

At only 25 years of age, Eric Anderson was near the top of his sport, coaching the cadre of distance runners at Huntington Beach High School in conservative Orange County, Calif. Victory on the track gained Anderson high respect as a coach, but he was hiding the truth from his colleagues and his team: He was gay. Then he came out. His team was quickly labeled "the fag team," and the respect Anderson had worked for gave way to homophobia: His runners were taunted, threatened, and even physically assaulted. Yet through it all, they continued to run, to win, and to support their coach. As Anderson battled to keep his team running and to keep his job his athletes stuck by him, fighting for a cause that made them trailblazers as well. TRAILBLAZING, the inspiring story of a coach and his squad working together against incredible obstacles, will leave you cheering.