

THE ORIGIN OF SOCCER

- Scot Landy -
(Continued from the October issue of "Journal of Sports Philately")
Exactly, to the month, one hundred years after the founding of the Football Association this organization and the F.I.F.A. staged the never-to-be-forgotten "Centenary Game" at the magnificent Empire Stadium at Wembley, Iondon. Despite the difficulties in planning such a venture, the world's greatest players awaited the call of F.I.F.A. for what was termed "the game of the century". Who were to be the lucky ones from such a large reservoir of talent? From all continents, irrespective of creed, color, or nationality, the chosen sixteen came to do battle and rightfully to acclaim England's contribution to the world. All spoke but one language--the universal language of soccer. All considered it their greatest honor and the highest compliment ever paid to their wonderful talents. The result was of secondary importance in this case.

The giant Yashin from the U.S.S.R., nearing the veteran stage and knicknamed "the Octopus", was chosen as goalie with Soskic from Jugoslavia as his understudy. Of the fullbacks the Brazilian Santos, as wily as a fox on defense, was paired with Schnellinger, the dour destroyer of attacking raids. Eyzaguirre, the Chilean greyhound who could cover such great territory with his amazing speed, was to delight the crowd in the second half. The great Czech halfback line of World Cup fame was to be the mid-line of the defense--Pluskal, Popluhar, and Masopust--and With them Was the peerless Scot, Jim Baxter, whose uncanny ball control was to make the huge crowd gasp.

In the forward line Raymond Kopa, the idol of France, was joined by Denis Law, the fiery blond Scot from the "airts of Aberdeen", one who by no means lives by his name. There was Argentinian Alfredo de Stefano, now a naturalized Spaniard, who has been acclaimed the greatest center forward of all time (he was even to be kidnapped by rebel forces when he was about to play in Venezuela). Also included were the "Black Jewel", Eusebio from Mozambique, the West German Seeler, and Francesco Gento, captain of Spain. We were to see, too, the great Ferenc Puskas, the Hungarian maestro whose rhapsodies on a soccer field are now legend. The cream of England's soccer greats was also chosen from a pool of sixteen--players of the caliber of Greaves, Charlton, and Moore. It promised to be an epic.

Stampwise England's contribution was nil. From all quarters appeals were sent out in an effort to have the centenary commemorated in some way. Pressing demands were sent to the Football Association to intervene with the strongest possible appeals, but they were to no avail. That organization did not press for a commemorative then in the hope, it is said, that one would be issued in 1966 to honor the World Cup competition. One far-seeing dealer went so far as to prepare thousands of covers with the Monaco "Wembleys", but these were emphatically turned down; the excuse given was that the design on the one-cent stamp was hopelessly outdated in comparison with the present-day structure of the super-stadium at Wembley.


Illustrated, however, are two covers autographed by both teams, bearing the "Centenary" stamps from Monaco and dispatched by registered mail from Wembley on October 23, 1963. The first is autographed by the all-star English team while the second displays the signatures of many of the overseas all-stars and of Sir Stanley Rous, the president of the F.I.F.A. They are unique, but represent a puny attempt on the part of the author to have a philatelic momento of such a great occasion. These, and the covers illustrated previously, are among the most treasured in my own collection. They prove that, with a little foresight and Scot's grit, much can be achieved sometimes against seemingly impossible odds and just what one can do with stamps.


In this World Cup year, with the final play-offs to be in England, Monaco once more has been first in the field. Within twelve months since England's centenary celebration the little principality remembered that it was sixty years since the formation of the International Federation of Football Associations (F.I.F.A.).

These two organizations are the world's most powerful governing bodies in football.

Through the history of soccer the international group has had a stormier passage than that of the Football Association. Having to cope with the tense atmosphere of world competition and with playing skill at such a universally high level, it had to introduce a system of rigid control in order to enforce the laws of the game. At first there was, great cohesion between the two organizations, with the Footbail Association being most sympathetic toward the early efforts of F.I.F.A. Later, however, things were to change and the Football Association to break away from the rulings of the world body. But this is another story, much too long to detail here.

Today, however, great harmony exists between the two bodies and it is significant that Sir Stanley Rous, who has contributed much to the advancement of the game, is now the
president of F.I.F.A. The cover illustrated below honors F.I.F.A.'s 1965 convention in Glasgow, Scotland, and combines Monaco's 1964 commemorative with suitable British franking, together with Rous' autograph.


But that organization still owes its success to the early efforts of the dedicated French lawyer and sportsman-supreme, Jules Rimet, who in his devotion to the game dedicated his entire life to its advancement.

The idea of an international organization was first expressed by C. A. W. Hirchmann of the Dutch Football Association, but then chiefly for the advancement of the game in Europe. The French Football Federation was greatly in favor of the idea of a European union and desired immediate action. But it was not until 1904 that the six representatives from France, Holland, Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland, and Spain met in Paris; through the early efforts of these nations F.I.F.A. Was born.

So great was the initial success of this federation that by 1908 soccer was added With full official international sanction to the Olympic Games held that year in London. But it was not until after the first World War (actually 1924 in Antwerp) that the Olympic tournament was billed as the "World Championship of Football". Here the brilliant Uruguayians were to win this event so sensationally, sweeping aside with relative ease the European menace to gain world domination. We recall how, forty years ago, this obscure little republic honored the victory with a fine set of three soccer values. She is also credited with the first soccer cancellation, "Champions of the World", since she regarded herself as such by virtue of her amazing victories at these Olympics. It was in 1924 that the idea of a true world championship competition began to take firm shape.

At the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics a congress presided over by Henri Delauney, secretary
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to the French Football Federation, adopted unanimously the proposal that a world competition should be organized as soon as possible. Uruguay, as in the 1924 Olympics at Antwerp, repeated her victory and retained the title as unofficial "Champions of the World". At this congress Jules Rimet was elected the first president of F.I.F.A.; thus the gold statuette is rightly known as the "Jules Rimet Trophy" to this day. Rudolphe Willi Seeldrayers, president of the Belgian federation, was appointed vice-president and Henri Delauney was given the position of secretary. The organizing committee also included the great Hugo Meisl from Austria and the German Franz Linneman. Vittorio Pozzo, who was to guide the great Italian squad "Gli Azzuri" to two sweeping victories in the Thirties, also pledged the support of his country.

In a recent article we saw how the honors for the first World Cup went to Uruguay as the little South American republic confirmed her superiority with a resounding victory. A hat-trick of soccer victories was an achievement of the greatest importance even in those far-off days and ranks her as one of the greatest footballing nations of all times.

## NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES

Damaged notices of membership expiration. Livingston Platt (SPI 57) of New York City and Rye, New York, returned to our secretary-treasurer his badly damaged notice of membership expiration. The entire envelope was badly scorched and the corners actually burned, although the contents were completely legible. His notice was one for the charter members whose memberships expire on August 31st. One cannot help but wonder how many others did not receive their notices for this reason.

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Seebacher on air mail covers. Ira Seebacher (SPI 16), the compiler of our handbook serial, displayed and discussed sports air mail covers at the 0ctober 14th meeting of Chapter No. 1, Aero Philatelists, Inc., at the Collectors Olub, 22 E. 35th St., New York City.

President of Philippine Philatelic Writers Club. Pablo M. Esperidion (SPI 157) was elected as president of the Philippine Philatelic Writers Club at its reorganization meeting in Manila in August of this year.

## Expiration notices:

Nos. 238-81, 503-16, and 586
Nos. 282-322, 517-29, and 587-90
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September 30th
October 3lst November 30 th
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## July Addenda

lst United Arab Republic (Egypt). 10 m (Pharaonic chess board, circa 1350 B. C.). Printed in photogravure by the Postal Authority Printing House. Quantity: 2,000,000.
lst United Arab Republic (Palestinian occupation). Iom (Pharaonic chess board, circa 1350 B. C.). Printed in photogravure by the Postal Authority Printing House. Quantity: 350,000.

5th Congo. Fifth anniversary of independence. 5fr, 6fr, 7fr, 9 fr , and 18 fr (all paratrooper and parachute). Printed by photogravure by the Israel Government Printing Office. Quantity: 40,000 sets.

7 th Venezuela. Monetary change. Scott \#0810 ( $85 \phi$ rose lake-woman athlete) overprinted "75¢".

## August Addenda

loth Poland. To honor Polish winners at the 18th 01ympic Games, Tokyo. 30gr multicolored and gold (weight lifter); 40 gr multicolored and gold (boxer); 50 gr multicolored and silver (relay runners); 60 gr multicolored and gold (fencers); 90 gr multicolored and silver (women hurdlers); 3.40 zl multicolored and gold (women's relay); 6.50zl multicolored and gold (long jump); and $7.10 z 1$ multicolored and bronze (volleyball). Each stamp is printed in the color of the medal won in the event depicted. Issued in sheets of eight with a border of Olympic rings and a center label depicting two sides of the Olympic medal. Designed by Stefan Malechi and printed in rotogravure by the State Printing Works of Securities in Warsaw. Quantities: from 7,500,000 ( 40 gr and 60 gr ) to $1,260,000$ (1.10z1). (Additional information)

28th San Marino. Europa issue. 200L (chessmen on board). Designed by C. Mancioli.

## September Addenda

lst French Polynesia. Underwater Fishing Championships, Tahiti. 50fr (skin diving). Designed and engraved by Combet and printed in recess by the Paris State Printing Office. (Additional information)

2nd United Arab Republic (Egypt). Alexandria Long Distance Swimming Championship. lom (Arab swimmers, Qeitun and Abd el Geibel). Printed in rotogravare by the Postal Authority Printing House, Cairo. Quantity: 2,000,000.

2nd United Arab Republic (Egypt). IV Pan Arab Games, Cairo. 5m (symbol of Games); lom (map of Arab countries); and 35m (horse "Saadoon"). Quantity: 600,000 sets.

6th Sharjah. To publicize the campaign to save the Nubian monuments. 5np, 10np, 30np, and 55np (all chariot and archer). Printed in photogravure by the Postal Authority Printing House, Cairo.

15th German Democratic Republic: Modern Pentathlon World Championship, Sept. 19-23, 1965. lopf multicolored (swimmer); lopf multicolored (running); lopf multicolored (riding); $10 \mathrm{pf}+5 \mathrm{pf}$ multicolored (fencing); and lopf + 5pf multicolored (pistol shooting). Designed by Klaus Hennig, Berlin, and printed in offset by VEB Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerei, Leipzig. (Additional information)

27th Mexico. XX World Scout Conference, Mexico City, Sept. 27-0ct. 3, 1965. 80ф (tent and campfire).

## October

24th Korea. 46th National Athletic Meeting. Set and souvenir sheet.
24 th Japan. 20th National Athletic Meeting. $5 y$ (gymnast on horse) and $5 y$ (marathon runner). Printed in sheets of twenty. (Additional information)

## CLASSI FIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Robert M. Bruce, 1457 Cleveland Road, Wooster, Ohio: Need singles, Aegean Islands C29, Austria Bl79, Bulgaria 241 (U), Bulgaria 242 (U), Bulgaria 248 (U), Bulgaria 249 (U), Colombia 446, Colombia 447, Cuba Cl59 (U), Danzig B28, Guatemala Cl95 (U), Hungary 884, Hungary 957, Japan 399, Japan 420, Japan 421, Japan 469, Japan 524, and Japan 590. Any offers?

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It was a hot midsummer afternoon when my wife and I arrived in Olympia. We came to revive in our minds the ancient glory of this sacred and immortal site of Greek harmony, virtue, and grace. The following day, as an afterthought, I popped into the "New Olympic Games Museum", headquarters of the "International 0lympic Philatelic Union".

This casual visit to the Olympic Sport-Philatelic Museum revived my interest in the collection of sports stamps. I had started this hobby in 1950 but, after five years, I cooled off and reached zero. Now I am again participating actively.

Less than one thousand Olympians continue their placid lives in the devout company of their eternal companions, Kladeos and Alpheios. These two rivers embrace Olympia and praise her paramount beauty.

Approaching the excavated ruins and antiquities of ancient Olympia, we paused for a while at the monument erected by the Greek government in honor of Baron Pierre de Coubertin. We circled the spot where, in accordance with his wish, the Baron's wife placed a flask containing his heart. If ever I experienced a moment of sublimity, this was it.

We walked along to witness the relics of Olympic history: the Gymnasion, the Palaistra, the Theokoleon, Pheidia's workshop, the Thermes, the Leonidaion, the Krypte, the Stadium, the Exedra of Herodes, the Treasuries, the Temple of Hera, the Philippeion, and the Great Altar of Zeus.

But the most important finds of the excavations are housed in the Museum of Olympia, constructed in 1886. Here is sheltered the treasury of ancient Greek art: the two pediments of the Temple of Zeus, the "Nike" of Paionos, the "Thinking Old Man", "Apollo", the eternal beauty of Praxiteles' "Hermes", and many others.

All this was like heaven. And who would dream of swapping this for earthly sports stamps? But, when I eventually came down to earth, I made my way to the Olympic SportPhilatelic Museum on the outskirts of the little town.

My wife was in no mood to "blot" her image of ancient Olympia by mixing it with sports stamps. She left for our hotel and suggested that I stay "a few minutes" at the Philatelic Museum. Needless to say, I stayed a few hours.

It was a rare experience to browse among the treasures housed in the little white building, officially known as the "New Olympic Games Museum". The following are among the items of interest in the non-philatelic section: (1) a library comprising over fifty volumes relative to the ancient and modern 0lympic Games, (2) ancient coins and ancient 0lympic medals, (3) complete series of modern Olympic medals, (4) photographs of Olympic winners at the 1896 and subsequent Games and portraits of prominent persons connected with the revival of the Games, (5) Olympic torches used in torch relays since 1936, etc.

The philatelic section comprises: (1) the first 0lympic postage stamp of 1896 in complete sets in sheets of twenty-five with full margins; (2) first-day covers, cancellations, letters, etc., pertaining to the above; (3) photographs and printed matter from the 1896 Games onward; (4) a complete world-wide collection of Olympic postage stamps, etc.

I had an interesting chat with the venerable Mr. G. Papastefanou, manager of the Museum. I was sorry to hear that it was not possible to buy any stamps or other philatelic material. But Mr. Papastefanou, no doubt sensing my disappointment, drew a postal card from a drawer and impressed three special Olympic cancellations. "A souvenir for you", the kindly gentleman said. Obviously this card is a highly-prized item in my collection.

Mr. Papastefanou also administers the International Philatelic Union; there is little doubt that some SPI members are also members of this Olympic organization. Subscription fees for non-Greek members are $\$ 3.50$ per annum.

I sincerely hope to answer the call of Olympia once again some day.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

New questions:
32. What is the story behind the "Sea Venture", a sailing vessel depicted on Bermuda 147 and 154 ? Was the "Sea Venture" a racing vessel, thus qualifying these stamps for inclusion in sports collections?
33. Eritrea 159 and 161 are described as showing a shark fishery. Is the type of fishing commercial or sporting?
34. France 849 depicts a Roman amphitheater at Lyon. Does this stamp have any sports
connotations?
35. France 996 is described by "Scott" as "Deauville in the 19 th century". Can someone provide an adequate description of the activities pictured?
36. Greece 693, 697, and 706 (along with 701) are portions of a tourist propaganda set issued in 1961. Do any of the three have sports and or recreation implications?
37. Ira Seebacher includes Hungary 879 and 953 in his handbook of sports stamps. What is depicted on these stampic twins?
38. Hungary Cle2 has been listed on some check-lists as belonging in a sports collection. It is described by "Scott" as "Workers' Home at Lillafured". Are there any sports connotations, such as athletes or recreational activities, tucked away in the details?
39. Hungary 1493, issued in 1963, depicts the "Helicon Monument" and was issued to commemorate the loth Youth Festival, Keszthely. Is it properly included in a sports and recreation collection? If so, why?
40. Japan 828 was issued for International Letter Writing Week in 1964. It is described as "Mt. Fufi seen from Tokaldo, by Hokusai". As occurs frequently, there are many small figures in the foreground of the stamp. In what activity are they engaging and does the stamp qualify for inclusion in a sports and recreation collection as a result?


FINANCIAL STATEMENT
September 1, 1964--August 31, 1965

Balance on September 1, 1964
\$359.59
Receipts
Members' dues \$1265.32
Donations 4.00
Advertising income 231.15
Sale of back issues 27.25

Proceeds of auctions 453.62

Proceeds of circuit book sales
Total
105.30
$\$ 2086.64$
2086.64

Expenditures
Printing of "JSP"
Mailing and postage
Promotion and miscellaneous printing Total
$\$ 1285.70$
401.43
101.96
$\$ 1789.09$
1789.09

Balance on August 31, 1965
$\$ 657.14$
(Note: Any member comparing the balance on August 31, 1964, as reported on Page 6 of the December, 1964, issue of "JSP", with the balance on September 1, 1964, as reported above, will note a slight discrepancy (to the amount of \$15.88). Len Eichorn, our new secretary-treasurer, had just begun work when he was asked to produce a statement for the previous fiscal year, actually under the regime of his predecessor, Larry McMillan. This Len did to the best of his ability. But a further study of the books indicates that there were additional transactions, both receipts and expenditures, which should have been included in 1963-64. This adjustment has been made; the corrected balance on August 31 , 1964, is now \$359.59.)
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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

In the second paragraph of my "Editorial Comment" in the May, 1965, issue of our "JSP" I stated that "an 'Olympiad' is a four-year period of time reaching its climax in the 'Olympic Games' at the end of the Olympiad".

In due time I received a pleasant letter from Ernest Trory (SPI 148), the editor of "Olympic Philatelist" in London. He pointed out that "it is an invariable rule of the International Olympic Committee that all Olympic Games (winter and summer) must be held during the first year of the olympiad". I stand corrected and apologize for my error.

To me it seems rather strange that the Olympic Games should introduce an Olympiad, rather than provide the climax. This policy must leave the last three years of an Olympiad somewhat sterile and dull, but so be it. If there are other reasons for this policy, I hope that our readers will enlighten me.

Section 52 of "The Olympic Games", the statement of fundamental principles, rules, and regulations of the I.O.C. states: "The Olympic Games must take place during the first year of the Olympiad which they are to celebrate". Enough said!

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## - Fred Parr -

Tip of the month--Italy 600 . This handsome blue stamp commemorates the 30 th Annual Fair at Milan, held during April in 1952, and depicts the motorboat pavilion at the fair with boats in the water. Tipped in this column last November, this stamp was selling at $75 \phi$ retail and I made this stamp the tip-of-the-month, noting that big things were in store for this commemorative.

Boy, was I right! This stamp has suddenly become a modern Cinderella, changing from rags to riches overnight. As the summer began, one leading New York City retailer charged \$3.50 for this stamp, which is quite a jump from the $75 \neq$ price of only six months beforel Wholesalers haven't been caught napping either and they are currentiy asking $\$ 6.00$ for this commemorative stamp. The 1966 edition of "Scott's" prices this stamp at $\$ 9.00$, which should make collectors more willing to pay a fairly high price if they need this stamp.

I hope that you bought this stamp back in November when I first tipped it; if not, it will cost you many times what it cost then. Anyway, this stamp is still a fine purchase if you can get a mint copy at (or below) the current wholesale price. Incidentally, just two years ago the wholesale price was a mere 60ф.

Trieste (Zone A) 144. This is the same stamp as Italy 600, but overprinted for the former Italian zone of Trieste. Just as the un-overprinted stamp has skyrocketed, there is always the chance that collectors will suddenly stampede for this overprinted variety. With only 180,000 copies issued, the current retail price of $25 \phi$ to $40 \phi$ is really quite modest. Scott's latest catalogue prices this stamp at 30ф, but don't be afraid to pay fifty per cent more if you really need this stamp. The Italian government ceased to issue stamps for Trieste (Zone A) back in 1954 and at that time there was tremendous speculation in these issues. By now, however, most of the stocks of these speculators have been slowly liquidated; so, if collectors in Europe suddenly decide to add these stamps to their collection, prices are bound to leap upward. Why take a chance, when this stamp is still avallable at a very reasonable price? Remember that 180,000 copies is really a very small number when we consider the hordes of collectors on the continent who specialize in European stamps.

Italy 306-09. It takes a lot of imagination to deduce that these stamps depict a discus thrower, but they do. Issued in 1933 to honor the Fifth International University Games held in Turino, September lst to loth, there were some two miliion complete sets issued. Today this set retails for $\$ 1.40$ or a bit more and most wholesalers are unable to supply this set, although one wholesaler asks $\$ 1.25$. Considering that this set is one of the pioneer sports issues, released some thirty-two years ago, it is doubtful if a very large supply still exists. With a wholesale price approximately equal to the current retail price, this set is an excellent purchase at current price levels.

Italy 574-76. According to Ira Seebacher, this set was manipulated by speculators when it was issued and distributed by the Italian postal authorities. Honoring the International Gymnastic Festival, held in Florence in 1951, these stamps were valid for only one month. Even the quantities issued are in dispute, being variously stated to be either 225,000 or 375,000 sets. Despite these unsavory facts, this set is very much desired by collectors and the current retail price is now $\$ 6.50$, up from $\$ 4.50$ last winter when I tipped this set in November. Wholesalers have not been caught napping either, and the latest quotation at wholesale is $\$ 7.50$, up from $\$ 4.00$ last year and $\$ 3.00$ in 1963 . With a retail price which is $\$ 1.00$ less than wholesale, how long do you think the retail price will remain at $\$ 6.50$ ? Buy this set immediately if it is missing from your collection.

Italy 570. I was going to make this stamp the tip-of-the-month, so you can guess how much I believe that it is a big bargain at today's prices. Issued in 1951 to honor the 33rd International Automobile Show at Turino, this stamp depicts a passenger car so many collectors may not realize that it is a sports stamp. The largest stamp wholesalers in the world have been unable to supply this stamp for several years, but one large wholesaler has a supply for which he asks approximately $\$ 1.50$ (actually a little more). Retailers, however, generally ask only $\$ 1.00$ for this stamp, which makes it a real bargain. If you like to buy your stamps at a big discount from wholesale, then purchase this stamp now before dealers raise their prices.

Trieste (Zone A) 111. This stamp is Italy 570 overprinted for use in the formerly Allied-occupied area of Trieste. With a mere 100,000 copies issued, this stamp is a good, big bargain at the current retall price of $40 \phi$, which has been the retail price for several years without change. Most wholesalers, of course, are unable to supply this set, an indication of its scarcity. One thing is quite certain; this stamp isn't going down in price! Buy now before the speculators realize the scarcity of this stamp and turn their attention to it.

Italy 622. Several racing cars are depicted on this stamp, issued by Italy in 1953 to commemorate the twentieth running of the 1000-mile Auto Race. Retail dealers in the New York City area ask $35 \phi$ for this stamp, although one large wholesaler has raised his
price to $60 \notin$ ，and almost every other wholesaler has long since dispersed his supply．Con－ sidering these facts and realizing that＂Scott＂has just raised the catalogue price to 85申，is there any reason for you to fail to realize what a bargain this stamp is when the retail price is just about one－half the wholesale price？Buy now or be sorry later．

Trieste（Zone A）166．This stamp is Italy 622 overprinted for use in the Italian ethnic area of Trieste．The current retail price of l5申 is precisely equal to the current wholesale price，so that one factor is automatically in your favor．Second，only 200,000 copies of this stamp were issued and this is a small quantity for an Italian area of phi－ lately．Prices will probably not skyrocket，at least not immediately，but retail prices will have to rise if the dealer buys this stamp at the current wholesale level and wants to make any profit whatsoever．Could you stay in business without making a profit？Buy now if you need this stamp．

Italy 773－77．Although this set was issued by Italy in honor of the 1960 Olympic Games，for which Italy was the host nation，these designs depict various tourist attrac－ tions in Rome．With a face value of only $40 \phi$ ，these stamps have been freely available at a modest price for almost six years since they were issued，although prices are now be－ ginning to rise．Tipped in this column in February and November last year，the retail price then was only 55申．Now，however，dealers are asking $90 \notin$ to $\$ 1.00$ and wholesalers have raised their price to $95 \not \subset$ ．Please note that the current retail price is still equal to the wholesale price and＂Scott＂now prices this set at $\$ 2.00$ catalogue value．Current retall prices are certainly more than favorable for collectors，so why not buy this set at the current retail（and wholesale）price？Remember that this set honors the Olympic Games，so it will always be in demand．

Finland B94－7．Not all of these stamps are actually sports stamps because they de－ pict various scenes connected with the famous sauna bathhouse．There can be no quibbling about $B 97$ however；it depicts a nude man running toward a lake for a plunge in the icy waters．I am tipping this set for several reasons．First，most sports collectors have probably overlooked this set and need it．Second，Finland may well become one of the Cin－ derella countries，whose stamps suddenly become extremely popular with speculators and ＂investors＂，with commensurate fast－rising prices．Last，the current retail price of $50 \phi$ is precisely equal to the wholesale price and has been for a number of years．It＇s true that $1,000,000$ sets were issued，but this set is sixteen years old and many Finnish semi－ postals are used on commercial mail．Anyway，if you need this set，you can＇t do better than to purchse it at the current retail price．Why wait until prices rise？

German Democratic Republic 76－7 Government and its stamp－issuing policies has kept the stamps of the German Democratic Re－ public from rising．Very few collectors in West Germany collect these stamps and the prices for East German stamps would skyrocket if the West German philatelists ever change their minds．This particular set is rather attractive，having been issued in 1951 to hon－ or the Second Winter Sports Championships held at Oberhof and depicting tobogganers and a ski jumper．Retail dealers currently charge $65 \notin$ for this set，although wholesalers have recently raised their prices from $75 \not \subset$ to $90 \not \subset$ ．That makes this set a bargain at $65 \notin$ ，does－ n＇t it？Incidentally，this set is quite valuable（as well as extremely elusive）on com－ mercially used covers which are registered and backstamped．It＇s a little late to go looking for such a cover，but you might be lucky．

## SERVICES

Award for writing on sports philately．The recently re－organized Philippines Phila－ telic Writers Club has announced its plans for seven annual awards in the field of its in－ terest．One of these will honor the＂best article of the year on sports philately＂．It doesn＇t take much perspicacity to see the fine hand of President Pablo M．Esperidion（SPI 157）behind the plan．But the question is：where will that award go？Will it be awarded for one of the articles which one of our members has submitted for＂JSP＂？

APS educational campaign for September． been assessed to sports to sports stamps by the editor of＂The American Philatelist＂； John La Porta（SPI 79）．How long can such wonders continue！
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Wildife stamps from Alberta．Quoted in＂Western Stamp Collector＂is a short article by Ed Richardson of La Marque，Texas，concerning a set of twelve wildlife stamps issued by the Province of Alberta for use on hunting and fishing licenses．All have a basic forest and mountain scene in the background while various game animals are featured on each seal in the series．This may interest some of our members．Mr．Richardson is seeking more． information on this set；he can be reached at 303 ＇Pin Oak Drive，La Marque，Texas．

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599-603, C17-22 mint nh
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B37-41 mint hinged
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and SS (2) mint hinged
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290 Albania 1962 Soccer $5 S$ (2) mint $n h$
perf and imperf
Albania same as lot 290 but hinged
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Costa Rica C303-12 mint hinged 7.87
Costa Rica $C 31355$ perf and imperf nh
Costa Rica same as lot 430
Costa Rica same as lot 430 but hinged
Croatia Blla\&b joined with a tab.
Ella has a crease
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Croatia Bll S5 Imperf hinged 1.25
Cuba 299-303 mint hinged. Stain on ink of $2 \not x$-face fine
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474-8 C97-9 two 55 perf
479-83 C100-2 mint hinged imperf pairs, one thin, one stain
479-83 Cl00-2 four SS, two perf,two imperf, flag and
medal centers
484-8 ClO3-5 mint hinged imperf pairs
484-8 cl03-5 mint nh imperf pairs
484-8 two 5S,one perf,one imperf
501-5 C106-8 four S5, two perf,two imperf
525-9 Cll15-7 mint hinged 1.44
525-9 Cll5-7 mint nh imperf
525-9 Cllf-7 mint nh
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Dom Rep B34-8 CB2l-3 mint nh 1.45
o 489
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Photos 1936 Oly-Berlin for Book II by German Tobacco Co. 189 of 200 photos, black and white
Photos Same as lot 490 but for Book I Has 143 of 175 photos
Card, Christmas from Carlo Condarelli, Phil. adviser of CONI 1963
Cancels, one Swiss (hockey) Canada(Oly trials) and one Canada(Life Saving)
Cover,Afghan FDC 483 cachet, no address
Cover, Argent, max card Bl9
Cover, Australia FDC 277 cachet, addressed from Qantas
Cover, Australia FDC 286 cachet,addressed
Cover, Australia first day of games 286,288-91 cachet addressed
Cover,Australia FDC 288,91 cachet,addressed
Cover, Australia FDC 288-91 cachet addressed
Cover,Australia 288 with cachet and gymnast cancel- no address

Cover, Australia 288 with cachet and shot put cancel, no address
Cover,Australia 288-91 cachet, addressed and runner cancel
Cover, Australia 289 cachet of SS Mariposa cancel from Sidney " Oly Games 1956--" with torch and rings.
Cover,Australia FDC 337 eachet, no address
Cover,Australia, 1956 Aerogramme, Oly Village, folded, never used.
Cover,Australia, 1956 Aerogramme, Oly Village,folded, rowing cancel, no address.
Cover,Australia, 1956 Aerogramme, Stadium cachet, folded, unused
Cover, Australia, same as lot 508 but with runner cancel.
Cover, Australia, 1956 Aerogramme, Stadium cachet, used
Cover, Australia 1956 Aerogramme,Stadium cachet.
Card, Australia 1956 Abo girl javalin thrower stylized drawing.
Card, Australia same as 512
Card,Australia same as 512 but has foreign material on back of card.
Card Austria FDC 618 plus five seals showing expedition scenes
Cover,Austria FDC 618 cachet unaddressed
Card, Austria FDC 631 cachet unadoressed
Cover, Austria 631 in commercial cover
Cover, Austria FDC 647 cachet, unaddressed
Cover,Austria FDC 647 blk of 4 on
cachet, addressed cover
Cover,Austria FDC 647 cachet, unaddressed
Cover, Austria FDC 648 cachet, unaddressed
Cover, Austria FDC 648 cachet, unaddressed
Cover, Austria FDC 648 cachet, unaddressed
Cover, Austria FDC 648a cachet unaddressed
Cover, Austria 648a on commercial cover
Cover,Austria 666 on commercial cover
Cover,Austria FDC 712 addressed, no cachet
Cover, Austria same as 528
Cover, Austria same as 528
Cover, Austria same as 528 but wrinkled
Cover, Austria FDC B179-83 cachet, addressed has a few wrinkles
Booklet,Austria B207- gift booklet
Cover, Austria 1224 (2) and 656 with Austrian and Italian Oly cancéls
Card,Austria B224 with weight lifting cancel and cachet
Cover,Austria 8224 (2) on commercial cover
Card,Austria Bl38 with ski cancel "Innsbruck 21 Feber 1936" no cachet, no address
Card,Austria. Postal card with "Post Segelflug Juli 1933 Osterreich-Ungarn-ItalienSchweiz. Wien" Glider cancel.View shows glider over city.Addressed.
Cerd, Austria with "Olympia Fackel-Staffel 29 VII $1.936^{\prime \prime}$ torch and ring cancel
Card, Austria with "29-6-47 Wien Freudenau" cancel with jumping horse. Cachet.
Cancel, Austria "Worhersee Sport Feste 1948" rowing cancel on unused card
Cancel, Austria "Innsbruck 26-VII 47 International Sportwoche" on unused card
Card, Austria ski cancel "Int.Grenzdienst Ski Wettkampe-Zell Am See 1960"
Card,Austria cancel with "Grazi Tag des Fahrrades Fahrrades 1958" bicycle cancel.
Card, Austria with " 100 Jahre Rudersport in Osterreich 1863-1963" cancel
Card, Austria has two cancels " 20 May 1961 Int. Flugpost Ausstellung" and "40 Jahre Osterreichische Verkehrsluftfahlt Oelag Aua 22-6-63" has glider seal.
Card,Austria has cancel "Wien 18 Oct 1936 Wiener Hohenstrassen-Rennen" motorcycle cancel.
Cover, Pelgium FDC 457-8 cachet, no address
Cover, Belgium 8736 cachet and cancel of ":terentals 100 km Tijrijded 8 Aug 1963"
Cover, Belgium cachet and cancel "Cross country"running

Cancel, Belgium table tennis"Royal Pantheon Europa 5port 9-12-1962"
Cover, Bolivia C154 on commercial cover
Cover, Brazil max card 696, $\mathbf{C 7 8}$-9
Card, Brazil max cards of $813,835,887,896$, 937 and 689
Card, Brazil max card 17 different
Cover, Brazil 823 with cancel of wrestling 1958, no cachet, no address
Cover, Brazil 835 seven covers with seven diff. cancels of VI Games, no cachet.
Cover, Arazil FDC 840 two diff covers, same cachet, diff cancel.No address, wrinkles
Cover, Brazil FDC 851 cachet, no address, two diff.
Cover,Brazil FDC 852 two diff,cachet, bo address.
Cover, Brazil FIC 880 cachet, no address
Card, Brazil five cards with cancel and cachet for Folhinha Commemorativa
Cover, Brazil FDC 887 cechet, no address
Cover, Brazil FDC 912 no cachet, no address
Cover, Brazil FDC 912 cachet, no address
Cover, Brazil FDC 940 cachet, no address
Cover, Brazil FDC 956 cachet, no address
Cover, Brazil FDC 956 cachet, no address
Cover, Brazil FDC 957 cachet, no address
Cover, Brazil FDC $C 87$ cachet, no address
Cover, Brazil FDC ClOl cachet, no address
Cover, Brazil FDC $C 101$ cachet, no address
Cover, Brazil FDC C103 cachet, no address
Cancel,Brazil five diff cancels on one cover 1960
Cover, Bulgaria FDC 1094 cachet, no address
Cover, Bulgaria FnC 1094 imperf, cachet
Cover, Bulgaria FDC 1119-24 cachet
Cover, Bulgaria FDC 12228. 1222 a cachet
Cover, Bulgaria $F$ DC two covers 1222-1222a cachet.
Cover, Bulgaria 1234,1284,1313, C89(2) on conmercial cover-edges poor.
Cover, Bulgaria 1314,1315(3) on comm cover.
Cover, Cameroun 313 on commercial cover
Cover, Canada FDC 365-8 cachet, addressed
Cover, Canada FDC 365-8 cachet addressed
Cancel, Canada "Canadian Curling Champ. Mar.4-6, Brandon, Manitoba"
Cover, Canal Zone FDC 151 cachet, addressed
Cover, Chile FDC 340-1, C246-7 no cachet stadium cancel, no address
Cover, China FDC 1361-2 cachet, no address
Cover, China FDC 1361-2 cachet, addressed
Cover, China FDC $1377-8$ cachet, no address
Cover, China postal card with cachet and cancel for 13 th Frovincial Athl. Meet, 1947
Cover, Columbia FDC 679, C 305 cachet, no address
Cover, Cuba FDC 535 cachet, no address
Cover, Cuba 565, Cl 152 cachet, no address
Cover, Czecho FDC 540-3 cachet, no address
Cover, Czecho FIV 747-9 cachet, no address
Cover, Czecho FIIC 747-9 cachet, addressed
Cover, Czecho FDC 763-5 cachet, no address
Cover, Czecho FDC 897-902 on two cacheted, addressed covers
Cover, CzechofDC 965-6 cachet, no address
Cover, Czecho two covers with 1124-7 cachet, no address
Cover, Czecho, FDC 1150-5 on two cacheted covers
Cover, Czecho FDC 1217-9 on two cacheted covers
Cover, Czecho FDC 1220-2 on two cacheted covers
Cards, Czecho. eleven diff postal cards for Spartakiada 1955- sepia photo cachets
over, Dahomey FDC 152 cachet, addressed
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Cover, Finland FDC 340 cachet,addressed
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