

This Sporting Life

This Sporting Life - Directed by Lindsay Anderson. With Richard Harris, Rachel Roberts, Alan Badel, William Hartnell. Despite success on the field, a rising rugby star senses the emerging emptiness of his life as his inner angst begins to materialize through aggression and brutality, so he attempts to woo his landlady in hopes of finding reason to live. **This Sporting Life**. **This Sporting Life** is a 1963 British drama film directed by Lindsay Anderson. Based on the 1960 novel of the same name by David Storey, which won the 1960 Macmillan Fiction Award, it recounts the story of a rugby league footballer, Frank Machin, in Wakefield, a mining town in Yorkshire,...**This Sporting Life** Critics Consensus. Appropriately hard-hitting on narrative as well as physical levels, **The Sporting Life** remains a British "kitchen sink" classic that's beautiful to look at and ...From its virtuoso opening shot of a rugby scrum -- from the bottom, looking up -- to its final emotionally draining moments, **This Sporting Life** is a captivating, visceral film experience.