

Ex-pitcher eyes 'Trade' deal - BostonHerald.com

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Yankee swapper **Fritz Peterson**, who stunned the sports world in '70s when he and his teammate **Mike Kekich** switched wives, said **Ben Affleck** will make a movie about the bizarre off-season trade even though Kekich has refused to cooperate.

"I'm sure it's gonna happen," the former hurler for the Bronx Bombers told the Track. "And I hope it's sooner rather than later because I'm really anxious to see who will play my wife."

In case you haven't heard, Affleck and his bro, **Casey**, have been rewriting a script for "The Trade," a big-screen version of the sex scandal that rocked **Yankee Stadium** nearly 40 years ago.

Ben is set to play Peterson and his bud, **Matt Damon**, was reportedly onboard to direct and play Kekich - even though it would require the two diehard **Red Sox [team stats]** fans to wear Pinstripes!

But the **New York Post** reported recently that Kekich, who has a new life and new family, is not happy about the project.

But Peterson said the film can go forward even without Kekich's cooperation and it will.

"He won't be able to hold it up," he said. "It's almost all public information anyway. That's why I signed on, I thought if they're going to do this, they may as well get it right."

Peterson broke his decades-long silence about the scandal two years ago when he wrote about it in his book "Mickey Mantle Is Going To Heaven" and gave the Track an exclusive interview at the time of his book release about the strangest trade in baseball history.

"It wasn't intended to be something dirty," Peterson told us. "We weren't bad people. We weren't swingers. We were just high profile."

It began, he said, innocently enough after he and his then-wife **Marilyn** attended a cookout at the home of New York sportswriter **Maury Allen** with their good friends Kekich, also a **Yankees** pitcher, and his then-wife **Susanne**.

"At the end of the night I said to Mike and Marilyn 'Why don't you guys ride together and I'll take Susanne.'" The foursome agreed to meet up in Jersey at a diner.

Well, the evening was such a hit, the boys began "dating" each other's spouses.

"At first it was kind of just having fun, nothing serious," he said.

But when the baseball season ended, and Peterson went back to Illinois with Marilyn, he realized he was really missing Susanne. He called Kekich.

"I said, 'I don't know how you feel about Marilyn, but . . .'"

It was then, he said, they agreed to make the trade, swapping not just wives, but kids, houses and even pets!