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2nd YMCA International Swimming and Diving Championship

April 11-12, 1924

Hosted by the Downtown Branch - Detroit, Michigan

The Host General Committee was headed up by Mr. Jacob Mazer, a prominent member of the Business Men's Club of the Detroit Central Branch YMCA. This committee assumed responsibility for publicity and entertainment. The actual conduct of the meet was however handled by the branches Swimming Committee, a sub committee of the General Committee.

There were 12 YMCA Associations in attendance:

Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	Central Br. Buffalo, NY
Parkway Br Cincinnati, OH	Grand Rapids, MI
Akron, OH	Ann Arbor, MI
West End Br. Toronto, Canada	Central Br Detroit, MI
Ft. Wayne, IN	Erie, PA
Central Br. Toledo, OH	Central Br. Dayton, OH

85 Participants

Interesting Highlights:

1. The Host Association assumed responsibility for the care of all out of town participants regarding housing and 3 meals for the competitors. A welcoming committee greeted the athletes at the train station and they were escorted to the YMCA where they were lodged throughout their stay in the city.
2. During the coaches meeting it was discovered that the "Order of Events" on the entry blank differed from the "Order of Events" in the meet program. After much discussion both pro and con it was decided by the Meet Committee to re-arrange the program to follow the entry information.
3. Following the preliminaries on Friday the contestants and officials attended a welcoming banquet at the Hotel Wolverine as guests of the Host Committee. Following the banquet the entire group was taken to one of the finest theaters in the city for a show.
4. On Saturday morning members of the YMCA Business Men's Club escorted visitors to the Ford Automobile Factory for a tour followed by a cruise on the Belle Isle on the Detroit River where the casino manager had prepared a delightful luncheon.
5. The closing event of the 2nd YMCA International Championship Meet was a farewell meal, served in the Association Cafeteria just before midnight following the meet. At this time the trophies and awards were presented and speeches of appreciation on the part of the guests and host were made. Finally a "Blest be the Tie That Binds" was experienced.

Order of Events:

200 Yard Free Style Relay	220 Yard Free Style
Fancy Diving	<u>Plunge for Distance</u>
50 Yard Free Style	100 Yard Back Stroke
200 Yard Breast Stroke	100 Yard Free Style

Preliminaries: Were held on Friday April 11 with the exception of the Plunge for Distance (**a one time event held in this meet**) which was held Friday afternoon.

Finals: Were held Saturday evening April 12, for all events

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Meet Results Continued:

200 Yard Free Style Relay:

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	No Names Available	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	1:43.3
2 nd	No Names Available	Erie, PA	NT
3 rd	No Names Available	Central Br. Buffalo, NY	NT
4 th	No Names Available	Central Br. Detroit, MI	NT

Fancy Diving:

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1 st	Ira Benjamin	Central Br. Detroit, MI	No Info
2 nd	E. Stocks	Parkway Br. Cincinnati, OH	No Info
3 rd	T. Smith	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	No Info
4 th	Ashley Webb	West End Br. Toronto, Canada	No Info

50 Yard Free Style:

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Harry Lewis	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	24. 2/5*
2 nd	Wright	Erie, PA	NT
3 rd	Cross	Erie, PA	NT
4 th	Brown	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	NT

200 Yard Breast Stroke:

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Faure	Erie, PA	2:51.1/5*
2 nd	A. Morrison	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	NT
3 rd	Peter Lisberg	Central Br, Detroit, MI	NT
4 th	Rope	Erie, PA	NT

220 Yard Free Style:

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Adam Smith	Erie, PA	2:30.4/5*
2 nd	Arthur Hastings	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	NT
3 rd	George Peckham	Central Br. Detroit, MI	NT
4 th	A. McKenzie	Erie, PA	NT

Plunge for Distance:

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Russell Smith	Central Br. Detroit, MI	75 Ft. 55.0
2 nd	Anderson	Erie, PA	NT
3 rd	R. Gordon	Akron, OH	NT
4 th	William Sempliner	Central Br. Detroit, MI	NT

100 Yard Back Stroke:

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Adam Smith	Erie, PA	1:08.2/5*
2 nd	Lyle Hubbard	Central Br. Toledo, OH	NT
3 rd	G. Godfrey	Central Br. Buffalo, NY	NT
4 th	Walter Chaffee	Central Br. Detroit, MI	NT

100 Yard Free Style:

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
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1 st	Harry Lewis	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	56.4/5
2 nd	Wright	Erie, PA	NT
3 rd	Louis Rutledge	Parkway Br. Cincinnati, OH	NT
4 th	A. Morrison	Central Br, Brooklyn, NY	NT

Meet Scoring:

<u>Place:</u>		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Individual Events:	5	3	2	1	
Relay Events:	8	6	3	2	

Final Team Standings:

1 st	Erie, PA	34	4 th tie	Parkway Br. Cincinnati, OH	5
2 nd	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	28	6 th	Central Br. Toledo, OH	3
3 rd	Central Br. Detroit, MI	18	7 th	Akron, OH	2
4 th tie	Central Br. Buffalo, NY	5	8 th	West end Br. Toronto, Can.	1

Non-Scoring Teams:

Ann Arbor, MI; Central Br. Dayton, OH; Grand Rapids, MI; Ft. Wayne, IN.

Financial Information:

Income:

There were a total of 120 admissions: 13 @ \$.75, 34 @ \$1.00, 35 @ \$1.50, and 38 @ \$2.00 for a total of \$172.25. Miscellaneous income added to admissions \$34.50.

Total \$206.75

Expenses:

The expenses which we deem proper to charge to the meet itself are as follows:

Post Cards and Stamps	\$12.53
Telegrams and Telephone	\$43.10
All printing (tags, entry blanks, tickets, programs)	\$38.00
Medals (11 sets)	<u>\$153.96</u>

Total \$247.59

In addition expenses, which will be borne by the local committee, are as follows:

Team Trophy	\$75.00
Stenographer	\$78.60
Lodging	\$52.00
Casino Luncheon	\$100.00
Farewell Meal	\$50.00
Multigraphing and Typewriter Rental	\$16.10
Theater Party	\$75.00
Banquet	<u>\$150.00</u>

Total \$596.70

Meet Information Continued:

Special Note:

The YMCA Regulation Costume for Competitive Swimming Meets in 1924 & 1925.

Competitors in swimming events shall be required to wear a regulation costume, known as a YMCA racing suit, in accordance with the following regulations:

Material shall be of dark color only.

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The suit shall extend *not less* than four inches below the crotch, and shall be cut in a straight line around the circumference of the leg. The armhole shall be cut no lower than four inches below the arm pits. A supporter of dark color must be worn underneath the suit. Contestants shall be required to come cloaked to the starting mark and re-cloak immediately after emerging from the water.

Material obtained from a letter by R. J. Horton, Director of Physical Education Central Branch YMCA Detroit, Michigan. This letter was found in the National YMCA Archives, University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Results were obtained from a scrapbook from the Brooklyn Central Branch YMCA donated to the International Swimming Hall of Fame Archives in Ft. Lauderdale, FL