

Applewhaite to play for Leafs?

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The Washington captials should have picked up York goalie Marc Applewhaite when they had the chance. It now looks like the CIAU all-star will take his business elsewhere. The latest word churned out of the NHL rumour mill has Applewhaite going to the Leafs in an unprecedented trade between the CIAU and NHL.

The rumour claims that the Maple Leaf organization is looking for a deal with the Hockey Yeomen that would see Applewhaite go to the Leafs for Leaf goalies Alan Bester and Jeff Reese, defencemen Chris Kotsopoulos, Borje Salming, Al Iafrate and Rick Lanz, forwards Tom Fergus, Marc Osbourne, Vincent Damphousse and Daniel Marois, Leaf assistant coach Gary Lariviere, as well as one of the first round draft picks the Maple Leafs obtained from Philadelphia in exchange for Ken Wregget.

In addition, the Yeomen would receive a lifetime supply of hockey tape, a five year supply of Chimo sticks, \$10,000 worth of nautilus training equipment, use of Maple Leaf Gardens on Tuesday and Thursday nights, season passes to the Ex for the summer of '89 and a brand new tour bus for Newmarket.

Excalibur's CIAU sources say that there is a good chance that the deal will be allowed to go through as planned, provided that York officials agree to the trade. As yet, York officials have had no comment on the matter saying that the "rumour" is largely the result of the media hype surrounding Applewhaite's outstanding performance — the Nationals, and the Maple Leafs' unbelievably bad season.

However, Excalibur has been in contact with a York official who agreed to an interview, as long as he was permitted to remain anonymous. This official explained that, in fact, Yeomen head coach Graham Wise, Applewhaite and his family, and a representative from the maple Leaf organization would be meeting to discuss the conditions of the deal this week.



FUTURE LEAF? Applewhaite (pictured above receiving traditional leaf signing bonus of plaque and winter gloves) may be with the big club in near future.

Wise could not be reached for comment on the deal. However, Excalibur was able to contact a close associate of Wise's who explained that to the best of his understanding, Wise seemed upset to give up such an impact player as Applewhaite for so little.

As for the Leafs, a spokesman for the organization said, "... both the team and management are very optimistic about the deal. The owner, management, and the team members met today to discuss the club's now bright future, and all were

pleased with how little the team had to give up to acquire Applewhaite."

One problem facing the Leafs is filling the eleven vacant spots before they can begin the 1989-90 season. Some insiders are apparently concerned that they will be unable to produce a full roster, but a team spokesman explained, "that doesn't worry us at all at this point. We'll be scouting the Toronto area house leagues, and we're confident that we'll find players of a calibre that haven't been seen in the National League club for some time.

Drag bikes coming to Central Square

In light of the opening of Yorklanes and the Student Centre, York University is weighing options for Central Square and its possible uses.

One of these options includes the creation of a motorcycle drag strip running north to south along the stretch of the Square.

The indoor strip would have the existing benches and garbage cans removed. The "Christmas tree" lights will be positioned at the end, along the central door pillar. The doors themselves will be removed for safety.

The main proponent of the project, Stan Stadenko, a CYSF backbencher, has been pushing for the concept a long time.

"Several of the CYSF guys were against it, you know, for the obvious stupid reasons, like safety." He added, "The Croation and Jewish clubs, who have their offices just outside the south entrance, were

worried about drag bikes losing control and smashing into their offices. But they're gonna move their offices anyway, so there's no problem.

"The University would have to be real numbnuts to refuse the idea now."

Another CYSF member, Vanna Whitt, saw the idea another way. "Stan's crazy. He just wants the project so that he doesn't have to go all the way to Cayuga to race. Him and his friends are a small minority."

Whatever the opinions, the idea seems to be gaining rapid acceptance, especially at the upper echelons of the Administration. One high-ranking faculty member put it this way:

"During the week we might talk about Aristotle or linear metaphysics, Pollack or whatever, but when the weekend comes, there's no place we'd rather be than at the 'strip pop-

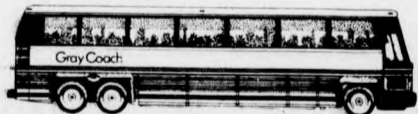
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CENTRAL SQUARE SMOKESHOW? Before long, drag bikes will be as common in Central Square as frosh vagrants sucking butts and trying to look cool.

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