

# BET's "THE GAME" Series Finale Episode Delivered 3.7 Million Viewers on Its Premiere Night

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LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- BET's THE GAME series finale delivered 3.7 million viewers on its premiere night. For the last three years, THE GAME reigned as the #1 sitcom on basic cable among adults 18-49. After nine seasons on the air, the series finale episode which premiered on Wednesday, August 5, attracted over 3.7 Million total viewers for its 10 p.m. airing, according to Live plus 3 research data.\* Season 9 of THE GAME dominated Wednesday nights as the #1 telecast on all of television (broadcast and cable) among Blacks 18-49. The series finale episode also hit a viewership high this season and produced a 16% increase from the Season 8 finale airing earlier this year.

On social media, the finale generated much conversation among fans of THE GAME. During premiere night, #thefinalGame trended on Twitter for over 4 hours. THE GAME ranked as the #2 most social new/live non-sports, primetime show on all of TV, beating shows such as NBC's *Mr. Robinson* (#12), USA's *Suits* (#14), and TV One's premiere of *Born Again Virgin* (#31). #TheGame also trended on Instagram for over 3 hours.

*\*Source: Nielsen Fast Nationals*

THE GAME is a half hour comedy that takes a behind-the-scenes look at the "dysfunctional" football family of the San Diego Sabers, as they navigate fame, relationships and the pressures of professional football. The series stars Coby Bell, Brandy Norwood, Wendy Raquel Robinson, Hosea Chanchez, Lauren London, Jay Ellis, Barry Floyd and Brittany Daniel. Executive Producers are Mara Brock Akil, Salim Akil, Kenny Smith, Hale Rothstein and Jennifer Genzok-Rice; Co-Executive Producer Claire Brown.

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