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Phantoms Announce Inaugural 2010 Class of the **Adirondack Hockey Hall of Fame**

*Class of 2010 To Be Inducted During Hall of Fame Weekend,
March 12th – 14th*

GLENS FALLS, NY – The Adirondack Phantoms, proud AHL affiliate of the Philadelphia Flyers, announced today the four members of the inaugural 2010 class of the Adirondack Hockey Hall of Fame, presented by Glens Falls National Bank.

Selected by the Adirondack Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee, the 2010 inductees are: **Bill Dineen, Ned Harkness, Greg Joly and Glenn Merkosky.**

“The selections for the inaugural class of the Adirondack Hockey Hall of Fame demonstrate the quality of hockey in this region over the past thirty years,” said Mike Thompson, Phantoms Vice President of Business Operations. “These four gentlemen have made significant contributions to this community’s proud hockey tradition. With the assistance of the great fans in this area, the Hall of Fame Selection Committee’s job was fairly easy. I think the fans will agree these selections are appropriate for the 2010 Inaugural Class.”

The Class of 2010 will be honored when the Adirondack Hockey Hall of Fame, presented by Glens Falls National Bank is officially unveiled during Hall of Fame Weekend, March 12-14, at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

Hall of Fame Weekend begins on Friday, March 12th with Johan Backlund Bobblehead Giveaway Night presented by Associates of Glens Falls as the Phantoms host the defending Calder Cup Champion Hershey Bears for a 7:30 pm face off at the Civic Center. Saturday, March 13th features the main events, with a Hall of Fame Dinner at the Queensbury Hotel where the 2010 Inaugural Class will be officially inducted into the Adirondack Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Dinner will take place at 4:30 pm and is open to the public; Phantoms season ticket holders will have seating priority. Saturday night the Phantoms host the Providence Bruins for a 7:00 pm face off at the Civic Center and the 2010 Inaugural Inductee Class will be honored with a special pre-game ceremony on the ice. Hall of Fame Weekend concludes on Sunday, March 14th, with a limited edition Class of 2010 Hall of Fame Hockey Card Set Giveaway, presented by Curtis Lumber, while Adirondack battles the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at 3:00 pm.

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BILL DINEEN

Born in Arvida, Quebec, Bill Dineen came to Glens Falls, NY at the beginning of the 1983-84 season after an 18-year professional playing career and already with ten years of pro coaching experience. Before his arrival the Adirondack Red Wings had a different head coach in each of their first four seasons. Six seasons later Dineen had led the Red Wings to two Calder Cup trophies and had become the longest tenured and winningest coach in Adirondack pro hockey history.

Dineen quickly established himself in his first season of coaching in the American Hockey League by leading the Red Wings to a 37-29-14 record, before losing a tough seven game series to the Maine Mariners in the first round of the Calder Cup Playoffs. In his second season Adirondack ended the season two games under 0.500, becoming the only team in the Red Wings 20-year history in Glens Falls not to make the playoffs; it was also the only Dineen-coached Adirondack squad with a losing record. He made up for it the next year as the team went 41-31-8 in the regular season and won the 1986 Calder Cup Championship four games to two over Hershey, the second title in franchise history. During the 1986-87 and 1987-88 seasons the Red Wings were a combined 32 games above 0.500, but bowed out of the playoffs in the second round each year. In his final season behind the bench, 1988-89, Dineen led the A-Wings to their best season in franchise history, going 47-27-6 (100 points) and winning the 1989 Calder Cup Championship four games to one over New Haven. After winning his second cup, Dineen left the bench and served as Adirondack's general manager for the 1989-90 season.

In six seasons (1983-1989), Dineen was the Adirondack Red Wings head coach for 480 games, compiling a career record of 236-196-43-5 (0.542 winning pct.), holding the franchise records for games coached and all-time wins. In 63 career Calder Cup playoff games behind the bench, his record with the Red Wings was 36-21 (0.571), winning two championships (1986, 1989) and becoming one of just 12 coaches in AHL history to win more than one Calder Cup title. Dineen was twice named as the recipient of the Louis A.R. Pieri Memorial Award as the outstanding coach in the AHL (1984-85 & 1985-86); he is one of just two AHL coaches in league history to win that award in back-to-back seasons.

Dineen played in 324 career National Hockey League games with the Detroit Red Wings and the Chicago Blackhawks during his 18-year pro playing career, including winning two Stanley Cups with Detroit (1954, 1955). After hanging up his skates, he climbed behind the bench for another eighteen seasons. Aside from his time in Glens Falls, Dineen was notably the only head coach in the history of the Houston Aeros during their tenure in the World Hockey Association (WHA), where he coached the legendary Gordie Howe for four seasons and helping the Aeros win back-to-back AVCO World Trophies as the WHA Champions in 1974 and 1975. Dineen completed his coaching career as the head coach of the Philadelphia Flyers for two years (1991-93), where he was able to coach his son Kevin; all three of his sons, Kevin, Gordon and Peter all played in the NHL.

BILL DINEEN'S HEAD COACHING STATS			REGULAR SEASON							PLAYOFFS			
Year	Team	League	GP	W	L	T	OTL	Pct	GP	W	L	Pct	
1969-70	Denver Spurs *	WHL	17	7	7	3	0	0.500	-	-	-	-	
1970-71	Denver Spurs *	WHL	12	2	5	5	0	0.375	-	-	-	-	
1971-72	Denver Spurs	WHL	72	44	20	8	0	0.667	-	-	-	-	
1972-73	Houston Aeros	WHA	78	39	35	4	0	0.526	-	-	-	-	
1973-74	Houston Aeros ^	WHA	78	48	25	5	0	0.647	-	-	-	-	
1974-75	Houston Aeros ^	WHA	78	53	25	0	0	0.679	-	-	-	-	
1975-76	Houston Aeros	WHA	80	53	27	0	0	0.663	-	-	-	-	
1976-77	Houston Aeros	WHA	80	50	24	6	0	0.663	-	-	-	-	
1977-78	Houston Aeros	WHA	80	42	34	4	0	0.550	-	-	-	-	
1978-79	New England Whalers	WHA	80	37	34	9	0	0.519	-	-	-	-	
1983-84	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	80	37	29	14	0	0.550	7	3	4	0.429	
1984-85	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	80	35	37	8	0	0.488	-	-	-	-	
1985-86	Adirondack Red Wings #	AHL	80	41	31	8	0	0.563	17	12	5	0.706	
1986-87	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	80	44	31	0	5	0.581	11	5	6	0.455	
1987-88	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	80	42	23	11	4	0.619	11	4	7	0.364	
1988-89	Adirondack Red Wings #	AHL	80	47	27	6	0	0.625	17	12	5	0.706	
1991-92	Philadelphia Flyers *	NHL	56	24	23	9	0	0.509	-	-	-	-	
1992-93	Philadelphia Flyers	NHL	84	36	37	11	0	0.494	-	-	-	-	
Career			1275	681	474	111	9	0.581	63	36	27	0.571	
AHL Career			480	236	196	43	5	0.542	63	36	27	0.571	
NHL Career			140	60	60	20	0	0.500	0	-	-	-	
Adirondack Career			480	246	178	47	9	0.571	56	33	23	0.589	

* Mid-Season Replacement

^ Won AVCO WHA Championship

Won Calder Cup Championship

BILL DINEEN'S CAREER STATS			REGULAR SEASON							PLAYOFFS				
Year	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM		
1951-52	Toronto St. Michael's	OHA	47	21	30	51	0	-	-	-	-	-		
1952-53	Toronto St. Michael's	OHA	55	27	20	47	0	-	-	-	-	-		
1953-54	Detroit Red Wings #	NHL	70	17	8	25	34	12	0	0	0	2		
1954-55	Detroit Red Wings #	NHL	70	10	9	19	36	11	0	1	1	8		
1955-56	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	70	12	7	19	30	10	1	0	1	8		
1956-57	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	51	6	7	13	12	4	0	0	0	0		
1957-58	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	22	2	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-		
1957-58	Chicago Blackhawks	NHL	41	4	9	13	8	-	-	-	-	-		
1958-59	Buffalo Bisons	AHL	49	8	19	27	17	11	3	5	8	10		
1959-60	Buffalo Bisons	AHL	5	0	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-		
1959-60	Cleveland Barons	AHL	62	26	27	53	17	7	2	3	5	4		
1960-61	Cleveland Barons	AHL	72	28	31	59	24	4	0	3	3	0		
1961-62	Rochester Americans	AHL	70	19	19	38	20	2	0	0	0	2		
1962-63	Quebec Aces	AHL	72	24	17	41	22	-	-	-	-	-		
1963-64	Quebec Aces	AHL	61	27	25	52	26	9	3	3	6	0		
1964-65	Seattle Totems	WHL	69	25	17	42	4	7	0	1	1	8		
1965-66	Seattle Totems	WHL	71	23	16	39	10	-	-	-	-	-		
1966-67	Seattle Totems	WHL	62	32	33	65	8	10	2	7	9	4		
1967-68	Seattle Totems	WHL	72	28	33	61	10	9	3	6	9	2		
1968-69	Seattle Totems	WHL	74	9	16	25	8	4	0	0	0	0		
1969-70	Seattle-Denver	WHL	51	10	8	18	4	-	-	-	-	-		
1970-71	Denver Spurs	WHL	16	5	6	11	4	-	-	-	-	-		
Pro Career			1130	315	312	627	298	100	14	29	43	48		
AHL Career			391	132	139	271	128	33	8	14	22	16		
NHL Career			324	51	44	95	122	37	1	1	2	18		

Won Stanley Cup Championship

NED HARKNESS

Nevin D. "Ned" Harkness was born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and in the course of a long and storied career in hockey as a coach, general manager and executive he was directly involved in the construction of the Glens Falls Civic Center and helped found the Adirondack Red Wings of the American Hockey League, serving as the team's first general manager and sparking a 20-year AHL dynasty in Upstate New York.

Harkness will forever be remembered as one of the key members in bringing AHL hockey to Glens Falls, NY. He became the director of the Glens Falls Civic Center in 1979 and supervised its construction, before establishing the Red Wings for their inaugural season, 1979-80, as the top minor-league affiliate of the NHL's Detroit Red Wings. For his immense contributions in getting Adirondack off the ground Harkness was named the 1980 AHL Executive of the Year. In perhaps the ultimate sign of his accomplishments in the region, the Red Wings would capture the 1980-81 Calder Cup Championship, defeating the Maine Mariners four games to two, in his hometown, in the building he helped construct. Harkness served as the Red Wings' general manager for three seasons (1979-82) and in 1982 he was appointed the president and CEO of the U.S. Regional Development Authority, in charge of managing the Olympic facilities in Lake Placid, NY, a position he held until retiring in 1993.

Harkness is perhaps best known for his incredible NCAA career as a head coach for the men's ice hockey programs at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, NY, Cornell University in Ithaca, NY and Union College in Schenectady, NY. He ranks second All-Time amongst NCAA Division I coaches with a winning percentage of 0.740, posting a career NCAA record of 384-131-11 in 526 games over 24 seasons. Harkness began his extraordinary career by restarting the hockey program at RPI in the 1949-50 season. In 14 years (1949-1963) behind the bench for the Engineers he had a record of 176-96-7, winning three regular season conference titles, making three NCAA Tournament appearances and leading RPI the 1954 National Championship, the first in school history. Harkness moved on to become the men's hockey coach at Cornell University in 1963-64 and over the next seven seasons he turned the Big Red into a national Division I powerhouse. In seven years as Cornell's head coach he posted a record of 163-27-2, an astonishing 0.854 winning percentage, and winning NCAA championships in 1967 and 1970, while finishing as the runner up in 1969 and third in 1968. During that run the Big Red won five Ivy League titles and four Eastern regional championships. The 1970 NCAA Champion team had a perfect 29-0-0 record, setting NCAA marks for the best single-season winning percentage (1.000) and as the only team in the modern era to be undefeated and untied. His 1967 title-winning squad was led by Hockey Hall of Fame goaltender Ken Dryden and Harkness was named the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) Coach of the Year in 1968. His last college coaching job was at Union College in Schenectady, NY where he founded the schools hockey program and went 45-8-2 in three years (1975-78), before moving back to Glens Falls and beginning the steps toward creating the Adirondack Red Wings.

Not just a college hockey coach, Harkness was an outstanding lacrosse coach as well. As RPI's lacrosse coach he was named the U.S. Lacrosse Coach of the Year in 1951 and he led the Engineers to the 1952 NCAA National Championship in lacrosse; two years later when RPI won its first hockey crown (1954) he became the first coach in NCAA history to win national championships in two different sports. He also coached lacrosse at Cornell from 1966-1968, helping the Big Red win back-to-back Ivy League titles and in 2001 he was inducted into the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

Harkness was hired as the head coach of the NHL's Detroit Red Wings in 1970-71, but was replaced after 38 games, instead becoming the team's general manager for the rest of the season; he would hold that position for four more years (1971-75). He was inducted into the Lake Placid Hall of Fame in 1993, the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, MN in 1994, while also being a member of the Cornell Hall of Fame, the RPI Athletics Hall of Fame and Rensselaer Hockey Ring of Honor in 2007.

Born in Ottawa, Harkness was still a young boy when his family moved to Glens Falls. He attended Glens Falls Academy and Glens Falls High School, although he graduated from Worcester Academy in Worcester, MA in 1939. He went to college at the Royal Canadian Air Force Academy and served in World War II in the Canadian Air Force from 1943-45, where he flew in 39 successful bombardier missions in Europe. In 1949 he became a naturalized U.S. citizen, less than one year before he became RPI's hockey coach. He passed away on September 19, 2008, his 89th birthday, at his home in Rochester, NY.

NED HARKNESS' HEAD COACHING STATS			REGULAR SEASON				
Year	Team	League	GP	W	L	T	Pct
1949-50	R.P.I.	NCAA	10	4	6	0	0.400
1950-51	R.P.I.	NCAA	15	5	10	0	0.333
1951-52	R.P.I.	NCAA	18	15	3	0	0.833
1952-53	R.P.I.	NCAA	20	15	4	1	0.775
1953-54	R.P.I. #	NCAA	23	18	5	0	0.783
1954-55	R.P.I.	NCAA	22	9	11	2	0.455
1955-56	R.P.I.	NCAA	18	12	6	0	0.667
1956-57	R.P.I.	NCAA	21	14	6	1	0.690
1957-58	R.P.I.	NCAA	21	14	6	1	0.690
1958-59	R.P.I.	NCAA	21	13	8	0	0.619
1959-60	R.P.I.	NCAA	22	15	7	0	0.682
1960-61	R.P.I.	NCAA	22	16	5	1	0.750
1961-62	R.P.I.	NCAA	23	16	7	0	0.696
1962-63	R.P.I.	NCAA	23	10	12	1	0.457
1963-64	Cornell University	NCAA	23	12	10	1	0.543
1964-65	Cornell University	NCAA	26	19	7	0	0.731
1965-66	Cornell University	NCAA	27	22	5	0	0.815
1966-67	Cornell University #	NCAA	29	27	1	1	0.948
1967-68	Cornell University	NCAA	29	27	2	0	0.931
1968-69	Cornell University	NCAA	29	27	2	0	0.931
1969-70	Cornell University #	NCAA	29	29	0	0	1.000
1970-71	Detroit Red Wings *	NHL	38	12	22	4	0.368
1975-76	Union College	NCAA	23	19	4	0	0.826
1976-77	Union College	NCAA	26	22	3	1	0.865
1977-78	Union College	NCAA	6	4	1	1	0.750
Career			564	396	153	15	0.715
NCAA Career			526	384	131	11	0.740
NHL Career			38	12	22	4	0.368

* Replaced Mid-Season

Won NCAA National Championship

GREG JOLY

Born in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada, defenseman Greg Joly had probably never heard of Glens Falls, NY growing up as a top prospect in the Canadian junior hockey system or in his first five years playing in the National Hockey League, but by the end of his twelve-year professional career he was unquestionably one of the All-Time fan favorites in Adirondack Red Wings history.

Joly made his Adirondack debut during the Red Wings' inaugural 1979-80 season in Glens Falls, tallying six points (3 goals, 3 assists) in eight games for the A-Wings, but spent most of that year up in the NHL with Detroit. The next year the 6'0", 190 lbs defenseman played in 62 regular season games in Glens Falls and then appeared in 17 of the 18 playoff games and had 16 points (4 goals, 12 assists) as Adirondack captured the 1980 Calder Cup, beating the Maine Mariners four games to two for the first championship in franchise history. He would continue to be a swing-man between Adirondack and Detroit for the next two years, but spent all of the final three seasons of his career in Glens Falls, where he solidified himself as a fan favorite. During Joly's final year of pro hockey, 1985-86, he had 22 assists and 68 penalty minutes in 65 regular season games and then played in 16-of-17 post season games as Adirondack won the 1986 Calder Cup Championship and Joly became the only player to have his name engraved on the first two cups in the organization's history.

In his Adirondack Red Wings career he played in 396 regular season games over parts of seven seasons (1979-1986), which ranks second All-Time in franchise history, scoring 230 points (36 goals, 194 assists) and recording 657 penalty minutes. He also played in 46 career Calder Cup playoff games, all with Adirondack, posting 22 points (5 goals, 17 assists) and 95 penalty minutes. Starting in the 1986-87 season, the year after he retired, the team began awarding the Greg Joly Award, to the club's top defenseman at the end of each year. Joly was also awarded the Community Service Award three years in a row (1982-85) by the Red Wings Booster Club, the only player to receive the honor more than once; the Booster Club only chose to give out the award nine times during the team's 20 year history, making his selections even more unique.

Joly made himself a top NHL prospect thanks to an outstanding junior career with the Regina Pats of the Western Canadian Hockey League (WCHL), now known as the Western Hockey League (WHL). His point production from the blue line grew substantially each season and over three years with the Pats (1971-74); he scored 204 career points (41 goals, 163 assists) and had 238 penalty minutes in 201 career WCHL games. Joly was named to the WCHL First All-Star team at the end of the 1972-73 season and during his final year of juniors he led Regina to the 1974 Memorial Cup Championship and was named the Memorial Cup Tournament MVP.

Joly was selected as the first overall pick in the 1974 NHL Entry Draft by the expansion Washington Capitals, becoming the first ever player drafted by the organization and the first player in franchise history to sign a contract. During his NHL debut in the first game of the 1974-75 season, he recorded an assist, which was the first assist recorded in the history of the Capitals. The rest of his rookie season was marred by a knee injury that limited Joly to just 44 games that season. A swift skating, puck moving defenseman with plenty of offensive skill, his abilities were not well utilized by the bottom dwelling Capitals and after just two seasons in Washington he was traded to the Detroit Red Wings on November 30, 1976 for veteran enforcer Bryan Watson, also a defenseman. Joly spent the next three full seasons in Detroit, making his Stanley Cup Playoff debut for the Red Wings during the 1978 post season. Between the 1979-80 and the 1982-83 seasons he was a swing man, going back-and-forth between Detroit and Adirondack, before spending his final three years solely in Glens Falls.

Joly appeared in 365 career NHL games over parts of nine seasons, scoring 97 career points (21 goals, 76 assists) and played in five Stanley Cup Playoff games. In his AHL career, mostly with Adirondack, he played in 421 regular season games and had 243 points (39 goals, 204 assists) and 677 penalty minutes and had 22 points in 46 career Calder Cup playoff games, all with the A-Wings. In all over the course of his twelve year pro career he played in 786 career pro games and had 340 points (60 goals, 280 assists) and 927 penalty minutes.

GREG JOLY'S CAREER STATS			REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS				
Year	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
1971-72	Regina Pats	WCHL	67	6	38	44	41	-	-	-	-	-
1972-73	Regina Pats	WCHL	67	14	54	68	94	-	-	-	-	-
1973-74	Regina Pats	WCHL	67	21	71	92	103	-	-	-	-	-
1974-75	Washington Capitals	NHL	44	1	7	8	44	-	-	-	-	-
1975-76	Richmond Robins	AHL	3	3	2	5	4	-	-	-	-	-
1975-76	Washington Capitals	NHL	54	8	17	25	28	-	-	-	-	-
1976-77	Springfield Indians	AHL	22	0	8	8	16	-	-	-	-	-
1976-77	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	53	1	11	12	14	-	-	-	-	-
1977-78	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	79	7	20	27	73	5	0	0	0	8
1978-79	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	20	0	4	4	6	-	-	-	-	-
1979-80	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	8	3	3	6	10	-	-	-	-	-
1979-80	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	59	3	10	13	45	-	-	-	-	-
1980-81	Adirondack Red Wings #	AHL	62	3	34	37	158	17	4	12	16	38
1980-81	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	17	0	2	2	10	-	-	-	-	-
1981-82	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	36	3	22	25	59	-	-	-	-	-
1981-82	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	37	1	5	6	30	-	-	-	-	-
1982-83	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	71	8	40	48	118	6	1	0	1	0
1982-83	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	2	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
1983-84	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	78	10	33	43	133	7	0	1	1	19
1984-85	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	76	9	40	49	111	-	-	-	-	-
1985-86	Adirondack Red Wings #	AHL	65	0	22	22	68	16	0	4	4	38
Pro Career			786	60	280	340	927	51	5	17	22	103
AHL Career			421	39	204	243	677	46	5	17	22	95
NHL Career			365	21	76	97	250	5	0	0	0	8
Adirondack Career			396	36	194	230	657	46	5	17	22	95

Won Calder Cup Championship

GLENN MERKOSKY

A native of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Glenn Merkosky won three Calder Cup Championships as a player and one as an assistant coach, he set numerous Adirondack Red Wings franchise records, he ranks statistically amongst the top players All-Time in the American Hockey League and he holds the distinction of being the only player in Adirondack hockey history to have his number retired.

One of the absolute fan favorites, Merkosky played six seasons for the Adirondack Red Wings (1985-91) where he was an offensive juggernaut, setting career franchise records in games played (430), goals (204), assists (212), points (416) and overtime goals (5), two of which came during Calder Cup Playoff games. The 5'10", 175 lbs forward scored 24 or more goals in each of his six years in Glens Falls and became the first Adirondack player in the history of the AHL to record a 50+ goal season when he scored a career-high 54 goals in 1986-87, the same year he set the Adirondack single-season record for shorthanded goals with seven. "Merk" played in 64 career Calder Cup playoff games with the Red Wings and had 60 career points (26 goals, 34 assists), winning the AHL's championship in 1985-86, his first season with the club, and also in the 1989-90 campaign.

Merkosky retired after the 1990-91 season and climbed behind the bench as an assistant coach with Adirondack, teaming up with head coach Barry Melrose to lead the team to a 40-30-4-6 regular season record and another magical post season run as the Red Wings won their fourth Calder Cup trophy, beating the St. John's Maple Leafs in a thrilling seven-games during the 1991 Calder Cup Finals. He went on to become the head coach of the Sudbury Wolves of the Ontario Hockey League. In four years coaching in Sudbury (1992-96), Merkosky compiled a record of 135-109-20 in 264 regular season games and a winning percentage of 0.549. The Wolves made the playoffs in the first three years under Merkosky, reaching as far as the OHL Semifinals during the 1995 playoffs. After his fourth year in Sudbury, Merkosky went back to Glens Falls and was named the Red Wings head coach. He was the bench boss in Adirondack for three years (1996-99), posting a record of 90-113-29-8 (0.452) and made the playoffs each season, but never made it out of the first round.

On December 22, 1993, while he was coaching junior hockey in Sudbury, Merkosky was the guest of honor in Glens Falls as Adirondack retired his number 15 and ceremoniously raised a banner with his name and number to the rafters of the Civic Center, one that remains in place to this day. After the ceremony the Red Wings trounced the Hamilton Bulldogs 8-0. He is the only player in the 20-year history of the Adirondack Red Wings organization to have his number officially retired.

Merkosky began his eleven year professional career in the 1980-81 season while playing for the AHL's Binghamton Whalers. After two years with Binghamton and one split between the CHL's Wichita Wind and the National Hockey League's New Jersey Devils, he went to the Maine Mariners and played a key role in their 1984 Calder Cup Championship team. He would play one more season for Maine and then six more in Adirondack, rounding out and even ten years in the AHL. Merkosky ranks 40th All-Time in the AHL in regular season games played (737) and ranks in the top 50 All-Time in all three offensive categories: 11th All-Time in goals (325), tied for 25th in points (678) and tied for 42nd in assists (353). Perhaps even more impressive are his All-Time Calder Cup Playoff ranking, where he is tied for 7th in points (90) and goals (39), 8th in games played (107) and tied for 11th in assists (51). He was selected as the recipient of the AHL's Fred T. Hunt Memorial Award two times (1986-87 & 1990-91), given to the player who best exemplifies sportsmanship, determination and dedication to hockey; Merkosky and Adirondack teammate Murray Eaves are the only two players in AHL history to win the award twice.

Over parts of five seasons Merkosky played in 66 career NHL games with the Hartford Whalers, New Jersey Devils and Detroit Red Wings, scoring 17 points (5 goals, 12 assists) and recording 22 penalty minutes. He is currently in his eighth season as a pro scout for Detroit, primarily evaluating AHL talent for the Red Wings.

GLENN MERKOSKY'S CAREER STATS			REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS				
Year	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
1976-77	Kamloops Chiefs	WCHL	5	0	2	2	0	-	-	-	-	-
1977-78	Kamloops Chiefs	BCJHL	61	55	91	146	66	-	-	-	-	-
1977-78	Seattle Breakers	WCHL	6	4	3	7	2	-	-	-	-	-
1978-79	Michigan Tech University	NCAA	38	14	29	43	22	-	-	-	-	-
1979-80	Calgary Wranglers	WHL	72	49	40	89	95	7	4	6	10	14
1980-81	Binghamton Whalers	AHL	80	26	35	61	61	5	0	2	2	2
1981-82	Binghamton Whalers	AHL	72	29	40	69	83	10	0	2	2	2
1981-82	Hartford Whalers	NHL	7	0	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	-
1982-83	Wichita Wind	CHL	45	26	23	49	15	-	-	-	-	-
1982-83	New Jersey Devils	NHL	34	4	10	14	20	-	-	-	-	-
1983-84	Maine Mariners #	AHL	75	28	28	56	56	17	11	10	21	20
1983-84	New Jersey Devils	NHL	5	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-
1984-85	Maine Mariners	AHL	80	38	38	76	19	11	2	3	5	13
1985-86	Adirondack Red Wings #	AHL	59	24	33	57	22	17	5	7	12	15
1985-86	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	17	0	2	2	0	-	-	-	-	-
1986-87	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	77	54	31	85	66	11	6	8	14	7
1987-88	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	66	34	42	76	34	11	4	6	10	4
1987-88	Rosenheim SB	Germany	16	2	3	5	17	-	-	-	-	-
1988-89	Adirondack Red Wings #	AHL	76	31	46	77	13	17	8	11	19	10
1989-90	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	75	33	31	64	29	6	2	1	3	6
1989-90	Detroit Red Wings	NHL	3	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
1990-91	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	77	28	29	57	37	2	1	1	2	0
Pro Career			864	358	391	749	474	107	39	51	90	79
AHL Career			737	325	353	678	420	107	39	51	90	79
NHL Career			66	5	12	17	22	-	-	-	-	-
Adirondack Career			430	204	212	416	201	64	26	34	60	42
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GLENN MERKOSKY'S COACHING STATS			REGULAR SEASON							PLAYOFFS			
Year	Team	League	GP	W	L	T	OTL	Pct	GP	W	L	Pct	
1991-92	Adirondack Red Wings * #	AHL	80	40	30	4	6	0.563	19	14	5	0.737	
1992-93	Sudbury Wolves	OHL	66	31	30	5	0	0.508	14	7	7	0.500	
1993-94	Sudbury Wolves	OHL	66	34	26	6	0	0.561	11	6	5	0.545	
1994-95	Sudbury Wolves	OHL	66	43	17	6	0	0.697	18	11	7	0.611	
1995-96	Sudbury Wolves	OHL	66	27	36	3	0	0.432	-	-	-	-	
1996-97	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	80	38	28	12	2	0.563	4	1	3	0.250	
1997-98	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	80	31	37	9	3	0.463	3	0	3	0.000	
1998-99	Adirondack Red Wings	AHL	80	21	48	8	3	0.331	3	0	3	0.000	
Career			504	225	222	49	8	0.503	53	25	28	0.472	
AHL Career			240	90	113	29	8	0.452	10	1	9	0.100	
Adirondack Career			240	90	113	29	8	0.45	10	1	9	0.100	

* Assistant Coach

Won Calder Cup Championship