

**5th International/National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championships -
April 1 – 2, 2027
Hosted by the Central Branch YMCA, Minneapolis, MN**

The Fifth International/National YMCA Swimming Championships was successfully conducted in the fine pool at the Central Branch YMCA in Minneapolis, Minnesota on April 1st and 2nd. Seven YMCA associations entered but only swimmers and divers from six associations took part in the meet. The number of participants by teams is as follows in the parentheses: Central Branch Brooklyn, NY—(6); Des Moines, IA—(4); Eau Clair, WI—(2); St. Paul, MN—(5); Lincoln, NE—(2); Central Branch Minneapolis, MN—(14). The team from Grand Island, NE entered but failed to appear.

Note: The Physical Director of the Lincoln, NE YMCA and his two swimmers drove all the way to and from the meet in an open Ford car!

Event Results:

160 Yard Freestyle Relay

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	No Names Available	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	1:19.6
2 nd	No Names Available	Central Br. Minneapolis, MN	NT
3 rd	No Names Available	St. Paul, MN	NT

200 Yard Breaststroke

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	George Corwin	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	2:41.4
2 nd	Ralph Squire		NT
3 rd	Al Norton		NT

40 Yard Freestyle

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Walter Spence	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	18.7
2 nd	N. Englesen		NT
3 rd	Charles Ehle		NT
4 th	Dick Hayden	Central Br, Minneapolis, MN	NT

220 Yard Freestyle

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Walter Spence	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	2:18.3*
2 nd	William Winters Jr.	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	NT
3 rd	Sherman Olsen		NT
4 th	Wallace Lang		NT

100 Yard Backstroke

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Robert Hosie	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	1:05.7*
2 nd	Don Craigie		NT
3 rd	Tom Moehle		NT
4 th	Frank Mockler		NT

(*) *New YMCA National Record time.*

100 Yard Freestyle

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	N. Engelsen		57.4
2 nd	Fred Kothe		NT
3 rd	Charles Ehle		NT
4 th	W. Black		NT

Low Board Diving (1 Meter)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1 st	Billie Blaisdell	Central Br. Minneapolis, MN	95.80
2 nd	Ray Klabunder	St. Paul, MN	93.30
3 rd	Ralph Ostrander	Central Br. Minneapolis, MN	87.10
4 th	B. Billick	Des Moines, IA	80.10

440 Yard Freestyle

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	William Winters Jr.	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	5:36.9
2 nd	Fred Kothe		NT
3 rd	Carl Kryewinske	St. Paul, MN	NT
4 th	Robert Hosie	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	NT

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	4	2

Team Standings:

1 st Place	Central Br. Brooklyn, NY	51
2 nd Place	Central Br. Minneapolis, MN	24
3 rd Place	St Paul, MN	11
4 th Place T	Des Moines, IA	4
4 th Place T	Eau Clair, WI	4
6 th Place	Lincoln, NE	1

* "T" indicates that there was a tie between the indicated teams

Special Note: A special exhibition of the 300 Yard Medley Relay was conducted between the University of Minnesota and the St. Paul Athletic Club. The event was won by the University of Minnesota with a time of 3:13.3 breaking the "Big Ten Conference" record of 3:18.3/5. Immediately following the exhibition, Walter Spence set out to break the record for the 300 Yard Individual Medley held by Walter Laufer of the Central Parkway YMCA in Cincinnati, Ohio which was 3:45.0. **Spence covered the distance in 3:41.8/10 and thereby established a new world record.**

The Fifth International/National YMCA Swimming & Diving Championships were well conducted, with keen competition and enthusiastic audiences. A splendid spirit of camaraderie and fine sportsmanship was in evidence throughout the entire meet.

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