

Julie Ann Brown

Billings Senior High School



Julie Brown graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1973 as the holder of six state championships in track and cross country, and the owner of three state records. Before she ended her running career a little over a decade later, she was a 13-time national champion and 20 times a member of the USA Team in either track or cross country.

Brown was the state champion in the 880-yard run as a sophomore, junior and senior (1970-71-72). And her winning time of 2:11.0 as a senior was the fastest high school 880 run in the nation that spring. She also set a state record of 57.9 in winning her second straight 440-yard championship as a senior. And the record she broke was her own mark of 60 seconds flat set as a junior.

She also was the state cross country champion in 1972, winning in 8:16.5, which at the time was a state record for the 1 1/2 mile distance.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Brown qualified for the American AAU team by placing fourth in the 880 with a time of 2:07.8 at the AAU Track and Field Championships at the University of California.

Brown started her collegiate career at UCLA before transferring to Cal State-Northridge, where she graduated in 1979. She earned her first national title in 1974 as the AAU outdoor 1,500-meter champion.

In 1975 she won three national titles - AIAW outdoor champion in both the 1,500-meter and 3,000-meter runs and the AAU

outdoor 1,500-meter run. In 1976 she was the AAU marathon champion. In 1977 she won three AIAW championships, 800-meter and 3,000-meter runs outdoors and cross country. Her lone 1978 national title was as AAU cross country champion. She was the AAU indoor 3,000-meter champion in 1979, the TAC outdoor 3,000-meter champion in 1980, the TAC cross country champion in 1981 and the TAC marathon winner in 1983.

Brown's personal records include: 2:26:26 in the marathon (ranked third in the world in 1983), 32:10:00 in the 10,000 meters, 15:39.5 in the 5,000 meters, 8:54.3 in the 3,000 meters, 4:06.4 in the 1,500 meters and 2:00.6 in the 800 meters.

Brown qualified for the U.S. Olympic Team in 1980 in the 800 and 1,500 meters and for the 1984 team in the marathon. Some other major milestones included being the world IAAF cross country champion in 1975, winning the Broderick Award for the Outstanding Athlete in track and cross country in 1977, winning three silver medals at the U.S. Pan American Games in 1979 (800, 1,500 and 3,000 meters) and winner of the U.S. Olympic track and field trials at 5,000 meters in 1984.

A member of the National Honor Society while at Billings Senior, Brown continued her education following her running career and graduated from the Western State University School of Law in 1990. She was admitted to the California Bar in 1991 and is now an associate attorney with a law firm in Irvine, California.