

THE  
LINCOLN PARK **PARKETTES**  
OF THE-DOWNRIVER DETROIT AREA

## NEWSLETTE NO. 2

The Second season in the Parkettes history has come to a close. The first season saw twelve girls finish the season, and saw the Parkette's finish sixth as a team in the State Championships. The 1967 Season was far different as over 42 different girls participated for the Parkettes. The results were astounding. As usual the weaker girls quit as the play became work. Many quit for various personal reasons, and we hope they return when circumstances permit. Twenty six girls finished the season with the Parkettes. All of them worked as hard as any athlete has ever worked to earn success.

The fall cross-country season was the beginning of the bright future to come. The "Youngsters" (13 & Under) lost by ONE POINT to the Ozark Club from St. Louis Missouri, when they clashed at the Central State Championships in Urbana Illinois. This Ozark squad placed fifth in the Nation as a team. Then in our Cross-Country State Championships our youngsters placed SECOND as a team in the Half-Mile Division. Had the race been a mile as it is in other states they would have been State Champions. Our "Women" (14 & Older) gave the defending Champions the biggest scare they have ever had since Cross-Country had been started in Michigan. The Michigames had always run over every squad by 15 points or more. They defeated us by three points as our women placed SECOND as a Team. In the National Championships in St. Louis we made our presence felt again. Three of our girls participated and did well. Only one girl her age beat Pam Bagian as she placed 39<sup>th</sup> in the

USA and Jacki Ford placed 73<sup>rd</sup>. Lynn Olson was in the top fifty. Cross-Country runners in her age group and she was only a 12 year old.

The Indoor Track Season saw the Parkettes move up to third position in the Indoor State Championships. But it was the beginning of a new era for us. Our girls began to have confidence in themselves; they seemingly feasted on good competition and welcomed it instead of fearing it. When the Outdoor season began we were ready. At the CENTRAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS held in Canton, Ohio, our seven elder girls placed fourth as a team. This is fantastic when one considers that seven states and members of Canadas Olympic Team competed there. That same day in Detroit our 11 & Under girls placed Second as a Team in their State Championships.

At Toronto, Ontario our club achieved its highest peak ever. That day our age 11 year old, Patty Anderson, ran a fantastic 5:17.0 1500 Meters and a 5:45.0 One Mile Run. Then in a driving rain storm Jacki Ford, and Pam Baglan helped KATHY MOORE TO AN AMERICAN RECORD in the One Hour Run. She covered Eight Miles 144 yards despite the adverse weather conditions.

If our season had ended here it would have been a success, a huge success. But our girls were not finished yet. The Mighty Seven Women scored an amazing 110 points to demolished all opposition to Win the State Track & Field Championship. They set three State Records that day also. Still our Parkettes were not finished. Sherice DuChamp pulled the biggest upset in the States History by defeating the heavy favorite in the girls Pentathlon to become the STATE CHAMPION. The Parkettes took seven of the first ten places and four of the first five places in the Pentathlon. Only Seven Parkettes were entered in the event so it was a perfect day for them. In Womens Pentathlon the Parkettes excelled also, as three of our girls