FORGING A CONNECTION: YOUR BUFFALO SABRES
1970-1975
EXHIBIT OPENING AT
THE BUFFALO HISTORY MUSEUM

Featuring historic game jerseys, over-sized photographs, and more!

Buffalo, N.Y. – February 5, 2014 – M&T Third Fridays at the Buffalo History Museum will score big with families, sports fans, and all who savor French Connection nostalgia as it presents Forging A Connection: Your Buffalo Sabres -1970-1975.

The exhibit opens February 21 and will run through May 25, 2014 at The Buffalo History Museum, located at 1 Museum Court at Elmwood Avenue in Buffalo, N.Y.

Opening day of Forging a Connection is free.

Fans will relive the Sabres’ most memorable moments – victorious and tragic - through the team’s formative first years.

“The Buffalo Sabres have become part of the fabric of Western New York, Forging a Connection will bring the early years of the franchise to life for fans. It will give fans of all ages the opportunity to relive wonderful memories and pass on the history of the team to younger fans.” stated, Joe Gambacorta, Founder and President of Buffalo Hockey Experience + Museum (BHE+M).

Featuring premier artifacts from the BHE+M collection, the exhibit highlights the key events and the people behind them who, together, built a hockey team that became an early contender and in the process won Buffalo’s heart. The exhibit includes stories and artifacts from the Knox brothers’ initial proposal for a team in Buffalo, the formation of the French Connection, its trek to the Cup finals, and many more.

Highlights include Tim Horton’s #2 jersey worn during his final home game in Buffalo, Gerry Meehan’s #15 sweater from when he scored the winning goal with .04 seconds left to knock the Flyers out of the ’72 playoffs, and goalie Roger Crozier’s jersey from the game six loss to Philadelphia in the 1975 Stanley Cup Finals. Other artifacts on display feature newspaper headlines, team photos, game sticks, Game Day program, Inaugural Season Wilkerson Sword, and much more.

All of the items in the exhibit are on loan from The Buffalo Hockey Experience and Museum, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of professional hockey in Buffalo, New York and Southern Ontario.
M&T Bank presents Third Fridays at The Buffalo History Museum, offering free general admission on Friday, February 21 for all. For more information, the public may contact The Buffalo History Museum at (716) 873-9644 or visit www.buffalohistory.org or email info@buffalohistory.org.

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The Buffalo History Museum is Western New York’s premier historical organization, serving since its founding in 1862 to collect, research, interpret, and share the Niagara Frontier’s rich history. Its collections include more than 100,000 artifacts, 200,000 photographs, and 20,000 books. The Buffalo History Museum annually presents a wide array of programs, exhibits, tours, outdoor events, and activities for all ages.

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