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## ICONIC LGBTQ ATHLETES And FIGURES Explore The ONGOING CHALLENGES Faced In SPORTS

- ALONE IN THE GAME -

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**USPA NEWS** - Coming off an Official Selection at AFI Docs Film Festival in Washington D.C., AT&T AUDIENCE Network unveiled its New, Exclusive Documentary, "Alone In The Game." It will make its Premiere on Thursday, June 28 at 8 p.m. ET/PT....

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The AT&T original feature-length documentary follows a group of athletes and sports figures from the biggest stages in American sports, including the NFL, NBA, MLS, and NCAA, among others, to explore the ongoing struggles LGBTQ athletes are facing at the professional, collegiate and Olympic levels.

- Featured Perspectives come from :

- \* NBA Commissioner Adam Silver
- \* Former ESPN President John Skipper
- \* Former NBA center Jason Collins
- \* Former NFL lineman Ryan O'Callaghan
- \* MLS Cup champion Robbie Rogers
- \* Olympic medalists Gus Kenworthy
- \* Olympic medalists Megan Rapinoe

Viewers will hear the Personal Stories of LGBTQ Athletes who deal with living their Most Authentic Life or hiding in Fear that their Sports Careers will come to a crashing end if the Truth comes out.

"It's time to unveil such Important and Inspirational Stories. We're giving Viewers a Rare Look into the Lives of these Elite Athletes' Unique Journeys and open their Eyes to the Daily Challenges these Athletes Face on and off the Field of Play," said David McFarland, "Alone In The Game" Creator and Executive Producer. "With Added Attention to this Issue, I'm hopeful we can affect Real Change at the Highest Levels of American Sport and that the Next Generation of LGBTQ Athletes will be judged by their Athletic Performance, rather than their Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity."

"Alone In The Game" shines a Light on the Stark Reality of the Big Business of Sports. It also exposes a Culture of Exclusion, Bigotry and Discrimination which keeps many LGBTQ Athletes in the Closet and living in Silence.

"As America's Culture, including that of the Sports World, continues to evolve, AT&T remains Steadfast in our Support of Inclusion, which encompasses advocating the Right Mindset surrounding the LGBTQ Community," said Daniel York, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Content Officer for AT&T. "We are honored to provide these Athletes a Platform to share their Stories and empower others going through Similar Struggles."

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