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("The Cup")

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"This visually very beautiful film from Bhutan tells the story of a number of young boys in a Tibetan monastery who would love to see the football world cup. That's not quite so easy because monks are actually not allowed to leave the precincts, and to smuggle a television in seems too opportunistic. But the youngest of the group does not give up, and always has another fallback plan. A very humorous film.
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[no listing in "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001" or "Variety International Film Guide 2000"]

No further information currently available. A rare contribution to the archive from this country, but coming in the wake of a peeked interest in mainstream Western cinema for Buddhism and Tibet ("LITTLE BUDDHA", "KUNDUN", "SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET"). Much as one empathises for the lot of boys pitched into the ascetic regime of a Buddhist monastery – one senses these young recruits have very little free say in the matter of their futures – there will be no jocular films about Jewish boys smuggling pork into the kibbutz, or Muslim boys building a still underneath their local mosque. Even a resolutely secular eye should have some sympathy for the do's and don'ts of other cultures.

See also "**DHARMAGA TONGJOGURO KAN KKADALGUN?**" and subject index under **ASIA, FOOTBALL** and **RELIGION**.