

# Francie Kraker Plans A Bit Of Traveling

Ann Arbor's Francie Kraker will be doing more than her share of traveling this summer.

Miss Kraker, the first Ann Arbor woman to qualify for the AAU Women's Track and Field Team, will compete against the Polish National Team in Berkeley, Calif., July 16 and 17 and then move on to Los Angeles where the American AAU squad will face the Russian National Team, July 23 and 24.

Following the Los Angeles meet, Miss Kraker and her teammates will go to Jamaica for participation in the British Commonwealth games in mid-August.

The Ann Arbor woman, a sophomore at Michigan, joined the AAU team as a result of her performance in both the 880-yard run and the 1500-meter run in the National AAU Women's Track and Field Meet in Frederick, Md.

"I didn't think I was going to make the team. The competition turned out to be tough," said Miss Kraker. The Ann Arbor speedster turned in an 880 time of 2:10.9, for third behind Charlotte Cook of Los Angeles and Cleveland's Madeline Manning, runnerup in 2:06.7.

Charlotte Cook's 2:05.2 was a new American record.

"I was satisfied, I ran as well as I thought I could. The time was my best," added Miss Kraker.

Only an hour after running the 880, the southeastern Michigan entrant finished third in the 1500 meter with a 4:37.3 as Oregon's Doris Brown won in 4:20.2, the fastest time ever recorded in that event.

"I didn't feel like running the 1500. I held back for three laps but on the last lap I opened up, I closed about 50 yards," Miss Kraker commented.

Her sprint finish nearly gave Miss Kraker second-place. Marie Mulder edged the Ann Arbor entrant by only seven-tenths of a second.

The Michigammas' other entry in the national meet, Louise Gerrish of Livonia, also did very well as she won third place in the javelin with a throw of 159 feet 5 inches.

Miss Gerrish, also gained third in the girls' javelin competition. The two Michigammas' entrants, coached by Ken and Betty Simmons of Ann Arbor, won a total of four third places at the Maryland meet.

Miss Gerrish, however, was not selected for the AAU team which will meet the Polish and Soviet teams later this month.

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