

MOOSE

**A Screenplay
By
Robert C. Powers**



Stingers

Executive Summary

TITLE: MOOSE

LENGTH: Feature film

GENRE: Sports Action

BUDGET: Less than \$1 M

SHOOT: Ready for shooting

CHARACTERS (4 Main, 8 Supporting, plus Minor)

- Robert (Moose) (17)
- Sarge (50)
- June (18)
- Vic (18)
- Beau (45)
- Luke (18)
- Carl (48)
- Dru (38)
- Merc (18)
- Screw (40)
- Ben (17)
- Perry (18)

Locations

Gym
Practice Field
School
Stadiums
Cemetery
Homes

Logline

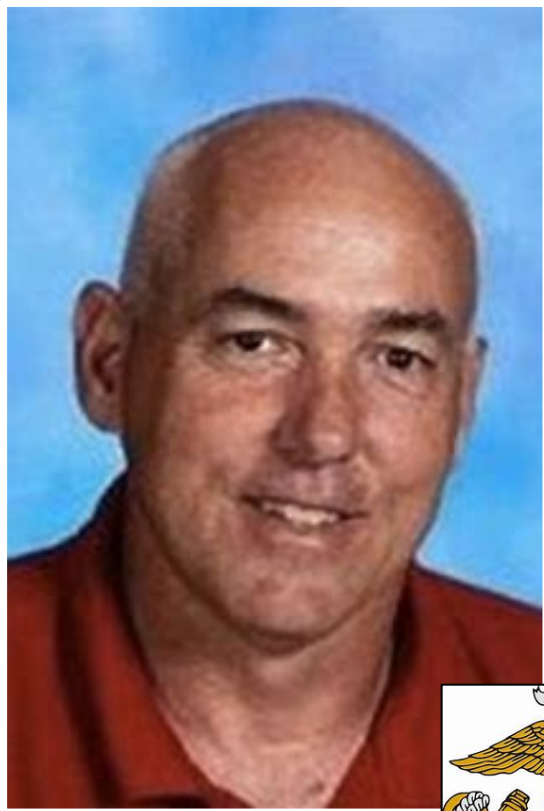
A high school football team in a small town loses its star black halfback in a motorcycle accident which leads to racial and competitive quarrels among the players; the tough coach, who suffers from cancer, turns to a player with a physical disability to resolve the conflicts and lead the team to a championship.

Coverage

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Based on a true story.



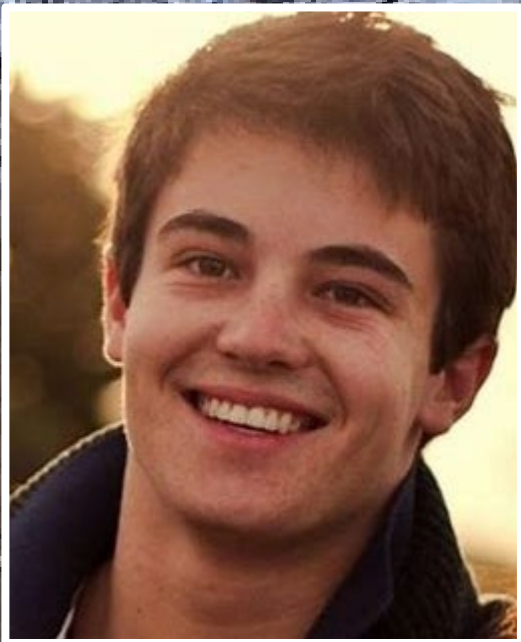
**Coach Ellis
"Sarge"**



Small rural blue-collar town. Present day. All things country and football.

With this year's football team at Benton High School ("Stingers"), COACH EVAN ELLIS, aka "SARGE", a former Marine hero, sees his dream of a championship season coming true.

Sarge is a tough coach who extracts every drop of sweat and blood from his players.



Moose



Merc

**Sarge has a strong line and HALFBACK
“MERC” DESTER, the fastest man in
the league,**

**And his close friend Fullback
“MOOSE” OSMON, the best blocker
and “up the middle” man.**

Benton



Stingers



Merc and Moose grew up together in the small mid-west town of Benton.

Moose often had to defend Merc against the “all white” culture of the town.

Merc helped Moose recover from a bout with rheumatic fever.

The STINGER team has mixed feelings about Sarge. It’s a love-hate relationship,

But the boys know the championship they want so much for their senior year depends on him.



Merc dies



Buck

Moose fails the physical—a heart problem stemming from the rheumatic fever of his youth.

Tragedy strikes when Merc dies in a motorcycle accident under suspicious circumstances involving BUCK, a rival from Forest High School.

Amid great sorrow, Moose prays that he will be able to play.

The Doctor finally clears him, but his mother wants him to stop playing. She won't sign the release for him to play.



Carl

Moose 's father, Carl, separated from his mother, Beau, can sign the papers, but he knows if that happens, his mother will never forgive either of them.

And, Moose is dedicated to bringing them back together.

A stalwart father, Carl signs the papers.

Moose rejoins the team and is elected Team Captain. He must solve the problems arising from Merc's death and the hard., sometimes harsh ways of Sarge.

Beau



June



**Disaster in
the Rain**



Moose is attracted to June Ellis, the coach's daughter. They date against Sarge's will and are found out.

Sarge tells Moose he must concentrate on football and not see June.

The Stingers win their first game and confidence builds.

In their second game, a team they are supposed to beat ties them.

Their next game is a disaster in the rain as they lose. Moose must rally the team.



Vic



Ben

They need speed to replace Merc. VIC EARLE, a star basketball player, has the speed, but he hates Sarge.

Vic transferred from the rival Forest Scouts in his freshman year.

Sarge kicked him off the football team due to “poor attitude” and “undisciplined behavior”.

Now, when his speed is needed, he won’t join the team.

Ben and the other black players want “another Merc”.



**Moose fights
Vic for
Leadership of
the Stingers**



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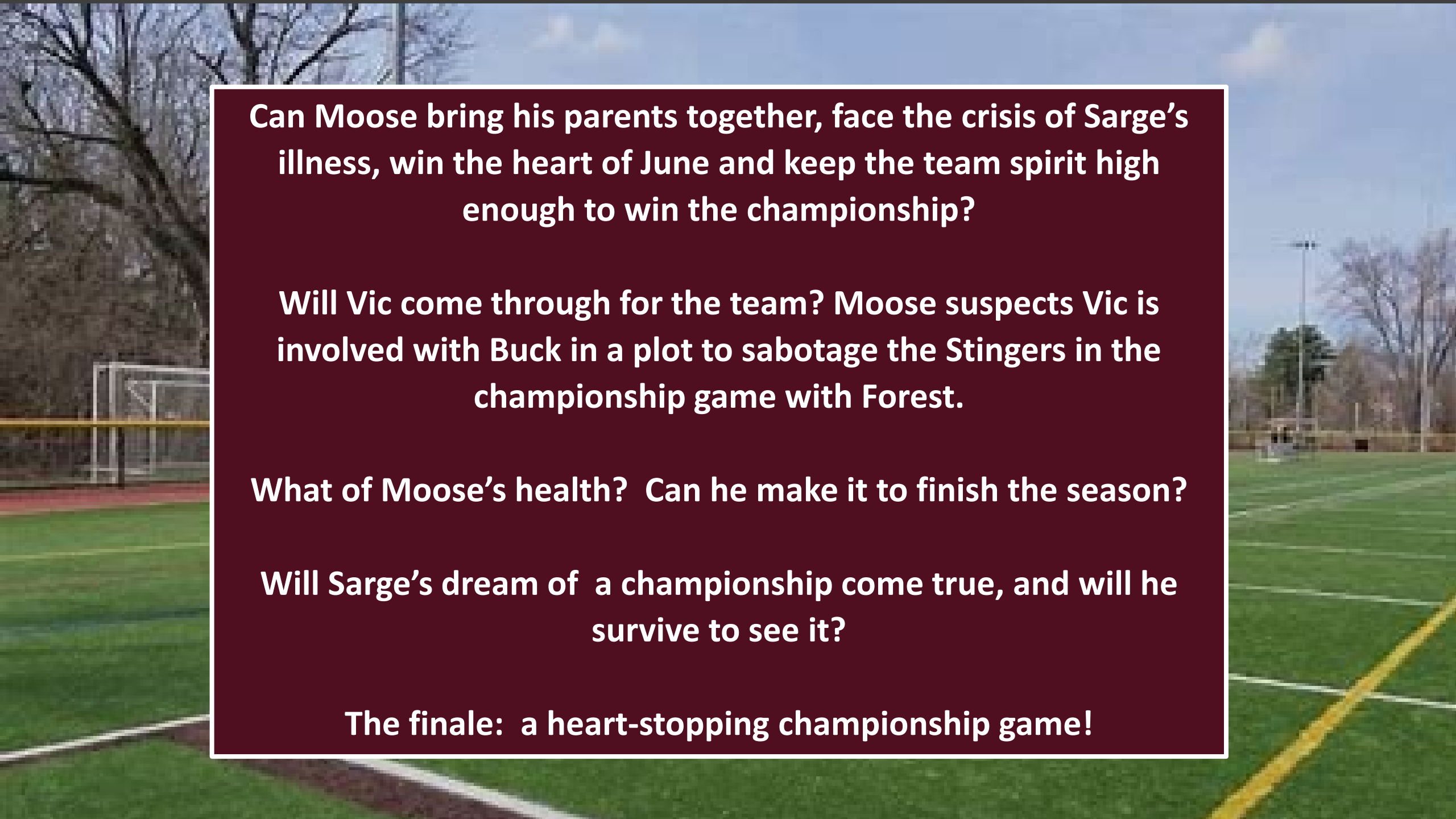
**Moose succeeds, with June's help,
in persuading Vic to join.**

**Vic is a "showboat" and his loyalty
is not clear.**

**Moose must fight him for
leadership of the team.**

**The Stingers rebound and get ready
to play for the championship.**

**They learn that Sarge has cancer.
He struggles to be ready to coach
the last game.**

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Can Moose bring his parents together, face the crisis of Sarge's illness, win the heart of June and keep the team spirit high enough to win the championship?

Will Vic come through for the team? Moose suspects Vic is involved with Buck in a plot to sabotage the Stingers in the championship game with Forest.

What of Moose's health? Can he make it to finish the season?

Will Sarge's dream of a championship come true, and will he survive to see it?

The finale: a heart-stopping championship game!

Penned by optioned screenwriter Robert C. Powers and based on the book ZEE BEES by Robert E. Osmon, MOOSE beats a breakneck pace. It is a story of faith and challenge set against exciting high school football action. The Writer lived much of it.

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Coverage Notes

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