



**Vic High Alumna First Female All Rounder
Inducted into Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame**

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Gillian Thomas (VHS 1963) is one of just nine Athlete All Rounders inducted into the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame, and the first female to be so honoured. She joined three other Vic High athletes already inducted as All Rounders – Doug Peden (VHS1933), and Murray (VHS 1933) and Lynn Patrick (VHS 1931). Gill excelled in field hockey, softball, squash, badminton, tennis and basketball.

In 1962, Gill played on the Vic High Senior Girls' Basketball team, helping win the City Championship, the Lower Island Championship, and the Vancouver Island Championship.

1962-63 at Vic High, Gill competed in Track & Field, played on the Golds' Volleyball team and Grass hockey team, and even found time for Table Tennis.



Here's a list of Gill's accomplishments:

1957: won her first tennis championship

1961 and 1962: won the Senior "B" Provincial Softball Championships playing for the Victoria Junior Vicettes

1962: won Provincial Doubles Tennis Championship.

1962: won City, Lower Island and Vancouver Island Girls' Basketball Championship playing for Vic High Senior Girls' team.

1963: won the Western Regional Canadian Softball Championships playing for the Victoria Junior Vicettes.



Below: Gill with Canadian Women's Fastball Championship Team. (front row, far left)



Gill with her field hockey team. (middle row, far right)

1963 to 1965 played for the Victoria Greyhounds Field Hockey Team and then the BC team that won the National tournament held in Vancouver.

1964 won the Canadian Junior Badminton Doubles in Montreal.

1965: won the BC Junior Badminton Singles title.

1965: won the Provincial Championships as a Senior "A" softball team. Team was finalists in the Canadian Championships in Winnipeg.

1966: won the women's single champion in the Victoria Lawn and Tennis Badminton Club.

1966: played for the Canadian Field Hockey team as a right wing. The team toured Jamaica in preparation for the Women's International Tournament, held in West Germany the following year. After the World Championship was over, they played games in Holland, Ireland, and Scotland.

1966 and 1967: won the Provincial Softball Championships playing for the Senior "A" team the Vancouver Texacos.

1969: won bronze in the first Canada Summer Games in Halifax playing for the Eldorados softball team.

1970: won the South Hill softball top batter league award with a .492 batting average.

1972: won the Canadian Championship playing for the Eldorados softball team. Gill was named the all-star shortstop at the tournament

1972: was inducted into the Vancouver South Hill Sports Softball Hall of Fame.

1977, 1978, and 1979: won the BC Women's Senior "A" Singles Squash Championship held in Victoria to become the number one ranked player in BC.