

Cutting, Allen • Make Olympic Team

Skip Began Racing in 1961

"Who would have known three years ago that it would have led to all *this*," asked Mrs. Harry Cutting this week while recalling her son Skip's entry into bike racing.

Skip last week set a new national record in the 4,000 meter event and qualified for the U.S. Olympic team.

His mother's story goes like this:

"Three years ago, June 10, 1961. It was the day of his birthday and I had just spent \$13 getting Skip's old three-speed out of hock at Bill's Bike Shop. I talked with Bill for a while and decided to enter Skip in the race the next day.

"When I told him, he said, Oh, mother, they all have 10-speed bikes.

"The next day, an hour before the race, Skip came up to me and said, "There's a beautiful purple bike in the window." So I asked him to see how much Bill would give him for his old bike.

"Bill gave Skip \$20 for his bike on the purple, 10-speed Torero. Skip entered the race to Lake Mathews and back and placed 12th. A year later, however, he had so many trophies he had to start making room for them."

In 1963 he was voted the most valuable all around rider of the year by the Amateur Bicycle League of America.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if he were to win a gold medal,"



SKIP CUTTING



Cyclists Boost Riverside's Contingent

Riverside contingent to the Olympic Games is growing. Skip cutting and Mike Allen, members of the Riverside Bicycle Club, earned berths on the cycling team to join another Riverside, Rosie Bonds, who had previously qualified to participate with the U.S. track team.

Cutting qualified for a spot on the cycling team with a win in the 4,000 meter event in which he defeated the national champion, Tim Kelley, and set a new national record in the process.

His time was 5:21.6, but this was actually recorded in his first heat of the day, not in the third and final one in which he beat Kelley.

Cutting returned to Riverside yesterday. He and Allen will join the other bike team members for a two weeks training period before departing for the Tokyo Olympics.

Allen competed in the road racing division and won the grueling 62-1/2 mile event. Allen's time was two hours and 30 minutes, and was two minutes better than second place finisher Wes Chownen of the U.S. Marines.

Among the Riversiders to swell the ranks of those going to Tokyo for the Olympics will be the editor of this paper, Peter Parsons. Parsons has promised to keep his editorial eye on the local athletes, and assures readers that he won't represent this country in any athletic events.