

FLYERS UNVEIL NEW 50TH ANNIVERSARY JERSEY

The Flyers unveiled their 50th anniversary jersey Wednesday, and club president Paul Holmgren gave the late Ed Snider credit for helping design it.

In honor of the franchise's golden anniversary, gold is integrated into the jersey, which will be worn at 12 home games this season.

Captain Claude Giroux modeled the jersey and called it a "great tribute" to the team's first 50 years. "The tradition keeps growing, and to be a part of it is pretty special," he said during a news conference on the 57th floor of One Liberty Observation Deck in Center City.

Snider, the Flyers chairman and co-founder who died April 11 after a two-year battle with bladder cancer, approved the jerseys in December. "To know he approves of this jersey and wants us to wear it, it's an honor," Giroux said.

In a sign of respect for their beloved former owner, the Flyers' helmets this season will feature "A Flyer Forever" with Snider's signature on them.

The new jerseys will have gold numbers on the back and sleeve, a black, gold, and white name plate, and a gold-outlined crest on the front. Giroux will wear a gold "C" and the alternate captains will wear a gold "A."

There also will be gold accents on the pants and gloves, and the jersey necklines will read: "Est. 1967." Players will wear a commemorative logo patch with a gold "50" on their right shoulders.

Charter season-ticket holders received anniversary jerseys while meeting Giroux and Holmgren after the news conference. This year's season-ticket holders also will receive a commemorative jersey (one per account).

Holmgren said this season will give the franchise a chance to "look back and honor triumphant moments" but added that, "make no mistake, our eye is on our current team and their rise."