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HARD, FAST, AND BEAUTIFUL

USA, 1951

Running Time: 76 minutes

US Distributor: Ivy Film

Director: Ida Lupino

Producer: Collier Young

Screenplay: Collier Young and Ida

Lupino, based on a story by John R.

Tunis

Cast: Claire Trevor, Sally Forrest, Carlton G. Young, Kenneth Patterson

Hard, Fast, and Beautiful tells the story of Florence, an amateur tennis champion (Sally Forrest), exploited by her social-climbing mother (Claire Trevor). The conflict between the protective father (Kenneth Patterson) and the ambitious mother dramatizes deep-seated emotions which make difficult Florence's development as an independent woman. Even though the somewhat banal script keeps this film from achieving all its promise, it does present an insightful look at the jet-setting country club set and a mother-daughter relationship gone wrong.