Everyone loves the 'Gilmore Girls,' but the young charmers are only half the story...







MICHAEL GILTZ talks with the four hunky guys on The WB's addictive series

MILO VENTMIGLIA

Age: 25

Born: Anaheim, California

Plays: Jess.

First big break: Busted a move in the '96 short film "Must Be The Music.

Favorite Jess moment: "My favorite episode is 'Teach Me Tonight,' the one with the car accident [Jess trashed the car Dean had remodeled for Rory.] Alexis and I were both so tired and laughing and goofing off and having fun, so it was funny for me to watch.

Secret about Jess: "He's killed somebody," jokes Venti-miglia. "I have no idea."

Who does thinks would win in a fight between Jess and Dean: " Dean definitely has size over Jess but I think Jess kind of has the crazy factor. You just don't know what to expect. But I think it would be a hard fight."

> Also look for him: down at the Home Depot. "I bought a house," says Ventimiglia. "About three months ago. I gutted the whole place and I'm doing major remodeling."

JARED PADALECKI

Born: San Antonio, Texas Plays: Dean

First big break: You're looking at it right here. Favorite Dean moment:

"Going back to the very first sea-son, where I went to the dance with Rory and ran into Tristan, who was the first competition on the show," says Padalecki, "We get into a shoving match, but even though Dean knows he could have whupped him easy, he decides to be mature about it and not start a big of fight at his girlfriend's dance. I thought that showed a lot of guts and maturity."

Secret about Dean: "Dean has a family," laughs Padalecki. "He has a couple of sisters and his mom and dad. I actually start off the season in Chicago where Dean is from. I hope we can meet some of them and some of his friends. Obviously he has friends other than Rory

Who he thinks would win in a fight between Dean and Jess: "Dean! Not even a question." Also look for him: "Keep your fingers crossed but I'm hoping to turn the book 'Back Roads' by Tawni O'Dell Ian Oprah pick] into a movie," says Padalecki, who optioned it. "We're having a meeting on Aug 8 wire having a meeting on Aug. 8 with Warner Bros, We're thinking of doing a two-hour movie and maybe turning it into a series."

DAVID SUTCLIFFE

Age: About 33 Born: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Plays: Christopher Hayden., First big break: "I did a show for NBC called 'Cold Feet,' It never quite came together. We shot nine episodes and were on the air for four, but there were a few gems in there. Maybe because it was my first big thing, but that show's always going to have a big place in my heart

ment: "The debutante ball. It was Favorite Christopher mothe episode where I got to show the most feeling towards Rory on the show as a father. I got to show how much he loves her and adores her and it's not very difficult to play that with Alexis because I do think she's won-derful and I absolutely adore her."

Secret about Christopher: "I've been playing himfrom the very be-ginning as 'I want to get back with the, I want to get back with them,' " says Sutcliffe. "I saw him as a character who wanted nothing more than to reconcile with his true fam-ily. That was his quest. All the wrongs he's done in his life he can make right by reconciling with Lorelai. But if I was there full-time it wouldn't be 'The Gilmore Girls,' it would be 'The Gilmore Family.'

Also look for him: on reruns of "CSL" "Friends" and "Will & Grace."

SCOTT PATTERSON

Age: 43 Born: in New Jersey (on Sept.II, by the way) Plays: Luke.

First big break: "I did a TV movie in '92 called "The Return of Ironsides"," says Patterson. "Ray-mond Burr was in a wheelchair and I was a bad cop. He sprayed me with a fire extinguisher and then he hit me in the stomach with the fire extin-guisher and then he punched me with a right cross that knocked me out and I fell on my back. So I got

my ass kicked by an old guy in a wheelchair."

Favorite Luke moment: "You know what peo-ple really responded to? That little scene at her engagement party in the town square. I sat down bench with three little girls dressed as ballerinas. That just melted people."

Secret about Luke: "You know, when it comes

to character stuff, I want to keep his secrets s

et," says Patterson.

Also look for him: In reruns of "Seinfeld," where Elaine tries to decide if he's spongeworthy.



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