THE NBA CHAMPIONSHIP HAS ELUDED PATRICK EWING AND HAKEEM OLAJUWON, BUT FOR ONE OF THEM, THIS COULD BE THE YEAR

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QUEST FOR THE RING

They are arguably the two best centers in the NBA today—two of the greatest in history—yet a huge void remains in the illustrious careers of the New York Knicks’ Patrick Ewing and the Houston Rockets’ Hakeem Olajuwon: no NBA championship ring. The ringless fingers of the superstar centers are symbolic of frustration, disappointment and a longing for that shining moment of glory.

They’ve both dreamed of winning a championship, actually visualized it in their time of peace and solitude—the clock ticking down...0:05...and down...0:03...and down...0:01...and hearing the horn