

BUTTE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Class of 2026



2000 Butte Central Softball

These Maroons completed a 52-game winning streak for the Maroons, winning Central's second straight title and third in four years. Like they did in 1999, the 2000 Maroons went 26-0. The Maroons beat Billings Central 2-1 and 4-3 on Saturday of the Class A State tournament to secure the state title at Billings' Stewart Park. Senior pitcher Alicia Wheeler completed the season at 22-0 in the circle. The last win came after she took a line drive off the face in the semifinal game. She returned from X-rays and won the title game with her eye swelling shut. Lindsay Thatcher finished the semifinal win after the injury.

Wheeler, Sarah Thatcher and J.J. Hogart were seniors on that team. Kelsey Orizotti, Meghan Foley, Erica "Bubba" Mahoney, Ciana Roeber, Jessie VanDaveer and Brandi Darlow were juniors, while Lindsay Thatcher, Aimee Stagnoli, Liz Henrich and Susie Regan were sophomores. Maggie Braun, Kalli Hansen and Lauren Manion played as freshmen.

The team was coached by Meg Murphy. She was inducted into the Butte Sports Hall of Fame five years later. She was assisted by Jim Patrick, Leonard Kougioulis and Kate English.

