

Miss Kraker Runs 800 In 2:09.4

Francie Kraker, Ann Arbor's hope for Olympic fame, ran her fastest 800 meters of the season in Baltimore at the Region Six National Qualifying Meet.

Her coach, Ken Simmons, says he is "really encouraged" with her 2:09.4 clocking. This puts Miss Kraker in a select group. Only three other American women have been under 2:10 this summer.

Miss Kraker took a second place in the Baltimore meet, behind world record-holder Madeline Manning. Miss Manning's time was 2:04.4.

The next test for Miss Kraker will come in the State AAU Meet in Lansing on Saturday. Another big meet on her schedule will be held in Tennessee on July 13. The Women's Olympic Trials are set for Aug. 16-17.

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