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Charlie Gardiner was a multi sport athlete, He played baseball, football ,and golf . He is best remembered as a great hockey goalie.

Charlie began his professional hockey career by playing 2 seasons the Winnipeg Maroons of the Central Hockey League. In 1927 28, Charlie joined the Chicago Black Hawks. During Charlie's career , the Chicago Black Hawk teams were often referred to as the goalless wonders. In 3 out of Charlie's 7 seasons, the Hawks scored the fewest goals in the NHL. However, Charlie's acrobatic always moving style kept the Hawks competitive. Howie Morenz the legendary Montreal Canadien super star called him the hardest goalie to score against.

Gardiner missed only 41 minutes in the last 6 and a half years of his career. He won 2 Vezina trophies . The All Star teams only existed for Charlie's final 4 seasons. He was on 3 First And 1 Second All Star Teams. He recorded a regular season shut out once every 7.5 games . He had a Goals Against average of 2.02 in the regular season and below 2 in the playoffs. He won the first games ever played in the Chicago Stadium and Toronto Maple Leaf Gardens. In the Maple Leafs Gardens Game game he stopped 50 out of 51 shots in a 2 to 1 Chicago victory.

The recent NHL Final is only the 6th Final since only NHL teams played for the Cup to feature 2 teams that have never won the Cup. The first such Final in 1934 featured the under dog Chicago Black Hawks and the first place Detroit Red Wings . Chicago led the best of 5 series 2 games to 1. On April 10, Game 4 was held at the Chicago Stadium. Charlie and another Winnipegger Wilf Cude staged a great goaltending duel. Charlie and Wilf were long time friends from their days at Albert School. In the middle of the 2nd Overtime Period, Mush March scored the only goal giving Chicago their First Cup. Charlie remains the only Goalie to captain a Stanley Cup Champion. Sadly it was the last game that Charlie Gardiner played. He died 2 months later at the age of 29. His death made the Front Page in both Winnipeg Newspapers. Tributes poured from the hockey world and Manitoba Premier John Bracken. Many different tributes refered to Charlie as the greatest goalie WA Hewitt who witnessed thousands of hockey games named Charlie, George Vezina, and 17 position players to his all time team in his 1958 book Down the Stretch.

Charlie was a role model off of the ice. He was an ambassador for the relatively new 8 to 10 team NHL He always found time to contribute to Winnipeg. On the June 4, 2018, there was a story in the Winnipeg Sun about Charlie signing a hockey stick for a young fan. He was involved in his church. He worked at Ashdowns a hardware store . He became involved in the sporting goods business. He was a devoted family man.

I congratulate Councillor Pagtakhan for introducing this motion to honour a great Winnipegger. The Pioneer Arena is centrally located with easy access to many different parts of Winnipeg. I fully support the proposal to rename the arena after Winnipeg's greatest goalie.

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