

**15<sup>th</sup> YMCA National / International Swimming and Diving Championships**  
**May 7-8, 1937**  
**Hosted by the Lawson Branch YMCA, Chicago, Illinois**

The Director of Events was Loris A. Hoyt, the YMCA Athletic Director, and was conducted by the Lawson YMCA "Sea Horses" swim team parents organization. The meet was held at the Lake Shore Athletic Club at 850 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Twenty-six YMCA associations and 99 athletes participated.

**The Lawson Branch YMCA "Sea Horse" Committee**

President: Elliot Whetherbee  
 Vice President: Maurice Ellis  
 Secretary: Harvey Johnson  
 Awards: Otto T, Voges, Max Brydenthal, Vincent Williams  
 Host: Maurice Ellis, Charles Bowman, Scott Jones.  
 Tickets: Elliott Whetherbee, Frank Breiner.  
 Ushers: Morris Sacks, James Fay  
 Publicity: Paul Steffen, Robert Ferguson, Lyle Collet.  
 Program: Harvey Johnson

**Championship Meet Committee**

Dr. Thomas K. Cureton Jr. Chairman Springfield College  
 H. D. Edgren George Williams College  
 Louis A. Hoyt Athletic Director Lawson Branch YMCA

**Meet Officials**

Honorary Referee(s): Charles Glauque, Professor, George Williams College  
 Lyman Bingham, Assistant AAU President  
 Avery Brundage, Past AAU President, Chair, 1936 Olympic Cmte  
 George McKibbin, Chairman Lawson YMCA Management Cmte  
 D. H.F. Kallenbrg, Burdick Corporation

Championship Director: Loris A. Hoyt, Lawson YMCA  
 Director of Events: Lyle Collett, Lawson YMCA  
 Referee: Stanley Brauning Athletic Dir. Lake Shore Athletic Club  
 Chief Starter: Roy E. Davis, Chairman Registration Committee A.A.U.  
 Chief Judge: F. C. Stressau, Lake Shore Athletic Club  
 Chief Timer: S.R. Nicholson, Lake Shore Athletic Club  
 Clerk of Course: William T. Rowe, Physical Director Hyde-Park YMCA  
 Announcer: D. Melville Carr, Dir. of Life Saving, American Red Cross  
 Physician: Dr. Milton Summerville

**YMCA Associations & Participants:**

<b>Boise, ID</b>	Roy Sandner	<b>Fort Wayne, IN</b> <b>(Central Branch)</b>	C.E. Leuenberger
	Edmund Kelleher		D.J. Leuenberger
	Theodore Brick		Herbert Meyer
	John Fenger		Louis e. Schwan
	Herbert Fransen		Tom Va Chon
<b>Bridgeport, CT</b>	Irwin Goodman	<b>Freeport, IL</b> <b>Lincoln, NE</b>	Jerry Zehr
	Robert Hower		Orlando Gochnaur
	Thomas Kevil		Burton Amgwert
	Kenneth Stevenson		Dick Marshall
	Theodore Whitesell		Harold Henning(+)
<b>Brooklyn, NY</b> <b>(Central Branch)</b>		<b>Lockport, NY</b>	

<b>Buffalo, NY (Downtown Branch)</b>	William Choniski Merril Hickey Jack Thomson Steve Wosniak Raymond Ziegler	<b>Louisville, KY Montclair, NJ</b>	Paul Hines Paul C. Aurebacher Eric N. Berryman Ernest P. Christner Thomas B. Creede Earl Plavier Harry Rawstrom Loenard M. Zubko
<b>Canton, OH (Central Branch)</b>	Don Brill Charles Eicorn Bob Fox Bob Hoffman Bill Keller Robert Ousley Dale Reed Jack Roderick Russell Roush Howard Stevenson Bill Stiers Bill Urich Bill Van Allman Bruce Farrar Thomas Pooley Albert Rebstock Norman W. Hines	<b>Peoria, IL</b>	Richard Anderson Estien Blust Todd Gardner Paul Jordan Bob Vance Thomas Anderson
<b>Camden, NJ</b>		<b>Pittsburgh, PA (Allegheny Branch) Pittsburgh, PA (South Hills Br.)</b>	Francis Kugler Thomas Locke
<b>Chicago, IL (Hyde-Park Br.) Chicago, IL (Lawson Branch)</b>	Herbert Budrick Max Brydenthal Casmir Chutro Arthur Ebling Robert Ferguson Frank Havlicek Harvey Johnson Irving McCaffery Alex Payne Paul Steffens Keith Van Buren Charles Wilson John Howard Jr. Jack Kolp Paul Vogel Jr. William F. Miller	<b>St. Louis, MO (Downtown Branch)</b>	W.G. Heine James Phelps Joseph Piatowski Sterling Thompson
<b>Chicago, IL (Lincoln-Belmont Br.)</b>		<b>Tulsa, OK</b>	Wilmot Dahlen Luedrick Harman Bill Walkup Karl Schmidt Charles Skippon Paul R. Wilson
<b>Chicago, IL (Sears-Roebuck Br.)</b>		<b>Washington, DC</b>	John Guiney Thomas Hodorowski Walter Mikolski Harry Welsh Richard Grunert Homer Hildebrand Donald Houseal Edward Jones Jack D. Miller James Reaser Carl Schaeberle Robert Spangler Charles Welsh
<b>Davenport, IA</b>	Jack Sleg	<b>Wilkes-Barre, NJ</b>	
<b>Dayton, OH</b>	David L. Sellers	<b>York, PA</b>	

(+) Indicates Rogers Award Recipient

**Special Note:** See Bio for Dr. Harold Henning in the 1936 National Championship Results.

### **EVENT SCHEDULE**

#### **Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 PM. Meeting of Tournament Committee-Lawson YMCA - Loris A. Hoyt, H.D. Edgren and Thomas K. Cureton
- 8:00 PM. Meeting of Coaches – Lawson YMCA, English Lounge

Role Call; Scratching; Announcements; Eligibility Problems;  
Drawing for Heats and Lanes.  
T.K. Cureton Chairman, L.A. Hoyt Secretary

**Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM Meeting of all officials with the referee—Stanly Brauningner  
9:40 AM Meeting of all coaches, with tournament committee, on eligibility  
and scratching of entries.  
10:00 AM Final call for dives and all contestants -Lyle Collet  
10:30 AM 50 yard Freestyle-Quarter Finals  
12:15 PM Opening Banquet  
2:30 PM Scheduled Preliminaries  
8:00 PM Friday Night-Finals

**Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 AM Fancy Diving Preliminaries Flight No. 1  
12:30 PM Fancy Diving Preliminaries Flight No. 2  
2:30 PM Preliminaries  
3:30 PM Coaches Meeting-T.K. Cureton, Chairman, L.A. Hoyt Secretary  
3:30 PM Diving Finalists practice  
4:30 PM Preliminaries continue  
8:00 PM Finals  
10:00 PM Victory Dance at Lawson YMCA  
11:00 PM Awarding of medals and trophies in the Olympic manner

**Special Event:** After the finals at 10:00 PM. a *Victory Dance* was held under the Auspices of the 19UP Club Committee. Dr. Graydon Powell, Fred Hayes, Norman Swette and Larry Schmidt coordinated the program and the music was provided by the Gene Eves Orchestra. At 11:00 PM. awarding of the medals and trophies took place in the Olympic manner.

**FEES:** \$1.00 per individual for four persons or less, \$5.00 per association with from five to eight representatives and 50c for each additional man for associations with more than eight entries, must accompany the entry blank.

**PRIZES:** YMCA National Championship medals of gold, silver, and bronze were awarded the first, second and third place winner in each event, relays included. A permanent trophy was awarded the team scoring the highest number of points.

**RULES:** The Principles and Rules governing competitive physical activities in the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States effective January 1, 1937, governed the eligibility of contestants of this meet. The National Collegiate Athletic Association rules governed the conduct of the swimming events of the meet, with the exception of the order of events which was the same as last year. Qualifications for swimming events were on a time basis in all events except the 50 yard dash. The International Amateur Federation diving rules governed the diving events. Competitors were not permitted to wear any other than Y insignia on any part of their swimming costume or sweat clothes. No contestant was permitted to use the name of, or represent any organization other than the YMCA of which he was a member. Tank suits must be worn. "Trunks" were not permitted.

**SCORING: Relays**—First place 10 points; second place, 8 points; third place, 6 points; fourth place, 4 points; fifth place 2 points. **All other events**- First place 6 points; second place, 4 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 2 points; fifth place, 1 point.

**REGISTRATION:** All contestants presented their YMCA registration cards, the number of which appeared on the entry blank.

**INFORMATION:** The Lake Shore A.C. Pool is 75 ft. x 35 ft. with seven lanes. The diving board was regulation one meter above twelve feet of water. The water was 4 feet 6 inches at the shallow end and 9 feet at the deep end. A list of 5 optional dives accompanied the contestant's entry blank. Any desired change in these optional dives was made in writing before Friday May 7 at 10:00 AM.

**ENTRIES:** Addressed to Loris A. Hoyt, Lawson YMCA, 30 West Chicago Ave., Chicago, Illinois. All entries had to be received by Monday, May 3. Entries posted Monday May 3, and received at a later date were accepted. The committee reserved the right to decline any entry.

**CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Championship Committee held its official meeting for the purpose of passing upon the eligibility of associations and individuals and considering all matters pertaining to the proper conduct of the championship on May 6 at 6:00 PM. All information bearing upon the eligibility of associations and individuals was presented to Thomas K. Cureton, Chairman of the Championship Committee before Thursday May 6, at 6:00 PM.

**COACHES MEETING:** The Coaches met with the Championship Committee at 8:00 P.M. Thursday May 6. for the purpose of arranging heats, etc.

### **Order of Events**

#### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30**

- \*1. 50 yd Freestyle heats
2. 400 yd Freestyle relay time trials
3. 200 yd Breaststroke time trials
4. 150 yd Backstroke time trials
5. 50 yd Freestyle heats
6. 440 yd Freestyle time trials

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT 8:00**

1. 400 yd relay finals
2. 200 yd Breaststroke finals
3. 150 yd Backstroke finals
4. 50 yd Freestyle finals
5. 440 yd Freestyle finals

\* If necessary, heats in 50 yd Freestyle and fancy diving will be run Friday and Saturday morning respectively.

#### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON 2:30**

1. 100 yd Freestyle time trials
- \*2. Fancy Diving preliminaries
3. 220 yd Freestyle time trials
4. 300 yd Medley relay time trials  
(“3 men—100 yd back, 100 yd. breast. 100 yd free-)

#### **SATURDAY NIGHT 8:00**

6. 100 yd Freestyle finals
7. Fancy diving finals
8. 220 yd Freestyle finals
9. 300 yd Medley relay finals

Four men from each team may be entered in any one event.

No Contestant may participate in more than three events including relays.

### **May 6<sup>th</sup> Coaches Meeting Agenda Items:**

1. Motion made and carried that drawing for lanes and heats would be conducted at this meeting.
2. A lengthy discussion took place regarding a request that divers be allowed to wear swim trunks. This would be a change from the rules as written for the meet however, it was agreed that trunk suits should worn.
3. Questions regarding dual representation came up and were addressed. An explanation and a definition was given that answered those questions.
4. Chairman Cureton talked about getting AAU recognition and sanction of the meet for American records as well as National YMCA records being established.

Mr. Cureton stressed the importance of having coaches meetings in order to discuss any problems and to make recommendations to improve the hosting and the conduct of the National Swimming and Diving Championships. Suggestions and recommendations then could be given directly to Dr. John Brown Jr., the head of the National YMCA Physical Committee who was in attendance at this year's meet.

Dr. Brown in turn explained the process by which suggestions and or recommendations made by sub-committees were submitted to the National YMCA Physical Education Committee for action.

### **May 8<sup>th</sup> Coaches Meeting Agenda Items:**

**1.** NCAA Rules: After much discussion, Mr. R.H. Cheadle-Montclair, NJ, made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Bill O'Neill-Canton, OH and passed unanimously passed.

Motion: That the coaches group represented at the 15<sup>th</sup> YMCA National Swimming recommend to the National Swimming Committee that our National YMCA Swimming Championships be conducted according to National Collegiate Athletic Association rules including the Order of events with the option that the National Swimming Committee be allowed to exclude any event because of equipment limitations.

**2.** Coaches Association: There was a lengthy discussion concerning the establishment of a YMCA Coaches Association. However, because there was to be a National YMCA Aquatic Conference scheduled later this year any action in relation to the formation of this Coaches Association should be delayed until after the conference.

**3.** International/ National: Over the past few years there has been a misunderstanding regarding the title for this YMCA Championship meet—"International" or "National". After a coherent explanation by Dr. Brown a motion by Mr. Stewart McCutcheon of the Lawson Branch and seconded by Mr. Plunkett of the Brooklyn Central Branch passed unanimously.

Motion:

That the policy of the National Physical Education Committee be followed by calling the championship "National."

**4.** College/High School swimmers: Bill O'Neill of the Canton Central YMCA brought up the matter of importing college or high school swimmers to swim the National Championships. A membership requirement discussion followed. Mr. O'Neill suggested the membership requirement should be changed from one month to six months. Dr. Brown asked that the coaches present take a straw vote—show of hands for 1 month---4 coaches voted "yes"; 6 months----16 of those present voted "yes". Thus it was the sentiment of a majority of coaches present that the national principles and rules that govern competitive physical activities in the Young Mens

Christian Association of the United States in the section defining eligibility rules for individuals should be revised to read " has been a bonafide member of the association at least six months preceding date of events entered." At this time it was 4:30 PM and the meeting had to adjourn in order to continue the Saturday afternoon preliminaries.

**Order of Events (with number of entries)**

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| 1. 400 Yard Freestyle Relay (7) | 6. 100 Yard Freestyle    | (37) |
| 2. 200 Yard Breaststroke (16)   | 7. *Fancy Diving         | (21) |
| 3. 150 Yard Backstroke (20)     | 8. 220 Yard Freestyle    | (22) |
| 4. *50 Yard Freestyle(24)       | 9. 300 Yard Medley Relay | (7)  |
| 5. 440 Yard Freestyle (12)      |                          |      |

**Meet Scoring**

<b><u>Points:</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>5<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Individual Events:	6	4	3	2	1
Relays:	10	8	6	4	2

**Event Results**

**400 Yard Freestyle Relay**

*National Record: Lawson Br. Chicago, IL 3:42.4 Herbert Budrick, Casmir Chutro, Irving McCaffrey, Charles Wilson. (1937)*

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Herbert Budrick, Casimir Chutro, Irving McCaffery, Charles Wilson	Lawson Branch Chicago, IL	3:42.4*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Theodore Brick, Robert Hower Thomas Kevil, Theodore Whitesell	Brooklyn Central Br. NY	3:45.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Grunert, Edward Jones, James Reaser, Charles Rawstrom	York, PA	3:46.9
4 <sup>th</sup>	C.E. Leunenberger, Louis Schwan, D.J. Leunenberger, Tom Va Chon	Fort Wayne, IN	3:51.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Fox, Dale Reed,	Central Branch Canton, OH	3:58.3

**200 Yard Breaststroke**

*National Record: Max Brydenthall Lawson Br. Chicago, IL 2:31.6 (1937)*

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Max Brydenthall	Lawson Branch Chicago, IL	2:31.6*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Spangler	York, PA	2:38.2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thomas Pooley	Camden, NJ	2:40.1
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth Stevenson	Central Branch Brooklyn, NY	2:41.1
5 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Ousley	Central Branch Canton, OH	2:41.8

**150 Yard Backstroke**

*National Record: Richard Grunert York, PA 1:43.6 (1937)*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Grunert	York, PA	1:43.6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arthur Eberling	Lawson Branch Chicago, IL	1:44.8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Estien Blust	Peoria, IL	1:45.2
4 <sup>th</sup>	John Fenger	Central Branch Brooklyn, NY	1:45.3
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Urich	Central Branch Canton, OH	1:48.3

### **50 Yard Freestyle**

*National Record: Gordon Cornelius Lawson Br. Chicago, IL 23.3 (1934)*

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Eric Berryman	Montclair, NJ	24.6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Auerbacher	Montclair, NJ	25.3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	James Reaser	York, PA	25.8
4 <sup>th</sup>	Theodore Brick	Central Branch Brooklyn, NY	25.8
5 <sup>th</sup>	W.G. Heine	Downtown Branch St. Louis, MO	26.0

### **440 Yard Freestyle**

*National Record: Robert Pirie Central Br. Toronto, Canada 5:01.3 (1934)*

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Irving McCaffery	Lawson Branch Chicago, IL	5:06.1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charles Wilson	Lawson Branch Chicago, IL	5:07.2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Herbert Fransen	Central Branch Brooklyn, NY	5:10.6
4 <sup>th</sup>	Irwin Goodman	Central Branch Brooklyn, NY	5:15.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Locke	South Hills Branch Pittsburgh, PA	5:16.0

### **100 Yard Freestyle**

*National Record: Walter Spence Orange, NJ 52.2 (1934)*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Casimir Chutr	Lawson Branch Chicago, IL	54.4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Hower	Central Branch Brooklyn, NY	54.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eric Berryman	Montclair, NJ	56.0
4 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Creede	Montclair, NJ	56.2
5 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Jones	York, PA	56.3

### **Fancy Diving 1 Meter**

*National Record: Al Greene Lawson Branch Chicago, IL 133.33 Points (1933)*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wilmot Dahlem	Tulsa, OK	126.49
Pts.			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harvey Johnson	Lawson Branch Chicago, IL	119.96
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edmund Kellerher	Bridgeport, CT	116.71
4 <sup>th</sup>	Earnest Christner	Montclair, NJ	115.89
5 <sup>th</sup>	Merrill Hickey	Downtown Branch Buffalo, NY	109.21

### **220 Yard Freestyle**

*National Record: Walter Spence Orange, NJ 2:14.5 (1934)*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Irving McCaffery	Lawson Branch Chicago, IL	2:18.7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charles Wilson	Lawson Branch Chicago, IL	2:22.0
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Hower	Central Branch Brooklyn, NY	2:24.0
4 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Locke	South Hills Branch Pittsburgh, PA	2:24.8
5 <sup>th</sup>	Herbert Fransen	Central Branch Brooklyn, NY	2:25.0

### **300 Yard Medley Relay (Backstroke, Breaststroke & Freestyle)**

*National Record: Lawson Br. Chicago, IL 3:05.5 Max Brydenthal, Casimir Chutro, Richard Grunert. (1937)*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Arthur Ebling, Max Brydenthal, Casimir Chutro.	Lawson Branch Chicago, IL	3:05.5*
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2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Grunert, James Reaser, Robert Spangler	York, PA	No Time
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Fenger, Thomas Kevil, Howard Stevenson.	Central Branch Brooklyn, NY	No Time
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Hoffman, Bill Urich, Robert Ousley.	Central Branch Canton, OH	No Time
5 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Creede, Earl Plavier, Leonard Zubko	Montclair, NJ	No Time

(\*) *New YMCA Record time*

### **Team Scoring**

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Team:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>Place:</u>	<u>Team:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lawson Br. Chicago, IL	60	8 <sup>th</sup> T	South Hills Br. Pittsburg, PA	3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Central Br, Brooklyn, NY	32	8 <sup>th</sup> T	Bridgeport, CT	3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	York, PA	27	8 <sup>th</sup> T	Peoria, IL	3
4 <sup>th</sup>	Montclair, NJ	23	9 <sup>th</sup>	Central Br. Ft. Wayne, IN	2
5 <sup>th</sup> T	Tulsa, OK	6	10 <sup>th</sup> T	Downtown Br. Buffalo, NY	1
5 <sup>th</sup> T	Central Br. Canton, OH	6	10 <sup>th</sup> T	Downtown Br. St Louis, MO	1
7 <sup>th</sup>	Camden, NJ	5			

T indicates a tie

### **Financial Statement**

<u>Receipts:</u>		<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Entry Fees:	\$70.50	Awards:	\$122.50
Ticket Sales:	<u>80.50</u>	Supplies:	
<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<b>\$151.00</b>	Printing	\$120.25
		Stamps	\$36.53
		Pictures	\$11.40
		Stickers	\$11.75
		Posters	\$18.00
		Paper Goods	\$ 8.37
		(stationery, stencils, etc.)	
		Miscellaneous	\$3.10
		Officials: Meet Cmte	\$55.70
		Pool Rental	\$150.00
		<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<b>\$492.60</b>

**Deficit: (\$341.60)**

Medals for the meet were purchased from the YMCA Association Press

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