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Wet Field Slows Top Runners

(Special to The News) WOOSTER, Ohio — The heaviest rain of the season, an inch and a half downpour, may have prevented a dramatic head-to-head battle between two of the nation's finest women athletes, Ann Arbor's Francie Kraker, and Seattle's Doris Brown, during the weekend.

Mrs. Brown, world mile record - holder, and Miss Kraker, a Michigan junior who has emerged as one of the fastest half-milers, waged tight battle in special 8 2 half-mile race rainover 2 soaked track but the smaller Ann Arbor speedster lagged toward the race's end and finished five body lengths behind the Washington run-

ner, winner in 2:09.3. Ohio's Beth Hutson finished third.

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