

Miss Kraker Just Misses Runner-Up Spot

Francie Kraker of Ann Arbor made her second excursion of the month into international competition Saturday and nearly added the holder of the U.S. indoor record to her growing list of conquests at 880 yards.

Miss Kraker, an 18-year-old Michigan freshman, lost a photo-finish for second place to Olympian Marie Mulder in the women's half-mile run at the Boston Athletic Association track meet.

A clear winner in 2:14.2 was Cecilia Carter of Hamilton, Ont. Miss Mulder, of Sacramento, Calif., timed a lunging, tumbling 2:15.0 to hold off Miss Kraker for the runner-up spot.

The other finishers were Roberta Picco of Toronto, fourth; Antje Gleichfeld of Germany, a 1964 Olympic finalist who last year broke the women's outdoor 800-meter mark, fifth; and Abby Hoffman of Toronto, sixth.

Two weeks ago in Detroit, Miss Picco beat Miss Kraker for second place in chasing Britain's Ann Smith to a record-equalling 2:10.5. Miss Kraker came within three-tenths of Miss Mulder's American mark of 2:13.6 in that race.

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