

# Shirley Topley

1992 Inductee - Athlete Category

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Ms. Shirley Topley had a softball career that is truly once in a lifetime. Shirley demonstrated the true definition of excellence in multiple sports including field hockey and basketball alongside softball. Shirley would continue her softball career in the United States, she would be named an "All American First Base" for the first time in 1961. Following her All American reward in 1961, Shirley would repeat the achievement eleven more times following the initial award.

Shirley would begin her outstanding softball career with the South Hill Queens. Impressing the competition Shirley would soon play for the Lionettes in Orange, CA. and then the Brakettes. In this time Shirley would lead with batting averages of .372 and .340.

Shirley, not only a gifted athlete, would prove to be an extraordinary coach. In 1996 Shirley would help lead Team USA, to an Olympic gold in Atlanta. Shirley would follow up this performance with another gold medal win in 2000 in Sydney Australia.

## **Career Highlights**

- 12 All American First Base Selections
- .372 & .340 Batting Averages
- Coaching record of 389:67 with the Lionettes
- 1996 Olympic Gold
- 2000 Olympic Gold