

# HOLLEDER

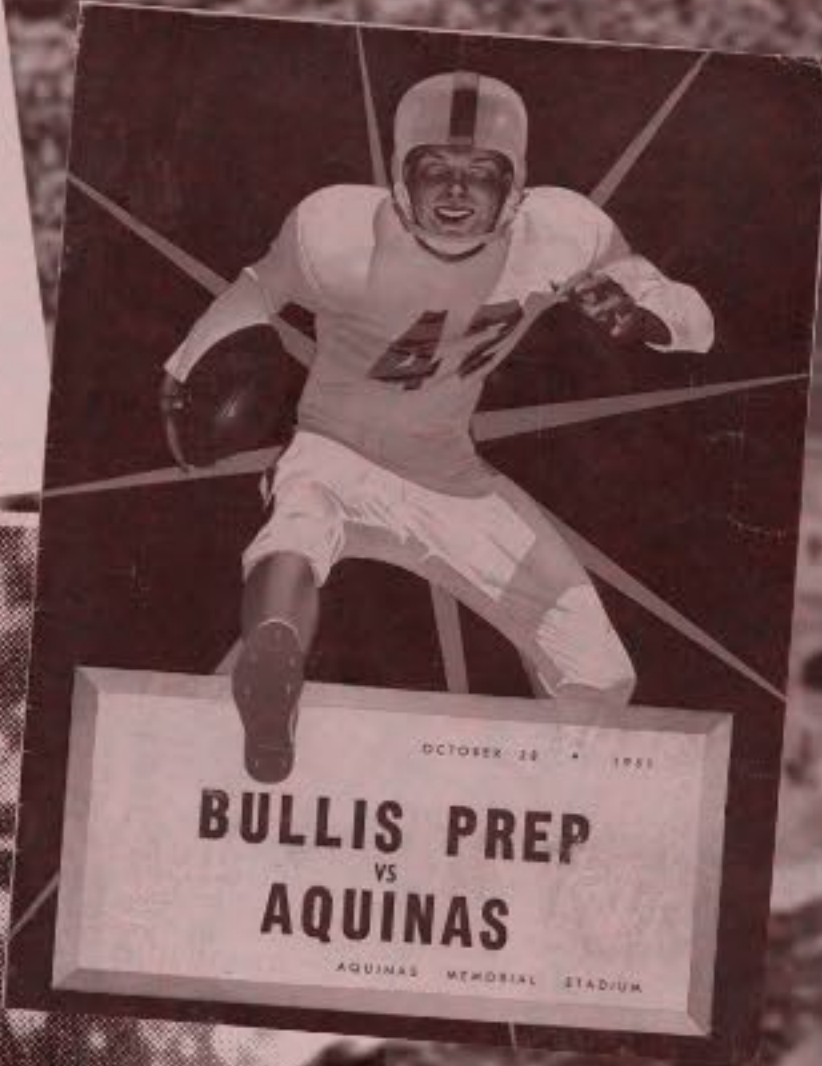
BLACK KNIGHT ON THE HUDSON

*BASED ON A TRUE STORY*

*Feature Film Screenplay*

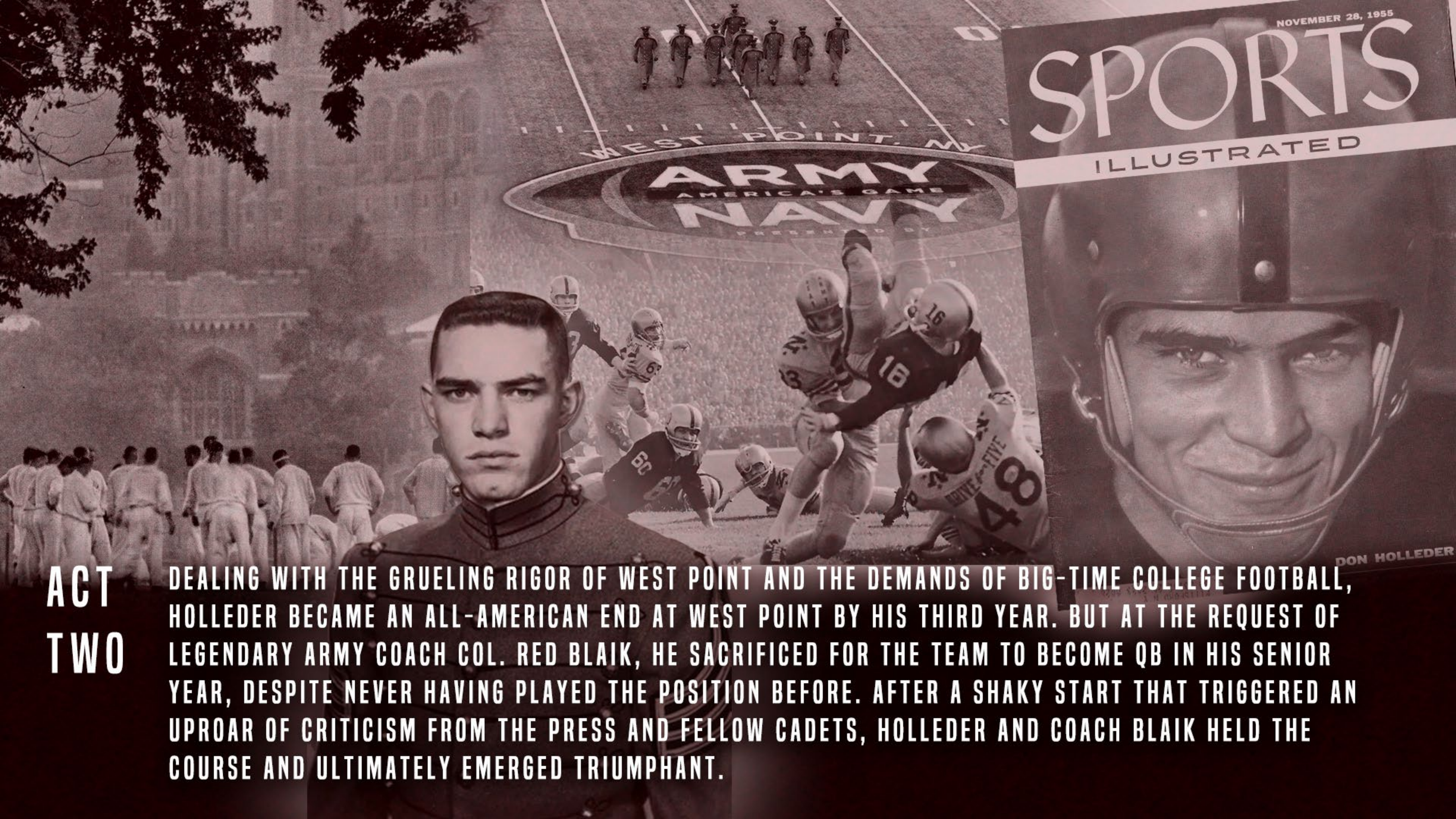
*Biopic | Sports | Military | Drama*

**AQUINAS**  
VS.  
**BOYS TOWN**  
KICKOFF 11 A. M. at  
**AQUINAS MEMORIAL STADIUM**



# ACT ONE

BORN IN BUFFALO, NY TO A CLOSE-KNIT FAMILY, DON HOLLEDER WAS A DRIVEN BOY WHO BECAME THE YOUNGEST EAGLE SCOUT IN BUFFALO'S HISTORY. HE WENT ON TO BECOME A STAR AT THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POWERHOUSE AQUINAS INSTITUTE IN ROCHESTER, NY. HOLLEDER LANDED 19 DIVISION 1 FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS, INCLUDING ONE TO THE ELITE FIGHTING IRISH OF NOTRE DAME. BUT HE DECIDED TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY TO FULFILL THE DREAM OF HIS FATHER, WHO HAD RECENTLY DIED IN DON'S ARMS.



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**SPORTS**  
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DON HOLLEDER

# ACT TWO

DEALING WITH THE GRUELING RIGOR OF WEST POINT AND THE DEMANDS OF BIG-TIME COLLEGE FOOTBALL, HOLLEDER BECAME AN ALL-AMERICAN END AT WEST POINT BY HIS THIRD YEAR. BUT AT THE REQUEST OF LEGENDARY ARMY COACH COL. RED BLAIK, HE SACRIFICED FOR THE TEAM TO BECOME QB IN HIS SENIOR YEAR, DESPITE NEVER HAVING PLAYED THE POSITION BEFORE. AFTER A SHAKY START THAT TRIGGERED AN UPROAR OF CRITICISM FROM THE PRESS AND FELLOW CADETS, HOLLEDER AND COACH BLAIK HELD THE COURSE AND ULTIMATELY EMERGED TRIUMPHANT.



## ACT THREE

DRAFTED TO THE NFL BY VINCE LOMBARDI, HOLLEDER DECIDED INSTEAD TO CONTINUE ON HIS PATH TO BECOMING AN OFFICER IN THE U.S. ARMY. YEARS LATER, DESPITE HAVING OTHER MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS AVAILABLE TO HIM, MAJOR HOLLEDER WENT TO VIETNAM WHERE HE GAVE HIS LIFE CHARGING TO THE AID OF SEVERELY WOUNDED YOUNG SOLDIERS WHO HAD BEEN AMBUSHED IN THE INFAMOUS BATTLE OF ONG THANH. ULTIMATELY, *HOLLEDER* IS A STORY ABOUT COURAGE, FAITH, AND SACRIFICE OVER FAME — THE KIND OF AUTHENTIC HEROISM THAT RESONATES WITH AUDIENCES.

# HOLLEDER BLACK KNIGHT ON THE HUDSON

Based on the book A SPARTAN GAME by Terry Tibbetts  
SCREENPLAY AVAILABLE FOR ACQUISITION

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Restaurant entrepreneur, real estate developer, and producer of two sports documentaries:

- *When Football Was Bigger Than Life* (Telly Award Winner)
- *Irondequoit: Lacrosse Town U.S.A.*



Audiences are craving authentic heroes and true stories of sacrifice over fame. West Point football All-American Don Holleder traded the roar of the stadium for the jungles of Vietnam, resulting in a dramatic battlefield climax. The story is REMEMBER THE TITANS meets HACKSAW RIDGE. A rousing, emotional sports-to-war drama with built-in appeal for military, veteran, and sports audiences.

## PAUL ROOT WRITER, WGA WEST

Screenwriter recognized by The Francis Ford Coppola New Century Writing Awards, NYU's Tisch School, The Nicholls Fellowship Competition, and the Austin Film Festival. Winner, Story of the Year Award from International English Honor Society

Produced work:

- *The Mystery of Her*
- *Cherry Crush*
- *King's Faith*
- *Restless Heart*