29th International/National YMCA Swimming & Diving Championship <u>April 12-14, 1956</u> <u>Host: Omaha Nebraska YMCA</u> Held at "Father Flanagan's Boy's Town Pool"

This 29th National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championship was originally scheduled to be held in the newly built Richmond, Indiana YMCA facility. However, due to the slowdowns in construction the meet was moved to Nebraska. The Omaha YMCA, under the leadership of Carl E. Sheer, took on the task of hosting the National YMCA Championship Meet. This championship event was held in the excellent facilities of "Father Flanagan's Boy's Town". Eighteen YMCA Associations with 106 entrants representing 10 states and 2 YMCA Associations from Canada that took part in the meet. (**Father Edward J. Flanagan** the founder and visionary for this facility had a dream that every child could be a productive citizen if given love, a home, an education and a trade. Father Flanagan came to the United States in 1904, and following his ordination in 1912, was assigned to the Diocese of Omaha. In 1917, he opened his first Boy's Home in a run-down Victorian Mansion in downtown Omaha and it was called "Father Flanagan's Boy's Town.)

Editorial Note: Having been a participant in this championship meet and a soon to be a college graduate I still have interesting and wonderful memories of that occasion: Traveling over 700 miles in a school bus (four double beds, mattresses in back and seats for 8) from Toledo, Ohio to Omaha, Nebraska, with 15 high school and junior high school students... being a member of the last ever winning 300 yard Medley and being disappointed that we fell short of breaking the National Record...What a Trip!

Biographical Notes: Interestingly, two of the participant in this meet Tom Gompf (Diver Dayton, OH) and Chester Jastremski (Swimmier Toledo, OH) went on the have competitive aquatic careers at there respective universities Ohio State and Indiana. They also were both representatives on our U.S. Olympic Teams in 1964. Tom continues to be involved with FINA and the Olympics. I believe he is still a qualified as Diving Judge for the Olympic's. Chet Jastremski was perhaps the greatest breaststroker's of all time: the first man to break one minute in the 100 Yard Breaststroke; Breaststroker of the Year 1965, 1966, 1970 and 1971. He has been on four American Record Relay teams—and has held 17 American Records and 9 World Records!

	Meet Organization:					
Arrangements:	Publicity:	Finance:	Officials:			
Dr. Robert Brown	Joe Kelly	Bob Miller Chairman	Bill O'Hearn			
Jim O'Brien	Pat Rooney	Pat Rooney	Bill Boyer			
Ted Peterson						
Duke Ilich	Awards:	Entertainmer	<u>nt:</u>			
<u>Tickets:</u>	Ted Kolderie Chairn	nan Mrs. Opal Luc	lwig			
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Fred Englehart	Transprotation:	Mrs. Arline Lu	undgen			
George Gratton	Bert Anderson	Mrs. Frances	Thompson			
Housing:	Bob Finnman	Mrs. Irene Pol	inski			
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29th International/National YMCA Championship Meet Continued:

Championship Committee:

Chariman:Carl E. ScheerOmaha YMCAThomas K. CuretonUniversity of IllinoisWilliam KnowlesSt. Louis YMCA

Meet Officials:

General Chairman:	Carl E. Scheer
Meet Director:	Syd Carne Jr.
Chairman of Officials:	Bill O'Hearn
Referee:	Jack McQuire Iowa State University
Starter:	Robert Royer Indiana University
Clerk of Course:	Edward L Griffin Indiana State YMCA
Chief Timer:	Bill Boyer
Announcer:	Bill Knowles, St Louis YMCA
Chief Judge:	Dr. Thomas K. Cureton Jr.

Timers, Judges, Scorers, Etc.:

Ken Aasen
Jerry Barrett
Bill Boyer
John Blake
Gene Brand
Clark Bressler
Bill Case
Ross Caualeri
Jim Childress
Chris Christensen
Cliff Currin, Jr.
Gordon Ellsworth
Mark Fair
Neil Fennell
Paul Goetz

Edward Griffin+ George Hill Don Housh Gene Jensen Art Johnson Buford Johnson John Johnson Mickey Kelly Ed Kolfenbach Lee Lubbers Jim Madden Milan Malec Ray McDonald Bob Miller Joe Misek

Joe Miarnik Bob Moore Tom Murphy Jim O'Brien Bill O'Hearn Dick Paynte Fred Shinrock Chuck Smith Cliff Smith Jim Smith Herb Stubbe Jack Tanner+ Leon Thompson Dick Watson Chuck West

(+) Indicates Joseph G. Rogers Award Recipients.

<u>Historical Notes:</u> Dr. Thomas K. Cureton, (Chairman) and Edward L. Griffin, Robert Royer and, Jack Tanner, were members of the National YMCA Aquatic Committee. As noted Edward L. Griffin and Jack Tanner were recipients of the "Joseph G. Rogers Award. The meet referee Jack McQuire, grew up in the Des Moines, Iowa. As a member of the Des Moines YMCA swim team program he represented his Y in our 1928 National Swimming and Diving Championship Meet, held at George Williams College in Chicago, Illinois on April 13th and 14th.

<u>29th International/National YMCA Championship Meet</u> Associations and Participants:

Associations and Participants:				
Central Br. Dayton, OH:	Colorado Springs, CO:	Fremont, NE:		
Don Brinkman	Charles K. Lindell	Bob Moeller		
Tom Gompf	Dan A. Lynes	Larry L. McClean		
Don Hunt	Thomas J. Mackey	Charles C. Groves		
Bill Lawrence	Caswell Spaulding	Huntington, IN:		
Juergen Matt	James T. Thrallkill	Pete Alexander		
Tom Metz	Joseph Sparling Coach	Bob Griffith		
Charles Neil	Hastings, NE:	Fred Hanelein		
Lin Rhoades	Bill Champlin	Gene Hensel		
Ron Stockton	<u>Manitoba, Canada:</u>	Jack Hiple		
Jeff Schulman	Joachim Gitt	George Holtrey		
Kick Smith	Massillon, OH:	Jerry Holtrey		
Paul Stoffregen	Ernest Magischo	Murray Hubley		
George Thornton	Thomas Smith	Bill Marks		
Gunter Walk	Donald Spuhler	Bill Potter		
George J. Burger Coach	Oakland, CA:	William Shriner		
<u>Omaha, NE:</u>	Lewis Cook Jr.	<u>Glen Hummer+</u> Coach		
Jack Fair	Pueblo, CO:	Richmond, IN:		
Harvey Fair	Rob Knudson	George Murphy		
Larry Hill	Robert Mathieson	Hershall Jack		
Jerry Keown	Wayne Silvers	Dave Perks		
Ron Mlnartk	John Thompson	Bill Pilgrim		
Bill Tagney	Mervin J. Emmel Coach	Dick Adams		
John Williams	<u>Springfield, IL:</u>	Ron Baldwin		
Tucson, AZ:	Harold Ditmer	Jack Tanner Coach		
	wntown Br St. Louis, MO:	Torrington, CT:		
Richard Dow	Dennis Breen	Roger P. Bernard		
John Jeffries	Lonnie Tettaton	Don C. Will		
David Jeffery	Gary Cassidy	Glenn Gemelli		
George McClain	Bill Hite	Kevin Gilson		
Don Parsons	Frank Neely	Erwin Killiany		
Robert Golay+ Coach	William Russ	William Kopalr		
<u></u>	Jack Shasserre	William S. Mills		
	Ernest VomBrack Coach	Ray Ostrander		
<u>Central Br. 7</u>	Foledo, OH:	Stephen Pinney		
Paul Atkinson+ Gordon H		Thomas F. Wall		
	stremski Jr. David Schrag	Rennt F. Belli Coach		
Ronald Cockrell Conrad Jo	hnson Rex Shaw Jr.	<u>Tulsa, OK:</u>		
Omar Frey Robert Lit	zer Eugene Turner	John Carl B. Cheek		
Robert Gose Raymond	•	Michael Finley		
Carl Heiles Robert Me	•	George Simpson		
Dennis Hoffman	Donald Middling	Marshall Simpson		
Robert Found	0	Leon Whitehead		
(+) Indicates Joseph G. Ro		Carl Zahn		



29th International/National YMCA Championship Meet **Order of Events:**

Thursday April 12, 1956

3 Meter Diving

1500 Meters Freestyle

Friday April 13, 1956 50 Yard Freestyle

Saturday April 14, 1956

200 Yard Backstroke 220 Yard Freestyle 200 Yard Butterfly(N) One Meter Diving 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

200 Yard Breaststroke 100 Yard Freestyle

100 Yard Backstroke

(N) Indicates New Events.

440 Yard Freestyle

200 Yard Individual Medley(*) (Fly, Back. Breast, Free)

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

	Mee	t Scol	ring:			
Scoring Points: 1 st	2^{nd}	3 rd	4 th	5 th	<u>6th</u>	
Individual Events:	7	5	4	3	2	1
Relays:	14	10	8	6	4	2

29th International/National YMCA Championship Meet Results:

1500 N	Meter Freestyle: National Record:	19:35.0 Frank Nauss York, PA (1952)	
	Name:	Association:	Time:
1^{st}	George Holtrey	Huntington, IN	20:12.4
2^{nd}	George Thornton	Central Br. Dayton, OH	20:41.2
3^{rd}	Jerry Holtrey	Huntington, IN	2056.3
4^{th}	William Shriner	Huntington, IN	21:00.5
5^{th}	David Jeffrey	Tucson, AZ	21:59.3
6^{th}	Matrin Mull	Central Br, Toledo, OH	21:59.3
<u>50 Ya</u>	rd Freestyle: National Record: 22.8	(P) Keith Peterson Wilson Br. Chicago,	IL (1953)
	Name:	Association:	Time:
1^{st}	Tom Wall	Torrington, CT	24.3
2^{nd}	Don Will	Torrington, CT	24.5
$3^{\rm rd}$	Gunter Walk	Central Br. Dayton, OH	24.5
4^{th}	William Koplar	Torrington, CT	24.6
5^{th}	James Cooper	Tucson, AZ	25.4
6^{th}	Kevin Gibson	Torrington, CT	25.6
<u>200 Ya</u>	ard Backstroke: National Record:	2:15.2 Don Brown Colorado Springs, O	CO (1955)
	Name:	Association:	<u>Time:</u>
1^{st}	Lin Rhoades	Central Br. Dayton, OH	2:16.4
2^{nd}	Lewis Cook Jr.	Oakland, CA	2:21.6
$3^{\rm rd}$	Paul Stoffregen	Central Br. Dayton, OH	2:21.6
4^{th}	George Holtrey	Huntington, IN	2:22.0
5^{th}	Eugene Turner	Central Br. Toledo, OH	2:25.7
6^{th}	Ron Stockton	Central Br. Dayton, OH	2:26.7
(*) Inc	licates those individuals who have bro	oken the existing National YMCA Reco	ord time.

(P) indicates that this record time was established during the preliminary heats.

29th International/National YMCA Championship Results Continued:

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

Place:	Name:	Association:	Time:
1^{st}	Ray Ostrander	Torrington, CT	2:17.3
2^{nd}	Paul Atkinson	Central Br. Toledo, OH	2:20.6
3^{rd}	George Thornton	Central Br. Dayton, OH	2:21.3
4^{th}	William Shriner	Huntington, IN	2:22.9
5^{th}	Fred Hanelein	Huntington, IN	2:23.7
6^{th}	Tom Metz	Central Br. Dayton, OH	2:26.5

200 Yard Butterfly: National Record: 2:22.4 Chester Jastremski Jr. Central Br. Toledo, OH

(1956) **New Event** Change in NCAA Rules Breaststroke to Butterfly with Dolphin Kick

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Place:	Name:	Association:	Time:
	Chester Jastremski Jr.	Central Br. Toledo, OH	2:22.4*
	Jack Shasserre	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2:22.5
3^{rd}	Ron Mlnartk	Omaha, NE	2:35.1
4^{th}	Bill Marks	Huntington, IN	2:38.0
5^{th}	Conrad Johnson	Central Br. Toledo, OH	2:40.6
6^{th}	Joachim Gitt	Winnipeg, Canada	2:46.9

<u>1 Meter Diving:</u> National Record: 470.40 Charles Chelich Wilson Ave. Chicago, IL (1953)

Place:	<u>Name:</u>	Association:	Points:
1^{st}	Tom Gompf	Central Br. Dayton, OH	430.1
2^{nd}	Murray Hubley	Huntington, IN	410.6
3^{rd}	Bob Griffeth	Huntington, IN	376.2
4^{th}	Bill Tagney	Omaha, NE	342.4
5^{th}	Jack Hipple	Huntington, IN	333.5
6^{th}	Richard Blair	Central Br. Toledo, OH	328.3

400 Yard Freestyle Relay: National Record: 3:41.3 Wilson Ave, Br. Chicago, IL

John Oldershaw, Tom Anderson, Deed Hardin, Richard Wehman. (1953)

Place:	Name:	Association:	Time:
1^{st}	Tom Wall, Kevin Gibson,	Torrington, CT	3:44.0
	William Koplar, Ray Ostrander.		
2^{nd}	James Cooper, John Jeffries,	Tucson, AZ	3:46.9
	David Jeffrey, George McClain.		
3^{rd}	Gordon Huffman, Dennis Hoffman,	Central Br. Toledo, OH	3:48.7
	Ron Cockrell, Paul Atkinson.		
4^{th}	Fred Hanelein, Jerry Holtrey,	Huntington, IN	3:50.7
	William Shriner, Bill Marks.		
5^{th}	Ron Stockton, Don Hunt,	Central Br. Dayton, OH	3:51.6
	Juergen Matt, Gunter Walk.		
6^{th}	B. Cheek, Marshall Simpson,	Tulsa, OK	3:56.5
	Leon Whitehead, George Simpson.		

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

29th International/National YMCA Championship Results Continued:

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	100 Yard Backstroke: National Record: 1:00.4 Lin Rhoades Central Br. Dayton, OH (1956)				
<u>Place:</u> 1 st	Name:	Association:	<u>Time:</u>		
	Lin Rhoades	Central Br. Dayton, OH	1:00.4*		
2^{nd}	Paul Stoffergren	Central Br. Dayton, OH	1:04.2		
3 rd	Eugene Turner	Central Br. Toledo, OH	1:04.2		
4^{th}	Lewis Cook Jr.	Oakland, CA	1:05.0		
$5^{\text{th}}_{\text{th}}$	William Mills	Torrington, CT	1:06.7		
6^{th}	Bill Pilgrim	Richmond, IN	1:07.5		
	ard Breaststroke: National Record:	2:18.0 Richard Fadgen Woonsocket, RI	[(1954)		
Place:	Name: "Stroke Change "Rules"	Association:	<u>Time:</u>		
1 st	Jack Shasserre	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2:29.1		
2^{nd}	Ron Minarik	Omaha, NE	2:34.0		
3^{rd}	Bill Marks	Huntington, IN	2:37.9		
4^{th}	Gordon Huffman	Central Br. Toledo, OH	2:40.0		
5^{th}	James Cooper	Tucson AZ	2:41.5		
6^{th}	Dennis Breen	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2:41.5		
<u>100 Ya</u>	ard Freestyle: National Record: 51.	5 Keith Peterson Wilson Ave. Br. Chica	go, IL		
(1953)			-		
Place:	Name:	Association:	Time:		
1 st	Tom Wall	Torrington, CT	54.2		
2^{nd}	George McClain	Tucson, AZ	55.8		
3^{rd}	Fred Hanelein	Huntington, IN	56.6		
4^{th}	Gunter Walk	Central Br. Dayton, OH	56.7		
5^{th}	John Jeffries	Tucson, AZ	58.0		
6^{th}	George Simpson	Omaha, NE	58.0		
<u>440 Ya</u>	ard Freestyle: National Record: 4:4	9.3 Andrew Clark Fisher Br Detroit, Ml	(1938)		
	Name:	Association:	Time:		
1^{st}	George Holtrey	Huntionton, IN	5:01.5		
2^{nd}	George Thornton	Central Br. Dayton, OH	5:02.5		
3^{rd}	Ray Ostrander	Torrington, CT	5:03.6		
4^{th}	David Jeffrey	Tucson, AZ	5:11.3		
5^{th}	Jerry Holtrey	Huntington, IN	5:15.5		
6^{th}	Tom Metz	Central Br. Dayton, OH	5:29.2		
200 Ya	ard Individual Medley: <u>National Re</u>	cord: 2:16.5 Jastremski Central Br. Tol	edo. OH		
		ke, Breaststroke, Freestyle.)	,		
Place:	Name:	Association:	Time:		
1^{st}	Chester Jastremski Jr.	Central Br. Toledo, OH	2:16.5		
2^{nd}	Jack Shasseree	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2:18.2		

2^{nd}	Jack Shasseree	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2:18.2
3^{rd}	Tom Gompf	Central Br, Dayton, OH	2:26.0
4^{th}	Ron Stockton	Central br. Dayton, OH	2:26.6
5^{th}	Lewis Cook Jr.	Oakland, CA	2:30.4
6^{th}	Dennis Breen	Downtown Br. St. Louis, MO	2:34.7

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

29th International/National YMCA Championship Results Continued:

<u>3 Meter Diving: National Record:</u> 517.65 Charles Chelich Wilson Ave. Chicago, IL (1953)									
	Name:		Association:	0 /	Points:				
1^{st}	Tom Gompf		Central Br. I	Dayton, OH	415.5				
2^{nd}	Murray Hubley		Huntington,	-	392.0				
$3^{\rm rd}$	Jack Hiple		Huntington,		361.1				
4^{th}	Bill Tagney		Omaha, NE		349.4				
5^{th}	Bob Griffith		Huntington,	IN	346.1				
300 Yard Medley Relay: National Record: 2:57.9 Wilson Ave. Br. Chicago, IL									
	Kivland, John Otis, Keith Peters	on. (195		ke, Breaststroke, Freesty					
	Name:		Association:		<u>Time:</u>				
1^{st}	Eugene Turner, Chester Jastr Paul Atkinson.	emski J	r Central Br.	Toledo, OH	2:59.0				
2.	Lin Rhoades, Charles Neil,		Central Br. I	Dayton, OH	3:01.6				
	Juergen Matt.			•					
3^{rd}	Harvey Fair, Ron Minarik,		Omaha, NE		3:11.5				
	Bill Tagney.								
4^{th}	William Mills, DonWill,		Torrington,	СТ	3:12.5				
	Kevin Gibson.		C ,						
5^{th}	Bill Pilgrim, George Murphy	•	Richmond, I	N	3:14.0				
	Hershall Jack.		ŗ						
6^{th}	Ernest Maglischo, Thomas S	mith,	Massillon, C)H	3:21.7				
Donald Spuhler.									
Final Point Standing:									
Place:	Association:	Points	<u>: Place:</u>	Association:	<u>Points</u>				
1sr	Central Br. Dayton, OH	82	7 th	Omaha, NE	11				
2^{nd}	Huntington, IN	70	8^{th}	Oakland, CA	10				
3^{rd}	Torrington, CT	56	9^{th}	Richmond< IN	5				
4^{th}	Central Br. Toledo, OH	54	10^{th}	Tulsa, OK	5 3 2				
5^{th}	Tucson, AZ	26	11^{th}	Massillon, OH	2				
6^{th}	Downtown Br. St. Louis, M	0 19	12^{th}	Winnipeg, Canada	1				
(Non-Scoring Teams)									
	Colorado Springs, CO		Maitoba, Canada						
Fremont, NE			Pueblo, CO						
	Hastings, NE			oringfield, IL					

Individual High Point Winner Award: (Relay points excluded.)

Special Note: In reviewing the material submitted in the official results for this meet it looks like points from the relays were included in the total. As a result we have recalculated the points from the individual events only and have come up with the following results. The points in the last column are the points printed the official results.

29th International/National Championship Individual High Point

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(Relay points excluded.)							
Name:	Association:	Corrected Pts:					
Tom Gompf	Central Br, Dayton, OH	18	18				
George Holtrey	Huntington, IN	17	17				
Jack Shasserre	Downtown Br. St Louis, MC	D 17	17				
Chester Jastremski	Central Br. Toledo, OH	14	18				
Lin Rhoades	Central Br. Dayton, OH	14	17				
George Thornton	Central Br. Dayton, OH	14	14				
Tom Wall	Torrington, CT	14	17 ½				
Ray Ostrander	Torrington, CT	11	14 1/2				
Murray Hubley	Huntington, IN	10	10				
Lewis Cook, Jr.	Oakland, CA	10	11				
Ron Minarik	Omaha, NE	9	11 1/3				
Paul Stoffregen	Central Br. Dayton, OH	9	9				
Bill Marks	Huntington, IN	7	8 1/2				
Gunter Walk	Central Br. Dayton, OH	7	8 1/3				
Bob Griffith	Huntington, IN	6	6				
Fred Hanelein	Huntington, IN	6	7 1⁄2				
Jerry Holtrey	Huntington, IN	6	7 1⁄2				
Jack Hiple	Huntington, IN	6	6				
Bill Shreiner	Huntington, IN	6	7 1⁄2				
Eugene Turner	Central Br. Toledo, OH	6	10				
Bill Tagney	Omaha, NE	6	8 1/3				
Paul Atkinson	Central Br. Toledo, OH	5	11				
David Jeffrey	Tucson, AZ	5	7 1⁄2				
Don Will	Torrington, CT	5	6 2/3				
George McClain	Tucson,AZ	5	7 1⁄2				
James Cooper	Tucson, AZ	4	6 1/2				
Ron Stockton	Central Br. Dayton, OH	4	4				
Gordon Huffman	Central Br. Toledo, OH	3	5				
William Koplar	Torrington, CT	3	6 1/2				
Dennis Breen	Downtown Br. St. Louis, M		2				
Conrad Johnson	Central Br. Toledo, OH	2	2				
Tom Metz	Central Br. Dayton, OH	2	2				
William Mills	Torrington, CT	2	3 2/3				
John Jefferies	Tucson, AZ	2	4 1/2				
Robert Blair	Central Br. Dayton, OH	1	1				
Kevin Gibson	Torrington, CT	1	6 2/3				
Joadchim Gitt	Manitoba. Canada	1	1				
Martin Mull	Central Br. Toledo, OH	1	1				
Bill Pilgrim	Richmond, IN	1	2 1.3				
George Simpson	Tulsa, OK	1	1 1/2				
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