

# Francie Kraker Wins '880' In Boston Games

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BOSTON—After having her training schedule upset by an assortment of ailments including tendonitis and appendicitis, Francie Kraker appears to be back in the proper condition.

Miss Kraker of Ann Arbor won the 880-yard run in the Boston Athletic Association Games with a 2:13.2 clocking.

"I found that I didn't have too much opposition," said Miss Kraker. "It was just like a workout. I started off fast. Shelly Marshall tried to pass me but I held her off and won by about a second."

She said after the meet that she was encouraged by her performance.

On Thursday, Miss Kraker was second to Madeline Manning in the Millrose Games in New York's Madison Square Gardens with a 2:13.8 time.

Meanwhile, Kent State's Sam Bair is setting his goal at

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sub-four minute mile. Possibly, Bair was over cautious in the Boston Meet, at least that is the evaluation of his coach Doug Raymond.

"He didn't go out early enough," Raymond said. "He likes to lay back and rely upon his kick too much. He's beginning to realize he has to get out there. He could have done it tonight."

As it was, Bair, who at 21 stands a wispy 5-6 and weighs 126 pounds, ran the fastest mile of the 1968 indoor season, winning over a strong field in 4:01.9.

John Mason of Fort Hayes, Kan., State, was second in

4:03.8; Josep Odlozil of Czechoslovakia was third in 4:04.1., and Dave Bailey of Canada was fourth in 4:04.7.

Bob Seagren set a Boston record in the pole vault at 17-0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, but failed on three attempts to raise his world indoor record an inch from 17-4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Still, it was the 12th time he has cleared 17 feet indoors, though he is no longer alone in that department.

Saturday night in Portland, Ore., Finland's Altti Alarotu, a student at Brigham Young cleared 17 feet.

Some heated competition turned up in Boston as Tom Farrell of the Army won the 600, just beating Jim Kemp. Both

were timed in 1:11.1. In the 440, Vince Matthews of Johnson C. Smith won over fast-closing Hardee McAlhaney of Tennessee. Both were timed in 48.8.

Alarotu's pole vault and a dead heat in the 60 yard dash were the highlights of the Oregon Invitational at Portland, while veteran Mel Pender's triumph in the 60 was the surprise of the Albuquerque Invitational, the other two major Saturday meets.

Charles Green, formerly of Nebraska, and Canada's Harry Jerome tied in the 60 at Portland, each in 6 seconds flat, while Pender, a 30 year-old Army lieutenant, shocked a sparkling field in Albuquerque, also in 6 flat.

Bob Beamon, University of Texas-El Paso, remained unbeaten in the broad jump, going 25-8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> at Albuquerque, while George Woods, Long Beach, Calif., had a 66-11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> shot put, best of the season.