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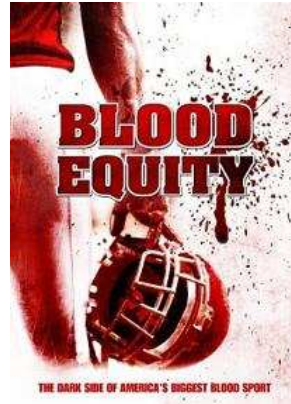


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## Blood Equity



### Official Synopsis:

Roman Phifer — three time Super Bowl Champion and Assistant Coach for the Denver Broncos — and his business partners Rico McClinton and Joe Ruggiero produced this hard-hitting film that focuses on the issues facing former NFL Players following their retirement, including their ironic struggle against the NFL Player's Union and the Owners they made rich. The film features interviews with many guys who were once the face of the league, Hall of Famers and some lesser known players, who share heartfelt and personal testimonies of living their dreams as NFL players — as well as the dark side of that life and some of the unforeseen nightmares. The film features intense, passionate interviews with such notables as Mike Ditka (Player — Super Bowl V, VI; Coach — Super Bowl XX), Harry Carson (Super Bowl XXI), Willie Wood (Super Bowl XXIV), Cyril Smith, Donnie Green, Tony Dorsett (Super Bowl XXXVII), Darryl Johnston (Super Bowl XXX) who give the inside story on what its like to live after the NFL.

### Our Take:

Created with an obvious bias to the mistreatment of National Football League alumni, **Blood Equity** takes a deep and compelling look into just what happens to players post-NFL and how those players handle situations founded on unfortunate yet often grim health problems.

**Blood Equity** is an untimely shot to make the late, former NFL Players' Association director Gene Upshaw aware of the raw and disastrous consequences often caused by an NFL career as a player, but the main message of the DVD is still very relevant. Although Upshaw passed away before the movie's actual release date, the theme of the DVD and the people that helped produce it convey strong ideal to Upshaw's successor, as well as the millions of NFL fans and supporters across the world.

With real-life tales and scenarios that, to this day, still leave NFL alumni in tough positions, this documentary does an outstanding job sending a strong point out to its viewers for a predicament many are not even aware exists.

### Special Features:

This DVD has no special features.

### Conclusion:

Even with Mike Ditka's bright-red face puffing a fat cigar, which continually pops up throughout the movie, most of the testimonials given by NFL alumni, including Ditka's, give the movie a true sense of sadness yearning for triumph; these tales help the movie achieve what it was created to do. These stories that are relived throughout **Blood Equity**, and a lot of the strong language that comes with them, make the powerful documentary detailing post-NFL life for many players what it is, and it is truly sad.

### Overall Picture:

Movie: **A-**  
Extra Features: **C**

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