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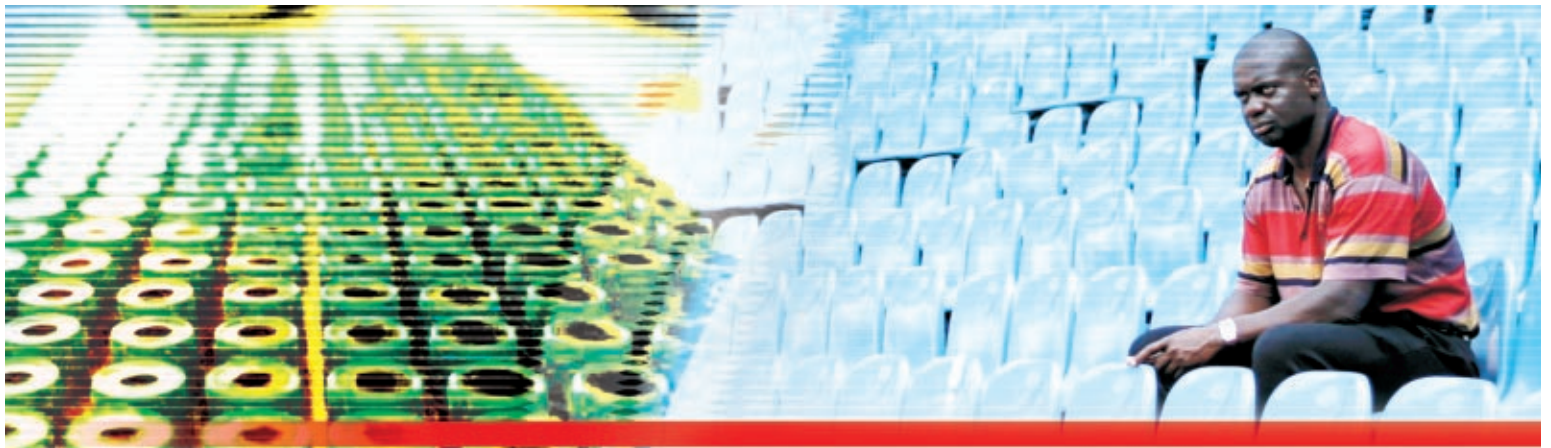
OF THE CENTURY

Ben Johnson, Drugs & the Quest for Gold

Narrated by: Kiefer Sutherland

RACE OF THE CENTURY is a hard-hitting investigative documentary that presents the facts, rumors, and conspiracy theories behind the **BEN JOHNSON** steroid scandal that rocked the 1988 Seoul Olympics and changed the world's understanding of steroid use in the high octane, media-driven world of international sports.

CHARLIE FRANCIS was Ben Johnson's coach and mentor. With the combination of Ben's genetic gifts and Charlie's innovative training techniques they would create athletic dynamite. The ultimate result was a world record victory in the 100-meter final at the 1988 Seoul Olympics. But talent, coaching, and hard work were not enough to make Ben Johnson the fastest man on earth. Ben and Charlie bought into the belief shared by many athletes of their era: to compete with the best, to have a shot at a gold medal, you must use performance-enhancing drugs.

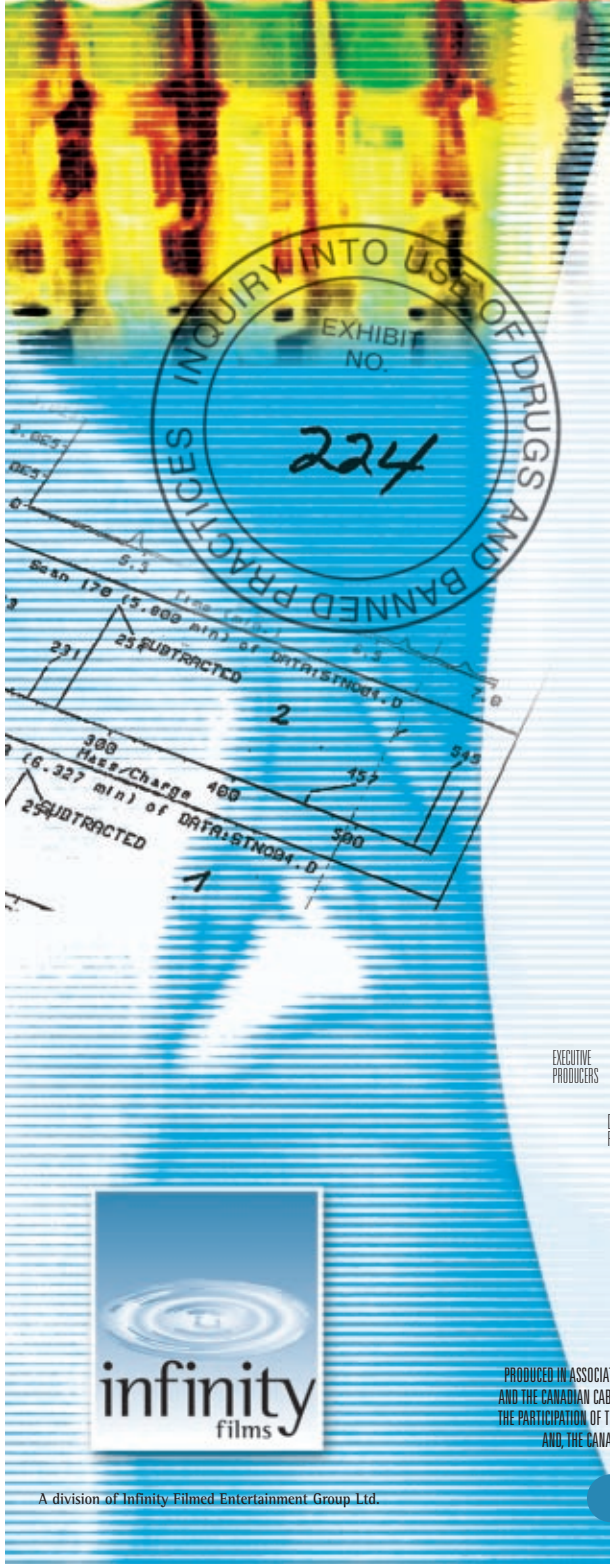


RACE OF THE CENTURY reveals the drug culture that elite sport was, and still is, submerged in – from the state-run doping program of the former GDR of East Germany to American corporations that assisted their sponsored athletes to use steroids and beat the testing system. Also examined are the scandals and cover-ups perpetrated by the major athletic organizations, including the International Olympic Committee, and how their actions seemed to tacitly condone drug use. To know the complete Ben Johnson story is to understand the world in which he was competing.

The circumstances surrounding Ben Johnson's positive test in Seoul have left a legacy of questions that persist to this day. How did an athlete of his caliber, who had beat the testing system for eight years, test positive at the biggest race of his life? New information uncovered in this documentary provides some answers and may finally bring closure to this dark chapter in the history of Olympic sport.

RACE OF THE CENTURY is shot on 16:9 digital Betacam on location in the cities of Seoul, Paris, London, Berlin, Stockholm, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Portland, Eugene, Nashville, Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal.

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