



**Deborah (Dutterer) Ruff**  
**Class of 1976**  
**Female Athlete Inductee**

Deborah (Dutterer) Ruff graduated from Holton High School in 1976. During her time at Holton High School, Ruff was a powerful all-around athlete. She was a basketball, softball, track, and baseball player. As a basketball player, Dutterer was a top scorer. She once scored 41 points in one game outscoring her opponents team entirely. Her performance on the court led to All Conference accolades.

Dutterer played baseball for her first three years in high school. Girls' softball was not an option at Holton High School in the early seventies. Dutterer's drive to play a sport she loved earned her a spot on the boys' baseball team. Her competitiveness earned her starting positions. Dutterer's senior year, Holton added girls' softball. Dutterer served to build up female athletics during a time when equal opportunities were not provided.

She was also an amazing track athlete. Competing in a variety of events, Dutterer finished her track career with an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish in shot put throwing 35' 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>". She was an outstanding athlete and student leader. Dutterer helped organize voices of female athletes through various clubs.

Dutterer's athletic successes and leadership helped open opportunity for female athletes who followed. For these reasons, Deborah Dutterer is an ideal inductee for the Holton Athletics Hall of Fame.