World's Record Falls To Francie Kraker

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NEW YORK — Francie Kraker, Ann Arbor's gifted runner who hopes to become an Olympian in 1968, raced to a world's record in the New York Athletic Club Meet, beating some of the finest female speedsters.

Miss Kraker covered the distance in 1:22.4, breaking the former world standard of 1:23.2 held by Cecilia Carter of Canada. Jane Burnett took second at 1:25.1 while Sheeley Marshall was third at 1:25.3. Marie Milder and Roberta Picco took fourth and fifth, respectively.

Miss Burnett led for the first quarter-mile and then Miss Kraker took the lead and was never headed. The winner will run the 440 in

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the Louisville's Kentucky Relays tonight.

"She has had a hard, intensive training program and I thought she would run in 23 or 24," said Ken Simmons, her coach. "She ran an exceptionally smart race."

The meet also marked the first indoor sub-four minute mile of the season as Dave Patrick of Villanova broke the tape at 3:59.3. Almost lost in the applause was Jim Kemp's :55.8 clock in the 500, just three-tenths of a second off the indoor mark.

Neal Steinhauer won the shot put with a 65-foot-one-inch toss and Bob Seagren captured the pole vault with a 16-foot-6½-inch leap.