



"A DAY THAT CHANGED THE GAME"

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WORLD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

LAS VEGAS – (January 20, 2021) To commemorate a very special day in sports history, many of the remaining members of the World Hockey Association, fans and celebrities will gather to celebrate the existence of the WHA that was born 50 years before.

This reunion will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada in October of 2022 where great and treasured moments will be fondly remembered.

“WORLD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, COMIN’ ON STRONG!”

“The WHA means a lot to me and it was a very important part of my life. I look forward to being there and seeing everyone,” stated hockey legend Bobby Hull. “We are getting together for this great cause so that the WHA is remembered for the things it did for the game of hockey. I will enjoy reminiscing and hope that many of you will join me to celebrate.”

Hull, the Golden Jet, is committed to the cause and will be in Las Vegas for the entire celebration. We are also honoring the godfather of the WHA and the original “disruptor” of professional sports, Dennis A. Murphy, along with other luminaries.

REMEMBERING “A DAY THAT CHANGED THE GAME”

The WHA had a great impact in changing the game of hockey in North America and abroad when the impossible happened. The fledgling league challenged the long-established National Hockey League (NHL), and for seven seasons presented an entertaining version of our great game. It all started as the puck dropped on October 11, 1972, when the Alberta Oilers defeated the Ottawa Nationals, 7-4, and the Cleveland Crusaders shutout the Quebec Nordiques, 2-0.

The event will celebrate the players of the era that entertained the fans, and the owners and front office executives that made the league work and contributed to the success of the WHA: officials, media, sponsors, celebrity admirers and, most importantly, the undying fans and supporters that gave their loyalty to the league and its' teams.

Part of all proceeds from the event will be used to create a virtual WHA Hall of Fame and Museum so that we can preserve this part of hockey and sports history for future generations. In addition, “WHAssists” will start with funds to aid retired players/executives alumni that need assistance in their remaining years. Plans for a brick-and-mortar location will be discussed.

Our aim is to inform and educate the public about the revolutionary ideas and concepts that brought the World Hockey Association to fruition.

These concepts included:

- Creating an avenue for players to be paid a fair wage;
- Being the first to bring many talented Europeans to North America;
- The first hockey player of African descent to score 20 goals in a single season for a major league team;
- The opportunity for players to express their feelings within their lifestyles and the right to play for their choice of teams.

All these concepts are in-vogue in professional sports today.

“I look forward to visit with many of the boys I played with,” stated Hull, who will be one of the honorees into the WHA Hall of Fame and Museum. “We’ll sit down and have a good time remembering the good old days.”

For more information check out our website:

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