

# Francie Kraker Strides Ahead

Francie Kraker, middle distance standout of the Southeastern Michigammas, has taken one giant stride forward in the national women's track competition and faces two more important challenges in the next several weeks.

The Ann Arbor lass ran the best 880 of her three-year career over the weekend and came home with a triumph.

Miss Kraker defeated Sandra Knoth, of the Cleveland Recreation Department and the United States' 880 representative in the 1964 Olympics, in the Central States AAU Women's Championships held at Cleveland.

The 18-year-old runner turned the half mile in 2:13.6 which was the second fastest time in the nation this season. She then tried the 1500-meter race for the first time in her career and came home second in 5:02.

This Saturday, Miss Kraker will return to Cleveland to compete in the Lake Erie AAU Women's Track and Field Championships and then on July 1, 2 and 3 she will compete in the National Women's AAU championships in Columbus, O., where she will attempt to make the American team which will compete against the Russian team later in July.

Miss Kraker's victory this past Saturday sparked the Michigammas to a third-place finish in the meet. Tennessee A & I's team won the meet.

Micki King, national AAU high board diving champion, entered her first track meet and placed fourth in the 220 with a 27.4 clocking. Cindy Jones of Howell won the shot put and placed fourth in the discus and Louise Gerrish of Livonia finished



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ished second in the javelin Jane Schulte, a 13-year-old runner, placed fifth in the 1500 meters and sixth in the 50-yard dash in her age bracket.

Overall, it was a busy weekend for the Michigammas. Three other members of the organization took part in the Hayes Jones Meet in Pontiac. Mickie DiMattia, an 11-year-old Ann Arbor girl, won the 50-yard dash and Mary Hokanson of Grass Lake captured three titles in the 13-15 year-old bracket. Miss Hokanson, considered by her coaches, Mr and Mrs. Ken Simmons, as a "great prospect" ran to victory in the 50, 75 and 100-yard dashes. Donna Williams of Howell placed fourth in the women's 880.

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