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Back in 1983, Terry Pegula told his business partner Robert H. Long, Jr., “If I ever have more than two nickels to my name, I’m going to buy the Buffalo Sabres one day.” Almost 30 years later, On Feb. 22, 2011, Terry’s dream came to fruition.

A NEW ERA OF SABRES HOCKEY

After taking over control of the team, the Pegulas began to rebuild the franchise. Tim Murray and Dan Bylsma were brought in as general manager and head coach, and the team added key draft picks and free agents to fill out the roster. Sam Reinhart and Jack Eichel were selected with No. 2 overall picks in the 2014 and 2015 NHL Drafts, and Murray acquired Ryan O’Reilly in a trade and Kyle Okposo via free agency. Their arrival, coupled with other acquisitions and existing players, formed the team’s nucleus going forward.

The momentum of this new era has continued off the ice as well. The Sabres have seen increased home attendance and television ratings, a multimillion dollar arena renovation, and numerous national and international events awarded to the team and the city.

Buffalo was chosen to host the 2015 and 2016 NHL Scouting Combines, marking the first time in 16 years the event had been hosted in a city other than Toronto. On June 24 and 25, 2016, the eyes of the world were on Buffalo as the Sabres hosted the 2016 NHL Draft.

Internationally, the organization’s bid to host the 2018 IIHF World Hockey Championship was accepted on Dec. 4, 2015. The tournament will feature the first-ever outdoor game in World Juniors history, which will be played at New Era Field.

HARBORCENTER

In 2012 Terry and Kim Pegula looked to make an even bigger impact on the City of Buffalo. On Aug. 29, 2012, it was announced that the city had selected the Pegulas and their development team to develop and construct HarborCenter, a $200 million multipurpose facility that sits directly across from KeyBank Center, the home of the Sabres, in the city’s Canalside District. HarborCenter is anchored by two new NHL-size ice rinks that are used year-round by a variety of Buffalo-area hockey teams and leagues. Also in the facility is [716] Food and Sport, an upscale, sports-themed bar and restaurant, a one-of-a-kind Tim Hortons location that pays homage to the former Sabres player, additional retail space, a parking structure and a 200-room, full-service Marriott hotel. The Healthy Scratch, a healthy, quick-service restaurant conceptualized by Jessie and Kelly Pegula, joined the HarborCenter portfolio in 2016.

HarborCenter draws more than 500,000 people to downtown Buffalo annually and, coupled with KeyBank Center, provides a premier destination for hockey fans.

ROCHESTER REUNION

Soon after purchasing the Sabres, the Pegulas explored the idea of acquiring the Rochester Americans, the AHL team that had previously spent 29 years as the Sabres’ affiliate before a three-year hiatus. On June 24, 2011, the Sabres announced the reunification of the Western New York teams as Pegula became the owner of the Amerks and resumed one of the longest and most successful partnerships between an NHL and AHL club.
ONE BUFFALO
On Friday, Oct. 14, 2014, the Pegulas realized another long-time dream as they became the second owners in the Buffalo Bills’ 55-year franchise history.

“My name is Terry Pegula and the Pegulas just bought a football team. Actually, that’s not totally correct…we all just bought a team…our team…the Buffalo Bills. The name of our team will not change. It will stay the Buffalo Bills.”

With Terry’s quote, the Pegula era of Buffalo Bills football was ushered in with the assurance that the Bills would stay in Western New York.

In August 2016, the Bills announced the team’s stadium would be known as New Era Field. The stadium will serve as a prominent symbol of the partnership between two of Buffalo’s most recognizable brands.

COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION
On Sept. 17, 2010 Terry and Kim donated $88 million to Penn State University – the largest private gift in the history of the school – to fund a state-of-the-art, multi-purpose arena and a world-class practice facility, to help establish an NCAA Division I men’s hockey program. The Pegulas announced in 2012 they would increase their donation to the Nittany Lion hockey program to $102 million to allow for the endowment of student athlete scholarships.

Thanks to their generosity, Penn State has been able to add both men’s and women’s varsity hockey teams, who play at Pegula Ice Arena.

In 2011, the Pegulas pledged $12 million for the construction of a new athletic center on the campus of Houghton College, Kim’s alma mater. The second-largest gift in school history allowed Houghton to transition to NCAA Division III athletics. The Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex formally opened on Oct. 4, 2014.

BEYOND SPORTS
The Pegulas expanded their business interests in the summer of 2014 by forming Pegula Sports and Entertainment, a multifaceted parent company consisting of all of the companies under the Pegula umbrella. Pegula Sports and Entertainment’s roster of companies currently includes: the Buffalo Sabres and Buffalo Bills; the AHL’s Rochester Americans; the NLL’s Buffalo Bandits; Black River Entertainment and its related properties; Black River Publishing; Sound Stage Studio; Ronnie’s Place Studio; HarborCenter and its components – (716) Food and Sport, the Academy of Hockey, and IMPACT Sports Performance, a high-performance training facility for professional and amateur athletes.

Terry is an avid sports fan and his connections to Western New York run deep. He held season tickets for the Sabres from 1980 through 1998 and lived in Buffalo during the Bills’ championship years in the 1990s.

Raised in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, Terry attended Scranton Preparatory School. He entered Penn State University as a math major, but in order to stay in school, he entered the Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering program through a scholarship. He went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1973 and landed his first job with Getty Oil Co. in Victoria, Texas. He later joined Felmont Oil Co., a decision that brought him to Olean, New York in 1975.
In 1983, he borrowed $7,500 from family and friends to create East Resources Inc., an independent oil and gas exploration and production company operating in the Appalachian Basin. Over the next 27 years, Terry built it into one of the largest privately held companies in the United States. In July of 2010, Royal Dutch Shell purchased the assets of East Resources Inc., which continues to be active today.

Kim serves as president and chief executive officer of Pegula Sports and Entertainment, overseeing all aspects of the sports and entertainment subsidiaries that make up the multifaceted parent company.

A native of Western New York, Kim grew up in Fairport, a suburb of Rochester, New York. She attended Houghton College and graduated in 1991 with a degree in communications.

Kim began her professional career with East Resources in 1991 and was involved with the company until its sale in 2010. In that same year, Kim helped found Black River Entertainment.

Terry and Kim currently reside in Boca Raton, Florida, and have five children: Michael, Laura, Jessica, Kelly and Matthew. Their younger daughters, Jessica and Kelly, were both born in Buffalo.
Russ Brandon is in his second season as president and alternate governor of the Sabres after being named to the position on July 27, 2015.

In addition to his role with the Sabres, Brandon is also the managing partner and president of the Buffalo Bills and chief operating officer of Pegula Sports and Entertainment. In working with Pegula Sports and Entertainment to create strong synergies between the Bills and Sabres, he oversees the business operations for both teams and represents ownership interests locally, regionally and with the National Hockey League and National Football League. Additionally, Brandon serves as President of the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League.

Before being named president of the Sabres, Brandon played a key role in facilitating the sale of the Buffalo Bills from the Wilson family to the Pegula family and aiding the Pegulas as they transitioned into their roles as the owners of an NFL franchise.

His excellent leadership skills and knowledge of the league were invaluable as he directed the Bills organization in the days that followed with the passing of founding owner Ralph Wilson, Jr. to the announcement of Terry and Kim Pegula as the new owners.

Brandon also played an integral role in negotiating a new stadium lease agreement between the Bills, the State of New York and Erie County to keep the franchise in Western New York for the foreseeable future as the three entities signed a MOU in late December of 2012 that included a renovations package to enhance the fans’ game day experience at Ralph Wilson Stadium.

Brandon’s abilities are highly respected on the local level and national scale as well as within the league. A testament to his talents lies in the fact that NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell in the spring of 2011 appointed him to the NFL’s Business Ventures Committee, which is responsible for the oversight of various businesses of the league, including consumer products, sponsorship and marketing. In May of 2014, Brandon was appointed to the league’s Draft committee, which analyzes when and where to hold the Draft each year.

In 2010, Brandon was named chief executive officer for his lead role at One Bills Drive before founding owner Ralph Wilson, Jr. entrusted him as President and CEO in 2013.

In directing the Bills’ day-to-day operations as the chief operating officer from 2008-2009, Brandon’s reach extended from working on the Draft and free agency to leading an effort to improve the Bills game-day experience for all fans. During that two-year span, Brandon led the organization to its only back-to-back years of 55,000-plus season ticket sales while recording what was then the second-highest total in team history in 2008 and the third highest figure in 2009, both contributing greatly to the viability of the franchise.

Brandon previously served as the team’s executive vice president of business operations in 2006-2007, overseeing the team’s vision and execution of all business-related endeavors. In that role he developed a strong base of strategic business and community partners.

From January of 1999 through January 2006, Brandon served as the team’s vice president of business development and marketing. He and his staff have been credited with the development of the team as a regional franchise and forming strategic alliances with key business partners.

Brandon’s success in the sports business field has been recognized with numerous awards and in 2001 he was the recipient of Street and Smith’s Sports Business Journal’s Forty Under 40 Award. In the spring of 2014 he was the recipient of the Canisius College Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award and was presented with the Excellence in Management Award from St. John Fisher College’s School of Business in the spring of 2013. Additionally, he has participated in the prestigious NFL Business Symposium at Stanford University.

In 1999, Brandon and his staff finalized the foundation of the regionalization plan by relocating Buffalo Bills Training Camp to St. John Fisher College in Pittsford, New York. Many consider the Bills to be the elite model for NFL training camps, prompting Brandon to extend the partnership with the school in the spring of 2012 to keep the team at St. John Fisher College for the foreseeable future.

Brandon joined the Bills in November of 1997 as executive director of business development and marketing after earning a World Series ring as a member of the Florida Marlins front office. He began his sports business career as a member of the Rochester Red Wings (then Triple-A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles) while serving in many capacities, including assistant general manager, and in 2013 Brandon was inducted into the Red Wings’ Frontier Field Walk of Fame, a walkway featuring the names of elite figures in Rochester’s sports history.

A native of East Syracuse, New York, Brandon is also actively involved in regional initiatives. He is a member of the Advisory Board for the David Falk School of Sport at Syracuse University and the Board of Trustees at St. John Fisher College, and serves on the board of Buffalo Niagara Enterprise. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the New York State Troopers Signal 30 Benefit Fund and a member of the New York Bulls Initiative Advisory Board for the University at Buffalo.

Brandon was a four-year letterman in baseball and football at St. John Fisher College and graduated with a degree in communications. He was inducted into his alma mater’s Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. He and his wife Amy have three children, sons RJ and Jack, and daughter, Grace. They reside in Williamsville, New York.
Michael Gilbert is in his 20th season with the Sabres organization and his 22nd year overall in the National Hockey league. Gilbert serves as vice president of administration for the Buffalo Sabres, overseeing all daily administrative activities for the team. As general manager of HarborCenter, he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the complex and oversees all of its properties, including the Buffalo Marriott HarborCenter, (716) Food and Sport, the Academy of Hockey and The Rinks.

In addition to his main duties with the Sabres, Gilbert also serves as the primary contact for all USA Hockey initiatives related to the Sabres and HarborCenter, and was instrumental in the bid process that resulted in Buffalo being selected as host of the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship. His relationship with USA Hockey also led him to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, where he joined Team USA as a member of the team’s public relations staff. Gilbert is also a board member for the Buffalo Sabres Foundation, and serves on the Buffalo Sabres Hall of Fame Committee and the Board of Directors for the Police Athletic League (PAL).

Prior to his current role, Gilbert oversaw the public relations and community relations departments for the Sabres for 19 seasons and was also responsible for supervising the youth hockey and fan development initiatives for the organization. Additionally, he was intimately involved in the design and construction of HarborCenter.

Gilbert began the NHL chapter of his career as the director of public relations for the New Jersey Devils from 1995 to 1997. Before his move to the NHL, he was the assistant director of public relations for the NFL’s Philadelphia Eagles for four years (1991-1995), assisting with the day-to-day operations of the team’s public relations department. His football background also includes stints as assistant director of public relations for the Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks of the WLAF (1990) and as a graduate assistant with the Buffalo Bills (1988-1990).

Gilbert grew up in Tonawanda and attended St. Joseph’s Collegiate Institute before graduating from Canisius College in Buffalo in 1990 with degrees in communications and history. He and his wife, Amy, reside in Amherst with their sons, Mark and Jack, and daughter, Grace.
Named general manager of the Buffalo Sabres on Jan. 18, 2014, Tim Murray enters his 24th season in the National Hockey League and his third full season with the Sabres, leading all aspects of the club’s hockey department. In addition to the Sabres, Murray oversees the hockey operations of Buffalo’s AHL affiliate club, the Rochester Americans.

Murray joined the Sabres after serving as the assistant general manager for the Ottawa Senators, a post he held for seven years. Part of his duties as assistant general manager included serving as general manager of Ottawa’s AHL affiliate, the 2011 Calder-Cup champion Binghamton Senators.

Prior to being named the Senators’ assistant general manager in 2007, Murray spent three years (2002-2005) as the director of player personnel for the Anaheim Ducks, where he was responsible for overseeing the amateur draft and college free agents. He also served as the assistant director of player personnel for the New York Rangers for two years (2005-2007), where he evaluated potential free agents and also worked as an amateur scout. Murray began his NHL career in 1993-94, when he was hired as an amateur scout for the Detroit Red Wings. He then moved on to the Florida Panthers, where he served as a scout from 1994 to 2002.

Born in Shawville, Quebec, Murray is the nephew of former Ottawa Senators general manager Bryan Murray and Sabres assistant coach Terry Murray. Tim, Bryan and Terry Murray were all inducted into the Shawville Hockey Wall of Fame in 2012. Tim and his wife, Kathy, currently reside in Buffalo and have three children: Justin, Hailey and Jared.

Mark Jakubowski begins his 12th year with the Sabres and his third as assistant general manager. His responsibilities include salary cap analysis, contract research relating to player negotiations and arbitrations, managing player transfers, team roster administration, and all matters relating to compliance with the NHL Collective Bargaining Agreement and other NHL agreements.

Jakubowski also assists with the American Hockey League hockey operations of the team’s minor league affiliate, the Rochester Americans. Prior to being named to his current role, Jakubowski spent seven seasons serving as assistant to the general manager.

Jakubowski graduated with an economics degree from the University of Rochester, where he also played baseball.
Chuck LaMattina is in the midst of his third season as executive vice president of finance and business operations for Pegula Sports and Entertainment. He is responsible for overseeing financial management and operations, as well as establishing and implementing corporate financial policies and controls, financial and tax reporting and long-range planning for the Sabres and all Pegula Sports and Entertainment entities.

LaMattina joined Pegula Sports and Entertainment at its inception in May 2014 and has extensive operational and financial experience in both the sports and entertainment businesses with more than two decades of service with various organizations. He spent time in the Sabres front office as vice president of finance and business operations from 2011 to 2014 and director of business and administration from 2004 to 2011. LaMattina’s previous experience includes time as chief financial officer with DEMCO, Inc. (2000-2004) and corporate controller with the Sabres (1997-2000).

Prior to joining the Sabres, he worked in public accounting for a number of years, primarily with Freed Maxick CPAs. LaMattina earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting and a master’s degree in finance, while obtaining a CPA license. He serves as treasurer of the Buffalo Sabres Foundation. He is married (Susan) with two sons (Shawn and Alex) and resides in Williamsville.

Brent Rossi is currently in his third season as executive vice president of marketing and brand strategy for Pegula Sports and Entertainment.

In his role with the organization, Rossi oversees the day-to-day and long-term marketing and brand objectives for all Pegula Sports and Entertainment entities. Rossi’s responsibilities include overall brand direction and growth, the development of marketing strategies and plans, social media, data and analytics, media buying, content creation, and customer and marketing research. He joined Pegula Sports and Entertainment when it was formed in May 2014 after serving as vice president of marketing for the Sabres beginning in 2011.

Among his previous roles, Rossi served as the vice president of marketing for the Harlem Globetrotters. His experience also includes stints as senior manager of live event marketing for World Wrestling Entertainment, director of marketing for the Philadelphia 76ers and marketing manager for Comcast-Spectacor. A native of Port Colborne, Ontario, Rossi earned a bachelor’s degree in sports management from Brock University and a master’s degree in sports management from Old Dominion University. He and his wife, Jill, currently reside in Clarence with their daughter, Keira, and son, Richard.
Frank Cravotta is in his third season as the executive vice president of creative services for Pegula Sports and Entertainment. In his current role, Cravotta oversees the day-to-day and long-term creative services objectives of each company under the Pegula Sports and Entertainment umbrella.

He is responsible for the overall look and feel of each company’s marketing, media and branding strategy as well as producing the video, graphical and architectural elements needed for each company. During the past few years, Cravotta and his team have worked on several large-scale projects for the Sabres, KeyBank Center and HarborCenter that include the rebranding of KeyBank Center, the Sabres’ state-of-the-art locker room and workout facility, Buffalo Sabres Alumni Plaza and most recently the design and branding of HarborCenter.

Cravotta joined the Sabres organization in 2004 and became the organization’s vice president of creative services in 2012. Prior to returning to work in his hometown, Cravotta was a senior exhibit designer at Access TCA in Baltimore, Maryland. While at Access, he designed custom exhibit solutions for major brands including MasterCard International and Under Armour. Prior to Access, Cravotta worked for Hadley Exhibits in Buffalo as a design detailer. He has also done freelance work for Reebok International and Adidas-NBA.

Born and raised in Buffalo, Cravotta earned a Bachelor of Industrial Design from Syracuse University and currently resides in Buffalo with his wife, Laura and their daughter, Julia.

Mark Preisler is completing his third full season as executive vice president of media and content for Pegula Sports and Entertainment. In his role, Preisler serves as Pegula Sports and Entertainment’s leader in all aspects of media and production, and is responsible for developing and maintaining key effective media relationships.

He and his team recently negotiated a long-term programming and production deal with MSG Network, creating the sub brand MSG Western New York. The deal allows fans greater access to the Sabres, Bills and other local sports.

Preisler joined Pegula Sports and Entertainment with an extensive background in production and media relations. He most recently held the position of executive producer with NHL Network. In that role, he oversaw the creation of content for NHL platforms and directed all special programming at signature League events such as the Winter Classic, Stadium Series, All-Star Weekend, the Stanley Cup Final and NHL Draft. Prior to his time with NHL Network, Preisler spent 12 years in multiple roles with ESPN. He served as coordinating producer for the network’s flagship show, SportsCenter, ESPN’s NFL franchises and ESPNEWS before leaving as senior coordinating producer of Baseball Tonight. Preisler’s team won two Emmy Awards for its work on SportsCenter. He also worked closely with ESPN’s sales and marketing teams to incrementally increase revenue through the development of new cross-platform initiatives, including the launching of SportsCenter and ESPNEWS in HD.

Preisler is a graduate of The Nichols School and earned a bachelor’s degree in English from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He lives in Amherst with his wife, Andrea, daughter, Francesca and twin boys, Charlie and Holden.
Bruce Popko is in his third season as executive vice president of business development for Pegula Sports and Entertainment, managing all local revenue-generating business opportunities.

Popko joined Pegula Sports and Entertainment in December 2014 after serving as the chief revenue officer for the Buffalo Bills, where he was responsible for local revenue drivers, focusing on growing team revenues and identifying key areas for growth. Popko oversaw corporate sales, luxury suites and indoor premium seats, as well as the implementation of the Bills’ corporate regionalization strategies. Popko had previously served as senior vice president of business development, having initially joined the organization in May 2009.

Before joining the Bills, Popko served as senior vice president at IMG from 2005 to 2009 and he was the Cleveland Browns’ vice president of business development from 1998 to 2004. Additionally, he previously served as director of marketing and promotions for three years with the San Francisco 49ers (1996-1998) after spending three years with the National Football League office (1993-1995). For two of those years, he was with the NFL Properties marketing group, where he managed regional retail advertising and promotions. Popko also managed sales and marketing efforts for the NFL’s satellite programming service, NFL Sunday Ticket. He was a marketing manager for the New York Jets from 1992 to 1993 and served as game operations manager for the London Monarchs in 1992. Popko is a Director of the Buffalo Bills Foundation, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation, Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Buffalo Renaissance Foundation, and the Western NY Lacrosse Foundation. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees for Nardin Academy.

Popko graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor’s degree in international relations and the Stern School of Business at New York University, where he earned his MBA in finance and marketing. He and his wife, Sarah, have a daughter, Lucy, and two sons, Henry and Walker.
Dan Bylsma is currently in his second season as head coach of the Sabres after being hired as the 17th head coach in franchise history on May 28, 2015.

In his first season with the team in 2015-16, Bylsma guided the Sabres to a 27-point improvement. The team finished with a 35-36-11 overall record and enjoyed the second-largest points percentage improvement in franchise history.

Bylsma joined the Sabres after spending six seasons as the head coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins, where he led the team to a 252-117-32 overall regular-season record and became the winningest head coach in Penguins history.

The Grand Haven, Michigan native began his coaching career in 2004-05 as an assistant coach for the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks (AHL). He also served as an assistant for the New York Islanders in 2005-06, and for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins from 2006-07 to 2007-08 before being named head coach of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton for the 2008-09 season.

During the 2008-09 campaign, Bylsma was named head coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins and took over a Pittsburgh team that ranked 10th in the Eastern Conference with just 25 games remaining in the regular season. Under Bylsma, the Penguins went 18-3-4 to finish the season fourth in the conference before going 16-8 in the playoffs on the way to the franchise’s first Stanley Cup in 16 years.

Bylsma won the Jack Adams Award in 2011 as the league’s “most outstanding coach” following a season that saw Pittsburgh overcome adversity to post one of the best regular-season records in franchise history. The Penguins went 49-25-8 and won the Atlantic Division that season despite ranking near the top of the league with 350 man games lost due to injury, including 119 from the team’s top three forwards in ice time per game (Sidney Crosby-41, Jordan Staal-39, Evgeni Malkin-39).

Pittsburgh would go on to qualify for the playoffs in all six seasons under Bylsma’s leadership, winning two division titles (2012-13, 2013-14) and posting the best record in the Eastern Conference in 2012-13. His success throughout these seasons made him the fastest coach in NHL history to reach 250 wins, a feat he accomplished after just 396 regular-season games. Bylsma led the Penguins to at least 100 points in every full season he spent with the team.

In addition to his coaching achievements at the professional level, Bylsma has found success in international competition. He made his international debut as head coach of Team USA at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, where the United States went undefeated in group play before finishing fourth in the tournament. Bylsma also served as assistant coach at the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, where the United States again won their group and went on to earn the bronze medal with a win against the Czech Republic in the medal round.

Before his coaching career, Bylsma played in parts of nine NHL seasons as a forward for the Los Angeles Kings and the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, tallying 62 points (19+43) in 429 regular-season NHL games. He was a member of the 2002-03 Mighty Ducks team that won the first Western Conference Championship in franchise history and eventually fell just one win short of lifting the Stanley Cup.

Bylsma currently lives in Buffalo with his wife, Mary Beth, and their son, Bryan.
TERRY MURRAY

Terry Murray commences his second season with the Sabres after being named an assistant coach in June 2015.

The move signaled Murray’s return to the NHL coaching ranks after spending the three previous seasons as head coach of the Lehigh Valley/Adirondack Phantoms (AHL). Prior to his time with the Phantoms, Murray led the Los Angeles Kings as head coach from 2008-09 to 2011-12, coaching the team to a 139-106-30 record in that time.

Murray began his coaching career as an assistant coach with the Washington Capitals in the 1982-83 season. He has spent a total of 15 seasons as an NHL head coach with the Capitals, Kings, Philadelphia Flyers and Florida Panthers, compiling a 499-383-130 regular-season record. His 1,012 regular-season games as head coach rank him 23rd in NHL history and his 499 wins rank 24th. Murray led his teams to the playoffs in 10 of his 15 seasons, earning a 50-51 mark in 101 playoff games, including a Stanley Cup Final appearance with the Flyers in 1996-97.

As a player, the Shawville, Quebec native was selected by the Oakland Seals in the 1970 NHL Draft. He played 12 professional seasons as a defenseman for the Flyers, Capitals, Detroit Red Wings and California Golden Seals organizations.

BOB WOODS

Bob Woods is currently in his first season as an assistant coach for the Sabres after being named to the position in June. Before joining the Sabres, Woods spent the previous two seasons as general manager and head coach of the Saskatoon Blades (WHL).

Among his other experience, Woods served as an assistant coach for the Anaheim Ducks from 2012 to 2014, and for the Washington Capitals from 2009 to 2012. He also served the Capitals organization as an assistant coach for the Hersey Bears (AHL) from the 2005-06 season to 2007-08 before being promoted to Hershey’s head coach 15 games into the season. During his tenure in Hershey, the Bears won the Calder Cup in 2006 and 2009.

As a player, Woods spent most of his 13-year career in the AHL and ECHL. He was a Calder Cup champion with Hershey in 1997 and won the ECHL’s Kelly Cup with the Mississippi Sea Wolves in 1999. The LeRoy, Saskatchewan native was inducted into the ECHL Hall of Fame as part of the class of 2012.

Woods and his wife Mary Sue have two sons: Brandon, who is a member of the Carolina Hurricanes’ organization, and Colin, who plays hockey at Stevenson University.

TOM WARD

Tom Ward joins the Sabres for his first season as assistant coach in 2016-17. Ward brings with him 18 years of experience as the head coach for the Shattuck St. Mary’s Boys Prep Team. Under his tutelage, Shattuck captured nine USA Hockey National Championships and finished as runners-up once. In addition to his coaching experience, Ward also served as the school’s director of hockey from 2004 to 2016, during which time Shattuck’s hockey teams combined to win 22 National Championships.

Tom and his wife, Lori, reside in Prior Lake, Minnesota with their daughters Taylor, Hannah and Katie Ann.
ANDREW ALLEN  
GOALTENDING COACH

Andrew Allen is in his second season as the Sabres’ goaltending coach after being appointed to the position in July 2015. His main duties with the team involve working with the Sabres’ NHL netminders.

Allen came to the Sabres after spending four seasons as the developmental goaltending coach for the Chicago Blackhawks. In that role, Allen oversaw the development of goaltenders playing for the Blackhawks’ AHL affiliate, the Rockford IceHogs. Prior to his time with Chicago, Allen spent three seasons as goaltending coach for St. Lawrence University (ECAC).

Before his coaching career, Allen played professional hockey for five seasons as a goaltender, including AHL stints with the Utah Grizzlies, Hershey Bears, Binghamton Senators and Providence Bruins. He also compiled a 76-43-15 record in 142 ECHL games. Before beginning his professional career, the Vankleek Hill, Ontario native spent four seasons backstopping the University of Vermont Catamounts (ECAC).

ADAM NIGHTINGALE  
VIDEO COACH

Adam Nightingale is in his first season with the Sabres after being named video coach in July. Among his previous experience, Nightingale had two stints as a coach at Shattuck St. Mary’s, most recently as the head coach of the Boys Bantam team for two seasons, which included a National Championship victory in 2016. Between his stints with Shattuck, Nightingale was the director of hockey operations and video coordinator for the Michigan State Spartans (NCAA) from 2010 to 2014. He also has international experience, serving as the video coach for Team USA at the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship.

Nightingale and his wife, Kristin, live in Clarence with their children Trevor, Emmerson and Keeton.
JASON LONG
DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Jason Long enters his fifth season with the Sabres and his first as director of player development after joining the organization in 2012. His responsibilities in player development include designing and assisting in the execution of each prospect's individual development plan and communicating organizational goals and demands to each prospect. He is also responsible for the planning and implementation of the team's rookie development camp and all development programs in Rochester.

Long joined the Sabres in 2012 after spending eight years as a head football coach for a high school in the Pittsburgh area. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in education from Westminster College, where he also played football.

KRYS BARCH
PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COACH

Krys Barch is in his second season with the Sabres as a player development coach after being named to the position in June 2015. In his role, Barch will work closely with Sabres prospects in the development process both on and off the ice.

Drafted by the Washington Capitals in the fourth round (106th overall) of the 1998 NHL Draft, Barch played 381 games in eight seasons in the NHL. The former forward never played for the Capitals, but spent time with the Dallas Stars, Florida Panthers and New Jersey Devils over the course of his career.

RANDY CUNNEYWORTH
PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COACH

Randy Cunneyworth returns to the Sabres in 2016-17 as a player development coach after spending the 2015-16 as head coach of the Rochester Americans (AHL). Before coaching the Amerks, Cunneyworth spent one season as a pro scout and another as a player development coach for the Sabres.

Among his previous experience, Cunneyworth spent time as an assistant coach for the Atlanta Thrashers and head coach for the Hamilton Bulldogs (AHL) and Montreal Canadiens. Prior to joining the Thrashers, he began his coaching career as a player-coach for Rochester before serving as the team’s head coach for eight seasons.

Cunneyworth’s NHL career spanned parts of 16 seasons. He began his NHL tenure with the Sabres in 1980-81 after the team selected him in the eighth round of the 1980 NHL Draft and returned to Buffalo in the 1998-99 season for what would be his final NHL season.
Adam Mair was named a player development coach in June 2015 and is currently in his second season with the Sabres in that role.

A former Sabres forward, Mair rejoined the organization after spending 18 months as the head development coach for the Academy of Hockey at HarborCenter, where he was responsible for educating aspiring hockey players and coaches both on and off the ice through clinics, on-ice instruction and classroom teaching. Before joining the Academy of Hockey staff, Mair began his coaching career in 2012-13 as director of player development for Canisius College.

Prior to his coaching career, Mair spent 12 seasons as a forward in the NHL, appearing in 615 games. In addition to his seven seasons and nearly 500 games with the Sabres, he also played for the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Los Angeles Kings, and finished his NHL career in 2010-11 as a member of the New Jersey Devils.
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Director of Scouting

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Director of Amateur Scouting

JERRY FORTON
Assistant Director of Scouting

ANDERS FORSBERG
Director of European Scouting

KEVIN DEVINE
Director of Player Personnel

JON CHRISTIANO
Pro Scout

JOHN VAN BOXMEER
Pro Scout

JIM KOVACHIK
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GRAHAM BEAMISH
Pro Scouting Coordinator

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Amateur Scout

KEITH HENDRICKSON
Amateur Scout

BRANDON JAY
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YURI KHMYLEV
Amateur Scout

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PAUL MERRITT
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Security Officer

WRIGHT-VASQUEZ

GREG WINGERTER
Security Officer

DON WEGRZYNOWSKI
Security Officer

SAM BUFFUM
Parking Manager

BUFFALO SABRES STAFF
Chris Bandura is in his 12th season with the Sabres organization and sixth as the team’s director of media relations after spending his first six seasons as the team’s media relations coordinator. As the primary contact between the team and the media at home and on the road, Bandura is responsible for arranging interviews, coordinating press conferences and assisting in game-day operations. Bandura also oversees the day-to-day operations of the media relations staff.

Before joining the Sabres, Bandura spent two years as the media relations coordinator for the Rochester Sports Group, which included the Rochester Americans (AHL), Rochester Raging Rhinos (USL First Division), Rochester Knighthawks (NLL) and Rochester Rattlers (MLL). Prior to his stint in Rochester, Bandura was the vice president of operations for the Columbus Landsharks of the National Lacrosse League (2001-2003). He has also spent time in the NLL front office as the director of media relations (1999-00).

A 1999 graduate of Utica College of Syracuse University, Bandura was born and raised in Cheektowaga, New York. He and his wife, Kimberly, reside in West Seneca, New York, with their daughter, Rosalie, and son, Charlie.

Ian Ott is in his seventh season as member of the Buffalo Sabres’ media relations department and second as the team’s manager of media relations. After serving as the Sabres’ media relations graduate assistant during the 2010-11 season, Ott joined the team on a permanent basis in July 2011. Some of Ott’s primary duties include overseeing press box operations, serving as the editor of team publications and preparing the team’s game notes. He is also responsible for overseeing media relations efforts for the Buffalo Bandits (NLL). A graduate of SUNY Oswego, Ott worked for the school’s sports information department and its student-run newspaper, The Oswegonian, while earning a bachelor’s degree in journalism. A native of Western New York, Ott currently resides in Cheektowaga, New York with his wife, Laura.

Chris Dierken is in his third season with the Buffalo Sabres media relations department after spending the 2014-15 season as the department’s graduate assistant. Before joining the Sabres full-time, Dierken served as an intern for the team’s public relations department in 2012-13. He also spent time with the Buffalo Bills’ media relations department and served as the communications coordinator for the Reno Aces, the Triple-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks. He graduated with a journalism degree from SUNY Buffalo State in 2013, where he was the sports editor of the school’s newspaper, The Record, and worked in the sports information department. Dierken was born and raised in Western New York and currently lives in West Seneca with his fiancée, Sarah.