

Macon Whoopees Bill Buckley 1973-74 game worn jersey, size 44.

This Rawlings white home durable jersey was worn by Bill Buckley for one game. Buckley was the assistant general manager who had to dress on February 3, 1974 so they could field enough players for a game during the team's final weeks. The details of this game, including Buckley's one shift on the ice, are presented in the book "Once Upon A Whoopee" by Ed Grisamore and Bill Buckley. The front of this lace up jersey has the original Macon Whoopees logo in three color sewn twill. The sewn number 12 on the back and the sleeves is in two color sewn twill. There is an embroidered patch on the upper right chest. These patches were not found on all the jerseys worn during this abbreviated season. The Rawlings neck tag is typical of these jerseys during this era and bears the size. The jersey has reinforced shoulders and elbows but no fight strap. Located on the inside of the front hem is a sewn-on embroidered patch from Willingham Sports, the jersey supplier. This jersey was donated by Buckley to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and is currently part of their collection where I had the privilege of examining it for historical purposes in the summer of 2013.

