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# City Youth Wins U. S. Table Tennis Title

## Ed Hancock, 14, Adds National Boys Trophy To Crowded Mantle

**Big-Time Honors Come to Howe Pupil Who Has Played Game 14 Months**

By J. E. O'BRIEN

Fourteen-year-old Ed Hancock returned from Chicago today as the national boys table tennis champion and put two more big trophies on the already overloaded mantle in the basement of his home at 837 Cameron st.

The blue-eyed, freckle-faced youth, who started playing only 14 months ago, won the championship last night in the U. S. tournament when he defeated Fred Rogers of Columbus, O., in the final match. The scores were 20-22, 21-8, 21-4, 21-8.

The other trophies on the Hancock mantle are the result of young Ed's victories in the recent southern Indiana tournament, the central states open tournament at Columbus, O., and the St. Joseph's Valley tournament at South Bend.

In the southern Indiana meet, Hancock carried off the boys, junior and novice championships and teamed with his neighbor, Gordon Bowyer, to win the boys doubles. He won the boys championship in the central states meet and was runnerup to Gordon Barclay of South Bend, former national boys champion in the St. Joe affair.

### Overcomes 19-16 Deficit

He had to score three victories to win the national title over the week-end, eliminating Don Robinson of St. Louis in the semi-finals. Hancock enjoys telling how he overcame a 19-16 deficit to score a 21-19 victory over Robinson.

A veteran member of the Y. M. C. A., young Hancock began playing table tennis there and later entered competition at the Dearborn hotel, where he plays weekly in the Wednesday night league.

He practices regularly on a table in his basement, close by the trophied-laden mantle. His practice opponent usually is Bowyer.

Next year Hancock will be too old to defend his boys' championship—just as Barclay was this year. But he's looking to competition in the Junior and men's events.

Seward Hancock, Ed's father, also mentioned that his son is a capable tennis and basketball player. And he said to look for young Ed's name in the basketball lineup at Howe high school in a year or so. He's a freshman there now.

### 10 Franklin College Cagers Get Letters

FRANKLIN, Ind., March 31.—A.P.—Ten basketball letters for the 1946-47 season have been awarded Franklin college players.

Varsity letters went to John Drubert, Plymouth; John Lewis, Martinsville; William Abel, Vincennes; Richard Cummins, Monticello; Dallas Hohnstretter, Seymour; James Barnett, Nineveh; Richard Dunn, Whitefield, and Robert McClain, Dallas Campbell and Vincent Fitzpatrick, Franklin.



## Local 'Y' Wins Wrestling Title

INDIANAPOLIS has retained its state Y. M. C. A.-A. A. wrestling championship for another year.

George McCool, only "Y" entrant to win a championship, scored six points to lead the local squad to the title Saturday. Other point getters for the "Y" were Edward Fishback, 115-pound class, and James Shepherd, 175-pound class. Both placed second. McCool won the 145-pound title.

Other teams scoring were Terre Haute, 6; Evansville, 5, and Ft. Wayne, 1.

Wrestlers from Indiana, Purdue and Indiana Central participated unattached and were not eligible to compete for team honors. Had they been eligible Indiana would have won with five first places.

McCool defeated Leber Tonni of Indiana in the finals and gained a fall over T. V. Kelly, Purdue, in a semi-final match.

## Chase Fighting For His Life

COLUSA, Cal., March 31 (U. P.)

—Harold (Hal) Chase, who gained immortality with the New York Yankees as "the greatest first baseman of them all," fought for life in Colusa Memorial hospital today.

The condition of the 64-year-old baseball star, who was credited with revolutionizing the playing style for first basemen, was reported unchanged last night after a slight lap.

His physicians said it was doubtful that he would ever walk again if he recovers from a kidney ailment and other complications.

**Horn Forced Out In Atlanta Race**

ATLANTA, Ga., March 31 (U. P.)

—Wild Bill Holland, Bridgeport, Conn., won the 20-mile feature automobile race at Lakewood park yesterday before 37,000 fans, upsetting favored Ted Horn, who was forced out by motor trouble on the 15th lap.

Holland toured the 20-mile distance in 14 minutes, 28 and 5/6.

seconds. Walt Ader of Barmenville, N. Y., finished second and Spider Webb of Alameda, Cal., third.

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## Amateur Roller Skaters Seek State Championships

The state amateur roller skating championships will be held Wednesday at Rollerland, 926 N. Pennsylvania st.

Winners in the events here will compete in the regional championship, April 21-23, at Cleveland. The national meet is scheduled June 30 to July 6 at Oakland, Cal.

Sponsored by the Roller Skating United States, the state meet, being held for the fourth straight year at Rollerland, lists events for novices, junior, intermediate skaters and seniors.

The events are scheduled throughout the day. The finals will start at 7 p. m.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded first, second and third-place winners. Four challenge trophies also will be awarded.

Indianapolis entrants include William Hanley, Mary E. Kubler, Annette Clark, Marylin Osting, Charles N. Swan, Joe E. Marker, Ernest L. Wild, Nola Just, Clifford E. Doerr, Donna Lee White, Albert P. Romano, Elizabeth Combs, Thomas Powers, Clarence L. Herbert, C. Jerry Nolan, Sally L. McCloud, Phyllis Webb, Jane Fletcher, Willard Dunlap, Mary McGinnis, Rita Jo Blankenship, Ellis E. Brown, Betty Mitchell, Norman E. Miller, Joseph Coleman, Nona Jean Fisher.

### 9 Meets Scheduled For Warren Central

A nine-meet schedule which includes the Indianapolis relays at Tech on April 25 and the sectional meet was announced today for the Warren Central high school track and field team.

The schedule opens at home on April 8 in a dual meet with Shortridge. The complete card:

April 8—Shortridge—April 11—Washington; April 18—at Howe; April 22—triangular with Crispus Attucks and Shortridge; April 25—relays at Tech; April 30—county meet at Washington; May 6—Manual; May 9—at Broad Ripple; May 16—sectional at Tech.

## Gil Dodds Has Bankers Mile Trophy for Keeps

CHICAGO, March 31 (U. P.)—Gil Dodds, the bespectacled parson, today prepared a permanent place on his mantle for the Bankers Mile trophy which he retired Saturday night when he won it for the third time.

Harrison Dillard, Baldwin Wallace, contributed three additions to the record book during the 11th running of the Chicago Relays when he tied the world record in three hurdle events. Dillard ran the 40-yard hurdles in 5 seconds,

the 50-yard hurdles in 6.1 seconds, and the 60-yard hurdles in 7.2 seconds.

Dodds scored his third victory in the feature race of the relays. His time, 4:06.2 was 2-5 of a second over his indoor record set on the same track three years ago. It was the 23rd race in succession which Dodd has won.

One of the outstanding events of Saturday's meet was the defeat of Herb McMenley in the 600-yard dash. McMenley, who broke the world's record at that distance two weeks ago ran third, trailing Elmore Harris, Long Branch, N. J. and George Gida, Villanova college.

Bill Mathis, formerly of Illinois, won the 50-yard sprint in :06.2 which tied the meet record in that event.

Forest Eifaw, former Oklahoma A. & M. star, won the two-mile run for the third time when he came from behind to beat Johnny Two-mey of Illinois. Eifaw took permanent possession of the trophy with Saturday's win. His time, 9:11.4, bettered his last year's time by nearly seven seconds.

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