutal Beauty" was made for \$35,000 as a labor of love, so this is a very nice success. **The film can be ordered via its own web site.**

Mabry, who has made several sports-related documentaries set in and around Portland, says that he's already at work on something new. Break a leg, fella....but not, you know, *actually*.

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