
Subject: Re:"One down, two to go, Clifton Fadiman....."

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I'm doing this from memory but I think Alan Bates was the Laertes. And yes, I sort of forgot about the John Daly show even though I grew up with it. For a different take on all this, go see if there's a copy of Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" over your way. It's a film that's available on vhs etc. Stoppard does his play from the POV of R&G. This would put you in mind of the Absurd. One of the big criticisms of MG and many others in the role is that Hamlet is a student on vacation from Wittenberg. So these old farts going "Words words words" is most often a stretch of the imagination. I suppose a really new twist on this would be to have a Holden Caulfield-type Hamlet showing the angst of youth in all this. I think what holds directors back from casting like this are the Gertrude scenes. They tried it in this one but it didn't work:

Ethan Hawke Hamlet yuck
