

Jeanne Marie McNulty

Whitehall High School



Jean McNulty is probably best known for her many achievements on the basketball court while playing for the University of Montana. But before she joined the Lady Griz, she had already participated and excelled in a number of athletic endeavors.

She was an All-Conference basketball player all four years she played for Whitehall High School, helping the Trojans to a state championship as a junior in the fall of 1983. She also earned Class B All-State honors three times as well as being named to both the USA Today and Converse High School All-American teams.

McNulty averaged 20 points per game over her four-year prep career and as a senior averaged 25.5 points and 14 rebounds per game.

She also lettered four years in track, and was the state 100-meter hurdle champion as a sophomore and the state high jump champion both as a junior and senior. And in 1983 she was the national AAU heptathlon champion.

McNulty's all-around athletic ability was also demonstrated in the one year she played volleyball, and as a 14-year-old, she was the only girl on the baseball team that won the Gallatin Valley Senior League championship. She played first base and also pitched, allowing only two hits while facing 66 batters during the season. And she struck out 15 of them.

And McNulty also excelled in the classroom. She was a member of the National Honor Society while compiling a 3.48 grade point average in high school.

At the University of Montana, McNulty played four years and was a two-year starter for the Lady Griz. She averaged 13.1 points and 5.8 rebounds as a junior and 20.4 points and 6.9 rebounds as a senior. She was the Big Sky Conference MVP as a senior, a District VII Kodak All-American, GTE District VII All-Academic selection with a 3.23 grade point average in zoology, named to both the All-Big Sky Conference team and the league's Academic All-Conference team and was a three-time Big Sky Conference player of the week. She received the team award as the most inspirational player. When she graduated she ranked third on UM's all-time scoring list with 1,327 points and ninth on UM's all-time rebounding list with 581.

But McNulty did not limit her athletic competition to the basketball court while in college. She also competed in track and was the Big Sky Conference javelin champion as a senior, the same season she finished second in the heptathlon.

In 1990 McNulty won the Little Sullivan Award as Montana's top female amateur athlete.

McNulty now resides in Missoula where she is employed by Dow Pharmaceuticals.