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23rd International/National Y.M.C.A. Swimming and Diving Championship Meet – April 21&22, 1950

The 23rd International/National YMCA Swimming and Diving Championship Meet was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. There were 24 Associations, representing 11 States and 118 participants, taking part in this championship event.

Order of Events:

Friday April 21st:

1. 1500 Meter Free Style
2. 50 Yard Free Style
3. 150 Yard Back Stroke
4. 220 Yard Free Style
5. 200 Yard Breast Stroke
6. 400 Yard Free Style Relay

Saturday April 22nd:

7. 100 Yard Back Stroke
8. 100 Yard Breast Stroke
9. 100 Yard Free Style
10. 440 Yard Free Style
11. 150 Yard Individual Medley
12. 300 Yard Medley Relay

13. One Meter Diving (**not sure what day this event was contested**)

23rd National YMCA National Championship Meet Results:

1500 Meters Free Style: National Record: Roger Ahlman 20:10.8 St. Paul MN (1941)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Dave Anderson	Minneapolis, MN	20:24.0
2 nd	Bob Batscher	Richmond, IN	NT
3 rd	Paul Bollinger	Louisville, KY	20:44.0
4 th	Robert Cowboy	Minneapolis, MN	NT
5 th	Jay Thomas	Richmond, IN	NT

50 Yard Free Style: National Record: Gordon Cornelius 23.3 Lawson Br. Chicago, IL (1934)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Charles Baldwin	Central Br, Buffalo, NY	24.0
2 nd	Don Benson	Minneapolis, MN	NT
3 rd	Ross McCorty	McKeesport, PA	NT
4 th	Lawrence Zangerle	Central Br. Buffalo, NY	NT
5 th	Murray Mahan	Minneapolis, MN	NT

150 Yard Backstroke: National Record: John Dilley Huntington, IN 1:38.9 (1941)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Leroy Anderson	Oak Park, IL	1:40.4
2 nd	Bob Weightman	Evanston, IL	NT
3 rd	Bernie Wagner	Oak Park, IL	1:42.4
4 th	Frank Reynolds	Louisville, KY	NT
5 th	Fred Orcutt	York, PA	NT

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

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200 Yard Breaststroke: National Record: Gerald Holan Oak Park, IL 2:24.8 (1950)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Gerald Holan	Oak Park, IL	2:24.8*
2 nd	Mal Ivonon	Minneapolis, MN	NT
3 rd	Bruce Aune	Minneapolis, MN	NT
4 th	Robert Hayes	South Town Br. Chicago, IL	NT
5 th	Cornelius Sipple	Evanston, IL	NT

400 Yard Free Style Relay: National Record: Minneapolis, MN 3:38.4 Don Benson, **?? McKenzie, ?? Brown**, Murray Mahon (1950)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Don Benson, ?? McKenzie , ?? Brown , Murray Mahon.	Minneapolis, MN	3:38.4*
2 nd	Gay Rosser, ?? Haribault , ?? Mana , Russell Thomas.	Oak Park IL.	3:40.0
3 rd	Carl Brothers, Frank Nauss, Donald Arnold, Thomas Benner.	York, PA	NT
4 th	George Beven, John Bell, ?? Devenney, ?? Ryan .	Winnipeg, Canada	NT

1 Meter Diving: National Record: Tom Thompson Minneapolis, MN 354.90 Points (1948)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1 st	Charles Robinson	Minneapolis, MN	311.90
2 nd	?? Miller	Central Br. Columbus, OH	No Pts.
3 rd	Tom Elkins	South Town Br. Chicago, IL	No Pts.
4 th	Ralph Hanson	Oak Park, IL	No Pts.
5 th	?? Keough	Minneapolis, MN	No Pts.

100 Yard Backstroke: National Record: John Dilley Huntington, IN 1:38.9 (1940)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Leroy Anderson	Oak Park, IL	1:02.7
2 nd	Bob Wrightman	Evanston, IL	NT
3 rd	Bernard Wagner	Oak Park, IL	NT
4 th	Frank Reynolds	Louisville, KY	NT
5 th	John Spoolstra	South Town Br. Chicago, IL	NT

100 Yard Breaststroke: National Record: Robert Sohl Central Br. Dayton, OH 1:01.4 (1950)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Robert Sohl	Central Br. Dayton, OH	1:01.4*
2 nd	Gerald Holan	Oak Park, IL	NT
3 rd	Bruce Aune	Minneapolis, MN	NT
4 th	Robert Haynes	South Town Br. Chicago, IL	NT
5 th	Mal Ivonon	Minneapolis, MN	NT

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100 Yard Free Style: National Record: Walter Spence Orange, NJ 52.2 (1934)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Ronald Gora	Oak Park, IL	52.4
2 nd	Thomas Benner	York, PA	NT
3 rd	Charles Baldwin	Central Br. Buffalo, NY	NT
4 th	Donald Benson	Minneapolis, MN	NT
5 th	John Bell	Winnipeg, Canada	NT

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

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	David Anderson	Minneapolis, MN	4:58.4
2 nd	Gaither Rosser	Oak Park, IL	5:02.5
3 rd	Bob Batscher	Richmond, IN	NT
4 th	Russell Thomas	Oak Park, IL	5:10.8
5 th	George Bevin	Winnipeg, Canada	NT

150 Yard Individual Medley: National Record: Ted Stevens University Circle Br. Cleveland, OH 1:37.9 (1949)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Ross McCarty	McKeesport, PA	1:38.0
2 nd	Bob Gowboy	Minneapolis, MN	NT
3 rd	Jan Overton	South Town Br. Chicago, IL	NT
4 th	Paul Bollinger	Louisville, KY	NT
5 th	Roy Swanson	Downtown Br. Detroit, MI	NT

300 Yard Medley Relay: National Record: Oak Park, IL 2:59.3 Leroy Anderson, Gerald Holan, Ronald Gora. (1950)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Association:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 st	Leroy Anderson, Gerald Holan Ronald Gora.	Oak Park, IL	2:59.3*
2 nd	?? McKenzie, Bruce Aune, Murray Mahon.	Minneapolis, MN	NT
3 rd	Fred Orcutt, Nause, Thomas Benner.	York, PA	NT
4 th	No Names Available	Evanston, IL	NT
5 th	No Names Available	South Town Br. Chicago, IL	NT

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Meet Scoring:

<u>Scoring Points:</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>
<u>Individual Events:</u>	6	4	3	2	1
<u>Relays:</u>	12	8	6	4	2

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Final Results and Team Standings:

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Team:</u>	<u>Points:</u>
1 st	Oak Park, IL	68
2 nd	Minneapolis, MN	63
3 rd	York, PA	17
4 th	Central Branch Buffalo, NY	15
5 th	Evanston, IL	14
5 th	Richmond, IN	14
7 th	South Town Branch Chicago, IL	13
8 th	McKeesport, PA	12
9 th	Louisville, KY	9
10 th	Central Branch Dayton, OH	6
11 th	Central Branch Columbus, OH	4
12 th	Winnipeg, Canada	2
13 th	Downtown Branch Detroit, MI	1

Historical Note: To date, I have been unable to find a complete set of Final Results which includes teams, entrants, and all heat results. There is only a copy of top 5 finishers in each event. In some cases first names are missing and in a number of events there is only a 1st place time listed.

Biographical Note: **Gerald Holan**, a member of the record setting 300 yard Medley Relay in this meet, continued his swimming career at The Ohio State University. In 1952, Jerry became a member of the 1952 U.S. Olympic Team in Helsinki, Finland. He swam for the gold medal and was part of the winning team in the preliminary heats of the 800 Meter freestyle relay. However, he was not eligible to receive a medal under the 1952 Olympic rules because he did not swim in the finals as a part of the team.

Robert Sohl, a record setter for the 100 Yard Breaststroke in this meet, was also a member of the 1948 U.S. Olympic Team. No other information is available at this time.