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JOTTINGS ON GERMANY'S "BROWN RIBBON" HORSE RACES

- Irwin Bloomfield -

A number of our members have requested background information on sport stamps and cancellations, as well as philatelic details, especially on older issues. Undoubtedly such information is one of the major aids to enjoying our hobby fully and in interesting those to whom we show our treasures. Unfortunately such information is often not easy for most of us to find, particularly for earlier events. But there is quite a surprising amount surviving on the pages of old journals and reports and in the memories of some who recall the events. It is hoped that members will be helped to get the most from their collections through a series of short accounts supplying the desired information, starting with horse racing (the sport of kings and lovers of the turf).

Horse racing is beautifully represented on many of our sport stamps, but these German commemoratives are among the best. It is the aim of this project to show these stamps on covers with interesting cancellations as well as to provide pertinent information as to the winners of each race. As to philatelic details regarding dates, designs, descriptions, quantity issued, etc., of the stamps themselves; these are covered most adequately by Ira Seebacher's "Handbook of Sport Stamps". My references to this source of data will be made as follows: ("Handbook"--"Germany 21"), which means that the reference is to Item 21 under Germany in Seebacher's "Handbook".

First and second runnings of the "Brown Ribbon". The "Brown Ribbon" stamps of Germany ("Braunes Band von Deutschland") issued between 1936 and 1944 are without doubt some of the most beautiful of all sport stamps. The international "Brown Ribbon" race for three-year olds and over was inaugurated by Christian Weber and was run for the first time in 1934 over a course of twenty-four hundred meters in Munchen-Riem. The first winning horse was the Italian mare "Tofanella", ridden by Jockey Romero. In 1935 the winner was the German jockey Gravsich on "Athanasius".

No stamps were issued for the first two years. The "Brown Ribbon" stamps issued between 1936 and 1944 are among our greatest prizes and, even if we have none of these philatelic souvenirs yet ourselves, it is certain that the events will generate a great deal of sporting interest in the meantime. All the "Brown Ribbon" stamps were designed by Professor Richard Klein of Munchen, Germany. The color is generally brown and the value always forty-two pfennigs with a surcharge of one hundred and eight pfennigs divided between Hitler's Culture Fund and horse-breeding causes.

Third "Brown Ribbon" race. The third running of "Das Braune Band von Deutschland" took place on July 26, 1936, in Munchen-Riem. However, the commemorative stamp (Scott B90) was issued about a month earlier on June 22nd ("Handbook"--"Germany 21"). The stamp, showing three race horses at full speed, was also sold in a commemorative souvenir sheet.

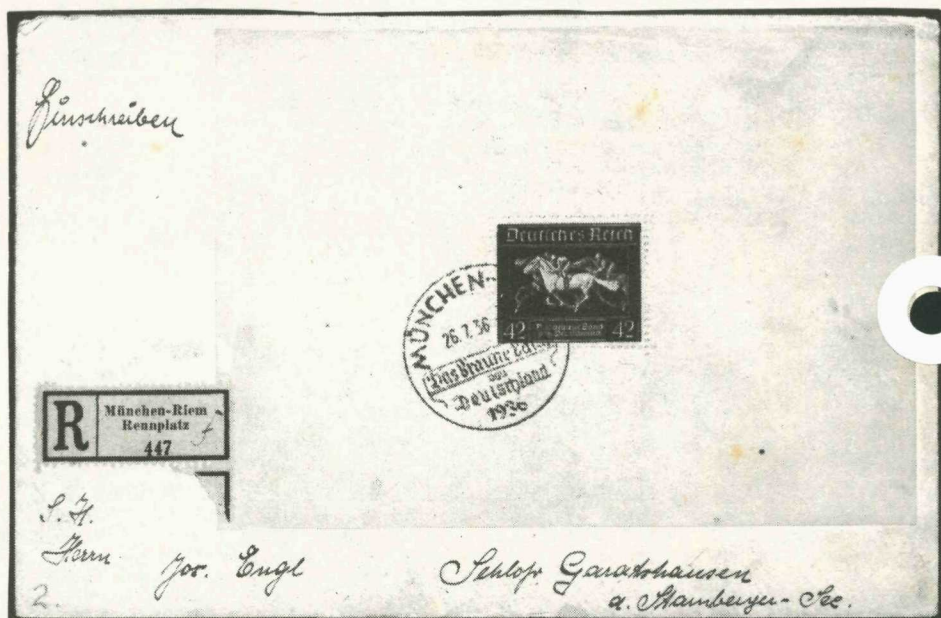
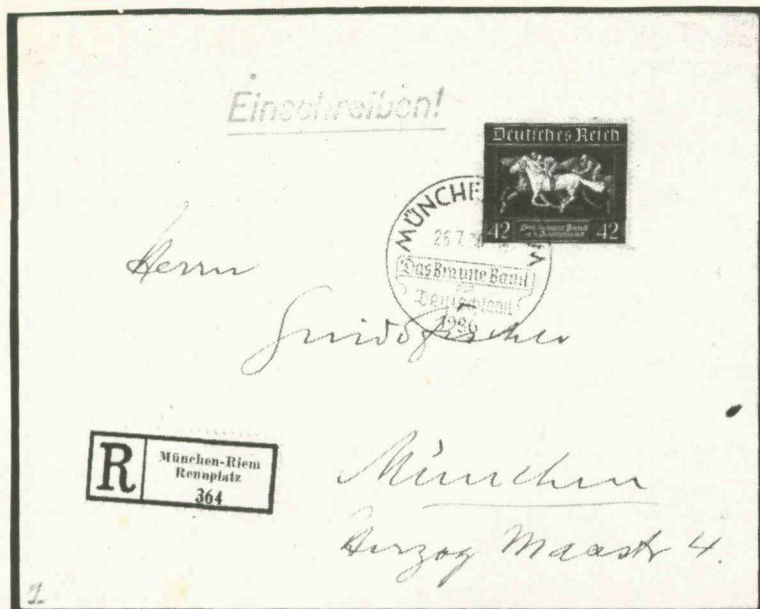
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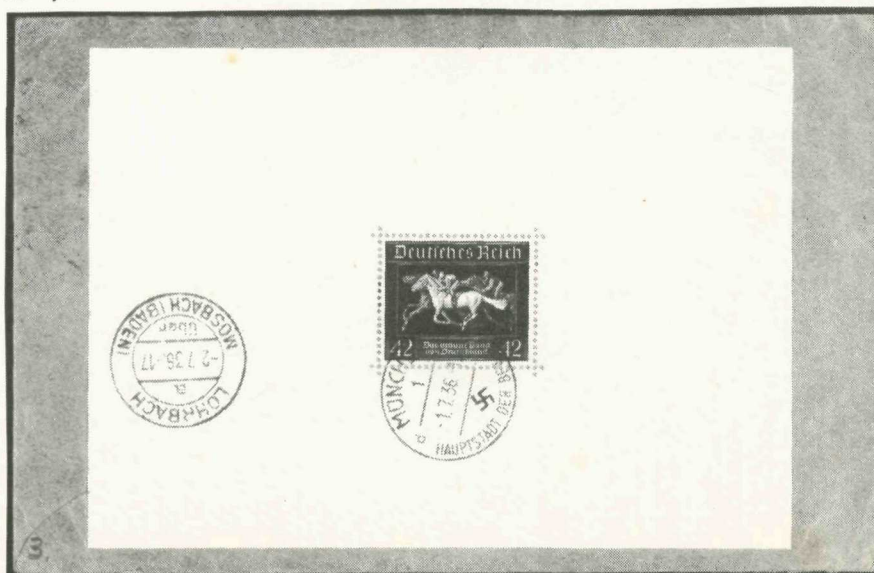
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The illustrations above, both registered covers, show the stamp and sheet with identical round special cancellations dated July 26, 1936, the day of the race. The registry labels read "München-Riem Rennplatz", showing that there was a post office on the racing grounds ("Rennplatz").



The next illustration shows the reverse of a registered cover mailed from Munchen on July 1, 1936, and addressed to Lohrbach, Germany; this cover has the sheet on the reverse side with two cancels, namely (1) "Munchen 1, Hauptstadt der Bewegung", dated July 1, 1936, and (2) arrival cancel, "Lohrbach Uber Mosbach (Baden)", dated July 2, 1936. This date of July 1, 1936, is the earliest one I have. Perhaps one of our members has a first-day cancellation for June 22, 1936.

The illustration to the right shows a souvenir sheet with a round cancel "Munchen-Riem Rennplatz, July 29, 1936", different than the special cancellation in the first two illustrations; the special cancellation apparently was used only on July 27, 1936.



The winning jockey was Gragsch, who won the previous year and also became a four-time derby winner; his mount was "Nereide".



"Germany 26").

Fourth running of the "Brown Ribbon" race. Here's something--the official vignette issued for the fourth running of the "Brown Ribbon"--which will please many of our sport collectors who specialize in sport seals and labels as I do. Recent correspondence shows that many members incorporate seals in their displays and albums. But this black-and-white reproduction of the vignette really does not do it justice. The horse's head and the wording "Das Braune Band von Deutschland, 1 August 1937, Munchen-Riem" are bright green in color. The ribbon is red, brown, and gold with the eagle and wreath in gold on a brown background. The fourth running of the "Brown Ribbon" took place on August 1, 1937, at the Munchen-Riem racecourse and was commemorated the same day by the issue of a new souvenir sheet (Scott B105) by overprinting the 1936 souvenir sheet. The overprint is in carmine--"1 August/1937/Munchen-Riem" in a wreath surmounted by an eagle perched on a swastika ("Handbook"--

The next illustration shows the souvenir sheet (B105) with a round cancel dated August 1, 1937, and reading "Munchen-Riem Das Braune Band von Deutschland 1937", similar in design to the one in 1936. Does anyone possess a cover with B105 on it?

The winner of the race was "Blasius", ridden by Jockey W. Held of Germany.



The fifth "Brown Ribbon" race. The next running of the "Brown Ribbon" took place in July, 1938, at Munchen-Riem and was commemorated by the issuance, on July 20, 1938, of Scott B119 ("Handbook"--"Germany 33") showing an amazon with a victory wreath in her left

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hand astride a horse. The winner was "Antonym" ridden by Jockey Tucker of France. Second place was won by another French horse, "Vatellow" and third place by "Blasius" of Germany, which had won first place the previous year.





This registered cover shows the cancel used for this "Brown Ribbon of Germany" and is dated July 31, 1939. The picture shown in the cancellation is exactly like the official vignette shown in the illustration for the 1937 race.

This illustration is an unaddressed cover (shown because it is the only one in my possession) with another special cancellation for this fifth race, dated July 30, 1938, for "Das Braune Band des Springsports" ("Brown Ribbon of the Jumping Events"); it shows a military jump.

There is a third cancellation illustrated in Landmans' "Catalogo Sport" of which I have no cover. It shows two riders in a race in a round cancel dated July 24, 1938, and reading: "München Riem, Internationaler Amateur Reiterstag" ("International Amateur Riders' Day"). I mention this cancel, although unable to illustrate it, with the hope that some of our members may be able to furnish us with additional information and material. Of course all comments on errors and omissions will be gratefully received and added to the body of this article. I wish to make the observation that different cancel variations, registration labels, cachets, vignettes, etc., may lead interested observers on to postal researches and discoveries for the benefit of us all.



My next "Here's Something" is shown on the next page as a pause to refresh, having nothing to do with the "Brown Ribbon" races. It is an official postal card with an imprinted horse's head in a wreath issued for the 27th German Fair at Königsberg from August 20th to 23rd, 1939. No doubt horse races were held at the fair. Can anyone shed any further light on this interesting postal stationary item?

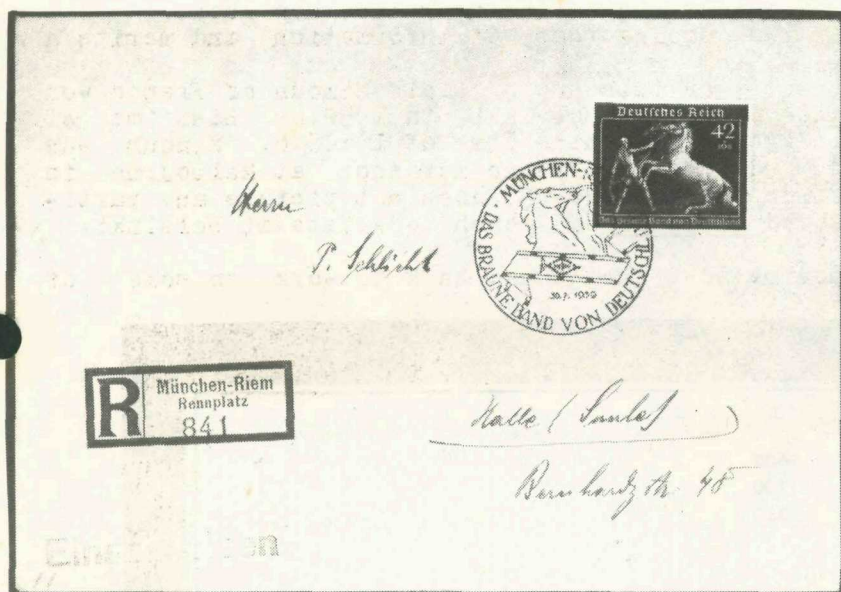

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1939 (Sixth) "Brown Ribbon" race.
The illustration to the left has Scott B145 ("Handbook"--"Germany 43") on a registered cover with a special cancellation--"München-Riem Das Braune Band von Deutschland July 30, 1939"--for the sixth running of the "Brown Ribbon". The stamp shows a trainer holding a pair of rearing thoroughbreds and the cancellation depicts two horses' heads and the ribbon. The winner of the race was the English jockey Elliot riding the French horse "Goya". Second place was won by another French horse "Antonym", which had won the race the year before.

Mention should be made of two other special cancels for this running, of which I have no covers. These are illustrated in "Landmans". One is dated July 25, 1939, shows two horses racing, and is for the International Amateur Riders' Day. The other, dated July 29, 1939, shows a military jumper for the "Brown Ribbon" jumping events. Here again your assistance is politely requested.

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Answers:

3. Max Kordylewski (SPI 114) adds extra information on Question 3. The National Auditorium (Mexico C198 and C274), located on the grounds of Chapultepec University in Mexico City, is a part of the Centro Deportivo Chapultepec, which was awarded the Sir Thomas Fearnley Cup in 1953.

11. Max Kordylewski reports that the 2nd International Friendship Games were held in Warsaw, Poland, on August 1-14, 1955. 3583 athletes from thirty-eight countries competed in twenty-three sports and established six world, two European, and ninety-one national records.

He also includes similar information concerning others of this series of athletic competitions. The 1st International Friendship Games took place in Bucharest, Romania, on August 4-16, 1953. Here 4366 athletes from fifty-four countries competed in eighteen sports and established five world, five European, and ninety-three national records.

The 3rd International Friendship Games involved 4100 competitors from forty-nine countries, competing in twenty-four sports. Three world and twenty-four national records were established. The location was Moscow, Russia, on July 29th to August 9th, 1957.

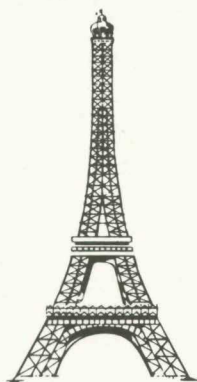
15. Jim Hughes (SPI 5) offers no positive evidence but expresses the personal opinion that only Burundi B2 and B5 qualify as sports stamps.

21. Max Kordylewski has sent in considerable information on the ribbons which accompany the Olympic medals. As one might expect, the colors of the Olympic ribbons for the gold, silver, and bronze medals are from the Olympic flag in the following sequence: white, blue, yellow, black, red, green, and white. However, ribbons were not attached to the Olympic medals prior to 1964. In 1960 a golden chain-like neckpiece was used.

25. This question has produced at least two good sources of information and merits a short article in the near future.

26. Jim and Max have collaborated indirectly on this one. Alain Mimoun of France won the silver medal in the 5,000-meter distance event in Helsinki in 1952. His time of 14:07.4 compared very favorably with Emil Zatopek's winning time of 14:06.6. Mimoun was second in the 10,000-meter event in 1948 and won the Olympic marathon at Melbourne in 1956. Once again, the set under consideration (France 700-05) does not picture any particular athlete, but is said to have been issued in honor of French medalists at Helsinki.

(Editor's note: We have this column moving now. Let's get back to work on some of the earlier unanswered questions.)



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July Addenda

17th Brazil. Pan American Scout Jamboree. 100cr souvenir sheet (scout badge and emblem of Quatercentenary of Rio de Janeiro). Printed by photogravure. Quantity: 30,000.

August Addenda

1st North Korea. Asian Soccer Games. 10j (soccer player) and 10j (emblem of Games and Moranbong Stadium, Pyongyang).

3rd Uruguay. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 20¢ (soccer); 40¢ (basketball); 80¢ (bicycling); 1P (boxing); 1.50P (running); 2P (fencing); 2.40P (rowing); 3P (sharpshooting); and 20P (Olympic rings). Also a 5P + 10P souvenir sheet (1924 and 1928 Olympic stamps). Designed by R. Grams and printed in off-set by Impresora Uruguaya SA, Mon-

tevideo. Quantities: 3,000,000 (20¢ and 40¢); 1,000,000 (80¢, 1P, 1.50P, 2P, 2.40P, and 3P); 50,000 (20P); and 100,000 (souvenir sheet).

12th Russia. IX Spartakiade for School Children. 4k (gymnast) and 6k (cyclist). Designed by I Martynov and Yu Levinauský.

27th Russia. U.S.-U.S.S.R. track meet, Kiev. 4k (sprinter and javelin thrower); 6k (shot putter and high jumper); and 10k (hurdlers and hammer thrower). Designed by B. Lebedev (4k and 6k) and M. Grinberg (10k).

Jordan. Army Day. 5f (soldiers giving gymnastic display). Designed by V. Whiteley and D. Slater and printed in off-set by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.

September Addenda

15th Gabon. 25fr (Okoukoue dance) and 60fr (Mukudji dance). Designed and engraved by Haley and printed in recess in Paris.

27th Ajman. Pan-Arab Games, Cairo, 1965. "Pan-Arab Games, Cairo, 1965" overprinted on Scott #29 (15np dark violet, green, and sepia--runners), Scott #31 (50np maroon, blue, and indigo--gymnast on vaulting horse), Scott #33 (1.50r lilac, green, and brown--boxing), Scott #34 (2r red orange, bistre, and dark blue--judo), and Scott #35 (3r dark brown, greenish blue, and lilac--sailing yacht). Quantities: 15,500 (10np); 32,000 (50np); 8,900 (1.50r); 12,500 (2r); and 10,000 (3r). Also 5,000 imperforate sets.

27th Central African Republic. Scout movement. 25fr (camp fire and emblems) and 50fr (scout and emblems). Designed and engraved by Haley and printed in recess.

October Addenda

1st Cameroons. 50fr (racing pirogue on Sanaga River at Edea). Designed and engraved by Decaris and printed in recess by the Paris State Printing Office.

2nd Guinee. 7th anniversary of independence. 75fr (28th of September Stadium).

5th Korea. 46th National Athletic Meeting. 3wn (pole vault). Designed by Soon Denk Kin and printed by the Government Printing Office. Quantity: 500,000. (Additional information)

9th Spain. I.O.C. Congress, Madrid. 1p grey, black, and gold (stadium and Olympic rings). Quantity: 5,000,000.

18th Sharjah. Pan-Arab Games. 50np (high jump); 50np (pole vault); 50np (boxing); 50np (equestrian); and 50np (long jumper). Printed in sheets of twenty-five, each five se-tenant.

24th Japan. 20th National Athletic Meet. 5y red (gymnast on horse) and 5y olive (walking racer). Designed by D. Takao Yamanauchi (walker) and Hitishi Otsuka (gymnast) and printed in sheets of twenty. Quantity: 25,000,000. (Additional information)

28th Hungary. Stamp Day. Stamp-on-stamp showing Scott \$1489 (2ft + 1ft--ice dancing). Miscellaneous imperforates and a souvenir sheet exist. Designed by A. Vertel and printed in recess by the State Printing Office. Quantities: 300,000 (perforate sets); 10,000 (imperforate sets); 215,000 (perforate souvenir sheets); and 10,000 (imperforate souvenir sheets).

December

9th Tanzania. 2sh/50p (sport fishing). Designed by V. Whiteley and printed in photo-gravure by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.

Forecast

Chile. World Ski Championships, F.I.S., Chile, 1966. 4ct green (downhill skier) and 20ct blue (cross country skier). Printed in off-set by State Mint. (Additional information)

France. 1fr (falcon hunting). Designed and engraved by Cottet.

New Zealand. IV National Scout Jamboree. 4d (Boy Scout). Printed by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London. (January 5, 1966)

Sweden. World Skating Championship, Gothenburg. 50 red (skater); 250 brown (same as 50); and 40p blue (same as 50). Printed in coils and also se-tenant in booklet sheet containing two of 50, four of 250, and four of 400.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Sales Manager Bill Stoms (soon to be Auction Manager only--see "News of our Members and Affiliates" in this issue) reports considerable favorable activity in our sales circuit. This is a matter of practical business acumen on the part of all participants, but especially by those who send in material for sale. Apparently there will always be more buyers than sellers in this type of transaction; incidentally, this economic fact-of-life should be an additional stimulant to sellers. At any rate, the lethargy of a number of seller-members has been broken and more books for circulation have come in recently. Let's keep it going; everyone stands to gain.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES

Results of sports competition at SESCOAL. The SCOSC (Sports Collectors of Southern California) Trophy for the best junior sports exhibit was won by Robbie Robinson with Nancy Williams in second place. The SPI Award for the best adult sports exhibit was withheld since there was only one entry.

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New officers for SCOSC. The new slate of officers for the Sports Collectors of Southern California includes

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Nos. 323-70, 530-37, and 591-93	November 30th
Nos. 371-93, 538-42, and 594	December 31st

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Change in management of the SPI sales circuit services. Sometime in the very near future John La Porta (1413 S. 58th Ct., Cicero, Ill. 60650) will be relieving Bill Stoms of the responsibility for our sales circuit system. The effective date will be announced in this column. At any rate, Bill merits our thanks for his patience with this portion of

our sales services; he has stuck with it through thick and thin. He continues his responsibility for our auction sales. Thanks, Bill; welcome, John.

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- 627 Furbish, Marjorie, 250 Elm St., N. Attleboro, Mass. 02760 (GS:C:S,PC)
- 628 Cirka, Richard B., 5210 Arkansas St., Camp LeJeune, N. C. 28542 (O:C:S)

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- 618 Cogan (GS:C:C,S,PC)
- 619 Johnson (O:chronologically:s)
- 621 O'Connor (O:C:C)
- 622 Weinberger (GS:C:C,S)
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Back in stride on the APS black blots. The only issue black-blotted in the October issue of the "American Philatelist" was the imperforate set and imperforate souvenir sheet for the recent University Games in Budapest. The assessment was based on the judgment of a limited printing and intentional inclusion of oddities with the issue. Trust it to sports to be the only sinner; apparently we have the gigest group of suckers! As our reporter, John La Porta, put it: "One black blotted issue for the whole month and it would have to be a sport issue!"

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Former PMG Day on sports stamps. The reviews of former Postmaster General Day's new book, "My Appointed Round--929 Days as Postmaster General", have cited very clearly his twice-mentioned comment that the basketball commemorative of 1961 was one of two issues which he was not able to stop. Considering some of the atrocities he apparently condoned, perhaps it was just as well that way. Then he goes on to describe the basketball centennial issue as a "downright hideous stamp". Stop, Mr. Day; you are getting pretty personal now. That is the sport some of us love and we can stand a pretty poor stamp, if it be such, to gain the desired commemoration.

- Fred Farr -

Tip of the month--Monaco 363-64. If you prize large size sport stamps with interesting vignettes and vivid colors, all done in exquisite engravings, then this set is for you. Issued in 1956 to honor the Seventh Winter Olympic Games in Cortina d'Ampezzo, these stamps depict the "Italia" ski jump on one stamp and ancient and modern sports on the other. Two years ago the wholesale price for this set was only 40¢, but the set has gradually climbed in price until it costs 85¢ wholesale this year. But the new stamp season has brought a tremendous increase in the wholesale price and this set now (November 1st) costs \$1.85 wholesale in New York City.

The big surprise is the retail price, which is still 90¢ in New York. In Paris this set sells for \$2.00, but that price may now be obsolete. When a set sells at just one-half its wholesale price, that's enough reason for you to be sure that the set is in your collection before the price inevitably jumps skyward. Don't let the quantity issued (170,000 sets) fool you; collectors in France alone could more than absorb that small quantity. Incidentally, this set was tipped here in April, 1964, when it was selling for 70¢. For comparison note that "Scott" prices this set at \$2.20 although "Michel" quotes almost \$5.00. That's food for thought, isn't it?

New Zealand B14-5. Stamps of the British Empire have been in the doldrums for so long that we are apt to overlook their potential to increase in price without our being aware of it. This set is one such example. Issued in 1939 to aid in the maintenance of children's camps, these stamps depict three boys playing volleyball. The second world war had just begun and these stamps were largely overlooked and neglected during the tumult. Although some 483,746 sets were issued, these stamps appear to have been completely absorbed into collections and wholesale quantities are now negligible. The current retail price is 75¢, but the new wholesale price is \$1.10. If you need this set, it's obvious that the current retail price is not going down, although I could be sure that it's bound to go upward soon.

New Zealand B16-7. While we're looking at New England prices, we should also note the price movement in this set too. In 1940 the above-mentioned stamps were re-issued in different colors. Once again the war interfered with the normal operations of the stamp market and this time much smaller quantities were sold--only 284,756 complete sets. This set now wholesales for \$1.40, but retails for only \$1.00! If you like to buy your stamps at a considerable discount from wholesale prices, here is your chance. Incidentally, the London stamp market has suddenly erupted in a boom for almost all British Empire stamps, so a word to the wise should be sufficient.

Monaco 437. You've got to hand a round of applause to the Monaco Postal Administration; they certainly know how to keep collectors happy, with issue after issue of stamps which are beautifully designed, engraved, and printed. This multicolored stamp honors the 28th Monte Carlo Rally and depicts a map of the route from Athens to Monte Carlo. With a face value of 20¢, some 138,810 stamps were sold. The current retail price for this stamp is 85¢ but the wholesale price has suddenly spurted upward to \$1.95 in New York City. Wholesale stocks of this stamp are virtually non-existent, which means that dealers will have to price this stamp without being able to consult a wholesale quotation. Buy this stamp now at just one-half its wholesale valuation and be glad that your dealer didn't find out before you did!

Finland 308. It may surprise you to know that some dealers (and wholesalers too) think that the stamp of Finland may soon start to skyrocket, although I personally do not share this belief. However, we can't ignore those Finnish price increases which have occurred, even though they are still relatively modest. This stamp depicts a chessboard, with a black knight and a white rook, as befits a stamp issued to honor the Tenth Chess Olympics, held in Helsinki in 1952. With two million copies issued, this stamp can obviously never become scarce. However, it is noteworthy that the current retail price is 30¢ although the wholesalers have raised their prices to 40¢. Frankly, I discourage the very thought of "philatelic investing" and I hate speculators even more, but it wouldn't hurt to buy a single copy or a block of four for your collection now if you include chess among your sports stamps. Collectors in Paris are paying 50¢, in case you're interested.

Greece 421-24. Issued in 1939 when sports stamps were few and far between, this set has always intrigued me due to the four designs showing ancient Greek athletes. These stamps were issued to honor the tenth anniversary of the Pan-Balkan Games and the quantity issued was a little more than 184,000 sets. As you are well aware, the stamps of Greece have become the Cinderella stamps of Europe during the past five years or so and these are no exception. Dealers ask \$3.50 for this set right now although wholesalers have just raised their price to \$4.25--which means that you won't be buying this set for \$3.50 very much longer. The Michel catalogue prices these stamps at \$9.50, which makes our current retail prices rather amusing. Need I say any more? Happy hunting!

Monaco 411. Here is another volatile sports stamp from the minute Mediterranean principality. Issued in 1958 to commemorate the 27th Monte Carlo Rally, the large multi-

colored stamp depicts the route of the race from Munich to Monte Carlo. This stamp is a case where no one can agree what it's worth; "Scott" (1966) lists it at \$3.00, but "Michel" (1966) lists the stamp for \$5.00. The latest wholesale quotation is \$2.10, up from 64¢ just two years ago and up from 90¢ early this year! The current retail price is a mere \$1.25 in New York City and there is no doubting that this stamp is going to cost you a lot more next year. Only 150,000 stamps were issued, which is really a modest amount for stamps from such a popular country, not to mention such a popular topical as sports philately. Incidentally, this stamp retails for \$2.50 in Paris.

Finland 354-55. Here are two action-packed stamps, issued to publicize the Nordic Events of the International Ski Championships, held at Lahti (Finland) in 1958. The low value of this set, depicting a ski jumper, literally gives the viewer the illusion of rapid motion; the high value depicts a cross-country skier. With one million sets issued, you can't expect this set to become scarce and costly; however, it is moving in price at the wholesale level. Just a few months ago New York wholesalers asked 30¢ for this set, but they want 60¢ today (November 1st). Retail dealers are still asking 35¢, which is just about one-half the wholesale price! Why not have the fun of getting your copy today, while it is still available at almost half the wholesale price? You don't have that pleasure often, do you? You won't buy it cheaply in Europe, though; those dealers ask 75¢ for their sets.

Italy 584. I was going to make this stamp the tip-of-the-month, so you just know that it's a fine value at today's retail price. Issued to honor the World Bicycle Championships at Milan and Varese, this stamp depicts a cyclist and the church spires of the two afore-mentioned Italian cities. American collectors certainly fail to appreciate the scarcity of this stamp. "Scott" (1966) puts a modest \$1.00 valuation on it, but "Michel" (1966) prices this stamp at \$2.75, which is quite a difference! Very few American wholesalers can supply this stamp and they ask 85¢ for a copy. American retailers, however, are still supplying this stamp for 50¢, which makes this stamp quite a bargain at that price. If you need this stamp, you know what to do!

STAMPEX 66 AND A SOCCER COMMEMORATIVE

- Scot Landy -

STAMPEX, the annual national exhibition of Great Britain, is the biggest event on the philatelic calendar in this area. The exhibits, all of the highest classical standard, have tended in recent years to cater to the "highbrows" in the hobby. However, inspired by the World Cup finals in soccer to be played in England next summer, the theme of STAMPEX 66 will be radically different. The secretary of the exhibit, E. N. Barton, has confirmed in correspondence that sport, not just soccer but sport in general, will be given top priority in London. Certainly this represents some sort of major break-through and should give some indication as to the potential of our chosen field among collectors.

In addition, there is an encouraging indication in correspondence with Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Postmaster General, that Great Britain will issue a commemorative stamp to honor the World Cup competition next year. Discounting Great Britain's Olympic set of 1948, this would be her first commemorative in honor of a specific competition in a single sport.

All three soccer groups having a major interest in the world championship (F.I.F.A., The Football Association, and the World Cup Organizing Committee) are wholeheartedly sympathetic toward both projects. Four or five top-echelon personal interviews have indicated genuine support for the exhibition theme and the commemorative stamp.

HONDURAN OLYMPIC SET DEPICTS "BODY SOCCER-STYLE" GAME OF THIRD CENTURY

- R. A. Washburn -

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On November 27, 1965, Honduras issued its first set of sports stamps and, 1964 being an Olympic year, associated the issue with the Tokyo Games. Honduras is a member of the group which supports the Olympics and, although she was not able to send a team to the Games, it is felt she has every right to pay homage to such an event with this stamp issue. This reasoning is even more logical when we take into consideration the following item of interest.

The ball game depicted on the 5¢ and 11 values of the new stamps was played in the

Copan area of Honduras from the third century A. D. up until the time of the Spanish conquest.

The 1¢, 10¢, and 31 values portray the Ball Court at the Copan ruins; this article will attempt to give some idea of this game which was probably one of the first organized sporting events on this continent. Other values are the 8¢ and 21 (Olympic Stadium) and 2¢ and 12¢ (stone discus).

The Copan ruins lie in the extreme western part of the Republic of Honduras. They are situated in a beautiful river valley at an altitude of about two thousand feet above sea level and are accessible by air all year round or by road during the dry season, which starts in December and ends in May.

The ball court shown on the new stamps was partly excavated by the Peabody Museum of Harvard expeditions which started in the 1890s, but it was not until 1936 that the complex structure was definitely identified as a ball court. It had the floor design of the letter "I", being composed of a central playing alley between parallel benches, a vertical sidewall back of the benches, and a prolongation and widening of the playing alley at each end to form end zones. The Copan ball court has three large parrot heads set into the upper edges of the wide sloping benches. These heads very likely served as goals for this type of court.

This highly developed ancient game played in such a well-planned court since the first centuries after Christ most certainly deserves recognition as the first sports issue of Honduras.

The numerous ball courts found through Central America in themselves throw little light on the complicated games, but thanks to the curiosity of some of the early Spanish writers there are a few eye-witness accounts of the game as it was still being played at that time.

There were two opposing teams composed of professional as well as amateur players. Agility and great endurance were essential as the game was a rough one. The ball was made of solid rubber, up to one foot in diameter, which should make it very heavy indeed. It was supposed to be kept in motion at all times and only the trunk of the body could be used to hit it. Any part of the body between the knees and the shoulders was fair territory and penalties were called if the players touched the ball with arms or feet.

The accounts state that the players became black and blue from hitting the ball and that some even died when hit too hard in the pit of the stomach. It was considered an honor to be acclaimed an expert player so that even fatal injuries were thought to be unimportant.

During the last stages of the Mayan civilization these games were a part of complicated religious ceremonies probably involving human sacrifice, but there is nothing to indicate that this was the case at Copan.

Most of the Mexican courts known at the time of the Spanish conquest were equipped with a ring in each side wall above the benches. These rings served as goals and the player who finally managed to maneuver the ball through the ring received great acclaim and rewards. In earlier courts as we have at Copan the goals were elaborately carved markers in the floor or at least these served as the points for the necessary divisions of the playing lines. As stated before, it is likely that the parrot heads on the Copan benches were the goals.

During the excavation of the present court at Copan the floor and outlines of an earlier, but similar, court were found. Further investigation uncovered another set of three markers, each one beautifully carved and well preserved. They show Mayan ball players in protective armor facing the ball. These markers are now in the museum at Copan; this second court dates from about 514 A. D.

Approximately three feet farther down another floor was discovered, followed by the outlines of a third and still earlier ball court. Here, however, no carved stone marker were found. The material used in the construction of this court was some sort of stucco or plaster and the remains of masonry on the sloping side benches show primitive stone dressing. It is believed that this oldest court dates back to the middle of the third century after Christ.

The two structures at either side of the playing alley were probably living quarters for the two teams. If it is as supposed the game had religious significance, the players apparently lived a monastic life in these buildings and the necessities of life were brought to them by the people living outside the ceremonial center.

62. 45 k dark green

Design: Military equestrian jumping

Sc 829; Gi 955; Mi 798; YT 822; Zu 792

1946, July 21. All-Union Sports Parade. Unw.; P 12½. Des. W.W. Sawjalov. Photogravure

63. 30 k blue green

Design: Athletes parading and inset of Stalin

Note: The parade shown was the event of the previous year, the same staged at the time of General Dwight D. Eisenhower's Moscow visit. It is said that this stamp was issued in commemoration of the visit but your editor is unable to substantiate this fact. Ensuing events probably would bring a Russian denial of this today.

Sc 1056; Gi 1196; Mi 1047; YT 1043; Zu 1029

1948, February 23. Sports. Unw.; P 12. Des. W. Andrejev. Photogravure

64. 15 k blue

65. 20 k greenish blue

Designs: 64-Skier on slalom course; 65-Motorcyclists

Sc 1253A-54A; Gi 1343-44; Mi 1192-93; YT 1190-91; Zu 1190-91

1948, September 15. Sports. Unw.; P 12. Des. W. Andrejev. Photogravure

66. 15 k violet

a. marginal copy, imperf at top

67. 30 k brown

68. 45 k blackish brown

a. marginal copy imperf at top

69. 50 k blue

Designs: 66-Runners; 67-Soccer; 68-Outboard motorboat; 69-High diver

Sc 1254-57; Gi 1394-97; Mi 1246-49; YT 1224-27; Zu 1237-40

1948, September 30. Five Year Livestock Development Plan. Unw.; P 12. Des. W.W. Sawjalov. Photogravure.

70. 30 k grey blue

71. 1 r brown

Design: Groom with thoroughbred horses

Sc 1265, 67; Gi 1400, 02; Mi 1256, 58; YT 1249, 51; Zu 1243, 45

1948, October 26. Honoring Young Pioneers and Publicizing Government-sponsored Children's Summer Camps. Unw.; P 12½. Des. E.S. Bulanova. Photogravure

72. 30 k green

75. 60 k violet blue

73. 45 k carmine

74. 45 k violet

76. 1 r blue

Designs: 72-Pioneers flying model plane; 73-Boy and girl Pioneer saluting; 74-Pioneers marching; 75-Pioneer trumpeter blowing fanfare; 76-Pioneers around camp-fire

Sc 1284-88; Gi 1423-27; Mi 1275-79; YT 1281-85; Zu 1268-72

1948, October 29. 30th Anniversary of Lenin's Young Communist League (Komsomol). Unw.; P 12½. Des. E.I. Sokolov. Photogravure

77. 20 k violet brown

Design: Parade of athletes

Sc 1289; Gi 1428; Mi 1280; YT 1286; Zu 1273

HANDBOOK

OF SPORTS STAMPS

by Ira Seebacher

Section 32 Romania to Russia

1962, May 15. Water Sports. Unw.; Imperforate. Des. D. Stiubei. Photogravure
Nos. 277-83 in new colors

285.	10 b	blue/ultramarine	289.	1 1	blue/red brown
286.	20 b	blue/magenta	290.	1.20 1	blue/red violet
287.	40 b	blue/orange red	291.	1.55 1	blue/scarlet
288.	55 b	blue/olive brown	292.	3 1	blue/purple

Designs: As above

Gi 1928-35; Mi 2056-63; YT 1842-49; Zu 2151A-58A

1962, July 25. Sports Fishing. Unw.; P 14½xl3. Des. I. Untsch. Offset on chalk-surfaced paper

292.	10 b	green/yellow/red
293.	25 b	yellow/deep orange/brown/red
294.	40 b	blue/brick red
295.	55 b	yellow/blue/red
296.	75 b	slate/grey/blue
297.	1 1	dk blue/green blue/blue/grey
298.	1.75 1	buff/dk carmine/black/grey
299.	3.25 1	green/yellow/black/grey

Designs: 292-Rod fishing from boat; 293-fishing by line in mountain pool; 294-Anglers on lake shore edge; 295-Boys surf casting; 296-line fishing in mountain stream; 297-Fishing off shore; 298-freshwater fishing; 299-Fishing in the Danube Delta

Sc 1502-09; Gi 1949-56; Mi 2078-85; YT 1863-70; Zu 2177-84

1962, July 31. Romanian Victory in Women's Handball Championships. Unw.; P 13xl4½. No. 276 overprinted in ultramarine "Campioana/Mondiala/5 lei"

300. 5 1 on 55 b yellow/violet

Design: As No. 276

Sc 1501; Gi 1962; Mi 2094; YT 1871; Zu 2186

1962, July 31. Romanian Victory in Junior Soccer Championships. Unw.; P 13xl4½. No. 275 overprinted "1962 Campioana/Europeana/2 lei" in blue.

301. 2 1 5 b chestnut/yellow green
Design: As No. 275

Sc 1510; G1 1961; M1 2095; Y1 1872; Z1 2185

1962, August 25. Children. Unw.; P 13x14 (No. 302), P 14x13 (No. 303).
Des. H. Meschendörfer. Offset lithographed on chalk-surfaced paper

302. 40 b 1 t blue/deep orange/Prussian blue
303. 1.55 1 bistre/red/violet

Designs: 302-Youth with model sailboat; 303-Young Pioneers camping

Note: Yvert states the 1.20 1. of this set depicts a boy and girl pioneer playing the piano and violin. Your editor can find no other source so describing the scene depicted

Sc 1513, 16; G1 1968, 71; M1 2101, 04; Y1 1875, 78; Z1 2192, 95

1963, June 15. Water Sports. Unw.; P 13x14 (Nos. 304, 309-10), 14x13 (Nos. 305-08). Des. V. Crivat and R. Veluda. Offset lithographed on chalk-surfaced paper

304. 25 b green/yellow brown 308 1.35 1 magenta/blue
305. 30 b yellow/olive green 309. 1.55 1 yel orge/red violet
306. 55 b orange red/greenish blue 310. 2 1 yellow/magenta
307. 1 1 red/green

Designs: 304-Girl swimmer at start of race; 305-Crawl stroke; 306-Butterfly stroke; 307-Back stroke; 308-Breast stroke; 309-Swan dive; 310-Water polo

Sc 1546-52; G1 2020-26; M1 2153-59; Y1 1916-22; Z1 2244-50

1963, October 21. European Volleyball Championships, Oct. 22-Nov. 4. Unw.; P 13x14. Des. V. Crivat and R. Veluda. Offset lithographed on chalk-surfaced paper

311. 5 b grey/lilac rose 314. 1.75 1 grey/orange brown
312. 40 b grey/violet blue 315. 3.20 1 grey/violet
313. 55 b grey/greenish blue

Designs: 311-Women playing volleyball against background map of Europe; 312-14-Various scenes of net play; 315-Europa Cup

Note: Michel gives Oct. 21 as first day while Scott and Gibbons agree on Oct. 22

Sc 1575-79; G1 2048-52; M1 2184-88; Y1 1937-41; Z1 2275-79

1963, November 25. 9th Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck, Jan. 29-Feb. 9. Unw.; P 14. Des. J. Dumitran. Offset lithographed on chalk-surfaced paper

316. 10 b red/dark blue 320. 60 b orange/violet blue
317. 20 b ultramarine/red brown 321. 75 b lilac rose/dk blue
318. 40 b emerald/red brown 322. 1 1 bistre/violet blue
319. 55 b violet/red brown 323. 1.20 1 greenish blue/violet blue

Designs: 316-Ski jumper; 317-Speed skater; 318-Ice hockey players; 319-Girl figure skater; 320-Slalom runner; 321-Biathlon contestant; 322-Two-man bobsled; 323-Cross-country skier

Sc 1597-1604; G1 2059-66; M1 2195-2202; Y1 1976-83; Z1 2296A-2303A

1963, November 25. 9th Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck, Jan. 29-Feb. 9. Unw.; Imperforate. As Nos. 316-23 in a change of colors

324. 10 b red brown/lt green 328. 60 b ultramarine/trquoise blue
325. 20 b red brown/blue violet 329. 75 b ultramarine/yellow bistre
326. 40 b blue/orange red 330. 1 1 blue/magenta
327. 55 b red brown/blue 331. 1.20 1 blue/orange brown

Designs: As nos. 316-23 respectively

G1 2067-74; M1 2203-10; Y1 1984-91; Z1 2296B-2303B

Designs: 31-Children's health camp; 32, 33-young model builders of planes and boats

Sc 662, 664-65; G1 794, 796-97; M1 621, 623-24; Y1 654, 656-67; Z1 616, 618-19
1938, October 7. Soviet Aviation Records and Aviation Accomplishments and the 21st Anniversary of the Soviet Air Force. Unw.; P 11x12 (Nos. 26, 27, 31, 34) and 12x11 (Nos. 28-30, 32, 33). Des. J.J. Dubasov (Nos. 26-28, 34) and A. A. Romanek (Nos. 29-33). Typographed.

34. 5 k dull purple 39. 40 k dark blue
35. 10 k olive brown 40. 50 k blue green
36. 15 k rose red 41. 80 k brown
37. 20 k blue 42. 1 r blue green
38. 30 k claret

Designs: 34-Children with airplane model (Toupolev ANT 6); 35-Glider (Red Front 7) in flight; 36-Captive observation balloon; 37-Dirigible over Kremlin; 38-Parachutists; 39-Seaplane (Jakovlev UT 2) coming in for landing; 40-Free balloon in flight; 41-Stratospheric balloon; 42-Four-motor plane (Toupolev ANT 6)

Note: Sanabria says the first day was Nov. 4

Sc 678-86; G1 810-18; M1 637-45; Y1 676-84; Z1 632-40; S1 104-12

1938, December 28. Extension of Soviet Sports Program. Unw.; P 12x. Des. J.J. Dubasov and K. Stojarski. Typographed.

43. 5 k scarlet 47. 30 k purple
44. 10 k black 48. 40 k blue green
45. 15 k sepia 49. 50 k bright blue
46. 20 k green 50. 80 k deep blue

Designs: 43-Girl diver; 44-Discus thrower; 45-Tennis player; 46-Acrobatic motorcyclists; 47-Cross country skier; 48-Girl runners breasting tape; 49-Soccer players; 50-Girls in calisthenic drill

Sc 657-64; G1 830-37; M1 657-64; Y1 690-97; Z1 652-59

1939, August 1. All-Union Agricultural Fair. Unw.; P 12x. Des. E. I. Sokolov and/or A. Ljubimov. Photogravure.

51. 50 k red brown

Design: Thoroughbred horses

Sc 730; G1 859; M1 705; Y1 720; Z1 688

1939, August 18. Soviet Aviation Day. Nos. 27, 30-32, 34 with two-line overprint in Russian: "August 18/USSR Aviation Day." Colors of basic stamps have been altered.

52. 10 k carmine (C) 55. 50 k dull violet (R)
53. 30 k blue (R) 56. 1 r brown (R)
54. 40 k dull green (Brn) a. double overprint

Design: As above

Sc 676-76D; G1 866-70; M1 709-13; Y1 A66A-E; Z1 692-96; S1 116-20

1940, July 21. Second All-Union Physical Culture Festival. Unw.; P 12. Des. S.A. Romanek (Nos. 49, 50, 53), J.J. Dubasov (No. 51) and N. Temurukov (No. 52). Photogravure.

57. 15 k carmine 60. 60 k dark blue
58. 30 k purple brown a. imperforate
59. 50 k violet blue 61. 1 r yellow green

Designs: 57-Relay runner; 58-Girl athletes parading; 59-Children and sports insignia; 60-Cross country skier; 61-Hand-grenade throw

Sc 764-88; G1 910-14; M1 753-57; Y1 773-77; Z1 750-54

1941, February 23 (?). 23rd Anniversary of the Red Army and Navy. Unw.; P 12. Des. F. Koslov and/or J. Dubasov. Photogravure

Designs: Designs of Nos. 352-59 are as those of 344-51 respectively
 Sc ; Gi ; Mi 2317-24; YT 2032-39; Zu 2378-85A
 1964, September 1. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo, Oct. 10-25, Unw.; Imperforate.
 Des. D. Stubei and J. Kusu. Offset lithographed souvenir sheet (80x110mm) on chalk-surfaced paper without gum

360, 3.25 1 multicolored

Design: Diamond-shaped stamp like preceding set showing runner. Stamp impinges on Olympic flame and sheet has Olympic rings and text in black

Mi 2325 (v1 58); YT BF 58; Zu 2386

1964, November 30. Romanian Olympic Gold Medal Winners. Unw.; P 13%. Des.

1. Urssa. Photogravure on chalk-surfaced paper

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|------|--------|--|-----------------|
| 361. | 20 b | rose/blue/brown violet/yellow | (Melbourne '56) |
| 362. | 30 b | green/blue/brn violet/yellow | (Melbourne '56) |
| 363. | 35 b | turquoise/blue/brown violet/yellow | (Melbourne '56) |
| 364. | 40 b | lilac/blue/brown violet/yellow | (Rome '60) |
| 365. | 55 b | orange/blue/yellow/brn violet | (Rome '60) |
| 366. | 1.20 1 | dk green/blue/brown violet/yellow | (Rome '60) |
| 367. | 1.35 1 | brown/blue/brown violet/yellowish gold | (Tokyo '64) |
| 368. | 1.55 1 | lilac/blue/brown violet/yellowish gold | (Tokyo '64) |

Designs: 361-One-man kayak; 362-Boxing; 363-Pistol shooting; 364-Women's high jump; 365-Wrestling; 366-Shooting; 367-Women's high jump; 368-Women's javelin throw

Sc 1691-1701; Gi ; Mi 2345-52; YT 2068-75; Zu 2411-2421B

1964, November 30. Romanian Olympic Gold Medal Winners. Unw.; Imperforate.

Des. I. Urssa. Photogravure on chalk-surfaced paper

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| 369. | 20 b | orange/blue/yellow/brown violet |
| 370. | 30 b | greenish blue/blue/yellow/brown violet |
| 371. | 35 b | green/blue/yellow/brown violet |
| 372. | 40 b | dk green/blue/brown violet/yellow |
| 373. | 55 b | rose/blue/yellow/brown violet |
| 374. | 1.60 1 | lilac/blue/brown violet/yellow |
| 375. | 2 1 | lilac/blue/brown violet/yellow gold |
| 376. | 2.40 1 | brown/blue/brown violet/yellow gold |

Designs: Designs of Nos. 369-76 are respectively the same as those of 361-68

Sc 1699-1701; Gi ; Mi 2353-60; YT 2076-83; Zu 2411A-21A

1964, November 30. Romanian Gold Medal Set. Unw.; Imperforate. Des. I.

Urssa. Combination typographed and embossed on chalk-surfaced paper.

377. 10 1 blue/ochre/gold

Design: A souvenir sheet (14x110mm) ungummed and depicting a 1964 Olympic gold medal against a world map showing the sites of the post-World War II Games. Zumstein says sheet was photogravure printed

Mi B1.59; YT BF 60; Zu 2422

1965, May 30. European Shooting Championships, Bucharest. Unw.; P 12%xl2% (No. 378), 12%xl2% (Nos. 379-82), 13% (No. 383). Des. A. Dascalu. Offset lithographed on chalk-surfaced paper

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| 378. | 20 b | blastre/lt blue/black/pink |
| 379. | 40 b | dull green/pink/black |
| 380. | 55 b | lt blue/violet blue/black/red brown |
| 381. | 1 1 | pale green/black/ochre |
| 382. | 1.60 1 | yellow/black/dk red/green |

Designs: 378-Small bore rifle shooting, kneeling; 379-Rifle shooting, prone; 380-Rapid-fire, pistol and map of Europe; 381-Free pistol and map of Europe; 382-Small bore rifle, standing, and map of Europe; 383-Marksmen in various shooting positions

Note: Michel states 300,000 sets were issued

Sc 1748-52; Gi ; Mi 2407-12; YT ; Zu 2464B-69B

1965, May 30. European Shooting Championships, Bucharest. Unw.; Imperforate. Des. A. Dascalu. Offset lithographed on chalk-surfaced paper

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| 383. | 40 b | multicolored | 386. | 1.60 1 | multicolored |
| 384. | 55 b | " | 387. | 3.25 1 | " |
| 385. | 1 1 | " | 388. | 5 1 | " |

Designs: Designs of 383-88 are respectively like those of Nos. 378-82

Note: Michel states 100,000 sets were issued

Mi 2413-18; YT ; Zu 2465A-68A, 2470A-71A

RUANDA URUNDI

1960, May 2. Child Welfare-Rome Olympics. Unw.; P 13%. Photogravure printed by the Imp. Helge Securite, Brussels,

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|----|-------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. | 50+25 c | deep slate blue/red | (200,000) |
| 2. | 1.50+50 c | carmine lake/black | (125,000) |
| 3. | 2+1 f | black/red | (100,000) |
| 4. | 3+1.25 f | vermillion/green | (75,000) |
| 5. | 6.50+3.50 f | bronze green/red | (75,000) |

Designs: 1-High jumping; 2-Hurdling; 3-Soccer; 4-Javelin throw; 5-Discus throw

Sc B26-30; Gi 205-09; Mi 175-79; YT 219-23

RUSSIA

1929, August 18. First all-union Pioneer Assembly. Wmk. Greek Border and Rosettes. P 12%xl2. Des. D.S. Goljadkin. Photogravure.

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| 1. | 10 k | dark brown | 2. | 14 k | slate blue |
| a. | Perf 10% | | | | |
| b. | Perf 10%xl2 | | | | |

Design: Trumpeteer sounding the assembly

Note: Zumstein states that both stamps exist Perf 12 on three sides and Perf 10% at bottom

Sc 411-12; Gi 538-40; Mi 363-64; YT 421-22; Zu 357-58

1935, April 22. International Spartacist Games, Moscow. Unw.; P 14. Des. W.W. Sawajalov. Photogravure.

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|----|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3. | 1 k | ultramarine/orange | 8. | 10 k | purple/scarlet |
| 4. | 2 k | ultramarine/black | 9. | 15 k | chocolate/black |
| 5. | 3 k | chocolate/green | 10. | 20 k | ultramarine/chocolate |
| 6. | 4 k | ultramarine/carmine | a. | margin copy, imperf at top right | |
| 7. | 5 k | chocolate/violet | 11. | 35 k | chocolate/ultramarine |
| | | | 12. | 40 k | carmine/chocolate |

Note: 50,000 sets issued (Wrachtenberg)

Designs: 3-Running; 4-Diving; 5-Rowing; 6-Soccer; 7-Downhill skiing; 8-Cycling; 9-Tennis; 10-Ice skating; 11-Hurdles; 12-Prade of athletes

Sc 559-68; Gi 692-701; Mi 513-22; YT 555-64; Zu 508-17

1935, September 10. Third International Congress of Iranian Art and Archeology, Leningrad, Sept. 12-18. Wmk. Greek Border and Rosettes; P 14. Des. W.W. Sawajalov.

13. 5. orange red 15. 15 k violet
14. 10 k green 16. 35 k dark brown

Design: A silver plate of the Sassanian Dynasty (4th or 5th Century) depicting a lion hunt. Plate owned by the Hermitage Museum

Note: Michel says set is offset printed but Gibbons and Zumstein say set is photoGravure printed

Sc 569-72; Gi 707-10; Mi 528-31; YT 569-72; Zu 523-26

1936, April 20. Pioneers. Unw.; P 11 or 14. Des. W. W. Sawjalov. Photo-gravure.

- 17. 1 k light green
- 18. 2 k brown red
- 19. 3 k slate blue
- 20. 5 k margin copy, imperf at bottom
- 21. 10 k dark carmine
- 22. 15 k olive brown

Designs: 17, 18-Pioneers securing mail box from theft; 19, 20-Pioneers preventing destruction of property; 21-Pioneer helping recover a paper kite entangled in overhead wires; 22-girl Pioneer saluting

Note: Michel says that No. 20 exists 11x14, 14x11 and also with one or more sides perf 11 with the remaining sides perf 14.

Sc 583-88; Gi 721-26; Mi 542-47; YT 583-88; Zu 537-42

1937, November 15. Aviation Exhibition, Moscow, Nov. 15-20. Unw.; Imperfor-ate. Des. W. W. Sawjalov. PhotoGravure printed souvenir sheet of four stamps (165x90mm).

23. 1 r black/brown/buff (50,000 sheets)

Design: Toupolev ANT 14 over Leningrad (five-engined transport)

Sc C75a; Mi 570, pl 3; YU B1 3; Zu 565

1937, December 23. Aviation Exhibition. Unw.; P 12. Des. W. W. Sawjalov. PhotoGravure printed on chalk-surfaced paper

- 24. 10 k black/red brown
- a. pale buff
- 25. 20 k black/green
- a. vert. pair imperf. between
- 26. 30 k black/brown
- a. vert. pair imperf. between
- 27. 40 k black/purple
- a. vert. pair imperf. between
- 28. 50 k black/violet
- a. vert. pair imperf. between
- 29. 80 k sepia/blue
- 30. 1 r brown/grey

Designs: 24-Toupolev TB 1 (single-engined monoplane); 25-Toupolev ANT 9 (Twin-engined cabin plane); 26-Toupolev ANT 6 (four-motored transport); 27-ANT Amphibian (single-engined amphibian); 28-Toupolev TB 1 (Twin-engined transport); 29-Toupolev ANT 20 (light-motored transport); 30-ANT 14 (Design as no. 23)

CG-75; Gi 746-52; Mi 571-77; YT A60-66; Zu 566-72

1938, September 15. Organization for child welfare. Unw.; P 12x11. Des. J. V. Dubassov (No. 31) and S. A. Romaneki (nos. 24-25). Typographed on chalk-surfaced paper

- 31. 30 k claret
- 32. 50 k dark blue
- 33. 80 k light green

1963, November 25. 9th Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck, Jan. 29-Feb. 9. Unw.; Imperforate. Des. J. Dumitran. Souvenir sheet (120x80mm) off-set lithographed

322. 1.50 l violet blue/vermillion

Design: Olympic ice stadium, Innsbruck, and Olympic emblem of the 1964 Winter Olympic Games

Note: Zumstein gives face of sheet as 1.60 l, an error

Mi 2211 (B1 55); YT BF 56; Zu 2304

1964, April 25. Equestrian Events. Unw.; P 13%. Des. J. Dumitran. PhotoGravure printed on chalk-surfaced paper

- 333. 40 b lt blue/rose/brown/black
- 334. 55 b lilac/red/brown
- 335. 1.35 l brt green/red/dk brown
- 336. 1.55 l pale yellow/blue/claret

Designs: 333-Horse show competition; 334-Steepchaser; 335-Jumper; 336-Racing thoroughbreds

Sc 1631-34; Gi ; Mi 2276-79; YT 2009-12; Zu 2357-60

1964, June 29. Unw.; P 13%. Recess. Des. A. Jonescu; eng. Jasi J. Mhasescu

337. 1 l brown violet

338. 55 b Prussian blue

Design: Ski lift, Polana Brasov; 338-Hikers, Tourist hut on Balea-See
Sc 1650+51; Gi ; Mi 2295-96; YT 2014-15; Zu 2295-96

1964, July 28. Balkan Games, Bucharest. Unw.; P 13% (Nos. 339-43), 12% (No. 344). PhotoGravure on chalk-surfaced paper (Nos. 339-43) and offset lithographed (No. 344). Des. M. Giura and S. Zarimba

- 339. 30 b vermillion/yellow/yellow green
- 340. 40 b brown/green/yellow/violet
- 341. 55 b yel.brown/yellow/blue green
- 342. 1 l brt blue/yellow/brown/red
- 343.1.20 l purple/yellow/brown/green

Designs: 339-High jumper; 340-Javelin thrower; 341-Runner; 342-Discus thrower; 343-Hurdler; 344-Pennants of Turkey, Greece, Albania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Romania over map of the Balkans, and small sports figures.

Note: Michel says 500,000 sets issued

Sc 1654-59; Gi ; Mi 2299-2304; YT 2040-45; Zu 2372-77

1964, September 1. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo, Oct. 10-25. Unw.; P 13%. Des. D. Stubei and J. Rusu. Offset lithographed on chalk-surfaced paper

- 344. 20 b yellow/black 348. 55 b lt yel green/black
- 345. 30 b lilac/black 349. 1.20 l orange/black
- 346. 35 b greenish blue/black 350. 1.35 l ochre/black
- 347. 40 b pink/black 351. 1.55 l blue/black

Designs: 344-High jump; 345-Wrestling; 346-Volleyball; 347-Canoing; 348-Fencing; 349-Women's Gymnastics; 350-Soccer; 351-Rifle marksmanship
Note: All stamps in this set are diamond shaped and show the Olympic rings in blue, yellow, black, green and red

Sc 1665-72; Gi ; Mi 2309-16; YT 2024-31; Zu 2378-85B

1964, September 1. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo, Oct. 10-25. Unw.; Imperforate Des. D. Stubei and J. Rusu. Offset lithographed on chalk-surfaced paper.

- 352. 20 b brn yellow/black 356. 55 b lilac/black
- 353. 30 b green/black 357. 1.60 b blue/black
- 354. 35 b rose/black 358. 2 l yellow/black
- 355. 40 b turquoise/black 359. 2.40 l orange/black

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615	Ecuador	377-81,C65-9	used	2.18
616	Ecuador	C65-9	mint hinged	16.80
617	Egypt	292-4	mint hinged	1.05
618	Egypt	294aSS	mint hinged some wrinkles	2.50
619	Ethiopia	378-82	mint hinged	1.10
620	Fiji	186-9	mint nh	1.18
621	Fiji	186-9	mint hinged	1.18
622	Finland	B110-3	mint hinged	1.35
623	France	1016	mint nh	0.60
624	France	1016	mint nh	0.60
625	France	1016	mint nh	0.60
626	France	1027	mint nh imperf	
627	France	1073	mint nh blk of 4	0.48
628	Fr.Poly	203-4	mint nh	1.40
629	Fr.Poly	203-4	mint nh	1.40
630	Gabon	163-4 C6	mint nh	1.40
631	Gabon	163-4 C6	mint hinged	1.40
632	Gabon	163-4 C6	mint nh imperf	
633	Gabon	C3	mint hinged	4.50
634	Germany	742	mint nh	0.30
635	Germany	742	mint nh	0.30
636	Germany	742	mint nh	0.30
637	Germany	742	mint nh blk of 4	1.20
638	Germany	813-6	mint hinged	0.85
639	Germany	B79-81	used	6.10
640	Germany	Booklet with B82a and B83a	mint	8.50
641	Germany	same as lot 640		
642	Germany	B82-9	mint hinged	14.55
643	Germany	B82-9	used	7.70
644	Germany	B90	mint nh	1.25
645	Germany	B90	mint hinged	1.25
646	Germany	B90	cancelled,hinged	1.25
647	Germany	B90	cancelled,hinged	1.25
648	Germany	B91	mint hinged	7.50
649	Germany	B92	mint hinged	7.50
650	Germany	B173	mint hinged	6.50
651	DDR	289-90	mint nh perf worn	0.12
652	DDR	488-91	mint hinged	1.54
653	DDR	560-2	mint nh	0.63
654	DDR	560-2	mint nh	0.63
655	DDR	621-5,B92	mint hinged	1.55
656	DDR	621-5,B92	mint hinged in blk of six (one each)	1.55
657	DDR	same as lot 656 but nh		1.55
658	DDR	635-6	mint nh	0.48
659	DDR	635-6	mint nh blk of 4	1.92
660	DDR	657-9	mint nh	0.75
661	DDR	657-9	mint nh	0.75
662	DDR	657-9	mint nh	0.75
663	DDR	680-2,B111	mint nh	0.69
664	DDR	695-7	mint nh (1966)	0.66
665	DDR	706-10,B118	mint nh	--
666	DDR	714a	blk of 6 mint nh	--
667	DDR	B44-8	mint hinged	0.86
668	DDR	B98-102	mint nh	1.25
669	DDR	B98-102	mint hinged	1.25
670	DDR	B103-5	mint hinged	0.87
671	DDR	B103-5	mint nh	0.87
672	DDR	B103-5	mint hinged	0.87
673	DDR	B106-10	mint nh	1.26
674	DDR	B106-10	mint hinged	1.26
675	Ghana	61-5	mint hinged	1.51
676	Ghana	82-5	mint hinged	1.32
677	Ghana	82-5	mint hinged	1.32
678	Gr.Brit	271-3	mint hinged	0.57
679	Greece	117-27	used, centering is fair-some perfs missing	174.85
680	Greece	421-4	mint hinged	5.15
681	Greece	677-87	mint hinged	8.07
682	Greece	677-87	mint hinged	8.07
683	Greece	690	mint hinged	0.70
684	Guatemala	C158-62	mint hinged	17.50
685	Guatemala	C171-5	used	11.35
686	Guatemala	C283-6	mint nh	-
687	Guinea	201-2,C24-6	mint hinged has a thin spot	
688	Guinea	202 and C24	with red and orange ovpts-mint hinged-six stamps	
689	Guinea	279-90,C44-6	mint nh	7.37
690	Guinea	333-5,C57	mint nh	1.48
691	Guinea	333-5,C57	mint nh imperf	
692	Guinea	C58-60	mint nh with both red and orange ovpts-four stamps	
693	Haiti	462-5,C163-5	mint hinged	2.97
694	Haiti	same as lot 693		
695	Haiti	B18-9,CB28-9	mint hinged	1.90
696	Haiti	same as lot 695		
697	Haiti	C165	used blk of 4	3.00
698	Haiti	C165aSS	mint nh	
699	Hungary	1057-61,C123-7	mint hinged	3.54
700	Hungary	1057-61	CTO	0.36
701	Hungary	1057-61	CTO	0.36
702	Hungary	1057-61	CTO	0.36
703	Hungary	1160-7	mint nh	1.55
704	Hungary	1160-7	mint hinged	1.55
705	Hungary	1241-8	mint hinged	1.41
706	Hungary	1241-8	mint hinged imperf	
707	Hungary	1249-53,C202-5	mint hinged	1.31
708	Hungary	1301-6	mint hinged	0.86
709	Hungary	1301-6	CTO hinged blk of 4	2.88
710	Hungary	1326-35,B218	mint hinged thin	2.78
711	Hungary	1326-35	B218 mint hinged	2.78
712	Hungary	1326-35	B218 mint hinged imperf	
713	Hungary	1326-35	B218 mint hinged imperf	
714	Hungary	1336	SS perf and imperf nh	
715	Hungary	1373	perf and imperf mint hinged	
716	Hungary	1373	mint nh blk of 4	0.56
717	Hungary	1403-5	B219 mint hinged perf and imperf sets	
718	Hungary	1403-5	B219 mint hinged	0.77
719	Hungary	1403-5	B219 mint hinged imperf pairs	
720	Hungary	1406-12	mint hinged	2.31
721	Hungary	1447-52	B224 C209a mint nh	2.01
722	Hungary	same as lot 721	but imperf	
723	Hungary	1473	mint nh imperf	
724	Hungary	1473	mint nh blk of 4 imperf	
725	Hungary	1484-90	mint nh	1.10
726	Hungary	1484-90	mint nh pairs imperf	
727	Hungary	1501	mint nh perf and imperf	
728	Hungary	1529-31	perf and imperf mint nh	
729	Hungary	1548-54	B234 mint nh	1.64
730	Hungary	1548-54	B234 mint nh	1.64
731	Hungary	1548-54	B234 mint nh imperf	
732	Hungary	1555	SS mint nh perf and imperf	
733	Hungary	1555	mint hinged	1.20
734	Hungary	1578	mint nh perf and imperf	
735	Hungary	1585	mint nh perf and imperf	
736	Hungary	1585	mint nh blk of 4 imperf	
737	Hungary	1597-1605	B237 mint nh	-
738	Hungary	1595	mint nh perf and imperf	
739	Hungary	1597-1605	B237 mint nh imperf	
740	Hungary	B133,B167,B169	mint nh	0.60
741	Hungary	B166-9	mint nh	0.60
742	Hungary	SS with B225-8	perf and imperf nh	
743	Hungary	B228a and SS	mint nh	3.20
744	Hungary	same as lot 743		
745	Hungary	B228a and SS	mint nh imperf	
746	Hungary	B229	mint nh perf and imperf	
747	Ifni	B52-4	mint nh	0.17

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748	India	233-4	mint nh	0.75	805	Card, Germany, B82 & B86 torch relay
749	Indonesia	465-7	mint hinged	0.20		Hellendorf and Berlin
750	Indonesia	509 and 55	mint hinged		806	Cover, Germany B82-9 on reg flown
751	Indonesia	550-73	mint hinged	1.96		cover with Hindenberg cancel
752	Indonesia	561, 564, 566, 568			807	Cover, Germany B83a, B82 pair Dessau
		mint nh blks of 4	1.04			to Deadwood SD 8-7-36
753	Indonesia	566	mint nh blk of 4	0.24	808	Card, Germany B84 with Oly cancel-
754	Indonesia	608-15	mint nh	1.45		card of Austrian Oly Comm.
755	Israel	203tab	mint nh	0.45	809	Cover, Germany FDC B119 addressed, no cachet
756	Israel	203tab	mint nh	0.45	810	Cover, Germany B123, B125, B128 with three
757	Israel	203	tab mint nh	0.45		different sports cancels of Garmisch
758	Israel	259-62	mint nh	0.72		29-1-39. View of ski cabin
759	Israel	259-62	tabs mint nh	0.72	811	Cover, Germany B144 on commercial cover
760	Card, Finland	B111	FDC black and white		812	Cover, Germany FDC B145 addressed, no cachet
			photo entrance of US athletes		813	Card, Germany used view card shows sailboat
			and simulated autographs			cancel "Bodensee"
761	Card, Finland	B110	color card of		814	Cards, Germany, black and white photos of
			girl diver-max card			Walter Rutt, Willy Lovenz(?), Karl
762	Cover, Finland	FDC B110-3	on Scan.			Saldow, Bobby Walthour-bicycle racers
			Air Line cachet, addressed			around 1910- four cards.
763	Cover, Finland	FDC B110-3	cachet,		815	Card, Germany photo of start of 1938 Groben
			reg cover to Israel, wrinkles.			Preis Von Deutschland
764	Card, Finland	B112	max card, color		816	Card, Germany photo of auto racer 1933
765	Cancel, Finland	Lahti	Salpausseka			advertisement card for Dunlop tires.
			1948 On cover.		817	Card, Germany, Oly postcard sailboat theme
766	Cover, Finland	cancel	Hameenlinna			15 plus 10 value, unused
			4-3-MM 62, flown, cachet		818	Card, Germany Oly postcard sailboat theme
767	Cover, Finland	cancel,	Helsinki 7-6-63			6 plus 4 value with Oly cancel, no address
			Liitto Juhla cachet, flown		819	Card, Germany Oly postcard Stadium theme
768	Cover, Finland	cancel	Paimio 15-2-63			15 plus 10 value, unused
			ski cancel and cachet, flown		820	Card, Germany, same as lot 819
769	Cover, Finland	cancel	1-3-63 Lahti		821	Card, Germany same as lot 819 but has Oly cancel
			ski cancel and cachet, flown		822	Card, Germany same as lot 819 but used
770	Card, Finland	color	view of stadium			and has Oly HINDENBERG cancel
771	Card, Finland	blk and white	view of		823	Card, Germany, same as lot 822
			rowing stadium.		824	Card, Germany, Oly postcard with stadium theme
772	Card, Finland	color	view of stadium			6 plus 4 value unused
			and football field, one card.		825	Card, Germany, Oly postcard with stadium theme
773	Card, Finland	three blk and white	views			6 plus 4 value, Oly cancel, no address
			of Hesinki stadium area, stadium,		826	Card, Germany same as lot 825
			and pentathlon pool		827	Card, Germany, postcard shows beach boat cachet
774	Card, Finland	three blk and white	views			cancelled "St Peter Ording-Nordsee, 1963"
			of swimming stadium, boxing hall,		828	Card, Germany color view card cancelled with
			and statue of Nurmi.			shot putter Ludwigsburg 1939. Looks
775	Card, Finland	two color	views of stadium			like autographs also.
			and swimming pool		829	Card, Germany black and white photo of rowing
776	Card, Christmas, Finland	view of tower				with cancel "Essen 9-8-59"-rowing
			and stadium			cancel.
777	Cover, France	693	max card		830	Cover, Germany cancelled "Grosser Preis Von
778	Cover, France	FDC 693	cachet, addressed			Europa fur Rennbott am 25-26 5 1963
779	Cover, France	FDC 817	cachet, addressed			no address- cacheted in two colors
780	Card, France	FDC 817	max card		831	Card, Germany of "Deutsche Nordische Skimeister*
781	Cover, France	FDC 833-6	on four cacheted			schaften, 1952. Has 9N76, 634 and ski
			unaddressed covers			seal. Fair condition.
782	Cover, France	FDC 845	cachet addressed		832	Cover, Germany comm cover has Oly seal 1936
783	Cover, France	FDC 969	cachet no address		833	Cancel, Germany 5 diff sports cancels on cards
784	Cover, France	696	max card		834	Cancels, Germany 12 diff sport cancels on cards
785	Cover, France	1002	max card		835	Cover, DDR FDC 210-11 Cachet, addressed
786	Cover, France	1016	on commercial cover		836	Booklet, DDR 297-300 one each in folder, cachet
787	Cover, France	1020	max card		837	Cover, DDR FDC 307-8 cachet, no address
788	Cover, France	FDC 1073	cachet, unaddressed		838	Cover, DDR FDC 307-8 cachet, addressed
789	Cover, France	1073	on commercial cover		839	Cover, DDR FDC 307-8 cachet, no address, wrinkles
790	Cancel, France	"2emes Jeux Europeens			840	Card, DDR max card 490
		Maccabi 1963"	on cover		841	Card, DDR 491 with sport cancel on card
791	Cancel, France	"Tour de France 1955"				showing sailboat, black and white.
		on addressed card			842	Cover, DDR FDC 635-6 cachet, no address
792	Card, France(?)	XX Ann du Retablissement			843	Cover, DDR FDC 657-9 cachet, no address
		des Jeux Olympiques 1914. unused card			844	Cover, DDR B44-8 Leipzig Fair cachet on two
		shows multicolor mounted athlete.				covers, no address
793	Cover, Ghana	FDC 82-5	cachet, addressed		845	Cover, DDR FDC B44-8 cachet no address
794	Card, Germany	486-9	on card for Sportsfest		846	Cover, DDR FDC B98-102 cachet, no address
			in Breslau and with "Der Fuhrer		847	Cover, DDR FDC B103-5 cachet, no address
			in Breslau" cancel on the back.		848	Cancel, DDR "Sommerfrische-Wintersport 1962"
795	Cover, Germany	486-9	on commercial cover		849	Cover, Ghana FDC 61-5 cachet, addressed
			but with games cancel.		850	Cover, Gr. Brit-Tangier 527-30 FDC, no cachet
796	Card, Germany	487	with games cancel			addressed
797	Card, Germany	487	with game cancel and		851	Airletter, Gr. Brit has 6d 1948 Oly design
			view of sport area			on flown airletter.
798	Cover, Germany	FDC 742	cachet, unaddressed		852	Card, Greece 117-8 multicolor card "Souvenir
799	Cover, Germany	FDC 788	cachet, unaddressed			d'Athenes" cancel not clear.
800	Cover, Germany	FDC 788	cachet, unaddressed		853	Card, Greece 188 on postcard to Austria
801	Cover, Germany	FDC 813-6	cachet, addressed		854	Cover, Greece FDC(?) 421-4 with seal, no
802	Cover, Germany	813-6, B367	on commercial cover.			cachet, addressed, back heavily hinged.
			Only fair shape.		855	Card, Greece "New Oly Games Museum cachet
803	Cover, Germany	816	in blk of 4 on comm cover.			has 675 and 641, Olympia cancel
804	Card, Germany	B79 and Oly winter cancel				
		on Austria Oly Fund card.				

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