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## Executive Team



### **Terrence M. Pegula**

*Owner*

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." Now, almost 30 years later, Terry's dream has come to fruition.

On Feb. 22, 2011, Pegula became the fourth owner in Buffalo Sabres franchise history. On the day Pegula was introduced as owner, the Sabres were 27-25-6 and sat in ninth place in the Eastern Conference - five points out of a playoff spot. Pegula's purchase not only reenergized the fan base, but the players as well. With Pegula now at the helm, the Sabres went on a 16-4-4 run over the final 24 games of the season to finish seventh in the East. This included a 9-1-2 record at home, and First Niagara Center - which quickly became known as "Pegulaville" - was sold out for all 12 games of the new era of Sabres ownership.

Soon after purchasing the Sabres, Pegula 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.

Pegula's interest in the NHL began when the Sabres faced the Philadelphia Flyers in the 1975 Stanley Cup Final. His affection for the "French Connection" Line began with that series, and led to his affinity for the Sabres franchise. While operating East Resources Inc. in Western New York and Pittsburgh throughout the 1980's and 90's, and living in Vestal, Olean and Orchard Park during that span, Terry first bought season tickets at the Memorial Auditorium in 1980. He remained a loyal Sabres season ticket holder for the next 18 seasons.

Born in 1951 and raised in Carbondale, PA, he attended high school at Scranton Preparatory School. Pegula 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, TX. He later joined Felmont Oil Co., a decision that first brought him to Olean, NY, in 1975.

In 1983, he borrowed \$7,500 from family and friends to found East Resources Inc., an independent oil and gas exploration and development company. Over the next 27 years, he 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. for \$4.7 billion (US). That sale allowed the Pegulas to make their first foray into the hockey world.

On September 17, 2010, Terry and his wife, 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, a world-class practice facility and help to establish an NCAA Division I men's hockey program. Thanks to their generosity, Penn State is now able to add both men's and women's varsity hockey teams, and they will both begin play in the 2012-13 season. The building will include two ice sheets, and serve as the only major ice facility within an 80-mile radius of State College. In addition to providing hockey and figure skating opportunities for the entire Central Pennsylvania region, it will also be used for a broad range of campus and community activities. With design and construction meetings being held currently, Penn State hopes to break ground on the University Park campus for the Pegula Ice Arena later this year.

Terry and Kim currently reside in Boca Raton, FL, and have five children: Michael (33), Laura (29), Jessica (17), Kelly (15) and Matthew (12). Pegula's younger daughters, Jessica and Kelly, were both born in Buffalo. A native of nearby Rochester, NY, Kim Pegula is a 1991 graduate of nearby Houghton College with a degree in Communications, and was involved with East Resources since 1991. Together they have also founded Black River Music Group, a country music label based in Nashville, TN, and Ayrault Sports Agency based in Charlotte, NC.

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**Theodore Black**  
*President*

Over the last decade, Ted has compiled a track record of success and experience that few sports executives can match. Ted is an accomplished leader who contributed to and presided over unprecedented growth with both the Pittsburgh Penguins and FSN Pittsburgh. He enjoys close relationships with top executives, corporate sponsors, professional sports teams, television networks and at the National Hockey League.

In late 2010, Terry Pegula enlisted Ted to undertake the task of assembling and leading the group of professionals to advise Mr. Pegula on the acquisition of the Buffalo Sabres. Ted's responsibilities included guiding the transaction negotiations, due diligence and NHL approval process.

Previously, Ted served as the senior vice president and general manager of FSN Pittsburgh, a regional sports television network that produced and televised more than 220 live pro events and 1,500 hours of programming per year. Under Ted's executive leadership, FSN Pittsburgh grew advertising revenues every year and telecast a record number of live pro events. The station also generated record revenues, record earnings, record ratings and was widely recognized as the top-rated US-based Regional Sports Network in the National Hockey League.

Prior to his tenure at FSN, Ted was a member of Mario Lemieux's senior management team and served as vice president of the Pittsburgh Penguins from 1999 to 2008. Ted was a member of the core group of executives that helped Lemieux execute one of the most successful franchise transformations in the history of professional sports. Ted was intimately involved in all senior executive-level decisions and strategic planning concerning the marketing, branding, sales and overall business operations and management of the team. In addition to being a key strategist during the Penguins' efforts to get a new arena, Ted served as the day-to-day project leader for the new arena during the pre-construction phase of the project. He also interviewed and helped to recruit Ray Shero to become the club's general manager. Ted was active with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins and served as the team's Alternate Governor to the AHL.

In 2005, Ted was honored and recognized by Pittsburgh Magazine as a "Forty Under Forty" community leader. He served as Chairman of the American Heart Association's 2011 Buffalo Niagara Heart Walk and was Honorary Chairman of the 19th Annual Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Niagara County Charity Golf Tournament.

Ted is a 1987 graduate of Allegheny College and he received his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1990. Ted now lives in Buffalo with his wife, Amy, and their two hockey-playing sons, Andrew (19) and Nathan (16).

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### **Cliff Benson** *Chief Development Officer*

Cliff Benson's tenure as chief development officer with the Buffalo Sabres began prior to the start of the 2011-12 season. Benson's main duties as chief development officer includes overseeing the Buffalo Sabres Foundation and other initiatives throughout the Buffalo and Western New York communities.

Previously, Benson served the team as a senior advisor and was instrumental in the purchase of both the Sabres in February 2011 and the team's AHL affiliate, the Rochester Americans, in June 2011 by Sabres owner Terry Pegula. Benson was also instrumental in facilitating Pegula's \$88 million donation to help launch a Division-I men's ice hockey program at Pennsylvania State University last year.

Benson, a CPA and attorney, served the Deloitte Tax LLP organization for 37 years, including 10 years as lead client service partner in the market place function. He became partner in 1981 and served in the New York and South Florida offices before transferring to Pittsburgh and eventually retiring in May 2010.

In 2000, Benson, along with members of the Pittsburgh Penguins Alumni, formed Hockey in the Hood. Founded with a grant from the National Hockey League's Diversity Task Force and assistance from the Pittsburgh Penguins, Hockey in the Hood (now called Pittsburgh ICE) was one of 40 major diversity ice hockey programs throughout the United States and Canada with the goal of reaching underprivileged inner-city children by teaching them skating and ice hockey lessons.

Benson served as the lead client service partner for the worldwide services provided to the United States Steel Corporation and H.J. Heinz. Other clients served over his long career at Deloitte include Armco, Bayer Corporation, Marathon Oil, PPG Industries, Rockwell International, the Pittsburgh Penguins and East Resources.

Benson is passionate about serving the community and has been actively involved in charitable organizations for most of his career – primarily those that benefit inner city children with limited opportunities. He is affiliated with Quaker Valley Hockey Association, Imani Christian Academy (Board Chair), Pittsburgh Kids Foundation, and Silver Ring Thing. Cliff was privileged to make three trips to Haiti bringing medical relief following the 2010 earthquake.



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### **Ken Sawyer** *Senior Advisor & Alternate Governor*

Ken Sawyer is entering his second year as senior advisor for the Buffalo Sabres. Sawyer's primary duty is to assist owner Terry Pegula on major organizational and hockey-related decisions for the franchise.

Sawyer's working career spans 40 years, including 14 as the chief financial officer of the National Hockey League and 11 years as a senior executive of the Pittsburgh Penguins. He joined the Penguins in September 1999, the day after the team emerged from bankruptcy protection under a new ownership group led by Mario Lemieux. He first served as executive vice president and chief financial officer, becoming President in 2003 and later being appointed chief executive officer in 2006.

Under his leadership, the Penguins adopted a strategic plan to ensure that the team would be successful both on the ice and as a business, and thus be assured of a long future in Pittsburgh. During his tenure, the on-ice product was rebuilt and now consists of one of the best rosters of young players in the NHL, including superstars Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin. In 2009, the team reached the pinnacle of success on the ice, winning the Stanley Cup for the third time in franchise history. As CEO, Sawyer oversaw all of the Penguins' operations and the team has emerged as a tremendous success off the ice as well, selling out every game since early 2007. Sawyer led efforts to finance and then construct the CONSOL Energy Center, which opened in August 2010.

Sawyer also has extensive experience in League matters after representing the Penguins as a governor of the NHL and serving as chief financial officer of the NHL for 14 years. During that time he served on every major committee of the NHL.

Sawyer is a graduate of McGill University in his native Montreal, Que., and a member of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Hero Fund and a current member of the Board of Trustees of the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. In 2010, Sawyer was honored as a recipient of the Management Achievement Award from the Faculty of Management at McGill University. Ken and his wife, Shirley, reside in Stuart, Fla. and have two married sons and three grandchildren.

# Hockey Operations



**Darcy Regier**  
*General Manager*

The 2012-13 season will be the 16th year Darcy Regier serves as general manager for the Buffalo Sabres, the longest tenure of any GM in the 42-year history of the franchise. The Sabres have posted a regular season record of 565-422-161 under Regier's guidance, while also advancing to the Stanley Cup Finals in 1999 and making four Eastern Conference Finals appearances (1998, 1999, 2006 and 2007). Regier and head coach Lindy Ruff form the longest-serving GM/Head Coach combination in pro sports, and have had more success than any tandem in franchise history.

Regier and his scouting staff have consistently built a solid foundation of talent, year after year, through the NHL Entry Draft. Proof of their drafting success can be seen every time the Sabres take the ice. In the 2011-12 season, 11 of the team's top 15 scorers were acquired through the Entry Draft and have spent time with the team's AHL affiliates. This list includes Thomas Vanek, Tyler Ennis, Jason Pominville, Tyler Myers and Drew Stafford – all of whom later signed long-term contracts with the Sabres.

The long-term success of Regier's draft picks can often be spotted early, as his draft picks have made a habit of scooping up numerous AHL awards while playing for the Sabres' affiliate teams. AHL award-winners have included three consecutive AHL Rookie of the Year winners: Nathan Gerbe (2008-09), Tyler Ennis (2009-10) and Luke Adam (2010-11) and AHL Goaltender of the Year Ryan Miller for the 2004-05 season. His draft selections have gone on to win awards at the NHL level as well, with Miller being awarded the 2010 Vezina Trophy and 2008 first-round selection Tyler Myers winning the Calder Trophy that same year.

Regier has found a lot of success in the earlier rounds of the draft. Buffalo's roster includes several players who were drafted in the first or second round since Regier's first draft in 1997, including: Vanek (1st, 2003), Pominville (2nd, 2001), Myers (1st, 2008), Ennis (1st, 2008) and Stafford (1st, 2004). Each of these early-round draft picks were among the top five goal scorers on the team during the 2011-12 season. Regier and his staff recently secured other early-round pick, Jhonas Enroth (2nd, 2006) and Mike Weber (2nd, 2006), to multi-year contracts in 2011.

Productive players have also been found in later rounds, from veterans like Miller (5th, 1999) to youngsters such as Gerbe (5th, 2005), who has already made an impact in the organization. Gerbe joined Sabres draft pick Andrej Sekera (3rd, 2004) in signing a multi-year deal in 2011.

The hockey department's success hasn't been limited to their hard work on draft day. Over the course of last season, Regier and his staff orchestrated some of the more notable trades in the NHL. At the 2012 trade deadline, Regier finalized two trades to further bolster the team's roster while also securing future draft picks. Buffalo acquired Cody Hodgson, the 10th overall pick in the 2008 Entry Draft, and defenseman Alexander Sulzer from Vancouver in exchange for Zack Kassian and Marc-Andre Gagnani. In another trade at the deadline, Buffalo acquired an additional first-round pick in the 2012 Entry Draft in exchange for forward Paul Gaustad and a fourth-round pick in the 2013 Entry Draft.

During the 2012 Entry Draft, Regier was able to trade up again, this time swapping one of Buffalo's first-round picks (21st overall) and its second-round selection with Calgary to move up and have two picks in the first 14 selections of the first-round. Having two picks early in the first round enabled Buffalo to select promising centers Mikhail Grigorenko and Zemgus Girgensons.

In an effort to add more depth and toughness to the Sabres, Regier completed another trade in Summer 2012 when Buffalo acquired forward Steve Ott and defenseman Adam Pardy from the Dallas Stars in exchange for center Derek Roy.

The trades of this summer and the 2011-12 season come on the heels of several notable trades and free agent signings before last season started. Summer 2011 saw Regier aggressively bolster the defense by acquiring Christian Ehrhoff and Robyn Regehr. Forward Ville Leino was also acquired through free agency and signed a multi-year deal during the offseason.

Prior to joining the Sabres, Regier served in roles with the New York Islanders as Director of Hockey Administration, Assistant Coach, and Assistant General Manager. While on Long Island, he supervised the club's amateur development, and saw their International Hockey League affiliate win back-to-back championships (Denver Grizzlies in 1994-95 and then, after moving to

# Hockey Operations



## **Darcy Regier** *General Manager*

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Salt Lake City, the Utah Grizzlies in 1995-96). Legendary Islanders coach Al Arbour, along with Bill Torrey, who served in roles as General Manager, President, Chairman of the Board and Consultant with New York, were significant contributors to Regier's career in hockey. Regier left the Islanders organization briefly in the 1991-92 season to serve as an assistant coach with the Hartford Whalers.

Born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Regier was the fifth choice (77th overall) of the California Golden Seals in the 1976 Amateur Draft. He appeared in 26 NHL games over the course of three seasons with the Cleveland Barons and the New York Islanders, totaling two assists and 35 penalty minutes. Regier played parts of eight seasons of professional hockey and was a member of three championship teams. In 1982, he was named a First Team All-Star with Indianapolis (IHL), where he learned from one of the people he considers an influence on his hockey life, current Detroit Red Wings Senior Vice President Jim Devellano, then the team's general manager.

During his playing career, Regier was also involved in the early setup of the Professional Hockey Players' Association.

Darcy and his wife, Katherine, reside in Clarence and have three sons: Jonathan, Justin and Jarrett.

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# Hockey Operations



## How the Sabres Were Built

Player	Draft	Trade	Free Agent	Waivers
<b>2012</b>		#19 Cody Hodgson February 27, 2012 #52 Alexander Sulzer February 27, 2012 #9 Steve Ott July 2, 2012 #27 Adam Pardy July 2, 2012	#32 John Scott July 1, 2012	
<b>2011</b>		#10 Christian Ehrhoff November 29, 2011 #24 Robyn Regehr June 29, 2011	#23 Ville Leino July 1, 2011	
<b>2010</b>			#3 Jordan Leopold July 1, 2010	
<b>2009</b>	#82 Marcus Foligno 4th Round		#8 Cody McCormick August 1, 2009	
<b>2008</b>	#57 Tyler Myers 1st Round #63 Tyler Ennis 1st Round			#37 Matt Ellis October 1, 2008
<b>2007</b>	#78-Corey Tropp 3rd Round			
<b>2006</b>	#1 Jhonas Enroth 2nd Round #6 Mike Weber 2nd Round			
<b>2005</b>	#42 Nathan Gerbe 5th Round			
<b>2004</b>	#21 Drew Stafford 1st Round #44 Andrej Sekera 3rd Round #36 Patrick Kaleta 6th Round			
<b>2003</b>	#26 Thomas Vanek 1st Round			
<b>2002</b>				
<b>2001</b>	#29 Jason Pominville 2nd Round			
<b>2000</b>				
<b>1999</b>	#30 Ryan Miller 5th Round			

# Hockey Operations



**Lindy Ruff**  
*Head Coach*

On July 21, 1997, Lindy Ruff was hired to be the 15th head coach in Buffalo Sabres history. Fifteen years and many milestones later, Ruff stands alone as the longest tenured head coach in the NHL and the second-longest tenured coach in all professional major league sports in the U.S. During his career, Ruff has not only become the winningest coach in Sabres history, but his success and longevity have put him among the top coaches in league history.

Last season, Ruff guided the Sabres to a 39-32-11 record and a third-place finish in the Northeast Conference. For the second year in a row, Ruff led his team to a second-half surge toward the end of the season. As a mid-season slump put Buffalo near the bottom of the conference in February, the team began to surge and make a run at the postseason. March was the franchise's best month since December 2005 with the team recording a 10-4-2 record and snatching up 22 points. It was only the sixth time in club history that a Sabres team was able to earn at least 22 points in a month's time.

The team's success in late February and March pushed Buffalo back into the playoff picture when Buffalo captured eighth place in the Eastern Conference on March 27. However, the team finished ninth in the conference and did not qualify for postseason play.

Despite missing the playoffs, the 2011-12 campaign pushed Ruff even farther up the all-time coaching record lists. He finished the season with 565 career wins, passing Marc Crawford (549). Entering the 2012-13 season, his career record stands at 565-422-161. Ruff finished the season by coaching his 1,148th game, which lands him 12th all-time in league history. Among active coaches, Ruff is ranked fourth and fifth in games coached and total wins, respectively.

What sets Ruff apart is the success he's had with a single franchise. Ruff has spent his entire head coaching career leading the Sabres and now ranks second in league history in games coached (1,148) and wins (565) with a single franchise. He trails only the legendary Al Arbour, who coached 1,500 games and won 740 contests with the New York Islanders.

Ruff established himself as one of the league's premier coaches early in his career. He reached the playoffs in his first season, an achievement none of his predecessors had ever experienced. The 1997-98 squad set a team record by winning eight straight playoff games and tied the club mark with 10 playoff wins. The Conference Finals appearance was the team's first since 1980, which, ironically, was Ruff's rookie year with Buffalo.

In only his second season as head coach, Ruff led the 1998-99 Sabres to their first Stanley Cup Finals appearance in 24 years and established himself as one of the league's top coaches. He also achieved a club record that season for the most wins (14) in one playoff year. In the process, Ruff became only the third head coach under the present Stanley Cup Playoff format to lead his team to the Conference Finals in each of his first two seasons.

After the NHL Lockout in 2004-05, the Sabres would yet again experience unquestioned success under Ruff's leadership. He led the surprising Sabres to the Eastern Conference Finals in 2005-06, where the team lost on the road in Game 7 against the Carolina Hurricanes. For these accomplishments, Ruff was honored by the NHL with the Jack Adams Award as the league's Coach of the Year, joining Ted Nolan (1997) as the only other head coach in team history to receive this honor.

During the 2006-07 season, the Sabres had their finest year under Ruff statistically when the team won a franchise-record 53 games and captured the first Presidents' Trophy in club history, while leading both the Northeast Division and Eastern Conference from wire-to-wire. This was also the first time in franchise history the Sabres had posted back-to-back 50-win seasons. Buffalo returned to the Eastern Conference Finals for the second consecutive season, and the fourth time under Ruff's guidance. On April 5, 2007, a 5-4 Buffalo victory over Ottawa made Ruff the 31st coach in NHL history to record 300 career wins, and the 16th in NHL history to reach the milestone with the same team.

Ruff was named to the 2007 NHL All-Star Game for the second time in his career as Head Coach of the Eastern Conference squad, and was runner-up to Vancouver's Alain Vigneault for the Jack Adams Trophy as the NHL's Coach of the Year. Ruff also coached the World team the 1999 All-Star Game in Tampa Bay. He joined Scotty Bowman and Floyd Smith as the only Buffalo coaches to be named as head coach of an All-Star Team.

# Hockey Operations



## Lindy Ruff *Head Coach*

In 2010, Ruff received yet another honor in his prolific career as he was selected as a member of the coaching staff for the Canadian men's hockey team that took home a gold medal at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver.

Ruff was the Sabres' second-round (32nd overall) draft pick in 1979 following a distinguished career as a defenseman with Lethbridge (WHL). He made the team at his first training camp and played in 63 games. After the 1979-80 season, he was named the team's rookie of the year. Ruff ranks sixth all-time on the Sabres' regular season list in penalty minutes (1,126) and is tied for 12th in games played (608). In 691 career games, he recorded 105 goals and 195 assists to go with 1,264 penalty minutes.

In his 1981-82 season, Ruff was converted to play left wing after having been a defenseman throughout his junior career and first two professional seasons. In November 1986, he received perhaps his greatest individual honor as a Sabre when he was selected to replace Gilbert Perreault as team captain after the legend's retirement.

Ruff ended his playing career after serving as a player/assistant coach for the 1992-93 season with the San Diego Gulls of the IHL. Head Coach Roger Nielson (who coached Ruff in Buffalo and with the Rangers) tabbed Ruff as one of his assistants for the expansion Florida Panthers for the 1993-94 campaign. As the primary coach of the penalty killing unit and defensemen, Ruff received many accolades for his work. In just their third season, the over-achieving and hard-working Panthers squad advanced to the 1996 Stanley Cup Finals.

The 52-year-old Ruff and his wife, Gaye, reside in Clarence, N.Y., with their four children: Brett (23), Eryn (21), and twins Brian and Madeleine (18).

## Coaching Record *Ruff*

Season	Team	League	Regular Season			Playoffs	
			W	L	T/OTL	W	L
1997-98	Buffalo	NHL	36	29	17	10	5
1998-99	Buffalo	NHL	37	28	17	14	7
1999-00	Buffalo	NHL	35	32	15	1	4
2000-01	Buffalo	NHL	46	30	6	7	6
2001-02	Buffalo	NHL	35	35	12	--	--
2002-03	Buffalo	NHL	27	37	18	--	--
2003-04	Buffalo	NHL	37	34	11	--	--
2005-06	Buffalo	NHL	52	24	6	11	7
2006-07	Buffalo	NHL	53	22	7	9	7
2007-08	Buffalo	NHL	39	31	12	--	--
2008-09	Buffalo	NHL	41	32	9	--	--
2009-10	Buffalo	NHL	45	27	10	2	4
2010-11	Buffalo	NHL	43	29	10	3	4
2011-12	Buffalo	NHL	39	32	11	--	--
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>526</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>

## Most Games Coached with One Franchise

Coach	Games
Arbour, Al, NYI	1500
<i>Ruff, Lindy, Buf.</i>	<i>1148</i>
Trotz, Barry, Nsh.	1066
Reay, Billy, Chi.	1012
Adams, Jack, Det.	964

## Most Wins with One Franchise

Coach	Games
Arbour, Al, NYI	740
<i>Ruff, Lindy, Buf.</i>	<i>565</i>
Reay, Billy, Chi.	516
Trotz, Barry, Nsh.	503
Blake, Toe, Mtl.	500

# Hockey Operations



**James Patrick**  
*Assistant Coach*

James Patrick enters his seventh season behind the Sabres' bench as an assistant coach. Following a brief stint as Buffalo's skill development coach early in 2005-06, Patrick spent the remainder of that season finishing his playing career in Germany for the Frankfurt Lions.

Patrick was a first-round selection (ninth overall) of the New York Rangers in the 1981 NHL Entry Draft. During his 21-year career with the Rangers, Hartford Whalers, Calgary Flames and Sabres, the 47-year-old native of Winnipeg, Man., scored 639 points (149+490) in 1,280 regular season games. Prior to his retirement, Patrick was ranked ninth among active players in games played, and was one of three remaining active players from the first-round of the 1981 Entry Draft. Patrick posted seven consecutive seasons (1985-86 to 1991-92)

of 40 or more points with the New York Rangers, including a career-high of 71 (14+57) in 1991-92. The 71 points and 57 assists were career-bests for Patrick. He scored a career-high 17 goals in 1987-88.

Patrick played six seasons in Buffalo after signing as an unrestricted free agent on June 7, 1998. He scored 74 points (23+51) in 345 regular season games, and added 5 points (1+4) in 38 playoff games. Patrick's career plus/minus total of plus-104 reflects his steady defensive play. He finished as a minus in just one of six seasons in Buffalo, and in just six of his 21 seasons.

Patrick is also a veteran of international competition, having won championships for Team Canada at the 1982 World Junior Championships and 1987 Canada Cup tournaments, and bronze with the 1983 World Junior team. He also represented Canada at the 1984 Winter Olympics, and the 1983, 1987, 1998 and 2002 World Championships. Patrick and his wife, Deborah, have two daughters: Brennan and Quinn.



**Kevyn Adams**  
*Assistant Coach*

Kevyn Adams is entering his second season as assistant coach of the Buffalo Sabres. Adams spent the previous two seasons as the Sabres' player development coach, working with players on their individual skills through on-ice drills and off-ice video sessions.

Prior to joining the Sabres' coaching staff, Adams played 10 seasons in the NHL, collecting 136 points on 59 goals and 77 assists in 540 games. The Clarence, NY native was selected 25th overall in the 1993 NHL Entry Draft by the Boston Bruins. He went on to play for six clubs, including the Toronto Maple Leafs, Columbus Blue Jackets, Florida Panthers, Carolina Hurricanes, Phoenix Coyotes and Chicago Blackhawks. During the 2005-06 season, Adams set a career high in goals (15) and was named an assistant captain while playing

a key role in leading the Hurricanes to their first Stanley Cup in franchise history.

Adams lives in Clarence, NY with his wife, Stacey, and three children, Emerson (10), Paulina (6) and Jackson (4).



**Teppo Numminen**  
*Assistant Coach*

Teppo Numminen is entering his second season as an assistant coach for the Buffalo Sabres.

Numminen returned to the Sabres last year after a 20-year career in the NHL as a defenseman. He finished his career as a Sabre, having played in 212 games over four seasons, compiling 86 points (6+80) for the club. Originally selected by Winnipeg in the 2nd round (29th overall) of the 1986 Entry Draft, Numminen went on to play for four different NHL clubs: the Winnipeg Jets (1988-1995), the Phoenix Coyotes (1996-2003), the Dallas Stars (2003-04) and the Buffalo Sabres (2005-09). Over the course of his prolific playing career, Numminen played in 1,372 games, which is a record for the most games played by a European-trained player in the NHL. In his entire NHL career, Numminen amassed 637 points (117+520).

Since his retirement from professional hockey after the 2008-09 season, Numminen has spent time as a scout with the Finnish National Team.

A native of Tampere, Finland, Numminen now resides in Clarence, N.Y. with his wife, Ann-Marrit, and their three children.

# Hockey Operations



## **Jim Corsi** *Goaltending Coach*

Jim Corsi enters his 15th year as the Sabres' goaltending coach. His duties with the team involve working with the Sabres' NHL netminders, as well as the team's prospects throughout the minor leagues. Under his tutelage, many goaltenders, including current Sabres goaltender Ryan Miller, have benefited tremendously from Corsi's unique style both on and off the ice.

Corsi brings with him over 20 years of experience as a player, coach, manager and hockey analyst. Besides his NHL duties with the Sabres, Corsi also currently works with the Italian National Team program. Previously, he held the position of Goaltending Coach with the Canadian Women's Team (1997-98), Ottawa University (CIAU) (1997-98), Schwenningen HC (Ger/DEL) (1997-98), St. Michael's Majors (OHL) (1994-97), McGill University (CIAU) (1992) and Concordia University (CIAU) (1992-present). Corsi is a member of the Concordia University Athletic Hall of Fame in hockey and soccer.

As a professional player in North America, Corsi played with the Edmonton Oilers and the Minnesota North Stars, as well as the Quebec Nordiques of the WHA. Corsi continued his career overseas, playing international hockey in Europe, Russia and China from 1980-92. During that time, he was a member of the Italian National Team at the 1984 Winter Olympic Games, and represented Italy several times in the World Ice Hockey Championships.

Corsi is fluent in English, French, Italian and German.

Corsi and his wife, Cathy, reside in Ile Bizard, Que., with their two sons, Stephen and Danny.



## **Doug McKenney** *Strength and Conditioning Coach*

Doug McKenney begins his 19th year with the Sabres' coaching staff. His duties with the team include working on strength and conditioning programs with the NHL club, the AHL affiliate Rochester Americans, Sabres draft choices and potential draftees. He also works with physical therapists and team doctors on the rehabilitation of all injured players.

McKenney was named the team's first-ever strength and conditioning coach in July 1995 and has been steadily improving the team's performance levels ever since.

McKenney places a special emphasis on teaching players nutrition to maintain conditioning throughout the season and make strength gains in the offseason. He has developed recommended menus from local restaurant chains which players can consult to help make smart food choices. McKenney also utilizes computer software to analyze each player's food intake and make suggestions on how they can improve their diets. Before the players leave for the offseason, McKenney, in conjunction with the hockey department, devises a conditioning DVD tailored to each player's individual needs and can track their workouts via the internet. For those players who remain in Buffalo, McKenney supervises their off-season conditioning and skating programs.

McKenney joined the Sabres after serving as the strength and conditioning coach for the Hartford Whalers for six years. He served in the same capacity for the Pittsburgh Penguins the four years prior.

A 1981 graduate of Springfield College, McKenney taught two years of physical education at Dover High School in New Hampshire, where he served on the coaching staff of the school's football team and was elected to the Dover Sports Hall of Fame in September of 2002. He subsequently obtained his master's degree in exercise physiology at Mississippi State University.

Doug and his wife, Suzanne, reside in Hamburg, NY with their two sons, Matthew and Neil.



# Hockey Operations



## **J.T. Allaire** *Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach*

John "J.T." Allaire begins his second year with the Sabres organization after gaining 18 years of experience at both the collegiate and professional levels.

Prior to joining the Sabres, Allaire spent eight years with the Buffalo Bills, starting in 2002 as a strength and conditioning assistant. He was promoted in 2006 and spent four years as the team's strength and conditioning coordinator. While with the Bills, he coached 15 players that appeared in the NFL's Pro Bowl.

Allaire began his career in 1993 as a strength and conditioning intern at Boston College before being hired at Clemson as a graduate assistant. From Clemson, Allaire was hired at Tulsa and served as strength and conditioning assistant from 1996-97. In 1998, Allaire was promoted to director of strength and conditioning, a position he held until 2002. While at Tulsa, Allaire was responsible for all strength and conditioning programs for 18 intercollegiate sports. He was recognized as the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) Strength and Conditioning Professional of the Year for the Western Athletic Conference and was a nominee for the national award in 2000.

Allaire earned his bachelor's degree in health fitness from Springfield College (MA) in 1993. He lives in Lakeview with his wife, Amy, and their sons, Drew and Owen.



## **Corey Smith** *Administrative Assistant Coach*

Corey Smith returns to the organization for his eighth season as administrative assistant coach. As the team's administrative assistant coach, he is responsible for all of the video editing and analysis of games, as well as pre-scouting each opponent. Smith is also involved in various other hockey department issues, including organizing travel schedules and statistical analysis.

Smith, a graduate of SUNY Cortland, joined the Sabres in January 2005 as a hockey video analyst in the team's hockey department. Smith was promoted to his new position in January 2006. The Buffalo, NY native is the son of former Sabres forward Derek Smith.

# Hockey Operations



**Kevin Devine**  
*Assistant General Manager*

Kevin Devine begins his 15th year with the Buffalo Sabres and his second as assistant general manager. In this role, Devine oversees the organization's seven-member amateur scouting staff and is instrumental in making Buffalo's NHL Entry Draft selections.

Prior to becoming the assistant general manager, Devine spent, five years as director of amateur scouting, six years as a professional scout in the Sabres organization and two as an assistant amateur scout. Before joining the Sabres, he spent three years coaching the Prince Edward Island Senators of the AHL. He also coached in the UHL, with stints in Port Huron and Thunder Bay.

Devine enjoyed an 11-year professional playing career. He spent five years in the WHA, including three with the San Diego Mariners and two with the Indianapolis Racers. He went on to spend six seasons in the New York Islanders organization, where he was a reserve on the organization's first Stanley Cup Championship team.

Devine resides in Buffalo, NY during the hockey season, and spends his off-seasons in Charlottetown, P.E.I.



**Jon Christiano**  
*Director of Pro Scouting*

Jon Christiano is entering his 15th season with the Sabres organization and begins his fifth season as director of pro scouting. It will also be his eighth season with the scouting department. Prior to beginning his current role in the department, Christiano spent five seasons as an assistant coach with the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League. During his tenure there, the Americans earned five playoff berths and two appearances in the Calder Cup Finals.

Before joining the Sabres, Christiano spent four years in the Florida Panthers organization. In Florida, Christiano worked for two years on the coaching staff with the late Roger Neilson, as well as current Sabres head coach Lindy Ruff. Christiano also worked two years as an assistant coach with the Panthers' AHL affiliate, the Greensboro Monarchs. Christiano also spent time with Neilson as the video coordinator for the New York Rangers. He has worked with eight present or past NHL coaches over the course of his career.

From 1981-1991, Christiano coached in Italy, where he had a number of different roles. More recently, he has been involved with the Italian National Teams as an assistant coach in four different World Championships from 2004-2008.

A native of Buffalo, NY, Christiano graduated from Canisius College in 1980, where he played in their hockey program. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Grand Island, NY with their three children: Christiana, Natalia and Joseph.

# Hockey Operations



**Scott Schranz**  
*Director of Hockey Analytics/Hockey Technologies*

Scott Schranz enters his 15th season in the Sabres organization, and his fourth as the director of amateur scouting operations. Schranz has a variety of responsibilities within the amateur scouting department, including scheduling, overseeing the budget, and NHL Entry Draft preparation.

Schranz has held numerous positions throughout his tenure with the Sabres. After spending four years as an intern, he spent two years in the public relations department and has been in the hockey department for the past four years. He was instrumental in developing the Sabres' video scouting system, and still oversees the technical aspects of it.

Schranz currently resides in Hamburg, NY.



**Mark Jakubowski**  
*Assistant to the General Manager*

Mark Jakubowski begins his eighth year with the Sabres and fifth as the assistant to the general manager. His responsibilities include statistical and 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.

Jakubowski graduated with an economics degree from the University of Rochester, where he also played baseball. He resides in Hamburg, NY.



**Tim Macre**  
*Athletic Trainer*

Tim Macre enters his eighth season with the Sabres after spending the previous nine years in the New York Rangers organization. Macre was the Head Athletic Trainer for the Hartford Wolf Pack and the Binghamton Rangers in the American Hockey League.

Among the highlights in his tenure with the Wolf Pack were the 2000 Calder Cup Championship and the 2001 AHL All-Star Classic in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.

A 1994 graduate of Bowling Green State University, Macre also spent time teaching at Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY. In addition to his Athletic Training certification, Tim is also a certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

Macre resides in Lancaster, NY., with his wife, Katie, and their children, Andrew (4) and Ashley (2).



**Bob Mowry**  
*Assistant Athletic Trainer*

Bob Mowry enters his second season as assistant athletic trainer. Mowry will assist with player treatment and training room needs on a daily basis.

Mowry received his master's degree in exercise science from the University at Buffalo. Mowry also served as the assistant athletic trainer at St. Lawrence University from 2008-2011. Before joining the staff at St. Lawrence, Mowry was a training room assistant for the Sabres during the 2007-08 season. He resides in Buffalo, NY.

# Hockey Operations



**Rip Simonick**  
*Equipment Manager*

Robert "Rip" Simonick is entering his 42nd season with the organization as Buffalo's equipment manager. Simonick, the longest tenured equipment manager in the National Hockey League, continues to assist with player equipment needs and requests at home and on the road.

Simonick's roots in professional hockey begin before the Sabres ever dropped their first puck. Simonick began as a stick boy with the Buffalo Bisons of the American Hockey League in 1964. After the team captured their 1969 Calder Cup in their last year of existence, Simonick was hired by then newly appointed Sabres General Manager Punch Imlach to join the new team's equipment staff. On Jan. 15, 2009, Simonick worked his 3,000th NHL game when the team played the Dallas Stars. Rip has also worked three NHL All-Star games (1974, 1989 and 2005). Among his favorite moments are the 1975 and 1999 Stanley Cup Finals.



**Dave Williams**  
*Equipment Manager*

David Williams returns for his eighth season with the Sabres as an equipment manager. Among many other duties, Williams is responsible for the purchase and inventory of all team equipment and uniforms, as well as equipment needs during each game and skate sharpening.

Williams graduated from Plattsburgh State, where he was a student manager with the university's hockey team from 1992-1995. After graduation, Williams became the head equipment manager for the Knoxville Cherokees/Pee Dee Pride in the East Coast Hockey League. Before joining the Sabres, Williams was the head equipment manager for the Rochester Americans in the American Hockey League from 1998-2005.

Williams resides in North Chili, NY with his wife, Tammy, and children Maxwell (9) and Marni (7).



**George Babcock**  
*Assistant Equipment Manager*

George Babcock is entering his 20th season with the Sabres. As the assistant equipment manager, his duties include handling equipment issues and repairs, arranging transportation for the visiting teams, locker room setup and preparing the day-to-day supplies needed by the team at both First Niagara Center and the Northtown Center. Before joining the Sabres, Babcock assisted the team at their practice facility, Sabreland. Babcock is a graduate of Starpoint High School. He resides in Williamsville, NY.



**Keith Hayes**  
*Equipment Assistant*

Keith Hayes is entering his second season with the Sabres as an equipment assistant. Hayes has been a part of the Sabres equipment staff since the 1996-97 season, when he began working as a locker room attendant. In his current role, his duties include acting as the primary contact for all visiting teams while in Buffalo. His other duties include transporting the visiting team, assisting in locker room setup and preparing game day supplies and equipment. Hayes, a native of Western New York, currently resides in West Seneca, NY.

# Hockey Operations



**Chuck Garlow**  
*Massage Therapist*

Chuck Garlow enters his 11th season as the team's massage therapist. Prior to joining the Sabres' training staff, Garlow spent five seasons with the Buffalo Blizzard in the same capacity. In 1995, Garlow earned his New York State license from NYIM and gained his national certification upon graduation. He also has a BA from SUNY at Fredonia. Garlow has his own practice in Lewiston, NY. He is a native of Ransomville, NY.

# Sabres Personnel



## Scouting Department



**Eric Weinrich**  
Pro Scout



**Nik Fattey**  
Pro Scout



**Graham Beamish**  
Pro Scout



**Al MacAdam**  
Director of Amateur  
Scouting



**Bo Berglund**  
Amateur Scout



**Iouri Khmylev**  
Amateur Scout



**Paul Merritt**  
Amateur Scout



**Craig Benning**  
Amateur Scout



**Kim Gellert**  
Amateur Scout



**Eric Weissman**  
Amateur Scout



**Austin Dunn**  
Amateur Scout



**Kyle Kiebzak**  
Hockey Technologies  
Manager



**Michael Bermingham**  
Hockey Operations  
Coordinator



**Brett Ruff**  
Hockey Operations  
Assistant

## Player Development



**Dennis Miller**  
Pro Scout/Player  
Development Coach



**Jason Long**  
Player Development



**Dawn Braid**  
Skating Coach

# Sabres Personnel



## Medical Staff



**Les Bisson, M.D.**  
Medical Doctor



**William Hartrich, M.D.**  
Team Physician



**Mark Feinberg, M.D.**  
Orthopedist



**Steven Jensen, DDS**  
Oral Surgeon



**David Croglio, DDS**  
Team Dentist



**John L. Butsch, M.D.**  
Team Doctor Emeritus

## Legal, Finance & Administration



**David S. Zygaj**  
Vice President of Legal  
& Administrative Affairs



**Chuck LaMattina**  
Vice President of Finance  
& Business Operations



**Kristin Zirnheld**  
Corporate Controller



**Christine Ivansitz**  
Accounting Manager



**Birgid Haensel**  
Payroll & Human  
Resources Manager



**Ann Pastwick**  
Payroll & Human  
Resources Assistant



**Kim Binkley**  
Accounts Payable Clerk



**Fay McNamara**  
Executive Assistant



**Nadine Leone**  
Executive Assistant



**Jessica Kindron**  
Receptionist

# Sabres Personnel



## Sales & Business Development



**John Livsey, Jr.**  
Vice President of Sales  
and Business Development



**Joe Foy**  
Director of  
Corporate Sales



**Pete Petrella**  
Director of Business  
Development



**Rob Nugent**  
Account Executive



**Chad Buck**  
Corporate Fulfillment  
Coordinator



**Jon Latke**  
Corporate Fulfillment  
Coordinator

## Creative Services



**Frank Cravotta**  
Director of  
Creative Services



**Vicki Sitek**  
Senior Graphic Designer



**Melissa Gebhardt**  
Graphic Designer

## Merchandise



**Mike Kaminska**  
Director of Merchandise



**Glenn Barker**  
Merchandise Manager  
Inventory Control



**Jeff Smith**  
Merchandise Manager  
Event Sales



**Mike Fowler**  
Store Manager



# Sabres Personnel



## Public & Community Relations



**Michael Gilbert**  
Vice President of Public  
& Community Relations



**Chris Bandura**  
Director of  
Media Relations



**Ian Ott**  
Public Relations  
Assistant



**Marc Heintzman**  
Public Relations  
Assistant



**Rich Jureller**  
Director of  
Community Relations



**Teresa Belbas**  
Community Relations  
Coordinator



**Ed Grudzinski**  
Youth Hockey  
Coordinator



**Lauren Yurko**  
Community Relations  
Assistant



**Bill Wippert**  
Team Photographer



**Larry Playfair**  
Director of  
Alumni Relations



**Gilbert Perreault**  
Corporate & Community  
Relations Liasion

## Marketing & Digital Media



**Brent Rossi**  
Vice President of Brand  
Strategy & Marketing



**Scott Miner**  
Digital Media  
Manager



**Kevin Snow**  
Digital Content  
Manager



**Samantha Hicks**  
Social Media Coordinator



**Tom Matheny**  
Database Marketing  
Manager

# Sabres Personnel



## Broadcast & Game Entertainment



**Chrisanne Bellas**  
Vice President  
of Broadcasting



**Jenifer Rehac**  
Director of Game  
Presentation



**Joe Pinter**  
TV Producer



**Matt Gould**  
TV Director



**Drew Boeing**  
Lead Feature Editor



**Mark Blaszak**  
Videographer/Editor



**Jason Holler**  
Editor/Videographer



**Jason Wiese**  
Production Assistant



**Jeff Hill**  
Videoboard  
Director/Editor



**Rick Jeanneret**  
Play-by-Play



**Rob Ray**  
Color Commentator



**Brian Duff**  
Studio Host



**Kevin Sylvester**  
Radio Host



**Mike Robitaille**  
Analyst



**Harry Neale**  
Analyst



**Danny Gare**  
Analyst

# Sabres Personnel



## Ticket Sales & Operations



**John Sinclair**  
Vice President of Ticket  
Sales & Service



**Marty Maloney**  
Director of Ticket  
Operations



**Paul Barker**  
Box Office Manager



**Gretchen Knott**  
Box Office Coordinator



**Melissa Rugg**  
Ticket Administrator



**Roxanne Anderson**  
Senior Account Service  
Representative



**Kevin Kennedy**  
Account Service  
Representative



**Melissa Eagan**  
Account Service  
Representative



**Kristin DeBellis**  
Account Service  
Representative



**Drew Maloney**  
Account Service  
Representative



**Michelle Mitchell**  
Suite Services  
Coordinator



**Joe Crozier**  
Special Consultant

# Sabres Personnel



## Building Personnel



**Stan Makowski**  
Vice President of Arena  
Operations



**Jennifer Van Rysdam**  
Vice President of  
Event Booking



**Thomas Ahern**  
Vice President of Arena  
Services



**Beth Guiliani Gatto**  
Senior Event Manager



**Robert Neumann**  
Event Manager



**Charles Cannan**  
Event Manager



**Tracey Mancini**  
Arena Marketing  
Manager



**Mike Queeno**  
Technical  
Communications Manager



**Ray Riel**  
Technical  
Communications Manager



**Dennis Hooper**  
Building Services  
Manager



**Bruce Johnson**  
Chief Engineer



**Richard Arcangel III**  
Assistant Chief  
Engineer



**Julie Krzyzanowski**  
Operations Assistant



**JoAnn Mohler**  
Administrative Assistant  
Operations



**Rashad Dukes**  
Utility Crew



**Rodney Bailey**  
Housekeeping Supervisor



**Stephany Coles**  
Housekeeping



**Mike Monahan**  
Housekeeping



**Michael Destino**  
Maintenance Crew



**Jason Sattelberg**  
Maintenance Crew



**Stephen Gore**  
Maintenance Crew



**Andrew Chamberlin**  
Maintenance Crew

# Sabres Personnel



## Building Personnel - Security & Parking



**Marc Brenner**  
Security Manager



**James McDuffie**  
Security Officer



**Amanda Szulist**  
Security Officer



**Joseph Mejak**  
Security Officer



**Derek Jaworek**  
Security Officer



**Sam Buffum**  
Parking Supervisor

# Public Relations



**Michael Gilbert**  
*Vice President of Public and Community Relations*

Michael Gilbert begins his 16th season with the Sabres organization, and his second as the Vice President of Public and Community Relations. Gilbert, who spent his first 14 years with the Sabres as Director of Public Relations, oversees the Public Relations and Community Relations departments for the Sabres, as well as for the Buffalo Bandits (NLL). He is also responsible for supervising the youth hockey and fan development initiatives for the organizations and serves as the team liaison to the Buffalo Sabres Foundation. Gilbert is a member of the Buffalo Sabres Hall of Fame Committee and the Board of Directors for the Police Athletic League (PAL). Prior to joining the Sabres, Gilbert was the Director of Public Relations for the New Jersey Devils from 1995-1997. He was part of a staff in New Jersey that earned the Professional Hockey Writers' Association's Dick Dillman Award for excellence in public relations for the 1996-97 season. Gilbert's success followed him to the Sabres where the Communications Department was acknowledged with the Dillman Award in 1997-98. Before his move to the NHL, Gilbert was the Assistant Director of Public Relations for the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles for four years (1991-95), assisting with the day-to-day operations of that team's PR 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 (1988-90). The move to the Sabres represented a homecoming for Gilbert, who grew up in the Buffalo suburb of Tonawanda. He graduated from Canisius College in Buffalo with degrees in communications and history. He and his wife Amy reside in Amherst, NY, with their sons, Mark (13) and Jack (10), and their daughter, Grace (8).



**Chris Bandura**  
*Director of Media Relations*

Chris Bandura enters his eighth season with the organization and second as the Sabres' 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 public 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 hockey team (AHL), Rochester Ragging Rhinos soccer team (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 (2001-03). 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, NY. He and his wife, Kimberly, reside in West Seneca, NY, with their daughter Rosalie and son Charlie.



**Ian Ott**  
*Public Relations Assistant*

Ian Ott begins his second season as a Public Relations Assistant and third season with the organization. Ott joined the Sabres' Public Relations Department as a graduate assistant before the 2010-11 season and became a full-time employee in July 2011. Some of Ott's primary duties include serving as the editor for the team's media guide, writing press releases, preparing game notes and coordinating media credentials. He is also responsible for overseeing day-to-day media relations efforts for the Buffalo Bandits. A graduate of SUNY Oswego, Ott worked for the Oswego State Sports Information Department and as Assistant Sports Editor of the school's newspaper while earning a bachelor's degree in Journalism. He currently resides in Cheektowaga, NY.



**Marc Heintzman**  
*Public Relations Assistant*

Marc Heintzman is entering his second season with the Buffalo Sabres as a Public Relations Assistant. Some of Heintzman's duties include serving as the coordinator for the team's game night program, writing press releases and coordinating media credentials. Prior to joining the Sabres, Heintzman spent time working with the Buffalo Bills media relations department, as well as the communications department of NBC Sports & Olympics at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver. He holds a degree in public relations from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, where he also worked for four years as an intern in the Athletic Communications office. Heintzman was born and raised in Williamsville, NY.