

# 880 Runner Takes Third In Canada

Francie Kraker will be leaving Ann Arbor tomorrow for the U. S. Olympic women's track team training camp at Los Alamos, Mexico.

Miss Kraker eclipsed that one remaining barrier, the qualifying time, in the Canadian National Exhibition Meet at Toronto, Ont., over the weekend.

She was clocked in 2:05.3 in a third place finish for the 800 meters which is well below the Games qualifying time of 2:04. Madeline Manning won the event with a 2:03 clocking while Canada's Abby Hoffman was second at 2:04.8.

"I am convinced that Francie will be running in the Olympics," Coach Ken Simmons said. "She ran well at the high altitudes and she is stronger than she has ever been.

"She ran a very strategic race in Toronto. The 220's were very even. They were all around 32 seconds or better. She ran the first 220 at :28.4 and the 440 in 61 seconds.

"I am convinced that she will run better. I am happy that she ran below the qualifying time before the meet with the German team."

For Miss Kraker, the joining of the Olympic squad is the fulfillment of a long dream.

The member of the Olympic team was discovered by Simmons' wife Betty several years ago as being a girl with plenty of athletic potential. Ken, who is coach of the Michigammas, began training Francie.

It was just seven years ago that Miss Kraker began setting her sights on the Olympics and now her dreams have been fulfilled.

"It took a lot of hard work and confidence," Simmons said.