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CAST OF THOUSANDS: Barbara Wolf, left, and Robert Wolf joined a cast of thousands cheering for the Miami Sharks football

team at the Orange Bowl on Saturday. Scenes were being shot for the Oliver Stone film Any Given Sunday.

Thousands endure day of retakes to see film stars



MIAMI SHARKS: The Orange Bowl, transformed into the home of the Miami Sharks for the Oliver Stone film Any Given Sunday, hosted crowds of extras Saturday who were luved by the expectation of seeing stars such as Al Pacino and Came on Diaz.

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Thousands poured into the Orange Bowl Saturday to hear that magic Hollywood word: Action!

Each time it echoed across the stadium loudspeakers, excited movie extras dressed in black and white jumped to their feet and cheered. Then they did it again, and again all day.

Ahh, what folks will do for free food and the chance to catch a glimpse of Al Pacino.

"I never saw a film being made before. It's very grueling," said bank teller Raina Sweeting, 20. "You're just standing here screaming on cue, screaming off cue."

Sweeting was one of thousands filling two of the roughly 72,000-seat stadium's 26 sections to be faces in the crowd in the upcoming Oliver Stone film Any Given Sunday.

Based in Miami, the drama is about the Miami Sharks, a fictional pro football team. Cameron Diaz plays the team's co-owner, Pacino the coach and Dennis Quaid the veteran quarterback.

Cast and crew have been shooting here since Jan. 17 and will be in town for the rest of the month. Producers invited the public Saturday to be extras in exchange for lunch and raffle prizes.

"I got here at 7 a.m., and there were already people waiting," said Julie Matzel, 36. "It goes through its boring periods, but it's mostly fun. I love it. I like the excitement and seeing the stars, but I'm still waiting to see Al Pacino."