

**MUNCY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**  
**KAREN KURTZ-CLASS OF 1985-INDUCTION YEAR 2011**



Muncy High School's Athletic Hall-of-Fame's newest female inductee-Karen Kurtz can be described in one word, WINNER. She was a competitor who hated to lose. Karen was a gifted all-around athlete who excelled in tennis where she lettered three years and basketball where she lettered three more times.

Karen played number three in tennis her junior year and posted a 11-1 dual meet record while helping the Lady Indian netters finish second in the West Branch League with a 12-2 log. That post season Karen teamed up with Mary Bennardi and reached the semi-finals in districts, before being eliminated.

It was Muncy's year in girl's tennis in 1985 under the tutelage of Carol McMurray. During that season Karen spearheaded the Lady Indian netters to their first ever West Branch League title with an 11-1 record. Karen played number one that year and posted a 10-2 dual meet record. The highlight of the Championship season was when Muncy beat Loyalsock 4-3 for the first time since 1980 and broke the Lady Lancer's outstanding 56 match winning streak. A key match that night was at the number one court as Karen Kurtz faced the highly touted Susan Gunk, who had never lost a dual meet, until that afternoon when Karen Kurtz just wouldn't quit and soundly beat Gunk and set the stage for a big Lady Indian win. Karen would also beat Gunk on their rematch at Loyalsock as would Muncy, by a 5 to 2 score and claim their first ever league championship.

Karen was successful in post season play, her senior year as she teamed up with Steve Kurtz to capture the mixed-double District IV Title and qualify for States.

Karen also has a stellar basketball career as she tallied 669 points in only 36 games. The Lady Indians played a twelve game season, used a large boys' basketball and played their games in the spring of the year, during Karen's era. Karen still holds the single season scoring record for one game. She scored 41 points against arch-rival Hughesville in her senior year.

Karen played Little League baseball in Muncy for three years and made the All-Star team when she was twelve-years old. There was no Lady India softball, during her high school career.