



PRESS RELEASE

GORGEOUS GEORGE
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SCALPING SCANDAL!
(Mondays to Thursdays, 7.30pm)

Meet George (Catharine Cooke), a professional UK hustler who is strictly goal-orientated (yet all woman), in our hot topic soccer ticket scalping story.

In training: We already know Scandal magazine's production manager, insecure Wayne (Theo Landey) has a big mouth and is always looking to impress with various plans that invariably go off field.

He's recently teamed up with club co-owner/singer Cole (Emmanuel Castis) in amateur bids to make some bucks and make like bad boys through the scalping of cheaper World Cup tickets they've purchased.

Cole, always anxious about his bank account what with his previous sinking career as a cruise ship entertainer, also has a point to prove to his current lover, Scandal mag editor and family heiress Shakira (Dawn Matthews), who treats him more like pet poodle than macho man.

The warm up: Cole has tracked 100 luxury package tickets for the World Cup games. They belonged to his former lover, businesswoman Abigail Rodriguez-Martins, who bought them before her death with the then intention of wooing prospective clients. He discovers she paid a hefty deposit but that he still has to cough up the considerable balance due before he can physically access the tickets.

He lies to Abigail's son - property entrepreneur Tino (Clint Brink) - who has also been trying to source the tickets for personal use only. Cole spins that a lot of money is required for renovations of the club's aging kitchen to fraudulently obtain Tino's signature, as co-club owner, to obtain a bank loan.

Having discovered it's just too much legwork to try and flog even prime tickets individually, due to all those pesky, insurmountable World Cup regulations and continuously upgraded safeguards, embezzler Cole decides to move into the major leagues to negotiate a bulk deal with one buyer for a big mark up.

The (mis) match: It's game on and foul play - all thanks to Wayne - when international sports scalper George enters centre-field to call the shots (and strike suspicious and jealous Shakira sideways) for a huge score - resulting in the final whistle for Cole. It will turn out he's been the mark all along - and that his future holds only stiff penalties.

Extra Time: Dancer, choreographer, and singer Catharine has appeared in movies that include Gums & Noses and Beat The Drum. On TV, she's been seen in Sorted, Jozi H, Hard Copy II and Zero Tolerance 1 and II. She's performed in stage productions that range from A Tale of Two Cities to Porno Shoppe, Madame De Sade, and 'n Skewe Sirkel.

Catharine also co-directed e.tv's controversial drama series, 4PLAY - Sex Tips For Girls, currently broadcasting on screen Tuesdays at 9pm.

After obtaining an Honours degree in Dramatic Art from Wits University, Catharine continued training in New York at HBO Studios and Broadway Dance Centre. Her additional skills include horse riding and...accents.

Red Card! Scalping - to buy tickets cheaply and resell quickly at an inflated price for a profit - is illegal.

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