

## EMERALD SPORTS

# Not Easy Playing For Disciplined Gill

CORVALLIS (AP) — It wasn't easy to play basketball for Slat's Gill.

"He had such high standards," said Paul Valenti, who played for him, became his assistant and finally succeeded Gill, who died Tuesday after 44 years at Oregon State. He was 64.

"Yet the ones who disliked the discipline at first became his staunchest supporters. They learned that the principles he set could carry over into the years after college, and then they knew Slat's had just been trying to get them started," said Hal Laman, former sports writer and long-time friend of Gill.

Gill was hospitalized March 26 with what was described as a mild stroke. A few days later, he was reported much improved.

### Condition Worsened

However, his condition worsened and he was in critical condition Tuesday morning. He died at 3:25 p.m.

Gill missed part of the 1960 season after suffering a heart attack while in Seattle with the basketball team. Valenti stepped in until Gill recovered.

Gill was christened Amory T. Gill, but became Slat's to everyone while a skinny young basketball player in Salem, Ore., where he was born.

He was a standout player for Oregon State, became the freshman coach and then head coach for 36 years. He moved up to athletic director two years ago. His teams ran up a record of 599-392, but while he became one of the most respected coaches, he was denied the thing he wanted most; a national championship.

### OSU Misses Chance

Several times his teams came close. Perhaps the closest was in 1955 when Bill Russell and his University of San Francisco team-

mates edged Oregon State, 57-56, in the western regionals. Oregon State missed a shot that would have turned the tables in the last seven seconds.

San Francisco went on to defeat two other opponents easily and won the national crown.

"We won, and you would have too," wired a San Francisco sports writer who saw all the games.

A past president of the National Basketball Coaches Association, Gill was a keen technician of the game.

But his players remember something else he taught them—that after the pain and discipline of practice finally comes a joy and a pride in competition.

### "Way of Life"

"Competition to him was a way of life. He was always a gentleman whether it was competition in basketball, golf or recruiting, but he always was fierce about it," said Laman.

Gill could adapt, but would not until convinced he should. That was why he clung to the two-handed, between-the-knees method of foul-shooting long after others abandoned it.

It was not until 1959 that an Oregon State player finally was allowed to shoot a free throw in any other way.

"I just had to come to it," Gill said with a tinge of regret. "It got so that none of the players coming from high school even knew what the underhand style was, and they could do better with one hand."

"What we remember most is the high standard he set for himself and those who played for him," says Valenti. "Oregon State and athletics have lost a great man, and I've lost a dear friend."

### Funeral Services

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, at the OSU Coliseum, which is better known by its unofficial name—Gill Coliseum—in his honor.

Gill, who would have been 65 years old May 1, is survived by his widow; a son, John, Corvallis; a daughter, Mrs. Jack Stephenson, Beaverton; two brothers, Luke of Corvallis and Harry of Portland; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Newton and Miss Elizabeth Gill, both of Los Angeles; and three grandchildren.

# Oregon Meets Pioneers

By BILL MORRIS  
Sports News Editor

Oregon faces always-tough Lewis and Clark in a single baseball game Thursday at 3 p.m. on Howe Field.

Lewis and Clark currently is sporting a 3-1 record in Northwest conference play, owning two wins over Whitman and one over the College of Idaho.

The Pioneers sport a strong pitching staff that has had a total of four runs scored against it in four Northwest Conference games.

Former Madison high school standout Steve Chamberlain hurled a one-hitter Monday against Whitman College, striking out 11 and winning 1-0. Teammate Vern Olsen followed Chamberlain's performance by beating Whitman in the second game, 2-1, when he threw a three-hitter and was nearly as effective.

Last Saturday the Pioneer's Bill Zelinka limited the College of Idaho to just one hit, when he shut the Coyotes out, 1-0.

### Ducks Edge PSC

The Ducks edged Portland State Tuesday, 5-4, in 10 innings at Portland, as Dennis Baldrige continued his hitting rampage that has raised his batting average to well over .370 since the Arizona trip at the beginning of the season. Baldrige went three for six against PSC.

Shortstop Ron Delplanche, and line-drive-hitting Rich Armstrong continue to hit at well over .300 to pace the Duck offense along with Baldrige.

The Ducks currently own a four-game winning streak over small college teams. They have beaten Pacific, 19-1, Portland, 5-1, 9-8, and Portland State, 5-4.

Phil Olrich doubled home Ted Amato in the bottom of the 10th



DENNIS BALDRIDGE  
On Hitting Rampage

inning Tuesday when the Ducks edged PSC. Amato opened the inning with a single and was sacrificed to second by a Wayne Smith bunt before Olrich decided the game with a 3-2 count double.

Ken Hadden gained the win for the Ducks, pitching in relief of Steve Bunker in the sixth inning. Jerry Gjesvold started the game for the Ducks and lasted until the third inning when Bunker took over.

Les Fahey was the loser for

## WRA Ball Teams Sets Spring IMs

An organizational meeting for the Women's Recreation Association softball intramurals will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday on the Gerlinger field.

Two leagues, playing Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 p.m., will be scheduled. A member from each house that wishes to participate in the IM competition is asked to attend the meeting.

## IM Schedule

### Softball

- 3:50—North Field, Chi Phi vs. Delta Chi.  
South Field, Campbell Club vs. Pi Kappa Alpha.  
Upper Field, Alpha vs. Henderson.  
4:55—North Field, Stafford vs. Adams.  
South Field, Theta Chi vs. Phi Delta Theta.  
Upper Field, Beta Theta Pi vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

### Tennis

- 4:00—Delta Chi vs. Philadelphia House.

### Golf

- Hauna vs. Hawaiians.

Portland, pitching only in the last inning.

The Ducks picked up 12 hits during the three hour and 15 minute contest. Baldrige and Amato contributed three singles apiece.

PSC's record is now 2-10. The Vikings snapped a string of 18 consecutive scoreless innings in the third inning when two walks and Butch Lindblad's single broke the spell.

### Baldrige Singles

Baldrige knocked in the first two Oregon runs in the fifth inning when he singled home Smith and Olrich and put the Ducks ahead, 2-1.

PSC tied the score in the bottom of the fifth, but the Ducks came back in the seventh with two unearned runs, following an error, a Don Delplanche single, two sacrifices, and a single by Amato.

The Vikings came back in the bottom of the seventh to tie the score at 4-4, when Paul Johnson hit PSC's first home run of the year after Pat Hergert had walked.

Oregon coach Don Kirsch said that he thought the Ducks may be only a so-so club. Kirsch said that they should have good hitting, but that the pitching may be a question mark.

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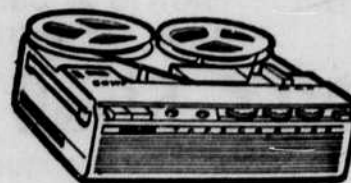
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