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### **WGTE TV PRESENTS UNDEFEATED: THE CHUCK EALEY STORY**

Toledo, OH – It was a tumultuous period of time in America. The years were 1968 through 1971. While the country was exposed to images of racial unrest, rampant drug use, and escalation of the war in Vietnam, a city in Ohio was transfixed by a black athlete who would make history for being undefeated. Join WGTE Public Television for UNDEFEATED: THE CHUCK EALEY STORY, Thursday, November 27 at 8:00 p.m. (repeat Sunday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m.)

Chuck Ealey piloted the University of Toledo Rockets to a perfect 35-0 record as the starting quarterback. His story might never have begun were it not for the persistence of his mother, Earline Ealey. A humble, respectful woman of meager means. She wanted to see her son go to college and receive a quality education. In this pursuit, Chuck established one of the greatest records in collegiate football history - a record that remains standing today.

Discover Chuck's initial passion for playing college ball - the pursuit of an education - and see how he learned more about life in the turbulent 60's than even his mother could have imagined. The documentary, UNDEFEATED: THE CHUCK EALEY STORY, chronicles Chuck's athleticism and leadership, born through his experiences growing up poor in Portsmouth, Ohio. Determined to make his mother proud, he adopted a winning strategy in life that led to success in sports, academics and business.

Integral to this film is the human drama of lessons of leadership, humility, triumph, and the importance of education in a time of civil unrest, racial tensions, and heightened prejudices. This is one of those timeless stories in which the message transcends the world of sports and inspires viewers across all boundaries. Interviews include ESPN, USA Today and NPR sports writer Christine Brennan, Bowling Green football star and former Oakland Raider player Phil Villapiano, coaches Lou Holtz and Don Nehlen, and Chuck's teammates from the UT Undefeated Rocket Football Team.

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