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ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF RUGBY-FOOTBALL (And 17 years of Rugby in Philately)

by Annie Joubert (South Africa)

Ancient and medieval English history does not tell us how it all started. But we do know that Rugby Football Union, one of the popular games grouped under the generic name of football, was officially founded in 1871. We may therefor now reflect on the first century of organized Rugby football. And this will also afford the opportunity to have a look at the relatively few "rugby stamps" in the philatelic world.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, football in England was still played in accordance with traditional local customs and patterns. It would appear, however, that these different "factions" observed the one common law that the ball, usually an inflated pig's bladder encased in leather, must never be handled or carried in the direction of the opponent's goal.

From this rather humble and haphazard beginning the game has spread in all sizes and shapes to the far corners of the earth: Rugby Union (amateur) and Rugby League (professional), Association Football (soccer), U. S. Football (college and professional), Canadian Football, Australian Rules, etc., etc.

Early in the last century football in the U. S., as in English schools, varied from campus to campus but it was the kicking game, basically, which enjoyed general support. Harvard, however, played a handling game, like Rugby, called the "Boston Game". This prevented Harvard from participating in the first intercollegiate convention in the United States because the other colleges such as Yale, Princeton and Columbia, preferred the kicking game. At that convention in New York City on October 19, 1893, uniform rules based on the kicking code were adopted, but Yale soon broke away and switched to the Rugby

code of handling. Harvard and Yale met for the first time on November 13, 1875 in New Haven in a game which reflected largely the Rugby code of handling the ball.

Professional football in the U. S. was introduced in 1895 and the game eventually resembled its British parent only in the shape of the oval ball and in modern times Rugby Union in the U. S. was more or less limited to a few colleges.

U. S. Football is, however, not the subject of this article. Let me therefor return to the world of Rugby Football Union and the beginning of the nineteenth century in England when the common law was still observed that the ball must never be carried or handled in the direction of the opponent's goal.

We have it on flimsy hearsay evidence that this "law" was violated in 1823 by William Webb Ellis, a 16 year old schoolboy at Rugby School in Warwickshire. Ellis, the legendary law-breaker, became the great hero of Rugby football. A stone tablet at this famous British school bears the inscription: "This stone commemorated the exploit of William Webb Ellis who, with a fine disregard for the rules of football as played in his time, first took the ball in his arms and ran with it, thus originating the distinctive feature of the Rugby game A. D. 1823".

This lovely legend has become part and parcel of the history of Rugby football and a special centenary match to celebrate the schoolboy's exploit was played at Rugby School on 1st November 1923 in which a combined English/Welsh team beat a combined Scottish/Irish team by 21-16.

Old boys of Rugby School spread their handling game to Cambridge University (1839), (Guys Hospital (1843), Edinburgh Academy (1851) Sheffield (1855), Blackheath (1857) and subsequently to other famous clubs such as Richmond (1863) and Oxford University (1869). This period also marked the demarcation between those who played football with their feet (soccer) and those who played it with their feet and hands (rugby) and the split between the two codes became final in 1863 with the formation of the Football Association (soccer).

The next step, logically, was the formation of a governing body to administer rugby football. This historic event took place on January 26, 1871, when representatives of seventeen clubs and three schools met at the old Pall Mall Restaurant near Trafalgar Square, London, and formed the Rugby Football Union.

Laws in accordance with the code used at Rugby School were drafted by an Old Boy of the School, L. J. Maton, and these were accepted at a meeting on July 24 in the same year.

Ending its very first year with a credit balance of eleven shillings the Rugby Football Union, with headquarters at the famous Twickenham since 1904, now embraces something like 2,000 affiliated clubs owning land and buildings to the tune of about \$50 million.

The first international rugby match was played in 1871 between England and Scotland at Edinburgh. It ended in victory for the Scots which was avenged the following year in the second international when England beat Scotland at Kennington Oval, London.

After the formation of the R.F.U., the game spread rapidly and in the seventies it was played in South Africa, Canada, France, New Zealand and Australia but it was only in New Zealand where it became the national game almost from the start.

The next step was the International Rugby Board which was founded in 1890 to control the laws and international affairs. England was given six representatives on the Board and the other "Home Unions", Scotland, Ireland and Wales two each. England's representation was later reduced to two and representation extended to South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. The laws also apply by choice in France and other European countries and elsewhere such as in Japan, the Argentine and Fiji.

The original laws provided for a field of 140 yards long and 70 yards wide, a match of 45 minutes each way and two sides of 20 players each with the result depending on which side scores the most goals. The game was controlled by a neutral referee and two touch judges representing the two teams. Changes in the laws and new laws were introduced from time to time. The number of players were reduced to fifteen a side in 1876/77 and it was not until 1886 that a point scoring system was adopted. Today the size of the field is laid down in Law I not to exceed 110 yards long and 75 yards wide.

Glancing back at history one would have thought that countries such as Great Britain, South Africa and New Zealand, the three foremost Rugby Union countries, would have taken the lead in introducing a rugby theme on stamps. But we have many examples of oddities in sports philately as all members of SPI know and one of these oddities surely is that Rumania should have been the first country to depict the game of Rugby on stamps. This stamp appeared in 1944 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Rumanian Rugby Federation. The stamp is distinctive in that the name of the sport ("F.R. Rugby") dominates the design and not the name of the country.



Rumania and France are two of the leading members of the Rugby Federation of Europe. The British Home Unions and other countries who are members of the International Rugby Board are not members of the European Federation. It is perhaps not generally known that the rugby match at Bucharest on May 19, 1957 between France and Rumania attracted 95,000 spectators which equalled the world record rugby crowd of 95,000 spectators at Ellis Park on August 6, 1955 when the British Lions touring team beat South Africa 23-22 in a memorable thriller.

France is not a member of the International Rugby Board but regularly plays against Board members. Some countries such as the Argentine, Japan and Fiji are not members of the International Board or of the European Federation, but are nevertheless active members of the international Rugby fraternity.

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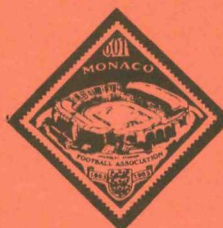
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France joined the ranks in 1956 when a rugby stamp was included in a series of four sports stamps and three years later Rumania issued its second rugby stamp as part of a series depicting eight different types of sport.

To mark the 35th anniversary of the Rugby Federation of Czechoslovakia in 1961, this country issued a rather artistic rugby stamp as part of a sports series.

Rugby football has been played in South Africa since shortly after the middle of the nineteenth century and the first clubs were formed in 1875 and 1876. It became the country's national sport and the Springbok rugby teams have won great fame, particularly against their arch rivals, the All Blacks from New Zealand. The South African Rugby Board was founded in 1889. By the early sixties of this century, South Africa was one of the few countries who had not issued a sport stamp of any nature. As luck would have it, the South African Rugby Board celebrated its 75th Jubilee Year in 1964 and this was the opportunity to join the ranks. To commemorate the occasion, two rugby stamps were issued, the 2 1/2c depicting a jumping Springbok on a rugby ball and the 12 1/2c showing a player diving to score a spectacular try.



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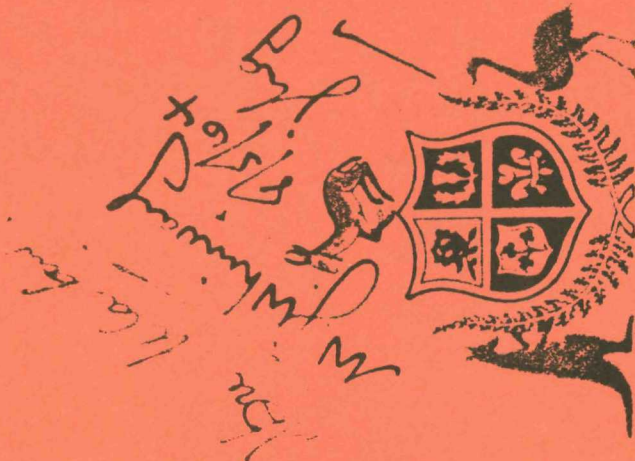
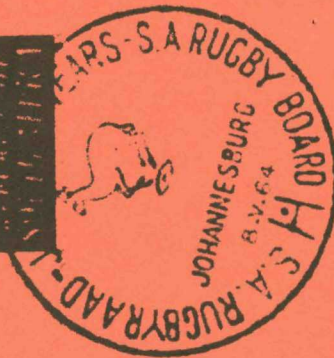
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The South African Rugby Board provided an official First Day Cover and a special cancellation was used by the Post Office on the date of issue (May 8, 1964) on which day a friendly international festival match was played at Ellis Park, Johannesburg, the captains of the teams being the South African Abe Malan and the New Zealander Wilson Whineray. In this way South Africa became the sixth country to honor the game of rugby on stamps.

New Zealand issued a colorful set of two rugby stamps in 1967, and, as in the case of the Fijian rugby stamp, it carried a levy to finance health services.

The Rugby Federation of Japan, founded in 1927, influenced the



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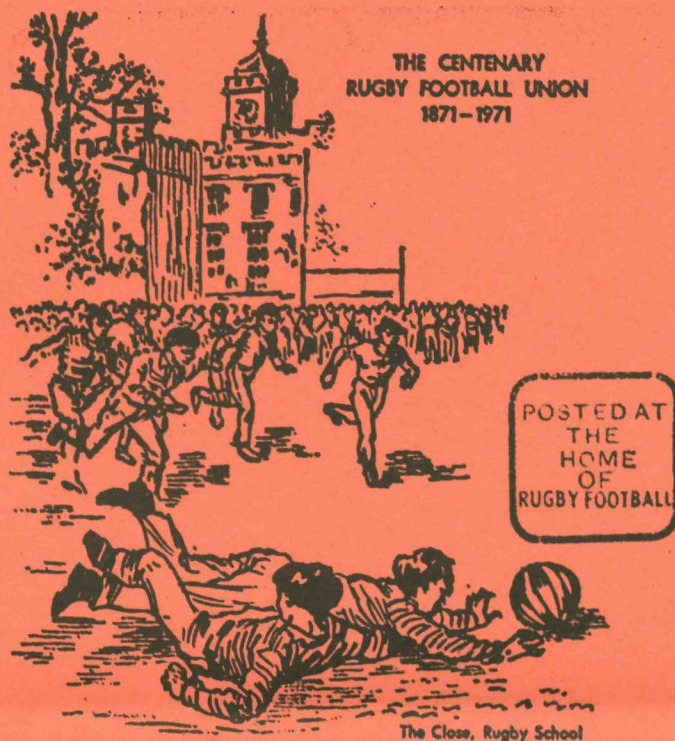
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postal authorities to issue a second rugby stamp in 1969 and now Japan shares the distinction with Rumania as the only two countries to have produced a second rugby issue.



Great Britain, where Rugby Football and so many other modern games were born, waited till the year 1971 before issuing a rugby stamp to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Rugby Football Union. This stamp, fittingly, reflects the spirit of the game as it was played one hundred years ago. And the leading player, running with the ball firmly tucked under his arm, may very well be the legendary William Webb Ellis.



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So, all in all, we have not had many rugby stamps since Rumania issued the first one in 1944. Thank heavens for small mercies. At least in Rugby Union we have one sport that has not been flooded with junk!

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40. MEXICO: Mexico City, Mexico, used during the football competition at the Olympic Games. Oct. 13, 1968
41. " Mexico City. Agfa Photo Co. The official photo co. own cachet (not a postal cancel).
42. " Mexico City, meter: used by an Insurance Co. of Mexico. March 25, 1970.
43. " Mexico City, meter: used by the Organizing Committee for the IX World Football Championships. May 26, 1970.
44. " Mexico City, Inaguration of IX World Football Championship May 31, 1970.
45. " Guadalajara, Jal. IX World Football Championship. June 2, 1970.
46. " Leon, Gto. IX World Football Championship. June 2, 1970.
47. " Toluca, Mex. IX World Football Championships. June 2, 1970.
48. " Puebla, Pue. IX World Football Championship. June 2, 1970
49. " Mexico City. Closing of the IX World Football Championship. June 21, 1970.
50. " Mexico City. Opening of SPORTMEX. June 19, 1970.
51. " Mexico City. Closing of SPORTMEX. June 28, 1970.
52. " Mexico City. Philatelic Exhibition SPORTMEX. Visit of the National Football Team of Italy.



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53. Netherland Antillies: Willemstad, VIII Championship of South America and Caribbean in Soccer 1957. First day of issue, August 6, 1957.
54. Nicaragua: Managua, first day of issue cancel used on the Hall of Fame issue showing 11 soccer players. May 11, 1970.
55. San Salvador: First day of issue, World Football Championship. May 29, 1970.
56. USA: New York, NY, meter, Soccer The World's Sport. Jan. 17, 1969.
57. USA: New Rochelle, NY, meter, used by soccer newspaper 'The Soccer News'. March 20, 1969.
58. " New Rochelle, NY, meter, Goal - 16mm Sound Film of Spectacular Soccer at its Colorful Best. Nov. 12, 1969.
59. " New York, NY, meter used by private concern advertising soccer shoes.
60. " New York, NY, meter used by the soccer club COSMOS of New York, member of the National Professional League. Jun-1'71
61. URUGUAY: Montevideo, Uruguay World Champion in Soccer. July 29, 1924.

62. URUGUAY: Montevideo, 1930 Football Championship between Europe and America. May 21, 1930.
63. " First day of issue. August 3, 1965.
64. " Same as above.
65. " First day of issue. World Championship in Soccer. July 11, 1966.
66. " Penarol, Inter-continental Champion 1966. First day of issue. May 29, 1968.
67. " Champion Nacional Football Club, Liberation Cup of America. First day of issue. Oct. 20, 1971.
68. Surinam: Paramaribe, Surinam Football Association 1920-1970. First day of issue. Oct. 10, 1970. 68a is the daily cancel used with 68.



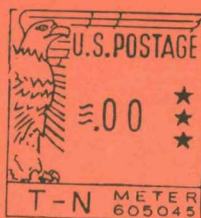
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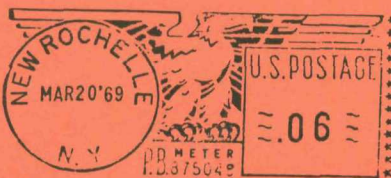


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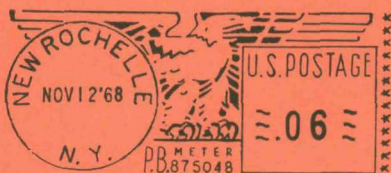
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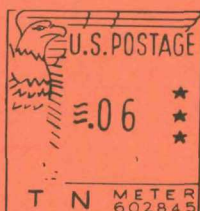
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what you think--they presented me with a Confederate flag to hang in my den. Wait until my Greataunt from Nantucket sees that!

After New Orleans, I went to Washington for another Bicentennial Commission meeting. Your local stamp clubs will soon get a mailing telling you ways that you, as philatelists, can become involved in making the public aware of our heritage. My favorite--visit your local library and offer to display a stamp collection of Americana. For us perhaps, the part U.S. athletes have played in International Competition. The three arms of the American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration-"Horizons '76", "Heritage" and "Open House USA", all fit into the sports picture. Why not see what you can do?

Tomorrow I am off to San Francisco, for Westpex, and then I get to store my bags until I leave for Rio de Janeiro in August. Nancy will graduate from High School in June, so I had better stay home for a change--it will cost less--it has to, it has to. Keep happy, y'all hear.

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There were no "Black-Blots" in the January issue. The following were in the Feb. issue:

FUJEIRA: A 30-adhesive "package" of Olympic items for Sapporo and Munich Games.

SHARJAH: A Sapporo Winter Olympics "gold" novelty and assorted souvenir sheets.

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NEW ISSUE COLUMN

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- ALBANIA February 10, 1972 XI Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo. 5q, Biathlon; 10q, Bobsled; 15q, Ice Hockey; 20q, Bobsled; 50q, Figure Skater; 1L, Skier; 2L, Ski Jumper; 250L, S/S, Figure Skater. Designer; S. Toptani. Printed in offset by State Printers, Tirana.
- ALGERIA March 26, 1972 XX Olympic Games, Munich. .25, Cycling; .40 Javelin Thrower; .60, Wrestler; 1.00, Gymnast.
- BULGARIA February 10, 1972 World Gymnastic Championship, Havana. 13s Gymnast with ball; 18s, Gymnast with ring; 70s, S/S, Gymnast with hoop. Designer; Ivan Kiosev. Printed by the State Printing Office, Sofia, in a quantity of 150,00 & 80,000 s/s
- BURUNDI February 3, 1972 XI Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo. 5F, Skier; 6F, Figure Skating Pair; 11F, Figure Skater; 14F, Ski Jumper; 17F, Ice Hockey; 24F, Speed Skater; 26F, Ice Scooter 31F, Skier; 50F, Bobsled; S/S exists of 3 high values, as well as imperfs of last 3. Quantity; 20,000 (5F-24F).
- CAMEROONS February 24, 1972 XI Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo. 50F, Bobsled; 100F, Skier.
- CZECHOSLOVAKIA April 7, 1972 XX Olympic Games, Munich. 50h, Cyclist 1.60k, Diver; 1.80k, Canoe Racing; 2k, Gymnast. Designer; Anna Podzemna. Printed in recess by Prague Post Office Printing Office.
- CZECHOSLOVAKIA April 7, 1972. World Ice Hockey Championship, Prague 60h, 1k, Hockey Players. Designed by V. Kovarik. Printed in recess by the Prague Post Office Printing Office.
- GERMANY June 5, 1972. XX Olympic Games, Munich. 20+10, Wrestlers; 25+10, Sailing; 30+15, Gymnast; 60+30, Swimmer. Designer; Gerta Haller of Larrach. Printed by the Federal Printing Office, Berlin. These stamps will be withdrawn on 9/30/72.



- GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC May 16 1972. XX Olympic Games, Munich. 5pf, Wrestlers, 8 million; 10+5 pf, Diver, 5 million; 20pf, Pole Vaulter, 13 million; 25+10pf, Rowing, 3.5 million; 35pf Soccer, 7 million; 70pf, Gymnast, 1.9 million. Designer, Manfred Gottschall.
- GRENADA February 3, 1972 XI Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo. Scott #428-30 overprinted "Winter Olympics, Feb. 3-13, 1972, Sapporo, Japan".

- GUINEA January , 1972. Nixon-Mao Tse Tung Meeting. Four 200F stamps se-tenant in blocks on silver-foil paper. (a) Pres. Nixon; (b) Chinese Table Tennis player; (c) American Table Tennis player; (d) Chairman Mao. 1200F, Nixon & Mao & Table Tennis paddles on gold foil. Printer, Pierre Mariotte.
- JUGOSLAVIA February 3, 1972 XI Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo. 125 Speed Skater; 600, Skier. Designer, Andreja Milenkovic. Printed by Belgrade Mint in a quantity of 600,000 & 200,000
- JUGOSLAVIA March 21, 1972 I World Ski Jumping Championship, Planica. 1.25d, Jump at Planica--Built in 1934. Designer, A. Milenkovic. Printed by Gravure Dusan Matic in a quantity of 500 thousand.
- JUGOSLAVIA April 17, 1972. XX Olympic Games, Munich. 50d, Water Polo; 1.25d, Basketball; 2.50d, Swimmer; 3.25d Boxers; 5.00d Runner; 6.50d, Sailing. Designer, Petar Jakelic. Printed by State Press, Belgrade.
- KOREA February 3, 1972. XI Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo. 10w, Speed Skater; 10w, Figure Skater; S/S of 2. Designers, Lee Keun Moon & Chung Hee Han. Printed in photogravure by the Government Printing Agency, Seoul, in a quantity of 1.5m, plus 70 thousand S/S.
- MONACO April 27, 1972. Sapporo & Munich Olympic Games. 60, 90, 1.10 and 1.40, Four Equestrian scenes in a sheet of 24, containing 6 sets, with 6 tabs (3 different); .90, Ski Jumper. It looks as if you would have to buy 3 sets to get the issue complete. I NEVER THOUGHT MONACO WOULD STOOP TO THIS.
- MONGOLIA January , 1972. XI Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo. 10m, Skier; 20m. Bobsled; 30m, Figure Skater; 50m, Skier; 60m, Speed Skater; 80m, Skier; 1T, Ice Hockey; 1.30T, Figure Skating Pair; 4T, Ski Jumper (S/S). Designer, F. Bokrosz. Printed in photogravure by State Printing Office, Budapest.
- NICARAGUA March 15, 1972. XX Olympic Games, Munich. 5 values of the 1970 Soccer Hall of Fame set opt. "Olimpiada Munich 1972".
- NIUE May 3, 1972 South Pacific Art Festival. 10c, Javelin, (Sika) Throwing. Designer, A.G. Mitchell. Printed by the Bradbury Wilkinson & Co.
- RUSSIA January 20, 1972. XI Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo. 4k, Speed Skater; 6k, Figure Skater; 10k, Ice Hockey; 12k, Ski Jumper; 16k, Skier; 50k, S/S, Emblem of the Games. Designer, E. Anishken. Printed in offset.
- SENEGAL January 22, 1972. XI Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo. Printed in photogravure by Delrieu. Designer, Jean van Noten.
- SWEDEN February 23, 1972. Sportswomen. Booklet-10 55o stamps of 5 motifs; Fencers, Kerstin Palm & Agneta Ulfspars; Dever, Marika Wessman; Gymnast, Maria Lundquist; Tennis player, Yvonne Kristensen; Figure Skater, Louise Leftstrom. This is the first time that Swedish law has made it possible for living people to be portrayed on stamps. Engraved by Czeslaw Slania from photographs by Tore Johnson & Ragnar Halmqvists.
- SWEDEN May 8, 1972 Tourist Attractions. 55, Salmon Fishing at Morrumson. Designed by Vimar Ericsson.
- UPPER VOLTA February 15, 1972. XI Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo. 150F, Ice Hockey player and Japanese actor. Designed by Combet. Printed in recess by the French State Printing Office.



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1968, October 21. Cuba. 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968. Unwmkd; P 12 $\frac{1}{2}$; designed by Carlos Echenagusia; photogravure (Sc), lithography (G1 and M1) on coated paper.

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--Trachtenberg and "JSP")

Sc --- ; Min --- ; G1 1610; M1 1436; Yt 1249

Notes: (a) Date of issue: Oct. 1, 1968 (Pistiner--cover), Oct. 12, 1968 (M1), Oct. 21, 1968 (G1, "JSP", Bruce--cover, and Williams). (b) For basketball results of 19th Olympic Games, see Note 208a above.

1968, October 24. Burundi. 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968. Unwmkd; P 13 $\frac{1}{2}$; photogravure.

Emblem of 19th Olympic Games, plus

245. 7fr multicolored (dribbling basketball player)(20,000--Trachtenberg)

a. Imperforate

Sc 261; Min 420; G1 --- ; M1 447; Yt 295

Notes: (a) For basketball results of 19th Olympic Games, see Note 208a above.

1968, October 25. Morocco. 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968. Unwmkd; P 12 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Sc), 12 1/4 x 11 1/4 (M1), 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ (G1); photogravure in sheets of twenty (4 x 5) by State Printing Office, Budapest.

Olympic rings and Aztec calendar stone, plus

246. 20fr multicolored (start of lay-up shot)203,000--M1 and Trachtenberg)

a. Imperforate (300--Trachtenberg)

Sc 211; Min 794; G1 257; M1 636; Yt 573

Notes: (a) For basketball results of 19th Olympic Games, see Note 208a above.

1968, November 6. Israel. 17th Stoke-Mandeville Games for the Paralyzed, Nov. 4-11, 1968. Unwmkd; P 13 x 14 (Sc), 14 x 13 (G1 and M1); designed by Zvi Narkiss; photogravure in sheets of fifteen by the Israel Government Printers, Tel Aviv (Sc), Hakirya (M1).

247. 40a dark green/yellow-green (tip-off in wheelchair basketball)

a. With tab

Sc 377; Min 467; G1 404; M1 427; Yt 370

1968, November 14. Umm Al Qiwain. Winners in 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968. Unwmkd; P 13 $\frac{1}{2}$; Nos. 222 and 223 overprinted "Basketball--U. S. Team"; photogravure.

Olympic rings and emblem of 19th Olympic Games, plus

248. 50d multicolored (player beginning baseball pass, opponent in background)

a. Imperforate

249. 3r multicolored (same as No. 248)

a. Imperforate

Notes: (a) For basketball results of 19th Olympic Games, see Note 208a above.

1968, November 23. Dominica. 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968. Unwmkd; P 11 $\frac{1}{2}$; designed by M. Shamir; lithography in se-tenant pairs by Bradbury, Wilkinson, and Company, Ltd., London.

Olympic rings, plus

250. 60¢ multicolored (lay-up shot over opponents)

251. 60¢ multicolored (running players)

Sc 239-40; Min 235-36; G1 243; M1 235-56; Yt 234

Notes: (a) Date of issue: Nov. 12, 1968 (Pistiner--cover), Nov. 23, 1968 (Sc, Min, M1, Williams, and Yerkes), Nov. 25, 1968 (G1). (b) For basketball results of 19th Olympic Games, see Note 208a above.

1968, November 28. Nicaragua. 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968. Unwmkd; P 14; designed by C. Carneiro; lithography on coated paper by Litografic Nacional Printing Office of Portugal, Porto.

Olympic rings, plus

252. 10¢ multicolored (blocking offensive rebound)(30,000--Trachtenberg, 200,000--M1 and "JSP")

Sc C659; Min 2097; G1 1635; M1 1489; Yt A627

Notes: (a) For basketball results of 19th Olympic Games, see Note 208a above.

1968, December 9, 1968. Rwanda. Winners of 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City. Unwmkd; P 11 $\frac{1}{2}$; Sc 254 overprinted with gold medal and "Basketball--Etats-Unis" in black; designed by Oscar Bonnevalle; photogravure on granite paper by Imprimerie Courvoisier S. A., La-Chaux-de-Fonds.

253. Souvenir sheet of six stamps (miscellaneous sports and Mexican scenes)(10,000--Trachtenberg)

Sc --- ; Min 287; G1 --- ; M1 B1 16; Yt 280

Notes: (a) For basketball results of 19th Olympic Games, see Note 208a above.

1968, December 19. Syria. 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968. Unwmkd; P 12 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$; designed by Assaad Ourabi; lithography in sheets of twelve by Government Printing House.

Olympic rings, plus
254. 60p multicolored (lay-up shot over opponent)(40,000--Trachtenberg)

Sc C424; Min 1139; Gi 1021; Mi 1048; Yt A 347

Notes: (a) For basketball results of 19th Olympic Games, see Note 208a above.

1969, January 10. Ecuador. Re-evaluated definitive issue. Unwmkd; P 14 x 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ (Sc, Min, Gi, Mi, Yt, and Halm and Kobylanski), 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ (Seebacher); No. 47 overprinted with new value; photogravure (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), lithography (Halm and Kobylanski) in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) by Austria State Printing Works, Vienna.

255. 50¢ on 1.30s brown/blue-green/black (dark blue--Sc, violet--Min)(two-handed lay-up)

Sc 770; Min 1627; Gi 1347; Mi 1434; Yt 817

Notes: (a) Date of issue: Jan. 10, 1969 (Sc and Min), Jan. 11, 1969 (Mi).

1969, March 10. Ajman. Gold medal winners in 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City. Unwmkd; P 13 (Min), 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Mi); souvenir sheet (93 x 94 mm.--Mi) containing one of No. 256, border of symbols representing various Olympic sports; lithography.

256. 15r multicolored (U. S. basketball squad)

Sc --- ; Min 380; Gi ---; Mi 454 in Bl 125A; Yt ---

Notes: (a) For basketball results of 19th Olympic Games, see Note 208a above.

1969, March 10. Ajman. Gold medal winners in 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City. Unwmkd; imperforate; souvenir sheet (93 x 94 mm.--Mi) containing one of No. 257, border of symbols representing various Olympic sports; lithography.

257. 15r multicolored (U. S. basketball squad)

Sc --- ; Min --- ; Gi --- ; Mi 454 in Bl 125B; Yt ---

Notes: (a) For basketball results of 19th Olympic Games, see Note 208a above.

1969, March 18. Central African Republic. Definitive issue. Unwmkd; P 13; designed by Pierre Lambert; photogravure by SoGelM.

258. 100fr multicolored (offensive rebound)
a. Imperforate

Sc C72; Min 324; Gi 193; Mi 192; Yt A76

1969, April 25. Uruguay. World Volleyball Championship, Montevideo, April, 1969. Wmkd "ROU" in sun; P 12; No. 203 overprinted with names of participating countries and "Compeonata Mundial de Voleibol/Montevideo-April de 1969", also "Compeonata de Voleibol" vertically; designed by Angel M. Medina; lithography by Imprenta Nacional, Montevideo.

259. 10p dark bluish green/red-orange/black (left-handed lay-up over opponent)(60,000--Mi and Trachtenberg)

Sc C349; Min 1406; Gi MS1273; Mi 1139 in Bl 11; Bl 17

1969, April 26. Togo. Opening of Omnisport Stadium, Lome. Unwmkd; P 14 x 13 (Gi), 14 x 13½ (Sc, Min, Mi, and Yt); designed by M. Shamir; photogravure in sheets of forty by Government Printing Office, Tel Aviv.

260. 30fr dark blue-green/green-blue/dark brown (hook pass around opponent)
a. Imperforate

Sc 672; Min 777; Gi 639; Mi 697; Yt 604

1969, July 1. Guinea. Boy scouts of Guinea. Unwmkd; P 13½; photogravure in sheets of nine by Heraclio Fournier, Vitoria.

261. 40fr multicolored (twohanded shot)
a. Imperforate

Sc 538; Min 756; Gi 644; Mi 539; Yt 389

1969, July 1. Guinea. Boy scouts of Guinea. Unwmkd; P 13½; souvenir sheet (120 x 135 mm.--Mi and Yt, 120 x 136 mm.--Min and Sc) containing one each of No. 261 and Sc 535-37 and 239-40, gold margin with black inscription; photogravure by Heraclio Fournier, Vitoria.

262. 40fr multicolored (two-handed shot)

Sc 540a; Min 579; Gi MS647; Mi Bl 32; Yt Bl 24

1969, July 7. Cook Islands. 3rd South Pacific Games, Port Moresby, Aug. 13-23, 1969. Unwmkd; P 13 x 13½ (Gi and Mi), 13½ (Yt and Min), 13½ x 13 (Sc); photogravure in triangular format with stamps of the same denomination printed se-tenant in sheets of ten stamps and two labels.

263. 1ø multicolored (jump shot)

Sc 257; Min 235; Gi 298; Mi 220; Yt 206

Notes: (a) Date of issue: June 24, 1969 (Min), July 7, 1969 (Sc, Gi, and Mi). (b) Basketball results of 3rd South Pacific Games: (1) Papua and New Guinea, (2) French Polynesia, (3) Fiji, (4) New Caledonia, and (5) Guam.

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Filatelie Fiesta in San Jose, CA., had Robert S. Oesch (SPI 250) on the receiving end of a Gold Award for his "Mexican Arts and Architecture from the Maya to the Modern", Bob also received the UPSS Award for the same exhibit....

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"Black-Blots" - continued from page 12--

FUJEIRA: Munich Olympic "package" of 30 values! The 30 values also exist imperf!

HUNGARY: Souvenir sheet with marginal inscriptions for Sapporo Winter Olympics.

IRAQ: Giant "souvenir sheet", approximately 7 1/2 X 6 inches, containing five stamps with simulated perforations and inscriptions for the 4th Pan Arab Games for School Boys (Baghdad 1971).

POLAND: Miniature "sheetlet" trimmed in silver toned ink bearing one semipostal Sapporo Olympics value with simulated perforations and skier and mountainside view in margins.

SHARJAH: A so-called "gold" adhesive and an imperf. and perf. souvenir sheet for Sapporo (Japan) Winter Olympics.

From the April issue:

BURUNDI: Perf and imperf items for Winter Olympics, and "packages" including six perf and six imperf adhesives.

FUJEIRA: Gold and silver items and imperf adhesives and souvenir sheet for Munich Olympic Games; and five stamps and perf and imperf souvenir sheets for Chess Championships.

GRENADA: Three values of the Military Uniforms issue plus two-value souvenir sheet overprinted and excessively surcharged for Winter Olympics - 1/2¢ to 35¢, 1¢ to 50¢, 2¢ to \$2.

RAS AL KHAIMA: 1972 Winter and Summer Olympics, 30 perf, 30 imperf stamps plus deluxe and presentation sheets.

RWANDA: Winter Olympics eight-stamp set.

SHARJAH: World Jamboree, 30 perf and imperf items plus souvenir sheets, Winter Olympics.

STATE OF OMAN: Summer Olympics at Munich and Easter packages consisting of perf and imperf items and souvenir sheets.

+ + + OLYMPIC GAMES BLACK BLOT POLICY + + +

Writing in the "American Philatelist," official Journal of the APS, editor James M. Chemi notes a reminder from the APS New Issues "Watchdog" Committee concerning its policy regarding the evaluation of stamps released commemorating this year's Olympic Games.

"The committee points out that Point 4 of the APS Educational Program for the Evaluation of New Issues covers those nations that issue Olympic stamps when they do not participate in the Games.

In compliance with Point 4 (no direct relationship to the issuing country), a Black Blot is assessed automatically against any 1972 Olympic issues released by a nation not participating in the Games.

"It has remained the editorial opinion of the 'American Philatelist' that any nation not sufficiently interested to qualify its athletes for the International Olympic Games certainly can find no justification for issuing stamps and other postal items to commemorate the Games."

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A total of 35 countries that participated in the 1972 Winter Games.

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