

Atlanta Flames Jacques Richard 1974-75 game worn jersey, size 46.

The Atlanta Flames wore Rawlings jerseys for their first five seasons. The striping pattern changed for the second season, meaning this style of jersey was only worn from 1973-74 through 1976-77. Only two players wore number 15 during this time, Jacques Richard and Rick Bowness. Richard was Atlanta's first draft pick and played a total of 145 games for the Flames in 1973-74 and 74-75 before being traded to Buffalo. Bowness only played 33 games for Atlanta in 1975-76 and 76-77. Being a road jersey means it would have been worn half the time but this jersey does exhibit a fair amount of wear, including team repairs and stick/paint marks, leading me to believe it was worn by Richard. A noted collector of Flames jerseys in Atlanta told me that the 1974-75 jerseys had the numbers sewn onto the jersey with single color thread and the numbers on this jersey are attached with yellow thread only. It has a two color sewn twill logo on the front, along with two color sewn twill numbers on the sleeves and back. A garter style fight strap is sewn inside the lower back. An embroidered Rawlings neck tag is sewn on and bears the size. This jersey was acquired from Meigray Vintage and the accompanying paperwork stated it had been acquired on consignment from the family of former Atlanta Flame Willi Plett.

