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### 1 EXT. FOOTBALL FIELD - AFTERNOON

JACKSON HALL (18), is on the field. The ball is snapped and he makes a pass to the tight end.

He's his high school's star quarterback. Tall, muscular, the total package.

He throws and is tackled to the ground. A whistle blows. JACKSON is helped up by a teammate and everyone huddles around.

COACH MILLER

Good work today, guys. Go hit the showers.

(laughing)

You all smell terrible.

JACKSON FOOTBALL PLAYER 1

Thanks, Coach. See ya, Coach.

FOOTBALL PLAYER 2 GAGE

Thanks, Coach Miller. Thanks, Coach.

JACKSON takes his helmet off. He walks off of the field with his teammates.

CUT TO:



## The Story

Playing for Keeps is a story of societal standards, relationship insecurity, and familial tensions set in the world of high school football in a small town. Jackson must explore his own insecurities and face the music: can he keep living the lie forever?

Star quarterback Jackson Hall is feeling the pressure as the high school football championship approaches. Jackson's secret boyfriend, Parker, wants Jackson to come out, but fearing how his parents and peers will react to the news, he's hesitant.

Jackson faces a tough choice – keep hiding his secret boyfriend, or risk it all for love. As the pressure mounts and emotions flare, Jackson's on a rollercoaster of relationship drama, awkward family moments, and self-discovery that could change the game both on and off the field.

### TONE.



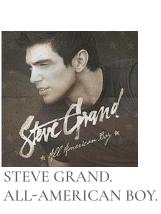


Drama.

MUSICAL MUSINGS.

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THE VERVE PIPE.
THE FRESHMAN.



Romance.



CIVIL TWILIGHT. LETTERS FROM THE SKY.



INCUBUS.
DRIVE.



Framing.



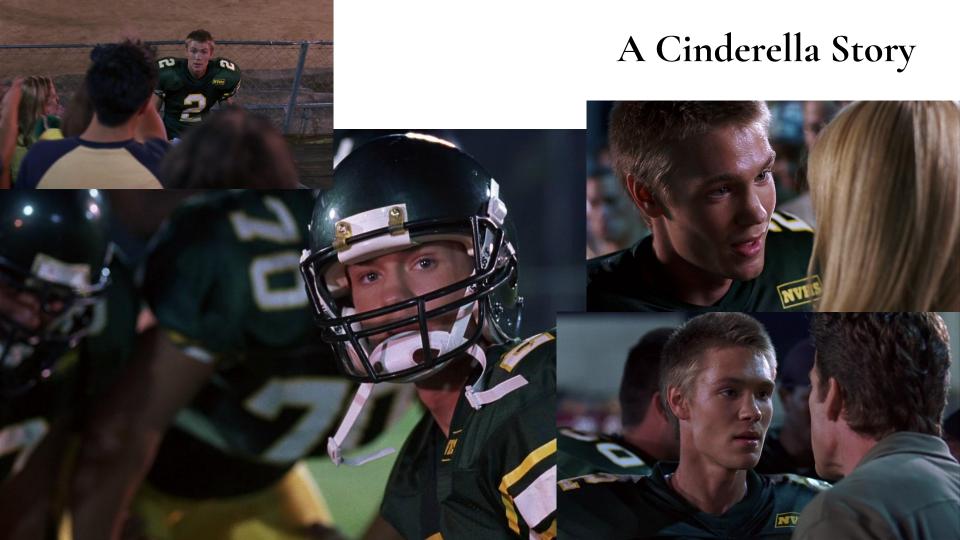
Lighting.







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