

7,000 fans vie to be in new Stone movie

Texas Stadium made up for film's fictitious teams

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IRVING — Football fans at Texas Stadium on Saturday were covered in body paint, wore oversized Cowboy hats and sported team colors.

But the Dallas Cowboys' silver and blue were conspicuously absent and replaced by yellow and red.

More than 7,000 fans turned out for a chance to be in Oliver Stone's upcoming football movie, *Any Given Sunday*. Mr. Stone has filmed other movies in Dallas including scenes for *Born on the Fourth of July* and *JFK*.

The new film is a behind-the-scenes look at professional football, featuring the fictitious teams the Dallas Knights and Miami Sharks. The film stars Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Ann-Margret and James Woods.

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Not only did some Dallas Cowboy fans get a make-over Saturday, so did the stadium. The silver-and-blue interior was painted over with red and yellow, including portions of the field.

"We are getting great shots," said Tina Kerr, crowd promotions and extra casting director.

Ms. Kerr said the fans were seated with cardboard cutouts of people and then asked to cheer, boo and do "the wave" on command. And, to keep people entertained during breaks, prizes were raffled.

Fans also were given programs with a crash course in movie lingo — standby, action, rolling and cut.

Christina Schreiber, 18, and other friends drove from Tulsa, Okla., for a little star-gazing and a chance to be a movie extra.

"I want to see Cameron Diaz!" Christina said, wearing a red dress, yellow Tweety Bird slippers and glittering gold makeup.

Decked out in Dallas Knights team colors, Jana Arnold said her husband was in full body paint doing the "belly hip" with friends. The more outrageous, she said, the better chances of getting on film.



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Matthew Cleary and Rachel Walsh of Fort Worth help give the fans a more realist look during filming at Texas Stadium of *On Any Given Sunday*.

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"It's great fun, lots of people," Ms. Arnold said.

Houston resident Becky Akoma, 13, came with her parents and friends, hoping to be discovered and get a chance at a few seconds of fame.

"I want one of the directors or producers to say I can be good for one of their shows or something," Becky said.

Becky's 12-year-old friend La-Trece Lacy had a simpler mission: "I came to see Jamie Foxx and LL Cool J."

But when it came down to business, the fans followed direction well. When they heard "Action!" spectators yelled "defense, defense, defense."

"It's been a crowd success," Ms. Kerr said. "So watch for yourselves when the movie comes out."