

# **DRAFT: 1953**

## **26<sup>th</sup> National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championship**

### **Meet – April 23-25**

#### **Hosted by the Downtown Branch YMCA of the St. Louis, Missouri**

The 26<sup>th</sup> National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championships were sponsored by the St. Louis, Downtown Branch YMCA in cooperation with the Coronadelet, North Side, Pine Street, South Side and Washington University Branches of the Young Men's Christian Association of the St Louis and St Louis County. There were 20 YMCA Associations and 98 participants representing 13 States that took part in the Championship Meet.

### **Order of Events**

#### **Thursday April 23, 1953**

1500 Meters Freestyle

#### **Saturday April 25, 1953**

3 Meter Diving

100 Yard Backstroke

100 Yard Breaststroke

100 Yard Freestyle

440 Yard Freestyle

150 Yard Individual Medley (Fly/Breast, Back. Free)

3 Meter Diving

300 Yard Medley Relay (Back, Fly/Breast, Free.)

#### **Friday April 24, 1953**

50 Yard Freestyle

200 Yard Backstroke

220 Yard Freestyle

200 Yard Backstroke

One Meter Diving

400 Yard Freestyle Relay

### **Meet Officials:**

#### **Honorary Referees**

Blair Gullion, Director of Athletics Washington University

Frank Noble, Swimming Coach Washington University

**Referee:** **Charles McCaffree Jr.(+)** Michigan State Univeristy

**Starter:** Robert Royer, Indiana University

**Chief Timer:** Carl O. Bauer

**Chief Judge:** Mervin A. Clark

**Clerk of Course:** Lynne Steele

**Announcer:** Lt. Boyd Fellows

**Custodian of the Watches** Paul Krull

#### **Judges and Timers**

There were over 50 Judges and Timers used by the host to conduct the meet in St. Louis.

#### **Meet Director**

Robert W. Gowans

#### **Host Committee Chairman**

**Finance:** Mervin Clark

**Housing:** Paul Krull

**Tickets:** Wally Hausknecht

**Officials and Awards:** Ernst Vornbrock

**Publicity and Program:** Bob Fishel

**Host and Arrangements:** Art Schanuel

#### **Championship Committee:**

**Charles McCaffree(+)**, Chairman

Robert Royer

Ernst Vornbrock

**(+) Indicates Joseph G. Rogers Award Recipients.**

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## **Associations and Participants:**

### **Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA:**

Thomas Blosser  
Grey Duncan  
Fred O'Nions  
James Zurcher

### **Ann Arbor, MI:**

James A. White  
John L Ries

### **Brockton, MA:**

Stephen R. Dubos  
Carl T. Woolley  
Richard A. Ham

### **Central Br. Indianapolis, IN:**

Ramon A Kiltzke

### **Central Br. Akron, OH:**

Bill Auten  
Dick Blair  
James C. Bohan Jr.  
Raymond T. Conway  
Fred Corns

### **Central Br. Omaha, NE:**

Richard H. Fair  
John V. Holeman  
Ronald Mlnarik

### **Colorado Springs, CO:**

Thomas A. Abel  
Donald Brown  
Norman Brown  
John Copley  
David Demmin  
Don Hale  
Charles Lindell  
Kenneth Montgomery  
Robert Romero  
James Taylor

Joseph S Kodish  
Bob MacKusick  
Dennis O'Brien  
Robert Savory  
Edwin Slater

### **Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO:**

Don Clooney  
Edward Corich  
John Durbin  
Brooks Gifford  
William Hite  
George Horvat  
Joseph Hunsaker  
Neil Huntstein  
F. Wallace Jeffries  
Ronald Johnson  
James Londoff  
George Londoff  
John Mantia  
Richard Newman  
Jack Shasserre  
Eugene Tucker  
Richard Underwood  
Donald Watson  
Thomas Wiber

### **Huntington, IN:**

Joe Griffith  
George Holtrey  
Murray Hubley  
Jim Roush  
Huston Smith

### **Davenport, IA:**

Lance Erwin

### **Evansville, IN:**

Joe Kamman  
John Travis  
David Wellman

### **Houston, TX:**

Norman Ufer

### **North Br. Phildelphia, PA:**

Donald Leas

### **Peoria, IL:**

Harry B. Hoffman  
Ned Loar  
Bob Pople  
Byron Roszell  
Dick Whittaker

### **Northside Br. St Louis, MO:**

Thomas Murphy  
Lawrence Smith

### **Phoenix, AZ:**

Robin C. Moore

### **Quincy, IL:**

Donald Seals

### **Richmond, IN:**

Bobby Grieswell  
Richard A. Ham  
James R. Juerling  
George Murphy  
Jay Thomas  
Bob Thomas

### **Woonsocket, RI:**

Richard Fadgan

### **Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL:**

Thomas A. Alderson	Robert E. Kivland	Keith G Peterson
Charles Chelich	William Lavalie	Ben Ruben
John Dunne	Robert Miller	Chuck Swatek
John Faissler	John Oldershaw	Richard Truitt
Deed Hardin	John Otis	Bob Wallen
	Richard H Wehman	

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## **26<sup>th</sup> National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championship Meet:**

	<b><u>Meet Scoring:</u></b>					
<b><u>Scoring 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>	<b><u>6<sup>th</sup></u></b>
<b>Individual Events:</b>	7	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Relays:</b>	14	10	8	6	4	2

### **Meet Results:**

#### **1500 Meter Freestyle: National Record:** Frank Nauss York, PA 19:35.0 (1952)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wallace Jeffries	Downtown Br. St Louis, MO	19:35.2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jay Thomas	Richmond, IN	20:21.9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robin C. Moore	Phoenix, AZ	20:59.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ned Loar	Peoria, IL	21:00.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Whittaker	Peoria, IL	21:39.1
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Juerling	Richmond, IN	21:42.6

#### **50 Yard Freestyle: National Record:** Keith Peterson Wilson Br. Chicago, IL 22.8 P (1953)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Keith Peterson	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	23.4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Oldershaw	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	23.9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ronald Johnson	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	23.9
4 <sup>th</sup>	Carl T. Woolley	Brockton, MA	24.1
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bob MacKusick	Central Br. Akron, OH	24.8
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ned Loar	Peoria, IL	25.7

#### **200 Yard Backstroke: National Record:** Don Brown Colorado Springs, CO 2:16.8 (1953)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Don Brown	Colorado Springs, CO	2:16.8*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert E. Kivland	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	2:17.1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Deed Hardin	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	2:23.9
4 <sup>th</sup>	James C. Bohan	Central Br. Akron, OH	2:25.8
5 <sup>th</sup>	James Taylor	Colorado Springs, CO	2:28.0
6 <sup>th</sup>	George Holtrey	Huntington, IN	2:28.3

#### **220 Yard Freestyle: National Record:** Ronald Gora Oak Park, IL 2:10.6 (1951)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	F. Wallace Jeffries	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2:14.3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Alderson	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	2:22.0
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Miller	Wilson Ave Br. Chicago, IL	2:23.0
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jay Thomas	Richmond, IN	2:24.3
5 <sup>th</sup>	James Zurcher	Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA	2:24.8
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ronald Seals	Quincy, IL	2:24.7

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## **26<sup>th</sup> National YMCA Swimming and Diving Meet Results continued:**

**200 Yard Breaststroke: National Record:** Ronald J. Gainsford Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA  
2:24.4 (1952)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Fadgen	Woonsocket, RI	2:24.9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robin C. Moore	Phoenix, AZ	2:26.1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fred O'Nions	Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA	2:27.1
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Thomas	Richmond, IN	2:35.2
5 <sup>th</sup>	Brooks Gifford	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2:36.1
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ronald Minarik	Central Br. Omaha, NE	2:40.8

**Fancy Diving (Low Board): National Record:** Charles Chelich Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL  
470.40 Points (1953)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Points:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Charles Chelich	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	470.40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thomas Blosser	Allegheny Br. Pittsburg, PA	375.50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Savoy	Central br. Akron, OH	352.40
4 <sup>th</sup>	Eugene Tucker	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	351.05
5 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Duncan	Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA	323.60
6 <sup>th</sup>	John Durbin	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	319.35

**400 Yard Freestyle Relay: National Record:** Wilson Ave, Br. Chicago, IL 3:41.3 John  
Oldershaw, Tom Anderson, Deed Hardin, Richard Wehman. (1953)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	John Oldershaw, Tom Anderson, Deed Hardin, Richard Wehman.	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	3:41.3*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Newman, Jack Shasserre, Neil Hunstein, Edward Cirich.	Downtown Br. St Louis, MO	3:53.7
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charles Lindell, Norman Brown, Don Hale, Don Brown.	Colorado Springs, CO	3:59.9
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Auten, Joseph Kodish, Edwin Slater, Fred Corns.	Central Br. Akron, OH	4:06.0
5 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Kamman, Dave Wellman, John Travis, <b>?????</b> .	Evansville, IN	4:36.4

**100 Yard Backstroke: National Record:** Dan Zehr Ft. Wayne, IN 1:01.3 (1934)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Don Brown	Colorado Springs, CO	1:01.4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert E. Kirland	Wilson Ave Br. Chicago, IL	1:01.7
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carl T. Woollery	Brockton, MA	1:03.9
4 <sup>th</sup>	Norman Ufer	Houston, TX	1:04.1
5 <sup>th</sup>	James Taylor	Colorado Springs, CO	1:04.9
6 <sup>th</sup>	James C. Bohan	Central Br. Akron, OH	1:05.3

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**No Information/Missing Information on this place!**

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## **26<sup>th</sup> National YMCA Swimming and Diving Meet Results continued:**

**100 Yard Breaststroke:** **National Record:** TIE: Robert Sohl Central Br. Dayton, OH 1:01.4 (1950) and Ronald J. Gainsforth Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA 1:01.4 (1952)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Robin C. Moore	Phoenix, AZ	1:01.7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Fadgen	Woonsocket, RI	1:02.2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fred O'Nions	Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA	1:04.7
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ronald Minrik	Centrals Br. Omaha, NE	1:05.1
T5 <sup>th</sup>	James A. White	Ann Arbor, MI	1:09.7
T5 <sup>th</sup>	Chester Otis	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	1:09.7

**100 Yard Free:** **National Record:** Keith Peterson Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL 51.5 (1953)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Keith Peterson	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	51.5*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Oldershaw	Wilson Avw. Br. Chicago, IL	54.4
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Mackusick	Central Br. Akron, OH	55.1
4 <sup>th</sup>	James Zurcher	Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA	55.3
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Alderson	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	55.9

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

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	F. Wallace Jeffries	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	4:55.3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ned Loar	Peoria, IL	5:05.8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jay Thomas	Richmond, IN	5:05.7
4 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Miller	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	5:24.4
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Juerling	Richmond, IN	5:26.3
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Whittaker	Peoria, IL	5:29.2

**150 Yard Individual Medley:** **National Record:** Ronald Johnson Downtown Br. St Louis, MO 1:34.9 (1953)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ronald Johnson	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	1:34.9*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Deed Hardin	Wilson Ave. Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	1:37.3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fred O'Nions	Alleghney, Br. Pittsburgh, PA	1:40.0
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Clooney	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	1:40.1
5 <sup>th</sup>	James A. White	Ann Arbor, MI	1:41.0
6 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Fadgen	Woonsocket, RI	1:45.0

**3 Meter Diving:** **National Record:** Charles Chelich Wilson Ave Br. Chicago, IL 517.65 Points (1953)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Points:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Charles Chelich	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	517.65
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thomas Blosser	Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA	429.35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Savoy	Central Br. Akron, OH	412.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gray Duncan	Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA	389.30
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ramon Klitzke	Central Br. Indianapolis, IN	365.65
6 <sup>th</sup>	James Londoff	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	346.60

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## **26<sup>th</sup> National YMCA Swimming and Diving Meet Results continued:**

**300 Yard Medley Relay: National Record:** Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL 2:57.9 Robert Kivland, John Otis, Keith Peterson. (1953)

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Kivland, John Otis, Keith Peterson.	Wilson Ave Br. Chicago, IL	2:57.9*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ron Johnson, Don Clooney, Edward Corich	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	3:10.4
3 <sup>rd</sup>	James C. Bohan, Dennis O'Brien, Bob MacKusick.	Central Br. Akron, OH	3:10.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Taylor, Don Brown, Don Hale	Colorado Springs, CO	3:10.7
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Roush, Huston Smith, George Holtrey.	Huntington, IN	3:20.7
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Names Available</b>	Central Br. Omaha, NE	DISQ.

### **Final Point Standing:**

<b><u>Place:</u></b>	<b><u>Association:</u></b>	<b><u>Points:</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL	98
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	61
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Allegheny Br. Pittsburgh, PA	32
4 <sup>th</sup>	Central Br, Akron, OH	32
5 <sup>th</sup>	Colorado Springs, CO	30
6 <sup>th</sup>	Richmond, IN	18
7 <sup>th</sup>	Phoenix, AZ	16
8 <sup>th</sup>	Woonsocket, RI	13
9 <sup>th</sup>	Peoria, IL	12
10 <sup>th</sup>	Brockton, MA	7
11 <sup>th</sup>	Huntington, IN	6
12 <sup>th</sup> T	Ann Arbor, MI	4
12 <sup>th</sup> T	Evansville, IN	4
12 <sup>th</sup> T	Central Br. Omaja, NE	4
15 <sup>th</sup>	Houston, TX	3
16 <sup>th</sup>	Central Br. Indianapolis, IN	2
17 <sup>th</sup>	Quincy, IL	1

### **Individual High Point Winner**

(Relay points do not count)

F Wallace Jeffries	21
Robin C. Moore	16
Don Brown	14
Charles Chelich	14
Keith Peterson	14
Richard Fadgen	13
Fred O'Nions	12
Jay Thomas	12
Ronald Johnson	11
John Oldershaw	10
Tom Blosser	10
Bob Kivland	10

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

**Non-Scoring Teams:** Davenport, IA; North Br. Philadelphia, PA;  
North Side Br. St. Louis, MO

**Biography:** **Donald Leas**, a participant in this meet, was the **2007** Recipient of the **Joseph G. Rogers Award**. Don was an all around athlete not only in swimming and diving but also track and field, cross country and gymnastics. He was the Captain of the Michigan State Gymnastic Team and was the Big 10 Champion on the Flying Rings. Don was the Diving Referee at the National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championships for many years.

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## **26<sup>th</sup> National YMCA Swimming and Diving information continued:**

**Biographical Notes:** **Don Brown**, who won the 100 yard Backstroke event and set a New National Record in the 200 yard Backstroke at this meet, continued his outstanding swimming career at the University of Denver. In 1959, Don who was the Swimming Coach at Colorado Springs High School, was instrumental in hosting our National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championships in Colorado Springs on April 9-11. At this meet, Don Brown was the Chairman of Officials and the meet announcer. He also served on the Championship Committee along with **Charles McCaffree(+)** (Michigan State University Swimming Coach) and **Robert Golay(+)** (Executive Director of the Tucson Arizona YMCA).

**Robin C. Moore** (Phoenix, AZ) and **Richard Fadgen** (Woonsocket, RI), swimmers in this meet, exchanged 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in the 100 and 200 yard Breaststroke Events— Robin winning the 100 and Richard the 200. Both of these young men went on to have great college careers -- Robin at Stanford University and Richard at North Carolina State. In 1956, at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship held at Yale University, Robin won the 50 Yard Freestyle (22.1) and Richard won both the 200 Yard Breaststroke (2:23.1) and the 200 Yard Butterfly (2:16.3). In addition, Richard participated in the 1952 & 1954 National Y Championships and was a member of the 1956 United States Olympic Swimming Team.

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