

Francie Kraker Sets Meet Mark

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NEW YORK — Everything went according to plan for Michigamme Francie Kraker in the Millrose Games at Madison Square Gardens.

Miss Kraker set a new meet record in the woman's 880-yard run with a 2:11.8 clocking which considerably lowered the former standard of 2:13 set last year by Roberta Ricco of Canada.

The Ann Arbor entrant was also very close to the American record of 2:10.2.

She had to defeat former Olympian Marie Mulder, who finished second.

"Francie ran the race exactly as planned," said Michigamme Coach Red Simmons. "This is the first perfect race she has run, tactic-wise."

Simmons pointed out that her clockings were just about what they planned to run before the meet.

Miss Kraker will leave New York this afternoon to run in the Boston AAU Meet on Saturday.

"We are being flooded with invitations," said Simmons about the upcoming meets in which Miss Kraker might compete.

Last week, she finished second in the Los Angeles Invitational with a 2:13.5. The 880-yard event was won by Doris Brown of Seattle, Wash., on a 2:12 clocking.

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