

# Micki King Leads Diving Event; Francie Kraker Is Eliminated

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MEXICO CITY — Joy and unhappiness seems to be evenly distributed between two Ann Arbor competitors in the 1968 Olympic Games. For Micki King, there is joy as she is leading in the women's

three-meter springboard diving competition. For Francie Kraker, there is unhappiness because she was eliminated in the first heat of the women's 800-meter run. Michigan diving coach Dick Kimball believes his 24-year-old

protege, Lt. King of the Air Force, has an excellent chance of winning a gold medal in the springboard event. "Micki has the best twisting dives of any woman diver in the world," Kimball said. "She saves them for last."

That is the reason Kimball was surprised by Miss King's standing after seven dives, the five obligatory forms and two free choices in the event. Lt. King was second throughout the early rounds, but took over first place with 98.17 points to lead Russia's Tamara Pogozheva who had 97.50 points.

"The Europeans were expected to pull off some of their best dives first in order to qualify," Kimball said. "That's why I think at least two of the American women divers will take medals."

Surveying the standings before tonight's final competition, Kimball said, "This position must make her a challenger for the title."

The other top American woman contender is Sue Gossick of Tarzana, Calif. The 20-year-old blonde has a 97.32 point total.

Unfortunately Miss Kraker had a bad draw for the first heat of the 800-meter run. She was running in one of the faster preliminary heats, and might have qualified for the semi-finals had she been in another heat.

Even so the Michigan student nearly did qualify for the semi-finals. She ran a very respectable 2:07.3 to finish fifth just two-tenths of a second off the fourth place finisher.

The first four placers in each preliminary heat advanced to the semi-finals.

Miss Kraker's race was won by Vera Nicolioa of Yugoslavia who was clocked in 2:05.7. Laine Erick of Russia was second at 2:06.5 while Paulo Piginia of Italy was third at 2:06.7. Karen Bunellit was fourth on 2:07.1.

# Russia Pulls Ahead In Medal Leadership

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Russians are on the move and the racially-troubled Americans are officially—but perhaps temporarily—embarrassed in these harassed, politically tainted 19th Olympic Games.

Russia picked up 10 medals Thursday, two of them gold, and moved past the United States in total medals 19-17. The Americans still lead in gold medals, 9-5, including a 1-2 finish in the 110-meter hurdles and record-breaking victories by two swimming relay teams.

There was no racial protest Thursday, when Willie Davenport of Warren, Ohio, and Ervin Hall of Philadelphia swept a 1-2 finish in the 110-meter hurdles, Davenport winning in 13.3, matching the Olympic record.

Both Negroes stood at attention during the victory ceremony, and refused to discuss the racial question. "I'd rather not mention it," said Davenport.

"The same with me," said Hall.

The American victories in the two swimming relays, the women's 400-meter medley and the men's 400-meter freestyle, was expected but completely

Pedersen, 15, of Sacramento, Calif., was timed in 4:28.3. The same quartet, however, has a pending world mark of 4:28.1.

The Russians had their biggest day of the Games, with Victor Saneyer winning the triple jump at 57 feet ¾ inches a world record, and Boris Selitsky and Vladimir Belyear finishing 1-2 in the light-heavyweight weightlifting. Each hoisted 1,967 pounds with Selitsky getting the nod because of his lighter weight.

Russians also were 2-3 in the women's high jump, but Antonina Korakava and Valentina Kozyr refused to attend the press interview with Czech winner Miloslava Rezkova, who cleared 5-11¾.

Defending champion Romould Klim was second to Gyulia Asotsky of Hungary in the hammer throw, whose winning throw was 240-8. They also got a third in the modern pentathlon, second in team pentathlon, and second in saber fencing.

Other winners of the day's heavy schedule included Bjorn Ferm of Sweden in the modern pentathlon, Mohamed Gammoundi of Tunisia in the 5,000-meter event with Australia's Ron Clarke challenging in the final laps, then falling back into the pack.

Hungary won the team pentathlon, Perre Trehtin of France took the 1,000-meter time trial cycling event and Jerry Pawlowski of Poland took the gold medal in saber fencing.

U.S. prospects—on the playing fields—appear bright. For the first time they have put all seven crews into the rowing finals, with William Maher, Detroit and John Nunn, Cincinnati, making it through the semifinals of the double skulls.

The Americans also placed a full compliment of three in the track semifinals, of the men's 400 and has three girls in the finals of the women's 200.

## Olympic Medal Winners

Track and Field

Annamaria Toth-Kovacs, Hungary