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"AMONG MY SOUVENIRS"

- Harold Wasserman -

Souvenir sheets have always had an extra appeal that does not seem to accompany regularly issued stamps. Whether it is the colorful appearance, the frequent marginal inscriptions, or the sentimental term "souvenir", I do not know. However, in the field of sports philately, souvenir sheets enjoy the same added popularity they do in other topical fields. Most of the standard souvenir sheets are well known to collectors of sports stamps; but there are some items that, while not strictly souvenir sheets, may not be as well publicized but are worthy of mention.

Probably the granddaddy of these special sheets is the one issued by France for the 1924 Olympics (198-201). Properly speaking, it is not a souvenir sheet, but rather a deluxe proof (presentation) sheet. It is quite large (approximately 9 5/8" x 6 1/4") with the stamps arranged diagonally from upper left to lower right. The two vertical stamps are the corner stamps and the horizontal stamps are centrally located in the sheet. The four stamps are in their regular colors, imperforate but with simulated perforations. The term "Jeux Olympiques" ("Olympic Games") is inscribed in large letters near the top and a large ornamental border surrounds the sheet. A modest frame at the top-center announces "Atelier de Fabrication des Timbres-Poste" (the French equivalent to our Government Printing Office). Although the sheet might be considered a trifle gaudy and pretentious, it is extremely scarce and very rare. The going price, if a sheet can be located, is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500 to \$1000.

Korea can be considered next in line with rare sheets. The 1948 Olympic Games stamps (85-6) exist in imperforate proof sheets of six and, as some of these were cut to provide imperforate singles, not more than a handful of sheets can exist today. I have not seen an offer of a set in quite a few years. An item unknown to me was recently illustrated in "Linn's". The November 30, 1964, issue featured an article on #85 in a special presentation sheet with this comment: "The 5-won 1948 Olympic sheet was printed in a quantity of only ten copies and these were presented as novel gifts to a few high-ranking Korean government officials and dignitaries". The size is about 5" x 6"; each sheet is individually numbered on the back. Since only ten copies exist, it will be a long time before most sports philatelists ever see one, let alone possess one.

While not nearly as rare, the Korean sheets for the 1956 Olympic Games (229-30) are deserving of mention. Only five hundred of these special presentation sheets were printed and, as the paper is quite thin and subject to wrinkling and creases, the succeeding years will undoubtedly reduce the number of collectible copies. Incidentally, the sheets come in two forms--with and without the dividing bar between the stamp and the inscription below. The variety without the bar is the rarer one. Occasionally these sheets appear in auctions and sell in the vicinity of \$150.

While Japan has not issued any sports philatelic souvenir sheets prior to the 1964 Olympics, many sports philatelists collect the Japanese sports stamps in full sheets of twenty. Beginning with the Fifth National Games (505-08), Japan issued most of its sports stamps in a 5 x 4 format, small enough to be classed as miniature sheets and small enough to be collected in the same manner as souvenir sheets. The earlier sports stamps (397-400, 418-21, and 470-73) were issued in sheets of eighty, nice for billboards but slightly too large to be collected as souvenir sheets. The other early sports stamps (412, 417, 444, 445, and 469) were issued in sheets of thirty (10 x 3 or 8 x 4 with two tabs) and these are often collected in full sheet form.

San Marino is another country which has issued stamps in miniature, if not souvenir, sheets. The ski jumper stamp (C90) is good by itself; it is even better in a full sheet of six and extremely scarce that way since sheets had to be broken to provide singles. The same is true for San Marino 355 (the gymnast on the rings) except that this stamp was issued in a miniature sheet of four instead of six.

Romania issued most of its semi-postal sports stamps, not in souvenir sheets, but in miniature size. While Romania has not enjoyed the popularity of other stamp countries, these sheets are slowly disappearing from the scene as sheets are inevitably being broken to obtain singles. The footnotes in "Scott" indicate the sizes and formats of these sheets. It should be noted, however, that the comment after #CBL4 does not apply to #CBL3, which was issued in a sheet of sixteen rather than four.

A number of other countries, notably Liechtenstein, Guatemala, and Uruguay, have issued their sports stamps in miniature sheet size, which make attractive displays.

The world's smallest sports stamp (Nicaragua RA60) was also issued in a souvenir sheet of four. What is interesting is that a full sheet of the regular issue (one hundred stamps in 10 x 10 arrangement) is much smaller than the souvenir sheets of many countries. The same stamp in a change of color (RA61) does not come in souvenir sheet form.

In 1962 Chile issued a souvenir sheet for the soccer championship. The note in "Scott" following #C247 indicates the sheet but fails to state that on the sheet all the stamps are printed in the same color, a light brown, and not in their normal colors. While this sheet is not relatively expensive considering that it was issued for a considerable amount above face value, it is not easy to locate and could prove to be a good investment.

A veritable deluge of souvenir sheets has been issued for the 1964 Olympic Games; but only time will tell which of these, if any, will be the rarities. However, if the announced number of 150 is correct, the imperforate sheets of Cambodia could prove to be the most noteworthy of all the 1964 Olympics. Undoubtedly the great majority of these sheetlets will be cut to provide imperforate singles, so that the actual number of sheetlets will be reduced to a handful.

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES ON SPORTS PHILATELY

- Chris Norgard -

(Editor's note: This article first appeared in the May 25, 1965, issue of "Western Stamp Collector" and is reprinted with the permission of Editor William W. Wylie. The original document was submitted simultaneously to our "Journal of Sports Philately"; but, once again, the fact is proven that the part-time amateurs can't keep up with the full-time professionals!)

Is it too late to start collecting sports on stamps (Olympic included)? Does it take too much money to get involved? These are arguments often brought out in discussions and articles on this subject.

The answer depends to a great extent on the individual. If the collector feels he must have everything the overworked presses grind out in the way of stamps, souvenir sheets, and what-have-you (especially from the new independent nations plus some not so new) for the sole purpose of luring every dollar possible from the sport collector's pocket, it can be an expensive venture.

On the other hand, if these new issues are going to increase in value in a fashion similar to the early sport issues, it should be quite worthwhile. And, if past performance of sport stamps is any indication, there seems to be little doubt that this will be the case.

A running inventory of my collections, maintained during the past twenty-one years, provides a comprehensive view of the situation and, I may add, what this record reveals is far from objectionable.

In order to show just what the trend in sport stamps is, a number of representative issues were investigated. Inasmuch as it takes some time for an issue to indicate its potential, no sets issued after 1956 were included. Since the earliest issues, generally speaking, already have achieved substantial gains while later issues have not had sufficient time to attain similar prices; the sets chosen were divided into two study groups.

The first group comprises stamps issued prior to 1944, while the second group includes those issued between 1944 and 1956. This separation is merely to show how the later issues have fared compared to the well-established "classic" sport sets. The results of the investigation can be seen below, based on Scott catalogue prices. There is no significance connected with the start in 1944 except that was the year in which my records were initiated

Because only comparatively minor price changes took place during the first decade (probably because the sport field had not yet been invaded), the next year listed is 1953, then 1957, 1961, 1964, and 1965. The 1964 prices have been included in order to point out that, even for the old issues, the advances in the 1965 prices over 1964 were as great as at any time in their long existence. The group as a whole was up \$481.70 or 22.6 per cent--indeed very satisfactory for one year!

FIRST STUDY GROUP
Issued prior to 1944

COUNTRY	CAT. NO.	YEAR ISSUED	1944	1953	1957	1961	1964	1965	TIMES 1944 CAT. VALUE
COLOMBIA	421-36	1935	36.88	61.05	125.20	246.55	345.00	377.25	10.2
COLOMBIA	445-47	1937	2.10	2.45	2.85	7.50	15.00	16.00	7.6
COSTA RICA	B2 - 7	1924	2.40	3.10	3.80	15.00	22.50	27.50	11.5
COSTA RICA	201-8 C57-66	1941	6.47	20.07	46.90	122.80	182.05	198.75	30.7
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	*B137-9	1925	16.00	19.00	20.50	37.00	60.00	66.50	4.1
DOMINICAN REP.	326-8	1937	.46	.75	.90	15.00	24.00	29.50	64.1
ECUADOR	377-81 C65-9	1939	1.43	1.77	5.60	19.35	32.05	34.55	24.1
GERMANY	*B91-2	1936	1.20	1.70	2.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	12.5
GREECE	*117-28	1896	17.27	30.70	38.00	166.00	328.55	458.80	26.6
GREECE (used)	*117-28	—	15.16	22.46	29.02	123.80	197.80	299.85	19.8
GREECE	*184-97	1906	10.81	17.15	27.00	126.75	230.00	290.50	26.9
GREECE (used)	*184-97	—	9.99	14.20	18.70	78.55	120.40	135.80	13.6
GREECE	381	1934	.25	2.00	2.50	5.00	12.50	15.00	60.0
HAITI	B1 CB1-2	1939	3.15	10.50	26.00	60.00	80.00	87.50	27.8
HUNGARY	B80-87	1925	1.24	2.95	2.95	5.95	10.50	12.25	9.8
ITALY	324-8	1934	1.64	1.17	4.05	17.35	22.90	23.90	14.6
ITAL. COLONIES	46-50	1934	1.82	2.35	7.20	22.50	33.50	46.00	25.3
ITAL. COLONIES	C29-35	1934	5.75	5.60	10.75	28.50	36.50	51.50	8.9
ITAL. AEGEAN IS.	31-5	1934	.82	2.82	3.80	7.50	16.00	19.50	23.8
LEBANON	*18-21	1924	.80	1.20	2.30	5.00	10.00	14.00	17.5
NETHERLANDS	*B25-32	1928	2.65	4.10	6.00	11.00	22.50	26.75	10.0
PORTUGAL	2S1-12	1899- 1910	1.56	2.00	5.00	16.00	22.50	25.50	16.3
RUSSIA	559-68	1935	6.75	20.00	24.15	42.25	78.00	97.00	14.4
RUSSIA (used)	559-68	—	3.30	12.80	15.70	18.80	34.80	37.00	12.2
RUSSIA	698-705	1938	1.96	3.77	3.50	5.45	17.20	21.30	10.8
SALVADOR	538-42 C36-40	1935	7.15	9.70	16.80	84.00	117.50	128.00	17.9
SYRIA	*183-6	1924	.60	1.20	1.60	3.20	12.00	16.00	26.6
URUGUAY	*282-4	1924	.90	1.20	1.20	9.00	18.00	21.00	23.3
URUGUAY	*388-90	1928	.45	.90	.90	6.00	12.00	15.00	33.3
TOTAL FOR THE GROUP			160.96	278.66	454.87	1311.80	2125.50	2607.20	16.2
INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS COLUMN				117.70	176.21	856.93	813.70	1295.40**	
INCREASE % OVER PREVIOUS COLUMN				73%	63%	188%	62%	98.7%**	

*Olympic Games Issue

**Over 1961 figures

You will notice the increase in the 1953 prices over 1944 (nine years) was \$117.70 or 73 per cent, while the next four-year period shows an increase of \$176.21 or 63 per cent. Evidently a great number of sports collectors joined our clan during the next Olympiad (four-year period) because many issues really took off, acting as if they were shooting for the moon!

The increase for that same group amounted to \$856.93 or 188 per cent from 1957 to 1961. The last Olympiad shown--the period from 1961 to 1965--almost doubled the catalogue value of the first group as a whole. The prices rose by \$1295.40 or 98.7 per cent during those four years. If we take the whole period of twenty-one years from 1944 to 1965, we

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find that the 1965 catalogue value of \$2607.20 is 16.2 times that of the 1944 value of \$160.96. Of course that is the average for the group as a whole; some individual sets made an even better showing. The best performer in the group was the 1937 issue by the Dominican Republic (326-28), which in the 1965 Scott catalogue is valued at \$29.50--sixty-four times its 1944 quotation of 46¢.

The Greek 1896 Olympic set, today probably the most desirable of all sport issues, has had a spectacular increase from \$17.27 in 1944 to \$458.80 in 1965, with even another \$50.00 added for either mint or used copies in the January, 1965, issue of the "Scott Monthly Journal". At the time of issue this set was extremely unpopular and for years after was nothing more than penny-box stuff. The "black blot" most certainly would have been assessed against this set if this procedure had been in effect at the time.

Obviously recent Olympic Games have had a tremendous impact on sports collecting, as evidenced by the price advances in the years following. Of my nine other topical collections, none has shown any appreciation comparable to that of sport and Olympics, except in a very few individual cases.

SECOND STUDY GROUP Issued between 1944 and 1956

COUNTRY	CAT. NO.	YEAR ISSUED	1957	1961	1964	1965	TIMES 1957 CAT. VALUE
AUSTRIA	*B277	1952	.50	2.35	6.00	7.50	15.0
BELGIUM	B480-84 & 82a	1950	5.85	15.40	33.60	38.05	6.5
BOLIVIA	C155a & 156a	1951	.75	4.25	7.00	8.00	10.7
CHINA	1098-9	1954	.65	8.00	13.00	16.00	24.6
GERMANY	B304-5	1949	.90	4.00	6.00	6.50	7.2
GERMANY	*9N81-3	1952	.65	2.65	7.75	9.50	14.6
GREECE	C71	1954	.15	1.75	8.00	10.00	66.7
GUATEMALA	C158-62	1948	3.33	10.00	15.50	17.50	5.2
GUATEMALA	C171-6	1950	4.96	12.05	15.75	18.75	3.8
JAPAN	505-8	1950	.80	10.00	16.00	24.00	30.0
JAPAN	523-4	1951	.30	1.00	1.90	4.00	13.3
KOREA	*85-6	1948	3.75	40.00	40.00	43.00	11.5
LIECHTENSTEIN	277-80	1954	.73	4.90	6.60	8.50	11.7
LUXEMBOURG	*280-5	1952	2.02	7.90	15.75	19.75	9.8
MONACO	*CB7-10	1948	3.00	6.00	17.00	20.25	6.8
MONACO	*C36-9	1952	2.60	6.75	14.50	17.00	6.5
MONACO	333	1955	1.00	2.00	7.50	10.00	10.0
MONACO	365	1956	.60	1.25	3.50	5.50	9.2
PERU	*C78-81	1948	6.00	13.50	29.75	32.40	5.4
PERU	*C81a	—	6.00	16.50	37.50	42.50	7.1
PORTUGAL	749-50	1952	.65	3.00	7.50	9.00	13.8
SAN MARINO	C90	1953	1.00	3.25	17.50	20.00	20.0
SAN MARINO	355	1955	4.00	10.00	36.00	48.00	12.0
SAN MARINO	*364-72	1955	.76	3.87	9.37	10.68	14.0
SAN MARINO	*C95	1955	.35	1.50	7.00	8.00	22.8
SURINAM	B55-7	1953	2.75	8.75	15.00	18.00	6.5
SWITZERLAND	B206	1951	2.25	10.00	25.00	27.50	12.2
TURKEY	986-9	1949	1.75	3.03	8.50	9.25	5.3
TOTAL FOR THE GROUP			58.05	213.65	428.47	509.23	8.8
INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS COLUMN				155.60	214.82	295.58**	
INCREASE % OVER PREVIOUS COLUMN				268%	100%	138%**	

*Olympic Games Issue

**Over 1961 figures

The second group, issued between 1944 and 1956, did not vary from the trend of the first group. Again the magic year of 1961 shows a tremendous advance over 1957, as was the case in the first group. In dollars and cents this group rose from \$58.05 to \$213.65,

an increase of \$155.60 or 268 per cent. The next four-year period--1961 to 1965--also shows a substantial gain, \$295.58 or 138 per cent. The top performer in the second group was Greece C71, which today has a catalogue value of \$10.00--66.7 times its 1957 catalogue value of 15¢!

After pondering over these figures, most of you will conclude that they look very good--if one had started ten or twenty years ago--and I must agree that it would have been advantageous. However, consider that I passed up many new issues at that time because I considered them too expensive or not issued strictly for valid reasons and then bought them much later at many times the original price. Yet they have attained a value several times what they cost me.

Although the inventory record does not reflect the current true value of all sport issues, it is a sound general guide to the trends. Certainly it has provided me encouragement to continue collecting this most popular of all topics.

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PHILATELIC MARKET REPORT

- Fred Farr -

Tip of the month--Ryukyu Islands 72-3. Issued in 1960 to honor the 8th Athletic Meeting of Kyushu and Okinawa, these stamps depict sprinters on one stamp and a torch and Nago Bay on the other value. With a modest face value of only 11¢, this set was freely available as a new issue for about 20¢. As recently as 1963 this set was sold for only 15¢ by the leading wholesalers in the United States, but in January of 1965 they boosted their price to 45¢. Until the end of 1964 the prevailing retail price of this set in the U. S. was about 50¢ to 65¢, but since then things have been happening.

One leading American wholesaler of Ryukyu stamps has just printed his latest wholesale offering on this set, asking 85¢ for the set and offering to buy mint sets for 50¢. The May 31, 1965, issue of "Linn's" was devoted to Japanese and Ryukyu philately and contained many advertisements offering this set at prices ranging from 50¢ to \$1.50. This great diversity in prices shows that this set is on the move and that most dealers don't really know what market conditions now prevail.

The fantastic prosperity now prevailing in Japan has driven up the prices of all stamps from Japan and the Ryukyus and this set is now in such great demand that it sells for \$1.65 in Tokyo today. Remember, in a short time American prices must advance to equal those of the international market; so my advice is to buy this set now. A nice set of mint blocks would be one of your finest philatelic investments today, provided you can buy in blocks for 50¢ to 65¢ per set (\$2.00 to \$2.60 for the blocks). Why not try your luck today?

Egypt 292-94 and 294a. One of the last sets issued depicting King Fatso (Farouk), this set is most attractive and was issued in honor of the First Mediterranean Games, held in Alexandria in October of 1951. With a modest face value of only 18¢ for the set or sheet, there were some 300,000 sets and 50,000 souvenir sheets printed, although Travis Land has asserted that the number of souvenir sheets (according to official information from the Egyptian Post Office Department) is only approximately 3,000!

In any case, the current wholesale price of 60¢ for this set is just about equal to the retail price of 65¢ to 70¢, so there is no doubt that current retail prices must rise to approximately \$1.00 soon; this is the prevailing price in Europe. As for the souvenir sheet, dealers ask \$1.50 to \$2.00 whenever it is available and wholesalers can no longer

supply this item. Even if you procrastinate in getting the set, by all means get the souvenir sheet before it is unattainable at a reasonable price. The floating supply of these souvenir sheets is non-existent and, once retail dealers exhaust their tiny holdings, it will suddenly sky-rocket upwards.

German Democratic Republic 488-91. Like all the Soviet bloc countries, East Germany issues many sports stamps, including this issue in honor of the 1960 Olympic Games. The lowest value of this set, depicting boxers, was "blocked", issued in small quantities and available only upon payment (in the hard currencies of the Western European nations or America) of an artificially high price bearing no relation to face value. Mint sets, therefore, are not plentiful and this set has been retailed for approximately \$1.00 ever since it was issued. American wholesalers now ask \$1.25 for this set and European dealers get \$1.50 to \$2.50 for it, so you should make sure that it is in your collection now before you have to pay twice as much later. Although many collectors do not collect East German stamps, the large number of collectors of Olympic stamps will guarantee a perpetual market for this set throughout the world.

Aegean Islands C26-7. This set is one of my all-time favorites, even though only C27 (depicting the Colosseum at Rome) can be strictly classified as a sports stamp. Issued in 1933 to commemorate the trans-Atlantic flight of twenty-four Italian Navy airplanes from Rome to the World's Fair at Chicago, this set has been elusive ever since it was issued although it has not always been expensive. Only 20,000 sets were issued and this is a microscopic quantity when we consider that this set is sought by airmail collectors, collectors of European stamps, specialists in Italian stamps, topical collectors of sports, horses, and Americana, etc.

This set was tipped three years ago by this writer when the set was quite cheap--in 1961 this writer bought a beautiful mint set for only \$3.50! Today this set has just been quoted at \$27.00 wholesale, compared with \$16.00 wholesale in 1964 and only \$5.00 wholesale in 1963. This fantastic increase in price is due obviously to the fore-mentioned facts and this set has a glorious future. If you intend to have this set in your collection, you'd better purchase it now or regret it the rest of your life. Of course, prices in Europe are much higher than in the U. S. and more sets leave this country every day, driving up the price of the few sets still available on the American philatelic market. I will go out on a limb and predict that this set will cost one hundred dollars within the next five years or so! Enough said!

Aegean Islands C28-31. This is another of my favorite sets, which was tipped in this column before. All lovers of football (soccer) will appreciate these stamps, which depict a soccer player in action and airplanes over the stadia at Rome, Turin, and Bologna. Prepared to honor the Second World Soccer Championships, only 30,000 sets are stated to have been issued. Of course this set is needed by collectors of airmails, Europe, Italy, and sports; so this set can go only one way--up, up, and up!

This set has increased steadily in wholesale price from \$1.50 in 1963 to \$2.00 in 1964 and now \$3.25 today. When a set more than doubles in wholesale price in two years, you can be sure that there is a steady demand for the set and that prices will continue to advance. Fortunately, this set is still available at a modest price on the American market and most retail dealers sell this set for \$2.50 to \$3.00--note that this is less than the new wholesale price now prevailing in New York. I predict that this set will sell for \$10.00 within the next two or three years, so why not buy this set before it costs you a lot more?

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San Marino 456-65 and C111-14. For some unknown reason, this set has been a drug on the market and has not increased in price since 1960 when it was issued. The wholesale price of this set has shown only the smallest increase from \$1.10 in 1963 to \$1.25 in January of 1965. Dealers in the U. S. offer this set for \$1.60 to \$1.80, although dealers in London get \$2.20 for the set. Shortly, however, I expect all this to change and prices will undoubtedly increase rapidly for the following reasons: (1) it is an Olympic Games issue as well as a sports issue, (2) San Marino is one of the hottest countries among philatelic investors and speculators and prices for all San Marinese stamps are increasing at a fantastic pace, (3) it is a European set, and (4) all collectors of Italian stamps want this set. Buy now while prices are still at the new-issue level; you can't go wrong.

Incidentally, this set was accompanied by three souvenir sheets, listed in "Scott" after #465. These sheets are still available for \$1.50 or less and this price happens to be the wholesale price in New York today. At this price the souvenir sheets are a gift; I recommend that they be picked up immediately if you haven't already done so. Why take a chance on having these stamps and souvenir sheets sky-rocket like all other San Marinese stamps, when they can still be picked up at the new-issue prices prevailing five years ago? Incidentally, these sheets sell for \$2.20 in London today.

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Black blot report. The May issue of "The American Philatelist" lists only one black blot against sports stamps, according to our reporter John La Porta. The supply of Ajman's perforate Olympic Games set was exhausted "due to the extraordinary demand", so five thousand additional sets and souvenir sheets (both imperforate) have been "ordered from the printer". This new printing is faulted as having no direct relationship to the issuing country and as being oddities intentionally included with the original issue.

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Special pages for U. S. sports commemoratives and first-day covers. To illustrate the special cachet for the recent U. S. Sokol commemorative, the Artopages album page for this issue is reproduced on Page 11 of this issue of "JSP". If sports collectors desire similar pages for other U. S. sports commemoratives (Turners', Winter Olympics, Basketball, etc.), they can still be obtained from Al Weigel (SPI 607), their designer. The minimum order is five such pages at 75¢ postpaid. Please specify by name and "Scott" number from Artopages, 426 Lueke Ave., Woodville, Ohio.

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FIP boycott list available to public. Going one step farther than the American Philatelic Society in its fight against undesirable new issues, the 33-nation Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP) not only lists those issues judged out-of-bounds, but also boycotts such issues and bars them from display in exhibitions receiving its patronage or sanction. FIP is particularly interested in checking on semipostals having excessive surcharges, blocked values, and imperforate vignettes.

Editor James M. Chemi of "The American Philatelist" included a list of the boycotted issues in a recent edition of his journal. Reprints of this article are available to interested collectors without charge by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Editor Chemi at 5932 N. 14th Place, Phoenix, Ariz. 85014.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Many of you will recall our attempt in the April, 1965, issue of "JSP" to reproduce the cachet from the Artopages first-day cover for the Sokol issue. The purpose was to present a graphic illustration of the real meaning of physical fitness, in direct contrast to the poor representation of the concept by the Sokol stamp. As you know, the reproduction turned out so badly that almost none of the cachet was legible.

Al Weigel (SPI 607) and I have had quite a bit of correspondence in search of a new method to accomplish the original purpose. The cachet used for our first effort was green and we discussed trying again with a black cachet, but even that would not guarantee complete readability. Finally our friend offered 550 copies of his album page for that stamp for inclusion in this issue of "JSP". You will find this page serving as the back cover and the cachet in question is on Page 11 of this issue. Thanks, Al.

Periodically I must announce formally to the membership that the supply of major articles for future issues of "JSP" is running low. Such is the case now. There is almost no backlog and your contributions are urgently needed. If you have something ready to go, send it in. If you have something underway, finish it and send it in. If you have an idea for such an article, give it some thought and begin writing. I will edit almost anything, but I cannot and will not write the original material.

REPORT FROM THE SALES DEPARTMENT

Preparation for fall auction. Summer may, or may not, be a slow-down period in sports philately. But, for better or for worse, it is the time when your auction manager prepares his catalogue for the fall auction. Some material is already at hand for this auction and SPI is committed to assist in the dispersal of the collections of the late Jack Paterson (SPI 15) of Edmonton, Canada. Whether this material will be in our fall auction remains to be seen. So it is obvious that your material is needed for yet another successful auction.

I would like your consignments and donations now--certainly no later than August 15th. Late material will appear in the fall auction only if there is enough to merit a second section; otherwise late material will be held over for our spring auction.

Condition of our sales circuits. The circuits are doing fairly well. The response of buyers is good, but the demand still far exceeds the supply. Here is a good chance to get rid of the material which hardly merits auction attention. Send for pages from George Kobylka and mount your material for sale now, next week, or next month. We can use all of it. W.D.S.

SCOSC members win at Van Nuys. The Greater Valley Stamp Show (VEXOS), held on June 5th and 6th in Van Nuys, California, produced three winners for the Sports Collectors of Southern California. First place in topicals and the ATA award went to Barbara T. Williams (SPI 69), "JSP's" new issues contributor, for her presentation of "World Ski Championships". Third place was won by Stefan Brand (SPI 408) for his exhibit of "Baseball on Stamps". In the junior division Nancy Williams, Barbara's daughter, was the winner with her "Symbols of the Olympic Games". In addition, the club prepared a display of material supplied by Stefan Brand, Chris Norgard, Harold Wasserman, and Barbara Williams.

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Sports philately column in "Sport Philippines". Pablo M. Esperidian (SPI 157) is the editor of a column entitled "Sports Philately" in the new "Sport Philippines", which is described as "The Nation's Sports Weekly". In the first issue Pablo devoted almost an entire page to a general survey of sport philately, including clear illustrations of several typical examples. In the second issue Pablo was allotted about a quarter of a page which he devoted to popular-interest items linking sports and sports philately. Congratulations, Pablo, on a worthwhile project which might well recruit many new sports collectors.

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SPI award for the forthcoming SESCOAL. The Federated Stamp Clubs of Southern California will hold their annual exhibition and competition, SESCOAL, in the Statler Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles on October 29th to 31st of this year. SPI will sponsor an award for the best sports exhibit by an adult and SCOSC will again sponsor a corresponding award for the best junior sports display. The adult award, which was first given at the New Mexico show in 1964, is a clear plastic tray about 3" x 5" in size, in which is imbedded the reproduction of a coin from the ancient city of Syracuse.

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Expiration of memberships:

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NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

- Barbara T. Williams -

February Addenda

23rd Fujeira. J. F. Kennedy memorial. 25np light blue (Kennedy sailing).

March Addenda

15th Middle Congo. 85fr multicolored (dancer on stilts).

26th Korea. 14th Conference of the Pacific Travel Association. 4w light blue green

(dancing women).

April Addenda

- 20th Austria. President Scharf memorial. 1.50sh (President Scharf with A. Scharf Students Hostel, Vienna, in background). Design by A. Pilch and engraved by G. Wimmer. Printed by combined off-set and recess methods. Quantity: 3,000,000.
- 20th Peru. Fourth Women's World Basketball Championship. 1.30s (basketball players) and 4.30s (same as 1.30s). Printed by off-set method by De La Rue in London. Quantity: 300,000.

May Addenda

- 15th San Marino. 48th Cycle Tour of Italy. 30l, 70l, and 200l (cyclists).
- 17th Jamaica. Golden Jubilee of the Girl Guide Association of Jamaica. 3d (map of Jamaica and Girl Guide badge) and 1sh (Girl Guide badge). Printed by photogravure by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.
- 22nd Qatar. Boy Scouts of Qatar. 1np (scout activities); 2np (same as 1np); 3np (same as 1np); 4np (same as 1np); 5np (same as 1np); 30np (same as 1np); 40np (same as 1np); and 1R (same as 1np). Also a souvenir sheet containing the 30np, 40np, and 1R stamps. Quantities: 25,000 perforated sets and 12,500 souvenir sheets.
- 29th Czechoslovakia. Third National Spartakiade. 30h (gymnasts); 60h (gymnasts); 1k (gymnasts); and 1.60k (runners). Designed by Anna Podzemna and engraved by Jindra Schmidt and Jiro Svengsbir.

June Addenda



- 1st Switzerland. 100th anniversary of the conquest of the Matterhorn by Edward Whymper. 10¢ (view of the Matterhorn) and 30¢ (same as 10¢ with different inscription). Designed by Edi Hauri and printed by rotary photogravure.
- 4th Norway. Red Cross. 60o red and sepia (mountain climbing) and 90o gray-blue and red (hikers). Designed by Guttorm Guttarmsgaard and engraved by Henry Welde.
- 5th Ryukyu Islands. 3¢ red, gray, and black ("Kumite", a karate form simulating combat). Designed by Masayaski Adaniya. Printed by photogravure in sheets of twenty. Quantity: 1,000,000.
- 14th Poland. World Championships in Finn Class Sailing, Gdynia, July 22-29, 1965. 30gr (Dragon class); 40gr (5.5 class); 50gr (Finn class); 60gr ("V" class); 1.35zl (Cadet class); 4zl (Star class); 5.60zl (Flying Dutchman class); and 6.50zl (Amethyst class). Also 15zl souvenir sheet (group of Finn class yachts during race). Designed by Jerzy Jaworski and Ryszard Dudzicki. Printed by the State Printing Works, Warsaw. Quantities: 8,000,000 to 1,410,000 perforate stamps and 960,000 souvenir sheets. (Additional information)

Current

Congo. 1st African Games, Leopoldville. 5fr black, green, and orange yellow (basketball); 6fr black, bluish grey, and red (soccer); 15fr black, orange red, and lemon yellow (volleyball); 24fr black, violet, and green (basketball); 40fr black, light green, and blue (soccer); and 60fr black, light blue, and violet (volleyball). Designed by Oscar Bonnevalle. Printed in sheets of fifty by heliogravure by the National Austrian Plant, Vienna. Quantity: 40,000.

Forecast

Cameroons Republic. Victory of Oryx Club in African Football Championships. 9fr and 20fr.

Central African Republic. Scouts.

Italy. World Sailing Championships (3). (Additional information)

Japan. 20th National Athletic Meeting. October 20th. Two 5y values. (Additional information)

Jordan. Syncom and Olympic emblem.

Laos. Traditional sports.

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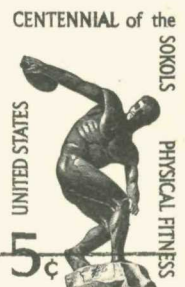
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