

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 tourney at Columbus, O., and the St. Joseph's Valley tourney 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 runner-up 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 trophy-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 Durbert, Plymouth; John Lewis, Martinsville; William Abel, Vincennes; Richard Cummins, Monticello; Dallas Hohnstretter, Seymour; James Barnett, Nineveh; Richard Dunn, Whitehall; and Robert McClain, Dallas Campbell and Vincent Fitzpatrick, Franklin.



TROPHIES GALORE—There's no shortage of trophies in the home of Ed Hancock, national boys table tennis champion. The one he's holding and the tall one on the left are those he was awarded for winning the national crown over the week-end. The others came to him as the result of victories in previous tournaments this year.

Western Novice Grabs ABC Lead

LOS ANGELES, March 31 (U. P.).—Ernest Dell Dotto of Merced, Cal., today wrestled the singles lead in the American Bowling Congress tournament from another first-timer in the big kegline frolic.

The tournament novice tabbed a 690 series to displace Charley Yeager of Compton, Cal., who had hit a 681 Friday.

Dell Dotto, a 167 average league bowler, scored only 456 in the team division and 538 doubles and then broke out in a strike spree with 219-256-215.

It was the highest series he ever had run in 10 years of rolling. Warren Cle and Mose Wiederrich of Lodi, Cal., polled the top doubles series with 1206 while the Pinky Alley team of Milwaukee was high in the main event last night with 2752 for seventh place.

Amateur Roller Skaters Seek State Championships

The state amateur roller skating championships will be held Wednesday at Rollerland, 928 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 Rink Operators Association of the United States, the state meet, being held for the fourth straight year at Rollerland, lists events for novices, juniors, 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, Marylou Osting, Charles N. Swan, Joe E. Marker, Ernest L. Wild, Noia Just, Clifford E. Doerr, Donna Lee White, Albert P. Romano, Elizabeth Combs, Thomas Powers, Clarence L. Herbert, C. Jerry Nolan, Sally L. McClung, Phyllis Webb, Jane Fletcher, Willard Dunlap, Mary McGinnis, Rita Jo Blankenship, Ella 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—at Washington; April 15—at Howe; April 22—triangular with Crispus Attucks and Southport; April 25—Indianapolis 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.

Local 'Y' Wins Wrestling Title

Indianapolis has retained its state Y. M. C. A.-A. A. U. 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" here 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 Tonti of Indiana in the finals and gained a fall over T. V. Kelly, Purdue, in a semi-final match.

Harvey to Coach Franklin Five

FRANKLIN, Ind., March 31.—Appointment of Robert E. Harvey as basketball coach at Franklin college was announced here by Roy E. Tillotson, athletic director, and Dr. W. G. Spencer, president of the college.

Due to the increased enrollment and expanded athletic program at Franklin, Coach Tillotson announced that he would devote all of his time to football, baseball and physical education classes.

Harvey, former Earlham athlete, came to Franklin last year to coach track and to assist Coach Tillotson. He was graduated from Earlham college in 1936 and has attended Purdue, Butler and Columbia universities. He was high school coach at Bainbridge and Mooresville.

Spring Grid Practice

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 31 (U. P.).—Barring unfavorable weather conditions, Indiana university's spring football practice will start today. Head Coach Alvin "Bo" McMillin said 80 candidates had been issued uniforms but that the squad would be cut to 55 within two weeks.

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 rally Saturday.

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 Ador of Barmoreville, N. Y., finished second and Spider Webb of Alameda, Cal., third.

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