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Toronto Maple Leaf trivia

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"This Leaf defenceman was a member of all four Maple Leaf Stanley Cup winning teams during the 1960s but he was a much travelled player. In his 12 NHL seasons, besides the Leafs, he played for Detroit, Boston, Minnesota, Montreal, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Buffalo. He was on Stanley Cup winning teams with Detroit and Montreal, making him a member of six championships—not a bad record for a player who was essentially a fifth defenceman. Can you name him?"

Just a sample of the Toronto Maple Leafs trivia book which covers the entire modern day history of the Buds (1927-1986). Written by York graduate Mike Leonetti, the book is as valuable for its historical content as it is for its thought-provoking questions.

There are few really short questions in this book. Leonetti has purposely paid close attention to history and the context of situations in his questions. "I hoped to give the reader a broader and clearer picture of the times," Leonetti said.

The pictures in the book are black and white with a colour photo of the championship Leaf squad of 1967 on the cover. All of the photos are guaranteed to bring back a lot of memories for any Leaf fan.

Leonetti, a former sportswriter for *Excalibur*, graduated with an Honours BA in Political Science in 1982. Two weeks after graduation he began working for State Farm Insurance as a claims representative. He quit after 18 months and is now employed by Devry as a National Training Administrator.

Leonetti always had the desire to be published and started putting information together on the book while he was still a student at York.



CLEAR THE TRACK: Eddie Shack takes a pass while Eddie Johnston (in net) prepares for the save.

Most of his research work was concerned with tapping sources and getting hold of old and valuable photos. He received help from several people and companies including Beehive Syrup Ltd. "For the most part, people were pretty helpful," Leonetti said. "Some things I had to pay for, others I didn't."

The book's chapters are entitled "Memorable games," "Records and Awards," "Remember him?" and "Did you know?" Harold Ballard has included a message to Leaf fans, and Jim Hughson, a former commentator on Leaf telecasts, has contributed a forward to the book.

In his dealings with Ballard, Leonetti found him to be a real gentleman. "I visited him at his cottage in Georgian Bay," he said, "and he was cordial and helpful in any way he could."

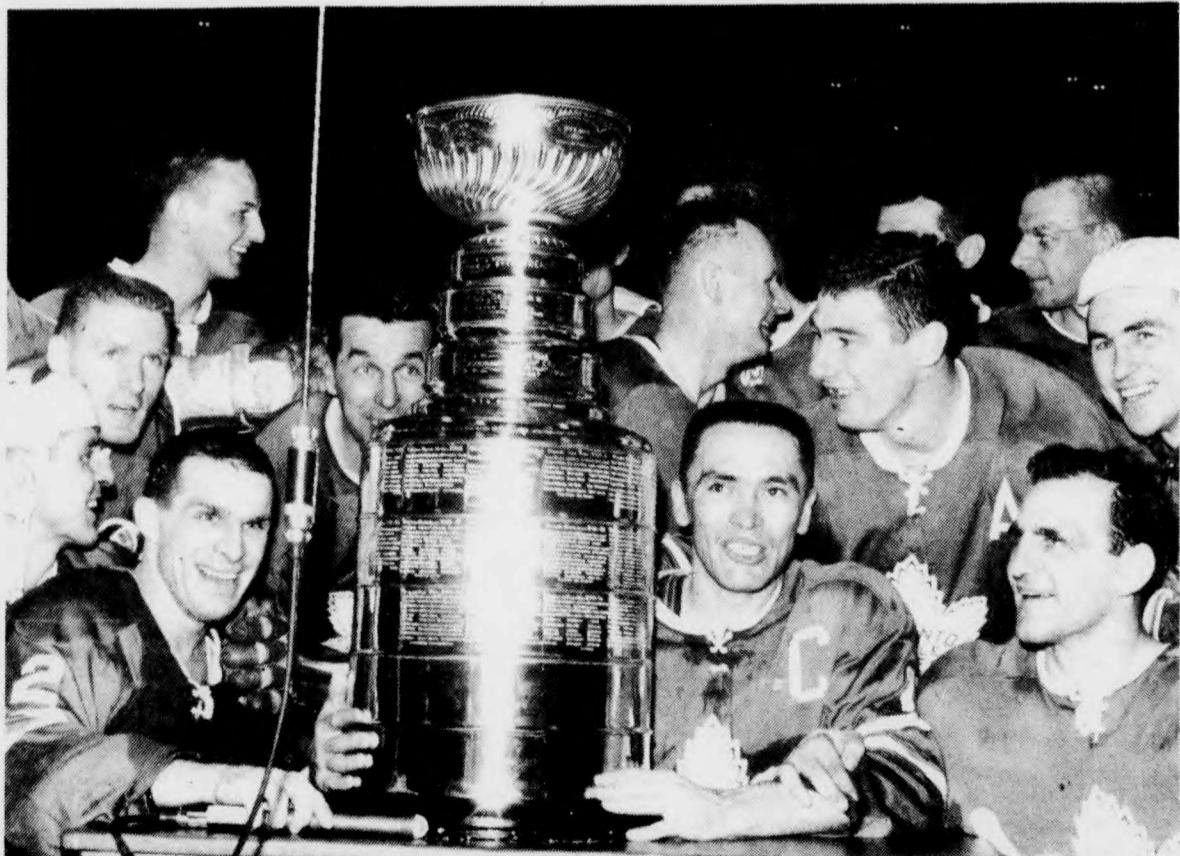
The book is published by Summerhill Press Ltd., and available at Coles and other bookstores. Leonetti "put his money where his mouth was," by funding 50 percent of the original 4,000 copies. "Putting up the money helped give me an added incentive along with the basic pride of marketing something you believe in."

With 400 questions in the Toronto

Maple Leafs Trivia Book, it should prove to be a valuable collector's item for any devout Leaf fan. By the way, the answer to the trivia question is Larry Hillman.



The immortal King Clancy



STANLEY CUP SMILES: This nostalgic shot was taken in April 1964 (Left to Right) First Row: Carl Brewer, George Armstrong, Bob Baun. Second Row: Billy Harris, Larry Hillman, Ron Stewart, Johnny Bower, Bob Pulford, Red Kelly. Third Row (visible): Jim Pappin, Eddie Shack.

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