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"China Heavyweight" is new documentary and sport movie. It is directed and written by Yung Chang. It is produced by Bob Moore, Peter Wintonick, Han Yi, Zhao Qi (producers) Daniel Cross, Mila Aung-Thwin, Lixin Fan, Tsiang Ben. Watch online China Heavyweight movie in Full HD/DVD/ipod/divX All Qualities are Here

Music is given by Olivier Alary, Johannes Malfatti. Award-winning director Yung Chang (Up the Yangtze) follows Qi Moxiang, a state boxing coach, as he scours the Chinese countryside for young boxing talent and tracks along with several students as they achieve boxing glory.

Movie Review (Synopsis):

In central China, a Master coach recruits poor rural teenagers and turns them into Western-style boxing champions. Through hard work and discipline, these boys and girls come of age, trained in the art of boxing and the game of life. They are filled with Olympic dreams, hoping to become China's next amateur heroes. But the pull of professionalism also weighs upon their shoulders. Their coach hopes to show them the way. The top student boxers face dramatic choices as they graduate - should they fight for the collective good as amateurs or for themselves and their own personal gain as professionals? It's a metaphor for the choices that everyone faces now, in the New China.

In 1959, Mao Zedong had imposed a ban on the sport of boxing in China considering it "too Western and brutal". The ban was lifted in 1987 and boxing began being taught in schools.

The film is about Qi Moxiang, a boxing coach who, alongside Zhao Zhong, the boxing program director, goes to rural China to recruit from ordinary peasant hopefuls to be trained for a possible sporting and Olympic career. The documentary shows his visit to Huili County in the southwestern Sichuan province, and documents the young athletes chosen there.[1]

The film concentrates on two of the boys: Miao Yunfei and He Zhongli whom coach Qi has brought to the Chinese provincial finals. In addition, to provide a role model for his students, Qi decides to fight professionally again against a much younger rival from Japan.

As may be expected, these young Chinese boxers are reminded at every turn that they are fighting for China, not themselves. Coach Qi encourages his students to remain amateur boxers in the service of the state and to aim for the Olympics. For a few the lure of going pro, guilelessly referred to by one student as being a "boxing king," is too strong for some. With the odds heavily stacked against him, we see Miao leave the dormitory of the state boxing program to go pro. When next we see him, he's manning a shovel on a construction project. Such is life, it seems, for a Chinese boxing king.

We see other dashed hopes in China Heavyweight, too. Viewers are allowed a peek into the lives of disappointed parents. Coach Qi's mother is endlessly disappointed that he hasn't married. In a ten-minute kitchen table conversation, she obliquely chastises him for not only giving up his life in the pursuit of boxing glory, but also for encouraging his students to do the same. Miao's mother, at one point beaming at his win of a provincial championship, delivers a disappointed tirade when he opts out of state boxing, all while working on her tobacco farm.

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The genesis of "China Heavyweight" originated in an atmosphere in which the last decade has witnessed the incredible ascent of Chinese boxing prowess in the competitive ring; rising even before the Beijing 2008 Olympics. By 2008 Zou Shiming, the most successful Chinese amateur boxer, had already won two world titles and an Olympic gold medal in the light flyweight division. China also dominated the Women's World Championships, the highest profile tournament for women's boxing. In 2008, as China hosted the Summer Olympic Games, traditional media coverage and China's nascent online blogosphere provided a flood of inspiration, stories, characters and research information; all of which became an impetus for further investigation.

I partnered with Chinese co-producer Yuanfang Media in Beijing with producers Yi Han and Lixin Fan (director of "Last Train Home"), the first step was an initial research phase. After internet searches, scouring of newspaper articles and inquiries, our team discovered a hot bed of amateur boxing in Southern Sichuan Province. We also found a boxing school, which was a center of national excellence and had produced 200 champions in 20 years. Yi Han was able to establish contact and get permission for a crew to visit Huili for a research shoot in December 2009. This would begin a 2 year schedule of filming in Huili County, Liangshan Prefecture, Sichuan Province; starting in Winter 2009, and concluding in Summer 2011.

I won't spoil the results of Qi's eventual bout. Suffice it to say, China Heavyweight closes as it opens with Coach Qi and his colleague trawling a rural middle school for fresh talent, though the scene reads as far more insidious and distasteful at the end. As they dangle the carrot of boxing glory while simultaneously threatening with the stick of continued poverty, the director allows the hopeful faces of the a group of boys gathered in the school windows to deliver the indictment.

In this case, the film stands out more than the average fare because of its filmmaking ethos. To provide some contrast, some of the worst films rely heavily on talking heads and narration, keeping you constantly aware that you're watching a documentary. China Heavyweight takes the opposite approach; never once in its running time do any of its subjects acknowledge the camera.

There are three central characters, two amateur boxers and a boxing coach who is considering returning for another bout, hoping to win the title that eluded him previously. The relationships built between the three are a highlight -- two become very good friends, and while we are privy to each journey individually, they overlap effectively.

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Characters are playing roles as :

Qi Moxiang is playing as himself (boxing coach)

He Zongli is playing as himself (boxer)

Miao Yunfei is playing as himself (boxer)

Zhao Zhong is playing as himself (Master)

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