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18th International/ National Y.M.C.A. Swimming & Diving Championship Tournament April 25-27, 1940

Hosted by the Huntington Avenue Branch YMCA Boston, Massachusetts

The 18th National YMCA Swimming Championship was held at the Huntington Avenue Branch YMCA. In accordance with the "Principles and Rules Governing YMCA Physical Activities," these championships were conducted under the rules and order of events of the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association. This was the first time in the history of this event that the National YMCA Swimming Championships was held in New England.

Host Association: Huntington Avenue Branch YMCA Boston Massachusetts

Held in the: Huntington Branch YMCA Pool

Host Committee:

Clifford K. Brown	Executive Secretary
Peter Stengel	Chairman of Recreation & Health Department
Robert E. Laveaga	Director of Physical Education
Earnest Bourgeois	Housing Secretary

Boston YMCA Aquatic Committee:

W.W. Robertson, President	R.E. Millard, Secretary	
Quenten McCaffrey	Ed Murphy	Wilber Tirrekl

Sub-Committees:

Publicity:

Norman Lockwood
Edward Murphy
Ernest Oxton

Properties:

William C. Hultgren

Recreation:

Lloyd Sanborn
Robert Hyer

National YMCA Aquatic Committee:

	Dr. Thomas K. Cureton, Chairman		
Richard Cheadle	John Squires	Earl Lee	Albert Warner
Ralph Davis	H. S. Henrici	Carl Link	J. H. Wolsey
H. D. Edgren	J. H. Hoffer	J. E. McColby	Dr. Floyd H. Eastwood
John Fuher	Dddr. H.F. Kallenberg		R. E. Millard

Championship Committee:

Charles Silvia Chairman Springfield College Swimming Coach Chairman
R. E. Millard Member National YMCA Aquatic Committee
W. W. Robertson Local YMCA

Key Officials:

Referee: Charles Silvia Swimming Coach Springfield College
Meet Director: Raymond E. Millard Director Swimming Huntington Branch Y
Chief Starter: William C Hultgren Assistant Physical Director Hunting Br. Y
Head Judge: Lawrence J. Johnson Chairman National A.A.U Swim Com.
Head Diving Judge: Herbert D. Holm International Federation Diving
Committee
Chief Timer: W. W. Robertson President Boston YMCA Aquatic Committee
Clerk of Course: Neville Booth Harvard Dental School

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18th International/National YMCA Championship Meet Continued:

Special Championship Committee and Coaches Meeting called:

Meeting Notes: In order to insure greater participation by both contestants and spectators a joint meeting of the Championship Committee and the coaches was held on Saturday April 27th 1940 at 7:00 P.M. at which time a motion was made and carried that a recommendation be made to the National YMCA Physical Education Committee and the National YMCA Aquatic Committee; "That all National YMCA Swimming Championships be held not later than the second Friday and Saturday in March,"

Association & Participants in attendance:

BOSTON, MA:

Robert Lesieur
William Runge
Wilber Tirrell
James McHugh
Henry McNamara
Ellis Gordon
Charles Glover
Roger Dormandy
Louis Antonellis
Charles Hayward
Stig Schroeder
Al Fidrocki
Lawrence Smith

BRIDGEPORT, CT:

John Podgorski
William Plumb
William Booth
Kenneth Kost

BROCKTON, MA:

Donald Barker

BUFFALO, NY:

G. Dembek
Al Lyth
Alex Stefanils
Jack Stephenson

EASTON, PA:

S. R. Wetmer
Robert Bunzey
Theodore Whitesell
George R. Ryder

FORT WAYNE, IN:

Gorge Furste
Ed Hildbrand
Charles Lenenberger
Tom VaChen
Donald Leneberger

HUNTINGTON, IN:

Gerald Rudig
Phillip Shutt
Mack Peters
Charles Snowden
Kendrick Pilkinton
George Haines
John Dilley
Murray Hubley
Jack Hiple

LOWELL, MA:

Donald Gingrass

LYNN, MA:

James Reiley
James Humphreys
Eli Fishman

NEWTON, MA:

Morton Harrington
James Martin
Alger Shapalis

PITTSBURG, PA:

Jack Strothers
Otis Johnson
James Lewis
Tolbert Sullivan

RAHWAY, NJ:

Harold Drexler

ST LOUIS, MO:

James Counsilman(+)
Sterling Thompson

WORCESTER, MA:

Esko Hallila
Ed Hall

NORTH BRANCH

DETROIT, MI:

Alex Schelkun
Munroe Addarhold
Pat Hayes
Jack Hoffman
Warren Greiner

(+) Indicates a Josegh G. Rogers Award Recipient:

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Order of Events:

Friday April 26, 9:30 AM.

1500 Meters Free Style (ALL HEATS)
Finals (all heats).
One Meter (low board) Diving Prelims

Friday, April 26, 2:30 PM.

50 yd. Free Style heats.
Exhibition by qualifying divers 30 Minutes
50 yd. Free Style semi-finals
160 yd. Back Stroke time trials
300 yd. Medley Relay time trials

Friday, April 26, 8:30 PM.

50 yd. Free Style finals
150 yd. Back Stroke finals
220 yd. Free Style finals
One meter (low board) diving
300 yd. Medley Relay finals
Invitational stunt exhibition (no score)

Saturday April 27, 2:30 PM.

100 yd Free Style trials
200 yd Breast stroke time trials
440 yd Free Style time trials
400 yd Free Style Relay time trials

Saturday April 27, 8:30 PM.

100 yd. Free Style finals
200 yd. Breast Stroke finals.
440 yd. Free Style finals
400 yd. Free Style Relay finals
(Invitational rescue exhibition (no Score))

Ticket Sales:

The Biggest YMCA Event of the Year

Friday morning and afternoon \$.40
Saturday afternoon \$.40
Friday and Saturday evening \$.50
(general admission) \$.75. (Reserved
seats) Combination tickets for all 5 periods
With reserved seats of Friday and Saturday
Evening, \$2.00 **Phone Kenmore 7800 for
reservations.**

18th YMCA International/National Championship Meet Results:

1500 Meters Free Style: National Record: Ray Mullane Flushing, NY 20:29.2 (1937)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1.	Gerald Rudig	Huntington, IN	21:11.1
2.	Louis Antonellis	Boston, MA	21:17.0
3.	Jack Strothers	Pittsburgh, PA	21:54.4
4.	Charles Grover	Boston, MA	22:22.0

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.	Donald Barker	Brockton, MA	24.9
2.	Tom VaChon	Fort Wayne, IN	25.5
3.	Robert Bunzey	Easton, PA	25.7
4.	William Booth	Bridgeport, CT	25.9

150 Yard Backstroke: National Record: John Dillely Huntington, IN 1:38.8 P. (1940)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1.	John Dillely	Huntington, IN 1:38.8* P.	1:45.8
2.	S.R. Wetmore	Easton, PA	1:46.3
3.	Ed Hall	Worcester, MA	1:47.0
4.	Lawrence Smith	Boston, MA	1:54.8

(*) Indicates those individuals who have broken the existing National YMCA Record time.

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

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1.	Jack Stothers	Pittsburg, PA	2:22.0
2.	Gerald Rudig	Huntington, IN	2:22.8
3.	William Runge	Boston, MA	2:23.7
4.	Gene Dembek	Buffalo, NY	2:26.5

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

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1.	Murray Hubley	Huntington, IN	95.90
2.	Henry McNamara	Boston, MA	93.97
3.	Alex Shelkun	North Br, Detroit, MI	91.18
4.	Jack Hiple	Huntington, IN	91.03

300 Yard Medlay Relay: **National Record:** Lawson Branch Chicago, IL 3:05.5 Art Ebeling, Max Brydenthal, Casmir Chutro. (1937)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1.	S.R. Wetmor, George Ryder, Theodore Whitesell	Easton, PA	3:10.4
2.	John Dilley, Kendrick Pilkinton, Charles Snowden.	Huntington, IN	3:14.2
3.	Lawrence Smith, Charles Haywood, Ellis Gordon.	Boston, MA	3:16.8
4.	Warren Greiner, Pat Hayes,	North Br. Detroit, MI	3:21.3

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

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1.	William Runge	Boston, MA	55.8
2.	Ed Hall	Worcester, MA	56.0
3.	James Reily	Lynn, MA	56.3
4.	John Dilley	Huntington, IN	57.0

200 Yard Breaststroke: **National Record:** James Counsilman Downtown Branch St. Louis, MO 2:29.9 (1940)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1.	James Counsilman	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2:29.9*
2.	Tolbert Sullivan	Pittsburgh, PA	3:37.0
3.	George Ryder	Easton, PA	2:37.8
4.	John Podgorski	Bridgeport, CT	2:38.6

440 Yard Freestyle: **National Record:** Andrew Clark Fisher Branch Detroit, MI 4:49.3 (1938)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1.	Gerald Rudig	Huntington, IN	5:11.6
2.	Jack Strothers	Pittsburgh, PA	5:11.7
3.	Charles Snowden	Huntington, IN	5:21.5
4.	Charles Grover	Boston, MA	5:29.0

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400 Yard Freestyle Relay: **National Record:** Lawson Branch Chicago, IL 3:42.4 Herbert Budrick, Casmir Chutro, Irving McCaffrey, Charles Wilson. (1937)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1.	Ellis Gordon, Roger Dormandy, Wilber Tirrell, William Runge.	Boston, MA	3:50.6
2.	Charles Leuenberger, Ed Hildebrand, Donald Leuenberger, Tom VaChon.	Fort Wayne, IN	3:14.2
3.	William Blumb, Kenneth Kost, John Podgoski, William Booth.	Bridgeport, CT	3:16.8
4.	Murray Hubley, Mack Peters, Kenneth Pilkinton, George Haines.	Huntington, IN	3:21.3

Meet Scoring:

<u>Scoring Points:</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

Team Scoring:

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Team:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>Place:</u>	<u>Team:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1 st	Huntington, IN	35	7 th T	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	5
2 nd	Boston, MA	28	7 th T	Worcester, MA	5
3 rd	Easton, PA	15	10 th	North Br. Detroit, MI	4
4 th	Pittsburgh, PA	13	11 th	Central Br. Ft. Wayne, IN	2
5 th	Fort Wayne, IN	9	12 th	Buffalo, NY	1
6 th	Bridgeport, CT	6		Lowell, MA	0
7 th T	Brockton, MA	5		Newton, MA	0

Biographical Notes: **James “Doc” Councilman** was the recipient of the **Joseph G. Rogers Award** in 1991. Jim grew up using the YMCA in his home town of St. Louis, MO. He competed in several YMCA National Championships and was a National YMCA Record holder in the 200 Yard Breaststroke before attending Ohio State University. Jim became the team Captain at OSU and was an NCAA Champion swimmer on Ohio State’s National Championship Teams in 1946 and 1947. His coaching career began as an Assistant Coach at Illinois in 1948, then at Iowa from 1948-1952. Jim became the coach at Cortland State in 1952 and in 1958 he became the Head Swimming Coach at Indiana University until he retired in 1990. Under Jim’s leadership his Indiana teams won 23 Big Ten Championships (20 in a row 1961-1980) and six consecutive NCAA Championships. In addition, Jim’s teams won 140 consecutive dual meets from 1966 thru 1979, and went undefeated in the Big Ten from 1969 thru 1979. In 1979 Jim became the oldest swimmer to swim the English Channel at the age of 58. Throughout his career Jim Councilman has never forgotten his roots in the YMCA. Jim and members of his Indiana University swim team hosted and participated in many YMCA competitive swimming and diving clinics throughout the Midwest. His support and feelings for the YMCA were never more evident when he was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1976. Jim’s closing sentiment was “Not bad for a swimmer who started at the East St. Louis YMCA!” **James Councilman swam in our 1940, 1946 and 1948 National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championship Meets**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Income:

Entry Fees	\$122.00
Gate	<u>62.30</u>
Total Income	\$184.30

Expenditures:

15 Sets of Medals	\$131.25
Engraving Medals	23.40
1 Cup for Winning Team	18.16
700 Entry Blanks	25.60
Expenses Charles Silvia	10.10
20 Stencils @ \$.12	2.40
3000 Sheets Paper @ \$.50 per 500	3.00
Postage Letters @ \$.02 (250)	5.00
Telegrams \$.80 & Miscellaneous \$2.80	3.60
Bleachers	34.00
Dinners (101 @ \$.75	75.75
2 Gate Keepers @ \$2.50	5.00
Hotel Subsidy	15.50
Pictures (2)	<u>3.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$345.76
(Deficit)	(\$161.46)

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Championship Meet Publicity Report

<u>Newspaper:</u>	<u>Edition:</u>	<u>Space: (inches)</u>	<u>Pictures:</u>
Boston Herald	Morning	16	
Boston Traveler	Evening	34	
Boston Globe	Morning & Evening	30	
Christian Science Monitor	Evening	10	
Boston Transcript	Evening	12	
Boston American	Morning & Evening	102	6
Boston Post	Morning	8 ½	
<u>Totals:</u>	Pictures---6 or 70 column inches; reading matter ---212 ½ inches		
<u>Grand Total:</u>	282 ½ Inches		