



Susie Hogart-Harrington



A female athlete in the days before Title IX, Susie (Briney) Hogart-Harrington competed in track for Butte Central and was a standout softball player for Marty's Bar. She then went on to compete in basketball, volleyball and track at Eastern Montana College, which is now MSU Billings.

In 1980, Susie launched the javelin 152 feet, which was 2 feet further than the Olympic qualifying mark. That throw would have ranked her in the top 10 among women in the United States. However, she could not find enough sponsors to attend the Olympic trials that year. The United States ended up boycotting the Moscow Games that Summer.

After her playing days, Susie spent many years as a youth coach. That included dozens of years as a Little League Softball coach and a stint coaching Butte Central's volleyball team.

She raised three daughters who went on to become state champion softball players at Butte Central.

