

THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

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THEATER REVIEW: 'Championship Season' cast is a winning combination
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Everybody has a moment they can't forget. But when that moment becomes a defining moment, it can change a person's life. "That Championship Season," by Arthur Miller, shows the decline of four former high school basketball players who meet again for a reunion 20 years later. The year is 1972. Their trophies are gone. The men continue to look back on their glory days with a reluctant to see any faults in their past. "Lean and mean, boys," they say, "prized possessions to be treasured." This coach tries to hang on to his perception of one of his players, a former mayor, or his pride in his former Communists. "It takes hate to win," he says, "and in life."

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That Championship Season

"..we were treated to moments of real fire and pathos, especially from Gil and Galone as Phil."
- Edge, Boston

"Gary Galone brings out the crassness of the rich and spoiled Phil."
- Patriot Ledger

The story centers on the 20th reunion of the starters of a high school basketball team in a small Pennsylvania town, who gather with their former coach to celebrate their Cinderella-like winning of the state championship 20 years ago. The men have superficially achieved various levels of success, but their lives is an emptiness that they never fulfilled on their promise to be anything as great as "that championship season". James feels he owes his talent on taking care of his dissolute father and former coach was forced into retirement and recently had surgery for an ulcerated stomach, and George is viewed a bumbling idiot who's own friends are plotting against him during election season. Even wealthy Phil is a mess to his life, filling it with fast cars and affairs, even with George's wife. The play captures the mood of the group when he says, "Sometimes I think it's the only thing I can still feel...that championship season."

GARY GALONE