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HARTSWOOD FILMS'
"THE CUP"
IN PRODUCTION
FOR BBC TWO

The comedy series ***The Cup***, about the selfish and obsessive behaviour of the parents of an under-11 football team trying to live their dreams through their kids, has gone into production on location in Bolton and Manchester for six weeks.

The six-part series is written by Moray Hunter and Jack Docherty (*Absolutely*, *The Creatives*) based on the Canadian series *The Tournament* produced by Adjacent 2 Entertainment and created by Howard Busgang and Marty Putz which was set in the world of junior ice hockey.

The Cup is produced by Sue Vertue (*Fear*, *Stress & Anger*, *Coupling*) and directed by Matt Lipsey (*Jekyll*, *Little Britain*). Steve Edge (*The Visit*, *Phoenix Nights*) and Jennifer Hennessey (*Drop Dead Gorgeous*, *Lilies*) star. Other cast includes Tanya Franks (*Pulling*), Dominic Coleman (*Ruby In The Smoke*), Samantha Power (*Little Britain*), Billy Geraghty (*The Last Detective*), Pal Aron (*Casualty*) and Emmanuel Leconte (*The Tudors*).

The Cup has been commissioned by Roly Keating, Controller, BBC TWO and Lucy Lumsden, Controller, BBC Comedy Commissioning, who comments: "Following a promising pilot we're delighted to have the world of ***The Cup*** on BBC TWO." The Executive Producers are Beryl Vertue of Hartwood Films and Cheryl Taylor for the BBC.

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