

Two Michigamme Thincla

Both Place Fifth In Their Events

Francie Kraker and Louise Gerrish will have to wait until next year to take another crack at winning an AAU title.

The two members of the Southeastern Michigammes had to settle for fifth places in their respective events in women's competition during the annual running of the National AAU Women's and Girl's Track and Field Championships held in Columbus, O., over the weekend.

Miss Kraker, running in the 880, finished in 2:16.3, a time well above those she had registered earlier this season. And Miss Gerrish came in fifth in the javelin with an 142 feet, 9 1/2 inch heave.

The winners and runnersup in both events qualified for the AAU team which will go to Russia later this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Simmons, coaches of the Michigammes,

said Francie, an 18-year-old Ann Arbor gal, was not feeling up to par when the 880 began. Following her 880 race, the two coaches decided to scratch Francie from the 1,500-meter race.

"She was very disappointed," said Mr. Simmons, "but the setback did not effect her hopes for the future. She was raring to get back to work today."

Marie Mulder from Sacra

NCAA Officers

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. (UPI)—Howard Grubbs, commissioner of the Southwest Conference, was reelected president of the National Collegiate Commissioners Association Sunday at the end of a three-day

Also reelected were Vice President William Reed of the Big Ten, and Secretary Norval Neve of the Missouri Valley Conference.

mento, California won the event and set a new meet record with a 2:11.1 clocking and Sandra Knott of Cleveland placed second and earned a trip to Russia with a 2:12.3 time.

Last year, Miss Kraker defeated Miss Mulder for the girls' 880 championship. Earlier this season she and Miss Knott had ran against each other twice. Francie won the first race and Miss Knott edged her in the second.

Miss Gerrish, 16, of Livonia, watched RaNae Bair of San Diego, California, walk off with the javelin title following an 175 1/2-foot effort.

The Michigammes' third entrant in the nationals, Cindy Jones of Howell, placed 11th in a field of 24 in the shot put with a heave of 33 feet, 10 1/2 inches. Miss Jones, a newcomer in the sport, was entered in the meet

for the purpose of gaining experience and was not considered a contender as were Miss Kraker and Miss Gerrish.

Elsewhere, Miss Mulder became a double winner by winning the 1,500-meter event and Miss Knott placed second.

The AAU women's track and field squad that will represent the United States in Russia, Poland and West Germany this summer blends youth with experience.

Several high school girls are on the 18-member team.

But there also are plenty of veteran international competitors, although some are still teenagers.

In field events, at one extreme there is a 17-year-old high school entry, Lynn Graham of Los Angeles, in the shot put and discus and at the other there is long jumper Willye White of Chicago, 25, an Olympic performer as far back as 1956.

There is a strong collegiate representation too, primarily in the colors of Tennessee State. TSU's perennial sprint champions, Edith McGuire and Wyomingia Tyus, once again outclassed all opposition in a manner befitting their Olympic gold medal status. Schoolmates going with them to Kiev July 31-Aug. 1, Warsaw Aug. 6-7, and Munich Aug. 11-12 include high jump and long jump runners-up Estelle Baskerville and Sonia Guss, respectively.

Miss Graham also caused a stir by winning four championships — shot put and discus in both girls' and women's divisions.

Jane Smith, American record holder in the 440, won that event in 55.1, off her best, but with ease.

Young Ann Arbor Netter Battles Way Into Final

DETROIT — Ann Arbor's Rick Weir, with one big scalp in his belt, will be swinging for the second today in the Detroit Public Parks Tennis Tournament.

And should he pick it off, Weir, a junior at Ann Arbor High, will emerge as the champion of the 18-under division.

Weir, who was not seeded,

knocked off top-seeded player, John Lamerato of Hamtramck, 6-1, 7-5, in the semifinals and today he faces second-seeded Jim Pritula of Detroit in the finals.

All toll, Weir has chalked up five victories in the tournament which began Saturday and will conclude today. Besides his triumph over Lamerato, Weir defeated Doug Broder of Hamtramck, 6-1, 6-4, Tom Lehrer of

Dearborn, 6-2, 6-2, Bert Bothell of Lapeer, 6-2, 6-2, and Dave Larson of Ypsilanti, 6-2, 6-2.

Rick's young brother, Don, did not fare so well. Don, playing in the 14-under division, won his first round by breezing past Bill Peters of Hamtramck, 6-0, 6-0, but lost his second round match to Del Neal of Hamtramck, 6-2, 6-0.



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