

**Montana State University
Athletic Hall of Fame
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**Ingrid Gustafson
Skiing, 1979-83**

For Ingrid Gustafson everything came together in the winter of 1983- her senior season- both athletically and academically.

A product of a skiing family (Gustafson's brother raced at MSU) instrumental in developing the sport in both Wyoming and Montana, it was evident early that she would find success on and off the slopes.

The Billings West product came to MSU to strengthen the fledgling Bobcat program.

"Ingrid was one of the first female skiers from the state that had the ability to take the Montana State program to another level," said MSU Director of Skiing, Dan Brelsford. "She had a great personality, good humor and was a great leader. She was the type of student-athlete that made those around her even better."

As a freshman, Gustafson played a significant role as the Bobcats finished first at the AIAW Far West Regional Ski Championship held in Bozeman. She was MSU's top skier, finishing third in both slalom and giant slalom.

MSU captured the Far West Region title again in 1982, behind a Bobcat sweep of the podium, which included Gustafson's third place finish in the slalom. Montana State went on to finish seventh at the AIAW National Championship.

In her final year with the Bobcats, she had outstanding performances at New Mexico and Colorado in which she qualified in both alpine disciplines for the NCAA championships. She went on to earn All America recognition after placing tenth in the slalom at the NCAA meet. She capped her career with Mountain West Scholar-Athlete kudos.

Gustafson has been a Judge in the 13th Judicial District in Yellowstone County since January 1, 2004. Prior to her appointment to the Court, Gustafson worked as a staff attorney for the Social Security Administration, as a public defender in Rosebud County, and spent 13 years in a very diverse private practice in Billings. She resides in Billings with her husband and two children.

**Pat Bolton
Football, 1972-75**

It didn't last forever, but records are meant to be broken.

Late in the fall of 1975, his senior season as Montana State's kicker, Pat Bolton grabbed hold of the NCAA record for most points scored by a kicker. MSU's long-time and legendary Sports Information Director Ken Nicholson confirmed the record with the NCAA Statistics Bureau after the Bobcats 41-23 loss at Idaho, when Bolton scored five points in the penultimate game of the Bobcats' 1975 season - and of Bolton's career.

A week later, in a 31-17 win at Northern Arizona, Bolton scored six more points to raise his career total to 234 points. Air Force kicker Dave Lawson finished his career that fall with 231 career points, a record in Division I football but not enough to rest the all-division mark away from Bolton.

While the NCAA record has long slipped from his grasp, only Mark Carter (231 points from 1981-84) seriously challenged Bolton's kick scoring mark. (Jeff Muri scored 214 points, but only 200 came via the foot.)

Bolton remains first in school history in scoring via any method, and has the second-most field goals and extra points in Bobcat history. Bolton grabbed the NCAA Division II scoring record during a mid-October game at Idaho State's Minidome (as Holt Arena was then known) with one of the most spectacular games a college kicker has ever posted.

Bolton nailed all four of his field goals, including two of more than 50 yards (53, 51, 49, and 27). He also successfully converted his only extra point attempt that day, and accounted for several touchbacks. A year earlier, Bolton converted all four of his field goal attempts against Idaho State in the Dedication Game of Reno H. Sales Stadium.

A long-time football coach at Great Falls High, Bolton's son Tyler also played football for the Bobcats.

Miguel Galeana Cross Country and Track, 1993-98

The May 3, 1998 edition of the Eugene Register-Guard's sports page captured the spirit of Miguel Galeana.

Arms raised, tongue sticking out and a smile ear-to-ear as No. 479 crossed the finish line after winning the Oregon Invitational steeplechase, and en route, automatically qualifying for the NCAA championship.

"Miguel loved to compete," says MSU head coach Dale Kennedy. "He was a terrific kid from humble beginnings who worked hard, was an intense trainer who possessed great charisma."

Galeana went on to become a two-time All American (1997, 1998) performer in the steeplechase. He was also a five-time Big Sky Conference champion and left MSU with the school record in the mile and steeplechase.

"He was our leader both in cross country and track," Kennedy said. "He was a great competitor who was quick with a smile, easy and fun."

From the beginning of his cross country career in the fall of 1993 to the end of his record-breaking '98 senior season, Galeana's competitive spirit embodied what it means to be a Bobcat.

1993 Men's Cross Country Big Sky Champions

Never in the history of Montana State men's cross country have determination, persistence and cohesiveness paid off like that of the 1993 Bobcat men's cross country squad.

A wide array of athletes from Washington, Idaho and Montana came together to win MSU's first Big Sky Conference title in the sport. In addition, the team finished third at the Mountain Region meet, the highest ever for a Bobcat men's squad.

"It was a diverse group of individuals coming together for a common cause," said Tom Raunig, the team's head coach. "They all got along really well and had a hunger to succeed."

The run to the '93 title was setup by a near miss in 1992 when the squad finished second to Northern Arizona, after the Lumberjacks brought in a top transfer at the last moment.

"There's no doubt they had a chip on their shoulders heading into the 1993 season," Raunig said. "I knew they had the experience and maturity to win it all."

The team took no prisoners at the Big Sky meet as MSU scored 35 points (its best total ever) behind four runners in the top ten. Rich Brown finished second, followed by James Gilbert, fourth, Miquel Galeana, sixth, and Joe Roberts, tenth.

The championship was the first for a MSU men's cross country or track and field squad, and that's something this group can always hang its hat on.

Karen (Weyler) Massey Volleyball, 1993-97

Karen (Weyler) Massey is a daughter of an All American boxer and a ranch kid from Billings who loved to play basketball.

However, a strong summer of club ball before her final year at Billings Senior and a run-in with her sister- literally- changed her mind and volleyball became her top choice.

"My younger sister Linda played basketball at Montana, and one day I ran into her in practice," Massey recalled in an interview a few years ago. "I bounced off of her like I'd hit a wall. Right then, I decided it was better to hit the floor."

That decision paid big dividends to a Bobcat volleyball program that was floundering at the bottom of the Big Sky Conference standings.

After redshirting her first year, she became MSU's first ever Big Sky Conference Freshman of the Year. She went on to be an honorable mention choice as a sophomore, a second-team pick as a junior, and a first-team honoree as a senior.

In addition, MSU went from seven wins in 1994 to 19 victories in 1997, and her ability to spike a ball or terminate a block became legendary.

During her senior year, the Bobcats played at Syracuse and an opposing player started talking trash to Weyler across the net. She expressed her quandary during

the next time out and head coach Dave Gantt drew up a play that resulted in a Syracuse athlete getting 'six-packed' by Weyler.

MSU went on to defeat the Big East power, and the Bobcats, as well as Weyler, walked out of the arena with new found respect.

"Karen was instrumental in getting the volleyball program headed in the right direction," said Dave Gantt, who coached her all four years. "During her career, we finally broke a ten-year drought of no winning seasons and in 1996 made the program's first ever trip to the Big Sky Conference Tournament.

"Her single-season and career records cemented her place as one of the program's elite," Gantt continued. "I am very proud to have worked with Karen during that journey."

Weyler still holds four records at Montana State, including hitting percentage and three blocking bests. During her senior season, she ranked as high as third in the nation hitting over .400 from the field.

She currently resides in the Chicago area with her husband Darren and two children.

Larry Rubens Football, 1977-81

Long before playing with the NFL's Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears in the 1980s, Steve Roderick saw something in Larry Rubens that foreshadowed all his future success.

"Larry was the ultimate lineman," said Roderick, Rubens' teammate at both Mead High in Spokane and with the Bobcats. "He loved what he did, and he enjoyed what he did."

A three-year starter for the Bobcats, Rubens lost most of his 1980 season to injury. Healthy in 1981, Ruben dominated. He earned First Team All-America and First Team All-Big Sky honors at center.

He signed a free agent contract with the Green Bay Packers in the spring of 1982, and enjoyed a successful NFL career.

Rubens' path, though, wasn't without its bumps. When Sonny Lubick took over the program from Sonny Holland before the 1978 season, Rubens was moved from the defensive line to offense. That move, Roderick said, allowed him to apply a native intelligence and curiosity.

"One of his major attributes was his quest to know more about the player he was lining up against than they knew about themselves. He watched an enormous amount of film, and was excellent with his techniques."

Dusty Birkenbuel Football, 1971-74

On a defense with considerable star power, Dusty Birkenbuel shined brightly.

Referred to frequently as one of the best high school talents to ever come out of Great Falls and as Montana State's best linebacker ever, Birkenbuel earned All-Big Sky honors as a junior and second team all-league kudos as a senior, becoming known throughout the Big Sky as a fierce hitter, sure tackler, and playmaker.

Birkenbuel logged one of the finest games of the era in Montana State's contest against North Dakota State in 1973. The junior intercepted a pair of passes, caused one fumble, and recovered another.

One of the remarkable elements in such a performance - and in his outstanding career - was doing so behind a staunch defensive line that made many plays itself, anchored by future NFL standout Bill Kollar.

"Dusty had good size and really outstanding football sense," said former Bobcat head coach Sonny Holland. "He was a very versatile player, very coachable, and he helped us in a lot of different ways."

That versatility manifested itself often. Although primarily a linebacker, Birkenbuel played every position in Montana State's front seven at one time or another during his career.

Birkenbuel was a top-flight all-around athlete coming out of Great Falls High School, and was highly recruited.

"We were fortunate to have him join us," Holland said during Birkenbuel's career. He was a two-time all-state linebacker, and also won a state wrestling title, during his time at Great Falls High.