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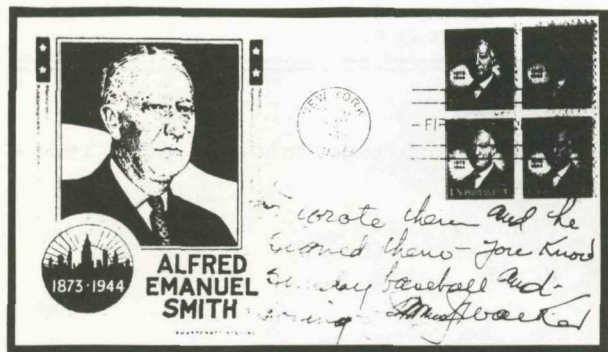
## AUTOGRAPHED SPORTS MATERIAL

- Ira Seebacher -

While not the essence of philately, yet the quintessence of satisfaction, fun, and personal reward, is the tie-in of a philatelic item with the autograph of someone intimately connected with the particular philatelic item autographed.

This, in itself, could become a highly specialized field of collecting. We eschew it since one becomes, eventually, a nuisance and his life is devoted to writing, sending, pleading, and, well, it isn't out dish of tea. Still, we've come up with some items over the years that were achieved rather easily because we happened to be in the right place at the right time and because those of whom we requested an autograph happened to be in an expansive mood.

We'll leave it to you whether our spoils were worth the effort.

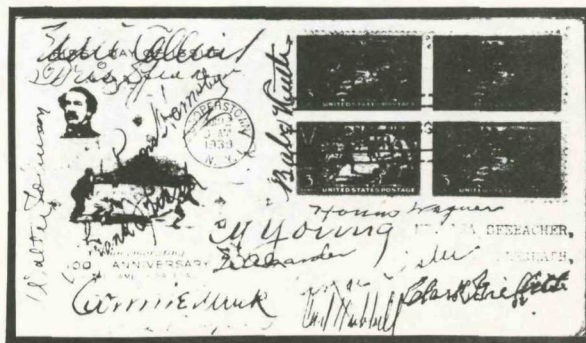


First is a cover with the Al Smith stamp cancelled first-day. It used to be our pleasure to sit next to the late Jimmy Walker at the fights. We would sit there weaving and bobbing in his seat, almost as though he himself were one of the fighters.

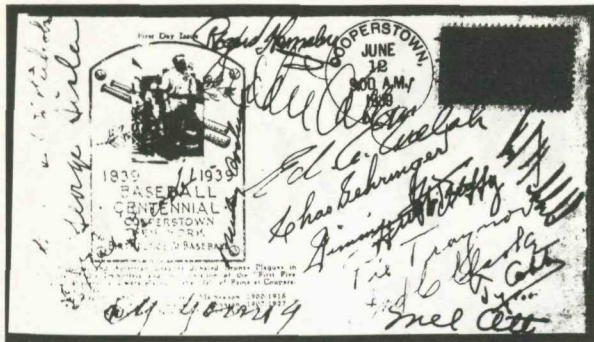
Earlier, while a New York State Senator and Majority Leader, he was instrumental in introducing and getting Al Smith, then Governor of New York, to sign the Walker Boxing and the Walker Baseball Bills. One permitted boxing in New York (prior to that it was permitted only as an exhibition with no decisions rendered), the other permitted Sunday baseball. So Jimmy wrote

upon out cover: "I wrote them and he signed them--you know--Sunday baseball and boxing." "James J. Walker". Nothing earth-shaking, certainly no philatelic Star of India, yet a nice cover, one we treasure since it came from a friend who left his stamp on the sports history of the country.

Another item prized highly is a first-day cover of the Baseball Centenary stamp of 1939 issued at Cooperstown at the opening of the Baseball Hall of Fame. On the occasion ten greats of the game were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Others were to follow, but the original ten were deemed the ten top players of them all, those thought to be the giants among giants. Of these ten, all but one--Napoleon Lajoie--signed this cover. In later years we added a few more names before there was room for no more. If you look, you'll note the signatures of Babe Ruth, Eddie Collins, Tris Speaker, Ty Cobb, Cy Young, Grover Cleveland Alexander, Clark Griffith, Pie Traynor, Connie Mack, Honus Wagner, Rogers Hornsby, Frank Frisch, Walter Johnson, Lou Gehrig, George Sisler, and Carl Hubbell. That would make a



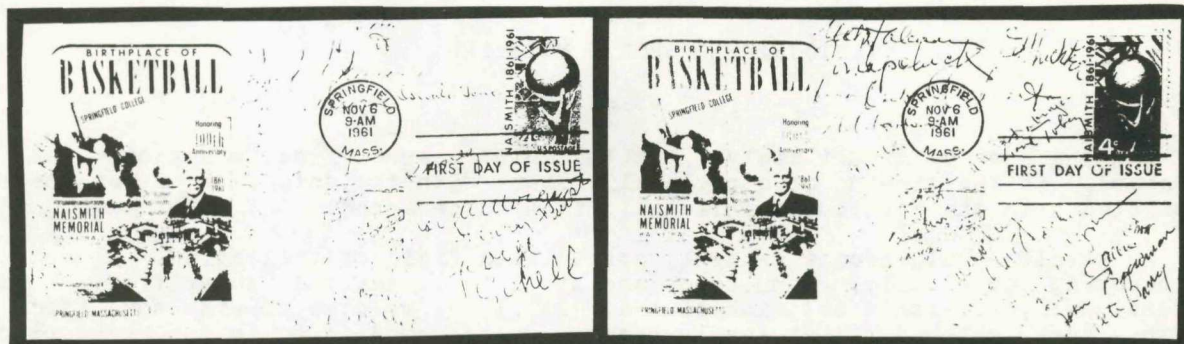




pretty fair ball club in any league, nicht wahr?

We started a new cover later and additions include Charles "Red" Nichols, Ed Walsh, Charley Gehringer, Jimmy Foxx, Hugh Duffy, Mel Ott, Fred Clarke, and Mickey Cochrane.

Fortunately, we were able to attend a similar ceremony at Springfield when this Government's issue for the opening of the Basketball Hall of Fame appeared in 1961. Attending the ceremonies were most of the living inductees and we managed to get them all to sign on the two illustrated covers. Of particular interest are two famous teams, the Buffalo Germans (who played to- of this century) and the Original Celtics (who achieved tremendous reknown in the early 1920s). Amazingly enough, almost all of the members of these two teams were present in Springfield and autographed the covers shown below.



Since the number of autographed covers we have runs to three figures, most of which were acquired by purchase rather than personal solicitation, it is understandable that this periodical could be filled several times over with their pictures and descriptions. But we trust the point we were trying to make has been made. It can be fun and it often costs nothing more than a polite request. Perhaps at some future date, should our editor be in need for copy, we'll submit others for showing in these pages.

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Just in from France is Henri Trachtenberg's (SPI 127) "Pocket Handbook of Sports, Olympics, and Scouts" (1965 edition). Although it is written entirely in French, the problems in using it are not great. It is a concise, business-like publication in which many of our members will be interested.

The handbook is divided into two sections: Olympic Games (1896-1956, 1960, and 1964) and the major portion covering the sports stamps of the world. These sections are arranged alphabetically by country. Each entry consists of the date of issue, Trachtenberg number(s), Yvert catalogue number(s), description, quantity issued, and price (in French currency, of course). There are no illustrations

and no references to colors. The size is 4 1/4" x 5"; the length is sixty pages.

At present the French editor is searching for a distributor in this country. There is a remote possibility that SPI may undertake this responsibility. Full information will be forthcoming soon. R.M.B.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

American football on stamps. For better or for worse, the Trucial State of Ajman has joined its neighbors in stepping up its stamp output, particularly in the field of topical interests. One of the few benefits is that American football has finally made its appearance on stamps. This entrance might almost be described as by the back door for it is one of the John F. Kennedy memorial set which depicts the late president in football uniform, presumably during his undergraduate days at Harvard.

All veterans of sports collecting know that the occasional catalogue and new issue listing of the design of a stamp as depicting "football" always actually refers to "soccer". Those same collectors know that, whereas soccer comes very close to being the international favorite, American football is almost unknown outside the boundaries of this country. Thus it is very unlikely that our brand of football will be the subject of postal design and perhaps we should count ourselves fortunate that American football has appeared on a stamp--even from Ajman. R.M.B.

#### MODERN OLYMPIC MEDALISTS ON STAMPS

- Jim Hughes -

#### Part Nine

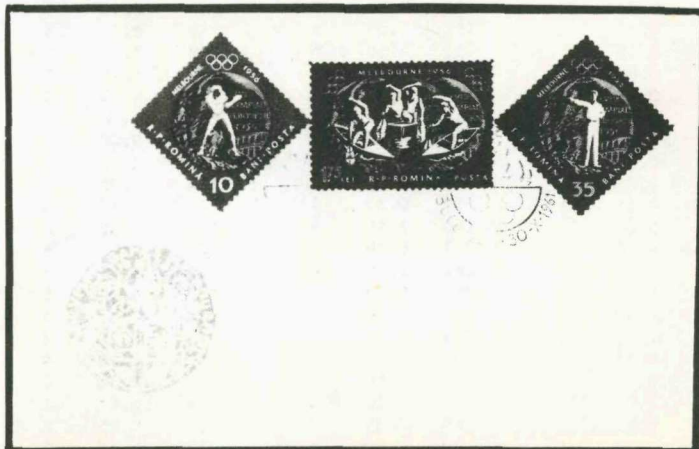
Rottman, Leon

Romania

1956 Canoeing--1,000 meters (5:05.3)  
10,000 meters (56:41.0)

Romania 1457

Rottman won by nine-tenths of a second over Istvan Hernek of Hungary in the 1000-meter Canadian Singles event and by thirty seconds over Janos Parti, also of Hungary, in the 10,000-meter Canadian Singles event on Lake Wendouree. This was the first time that a Romanian had won either of these Olympic titles.





Saarvala, Aleksanteri Finland

1936 Gymnastics--horizontal bar (19.367 points)

Finland B70

Saarvala was the first Finn to win an Olympic gymnastic championship and the only one to win this particular event to date.



Salles, R. France

1952 Rowing--coxed pairs (8:28.6)

\*France 704

G. Mercier and R. Salles, along with Coxswain B. Malivoire, were the first and only Frenchmen to win this Olympic event. Note that it is said that the stamps in this set do not portray the actual athletes, but were issued to honor their Olympic successes in the 1952 Games in Helsinki.



Sashara (Sasahara), Shozo Japan

1956 Wrestling--free style (featherweight)

Dominican Republic 503 and B23

Sashara bested Joseph Mewis of Belgium in the finals (on points) for his sixth straight victory in this 136½-pound event to win one of the two gold medals which Japan gained in wrestling at the Melbourne Games. Prior to this, only one other Japanese wrestler had won an Olympic title, that being in the Helsinki Games in 1952.



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Schjelderup, Thorleif Norway

1948 Ski jumping (bronze medal)

\*Norway B51

Thorleif finished third at the 5th Winter Olympic Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland, as his teammate, Peter Hugsted, won the ski-jumping title with 228.1 points, keeping Norway's record for victory in Olympic ski-jumping intact. This stamp is another example of the designer's (John Haukland) use of a photograph of an athlete to show style and form of the sport with no intention of depicting the exact likeness of the athlete in question.



Sheen, Gillian M. Great Britain

1956 Fencing--ladies' foils

Dominican Republic 501 and B21

Gillian won over Olga Orban of Romania, both with 6-1 records at the end of the competition. She was Britain's women's amateur champion from 1949 to 1960, winning her first international match at the World Student Games in Luxembourg in 1951. She was the first British woman to win this Olympic title and the only Britisher to win an Olympic championship in fencing to date.

Sidlo, Janusz Poland

1956 Javelin throw (silver medal)

Poland 754

Sidlo, who at the time held the world record (274' 5 3/4") in this event, was the odds-on favorite to take this Olympic title. However, his best toss of 262' 4 1/2" was some eighteen feet short of the new Olympic and world-record throw of Egil Danielson of Norway. The Polish star also finished out of the money at the Rome Games, placing eighth with a 250' 10 1/4" mark.

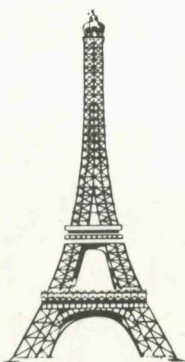


Son, Kitei (Kee Chung Sohn) Japan

1936 Marathon (2:29:19.2)

Dominican Republic 476, B3, and B28

This twenty-one-year-old, Korean-born, Tokyo University student, showing no signs of fatigue, won in easy style over the Britisher, Ernest Harper, to give the Land of the Rising Sun its first and only Olympic marathon championship. It is estimated that nearly a million spectators viewed parts of this race in the rural district along the



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Havel River, with fifty-six runners clad in all sorts of colors and costumes of many nations. Note that Kee Chung Sohn is the Korean version of his name.

Spinks, Terence

Great Britain

1956 Boxing--flyweight

Dominican Republic 528 and B37

Spinks, whose first name is misspelled Terrence on the stamp, bested Mircea Dobrescu of Romania on points in the finals to give Britain its first and only 112-pound, six-ounce Olympic boxing title. He had won all four of his previous bouts on points, too.



Strickland, Chirley de la Hunt

Australia

1952 Women's hurdles--80-meter (10.8)

1956 Women's hurdles--80-meter (10.7)

Dominican Republic C105 and CB11-2



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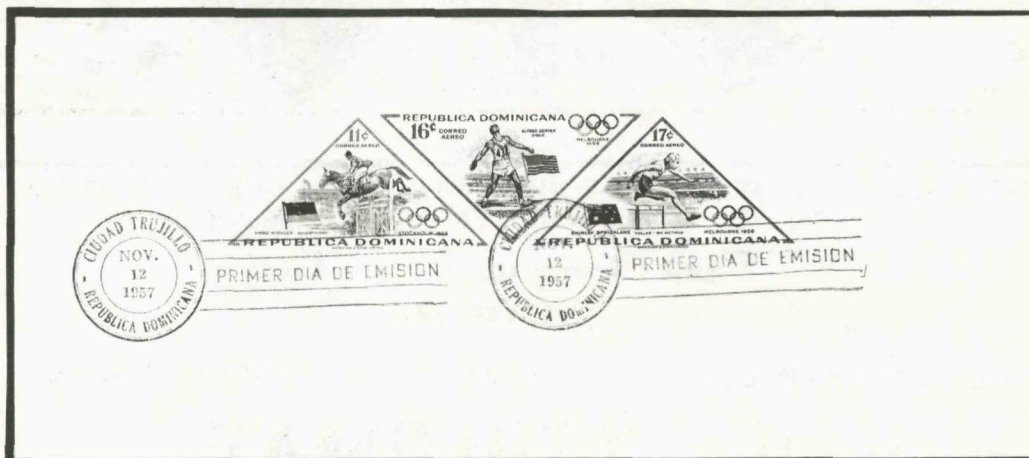
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In 1952 this Australian doll with the long name was the cream of the lady timber-toppers, where in the semi-finals the first three qualifiers broke the then-existing world record, with the fourth breaking the Olympic record and the fifth tying it. Shirley led them all with a 10.8 mark. She went on to give another smashing exhibition for her hometown crowd in 1956, where she successfully defended her crown, cracking her own Olympic mark and setting another world record.



NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

- Barbara T. Williams -

October Addenda

18th Libya. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 5m blue and gold (soccer); 10m purple and gold



(cycling); 20m coral and gold (boxing); 30m light brown (sprinter); 35m olive and gold (diver); and 50m light green (hurdler). Designed by Ess Fuad Kabazi. Printed in photogravure by the Italian State Printing Office. (Additional information)

- 20th Iceland. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 10k green (runner and stadium). Printed in heliogravure by Courvoisier. Quantity: 1,000,000. (Additional information)

#### November Addenda

- 6th Brazil. 400th anniversary of Rio de Janeiro. 200cr (Copacabana Beach). Designed by W. Granado and printed in photogravure. Quantity: 10,000,000.
- 25th Umm Al Qiwayn. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 50np (discus thrower and stadium); 1R Tokyo Stadium; 1.50R (swimming pool); 2R (same as 1R); 3R (Komazawa Gymnasium); 4R (entrance to sports arena); and 5R (same as 50np). Imperforate sets also exist. Also souvenir sheets of 2R, 3R, 4R, and 5R values, both perforate and imperforate. Quantities: 50,000 (50np, 1R, and 1.50R), 25,000 (2R, 3R, and 4R), and 20,000 (5R). Also 4,000 imperforate sets, 12,000 perforate souvenir sheets, and 8,000 imperforate souvenir sheets. Printed by the State Printing Office, Vienna. (Additional information).

#### December Addenda

- 1st Portugal. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 20¢ tan (emblem of the Tokyo Games); 1es blue (same as 20¢); 1.50es green (same as 20¢); and 6.50es purple (same as 20¢). Designed by Sebastiao Rodrigues. Printed in off-set by the State Mint. Quantities: 11,000,000 (20¢), 10,000,000 (1es), 1,500,000 (1.50es), and 500,000 (6.50es). (Additional information)
- 3rd Monaco. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 1¢ (weight lifter); 2¢ (judo); 3¢ (pole vault); 4¢ (archery); and 5fr (air mail)(bobsledding). Designed by P. Lambert and engraved by J. Piel (1¢), P. Lambert and P. Lambert (2¢), P. Lambert and Cottet (3¢), P. Lambert and Mazelin (4¢), and Durrens and Durrens (5fr). Diamond-shaped. Printed in sheets of fifty. (Additional information)
- 6th Fujeira. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 25np multicolored (shot put); 20np multicolored (discus); 1R multicolored (boxers); 1.50R multicolored (runners); 2R multicolored (soccer); 3R multicolored (high jump); 5R multicolored (hurdles); and 7.50R multicolored (equestrian). Printed by photogravure in sheets of twenty-six. 3,000 imperforate sheets exist.
- 8th Rwanda. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 10¢ (runner); 20¢ (basketball); 30¢ (high jumper); 50¢ (soccer); 4fr (same as 10¢); 5fr (same as 20¢); 20fr (same as 30¢); and 50fr (same as 40¢). Also a souvenir sheet containing 10fr (soccer), 20fr (basketball), 30fr (high jump), and 40fr (runner). Designed by O. Bonneville. Printed in heliogravure by Enschede en Zonen. Quantities: 40,000 sets and 15,000 souvenir sheets.
- 12th Nicaragua. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. Scott #C523 (boxing), #C524 (track), #C525 (spear fishing), #C527 (baseball), #C533 (table tennis), and #C534 (basketball), overprinted "Olimpiadas Tokyo--1964".
- 15th Ajman. John F. Kennedy Memorial. 10np (John F. Kennedy in football uniform); 15np (John F. Kennedy diving); and 1R (John F. Kennedy and wife sailing). Designed and printed in photogravure by the Vienna State Printing Office.
- 16th Ecuador. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 80¢ (pole vault); 1.30s (gymnast); 1.80s (hurdles); and 2s (basketball). Also an imperforate souvenir sheet containing all four stamps. Quantities: 200,000 sets and 10,000 souvenir sheets.
- 28th New Caledonia. 10f violet, green, and black (wrestlers). Designed and engraved by Haley. Printed in recess by the Paris State Printing Office. Miscellaneous imperforates exist. (Additional information)
- 31st Nepal. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 10p red, pink, and blue (Olympic torch and rings). Printed in lithographic off-set by the Pakistan Security Printing Corporation. Quantity: 1,000,000.

Hungary. National Federation of Hungarian Hunters. 20f multicolored (pheasant); 30f multicolored (wild boar); 40f multicolored (partridge); 60f multicolored (hare); 80f multicolored (deer); 1ft multicolored (ibex); 1.70ft multicolored (stag); 2ft multicolored (capercaillie); 2.50ft multicolored (deer); and 3ft multicolored (emblem of the Federation). Printed in photogravure. Quantities: 450,000 perforate and 10,000 imperforate. (Additional information)



January Addenda

- 3rd Czechoslovakia. Third National Spartakiade, Prague. 30f red and blue (dancing gymnast). Designed by Karel Svoboda and engraved by Ladislav Jirka. Printed in sheets of fifty with rotary steel press and photogravure by the Ministry of Communications Printing House, Prague.
- 15th Czechoslovakia. 10th anniversary of the Mountain Rescue Service; International Women's Gymnastic Championship, Prague; World Indoor Cycling Championship; and Ninth Czechoslovakian University Sports Championships, Brno. 60h dark blue and light blue (rescue team); 60h dark red and orange (women gymnasts); 60h grayish green and red (cyclists); and 60h dark green and light green (women hurdlers). Designed by Vladimír Kovarik and engraved by Jiri Svengsbir. Printed with combined rotary and photogravure by the Ministry of Communications Printing House, Prague.

February Addenda

- 5th Ryukyus. Publicity for karate, the national sport. 3¢ multicolored ("Makiwara", a form of karate training). Designed by Shin Isagawa. Size: 27mm x 31mm. Printed in sheets of twenty by photogravure. Quantity: 1,000,000. (Additional information)
- 6th Ryukyus. 10th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of the Ryukyus. 3¢ (two scouts, insignia, and Shurei Gate). Designed by Shin Isagawa. Size: 22mm x 33mm. Printed in sheets of twenty by photogravure. Quantity: 800,000.

Current

Ajman. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 5np multicolored (runners at start); 10np multicolored (boxing); 15np multicolored (same as 5np); 25np multicolored (judo); 50np multicolored (gymnast); 1R multicolored (sailing); 1.50R multicolored (same as 10np); 2R multicolored (same as 25np); 3R multicolored (same as 1R); and 5R multicolored (same as 50np). Also souvenir sheet containing the 1.50R, 2R, 3R, and 5R values.

Bahamas. Definitive issue. 1d orange and gray (out-island sailing regatta) and 8d gray, purple, and blue (sailing yachts). Printed in recess and off-set by Bradbury-Wilkinson and Company. (Additional information)

Guinea. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 5fr (weight lifters and children of three races); 10fr (torch runner); 25fr (pole vault); 40fr (runners); 50fr (judo); 75fr (girl in Japanese costume and stadium); and 100fr (Japanese girl and transport plane). Also 200fr and 300fr souvenir sheets showing Japanese scenes with a border of birds and leaves in the manner of old Japanese prints.

Hungary. Hungarian winners at 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 20fr (equestrian); 30f (gymnasts); 50f (target shooting); 60f (water polo); 70f (shot putter); 80f (soccer); 1ft (weight lifter); 1.20ft (kayak racing); 1.40ft (hammer throw); 1.50ft (wrestlers); 1.60ft (man and woman javelin throwers); and 3ft (fencers). Quantities: 530,000 perforate sets and 12,000 imperforate sets.

Jordan. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 1fr red (Olympic flame and rings); 2f purple (same as 1f); 3f blue-green (same as 1f); 4f brown (same as 1f); 5f red (same as 1f); 35f black (same as 1f); 50f olive (same as 1f); and 100f blue (same as 1f). Imperforates exist; also souvenir sheet of 100f maroon, imperforate. Triangular format. (Additional information)

Russia. 4k light and dark blue (mountains); 6k brown and yellow (mountain climbers); and 12k light and dark green (mountains).

St. Vincent. 2¢ (Friendship Beach). Designed by M. Goaman. Printed in photogravure by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.

Sharjah. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 1np olive (Olympic torch and rings); 2np blue (same as 1np); 3np rust (same as 1np); 4np blue-green (same as 1np); 5np purple (same as 1np); 40np green-blue (same as 1np); 50np red-brown (same as 1np); and 2R yellow-brown (same as 1np). Also souvenir sheet of 2R olive. Miscellaneous imperforates exist. Triangular format. Printed by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London. (additional information)

Forecast

Austria. 4th Gymnaestrada. 1.50s (men gymnasts exercising with wands) and 3s (women gymnasts exercising with tambourines). (July 15th)

Bulgaria. Winners of 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. (3)

Ryukyus. Opening of Onomaya Stadium. 3¢ (April)

Ryukyus. Karate. (June)



- Fred Farr -

Tip of the month--Greece 677-87. Although this set was tipped in this column in the December (1964) issue, the editor inadvertently omitted the catalogue numbers of this set! This was highly unfortunate, because this set is on the move; indeed, it has advanced one dollar or more on the wholesale market just in the past few months. There are several reasons why this set is good. First, it was issued in 1960 to commemorate the history and events of the ancient Olympiads. Second, it has a face-value of only \$1.20 and only 225,000 complete sets were issued. Third, it sells for \$5.60 on the London market although many American dealers will sell it for several dollars less. Last, this set now costs \$3.25 on the American wholesale market, which is a lot more than the \$1.80 it cost just a little over a year ago. I note that some American dealers are selling this set for less than the going wholesale price, so this is your opportunity to get a set before the price becomes prohibitive.

United Arab Republic (Egypt) 74-80. This is another set honoring the Olympic Games at Rome in 1960, but because the UAR issues its postage stamps in large quantities, no one thought it would ever amount to much. With large colorful designs, this set attracts the attention of many philatelists however--not just sports collectors. With a face value of only 28¢ at the official rate of exchange and available at much cheaper prices on the black market, these stamps were freely available for 50¢ at retail. In the past year, however, prices at the wholesale level have started climbing. A year ago the wholesale price in New York was a mere 35¢, but today this set costs 75¢ at wholesale. I'll bet your dealer hasn't noticed this increase, so why not buy a set before he is forced to re-order at commensurately higher prices.

Those who are willing to part with a bit more cash should consider purchasing 74-8 in a sheet of twenty-five stamps (five copies of each value). Undoubtedly this special sheet is a gimmick to sell more of these stamps than would normally be sold, especially since each complete set of five stamps was printed set-tenant, giving us five horizontal strips of five stamps. These sheets had a face value of 49¢ at the official rate of exchange and about one-half that much on the black market. Current wholesale for this sheet is \$1.50 and almost no wholesalers are able to supply this item. As a matter of fact, very few retail dealers can supply this item either. If souvenir sheets and similar items are your forte, then seek out this sheet while it is still available. What should you pay? Approximately fifty per cent over wholesale price is a fair charge for this item.

United Arab Republic (Egypt) 81. This souvenir sheet is the companion piece to the above-mentioned set. This sheet is very handsome and depicts the large stadium in Cairo. The face value of the sheet was also 28¢, but it too was available cheaper on the black market. Just one year ago this sheet was freely available at 45¢ to 50¢, but American wholesalers now ask 80¢ to \$1.00. I sincerely doubt if this souvenir sheet will ever be any cheaper; and, while you're at it, why not get both the set and the sheet on first-day covers?

German Democratic Republic 555-57. For a long time the selling price of stamps from East Germany has borne no relationship either to face value or to "Scott's Catalogue" valuations. The top value of this set, all of which depict gymnastics, is a blocked value, available only for foreign currency and issued in extremely limited quantities. The "Michel Katalog" values this set for almost \$2.00. American wholesalers now ask 85¢, although many retailers still sell this set for the 45¢ or 50¢ asked as a new issue back in 1961. Don't settle for a set in cancelled-to-order condition--get your set in mint condition.

Belgium B663-68. Parachuting is a very popular sport in Europe, so Belgium decided to cash in on this fad by issuing this set in 1960. It is noteworthy that although the designs depict parachutists, the surtax was not devoted to sporting activities but for patriotic and cultural organizations. With a face value of only 40¢, dealers sold this set for 65¢ retail. Recently wholesale prices have started climbing and wholesalers now ask \$1.00, up from 55¢ less than a year ago! When a set doubles in wholesale price in less than a year, it's time for you to make sure this set is in your collection now.

Italy C262-65. This set is one of my favorites and is one of the early sports sets issued at a time when only a handful of sports stamps had been printed by the world's stamp presses. Issued in 1934, this set honors the Second World Cup (soccer championships) and had a face value at the time of issue of approximately \$1.30 (5½¢ per lire). Unfortunately, this set has not advanced in value as has the companion set for ordinary postage, #324-28. Nevertheless, this set is an excellent investment even at today's high prices. Dealers ask \$4.00 retail, but the latest wholesale quotations have now reached \$3.75, so it won't be long before the retail price takes a big jump. You'll never regret buying this set if you can get it anywhere near the current wholesale quotation.

Netherlands B296-300. When the Netherlands decided to issue a set in 1956 to commemorate the 16th Olympiad, it used a diversity of designs--sail boating, a woman sprinter (Fanny Blankers-Koen), an ancient Greek amphora depicting runners, ice hockey, and water polo players. The face value of the set was less than 20¢ and almost 616,000 complete sets were sold. Recently this set has started to move upward on the wholesale market and the current wholesale price is now over \$1.00, up from 80¢ just a year ago. It is interesting to note that just a year ago dealers sold this set for 60¢ retail. If you move fast, you may still be able to cash in on this bargain!



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