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Fox Searchlight nabs NBA wives pitch

Untitled project hails from Tracey Edmonds, Shaunie O'Neal

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Fox Searchlight has acquired an untitled pitch from "Jumping the Broom" producer Tracey Edmonds and "Basketball Wives" star Shaunie O'Neal.

"Broom" scribe Elizabeth Hunter will pen the script, with Edmonds and O'Neal producing under the former's Our Stories Films banner. Shingle's Glendon Palmer and Phil Robinson will exec produce.

O'Neal, the ex-wife of NBA superstar Shaquille O'Neal, exec produces and stars in VH1's "Basketball Wives."

Drawing loosely from the lives of O'Neal and some of her friends, the Searchlight project centers around a young woman who follows her boyfriend to Miami after he gets drafted into the NBA. Thrust into the world of professional sports, she meets the other players' wives and learns from their trials and tribulations.

"The beauty of a feature film is that we'll have the ability to dig much deeper into the stories and characters that come from this very colorful world and create a very juicy, action-packed narrative," Edmonds told Variety, adding that O'Neal originally reached out to the producer via Twitter.

Anonymous Content, attorney Darren Trattner and WME rep Hunter, who is currently writing a script for TBS and Lionsgate TV. Eisner and Frank rep Edmonds, while Sovereign Talent Group reps O'Neal.

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Edmonds