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## RESULTS

Let's congratulate Halle Berry on her recent successes. Her directorial debut for 'Bruised' hit #1 on Netflix, followed by a multi-picture deal with the same streaming service. That's a big deal, my friend. There's enough competition in Netflix to run a few laps over.

But one has to think: Are these successes coming in a time after the powerful #METOO movement and other protest for women's equal rights in the filming industry?

Or maybe it's the new kids on the block (streaming services in general) that's putting Hollywood on notice?

I mean, this is Netflix; not Hollywood or any of its numerous studios. Ms. Berry, at the current time, is reaping the benefits of both worlds. Just given the chance to express her awesomeness was enough to bring her to the forefront of her given industry. A few years back, I honestly doubt this could've happened.

Speaking of results, Simone Biles was given a 'People of the Year' nod by People magazine. And it wasn't just for jumping through hoops, neither! Ms. Biles has been outspoken on everything from mental health to the lack of protection for her and her fellow gymnasts who suffered sexual abuse from the U.S. national team's physician.

Finally, before I turn you loose on the pages, I want to bring special attention to page 5. There is some interesting stuff going on the battlefields of politics and "media"; and how the two intertwine. First, the GOP is having a civil war within its ranks. So where should your attention be focused? Two words: The Voters! It really doesn't matter what the opposing sides say to one another. The objective isn't to get a view across; it's to get votes. It won't be long until we see how much of a chance Trump really has to repeat in 2024. Also, CNN's Chris Cuomo has finally been suspended by his network. My question is: What took so long?

Moreover, pay close attention to the 'Red Wave' story, too. Like I say, observe the work, study the results.

## Halle Berry inks multi-picture deal with Netflix as 'Bruised' hits #1



by Biba Adams THE GRIO

(GRIO) - Fresh off the heels of her directorial debut, Academy Award-winning actress Halle Berry has inked a multi-picture partnership with streaming giant Netflix.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Bruised hit No. 1 in the U.S. on the streaming service during its first week and No. 2 globally. It was streamed for more than 47 million hours in the first five days of its release.

The multihyphenate star said of the partnership: "The Netflix team has not only been collaborative and creative, but extremely passionate and a delight to work with. I am beyond grateful for the partnership and look forward to telling more stories together."

"There are few people with a career like Halle Berry," said Scott Stuber, who is head of film for the streaming company. "She's an award-winning actress, producer and as audiences saw this past week, she's an incredible director."

"We're thrilled to be in her corner as she delivers power in front of and behind the camera in Bruised," he continued, "and look forward to telling more stories together."

The feature film, in which she stars and also directs, casts Berry, 55, as Jackie Justice, an over-the-hill MMA fighter who revisits her athletic career when her young son comes back into her life.

Last month, Berry told Reuters that in training for Bruised, she "knew that I would spend more time, more energy, more hours working on something than I'd ever worked on in my entire career."

"It proved to be true," she said. "It was one of the hardest things I've ever done."

According to Entertainment Weekly, Berry's day began with two-hour conditioning sessions at 7:45 a.m., followed



HALLE BERRY

STEVE GRANITZ/GETTY IMAGES

by mobility training and combat prep. Her trainer, Peter Lee Thomas, said that sometimes he would put her through a Navy SEAL-inspired session, featuring a 500-rep challenge with squats, pull-ups and knee raises, bookended by a one-mile

run. "I do it because I know when she's on set, toe-to-toe with a pro fighter, she has to go the distance," Thomas said.

The training appears to have paid off. Critics have saluted Berry's performance.

The Hollywood Reporter says Berry has two upcoming Netflix features: a sci-fi title The Mothership and an action film Our Man From Jersey, in which she stars alongside Mark Wahlberg. Berry will next appear in Moonfall from director Roland Emmerich.



BRUISED (2020) NETFLIX

Starring: Halle Berry, Adan Canto, Adriane Lenox

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