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#### PHILATELIC MARKET REPORT

- Fred Farr -

Tip of the month--Monaco 204-08. Issued to commemorate the 1948 Olympic Games, this handsome set has recently started to climb upward at a startling pace. Available just one year ago for 45¢ when I tipped this set in the June, 1964, issue of "JSP", these stamps now retail for 75¢ or 80¢ per set. But the wholesale price has been climbing even faster, and the latest wholesale quotations for this set are \$1.50, with the same wholesalers offering to buy your sets for \$1.00 each. If your dealer is still offering this set at just one-half wholesale price, it's time you snapped up a set to fill those blank spaces in your album. After all, this set obviously isn't going to get cheaper!

Finland B31-3. At long last the stamps of Finland have started their long-overdue climb upwards, just as happened to the Western European stamps a few years ago. If winter sports are your dish of tea, then this set, depicting skiers competing at the International Ski Championships held at Lahti in 1938, is for you. Although 200,000 sets were issued, we must remember that this set is 27 years old and virtually all wholesale stocks have long since been dispersed. Most retail dealers ask \$3.00 for this set, but wholesalers have just increased their price to \$3.75, up from \$2.50 in March! When a set increases fifty per cent in wholesale price in just three months, you know that the set is really hot! Frankly, I don't know where the price rise will finally end, but I do know that the set is really a bargain at \$3.00; so a word to the wise is sufficient.

Philippines 610-12. This set is dynamic, depicting athletes in action, as befits a set issued to publicize the Second Asian Games held in Manila in 1954. This set is also dynamic in price, rising from 85% back in August of 1963, when I first tipped this set. Today it will cost you \$1.50, which is cheaper than the \$1.80 price charged in London. Interestingly enough, \$1.50 is also the current wholesale price for this set, so I hope you know a bargain when you see one.

Germany-West Berlin 9NlO2. Issued in 1953 as part of the long West Berlin definitive stamps (9N42-60) which originally appeared in 1949; this set, which depicts the mighty Olympic Stadium built for the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, was neglected by many collectors. This situation happens often when a stamp is issued as part of a set, but appears several years after the rest of the set was issued. The retail price of this stamp (usually sold along with 9NlO1) is \$2.50, but wholesalers ask \$3.75 for the pair and they offer to buy your stamp for \$2.35. When a stamp wholesales for fifty per cent more than the retail price, you know you'd better get your copy before your retailer has to re-order at the higher price. With a wholesale price of \$3.75 retailers will have to ask \$5.00 or more for this stamp, so why not buy it now at just one-half that price? That makes sense, doesn't it?

Japan 589-90. Rugby and judo aren't often depicted on stamps, so this set is a special treat for sports collectors. But the athletes aren't the only performers here—this set has performed rather well in price too and now costs \$1.25 retail, up from 60¢ when I first tipped it in the November, 1963, issue of "JSP". All is not lost, however, as this set costs \$1.20 at wholesale today and this is just about equal to the prevailing retail price. Get this set today, if you need it, before your retailer has to raise his prices.

<u>Portugal 780-81</u>. Portuguese stamps were considered dogs until a few years ago when a large group of Portuguese specialists was formed and ever since then Portuguese stamps

have climbed ever upwards. Of course, the boundless prosperity in West Europe was also a contributing cause to these price rises, too, as European collectors started to fill in their collections of Portuguese stamps.

Issued in 1953 to honor the fiftieth anniversary of the Portuguese Automobile Club, there is nothing in their innocuous and dull design to indicate that these are sports stamps. Nevertheless, this set has increased in price from 85¢ in late 1963 to the current price of \$1.75. To make matters worse, no wholesale stocks exist of this set, so it will continue on its merry way, rising in price every year. Most of the 300,000 sets issued were used on commercial mail, so a fine mint set should be purchased immediately if you need these stamps. Incidentally, this set is very scarce in Europe, so many sets on the American market will undoubtedly be sent back to Europe to be sold at higher prices than prevail on the American market.

Jugoslavia 359-64. Although this country issues many very attractive stamps, this set is not one of them. When the 15th Olympiad was held in Helsinki in 1952, Jugoslavia couldn't resist issuing this set with stylized drawings of athletes. For a number of years this set was freely available for approximately \$1.00, but by mid-1963 the price had risen to \$1.50. Today this set will cost you \$2.25, compared with the \$2.80 asked in London. Wholesalers ask \$1.75 to \$2.00, which is very close to the current retail price. With only 60,000 sets issued, this set will continue its slow rise. I firmly believe that this set is greatly undervalued today, so you may draw your own conclusions in case you have delayed your purchase.

Monaco 454-59. This is an extraordinarily beautiful set of diamond-shaped stamps, issued in 1960 to honor the 17th Olympiad in Rome and the 8th Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley. As a new issue this set cost only 25¢, but within a few weeks after issuance the price rose to \$1.00 and has since climbed to \$1.25 to \$1.35 retail. But the London dealers are getting \$2.15 for this set and American wholesalers ask \$1.00 today. Now is the time to buy this set if you need it, unless you'd prefer to pay more for it later. Remember, Monaco is one of the really "hot" countries whose stamps are rising rapidly today, both here and abroad.

Japan 657-58. Like most recent Japanese stamps, the designs of these two stamps are very attractive, depicting a weight-lifter and a girl playing badminton (a big sport in Southeastern Asia). Of course, this is still a very cheap set, but you can have the fun of buying it for less than the wholesale price; retailers ask 20¢ for this set while wholesalers have raised their price to 26¢. No, I don't expect this set to rise to high levels, but it will never be any cheaper than it is now; so why not buy your set while you can still get it for only 20¢?

Hungary 1203-09. Hungary has produced many fascinating sports stamps, such as this set issued in 1958 to honor the European Sports Championships held at Budapest. Fortunately for you, this set has not risen since I tipped it in the March, 1964, issue of "JSP", when it sold for 75¢ retail. Ourrent wholesale prices, however, are \$1.50, just double the retail price! Wholesalers will pay \$1.00 for your set, so how can you lose buying this set at the 75¢ retail price? If your dealer has already raised his price, you have only yourself to blame.

Netherlands Antilles B31-4. Soccer is the great international sport, even if it is unappreciated in the United States. In 1957 the Netherlands Antilles issued a handsome set of four stamps honoring the 8th Central American and Caribbean Soccer Championships. With a face value of  $38 \phi$  (U. S.), this set sold for about  $60 \phi$  as a new issue. By 1963 the retail price had risen to \$1.35 and today it costs approximately \$2.00 retail. The cur-

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rent wholesale price of this set is \$1.80, which is almost equal to the retail price -- so I hope that you get the message. Retail prices must obviously rise soon, so I hope you won't delay in getting your set now.



#### NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES

#### Membership expiration data.

Nos. 478-82 and 570-75 Nos. 483-89 and 576-80 Nos. 1-237, 490-502, and 581-85 June 30th July 31st August 31st

SESCAL coming up! The twenty-first annual exhibition staged by the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California will be held in the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles on the week-end of October 29th to 31st. And who runs the show? The general chairman is Carl Davenport (SPI 573) while the secretary is Mrs. Emily Moorefield (SPI 33). The July issue of "JSP" announced two special awards in the field of sports collecting which will be made at SESCAL '65. Competition for this year's SESCAL will be open to all, rather than limited to the residents of vie Western states as has been true in the past. show prospectus and information can be obtained from Mrs. Emily Moorefield, Box 1313, Long Beach, Calif. 90803.

Collectors Club award to Ira Seebacher. One of six honor awards in the annual Collectors club competition went to Ira Seebacher for his presentation of sports rarities. Congratulations, Ira. Many members have asked for illustrations showing sample pages from outstanding collections; can you get the show started, Ira?

Membership changes (to July 1st)

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#### EDITORIAL COMMENT

Preparation of the editor's 1964 supplement to his topical check-list in the field of sports and active recreation has been going on for many months; the results should be published very soon. It takes a bit of doing to get Gibbons, Yvert, or Michel catalogue numbers for those numerous items which Scott's catalogue cannot legally list or which its editors choose not to list (thus far, anyway). As a result of this pains-taking work, certain alarming statistics appear which cannot help but interest every active sports and/or Olympic collector.

Remember that these figures do not include those Olympic items issued in 1963 and before; nor do they include the 1965 issues which are still appearing. They do not include imperforate stamps nor souvenir sheets of any type, either perforate or imperforate. In short, only perforate postage (presumably) stamps are included in the count.

To honor the 1964 Olympic year and its two sets of competition eighty-six countries issued 108 sets comprising 525 stamps. Then there is another category of supplementary items, dealing with previous Olympic Games and winners and still later with current Olympic winners. Here six countries issued seven sets which included thirty stamps. And lastly four countries mis-used (either intentionally or otherwise) the Olympic concept and /or symbols in four sets containing eight stamps. This gives a grand total of ninety-six countries issuing 119 sets totalling 563 stamps!

R. Y. Megan, "Linn's" German columnist, expressed his feelings this way in the March 15, 1965, issue: "Gold, silver, and bronze; these metals are the fashion, not only before the 1914 war when everyone's money started with gold, went via silver, and ended up with the humble copper coin--the Olympic Games still hand out medals of merit on the same scale of priority.

"This year, however, the Olympic harvest--stamp-wise--has either been so good or so bad that a further boost was thought desirable or badly needed. Only wholesalers of the material can tell me whether the former or the latter applies.

"Anyhow, those countries which are after collectors' cash first, foremost, and all the time, have started filling in the gap between 1964 and 1968 with the first intermediate issues recalling Olympic medals awarded to their national teams.

"Hungary, Romania, and the U.S.S.R. are there already, and Panama (unable to register any national Olympic distinction) has gone through the 1964 Winter Games roll of honor

with the medals which were awarded to everyone who competed in a sufficiently meritorious manner.

"Next year we can get 'semi-Olympics', in 1967 we will see the 1968 'pre-Olympics', and the year following we're there again. How long can this continue?"

#### SERVICES

Two opportunities for philatelic competition in the Philippines. Pablo M. Esperidian (SPI 157) of the Sports Philatelists of the Philippines is deep into another project of interest to some SPI members. From December 6th to 12th of this year the Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas, the oldest philatelic organization in the Philippines, will sponsor an international philatelic exhibition in conjunction with the celebration of the fourth centenary of the Christianization of the Philippines.

The exhibition will include official, honor, and competitive classes with the latter divided into eight categories and numerous sub-sections. Many special awards will be given. Collectors interested in participating may request copies of the prospectus from Miss Ramona Felix, General Secretary, CHRISQUAPIPEX, P. O. Box 2405, Manila, Philippines.

The sponsoring organization has also arranged as essay contest on any subject in Philippines philately. Original and unpublished manuscripts of 2,000 words and over are eligible; they may be submitted in English, Spanish, or Philipino. Additional information can be obtained from Pablo via P. O. Box 716, Manila, Philippines.

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International Sports show in Mexico in 1968. Among other forthcoming philatelic exhibitions which were announced during WIPA in Vienna is an invitation for an International Sports show in Mexico City, presumably in conjunction with the 19th Olympic Games in 1968. The request for patronage by FIP was extended by Manuel Obregon, Philatelic Adviser to the Mexican Post Office. This could be a big thing for this continent if a good participation of North American collectors can be developed and if the European sports collectors will send their material across the seas for exhibition in Mexico City.

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Current black blot situation. Reporter John La Porta indicates that sports came out with a clean bill of health in the June issue of the "American Philatelist". However, the May issue questioned Haiti's overprinting of the seven-stamp Olympic set and the corresponding souvenir sheet.



#### NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

- Barbara T. Williams -

#### April Addenda

15th <u>Jugoslavia</u>. World Table Tennis Championship, Belgrade. 50d (player serving) and 150d (player returning volley). Designed by Tanasye Krnjopic and printed in off-set by the Belgrade Banknote Printing Office. Quantities: 1,000,000 (50d) and 250,000 (150d). (Additional information)

#### May Addenda

- 5th <u>Jugoslavia</u>. For the Red Cross. (Children dancing). Designed by A. Dimitrejevic and printed in off-set by the Belgrade Banknote Printing Office. Quantity: 8,000,000.
- 5th Romania. European Sharpshooting Championship, Bucharest. 20b, 40b, 55b, 1L, 1.60L,

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  - 3.25L, and 5L (marksman). Quantities: 5000,000 perforate and 100,000 imperforate.
- 10th Albania. European Sharpshooting Championship, Bucharest. 1L, 2L, 4L, and 15L (all marksman) and 3L (target overlaying map of Europe).
- 15th San Marino. 48th Cycling Tour of Italy. 30L brown (start of race), 70L purple (riders in descent from First Rock); and 200L red (racers in front of Mount Titano).

  Designed by Arseni and printed in rotogravure. Quantity: 500,000. (Additional information)
- 29th Czechoslovakia. Third National Spartakiade. 30h red and blue (children's gymnastic exercise); 60h brown and blue (gymnastic pyramid); lk brown violet and yellow (woman gymnast with flags); and 1.60k reddish brown and gray (runners on starting mark). Designed by Anna Podzemna and engraved by Jindra Schmidt and Jiro Svengsbir. Printed in steel print and gravure. (Additional information)
- Italy. World Yachting Championships. 30L rose and black ("Flying Dutchman"); 70L blue and black ("5.5"); and 500L grey blue and black ("Lightning"). Designed by C. Mancioli. Printed in double panes of forty each in photogravure. (Additional information)

Jugoslavia. Young Pioneers Games. 25d (young Partisan). Designed by Bo Lazarevic and printed in off-set and recess. Quantity: 2,000,000.

#### June Addenda

- lst Netherlands. Public health and welfare. 10¢ + 6¢ blue green and black (cyclist at Thorn). Designed by Theo Kurpershaek and printed in off-set by Joh. Enschede en Zonen.
- Poland. World Championships in Finn Class Sailing, Gdynia, July 22-29, 1964. 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 in sheets of ten by the State Printing Works, Warsaw. Quantities: 8,000,000 to 1,410,000 perforate stamps and 960,000 souvenir sheets. (Additional information)
- 26th Cameroons Republic. Victory of Oryx Club in African Football Championships. 9fr and 20fr (soccer games). (Additional information)
- 30th Dahomey. Dakar Games, 1963. 50¢, lfr, 2fr, 3fr, 15fr, and 20fr.



Hungary. History of tennis. 30f + 10f, 40f + 10f, 60f + 10f, 70f + 30f, 80f + 40f, and 1fo + 50f (various early tennis grounds and games); 1.50fo + 50f (W. C. Wingfield and Wimbledon Cup); 1.70fo + 50f (Davis Cup); and 2fo + 1fo (Bela Kehling). Designed by Adam Cziglenye and printed in off-set and copper print by the Hungarian Banknote Printing Office. Quantities: 440,000 perforate and 8,000 imperforate.



#### July Addenda

lst <u>Niger</u>. lst African Games, Brazzaville. 10fr (runners); 15fr (runners); 20fr (pole vault); and 30fr (long jump).

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.951, January 28, 9th International University Winter Games, Fiana-Stalin, Jan. 28-Feb. 4. Wmk. RPR multiple; F 152. Photogravure

4 l black brown 116. 51 red 117. 11 1 blue

20 1 dk red brown 31 1 dark green 119. 118,

Designs: 115-3ki jumper; 116-Speed ice skater; 117-Dowhill ski runner; 118-

Sc 768-72; G1 1139-43; Mt 1247-51; YT 1135-39; Zu 1370-74

Ice hockey players; 119-Four-man bobsled

951, May 8. Second Anniversary of the Founding of the Romanian Young Pioneer Novement, Wmk. RPR multiple; P 142x14 (No. 121) and 14x147 (Nos. 120, 122) Photogravure

120. 1 1 dk grey green 121, 11 1 blue

122. 35 1 red orange

Designs: 120-Young Fioneer's camp; 121-Fioneers greeting Marshal Stalin; 122-Initiating Young Fioneers to membership

Note: Scott and Michel name May 8th as first day of issue but Gibbons states it was April 30

Sc 777-79; Gi 1146-48; Mi 1259-61; YT 1146-48; Zu 1381-83

1951, July 9. Cycling Tour of Romania, June 29-July 15. Wak RFR multiple; P 142x14. Photogravure in sheets with stamps tete beche

123. 11 1 brown red

Designs: Cyclists on road

Sc 782; Gi 1155; Mi 1263; TT 1150; Zu 1386

1952, Jan. 28 to 1953. Currency Revaluation. Various previous stamps were overprinted in red or in black with new values.

blue (No. 107) rose violet (No. 108)

orange vermilion (No. 109) (Blk) rose carmine (No. 110) (Blk)

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1952, May 21. Third Anniversary of the Founding of the Romanian Young Pioneer Movement, Wark RPR multiple; P 14½x13% (No. 133) and 13¾x14½ (Nos. 131-32). Photogravure.

131. 20 b brown

133, 1,75 1 blue

Lenin and Stalin; 132-Fioneers in nature study; 133-Workers with Fioneers Designs: 131- Boy and girl Fioneers saluting, medallion with heads of returning from May Day parade

So 881-83; Gi 1265-67; Mi 1396-98; YT 1258-60; Zu 1519-21

1952, September 5. International Students' Union Council, Bucharest, Sept. 1952. Wak. RPR mutliple; P 137. Photogravure.

134. 55 b blue green

Design: Students playing soccer

Sc 906; Gi 1291; Mi 1406; YT 1278; Zu 1529

# HANDBOOK

# STAMPS SPORTS

by Ira Seebacher

# Section 30 --- Reunion to Romania

1949, October 20. No. 22 of France overprinted "200 F/CFA" and two bars blocking out old value. Unw. P 13. Recess. Des. and eng. by Decaris.

1. 200 on 500 f vermilion (Blk)

Sailboats in river at Marseille

Sc C44; Gi 391; Mi 362; YT A50; Sa 49

1954, ? France Nos. 28, 30 overprinted new value over CFA with bars over old value. Unw.; P 13. Des. Jacquemin; eng. J. Piel (No. 2) and R. Cottet (No. 3). Recess.

2. 8 on 40 f bistre/indigo (R) 5. 20 on 75 f orange/claret (Blk)

Designs: 2-Canoe racing; 3-Equestrian jumping

Sc 299-300, Gi 367, 380; Mi 981, 983; YT 314, 318

over old value. Unw.; P 13. Des. R. Serres; eng. J. Fiel. Recess. 1954, ? France No. 31 overprinted in black "4 F/CFA" with two bars

4. 4 on 10 f aquamarine/orange brown (Blk)

Design: Bathing beach at Royan

Sc 302; Gi 351; Mi 375; YT 312

1956, ? France Nos. 32-35 overprinted new value over CFA and bars over old value. Unw.; P 13. Recess. Des. R. Serres; eng. 5-Dufresne, 6-Serres, 7-Piel, 8-Gandon.

(BIK) (B1k)

5. 8 on 30 f grey violet/black (R)
6. 9 on 40 f brown/violet brown (B1
7. 15 on 50 f rose violet/violet (B1
8. 20 on 75 f indigo green/blue (R)

Designs: 5-Basketball; 6-Basque pelota; 7-Rugby; 8-Mountain climbing Sc 318-21; Gi 364, 370, 376, 382; Mi 392-95; IT 326-27, 329-30

1931, July 15. Romanian Boy Scouts Exhibition Fund. Wmk. Crown over PTT multiple; P 13%. Photogravure

2+2 1 1+1 1 carmine rose

5.4 4+4 1 sepia 6+6 1 chocolate

3+3 l pale ultramarine

Sc B26-30; Gi C79-83; Mi 413-17; YT 422-26; Zu 535-39 4-Prince Nicholas, chief scout; 5-King Carol II in scoutmaster's uniform Note: The surtax on this set went to the Romanian Boy Scout organization Designs: 1-Scout camp; 2-Rescue work; 3-Tenderfoot taking scout oath;

1932, June 8. National Scout Jamboree, Sibiu. Wmk. Crowns & Monograms; P 13%. Photogravure

25+25 b 50+50 b blue green

2+2 1 red 3+3 1 greenish blue 6+6 1 black brown

1+1 1 green blue 10.

Carol and Crown Prince Michael "On the trail"; 9-Scouts cooking over campfire; 10-King Carol II; 11-Designs: 6-scouts in camp; 7-Scout signaling with semaphore flags; 8-

Sc B31-36; Gi C84-89; Mi 437-442; YT 440-445; Zu 558-63

1934, July 8. Mamaia Scout Jamboree. Nos. 6-11 overprimted in black or gold "Mamaia/1934" over arms of Constanza. Wmk Crowns & Monograms; P 13%. Photogravure

12. 25+25 b blue green (Bk) 15. a. overprint inverted 2+2 1 red (bk)

13. 50+50 b blue (Gold) 16.
14. 1+1 l olive green (Bk) 17. a. overprint inverted a. overprint inverted
3+3 1 greenish blue (Gold)
6+6 1 black brown (Gold)

Designs: As Nos. 6-11

trial color proofs (michel). Note: No. 12 with gold overprint and No. 14 with red overprint are

Sc B44-49; Gi C96-101; Mi 468-73; YT476A-F; Zu 593-98

1935, June 8. Fifth Anniversary of King Carol II's Accession to the Throne and a concurrent National Sports Festival on June 8th. Wmk urowns & Monograms; P 13%. Photogravure

2 1 green olive black violet

21. 6+1 purple brown 22. 10+2 bright blue

Designs: 18-Sea scout at salute; 19-Scout bugler; 20-Sea and land scouts; 21-King Carol II; 22-Sea, land and girl scouts

Sc 50-54; Gi 824-28; Mi 484-88; YT 481-85; Zu 610-14 Note: Surtax went to scout organization; (b) Entire set exists imperforate

1936, August 20. National Boy Scout Jamboree, Brasov. Wmk. Crowns & Monograms; P 13%. Fhotogravure

1+1 1 olive grey

6+6 1 carmine

Designs:23-National scout badge; 24-Tenderfoot badge; 25-Brasov Jamboree

Note: Entire set exists imperforate

Sc B63-65; G1 C109-111; Mi 516-18; YT 505-07; Zu 694-36

1948, July 26. Air and Sea Communications Day. Wmk. Cross & crown multiple; P 14. Photogravure

100. 2+2 1 green

Designs: 99-Glider meeting; 100-Sailing regatta

Note: Trachtennerg states 50,000 of each was issued.

Sc B 388, 392; Gi C450, 454; Mi 1145, 1149; YT 1050, 1054; Zu 1266, 70

1948, December 31. Office of Popular Sports (0.8.P.) Wmk. RPR multiple; P 13%x13 (No. 102) and 13x13% (Nos. 101, 103), Photogravure in souvenir sheets of four.

101. 5+5 1 green 102.10+10 1 brown brown violet

103. 20+20 1 deep ultramarine

Designs: 10 -Runners; 102-Parade of athletes; 103-Boy launching model

set was printed in sheets of six stamps format other than the sheets of four; Michel errs in stating the of 4 of each value. Your editor has not seen these stamps in any Note: Trachtenberg states 30,000 sets were issued and 2,500 sheets

Sc BH21-22, CB 20; Gi C470-72; Mi 1172, 74, 76; YT 1072-73, A 51, BF 38A; Zu 1296, 98, 1300; Sa 83

1948, December 31. Officie of Popular Sports (0.8.P.). Wmk RPR multiple; of four. Imperforate. Nos. 101-03 in new colors. Photogravure printed in sheets

105.10+10 1 red 104. 5+5 1 brown

106. 20+20 1 Prussian blue

Designs: As Nos. 101-03

of four were issued. The sheets of four are the only format of this were of six stamps each. Notes: (a) Trachtenberg states 30,000 sets and 2,500 sets of sheets issue known to your editor.; Michel mistakenly claims the sheets

BF 39A; Zu Sc B423-24; CB 21: G1 473-75; M1 1171, 73, 75; YT 1074-75, A 52, 1297, 99, 1301

1950, May 25. First Anniversary of the Founding of Romania's Young Pioneer Movement. Wmk RPR multiple; P 14. Photogravure

11 1 red violet

109. 31 1 orange vermilion

Designs: 107-Boy bugler and girl drummer; 108-Three Young Pioneers

Sc 745-47; Gi 1118-20; Mi 1226-28; YT 1114-16; Zu 1349-51

reading in classroom; 109-Young Pioneers parading

October 30. People's Sport and Work. Wmk. RPR multiple; P 14%x Fhotogravure.

110.

111.

113. 11 1 dark green
31 1 brown olive

Designs: 110-Agriculture, manufacturing, sports badge; 111, 12-Sports youths and badge; 113-Runners and badge; 114-Girl turner 5 l rose carmine5 l red brown5 l bright blue

Note: Scott and Michel say Oct. 30 is first day while Gibbons and badge. says it was Oct. 28.

Sc 759-63; Gi 1132-36; Mi 1242-46; YT 1128-32; Zu 1365-69

Sc 628-30, B340, C26, CB6; G1 1007-13; M1 1000-06; YT 916-20, A 36-37; Zu 1122-28; Sa 60-61

1946, O tober 1. Office of Popular Sports. Wmk. Cross & Crown multiple; Imperforate. Photogravure printed in sheets of 4 (117x130mm).

90. 300+1000 l brown red (160,000)

Design: Like Nos. 88-89 but in larger format

Notes: (a) Scott gives 1947 as year date of issue; (b) Trachtenberg editor is unaware of any sheet format of this issue other than the small sheets of 4. says 150,000 stamps were issued as well as 2,500 sheets of 4. Your

Sc CB8; Mi 1007; YT BF 30; Zu 11291; Sa 62

1946, November 20. Rumanian Women's Democratic Organization. Wmk. Crown & Cross multiple; P 14. Photogravure

91. 300+450 l olive green

Design: Transylvanian equestrienne

Sc B344; Gi C383; Mi 1016; YT 929; Zu 1138

1947, June 27. May Day, Wmk. Cross & Crown multiple; P 14x13. Photogravure printed in sheets of 20

92. 3,000+12,000 l blue

Design: Douglas DC 6 "Liftmaster" over Black Sea coast, sailboats off shore. Notes: Scott, Gibbons and Michel say May 1 was first day but Sanabria gives first day as June 27 and also attributes this stamp to having been issued as part of the Technical Culture set, not the May Day set.

Sc CB11; Gi 1036a; Mi 1065; YT A42; Zu 1187; Sa 70

arced curve reading upwards and "C.B.A." in arced curve reading downple; P 13% Definitive stamp of 1947 overprinted in red "2+3 Lei" in 1947, September 6. Balkan Games, Bucharest. Wmk. Cross & Crown multiwards over a horizontally printed "1947". Photogravure

93. 2+3 on 36,000 l violet

Design: Profile of King Michael

Sc B368; Gi C408; Mi 1077; YT 996; Zu 1199

(Nos. 94-96), 13/kxl4 (No. 97), imperforate (No. 98). Photogravure. 1948, February 21. Balkan Games. Wmk. Cross & Crown multiple; P 13% . 46

97. 7+7 l dark violet 98. 10+10 l dark green 1+1 olive brown carmine 95. 2+2 carmi 96. 5+5 blue Designs: 94-Discus thrower; 95-Runner; 96-Heads of boy and girl athletes; 97-98 Douglas DC 2 over stadium Notes: (a) No. 97 was printed in sheets of 16 while No. 98 was issued in a small sheet of with marginal inscriptions; (b) Trachtenberg states 150,000 of 94-96 were issued, 110,000 of 97 and 2,500 sheets of 16 in addition; and 110,000 of 98 as well as 10,000 sheets of 4.

Your editor has never seen either No. 97 or 98 in sheets with formats other than of 16 and of 4 respectively; (c) Sanabria says February 20 was first day for Nos. 97-98; (d) Sanabria states No. 97 exists in sheets of 4. This is an error.

Sc B381-83, CB 13-14; G1 C424-28; M1 1096-1100; YT 999-1001; A45-46; BF 36; Zu 1218-22

F(ederatiilor) S(portive) R(omane). Wmk. Crowns & Monograms; P 13%-Photo. .937, June 8. 7th Anniversary of the Assumption to the Throne by King Carol II and the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the U(niunea)

vermilion 3+1 1 claret 4+1 1 vermil: lake 31. 4+1 1 32. 6+2 1 33. 10+4 1 30. 25+25 b olive black 50+50 b chocolate

blue 2+1 1 slate green 28. 1 1+50 b violet

Designs: 26-Soccer players; 27-Swimmer; 28-Javelin thrower; 29-Skier; 31-4-oared racing shell; 30-King Carol hunting; 32-Steeplechase jumping; 33-Founding of the Federation of Romanian Sports Clubs (UFSR)

Note: All values exist imperforate; surtax went to UFSR

Sc B69-76; Gi Cl20-27; Mi 528-35; YT 515-22; Zu 649-56

1937, September 1. 8th Balkan Games. Wmk. Crowns & Monograms; P 13%. Photogravure.

6+1 1 dark brown 10+1 1 light blue 1+1 1 violet 2+1 1 green green 4+1 1 Designs: 34-Runner leaving blocks; 35-Javelin thrower; 36-Hurdler; 37-Runner breasting tape; 38-High jumper

Sc B77-81; Gi C128-32; Mi 538-42; TT 525-29; 7u 659-63

.938, Jure 8. 8th Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of King Wmk. Crowns & Monograms; P 13%. Photogravure. Carol II.

dk slate green 6+2 l violet brown 7.50 l grey blue 10 l bright blue 16 l dk slate green 20 l vermilion 45. 47. 49. deep magenta 39. 25+25 b olive black 40. 50+50 b dark brown 1+1 1 violet 2+2 1 green 3+2 1 deep mage 4+2 1 scarlet 玩 41. 450

Designs: 39-Deme trius Cantemir; 40-Maria Doamna; 41-Mircea the Great; 42-Constantine Brancoveanu; 43-Stephen the Great; 44-Prince Cuza; 45-Michael the Brave; 46-Queen Carmen Sylva; 47-King Carol II; 48-King Ferdinand I; 49-King Carol I.

Note: The surtax was for the Straja Tarii, a scout organization Sc B85-92; Gi C135-143; Mi 553-63; YT 536-46; Zu 674-84 1939, June 8. 9th Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of King Carol II. Wmk. Crowns & Monograms; P 13%. Photogravure.

bright ultramarine grey violet blue green carmine blue 6+2 1 8 1 10 1 12 1 16 1 -95 58. dark brown pale violet 50. 25+25 b black 51. 50+50 b dark br. 52. 1+11 pale vi. 53. 2+21 green 54. 5+21 purple 55. 4+21 red purple

Design: St. George slaying the dragon

Mote: The surtax went to the Straja Taril, a boy scout organization; all Sc B99-109; G1 C149-59; Mi 598-608; TT 570-80; Zu 708-18

1940, June 8. 10th Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne by King Carol II. Wmk. Crowns & Monograms; P 14%x14 (vertical), 14x14% (horizontal). Photogravure.

brown carmine dk blue grey ultramarine orange red 65. 5+1 1 66. 8+1 1 67. 12+2 1 68. 16+2 1 greenish black 61. 1+1 l deep violet red brown green 2+1 1 3+1 1 4+1 1 63. 62.

Designs: 61-View of the Danube (Iron Gate); 62-Roman ruins; 63-Cetatea Alba Castle; 64-Hurezi Monastery; 65-Old church in Bukovina; 66-Cathedral of Alba Julia; 67-Village church in Transylvania; 68-Triumphal Arch in Bucharest

Note: Surtax went to the Straja Tarii

8c Bl27-34; Gi Cl66-73; Mi Mi 631-38; YT 603-10; Zu 744-51

NOTE: The Nov. 30, 1940 airmail stamp issued as propaganda for the Rome-Berlin axis and depicting Cornelu Codreanu (Sc CBl, Gi Cl90; Mi 6:1; YT A31; Zu 785; Sa 50) exists with a 2-line red overprint "I Mai 1941/ Jamboreea Nationala". The stamp is not listed in any of the major catalogues but both Scott and Sanabria refer to it in a footnote. Whether it was an essay, a fantasy or what, your editor cannot state.

1943, September 26. Rumanian Sports Week, Sept. 17-26. Wmk. Cross & crown multiple; P 13%. Photogravure.

69. 16+24 % "ltramarine (105,000)
70. 16+24 1 red broan (105,000)

Design: Sports badge

Sc B217-18; Gi C268-69; Mi 775-76; YT 737-38; Zu 888-89

1944, ? 30th Anniversary of the Founding of the Rumanian N tional Rugby Football Association. Wmk. Cross & crown multiple; P 15. Photogravure.

70. 16+184 1 crimson

Design: Rugby player

Note: Landmas cites March 16 as first day; Trachtenberg states the size of issue was 80,000

sc B245; Gi C291; Mi 792; YT 769; Zu 918

1945, August 5. Organization of Popular Srorts (0.8.P.). Wnk. Cross & crown multiple; P 131%. Photogravure in sheets of 9 (3x3).

1. 12+188 1 olive grey 74. 32+168 1 magenta 2. 16+184 1 lt. ultramarine 75. 35+165 1 brt. blue 3. 20+180 1 deep green

Designs: 71-Discus thrower; 72-Diver; 73-Skiing; 74-Volley ball; 75-Worker-athlete

Note: Trachtenberg states 36,000 stamps issued and 4,000 blocks. Whether he means a total of 72,000 stamps is not clear. If so, your editor has never seen sheets of these stamps other than in sheets of 9 which are the blocks mentioned.

Sc B279-83; Gi 320-25; Mi 874-78; YT 843-47; Zu 991-95

1945, August 5. Oraganization of Popular Sports (O.S.P.). Wmk. Cross & crown multiple, imperforate. As Nos. 71-75 in new colors. Photogravure in sheets of nine (3x3).

76. 12+188 l red orange 77. 16+184 l violet browm 78. 20+180 l violet

> 32+168 1 35+165 1

green olive green

Designs: As Nos. 71-75

Note: Trachtenberg states 36,000 sets issued and 4,000 blocks. Again, does he mean 72,000. See note after 71-75

Sc B284-88; Gi C326-30; Mi 879-83; YT 849-53; Zu 996-1000

1945, August 5. Organization of Popular Sports (O.S.P.). Wmk. Cross & crown multiple; P 13%. Photogravure printed in sheets of 30 stamps and 10

tabs (10x4), the tabs alternating with the stamps in horizontal rows Nos. 2 and 4, rows 1 and 3 being without tabs.

81 200+1000 1 blue/lt blue

Design: Plane and dove

Notes: (a) Scott mistakenly reports the sheets were of 100 subjects, an error; (b) Trachtenberg states 30,000 stamps were issued and, of course, a third as many tabs; (c) the tabs are also in dark blue and blue and with three lines of type at top, the 0.S.P. shield above a curved branch of laurel; (d) although this stamp is listed by Sanabria, it is not an airmail stamp and was not so intended.

Sc B289; Gi C325; Mi 884; YT 848; Zu 1001, Sa 51

1946, ? Youth Issue. Wmk. Cross & crown multiple; P 11%. PhOtogravure printed in sheets of 4 (2x2) with inscriptions

82. 10+200 1 grey blue/red brown

Design: Hurdlers

Notes: (a) Gibbons says first day was June 10 while Landmans says March 6; (b) Trachtenberg states 188,000 of this stamp was issued as well as an additional 25,000 sheets of 4. This implies the stamp was issued in two different sheet formats. If so, your editor has not seen a block larger than the four to be found in the small sheets.

Sc B333; Gi 376; Mi 994; YT 912; Zu 1104

1946, ? Organization of Popular Sports. Wmk. Crown & Corss multiple; P 11%. Photogravure

83. 10 1 dark blue
84. 20 1 orange red
85. 50 1 dark violet
86. 80 1 dark brown

ne 87. 160+1340 1 dark green red 88. 300 1 crimson olet 89. 300+1200 1 blue

Designs: 83-Soncer players; 84-Diver; 85-Runner leaving mark; 86-M···tain climber; 87-Ski jumper; 88-89: Lockhead 12 Electra

Notes: Landmans gives May 1 as first day while Sanabria says it was Sept. 1 for Nos. 88-89; (b) all stamps of this set were issued in imperforate sheets as well (16 stamps to sheet), except Nos. 88 and 89 which were issued together in sheets of 16 in two separate sheet layouts, as follows:

Type I sheet with crimson marginal inscription-

Type II sheet with blue marginal inscription-89 88 89

(c) Trachtenberg states there were 200,000 issued of Nos. 83-87 and 200,000 of 83-87 imperforate. He adds there were 1,500 perforated and 1,500 imperforate sheets also issued. This would imply a different format for the rest of the issue. Again, your editor has never seen multiple pieces or large-sized sheets to indicate this set appeared in two sheet formats. Trachtenberg also states there were 100,000 sets issued of Nos. 88-89 as well as 1,250 blocks of these two stamps. But two sheet formats of these stamps are also not known to your editor; (d) The tiny imprint "Fabrica de Timbre" at the bottom of the stamps of this besue is often missing partly or in entirety, particularly from those stamps forming the bottom rows of each sheet.

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- lst Ryukyus. Opening of Ounomaya Stadium. 3¢ green, orange, and blue (Ounomaya Stadium). Designed by Masayashi Tamanaha. Printed in sheets of twenty. Quantities: 800,000. (Additional information)
- 12th France. Tourist issue. 95¢ (man poling boat).
- 19th France. Tourist issue. 60¢ (sailing at Aix-les-Bains).

#### Current



Bulgaria. Various sports championships. lst (woman gymnast)(World Championship in Artistic Gymnastics); 2st (woman gymnast on horizontal bar)(Fifth European Gymnastic Championships); 3st (weight lifter)(European Weight Lifting Championship); 5st (rally automobile)(Balkan Auto Rally); lost (woman basketball players)(European Women's Basketball Championship); and l3st (rally automobile and map)(Balkan Auto Rally). Designed by Milka Peikova and Gueorgui Kovatchev and printed in heliogravure. Quantity: 200,000. (Additional information)

Congo Republic. Brazzaville African Games. 25fr, 40fr, 50fr, 85fr, 100fr, and 300fr souvenir sheet.

Hungary. Circus set. 20f (equestrian display); 2.50fo (acrobatic gymnast); and 4fo (bear riding a bicycle). Designed by Adam Cziglenyi and printed by the State Printing Office. Quantities: 450,000 perforate and 10,000 imperforate.

Jordan. Volleyball championship. 14f olive, 35f purple brown, and 50f turquoise (all volleyball player). Also 100fr red brown souvenir sheet (same design).

Mali. Brazzaville African Games. 5fr and 15fr.

Upper Volta. Brazzaville African Games. 15fr, 25fr, and 70fr.

#### Forecast

Greece. Pan-Balkan Games, Athens. (September) (3) (Additional information)

India. Conquest of Mount Everest by Indian climbing team.

Mexico. Pre-Olympic set.

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