

Big stars, varied results

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NEW YORK — Jack Nicholson's made a career out of playing lovable rogues, but not even his ease with this kind of role can save *Man Trouble* (20th Century Fox).

Nicholson plays Harry Bliss, or at least that is his current alias, as he tries to make a go of selling attack dogs and of not saving his marriage to an Asian woman (Lauren Tom) he calls Iwo Jima.

He then meets scaredy-cat chorale singer Joan (Ellen Barkin) when he sells her a dog he doesn't own after her apartment is trashed and she moves into her sister's empty mansion.

Joan thinks he's swell, sexy and single. Harry keeps spinning the lies and soon the two of them are up against her idiotic sister (Beverly D'Angelo), a secret admirer (Michael McKean), a sinister tycoon (Harry Dean Stanton), a smarmy attorney (Saul Rubinek) and assorted oddballs all thrown helter-skelter into an utterly undisciplined script.

Bob Rafelson directs this embarrassingly awful comedy as if frenzy is fun and as far as subplots go, the more the merrier.

Barkin and Nicholson look like they are in the movie strictly for the money as they have zero believability together. Other cast members are similarly wasted in nonsensical roles and end up turning in stale or shrill performances.

Perhaps the producers realized what

a mess this movie is by running the end credits over the last scene, thus abbreviating the audience's agony.

Because of brief violence and an assumed extramarital affair, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

League of Their Own

You don't have to know a thing about baseball to root for the players in *A League of Their Own* (Columbia).

The fact-based story comes from the homefront of World War II, a time when women were encouraged to take jobs traditionally held by men.

With all of major league's able-bodied players away for the duration, the bright idea was put forward to use women baseball players — not in the majors, of course, but in their own professional league.

And so, in 1943, the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was formed. How it fared during its first season is recounted in this spirited, often amusing drama centering on some of the individual women who found the experience liberating.

There were only four Midwestern teams in the league and the narrative follows the fortunes of one of them, the Rockford (Ill.) Peaches.

Heading its odd assortment of players is catcher Dottie Hinson (Geena Davis) and younger sister Kit (Lori Petty).



Carol McCullough-20th Century Fox
Jack Nicholson is Harry Bliss, owner of the House of Bliss guard dog agency, and Ellen Barkin is Joan Spruance — who comes to Harry for help — in the romantic comedy *Man Trouble*.

The Peaches are burdened, however, with a manager who hates the job and the team.

He's Jimmy Dugan (broadly overplayed by Tom Hanks), an alcoholic whose drinking not only ended his baseball career but apparently pickled his brain.

Written by Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel, the script is a determinedly feel-good affair, using the baseball diamond as an arena of team solidarity and personal self-discovery rather than as an ideological soapbox.

What makes the episodic movie

work as well as it does is the deft direction of Penny Marshall, who gets bright performances from a talented cast.

The result is an interesting excursion into an earlier era in which women struggled to prove their professional abilities in a field traditionally reserved for men.

Because of a few mild sexual references, some vulgar language and occasional tasteless humor, the USCC classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The MPAA rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

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