

**11<sup>th</sup> YMCA International/National Swimming and Diving Championships**  
**April 21-22, 1933**  
**YMCA of the Oranges, New Jersey**

The meet was held in New Jersey at the YMCA of the Oranges. Twenty-two associations and 120 participants participated in this year's championship meet, which included three sessions over two days. Preliminary heats were conducted Friday evening, the semi-finals were Saturday afternoon and all finals were contested Saturday night.

**Championship Events:**

200 Yard Freestyle Relay	100 Yard Backstroke
200 Yard Breaststroke	100 Yard Freestyle
50 Yard Freestyle	1 Meter Board Diving
440 Yard Freestyle	200 Yard Freestyle
	300 Yard Medley Relay

**Meet Officials**

Mr. Robert J. H. Kiphuth of Yale University and coach to the Men's U. S. Olympic Swimming Team was the referee. Mr. Edward T. Kennedy of Columbia University was the starter, James Reilly of Rutgers University was the Head Judge and Mr. Charles R. Nunn of the New Jersey A.A.U. was the Clerk of Course. Other supporting certified officials from the college ranks and the A.A.U. also volunteered services for this National Championships at the Orange YMCA

**Event Results**

**200 Yard Freestyle Relay**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Leonard Spence, Gordon Chalmers, W. Ashley, Walter Spence.	Orange, NJ	1:38.4/5*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Names Available	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Names Available	Boston, MA	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	No Names Available	Central Br. Toronto, Canada	NT

**200 Yard Breaststroke**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Leonard Spence	Orange, NJ	2:34.2/5*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pfieffer	Tulsa, OK	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christensen	Paterson, NJ	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Max Brydenthal	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	DQ (illegal turn)

**50 Yard Freestyle**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Gordon Cornelius	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	24. 2/5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steele	Boston, MA	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Keeler	Buffalo, NY	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hauer	Highland Park, Brooklyn, NY	NT

**440 Yard Freestyle**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Pirie	Central Br. Toronto, Canada	5:14.2/5*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wallace Spence	Orange, NJ	NT

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brewerton	Fort Monroe, VA	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Connelly	Boston, MA	NT

### 100 Yard Backstroke

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Danny Zehr	Fort Wayne, IN	1:02.3/5*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gordon Chalmers	Orange, NJ	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fry	Central Br. Toronto, Canada	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Vande Weghe	Paterson, NJ	NT

### 100 Yard Freestyle

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Walter Spence	Orange, NJ	53.0*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gazell	Central Br. Toronto, Canada	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C. Dodge	Hackensack, NJ	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Watson	Tulsa, OK	NT

### 1 Meter Board Diving

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Al Green	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	133.33
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alf Phillips	Central Br. Toronto, Canada	116.66
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Osborne	Boston, MA	116.44
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ziegler	Buffalo, NY	107.86

### 200 Yard Freestyle

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Walter Spence	Orange, NJ	2:16.3/5*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Connelly	Boston, MA	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Danny Zehr	Fort Wayne, IN	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Watson	Tulsa, OK	NT

### 200 Yard Medley Relay

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Leonard Spence, Gordon Chalmers, A. Webb, Walter Spence.	Orange, NJ	3:08.1/5*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Names Available	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Names Available	Fort Wayne, IN	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	No Names Available	Central Br. Toronto, Canada	NT

(\*) New YMCA Record time

### Meet Scoring

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

### Team Standings

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Orange, NJ	37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	22
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Central Br. Toronto, Canada	17

4 <sup>th</sup>	Boston, MA	13
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Wayne, IN	11
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tulsa, OK	5
7 <sup>th</sup>	Hackensack, NJ	4
8 <sup>th</sup>	Buffalo, NY	3
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Monroe, VA	2
10 <sup>th</sup> T	Highland Park Brooklyn, NY	1
10 <sup>th</sup> T	Paterson, NJ	1

T indicates a tie.

### **Additional Functions and Activities**

A special committee was set up to entertain the competitors during their 4 day stay in Orange, New Jersey. Some of the activities and functions included:

**Trips:** New York City; Eagle Rock in West Orange; Asbury Park; and to the Thomas A. Edison Library and experimental Lab.

**Movies:** The motion picture theaters in Orange and East Orange acted as hosts to all competitors allowing them free admission by presenting their competitors' identification through out the meet.

**Fun & Games:** Free daily newspapers, towels, bowling and billiards, etc were provided throughout the week. A dance followed the finals of Saturday at which the awards were presented. Refreshments were served and fellowship was shared by all.

**Interesting Note:** A special Housing Committee set up by the Host Committee for the National Championship provided housing for all competitors, officials and coaches free of charge during their stay in Orange, NJ.

### **Biography: The Spence Brothers: Walter, Wallace and Leonard.**

In 1926, Walter sent for his brother, Wallace, 6 years his junior, and in 1928 Leonard, 2 years younger than Wallace. In the 1933 YMCA National Championships, the Spence brothers were involved in establishing 5 new national records: 3 in individual events and 2 in relays. Although the 1933 Nationals did not have an individual medley event, Wallace won both the 150 and 300 yard events at the National A.A.U. Indoor Championship. The Spence brothers dominated these events as they did the breaststroke events for many years. Leonard won so many National Titles in breaststroke that he, more than any other swimmer, brought about the development of the over arm butterfly as it was the only way to beat the Spences. John Higgins (1997 Rogers Award recipient) accomplished this in 1936. Walter won the breaststroke events from 1925-1929 and Leonard from 1931-1935. The Spence Brothers were the first brothers to be inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1967. Only Wallace could attend the ceremonies as it was 10 years after his brother Walter was killed trying to catch a train, and 20 years since Leonard died of Tuberculosis.

**Special Note:** Because the Spence Brothers were born in British Guyana they could not represent the United States in the Olympic Games. As a result, Walter represented Canada in the 1928 Olympics and Leonard swam for Bermuda in the 1936 Olympics and was the team captain.

*(Material on the Spence Brothers was obtained from the Archives at the International Swimming Hall of Fame, and the book written by Buck Dawson "Weissmuller to Spitz.")*

*Information researched and compiled by Paul Atkinson. Edited by Meredith Griffin.*