

WILLIE O'REE

- ▶ Became the first Black player in the National Hockey League in January, 1958 when he suited up for the Boston Bruins
- ▶ Blinded in his right eye when he was hit by an errant puck
- ▶ Played parts of two seasons with the Boston Bruins (1957-58) and (1960-61)
- ▶ Scored four goals and added 10 assists in 45 career NHL games for Boston
- ▶ Played 13 seasons in the Western Hockey League for the Los Angeles Blades and the San Diego Gulls
- ▶ Scored 45 points in 50 games for the New Haven Nighthawks of the American Hockey League in 1972-73
- ▶ Led the WHL in goals (38) while playing for the LA Blades in 1964-65
- ▶ Appointed Director of NHL's Youth Development/USA Hockey Diversity Task Force in 1998
- ▶ Awarded the Lester Patrick Award for outstanding service to hockey in the United States in 2003
- ▶ Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in November 2018
- ▶ January 18 designated as an Annual Willie O'Ree Day in Fredericton
- ▶ Inducted into the Canada Sports Hall of Fame on October 3, 2021
- ▶ Inducted into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, June 2, 1984



BORN: October 15, 1935

BIRTHPLACE: Fredericton, NB

SPORT: Hockey

CATEGORY: Athlete



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