

**12<sup>th</sup> YMCA National/International Swimming and Diving Championship  
April 20-21, 1934  
Hosted by the Downtown Branch YMCA of St. Louis, Missouri**

The meet was held at the Wilson Pool at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. There were 14 YMCA Associations and 82 participants that took part in this year's meet. The officiating staff was led by Arthur E. Eilers of Washington University and a member of the Intercollegiate Rules Committee who was the meet referee. A total of 34 officials were used to run the meet.

**Championship Events**

200 Yard Freestyle Relay	440 Yard Freestyle
200 Yard Breaststroke	100 Yard Freestyle
100 Yard Backstroke	Fancy Diving
50 Yard Freestyle	220 Yard Freestyle
	300 Yard Medley Relay

**Conduct of the Championship**

Preliminaries were held Friday afternoon in the 50 and 100 yard Freestyle events and Fancy Diving. Friday evening preliminaries included all of the events along with the semi-finals in the sprints. The Finals in all events were held Saturday evening, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Note:** New National YMCA Championship Records were established in all of the swimming events at this meet.

**Event Results**

**200 Yard Freestyle Relay**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Freeland, Park, England, Lindegren.	San Francisco, CA	1:36.6*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wallace Spence, Ashley, Leonard Spence, Walter Spence.	Orange, NJ	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rohr, Queensen, Brenner, Schaller.	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Smitley, Schwan, Levenberger, Hildebrand.	Ft. Wayne, IN	NT

**200 Yard Breaststroke**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Leonard Spence	Orange, NJ	2:32.3*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brydenthall	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wallace Spence	Orange, NJ	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pfeiffer	Tulsa, OK	NT

**100 Yard Backstroke**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Danny Zehr	Ft Wayne, IN	1:01.3*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gordon Chalmers	Orange, NJ	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Park	San Francisco, CA	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Harman	Tulsa, OK	NT

### **50 Yard Freestyle**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Freeland	San Francisco, CA	24.0
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ertz	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	England	San Francisco, CA	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gazell	Central Br. Toronto, Canada	NT

**\*Note:** Gordon Cornelius, Lawson Br. Chicago, IL, set a new national record in this event in the Preliminaries with a time of 23.3. There is no explanation as to why Gordon was not in the final heat of this event.

### **440 Yard Freestyle**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Pirie	Ft. Wayne, IN	5:01.3*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leonard Spence	Orange, NJ	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Weatherbe	San Francisco, CA	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gerald Rudig	Huntington, IN	NT

### **100 Yard Freestyle:**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Walter Spence	Orange, NJ	52.9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lindegren	San Francisco, CA	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Freeland	San Francisco, CA	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gazell	Central Br. Toronto, Canada	NT

\*National Record: Walter Spence Orange, NJ 52.2 (Prelims)

### **Fancy Diving**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Al Green	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	?
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hachstadt	Northside Br. St. Louis, MO	?
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saulman	Tulsa, OK	?
4 <sup>th</sup>	Walkup	Tulsa, OK	?

### **220 Yard Freestyle**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Walter Spence	Orange, NJ	2:14.5*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lindegren	San Francisco, CA	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Pirie	Ft. Wayne, IN	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Queensen	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	NT

### **300 Yard Medley Relay**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Gordon Chalmers, Wallace Spence, Ashley	Orange, NJ	3:08.0*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Geeraerto, Brydenthall, Cordon Cornelius	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	NT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Benedict, Gazell, Robert Pirie	Central Br. Toronto, Canada	NT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Zehr, Hopper, Schwan	Ft. Wayne, IN	NT

(\* ) *New YMCA Record time*

### Meet Scoring

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

### Final Team Standings

<b>Place:</b>	<b>Association:</b>	<b>Points:</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Orange, NJ	37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	San Francisco, CA	27
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	17
4 <sup>rd</sup>	Central Br. Toronto, Canada	13
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Wayne, IN	9
6 <sup>th</sup> T	Tulsa, OK	5
6 <sup>th</sup> T	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	5
8 <sup>th</sup>	Northside Br. St. Louis, MO	3
9 <sup>th</sup>	Huntington, IN	1

### Other Participating Teams

Lincoln, NE	Omaha, NE
New Orleans, LA	Camden, NJ
Kalamazoo, MI	

### Editorial Notes

In researching and reviewing the material obtained from John deBarbadillo and the National YMCA Archives at the University of Minnesota regarding the meet results, first names were not always included and there were no times for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> places.

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