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RED HEAT - Its one of

those Walter Hill films so its pretty

obvious to anyone that's got any

'cred' that it's going crunch bang-

a-whallop akimbo matey, and we're

ot wrong. Arnie 'condom-full-of-

walnuts' Schwartz-en-eggie is a

commie cop that comes stateside to

pursue a nasty Georgian piece of work

that is trying to get several B-52s

full of nose-candy back to the

Russkies. Culture clash? You betcha

Bambino! His capitalist hook-up is

none other than Jim 'no the other

one's dead' Belushi who can be an

offensive pig despite a hearty

breakfast of carbolic soap washed

down with clearasil. Yo - its

formulaic for sure but hey this is what

we want right? All the characters carry

elephant guns as side arms and, well...

Hill is directing so we can almost

expect structural devastation of an

almost apoclyptic scale involving a

couple of city buses - and good golly

Miss Mollykin's we sho' nuff get a

real bastard. To the film's credit, a

barely supressed hatred simmers

between the two lead actors right up

until the end only to be quashed by a

real dippy watch exchanging sequence.

Its clinched and morally repugnant but

its a hoot and that to some may be a

WHO'S HARRY

bit worrying.

THE DEAD POOL.

More gratuitous phallic worship in

the latest of a continually bad series of

latter-day Dirty Harold films. Rather

than the ultra grim realism and downright nastiness of the early

seventies trilogy, the most recent

episodes, namely this piece of cartoon

crap and the equally risible Sudden

Impact just don't make it down the

barrel. Formula: - Harry is

indestructibel; Harry is surrounded by

beaucratic pricks that hate his guts;

Harry has a partner of ethnic

minorty; Harry meets a tasty babe

with whom he has a turbulent love

hate relationship; Harry tums all the

baddies into spurting dog food

For those of you that can

momentarily consider the plot over

villians heads exploding like melons,

it will become apparent that the

screenwriter has less talent than

Bono. The characters surrounding

Callaghan are shallow and entirely

unconvincing but hey - we want to see

blood, guts and police cruisers being

chased by radio controlled models

strapped with P4 right? Right. Other

than that though it is complete and

the "Home Office" to apprehend

some wily kidnappers who've abducted multi-millionaire P.J.

Downing's beautiful daughter. The case will require all of his keen skills of deduction - his photographic memory, his knowledge of high-tech surveillance and his special

talent, the mastery of disguise.

His suspects regard crumb as

bumbling. It's true, his methods

are a tad unorthodox... there was

that little incident when he

crashed through the skylight at the **Yacht Club** while spying on his suspects. Luckily, his catlike

reflexes enabled him to land on

that ceiling fan - nasty business, spinning like a top above the crowd. Naturally, no one noticed. He was, of course, incognito. He still hasn't quite figured out how his intropid afforts got him

his intrepid efforts got him sucked into that damn airvent.

The fearless Crumb will stop at

scapings.

utter drivel.

Harry Crumb, private investigator, modestly considers himself an expert sleuth. With nerves of steel, body of iron and brain of stone, he fearlessly stares trouble in the face. Trouble is, he has no idea what he's looking at. Somehow, Harry always manages to bungle and bamboozle his way towards the solution of every

crime. After all, he is a Crumb. "Part of Harry Crumb's charm is that he believes so deeply in himself," notes Who's Harry Crumb? screenwriter Peter Martin Wortmann. "Although Harry never gets anything right, he never knows it so his self-image remains intact. All of the comedy in this film comes out of the fact that the audience knows what's going on and Harry Crumb

Wortmann co-wrote Who's Harry Crumb? with his longtime collaborator Robert Conte. The two hoped to create a contemporary American mystery-comedy, which eventually became Who's

Harry Crumb?
Harry Crumb is the last Crumb in a long line of distinguished Crumb investigators. First there was Augustus Crumb, then Lionel Crumb. But, as Harry will tell you, he is his own Crumb. The famous

VIDEOVIDEOVIDEOVIDEO VIDEOV Meat impressario Neddy Stebbins takes a gander at some things you can stuff in your sweaty little box over the weekend.

his super successful corporate wife. His alarming predictability. Too bad.

policeman character has zest and Swallow the lumpy bits though and

tremendous appeal as a person that you're still left with an almost first-

every dickhead that can read that

pompous shit-rag People magazine

relationship between the actors and the characters they play is often quite magical. Crikey! Includes a dodgy

drug taking scene! Whallop!

Emilio's Billy the Kid is really

mental! Blimey! no happy ending! Apparently historically correct,

Young Guns is a good bet for

chasing two hours away - go gettem

DIE HARD - A huge office building gets taken over by some international crime ring posing as revolutionaries. What an extra ordinary piece of luck that David Addison just happens to be running around the place in his undershirt to sweat on 'em. There is nothing more to report here except to use a plethora of onamatopoeias that might ostensibly conjure up baddies exploding into constellation of dogmeat and plate glass windows bursting like brittle fruit in a microwave. Bruce Willis is actually pretty ace as the displaced cop from the Big Apple in L.A. on Xmas eve in an attempt to patch up a relationship with

finds himself against awe-inspiring rate thriller. evil - he's no lantern-jawed hero, his fear and apprehension seep into the YOUNG GUNS - For an audience quite readily making the final Eighties cowpoke flick this ain't half victory all the more worthy of our bad. Just because the second-time mindless adulation. One aspect which orphans include Keifer Sutherland made me go 'puh-yuke!' was the (Lost Boys), brothers Charlie Sheen relationship with a joe-blow and Emilio Estevez and Lou patrolman on the outside, the only Diamond Phillips (La Bamba) person to be in actual contact with Bruno throughout the whole ordeal, natch. Lovey-dovey scenes at the end, will call this a Brat-Pack movie. But the sleazoid police commissioner gets naff off crusties!. Its a well made a thump on the nose and all that and enchanting picture that employs predictable crap manifest itself with cliché to good effect sure, but the

"Harry turns all the baddies into spurting dog food scrapings...."

"Plate glass windows explode like brittle fruit in

a microwave..." (Stebbins see me - Ed.)

BULL DURHAM - If I

remember rightly, this little bit of nonsense was quite a hit last year - but I cannot fathan why. It is complete wank. Story: Baseball pitcher for a minor league team has a good arm but can't win for bollocks. Enter Crash Davies, a bit of a wrinkly but a cool dude with a heart of gold that believes Lee Harvey Oswald acted on his own (Ha!) He's supposed to coach this Nuke la Rouche kid to the point of success but not before the goofy theological srengali cum man eater Susan Sarandon can indulge in prolonged bondage capers. The film centers around this tug of influence for the most part with - who would've guessed it - Sarandon and Kevin Costner (for it is he) sailing off into greener bleachers at the end. Well made but extremely ho-hum, if Crash Davies had been played by Paul Newman á la Reggie Dunlop (Slapshot), Bull Durham which lacks so much imagination it hurts, might have salvaged something. But no. Leave it on the shelves.

nothing to nab the devious criminal.

And this kidnapping case is full of them. Conniving Helen
Downing, a sly, golddigging
bombshell, who's obviously
married P.J. Downing for his
muli-millions. She's having a torrid affair with Vince Barnes, the local tennis pro with biceps and a tan and a lust for Helen and her husband's fortune. (Not necessarily in that order.) And that smarmy Eliot Draisen, who's brought Harry in to uncover the kidnapping. Or so he says. He's so smug. But, he underestimates his colleague Crumb. Might have something to do with Harry's unfortunate habit of destroying Eliot's office every time he

approaches it. This trio is trouble and Crumb knows it. Even if he doesn't know he does. Crumb's on the prowl and rest assured, he'll solve this

kidnapping. In spite of himself.



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"Hang on Chaps, they actually liked us!" Emilio the kid barely stops himself firing off in Young Guns

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