

# *Millsap High School*

## Athletic Hall of Fame

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In 1972, Millsap High School athletic girls stepped up and asked the school board to allow them to participate in the district track meet. This started a new era for MHS as they participated in track and didn't have any uniforms or a track.

During that breakout season of 1972, track athletes in jr. high and high school both recall stopping at K-Mart on the way to the district meet to purchase tops that matched (which by the way, did not match the school colors). These athletes purchased their shirts with their own money. This was the beginning of many future athletes who made their mark in track including upcoming high school athlete, Lynnette Kinman.

As Lynnette entered high school, she participated in basketball and then during the off-season she decided to step onto the track scene and found immediate success in various events with her expertise being in the 440 yd dash which displayed her speed and strength. During this season, Lynnette competed in 5 events including the 100, 220, 440, long jump and triple jump and was the first trackster to start the MHS girls track records.

As a sophomore, Lynnette found success in track as she was the District Champion and finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the Regional meet in the 440 yd dash. In 1975, Lynnette set a goal to make it to state the following year and she did just that as she finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in regionals. Conquering this feat, allowed her to be the first girl in MHS history to qualify for the state track meet. She finished 5<sup>th</sup> and set the school record in 1976 which she held until 1992 at 61.3 seconds.

In addition to track, Lynnette was on the first girls Tennis team that was restarted in 1977. She and her partner, Darla Finch, earned the title of District Doubles Champions qualifying them for the regional tournament. Lynnette was a 4-year offensive starter for the Lady Bulldogs basketball team and was a 2023 inductee into the MHS Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the 1976 Girls Basketball Team. On the hardwood, Kinman earned all-tournament, all-district, 1976 & 1977 Greatest Bulldog, 1977 Freethrow Award and nominated by her coach for the All-Star game in which she was an alternate. She averaged in double figures all 4 years with her junior year recorded as her highest scoring season when she averaged 24 points per game and holds the MHS 6-man basketball record for most points scored in a game at 61 during her senior season.

After high school, Lynnette took some time off from sports and later returned to college basketball earning a spot on the Weatherford College JUCO roster where she was able to play with some of her former MHS teammates.

Upon college graduation, Lynnette began her 28 year coaching career. She came back and coached at Millsap for 11 total years leading the volleyball team to their only District Championship to date. She is a member of the Millsap High School Athletic Hall of Fame Board and the Millsap Neighborhood Home & Garden Club. Lynnette has two children and six grandchildren.

*Lynnette Kinman - 1977 All-Around*