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## Hockey

When the cold winds blow down from the Canadian prairie signaling the start of winter, the toughest Chicagoans don't fret. Instead, they zip up their

parkas and head straight for the United Center to watch their beloved Blackhawks lace up their skates. The Blackhawks, who take their name from a crack battalion of machine-gunners in World War I, reward the fans with some expert shooting - and fighting - of a different kind. The 'Hawks last hoisted

the Stanley Cup in 1961, but always fill the scarlet and black game sweaters out with an excellent squad. Here, Blackhawks goaltender Craig Anderson (31) lunges to make a save as Blackhawks' Patrick Sharp and an opponent battle for position in the first period of an NHL hockey game.

## CHICAGO FAVORITES

**1 Michael Jordan** - No one hawks merchandise like MJ. No one three-petes like him, either.

**2 Mordecai "Three Fingers" Brown** - This right hander won 29 games for the Cubs in 1908, their last championship season plus a cool nickname.

**3 Bobby "The Golden Jet" Hull** - Playing left wing for the Blackhawks through the 60's his slapshot was clocked at 120 mph. Opposing teeth didn't stand a chance.

**4 Knute Rockne** - Born in Norway, raised in Chicago, he became the most celebrated coach in college football history and uttered the immortal words, "Win one for the Gipper."

**5 Johnny Weissmuller** - With five Olympic golds, this Chicago lad was arguably the best U.S. swimmer in history; and certainly the best Tarzan.

► Top to Bottom: Michael Jordan (AP Photo/Fred Jewell), Mordecai Brown (AP Photo), Bobby Hull (AP Photo), Knute Rockne (AP Photo), Johnny Weissmuller (AP Photo)

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