

# Miss Kraker Cracks Listed Mark

Francie Kraker, Ann Arbor's 18-year-old track prodigy, cracked the listed American record in the women's indoor 880-yard run Saturday while losing a photo-finish race with a German Olympian.

Miss Kraker recorded 2:12.8 at Louisville's Mason-Dixon Games, well under the listed mark of 2:13.6 held by Leah Ferris of Hawaii.

Running what her coach, Red Simmons, called a "good, smart race" Miss Kraker moved up on the pack until she drew even with Germany's Antje Gleichfeld, holder of the women's outdoor mark at 800 meters and already a loser once this season to Miss Kraker.

The two covered the final 100 yards shoulder-to-shoulder, with Miss Gleichfeld winning by a tenth. A distant third was Sandra Knott of Cleveland.

Miss Kraker's time was the third best in the world this season, and the best by an American. Ann Smith of England tied the world mark of 2:10.5 earlier this year.

Simmons says he thinks Marie Mulder of Washington, D. C., has a sub-2:12 timing pending as an American mark.

Meanwhile, in New York's U. S. Track and Field Federation Invitational, Kent Bernard of the Ann Arbor Track Club was second to Nebraska's Dave Crook in the 800-yard run. Crook won in 1:10.6 after favored Tom Farrell of New York pulled up with a thigh injury.

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