

## ANITA LEE A RECORD-SETTER

# Detroit Girl, 12, Eyes Olympics

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Anita Lee won't be ready for the 1972 Olympics but the little gal with wings on her feet is a sure bet in 1976. Twelve-year-old Anita, an eighth grader at Nolan Junior High, has drawn rave notices this summer from Los Angeles to New York. Even at such a tender age she's already been a track and field star for four years.

Anita is a member of the Detroit Striders track squad, a club which boasts 70 girls and 40 boys and has five coaches. Her father, John Lee, is one of the coaches.

During the past weekend Anita set a national record for a 12-year-old when she long jumped 18-feet, six inches, in the National Youth Games at New York's Randall's Island. Her best previous jump was 17-feet, 7½-inches.

"How can you gauge the potential of a 12-year-old?" asks Geri Jackson, women's track and field chairman for the Michigan AAU who also helps coach the 54, 105-pound Anita.

"SHE JUST amazes you every time she gets into a meet," Miss Jackson confesses. Miss Jackson is one who should know. She was quite a track star herself a few years back with the old Detroit Varsity Club coached by Hayes Jones.

"When Anita was on the West Coast for the National AAU girls and women's track and field championships she set a high jump record of five-feet, three-inches. She's also a fine sprinter but we held her out of the sprints in New York due to a leg injury."

Miss Jackson also likes to talk about 14-year-old Alfreda Daniels, a freshman at Cass Tech.

Alfreda won both the long jump and 100-yard dash in her division at the Youth Games and is another potential Olympian.

"Alfreda was timed in 10.7 seconds in the century at Los Angeles," Miss Jackson said. "Had she been competing in the women's division she would have run fourth to Chi Cheng, the world's greatest women's sprinter from the Republic of Red China."

But the season is about over and only the national indoor games remain this year. More titles and conquests will be up for grabs in 1971.

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