

Gail Archibald

2019 Inductee - Athlete Category



Ms. Gail Archibald's Senior softball career began at the age of 17 in 1958. Gail initially played for the Victoria Polyettes as an outfielder but found the prospect of pitching, an intriguing opportunity. Gail soon decided to pursue pitching, her hard work and natural athletic ability paid off and the following year she became the starting pitcher for the Vicettes. Her powerful pitching ability became the backbone of the Vicettes organization. Gail guided the Vicettes to five Senior B championships from 1958 to 1963 and to the Senior A finals in 1965.



In 1963 and 1964, the Vicettes captured the Western Canadian title. Gail was named to both All Star teams. In 1964, Gail was selected as a BC All-Star to play against the World Champion Raybestos Brakettes from Connecticut. Gail held her own against the power-packed Brakette line up. In 1965, the Vicettes represented BC in the first ever Canadians, in Winnipeg, finishing with a Silver medal. Gail was named as the top pitcher for the Canadian Championships.

In 1966, Gail relocated to Vancouver and became a member of the powerful Vancouver Texaco team playing out of South Memorial Park. Texaco won the South Hill league championship and the Provincial Senior A Championship. In 1967, Texaco's again won the Senior A Provincial and again represented BC at the Canadians in Vancouver. In 1968, Gail was awarded the League's top pitcher award. Eldorado then moved on to the Canadian Championships winning a Silver medal. Gail was named the All-Star pitcher. In 1969, Eldorado also represented Canada in the Canadian Summer Game in Halifax winning a Bronze medal.

Career Highlights

- 5x Provincial Senior B Champion
- 6x Provincial Senior A Champion
- 1963 & 1964 Western Canadian Champion
- 1966 Canadian Championships
- 1967 Canadian Championships
- 1968 Canadian Championships
- Top Pitcher - Canadian Championship
- All Star Pitcher - Canadian Championship
- Canadian Summer Games - Bronze