

# Local Girl Tips Soviet Sprinters

It has been a year of considerable excitement for Millbrae Lions Track Club members who have been swept into the maelstrom of international competition.

Things get a little hectic in an Olympic year.

But the highlight thus far — and a milestone — was provided last weekend by a reserved, unflamboyant 16-year-old girl from Pacifica.

Elaine Parker, an Oceana High student, scored the only American women's victory on the first day of competition in the U.S.-Soviet junior track and field meet at the seaport city of Tallinn, Estonia.

Miss Parker flashed to a 100-meter win in 11.5 seconds.

Her win was one of the few ever scored by a County athlete in major amateur international competition.

The Soviet team eventually won the fifth meeting of the countries' junior teams 213½-163½, with a 90-54 lead in women's events.

Among the American stars was Michael Kee, 18, of Dorchester Mass. and Southern Illinois University, who won a special trophy at the end of the meet for his 10-second finish in the 100-meter dash.

Miss Parker joined the MLTC only a year and a half ago as the No. 3 sprinter on the team.

But with constant improvement, she became the top 100-yard dash sprinter last year, and this year took over top ranking in the 220 as well.

Marilyn King, the MLTC's entrant in the Olympic Games, was scheduled to finish her local workouts today at College of San Mateo before departing Tuesday for the U.S. training camp in New York.

The 27-year-old King, who qualified third in the pentathlon at the recent Olympic trials, ran into a hitch late last week — a very painful wisdom tooth that had to be extracted.

That put a crimp in training, but King is used to overcoming more serious obstacles than that—she underwent surgery early in 1972 and recovered in record time, quickly enough to train and qualify for the Munich Olympics (where she sustained yet another injury just prior to competition).

Dr. Harmon Brown of San Mateo, an MLTC coach who is also a member of the U.S. Olympic coaching staff, departed last weekend for the Games, which currently lie under a shadow because of Canada's defiance of the International Olympic Committee's ruling on the Taiwan entry.

The entire brouhaha caused a lot of head-shaking among local international track people, who felt that politics and the Olympic Games don't mix.



Cathy Sulinski

# Millbrae Lions Russia Bound

Three members of the Millbrae Lions Track Club will compete on the U.S. Junior track team in Montreal and Russia next month.

Earning the trip with qualifying performances Tuesday at the Junior Women's National AAU Championships at UCLA were javelin thrower Cathy Sulinski, long jumper Karen and sprinter Elaine Parker.

Sulinski, 17, who graduated from South San Francisco High this month, placed first with a toss of 164 feet, about 30 feet less than her best.

The defending national junior champ, Cathy must now decide whether to skip the junket to Tallin, Estonia, or try out for the U.S. Olympic team.

Sulinski is America's third best all-time woman javelin thrower. Her win-

ning toss was short Tuesday, according to Coach Ed Parker, because officials arrived late, after the competitors had cooled off from practice throws.

Elmore leaped 19-6 $\frac{1}{4}$  to finish second behind Jody Anderson of Los Angeles, who is 19 and too old to compete in the Soviet Union as a junior.

A surprise addition to the U.S. team is 15-year-old Elaine Parker, a sophomore at Oceana High who

will compete on the 400-meter relay team. She finished fourth in the 100-meter finals in 11.8, two tenths of a second off her qualification run, which was second fastest. Elaine also beat Freida Cobb of Berkeley, named Northern California's CIF athlete of the year.

Although the Millbrae Lions' 400-meter relay team of Elmore, Denise Pemberton (San Mateo

High graduate), Parker and Kelia Bolton (Oceana) clocked 45.9 in the trials — only one tenth of a second off the national record — the quartet was disqualified in the finals on an illegal baton exchange.

The U.S. junior team will assemble in New York June 23, compete in Montreal's Olympic stadium — an inaugural meet to test Olympic Games facilities — the fly to Europe, Lenin-grad and Tallin.