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From February 17, the Chinese will celebrate the new year, the **year of the Horse**



HORSE 馬

People born in the years
1930 1942 1954 1966 1978
1990, 2002, 2014, 2026



RAT 鼠

People born in the years
1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972
1984, 1996, 2008, 2020



OX 牛

People born in the years
1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973
1985, 1997, 2009, 2021



TIGER 虎

People born in the years
1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974
1986, 1998, 2010, 2022



RABBIT 兔

People born in the years
1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975
1987, 1999, 2011, 2023



DRAGON 龍

People born in the years
1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976
1988, 2000, 2012, 2024



SNAKE 蛇

People born in the years
1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977
1989, 2001, 2013, 2025



GOAT 羊

People born in the years
1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979
1991, 2003, 2015, 2027



MONKEY 猴

People born in the years
1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980
1992, 2004, 2016, 2028



ROOSTER 雞

People born in the years
1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981
1993, 2005, 2017, 2029



DOG 狗

People born in the years
1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982
1994, 2006, 2018, 2030

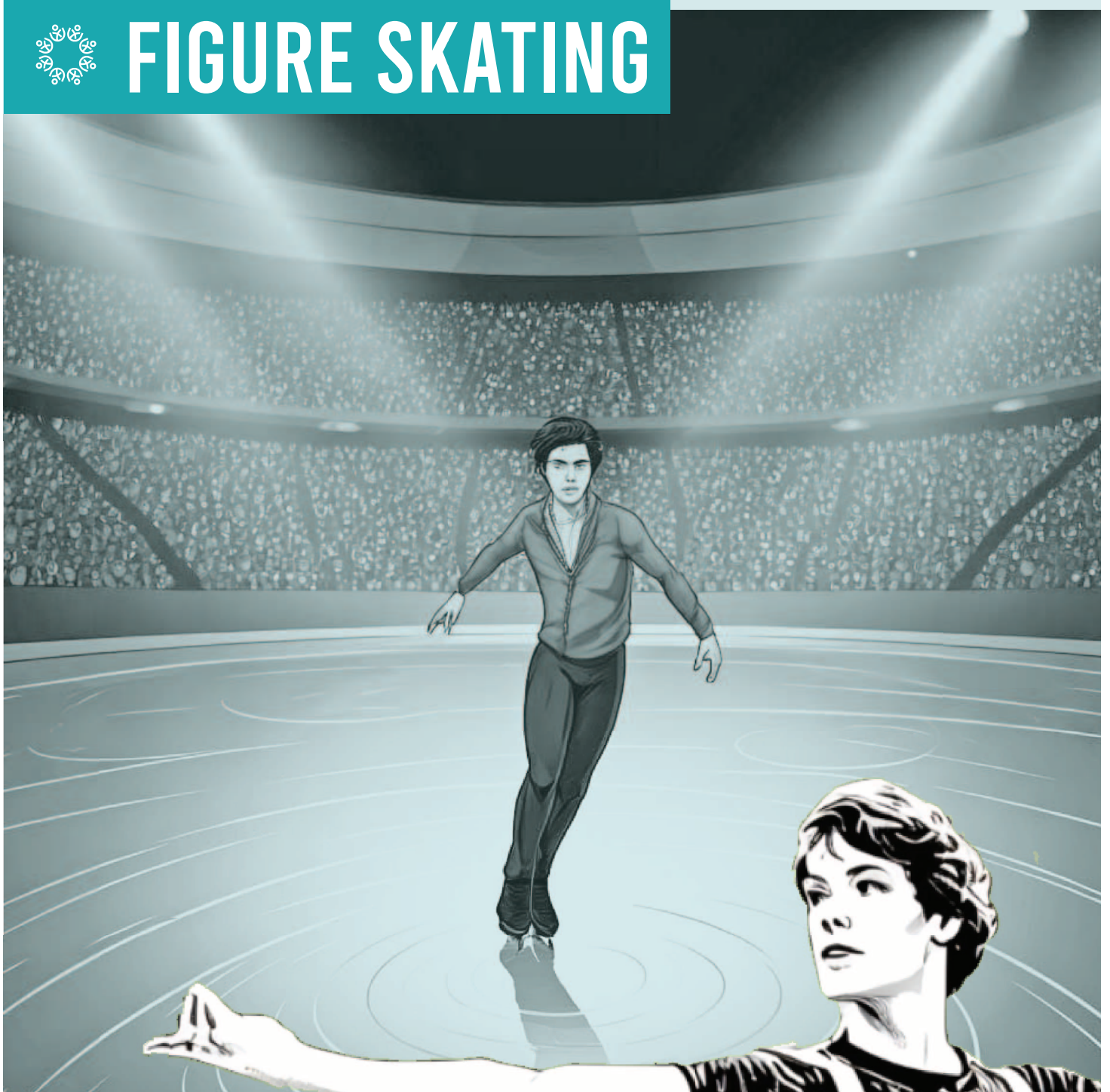


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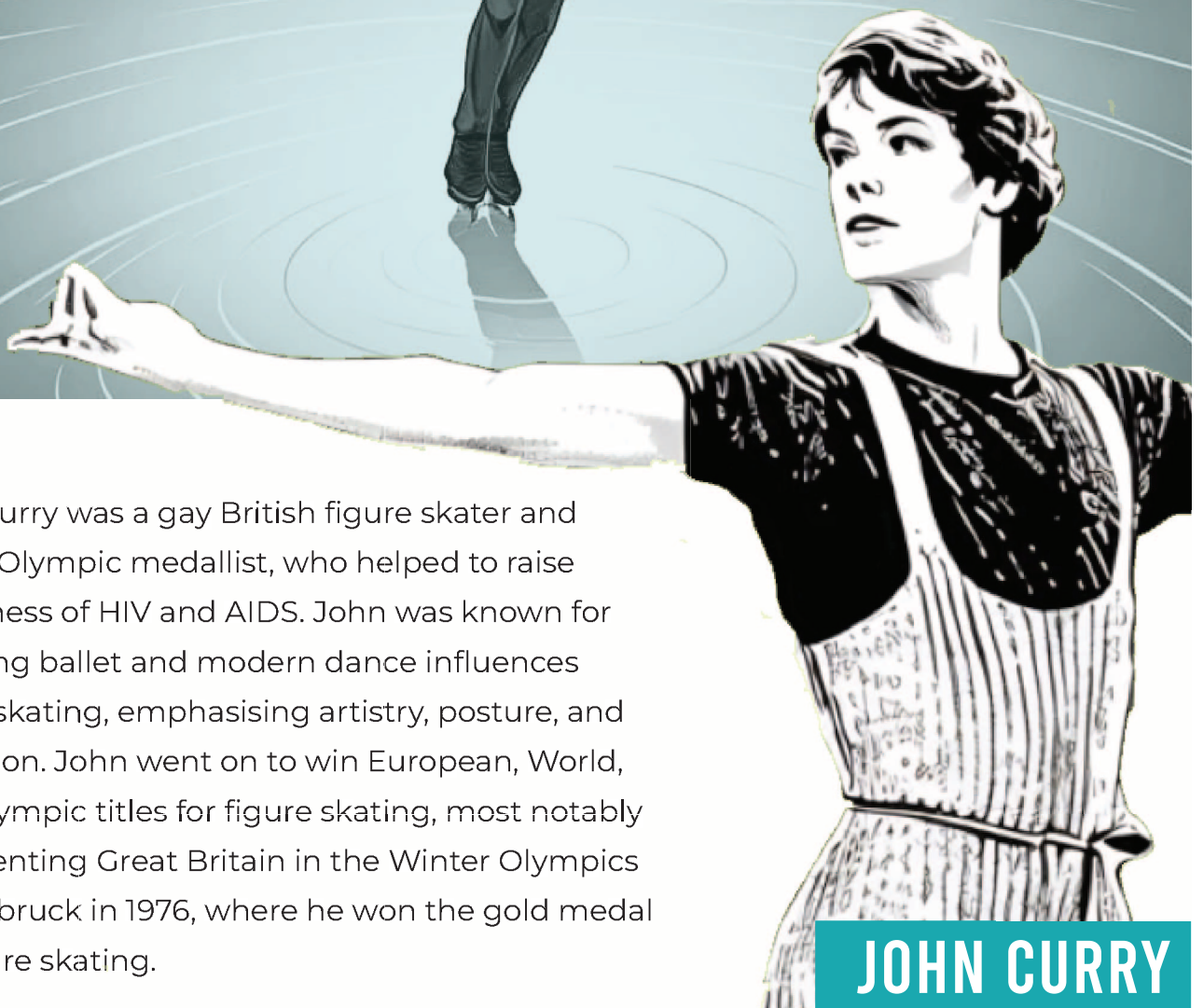
People born in the years
1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983
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FIGURE SKATING



John Curry was a gay British figure skater and a gold Olympic medallist, who helped to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS. John was known for blending ballet and modern dance influences on his skating, emphasising artistry, posture, and extension. John went on to win European, World, and Olympic titles for figure skating, most notably representing Great Britain in the Winter Olympics in Innsbruck in 1976, where he won the gold medal for figure skating.



JOHN CURRY

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FIGURE SKATING

Figure skating is a popular winter sport that combines athletic skill with artistic expression as athletes perform on ice skates to music.



AMERICAN FOOTBALL



David Kopay is an American Football player who became one of the first former professional athletes in the 1970s, in any major American sport, to reveal his sexuality publicly. David was a running back and wide receiver playing for many of the major teams in the National Football League. After coming out in 1975, David went on to become a vocal advocate for the community.



DAVID KOPAY

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

American football is a fast-paced sport played between two teams of eleven players on a rectangular field, where the goal is to score points by advancing the ball into the opponent's end zone.



RUGBY



Ian Roberts is an Australian former professional rugby league player and actor who became the first prominent sports figure in Australia to come out as gay. Ian is considered one of the most talented and influential rugby league players in Australian history. He was a prop forward and was known for his strength, skill, and leadership on the field and throughout his over 12-year distinguished rugby career, at a club, state, and international level.



IAN ROBERTS

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MARCH



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01 ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY	02	03	04	05	06	07
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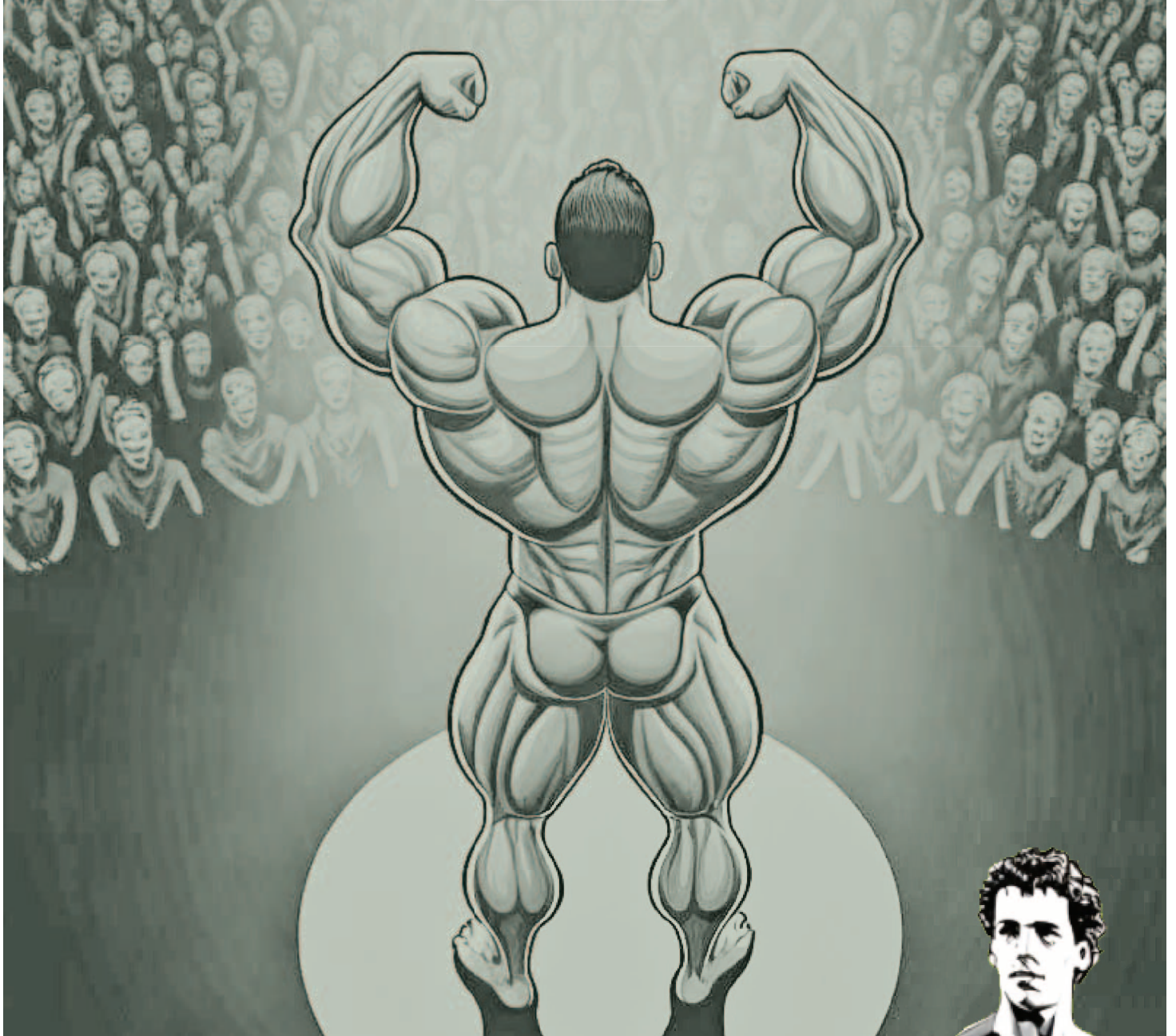


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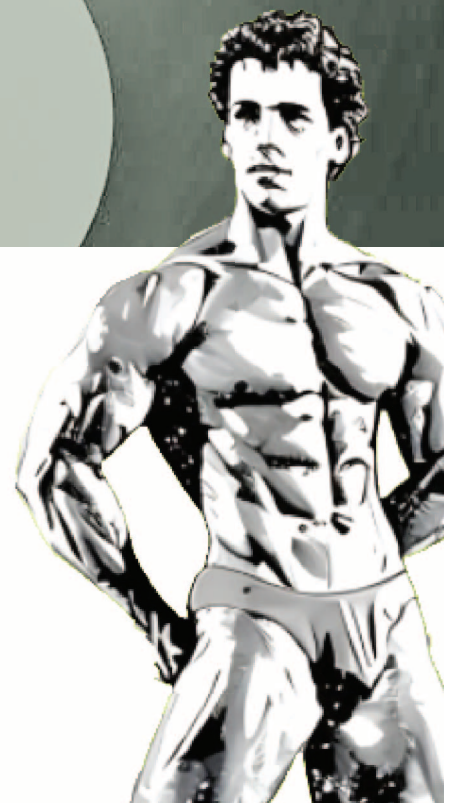
Rugby is a team sport and is characterised by running, passing, and tackling to score points by grounding the ball in the opponent's in-goal area.



BODYBUILDING



Bob Paris is an American former professional bodybuilder, author, and advocate known for his contributions to fitness and his advocacy for LGBTQIA+ rights. After going professional in 1984, Bob was placed in a number of top-level, national and international competitions over the years. It was in 1982 that he won the Mr California competition, and in 1988, he participated in the Mr. Olympia Contest, considered one of the most prestigious bodybuilding competitions.



BOB PARIS

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BODYBUILDING

Bodybuilding is an individual sport focused on developing and sculpting muscle, often competing in contests that showcase their physique through posing and presentation.



GOLF



Babe Didrikson Zaharias was an American athlete celebrated as one of the greatest female sports stars of the 20th century, believed to have been bisexual. Babe excelled in multiple sports and broke numerous barriers for women in athletics. Babe was known for her powerful swing and competitive spirit, which earned her 10 LPGA major championships and multiple other competitions. Before focusing on Golf, Babe won two gold medals in the 1932 Olympic Games.

BABE DIDRIKSON ZAHARIAS

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GOLF

Golf is a precision sport in which players use clubs to hit a ball into a series of holes on a course, aiming to complete the course in the fewest strokes possible.



SWIMMING



Bruce Hayes is an American former professional swimmer who primarily competed in freestyle swimming events and is gay and a vocal LGBTQIA+ advocate. Bruce competed in numerous freestyle competitions over the years; however, his most notable achievements were in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, USA, where he won a silver medal in the 400-meter freestyle and a gold medal as part of the U.S. relay team.

BRUCE HAYES

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SWIMMING

Swimming is a water-based sport and recreational activity where individuals and athletes use their arms and legs to move through water efficiently.



TENNIS



Billie Jean King is an American professional tennis legend and a pioneering advocate for LGBTQIA+, gender equality, and social justice. In a professional career spanning 20 years, Billie Jean won an impressive 76 Grand Slam titles, including 39 in singles, 17 in Doubles, and 20 in mixed doubles, and notably won Wimbledon, the Australian, French, and U.S. Opens numerous times.



BILLIE JEAN KING

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NONBINARY AWARENESS WEEK

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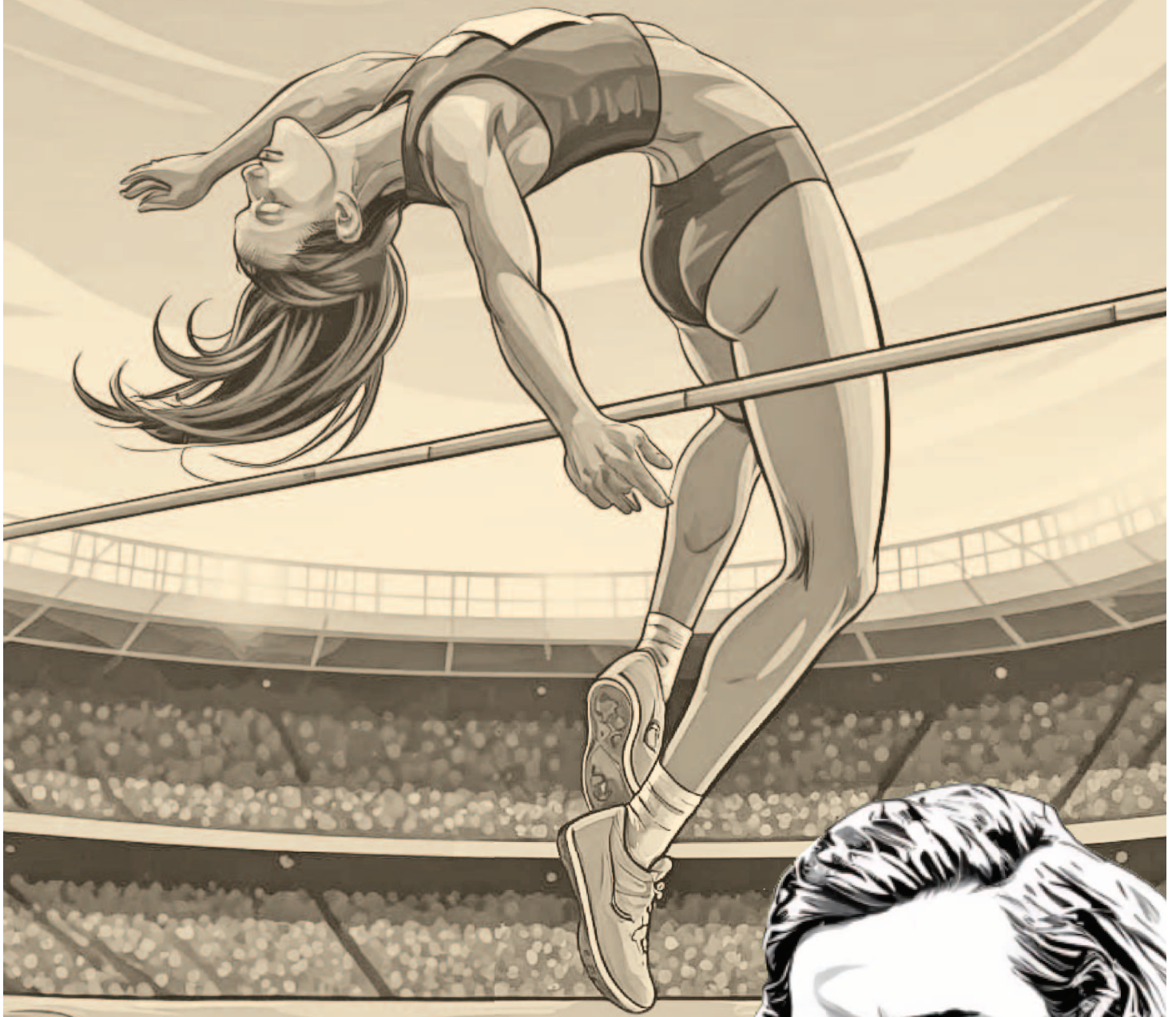


TENNIS

Tennis is a racket sport played on indoor or outdoor courts, in which two players (singles) or four players (doubles), using rackets, hit the ball over a net on a rectangular court.



HIGH JUMP



Dora Ratjen was a German intersex high jumper who was at the centre of a sports scandal in the late 1930s. Dora was a talented athlete who represented Germany in the women's high jump at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. In 1938, when it was discovered that Dora was intersex, she was arrested, sent for further testing and banned from participating in future competitions. In the same year and before the ban, Dora won a gold medal at the European Athletics Championship.



DORA RATJEN

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HIGH JUMP

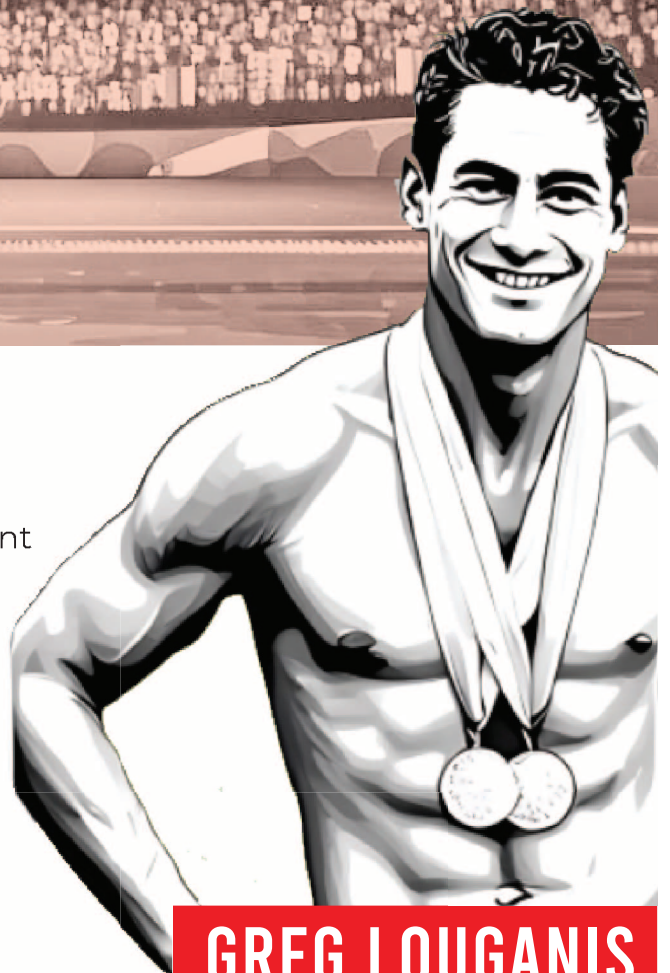
High jump is a track and field sport in which athletes run and attempt to leap over a horizontal bar at varying heights without knocking it down.



DIVING



Greg Louganis is an American professional diver who is considered one of the greatest divers in history and one of the most prominent athletes to come out as gay, as well as being an HIV awareness advocate. Greg, known for his technical skill, precision, and composure, meant he won multiple medals at global competitions, including the Olympic Games and World Championships, establishing himself as a dominant figure in platform and springboard diving.



GREG LOUGANIS

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SEPTEMBER



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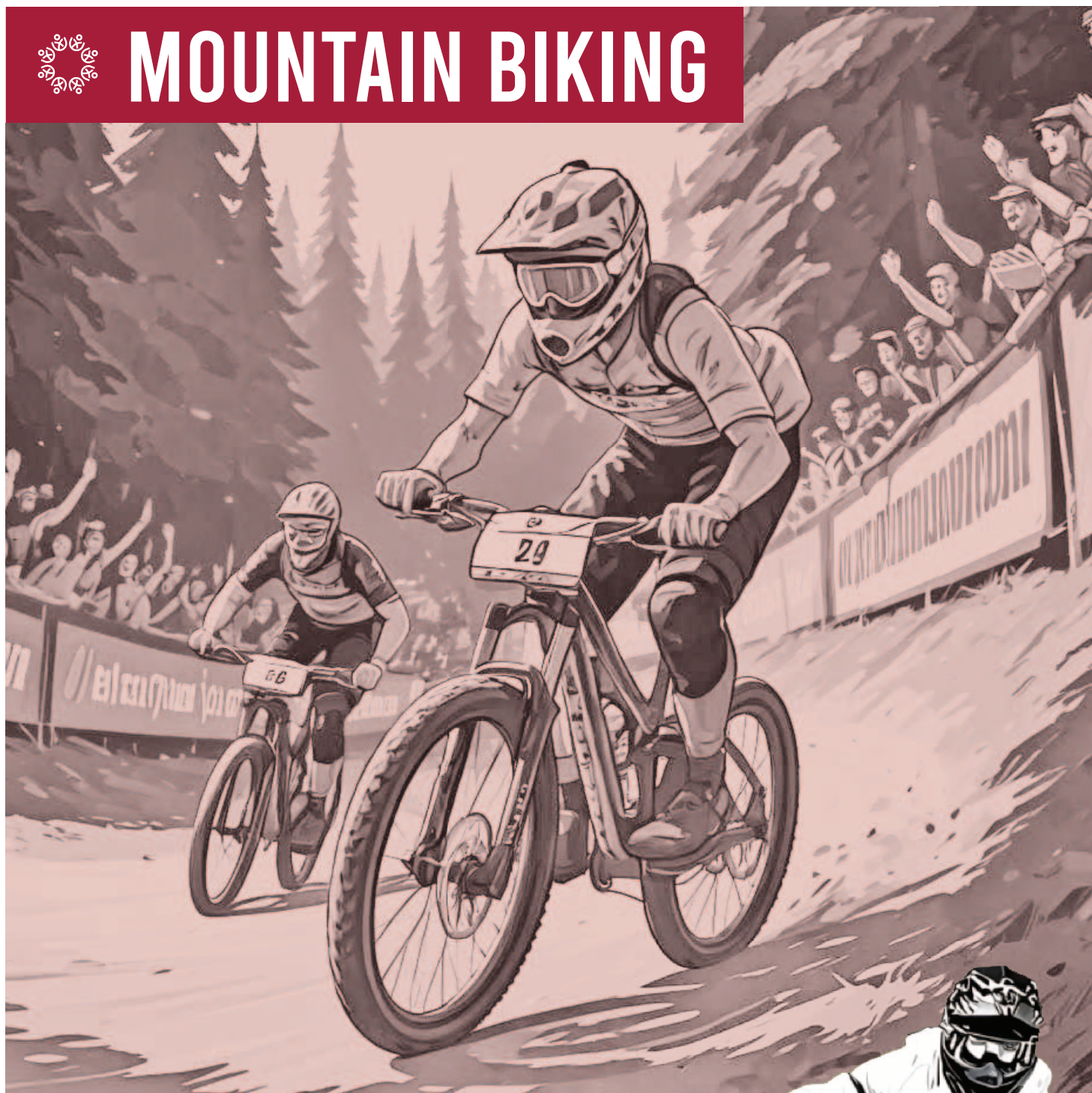


DIVING

Diving is a water sport where athletes jump or dive into a pool from a platform or springboard, performing acrobatic manoeuvres before entering the water.



MOUNTAIN BIKING



Camille Blanche is Swiss and a highly accomplished openly LGBTQIA+ mountain biker specialising in downhill racing. After representing her country in the 2010 Olympic Games, as part of the Hockey team, Camille discovered mountain biking and in 2014 won the Swiss Cup. In 2017, Camille quickly established herself as a top competitor and went on to win the Swiss National championship multiple times, and became European Champion in 2019.



CAMILLE BLANCHE

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OCTOBER



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ASEXUAL (ACE) AWARENESS WEEK

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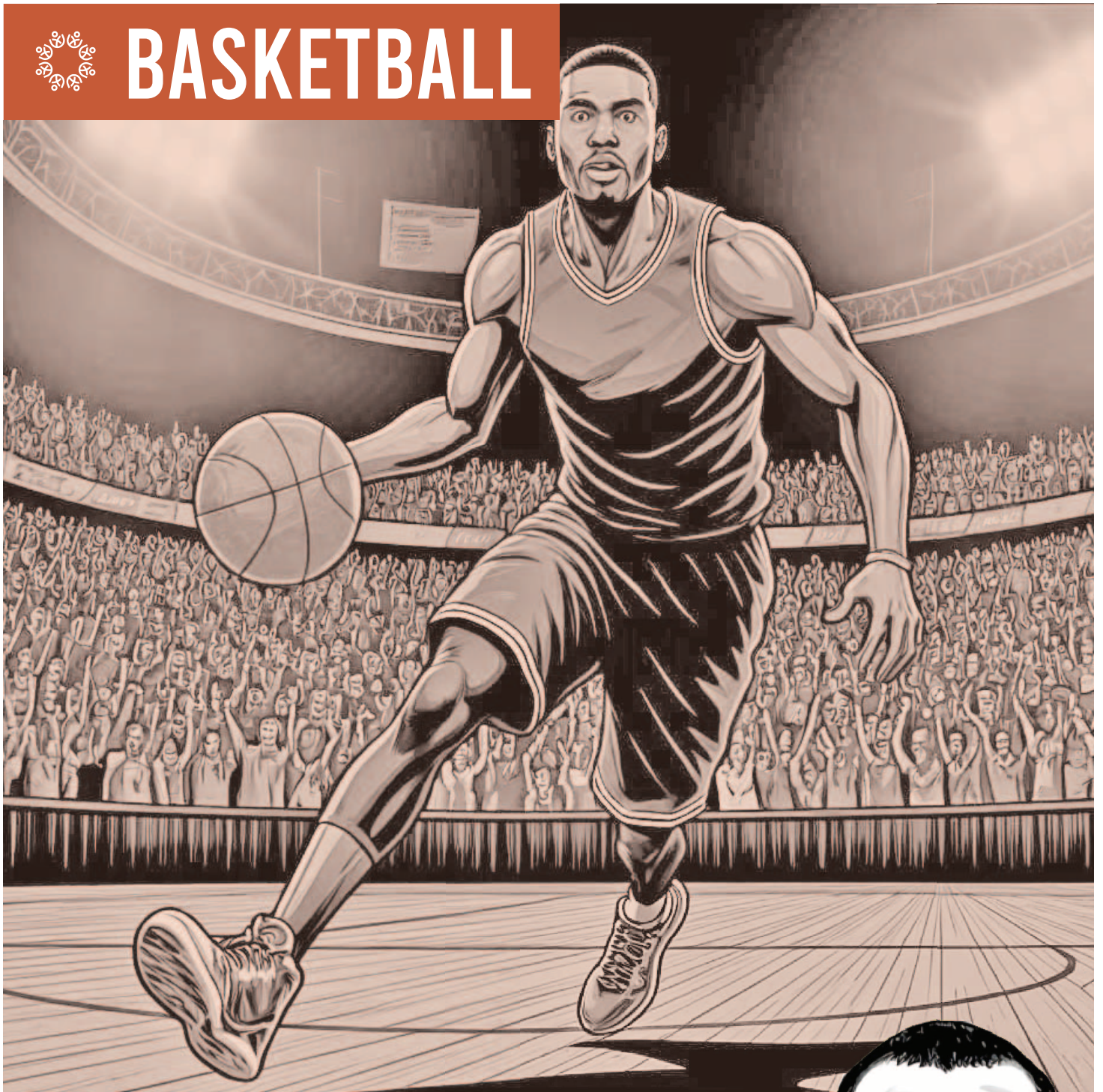


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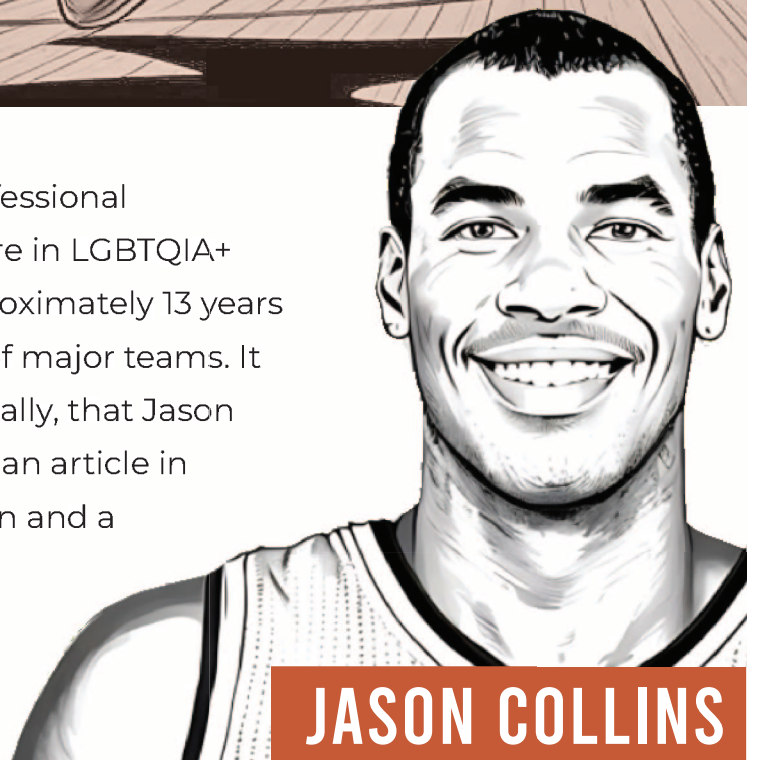
Mountain biking is an outdoor sport that involves riding bicycles off-road over rough, uneven terrain such as mountain trails, forests, and rocky paths.



BASKETBALL



Jason Collins is an American former professional basketball player and an important figure in LGBTQIA+ sports history. In a career spanning approximately 13 years in the NBA, Jason played for a number of major teams. It was in 2013, while still playing professionally, that Jason came out as gay during an interview for an article in Sports Illustrated. As an African American and a professional athlete, the move garnered significant media coverage and created a pivotal moment around inclusion and visibility in recent times.



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NOVEMBER



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BASKETBALL

Basketball is a fast-paced team sport, played with two teams of five players. The objective of the game is for the teams to gain control of the ball and to aim and shoot at their opponent's hoop.

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FOOTBALL



Justin Fashanu was an English professional football player who, due to pace, skill, and goal-scoring ability as a forward, was one of the most high-profile Black footballers in England during the 1980s, and who became the first openly gay professional player in the sport. Justin played for several major football clubs and also gained international recognition when he capped six times for England at the under-21 level.

JUSTIN FASHANU

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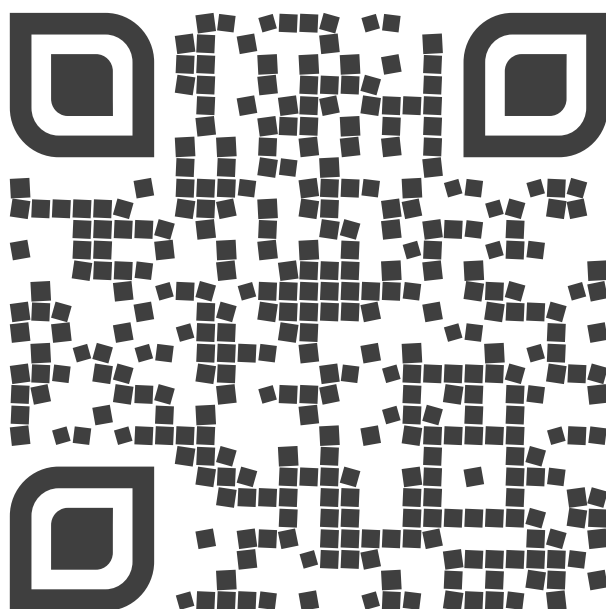
FOOTBALL

Football is a team sport played with eleven players on each side, with the aim of scoring goals by kicking a ball into the opponent's net and matches are played on a rectangular grass or turf field.

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