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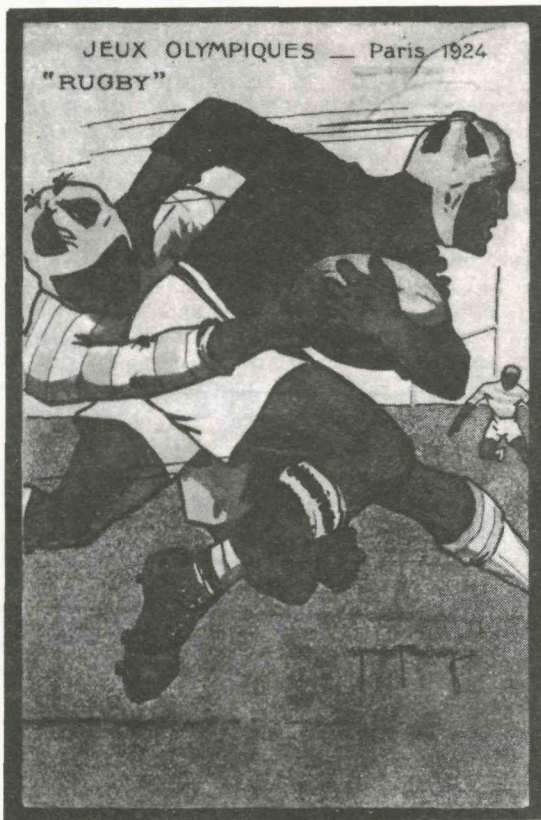
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RUGBY IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES

by Joe Lacko, Associate Editor

Since the modern Olympiad's inception, rugby, a not too popular sport in the U.S.A., was twice incorporated into the Olympic competition.

Prior to the official entry of the sport into the Games, during the World's Fair Exposition in 1900 in Paris, a tournament was arranged between France, England and Germany. Rugby already had been established in Western Europe. Frankfort Sport Club represented Germany. No results are available from this tournament, in which the idea was formulated to have rugby included into the Olympic Games.



Thus, most likely as a trial during the 1908 Olympiade in London, England, a team from Australia defeated England, represented by Lord Cornwall's team.

In Antwerp, Belgium in 1920, rugby was officially included in the Olympic Games. In the finals, the U.S.A. defeated favored France, 8:0. A team called California Rugby Union represented the U.S.A.

Paris, France hosted the 1924 Olympics. Rugby, though being on the program, the few games played were insignificant. Therefore, since the Olympic Games of 1924, the rugby patronizing nations showed little or no interest, the rugby competition has been scheduled. Thus, rugby, as a sport in the Olympics has completely disappeared.

There is some philatelic documentation for Olympic rugby. There was postal stationery issued during the Paris Olympics and one piece shows the rugby theme. However, other privately issued, unofficial card is in existence. The front shows an action scene of rugby players which is in multi-color. This card was postally used in Belgium in 1925. It was printed in Paris on the authority of Parisienne, 27 rue Correa. In the message section is the following inscription "Collection de la Kolarshe et de la Solution Pautauberge".

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Most of you know member Mrs. J. Halsey Gulick who has contributed so much to our organization, and you will recall that her father-in-law (deceased 1918) was Dr. Halsey Gulick, founder of the Camp Fire Girls movement, member of the American Olympic Committee, and guiding spirit to Dr. James A. Naismith in inventing basketball. Mrs. Gulick discovered two photographs in Dr. Gulick's effects which adds a bit to our lore regarding the Olympic Games and lends a suspicion that other items might yet be available. At the time the Games were held in St. Louis in 1904, they had not yet caught on as the biggest thing in the sports world. Actually, the Games of 1904 were merely a side show for the great event. . . . the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The Exposition began on April 30 and closed on December 1, 1904. Whereas the Games began on Monday, August 29 and continued to the following Saturday, September 3. From all our reading of the stories of the various Games, we have yet to find much to record concerning the Games of 1904, of the plans, of the publicity measures, etc. In our collections, we have little to show concerning these Games. We had about given up hope.

Rampacher does not list a single seal or label prior to 1906. Philatelically there was nothing....and little of anything else. NOW....take a close look at the illustrations of the plaques. These were obviously sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. Notice the use of the term "Olympics" in connection with the various championships and notice the "tie-in" with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The design and arrangement of these plaques leads us to believe that the "Y" may have gone further and worked out some printed matter relating to the Games.... possible even seals. We call on you active SPIers in and around St. Louis to seek assistance of the "Y" officialdom in an effort to develop whatever is known concerning the matter. A report of your actions and results to the editor will be appreciated by all of the members. See what you can do!

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Olympic One Mile Relay Championship



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by Joe Schirmer, Associate Editor

Well, at the Olympic Games in 1972 Germany startled the philatelic & numismatic world by not only issuing loads of stamps and souvenir sheets, but also the amazing number of 24 coins! Why so many stamps and coins had to be issued for this particular Games has never been publically stated; but one would have to be awful naive not to *know* that it was done for pure financial gain for the promoters with a reasonable percentage to the sponsoring National Olympic Committee. And let us not forget the variety of Olympic meters and cancellations that were thrown at us.

Now along comes the Games in 1976 held in Canada and would you know that Canada would not be outdone by the likes of the German Olympic people. . . . she issued the large amount of 28 silver coins plus 1 gold coin. Along with this, and incidently, the cost of these coins has risen rather high since then, the Canadian Olympic and postal authorities literally threw at us many stamps and not to be forgotten 43 cancellations. And do we remember that the average collector could readily obtain but 36 of these cancellations. The postal people said that a slight lack of communication caused the misunderstanding as to what was available and what one had to service on their own. And the postal authorities did an enormous campaign on selling their Olympic meters to the majority of businesses with the results that there are more meters on the philatelic market today than one knows what to do with. Which brings me to the point of wondering why so many German dealers and collectors are buying these Canadian Olympic meters as fast as they are offered to them. I wish I knew the answer to that one. To further compound the felony as they say, there were issued the various metallic reproductions of the Canadian Olympic stamps. If a collector like myself wanted to complete both the stamps and coins, he would have to spend in the neighborhood of approximately \$1,500.00.

Now we ask for you—for what?

This prologue now brings me to the real point of this article. . . . what Russia is doing and will do for the coming Games in 1980. You can bet that in no manner will Russia be outclassed by the German or Canadian Olympic and postal authorities.

Russia has already announced that there will be 43 stamps and 6 souvenir sheets issued for the Games, with all the corresponding first day covers. Full sheets of many of the issues are now available and soon the flood of cancellations (30 announced to date) and postal stationery will start.

While Canada issued practically nothing in the way of medals; Germany issued issued far too many (I have over 20 different) and although Russia has not yet announced her complete numismatic and medal program fully, we can venture an educated guess that it will be many coins and medals. The various National Olympic Committees would have you well believe that the monies from the stamps, coins, meters, postal stationery etc. goes to the Olympic Committee of that particular country and is also used for the training of the various athletes. This may all be well and true, but what they fail to tell you is that the various promoters who handle these programs for the Olympic and postal people are also making themselves a small bundle, no business organization works for free. They may like you to think so for a good public image and what have you, but it just isn't so. I will say this in favor of the promoters--Paramount Management Corp. which is handling the 1980 Russian Olympic stamp program and will no doubt also be involved with the coins and medals at a later date, is doing an excellent job of advertising the materials. Not only are the technical details there along with very clear cut instructions as to what, where, why and how and naturally how much; they are very cooperative in working with various editors, dealers and collectors. And so, we leave it to you collectors. It is all there for you, you can be selective this time and collect whatever strikes your fancy--but remember--"bring money".

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TABLE TENNIS PHILATELIC BULLETINS

by Joe Schirmer, Associate Editor

Rex Haggett who is one of the SPI Directors and a table tennis buff from way back, has proven once again; that if a sports or Olympic collector wishes to accomplish something; they can do it. Rex recently realized a longtime desire of his when he started to publish his Table Tennis Philatelic Bulletin.

For the nominal sum of 30 pence per bulletin issue, Haggett is certainly publishing a paper full of table tennis news---everything is covered in this 8 x 11½ mimeographed (both sides) bulletin and the details and clarity is good.

Stamps, cachets, cancellations and other table tennis items like post cards, labels, etc. are covered. Even the winning names and teams are included where available.

This bulletin is a fine piece of work, by a man who has labored long and tirelessly in the table tennis field and who exhibits and writes about his speciality with an enthusiasm that younger collectors could well follow. If you're interested, contact Rex at: 27 Meadow Close, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwickshire, England.

LET'S POOL OUR OLYMPIC AND SPORTS KNOWLEDGE

Edited by Edward B. Epstein

Sports and Olympic philatelists have, collectively, a great deal of knowledge, which when pooled, can be of mutual benefit. Questions concerning sports and Olympic philately will be assigned a number and published in JSP. Responses to questions will be printed in subsequent issues. Address all questions and answers to your editor: Edward B. Epstein, Paterson Board of Education, 33 Church St., Paterson, NJ 07505 U.S.A.

A-47 A special postcard, in blue, for the 1948 torch relay exists. The upper portion of the address side of the card is divided by a Greek decorative border. Paeonius's statue of Victory is in the upper left corner of the card. Above is imprinted "I Olympiad/Athens/1896". A London commemorative coin balances the statue on the right corner of the card. Above it the words "XIV Olympiad/London/1948" may be seen. The figure of a torch runner, superimposed over the five Olympic Rings, divides the two illustrations. The text, "A Souvenir of the Ceremony of the Torch Bearing/Olympia-London" is imprinted below the illustrative heading. The imprinted address "Georges Papastefanou C/o Olympia, London, England", appears on the card as well as the imprinted return address "Const. L. Roussos/Stamp Dealer 1/2 1 Aristidou St./Athens, Greece".

Q-51 As a novice Olympic philatelist I would like to know what is the rarest Olympic postal history item known?

A-51 The question of rarity may be approached from many different view points. In each collection there are those items that are valued above others. These items may qualify because of their financial value. On the other hand an item's uniqueness may stem from its Olympic historical or philatelic significance. There are also those items that may qualify due to their oddness. Aside from scarce and uncommon items, the question of rarity is subjective.

Your editor will comment in subsequent journal issues on those items in his collection he prizes above others. He also extends an invitation to other Olympic philatelists to discuss, in the above categories, those items of philatelic uniqueness. Should those whose comments request that their names be withheld, their wishes will be respected.

Q-52 It is true that there was a souvenir sheet of stamps to commemorate the 14th Olympiad, London?

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## Olympic Forgeries ~ by Joe Schirmer, Associate Editor

We wonder if any of you Olympic collectors would happen to know who Jan Spetsiotis might happen to be? We would suggest that you make an effort to learn something about this gentleman, for he just happens to be one of the early 20th century lovable rogues who besides doing his bit with forging of the 1908 Hellas overprints of Crete--he also forged the 1896 Greek Olympic Games issues as well as the red "A.M." surcharges on the same set which appeared in 1900-1901.

While we all know that the famous forger Jean de Sperati did some "masterful" forgeries of the Olympic issues, it came to me as somewhat of a surprise that Spetsiotis also choose the Olympic issues for his game of swindles. But when one thinks about it, it would seem logical for him to turn to the Olympics being not only a resident of Athens but being there at the time of the Games.

It is also known that Spetsiotis also forged many cancellations, and I am trying to determine whether or not he was responsible for some of the forged Olympic cancellations.

Very little has been written on the detection of Olympic forgeries, and your editor is attempting to obtain enough data to go along with numerous forged stamps and cancellations that he has, to be able to write an updated and useable story on how the average collector can detect these forgeries. Your cooperation is invited, please write me accordingly. Address on page 4 of this issue.

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# Olympic Postal Stationery

## Part 9

by Brian Hammond

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Continued from the Jan-Feb 1978 issue.

- (B) Commemorative postcard issued for the Olympic Torch Relay at the above Winter Games. Imprinted with 1.50s & 2.50s stamps. Private issue of 4 different types. (Details required).
45. AUSTRIA in connection with the 77th meeting of the International Olympic Committee at Innsbruck preceding the XII Winter Olympic Games 1976.
- Two commemorative postcards issued to private order.
- (A) Imprinted with 1.50s stamp,  
(B) Imprinted with 2.50s stamp.
46. GREECE in connection with the XII Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck, Austria 1976.
- (A) Commemorative aerogrammes. Three types issued to private order on 30 Jan. 1976.
- 1) with 7d imprinted stamp.  
2) with 8d imprinted stamp.  
3) with 10d imprinted stamp.
- (B) Commemorative postcards, two types were issued to private order on 30 Jan. 1976. Both have 3d imprinted stamps & show two different landscape views.
- 1) Foire International.  
2) Tour de l'ote.
47. JAPAN in connection with the XII Winter

# Olympic Games, Innsbruce, Austria 1976.

(A) Commemorative postcards. Two postcards issued to private order by the Hokkaido Philatelic Union with 10Y green imprinted stamp, vertical design, size 100mm x 148mm.

- 1) Text in Japanese printed in black.  
Emblem of Sapporo and Innsbruck in blue.
- 2) Text in Japanese printed in orange.  
Emblem of Innsbruck printed in orange  
surrounded by 11 winter sports figures in black.

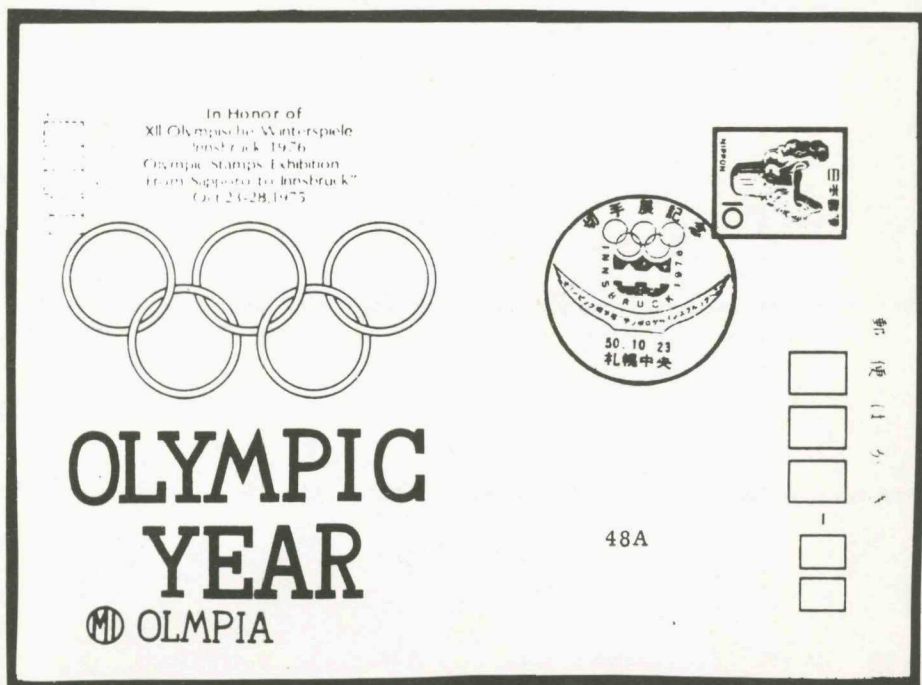


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48. JAPAN in connection with the special Olympic stamp exhibition held for the XII Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck, Austria 1976.

(A) Commemorative postcard, text in English "in honor of XII Olympische Winterspiele Innsbruck 1976 Olympic Stamp Exhibition from Sapporo to Innsbruck, Oct. 23-28, 1975" in red printing above the Olympic rings, Olympic year and Olympia in blue printed with 10Y green imprinted stamp size 148mm x 100mm. 100 issued.



(B) Text as in 48A above in red printing with a 30Y blue-green landscape stamp imprinted on the right. Very scarce, only 30 issued.

49. JAPAN in connection with the 1976 Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck, Austria and the 1976 Summer Games, Montreal, Canada. Four commemorative postcards issued on International Olympic Day 23 June 1975.

(A) As item 43A except text above rings "Innsbruck-Montreal" in green printing with 10Y green imprinted stamp. 100 issued.

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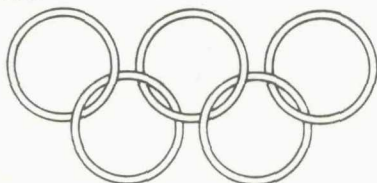
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(B) As 49A above but with 30Y blue/green landscape imprinted stamp as on 48B. Very scarce. Only 30 issued.

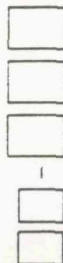
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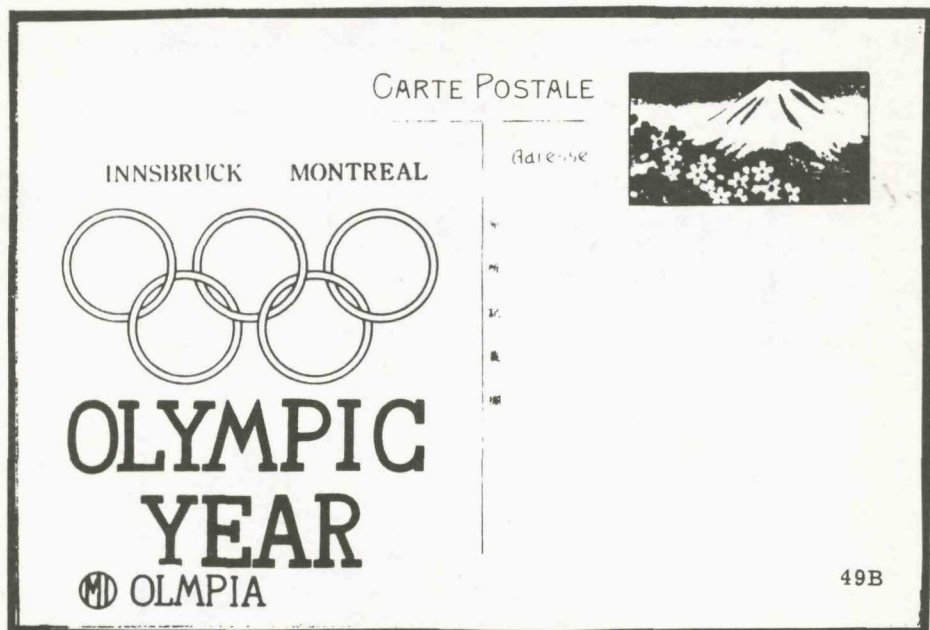
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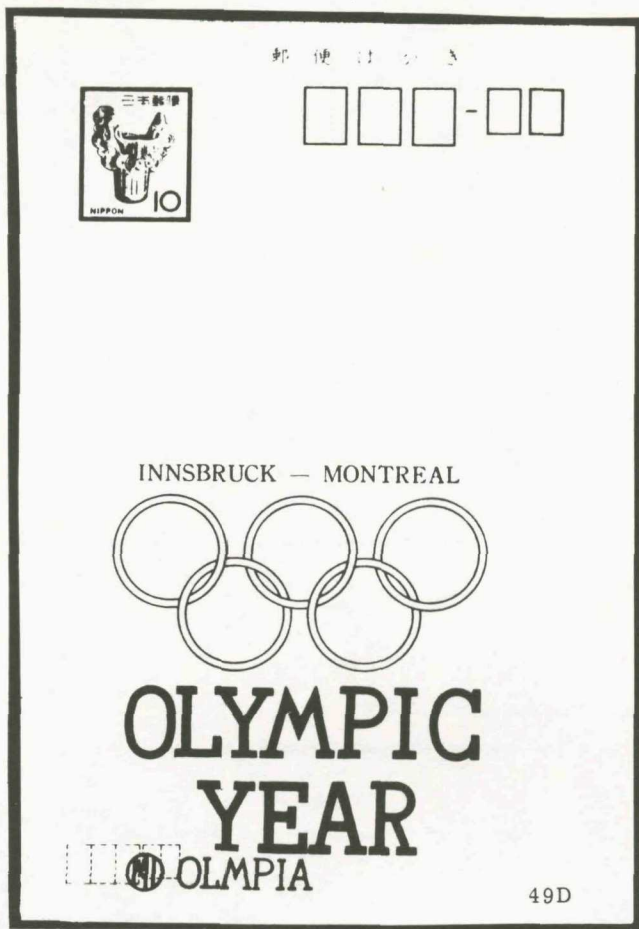




- (C) As 43C with 20Y Asian postal Union im-  
printed stamp with text above rings,  
"Innsbruck-Montreal in green printing.  
Very scarce, 50 issued.



(D) as 49A above but vertical design with  
10Y imprinted green stamp. 100 issued.



## *On to the 1980 Olympic Games*

Enclosed with this issue of JSP is the flier announcing the release of a set of SPI Olympic Games cachets on envelopes and post cards. The support of all SPI members is requested in this endeavor by purchasing a set of envelopes and/or cards. For those who wish to distribute some extra fliers to friends etc., please write to K-Line Pub., PO Box 159, Berwyn, IL 60402 for extra copies.

Another fine selection of early Greek Olympic material was auctioned by Vlastos Philatelic Auctions, 7 Stadiou St., Athens 125, Greece, on December 19-21, 1977. Mr. Orestis Vlastos kindly furnished realizations on some of the prime material. The Greek drachma is US \$.029 (less than three cents).

1. 1896 Cover with 1 lepton, 2 lepta in pair, 5 lepta and 20 lepta, cancelled Athens March 29, 1896, fourth day of First Olympic Games. VF \$275.50
2. 1896 2 lepta in double panes of 25 stamps in each pane. "Interpanneau" or gutter between the panes and margins all around. Hinged, VF mint. \$261.00
3. 1896 10 lepta in gutter pair (horizontal). Cancelled ZAKYNTHOS VF \$60.90
4. 1896 40 lepta in block of 4, NH mint, with Tameion (Treasury) control postmark on back. VF \$145.00
5. 1896 1 drachma and 3 pairs of 5 lepta on piece, cancelled with four strikes of Athens March 25, 1896 postmark. First Day of Issue cancellations. RRR and VF. \$290.00
6. 1900/01 5 lep. on 1 Dr. sheetlet of 20 (two panes of ten stamps each separated "Interpanneau" with gutter). VF NH. \$725.00
7. 1900/01 1 Dr. on 5 Dr. Third letter is Greek delta triangle instead of "A". RRR and VF used. \$681.50
8. 1906 1 lepton, 5 lep., and 20 lep. through ' Dr. Eleven values imperforated on carton paper in issued colors. VF \$1,044.00
9. 1906 1 lepton used with STADION April 17, 1906 cancel. VF \$87.00
10. 1906 picture postcard with 1 lepton with Acropolis April 19, 1906 (Last Day) postmark. VF \$319.00
11. 1906 VF commercial cover with 25 lepta Olympic stamp. \$34.80
12. 1906 2 Drachma used VF with special Stadion cancel. \$121.00
13. 1906 Complete set VF imperforated on carton paper with name of "J.P. SEGG CO. LONDON W., ENGLAND." \$2,523.00
14. 1906 Block of 4, green Olympic vignette VF NH mint. \$46.40

Were any SPI members lucky to pick up any of these jewels?

## REVIEW . . . .

Sport and Recreation Index. Published 12 times a year by the Sport Information Resource Centre, 333 River Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1L 8B9 Canada. Subscription \$6.00 a year (\$4.00 Canada). An index of sport articles in the basic, easy reading material, intermediate level and advanced or research level. A recent issue covered well over 100 sport and recreation subjects. A must for the researcher or the practitioner. Authors can locate their background material here. Photocopies of all articles available. The SIRC is a full-fledged documentation



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## Editorial Comment

According to its constitution, this is election year for Sports Philatelists International. President La Porta has appointed a nominating committee of Len Eichorn, Jim Yarwood, and Bob Bruce (chairman). This committee solicits your suggestions for nominations for all officer and director positions. In the past the majority of members have not played a very active role in the affairs of SPI; here is a chance to help and to be heard.

For four years John La Porta has carried the double responsibility of the presidency of SPI and the editorship of JSP. In both he has done a fine job; but it isn't fair to ask him to continue the dual assignment. In my estimation, it is inhumane; I feel this very strongly on the basis of my own experience in the double role.

Send your recommendations for all positions, but especially the presidency, to the chairman, Robert M. Bruce, 1457 Cleveland Road, Wooster, Ohio 44691. Please help *now*.

## New Issue Column

by Joe Schirmer,  
Associate Editor

ANGOLA 1977 Scott #438 Weightlifting surcharged & overprinted "S. Silvester, Rep Popula de".

ARGENTINA Dec. 14, 1977 S/S 30 pesos view of soccer stadium along with Argentinian coat of arms and a symbolic football in the center for the World Cup Football to be held in Argentina in 1978. Special cancellation is also available showing the outline of Argentina with the flag and a football resting on turf. 20,000 numbered perforated s/s.

BURUNDI 1977 Stamp on Stamp 60th Anniversary October Revolution in USSR. 4 different designs showing various USSR stamps in se-tenant blocks viz: Oly. sports, ships, etc.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA May 7, 1978 30th Bicycle Peace Race, Warsaw-Berlin-Prague. Designer: Anna Podzema, Rotogravure by Czech P.O. Printing Office. 4 stamps featuring racers against background of the cities.

DENMARK Jan. 19, 1978 1.20K honoring Men's Handball World Championship. Design: K. Nellesen, Engraver: C. Slania, in sheets of 50 red on fluorescent paper showing stylized figure of a handball player.

FRANCE 1978 Horse Parade Art--Louis XIV playing at "rounds" in the Tuileries.

KOREA (North) Dec. 10, 1977 11th World Soccer Games for Argentina. Offset Multicolor printing by Pyongyang Stamp Printing House. 10, 15, 40, 50ch (s/s), 1.15 won Large sheet. 20,000 of the 10, 15, 40ch stamps. Perf 3,000 imperf. 10,000 s/s perf, 5,000 s/s imperf. 20,000 large sheet perf, 5,000 large sheet imperf showing stadium, World Cup Emblem & soccer players in action.

KOREA: Rep of Dec. 3, 1977 42nd World Shooting Championships at Seoul 9/24 thru 10/5. Photogravure printing. 20 stamps per sheet. 3 million printed by Government Printing & Mint Agency. 20 won air rifle shooting designer: H.H.

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Chun. 20 won air pistol shooting designer: S.K. Ahm, 20 won clay pigeon shooting designer: S.S. Kim.

**MALAYASIA** Nov. 19, 1977 9th Southeast Asia Athletic Games. 10¢ shows 3 logos of the Games; 20b graphic ball symbol, 75b athletes running. Design: PTM Ltd. Lithographed, no wmk. Printed by Harrison & Sons, Ltd.

**MAURITANIA** 1977 World Cup 5 values & s/s.

**MAURITIUS** Mar. 12, 1978 new definitive issue of 20 stamps. Rs2 Race Course (Champ de Mars). Designer: Harrison Studio, litho by Waddington in panes of 50.

**MEXICO** Dec. 1977 20th World Congress of Physical Education Hygiene & Recreation. 1.60p gymnast globe & text. Designer: A. Brisha. Printed in photo-gravure by the State Mint in a quantity of 1 million.

**NETHERLAND ANTILLES** 1977 Amphilex '77 & Central American & Caribbean Bridge Championship s/s in a souvenir folder. Sheets shows themes of three card games along with marginal inscription of names card symbols, etc.

**RUSSIA** 1977 Olympiad 80 symbol on 6 semi-postal stamps showing tourism around the Golden Ring--views of different cities, coat of arms with the Olympic symbol overlay.

**ROUMANIA** 1977 6 sport stamps. 20b man on horse; 40b female gymnast; 55b parallel bars; 1L gymnast; 2.15L flying rings; 4.80L horizontal bar.

**SALVADOR** 2nd Central American Games. 10¢ basketball; 10¢ football; 15¢ javelin; 15¢ weight lifting; 20¢ boxing; 20¢ volleyball; 25¢ baseball; 30¢ fencing; 30¢ swimming; 50¢ tennis; 50¢ rifle; 75¢ wrestling 1c horsemanship; 2c table tennis; 5c poster & emblem souvenir sheets) Offset printing by Lito. Trejos of Costa Rica. 50,000 sets, 10,000 s/s.

**SPAIN** Dec. 29, 1977 World Judo Championship. *NOTE: A complete and detailed report on the issuance of this stamp will be presented in the next issue of JSP.*

**ST. THOMAS & PRINCIPE** Dec. 7, 1977 Scott #379 Skin Diving overprinted "12-7-77 2nd Independence Anniversary".

**UPPER VOLTA** Jan. 2, 1978 World Football Cup. 55f Brazilian 1959 stamp; 65f Brazil 1969 stamp; 125f British 1966 stamp; 200f Chile 1962 stamp; 300f Swiss stamp; 500f s/s showing 1974 German stamp. All stamps show the appropriate stadium. Offset printed.

**VENEZUELA** 1978 2 stamps showing modernistic cycle racer 5¢ & Bs1.25. Designer: S. Pal. Offset printed by Enschede, 2 million sets.

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# ARGENTINA '78

by Olech W. Wyslotsky

A small addition to the last article, on "ARGENTINA 78", to complete the documentation please add the following items:



National Philatelic Exhibition-Fi-Ri-Pla-Argentina 78-Buenos Aires-Argentina-June 7, 1975. Special Hand Cancel in Black. Illustration includes the official World Cup symbol (logo). The exhibition was organized by Club Atletico River Plate, one of the biggest football clubs in Argentina. The event was held at the clubs "Monumental" Stadium, site of the opening and final game of World Cup 78.

Special Commemorative Cover for the same event, issued by C. A. River Plate, cachet illustrates the World Cup 78 symbol and the clubs crest.



## ARGENTINE FOOTBALL

Argentine footballers are known worldwide for their brilliant ball control and overall polished technique. Every year Argentina exports no less than thirty-five players to Europe and other South American countries. Many became world superstars (when the word had its meaning). Some even were instrumental in winning two World Championships for Italy (Orsi, Monti). Others were considered the greatest ever, DiStefano in Real Madrid for example, no doubt the best I have ever seen in Europe. Others, perhaps the finest of them all, had the misfortune of reaching their peaks during the WWII years 1938-45, thus were confined only to their native fields. Besides the World Cup there are other philatelic items of football topic, very few in fact, which will surprise many people, since football is nothing else but a religion and a way of life in the land of the noble gaucho. This is due to the unblemished policy of the postal authorities, Argentina does not issue philatelic trash.



The sound policy of Argentina Postal Authorities is evident with the fact that only one postage stamp, outside of the World Cup issue(s), to date, honors the game that creates so many passions.

The IV Panamerican Games. Issued May 18, 1963. Designed by Horacio Alvarez Boero. Offset printing by Casa de Moneda. Perf. Comb 13½. Watermarks: big sun with RA inside. 4 + 2 Pesos multicolor (part of a set of 3 values). Quantity Printed: 200,000.

Philatelic Thematic Exhibition-Cefigray-Dec. 7, 1958-Rosario-Argentina. Special Hand Cancel, black (left) and Special Hand Postmark, black (right). Both applied simultaneously at the exhibit post office.



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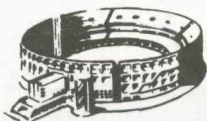


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Argentine Football Championship—"Confraternidad"—Nov. 9, 1963-Bahia Blanca-Argentina. Special Hand Cancel, black. In reality it was not a "Championship" but merely a "Tournament" for amateur clubs. This Tournament was held in conjunction with a Philatelic Exhibition.

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# ARGENTINA '78

by Olech W. Wyslotsky

1. Special Hand Cancel. "Junior Philatelic Exhibition" Argentina 78. Black.
2. Rubber Hand Stamp Cachet. Emerald green. Applied by the Organizing Committee.
3. Vignette in souvenir sheet form on cover. Illustrates a slightly modified version of the 70 Pesos World Cup Stamp, coat of arms of Santa Fe Province and partial view of "Rosario Central" Stadium, site of the World Cup '78 games.



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FROM GERMANY . . . Postage Meter used by the Argentine embassy in Bonn. Red.





Postage Meter used by the AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS and Argentine Consulate in Frankfurt.



Air Mail Postal Card. Issued by private order. World Cup '78 in Argentina and International game W. Germany vs. Italy in Berlin.  
(Germany won 2 to 1)



Special Hand Cancel, black: "First test game for the World Championship 1978 - Germany vs. Italy". (Left).

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## Olympic and Sport Notes ~~~~~

*by Sherwin Podolsky, Assoc. Editor*

A price list by Walter G. Crosby, Chief Gunner's Mate, U.S. Navy Retired, who promoted a wide variety of naval and First Day Covers in the 1930's has come to light. This list must have come out just after the 1932 Olympic Games at Los Angeles. Here are two notes on covers that Crosby Prepared.

"Official Olympic First and Last Day Covers cancelled June 15, '32 and Aug. 14, '32 aboard the following named US Naval ships: USS Pennsylvania, Texas, Maryland, Chicago, Relief, Brant, Bobolink, Bass, Narwhal and Nautilus. Price 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00".

"San Pedro, California, Chamber of Commerce welcomes Foreign War Ships to

# SPORTS PHILATELY EXHIBIT in MOSCOW-1980 OLYMPIAD

*by Joe Schirmer, Associate Editor*

Pierre de Coubertin not only worked to have the arts competitions in the Olympic Games, but using a pseudonym at the 1912 Games in Stockholm; competed in, and won a gold medal for his "Ode to Sport". Thus we have the beginning of the arts competitions that were held parallel with the Games. Works of architecture, literature, music, painting and sculpture, wholly devoted to sports were presented.

By 1956, when the Games were held in Melbourne, the art competitions had become too heated, and so they were replaced by exhibitions of fine art. The program was broader than that of the competitions, and included, architecture, literature, music, painting, sculptures, photography and sports postage stamps.

The exhibitions were arranged by the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games.

While the exhibitions were international, beginning in 1972; the Organizing Committee of the Games; as stated in the Olympic Rules; "shall arrange, subject to approval of the International Committee, exhibitions and demonstrations of the national Fine Arts--architecture, literature, music, painting, sculpture, photography and sports philately.

And so this leads me to the heart of the article concerning the exhibition of sports stamps at the Olympic Games.

I am very certain that the Organizing Committee in Moscow will be issuing soon, information concerning the Fine Arts Exhibitions and particularly the phases concerning sports philately. While the term "sports philately" is not broken down, it can be assumed that Olympic items are included.

Now is the time to start planning what you may wish to show, roughing out your layouts and writeups and getting your shipping containers ready. Even if one does not win a prize, it is always a thrill to exhibit in a show of international stature and the experience gained when showing in an international exhibit is most valuable.

While philately is not always looked upon with favor in the USSR, it is obvious that the value of the dollar and prestige gained from such an international exhibit along with the tourist's and exhibitor's dollars--we feel certain that the USSR will appoint a worthwhile committee to handle sports philately show.

Regardless, it is a chance of a lifetime for the collector, and one should take advantage of an opportunity that may not arise again in one's philatelic lifetime. So start working on your sports exhibit for the 80 Olympiad in Moscow.

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Olympic Games cachet HMS Delhi, British ship and Tiesei Maru, Japanese Training ship. The two Foreign war ship covers and Olympic Village cachet covers have all been signed by one or more US or foreign athletes who participated in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles, California, price 50¢ each."

It is interesting to note that Crosby prices the Foreign War Ships covers higher than the others. This suggests that the former were scarcer than the latter.

Our new member, Franceska Rapkin, is a 1936 Olympic Games enthusiast and would like to exchange information and possibly philatelic items with SPI members sharing this interest. She says that she is "in the process of writing a book about the Nazi Olympics (have been for the last three years) and with a little bit of luck, would like to have it finished in 1980." She has an interesting theory why the Zeppelin Olympic flight also exists in orange as well as magenta. The former color is rare. She says that the orange ink pad was used in a previous flight. She has two covers which show the cachet half way between orange and magenta which is the sort of color that could be achieved if the stamper was not wiped. Contact Mrs. Rapkin at Eaglewood, Oxhey Lane, Hatch End, Middlesex HA5 4AL, England.

Bob Bruce, our loyal basketball enthusiast, likes the idea of working on the 1961 Naismith Basketball stamp—including all kinds of cacheted covers. But being so busy with checklists for JSP, he would like someone to be the leader of a study group on the subject. Can anyone help? He is listed among the SPI editors. This should be an easy and interesting fun project.

### Book Review ~~~ by Bob Bruce, Associate Editor

Trachtenberg, Henri, *Sport/Olympiques & Scoutisme/Catalogue/1978-79* (Catalogue of Sport, Olympics and Scouting--1978-79). Paris: Author, 1977, 131pp., 30 francs. (\$8.00 US, Postpaid).

When one has reviewed five (and possibly more) editions of what has become a standard work, he is hard-pressed to find a gimmick. One could be "cute", but that might not do justice to a fine publication. So the reviewer has decided to update his last effort with the assurance that the fine quality of the publication has not diminished.

Spiral bound in plastic, the catalogue contains two sections. The first is a listing of Olympic issues through 1976; year, country, Yvert and Tellier catalogue number, and price in French francs are included. The second section lists all sports, scouting, and youth organization stamps (arranged chronologically by country); data include year of issue, Trachtenberg check-list number, Yvert catalogue number, description, quantity issued, and price in French francs.

The particular strength of this catalogue is its coverage of imperforate issues and miniature sheets, and particularly its listing of quantities issued. One must be cautious in interpreting the press-run data; occasionally the figure given may represent the number of complete sets issued rather than the number for the lower denominations.

Although the catalogue is written in French and although Yvert catalogue numbers are used throughout, neither offers a severe handicap. Yvert numbers offer yet another frame of reference for many sports collectors, especially in southern Europe. Whenever, like some other major catalogues, Yvert gets chary about

listing the issues of certain countries, no catalogue numbers are available for final reference. However, Trachtenberg still tries his best to include all known issues.

Trachtenberg is a regular advertiser in JSP; check this issue for his address when ordering.

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### GUAM HUNTING STAMP -- *by Joseph E. Schirmer, Associate Editor*

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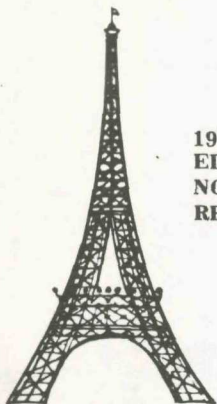
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### Ethiopia

1962, January 14 (Sc, Min, Gi and Yt), 15 (Mi). 3rd Africa Soccer Cup, Addis Ababa, Jan. 14-22, 1962. Unwmkd; P 11 x 11½ (Halm and Kobylanski), 11 ¾ x 11½ (Mi), 12 x 11½ (Sc, Min, Gi and Yt); designed by Sereke Yemane Berhan, photogravure and recess printed by Postal Printing Office, Prague.

1. 10¢ olive-green/carmine-red (guks--native game)

2. 15¢ lilac-rose/brown (field hockey)

3. 20¢ brown-red/black (bicycling)

4. 30¢ violet-blue/brownish lilac (soccer)

5. 50¢ dark chrome/dark green (marathon runner, Olympic winner, 1960)  
a. Runner misplaced.

Sc 378-82; Min 561-65; Gi 526-30; Mi 417-21; Yt 380-84

Note: 300,000 sets issued (Halm and Kobylanski and Trachtenberg).

1964, September 15. 18th Olympic Games, Oct. 10-25, 1964. Unwmkd; 14 x 13½ (Sc, Min, Yt, and Seebacher) 14 x 13½, 13½ x 14 (Gi and Mi); designed by Alle Felege Selam; lithography by Aspiotis-Elka, Athens.

Olympic rings, plus

6. 5¢ multicolored (swimming) (350,000--Mi and Sieger)

7. 10¢ multicolored (basketball) (350,000--Halm and Kobylanski, and Sieger)

a. Broken spear

8. 15¢ multicolored (javelin) (250,000--Mi and Sieger)

9. 80¢ multicolored (soccer and stadium) (250,000--Mi, Halm and Kobylanski, and Sieger)

Sc C82-5; Min 624-27; Gi 588-91; Mi 479-82; Yt A79-82

1968, October 12. 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968. Unwmkd; P 11½; designed by Robson; lithography by Poligrafica and Cartevalori, Ercolano, Naples.

10. 10¢ multicolored (running)



11. 15¢ multicolored (soccer)
12. 20¢ multicolored (boxing)
13. 40¢ multicolored (basketball)
14. 50¢ multicolored (bicycling)

Sc 510-14; Mi 739-43; Gi 703-07; Mi 594-98; Yt 515-19

Note: 250,000 sets issued (Mi and Trachtenberg)

1972, August 25. 20th Olympic Games, Aug. 26-Sept. 12, 1972. Unwmkd; P 13½ (Min and Gi), 13½ x 13 (Sc), 14 x 13½ (Mi and Yt); designed by M. and J. Dubois; lithography (Min, Gi and Mi), photogravure (Sc) by Thomas de la Rue, London.

- Olympic rings, plus
15. 10¢ multicolored (running)
  16. 30¢ multicolored (soccer)
  17. 50¢ multicolored (cycling)
  18. 60¢ multicolored (boxing)

Sc 630-33; Min 861-64; Gi 825-28; Mi 716-19; Yt 635-38

Note: 100,000 sets issued (Trachtenberg).

### Fernando Po

1965, November 23 (Min, Gi, and Mi), 25 (Sc). Stamp Day, 1965. Unwmkd; P 12½ x 13 (Sc, Gi, and Mi) 13 (Min and Yt); designed and engraved by D. Teodoro Miciano and D. A. Blanco Varas; photogravure by State Printing Office, Madrid.

1. 50¢ green (pole vault)
2. 1.50p blue (same as No. 1)

Sc 234, 236; Min 248-50; Gi 286-88; Mi 241, 243; Yt 237, 239

Note: 600,000 sets issued (Trachtenberg).

### Fiji

1942, May 19. Definitive issue. Wmkd multiple crown and script "CA"; P 12½ to 13½ (Yt), 13½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi); recess printed by Thomas de la Rue and Company, Ltd., London.

1. 2p lilac-red/green (Albert Park sports ground)
  - a. P 12 (May, 27, 1946) (Sc, Min, and Mi)

Sc 121; Min 121; Gi 255; Mi 96A; Yt 116A

1951, September 17. Semi-postal health issue. Wmkd multiple crown and script "CA"; P 13 x 13½ (Sc), 13½ (Min, Gi, Mi, and Yt); recess printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson and Company, London.

2. 2p + 1p green (Malakai Labaibure, rugby player) (465,743--Mi and Halm and Kobylanski)

Sc B2; Min 155; Gi 277; Mi 121; Yt 134

1954, February 1. Definitive issue. Wmkd multiple script "CA"; P 12 (Sc, Min, and Gi), 12½ (Yt); recess printed by Thomas de la Rue and Company, Ltd., London.

3. 2p green/purple (Albert Park sports ground)

Sc 150; Min 161; Gi 283; Mi 127; Yt 138

1963, July 17 (Mi and Halm and Kobylanski), August 6 (Sc, Min, and Gi). 1st South Pacific Games, Suva, Aug. 29-Sept. 7, 1963. Wmkd St. Ed-

ward's Crown and multiple "CA"; P 14 (Yt), 14½ (Min, Gi, and Mi), 14½ x 14, 14 x 14½ (Sc); designed by Michael Goaman; photogravure by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.

Southern Cross and palms, plus

4. 3p orange-yellow/black/brown-orange (running) (342,432--Mi)
5. 9p violet/black/brown-orange (discus throw) (124,072--Mi)
6. 1sh green/black/brown-orange (field hockey) (142,099--Mi and Halm and Kobylanski)
7. 2sh/6p blue/black/brown-orange (women's high jump) (88,494--Mi)

Sc 199-202; Min 211-14; Gi 329-32; Mi 171-74; Yt 170-73

1966, July 1. 9th World Cup Soccer Championship, Wembley, July 11, 30, 1966. Wmkd St. Edwards crown and multiple "CA"; P 14' designed by Victor Whiteley; lithography by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.

8. 2p multicolored (Rimet Cup and soccer player)
9. 2sh multicolored (same as No. 8)

Sc 219-20; Min 231-32; Gi 349-50; Mi 191-92; Yt 198-99

Notes: (a) 88,000 sets issued (Trachtenberg). (b) Withdrawn from sale: Sept. 30, 1966.

1966, December 5 (Gi and Mi), 8 (Sc and Min). 2nd South Pacific Games, Noumea, New Caledonia, Dec. 8-18, 1966. Wmkd St. Andrew's crown and multiple "CA"; P 14 x 14½ (Sc), 14 x 14½ (Nos. 10 and 12), 14½ x 14 (No. 11) (Gi and Yt), 14 x 14 ¾ (Mi), 14 x 15, 15 x 14 (Min); designed by Victor Whiteley; photogravure by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.

10. 3p multicolored (woman runner)
11. 9p multicolored (shot put)
12. 1sh multicolored (diver)

Sc 226-28; Min 238-40; Gi 356-58; Mi 198-200; Yt 205-07

Note: 191,000 sets issued (Trachtenberg).

1969, August 18. 3rd South Pacific Games, Port Moresby, Aug. 13-23, 1969. Wmkd St. Edward's Crown and multiple "CA" sideways; P 14½ (Yt), 14½ x 14 (Sc, Min, and Gi), 14 ¾ x 14½ (Mi); designed by L. D. Curtis; photogravure in sheets of fifty by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.

13. 4¢ vermilion/black/red-brown (javelin throw) (250,000)
14. 8¢ cobalt/black/gray (sailing) (175,000)
15. 20¢ dark olive green/black/gold (winners and medals of the Games) (150,000)

Sc 280-82; Min 292-94; Gi 411-13; Mi 252-54; Yt 259-61

1971, September 6. 4th South Pacific Games, Papeete, Sept. 8-19, 1971. Wmkd St. Edward's Crown and multiple "CA"; P 14 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), 14½ (Yt); designed by R. Granger Barrett, lithography in sheets of fifty by Questa Color Security Printers, London.

16. 8¢ multicolored (women's basketball)
17. 10¢ multicolored (running)
18. 25¢ multicolored (weight lifting)

Sc 321-23; Min 333-35; Gi 451-53; Mi 292-94; Yt 287-89

Note: 150,000 sets issued (Trachtenberg).

## Finland

1938, January 17 (Seebacher), 18 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi). Semi-postal

issue, International Skiing Championship, Lahti, Feb. 24-28, 1938. Unwmkd; P 14; designed by Hans Bjorkland; recess printed (Sc and Gi), photogravure (Mi) by State Bank Note Printing Works, Helsinki.

1. 1.25m + 75m dark blue-gray (cross country skier)
2. 2m + 1m brownish rose (ski jumper)
3. 3.50m + 1.50m blue (downhill skier)

Sc B31-3; Min 268-70; Gi 321-23; Mi 208-10; Yt 200-02

Note: The 1938 FIS championships were held in two parts; the Nordic events at Lahti and the Alpine events at Engelberg, Switzerland.

Note: 200,000 sets issued (Mi).

1945, April 15 (Min), 16 (Sc, Gi and Mi). Semi-postal issue for sports fund. Unwmkd; P 13½ (Sc); 14 (Min, Gi, Mi and Yt); designed by Arne Karjalainen; engraved by A. Lauren; recess printed (Sc, Min, and Gi) photogravure (Mi) by State Bank Note Printing Works, Helsinki.

4. 1m + 50p dark blue-green (wrestlers) (1,000,000--Mi, 1,500,000--Seebacher)
5. 2m + 1m carmine-red (gymnast) (1,000,000--Mi, 1,500,000--Seebacher)
6. 3.50m + 1.75m gray-violet (runner) (1,000,000--Mi, 1,500,000--Seebacher)
7. 4.50m + 2.25m cornflower blue (skier) (1,000,000--Mi and Seebacher)
8. 7m + 3.50m brown (javelin throw) (700,000--Mi and Seebacher)

Sc B69-73; Min 339-43; Gi 400-04; Mi 286-90; Yt 282-86

Note: The athletes supposedly depicted include: No. 4--O. Friman; No. 5--Saarvala; No. 6--Pavvo Nurmi; No. 7--K. Heikinen; No. 8--M. Jarvinen (Seebacher).

1946, June 1. 3rd Festival of Workers' Sports League, Helsinki, June 27-30, 1946. Unwmkd; P 13½ (Sc), 14 (Min, Gi, Mi, and Yt); designed by Signe Hammarsten-Jansson; engraved by A. Lauren; recess printed by State Bank Note Printing Works, Helsinki.

9. 8m violet (Victorious athletes with laurel wreath) (3,000,000--Mi)

Sc 251; Min 355; Gi 417; Mi 325; Yt 311

1951, November 16. 15th Olympic Games, Helsinki, July 19-Aug. 3, 1952. Unwmkd; P 14; No. 10 designed by A. Ronkanen (Gi and Mi), T. Wirkkala (Seebacher), No. 11 by G. A. Jysky; engraved by A. Lauren (No. 10) and Birger Eicholm (No. 11); recess printed by State Bank Note Printing Works, Helsinki.

Olympic rings, plus

10. 12m + 2m lilac-rose (diver)
11. 20m + 3m blue (Helsinki Stadium)

Sc B110, B112; Min 426, 428; Gi 503, 505; Mi 399, 401; Yt 382, 383

Notes: (a) Surtax used to help finance the 15th Olympic Games. (b) 2,000,000 (Landmans and Trachtenberg), 2,596,000 (Mi) sets issued. (c) A booklet containing four each of Nos. 10-3 was sold for 332 marks; its blue cover depicted the Olympic rings and a portion of the Olympic Village (Yarwood).

1952, February 15. 15th Olympic Games, Helsinki, July 19-Aug. 3, 1952. Unwmkd; P 14; No. 12 designed by G. A. Jysky (Seebacher), T. Wirkkala (Gi and Mi), No. 13 by T. Wirkkala; engraved by Birger Enholm; recess printed by State Bank Note Printing Works, Helsinki.



- Olympic rings, plus  
 12. 15m + 2m pale green (soccer players)  
 13. 25m + 4m brown, sepia (runners)

Sc B111, B113; Min 427, 429; Gi 504, 506; Mi 400, 402; Yt 388, 389

Notes: See Notes for Nos. 10 and 11.

- 1954, February 26. Centenary of birth of Prof. Ivar Wilksman (1854-1932), father of gymnastics in Finland. Unwmkd; P 14; designed by Olavi Vepsäläinen; engraved by R. Achren; recess printed by State Bank Note Printing Works, Helsinki.

14. 25m blue (Prof. Ivar Wilksman) (2,000,000--Mi)

Sc 311; Min 447; Gi 521; Mi 421; Yt 404

Note: Wilksman founded the first Finnish sports club, "Turnarit", in 1878 (Seebacher).

- 1956, June 28. Finnish Gymnastic and Sports Games, Helsinki, June 28-July 1, 1956. Unwmkd; P 14; designed by A. Karjalainen; engraved by Birger Enholm; recess printed by State Bank Note Printing Works, Helsinki.

15. 30m violet-ultramarine (woman gymnast, diver, javelin thrower, and soccer player) (2,000,000--Mi and Halm and Kobylanski)

Sc 340; Min 494; Gi 559; Mi 456; Yt 440

- 1958, February 1. FIS Nordin championship, Lahti. Unwmkd; P 11½ (Sc, Min, and Gi), 11 ¾ (Mi), 12 (Yt); designed by A. Karjalainen; engraved by S. Ronnberg and R. Achren; recess printed by State Bank Note Printing Works, Helsinki.

16. 20m dark green-gray (ski jumper) (1,000,000--Mi)

17. 30m blue (skier) (2,000,000--Mi)

Sc 354-55; Min 522-23; Gi 586-87; Mi 489-90; Yt 469-70

- 1959, November 14. Centenary of birth of Elin Oihonna Kallio, pioneer of Finnish women's physical education. Unwmkd; P 11½ (Sc, Gi, and Yt), 11 ¾ (Mi); designed by Olavi Vepsäläinen; engraved by R. Achren; recess printed by State Bank Note Printing Works, Helsinki.

18. 30m lilac/purple (woman gymnast with hoop) (2,000,000--Mi)

Sc 365; Min 546; Gi 606; Mi 513; Yt 489

- 1965, January 4. World Ice Hockey Championship, Finland, Mar. 3-4, 1965. Unwmkd; P 11½ (Sc, Min and Gi), 11 ¾ (Mi), 12 (Yt); designed by Olavi Vepsäläinen; engraved by Birger Enholm; recess printed by State Bank Note Printing Works, Helsinki.

19. 35p blue (ice hockey) (3,000,000--Mi)

Sc 427; Min 627; Gi 698; Mi 594; Yt 566

- 1970, January 27. Publicity for handicapped and their potential in society. Unwmkd; P 14; designed by Rahikainen; lithography by State Bank Note Printing Works, Helsinki.

20. 50p multicolored (handicapped volleyball player) (3,000,000--Mi)

Sc 496; Min 704; Gi 771; Mi 676; Yt 641

- 1971, July 5. European Athletic Championships, Helsinki. Unwmkd; P 14;

designed by Paavo Huovinen; lithography by Bank of Finland Printing Office, Helsinki.

Olympic Stadium at Helsinki, plus

21. 30p multicolored (hurdler, discus thrower and pole vaulter)

22. 50p multicolored (javelin thrower and relay exchange)

Sc 507-08; Min 719-20; Gi 786-87; Mi 693-94; Yt 659-60

Note: 2,000,000 sets issued (Mi and Trachtenberg).

1971, July 14. Lightning Class European and World Sailing Championship, Helsinki, July 14-Aug. 1, 1971. Unwmkd; P 14; Paavo Huovinen; lithography (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), photogravure (Gi) by Bank of Finland Printing Office, Helsinki.

23. 50p multicolored (sailboats) (2,000,000--Trachtenberg)

Sc 509; Min 721; Gi 788; Mi 695; Yt 658

1972, June 9 (Min), 19 (Sc, Gi, and Mi). Tall Ships Race, Helsinki, Aug. 20, 1972. Unwmkd; P 14; designed by Torsten Ekstrom; lithography.

24. 50p multicolored (training ship "Soumen Jantsen") (3,000,000--Mi)

Sc 517; Min 729; Gi 795; Mi 705; Yt 670

#### France

1924, April 1. 8th Olympic Games, Paris, May 3-July 27, 1924. Unwmkd; P 14 x 13½; designed by E. Becker; engraved by C. Parison (No. 1) and E. Daussy (No. 2); typography by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

1. 10¢ green/pale green (athlete giving Olympic salute, stadium)

a. Imperforate (Min, Yt, and Sieger)

2. 25¢ carmine/rose (allegorical figure--woman holding statuette of "Nike", Goddess of Victory)

a. Imperforate (Min, Yt, and Sieger)

Sc 198, 199; Min 297, 298; Gi 401, 403; Mi 169, 170; Yt 183, 184.

Notes: (a) Valid for postal use through Sept. 30, 1924. (b) 45,000 perforate sets issued (Trachtenberg). (c) Proofs exist (Yt). (d) Collective deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt) (Wasserman) (100--Trachtenberg) in black and in original colors (Sieger).

1924, May 23. 8th Olympic Games, Paris, May 3-July 27, 1924. Unwmkd; 13½ x 14; designed by E. Becker; engraved by E. Daussy (No. 3) and C. Parison (No. 4); typography by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

3. 30¢ black/brown-red ("Milo of Crotona")

a. Imperforate (Min and Yt)

b. Double print of center

4. 50¢ blue/ultramarine (victorious athlete)

a. Imperforate (Min and Yt)

Sc 200, 201; Min 299, 300; Gi 403, 404; Mi 171, 172; Yt 185, 186

Notes: See Notes for Nos. 1 and 2.

1937, January 18. FIS International Ski Meet, Chamonix-Mont Blanc. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Degorce; recess reprinted by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

5. 1.50fr violet-blue (ski jumper in flight) (4,000,000--Mi)

Sc 322; Min 469; Gi 567; Mi 340; Yt 334

Note: Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1937, June 16. Semi-postal issue; surtax for the Recreation Fund of the Post, Telephone and Telegraphy Employees. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by J. Piel; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

6. 20¢ + 10¢ dark brown (tug-of-war) (2,000,000--Landmans)

7. 40¢ + 10¢ carmine (foot race) (12,000,000--Landmans)

Sc B60, B61; Min 477, 478; Gi 578, 579; Mi 348, 349; Yt 345, 346

Note: Individual deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1938, June 1. 3rd World Cup Soccer Championship. Unwmkd; P 13; designed by J. Bridge; engraved by Degorce; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

8. 1.75fr dark ultramarine (two soccer players and goalie)  
(3,500,000--Mi and Halm and Kobylanski, 4,000,000--Landmans and Trachtenberg)

Sc 349; Min 507; Gi 612; Mi 427; Yt 396

Note: Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1943, June 7. Petain's 87th birthday. Unwmkd; P 13 (Sc, Gi, and Yt), 13½ (Mi); designed by Cami; engraved by Feltesse; recess printed by sheets of twenty-five (5 x 5) by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

9. 4fr + 1fr violet (Cami and Feltesse's "Fatherland"--male and female athlete with raised arms) (215,000--Mi, Landmans, and Trachtenberg)

Sc B156; Min 702; Gi 783; Mi 592; Yt 579

Notes: (a) Valid postally until Nov. 1, 1944. (b) Proff sheets exist individually, collectively with Sc B153-57 in original colors, and collectively with Sc B153-57 in violet (Yt). (c) Each horizontal strip includes one each of Sc B153-57 arranged by denomination.

1953, July 26. 50th anniversary of the Bicycle Tour of France. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Albert Decaris; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

10. 12fr carmine-brown/blue (two bicyclists, about 1903 and 1953)  
(3,000,000--Trachtenberg, 3,075,000--Mi)  
a. Imperforate (750--Trachtenberg)

Sc 693; Min 1138; Gi 1184; Mi 977; Yt 955

Note: Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1953, November 28. French victories in 15th Olympic Games, Helsinki, 1952. Unwmkd; P 13; designed by Jacquemin; engraved by Charles Paul Defresne (No. 11), Raoul Serres (No. 12), Christian Mazelin (No. 13), Jules Piel (No. 14), Munier (No. 15), and Cottet (No. 16); recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

11. 20fr red/black-brown (swimming) (26,655,000--Mi)

a. Imperforate (800--Trachtenberg)

12. 25fr black-green/lilac-brown (running) (13,950,000--Mi)

a. Imperforate (800--Trachtenberg)

13. 30fr ultramarine/lilac-brown (fencing) (16,845,000--Mi)

a. Imperforate (800--Trachtenberg)



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- 14. 40fr siena/black-blue (canoe racing) (17,095,000--Mi)
  - a. Imperforate (800--Trachtenberg)
- 15. 50fr black-brown/green (rowing) (21, 215,000--Mi)
  - a. Imperforate (800--Trachtenberg)
- 16. 75fr orange/brownish carmine (equestrian jumping) (6,635,000--Mi)
  - a. Imperforate (800--Trachtenberg)

Sc 700-05; Min 1139-44; Gi 1185-90; Mi 978-83; Yt 960-65

Notes: (a) Although the events depicted are the same as the events in which France won medals, the real victors have not been portrayed (Seebacher). (b) Proof sheets exist individually and collectively, each of the latter containing three stamps (20--Trachtenberg).

1956, July 7. Sports. Unwmkd; P 13; designed by Raoul Serres; engraved by Charles Paul Dufresne (No. 17), Raoul Serres (No. 18), and Jules Piel (No. 19); recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

- 17. 30fr blue-gray/black (basketball)
  - a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)
- 18. 40fr dark violet-brown/black-lilac (J'ai alai)
  - a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)
- 19. 50fr violet/blue-violet (rugby)
  - a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 801, 802, 803; Min 1264, 1265, 1266; Gi 1297, 1298, 1299; Mi 1100, 1101, 1102; Yt 1072, 1073, 1074

Notes: (a) First-day cancellations: No. 17, Mulhouse (Haut-Rhin)--July 7, other stations--July 9; No. 18, Hasporen (Basses-Pyrénées)--July 7, other stations--July 9; No. 19, Toulouse--July 7, other stations--July 9 (Halm and Kobylanski). (b) Deluxe presentation sheets exist individually; collective proof sheets exist (20--Trachtenberg).

1956, November 24. Baron Pierre de Coubertin (1863-1937), founder of modern Olympic Games; 16th Olympic Games, Melbourne, Nov. 22-Dec. 8, 1956. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Raoul Serres; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

- 20. 30fr dark violet-gray/brown-violet (Pierre de Coubertin, Olympic flag, and athlete) (2,500,000--Mi)
  - a. Imperforate (750--Trachtenberg)

Sc 817; Min 1279; Gi 1313; Mi 1116; Yt 1088

Notes: (a) Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt). (b) The athlete depicted as giving the salute is George Andre, who took the Olympic oath at the 8th Olympic Games, Paris, in 1924 (Wasserman).

1957, August 31. 1st International University Games, 1957. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Albert Decaris; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

- 21. 18fr Black/dark blue-gray (Leo Lagrange and stadium)(2,200,000--Mi)

a. Imperforate (2,000--Trachtenberg)

Sc 845; Min 1321; Gi 1345; Mi 1155; Yt 1120

Note: Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1958, April 26. Sports. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Raoul Serres; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

22. 12fr red/brown (bowling) (2,350,000--Mi, Landmans, and Halm and Kobylanski)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

23. 15fr cobalt/dark bluish green (naval joust) (2,685,000--Mi and Landmans)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

b. "Francaise"

24. 18fr Russian green (archery) (2, 585,000--Mi and Landmans)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

25. 25fr brown/blue-black (Breton wrestling) (2,350,000--Mi and Landmans)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 883-86; Min 1362-65; Gi 1385-88; Mi 1197-1200; Yt 1161-64

Note: Individual deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt); collective proof sheets exist (20--Trachtenberg).

1960, July 19. 17th Olympic Games, Rome, Aug. 25-Sept. 11, 1960. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Albert Decaris; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

Olympic rings, plus

26. 20¢ ultramarine/dark carmine/olive-black (Jean Bouin and stadium) (5,500,000--Mi)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 969; Min 1509; Gi 1496; Mi 1317; Yt 1265

Notes: (a) Bouin was the runner-up to Finland's Kohlemainen in the 5,000-meter run at the Olympic Games at Stockholm in 1912.

(b) Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1961, July 1. Definitive issue. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Jacques Combet; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

27. 20¢ red/orange/lilac (Mont-Dore, snowflake, and cable car) (10,390,000--Mi)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1002; Min 1549; Gi 1536; Mi 1360; Yt 1306

Note: Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1962, January 27. FIS World Ski Championship, Chamonix. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Pierre Gandon; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

28. 30¢ violet blue/blue-violet (downhill skier) (5,545,000--Mi)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

29. 50¢ greenish blue/bluish violet/black-green (slalom skier) (6,800,000--Mi)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1019-20; Min 1575-76; Gi 1558-59; Mi 1379-80; Yt 1326-27

Note: Individual deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt); collective proof sheets exist (20--Trachtenberg).

1962, May 12. Sports aviation. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Jacques Combet; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

30. 15¢ brown-orange/dark carmine-brown (glider) (5,120,000--Trachtenberg)  
a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1034; Min 1595; Gi 1572; Mi 1394; Yt 1340

Note: Individual deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt); collective proof sheets (with Sc 1035) exist.

1962, August 2. International Canoe and Kayak Championship, Bocerge-Saint Maurice, July 31-Aug. 6, 1962. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Jacques Combet; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

31. 70¢ brown/bistre/turquoise (single kayak) (9,150,000--Mi)

Sc 1254; Mi 1882; Gi 1844; Mi 1678; Yt 1607

1962, September 1. Paris Beach, Le Touquet. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Pheulpin; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

32. 1fr orange-brown/black-green/blue (Paris beach, golf clubs) (193,700,000--Trachtenberg)  
a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1027; Min 1607; Gi 1550; Mi 1408; Yt 1355

Note: Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1963, August 31 (Sc, Gi, and Mi), September 2 (Min). World Water Skiing Championship, Vichy. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Pierre Gandon; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

33. 30¢ black-green/brownish carmine/brown-black (water skiing slalom) (6, 515,000--Mi)  
a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1073; Min 1647; Gi 1622; Mi 1449; Yt 1395

Note: Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1964, July 4. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo, Oct. 11-25, 1964. Unwmps; P 13; designed and engraved by Georges Betemps; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

34. 50¢ violet-ultramarine/violet-purple (Olympic rings, judo) (9,360,000--Mi)  
a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1105; Min 1685; Gi 1658; Mi 1486; Yt 1428

Note: Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1967, April 22. 10th Winter Olympic Games, Grenoble, Feb. 6-18, 1968. Unwmkd; P 13; designed by Excoffon; photogravure on coated paper by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

35. 60¢ multicolored (Olympic rings and snow crystal) (24,820,000--Trachtenberg)  
a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1176; Min 1783; Gi 1743; Mi 1576; Yt 1520



Note: Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1968, January 27. 10th Winter Olympic Games, Grenoble, Feb. 6-18, 1968. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Andre Freres (No. 35), Jacques Combet (Nos. 36, 38, and 39), and Roger Fenneteaux (No. 37); recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

Emblem of 10th Winter Olympic Games, plus

- 36. 30¢ + 10¢ vermilion/blue-gray/brown (ski jump and cross country skiing) (6,330,000--Mi)
  - a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)
- 37. 40¢ + 20¢ bright violet/pale brown-olive (ice hockey) (6,515,000--Mi)
  - a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)
- 38. 60¢ + 20¢ black-blue-green/violet/orange-red (Olympic flame and snowflake) (6,000,000--Mi)
  - a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)
- 39. 75¢ + 25¢ lilac/olive-green/brown-black (woman figure skater) (5,030,000--Mi)
  - a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)
- 40. 95¢ + 35¢ pale greenish blue/carmine-lilac (slalom skiing) (5,005,000--Mi)
  - a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc B411-15; Min 1816-20; Gi 1775-79; Mi 1610-14; Yt 1543-47

Note: Individual presentation and collective proof sheets exist (Yt)

1968, October 12 (Sc and Gi). 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Georges Batemps; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

- 41. 40¢ cornflower blue/blue-green/olive-brown (Olympic rings and relay exchange) (6,285,000--Trachtenberg)
  - a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1223; Min 1844; Gi 1805; Mi 1638; Yt 1573

Note: Deluxe presentation sheets exist (Yt).

1969, October 18. College of Arts and Manufactures, Chatenay-Malabry. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Derry; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

- 42. 70¢ black-green/celadon/pale salmon (stadium and track) (8,775,000--Mi)

Sc 1258; Min 1889; Gi 1845; Mi 1685; Yt 1613

1970, February 21. 7th World Field (Handball) Championship, Paris, Feb. 26-Mar. 8, 1970. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Georges Batemps; recess printed in sheets of fifty by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

- 43. 80¢ black-green (handball player, emblem of championship) (7,545,000--Mi and Trachtenberg)
  - a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1265; Min 1903; Gi 1861; Mi 1699; Yt 1627

1970, June 27. World Games for the Handicapped, St. Etienne, June, 1970. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Albert Decaris; recess printed in sheets of fifty by French Stamp Printing Office, Perigeaux.

- 44. 45¢ dark rose-lilac/gray ultramarine/yellow-green (javelin thrower in wheelchair) (7,340,000--Mi and Trachtenberg)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1283; Min 1923; Gi 1883; Mi 1719; Yt 1649

1970, September 11. 1st European Junior Athletic Championship, Paris; 50th anniversary of French Federation of Athletes. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Claude Betemps; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Perigeaux.

45. 45¢ red-lilac/pale blue/black-blue (pole vault) (7,300,000--Mi and Trachtenberg)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1284; Min 1926; Gi 1886; Mi 1722; Yt 1650

1971, February 20 (Min, Gi, Mi, and Yt), 22 (Sc). World Figure Skating Championship, Lyon, Feb. 23-28, 1971. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Pierre Forget, recess printed in sheets of twenty-five by French Stamp Printing Office, Perigeaux.

46. 80¢ black-gray-blue/pale blue/violet-ultramarine (globe and figure skating pair) (7,500,000--Trachtenberg)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1299; Min 1946; Gi 1901; Mi 1739; Yt 1665

1971, May 29. Semi-postal issue; surtax for the Red Cross. Unwmkd; P 13; designed by Pheulpin; engraved by Haley (Gi), Pheulpin (Mi); recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Perigeaux.

47. 50¢ + 10¢ pale blue-violet/brown-olive (Henri Farman, cycling and auto racing champion)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc B448; Min 1959; Gi C1909; Mi 1752; Yt 1670

1972, February 5 (Min, Gi, and Mi), February 7 (Sc). 11th Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo, Feb. 3-13, 1972. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Georges Betemps; recess printed in sheets of fifty by French Stamp Printing Office, Perigeaux.

Olympic rings, plus

48. 90¢ brown-olive/lilac-red (slalom skier over stylized snowflake) (7,750,000--Trachtenberg)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1332; Min 1985; Gi 1949; Mi 1781; Yt 1702

1972, July 8. 20th Olympic Games, Munich, Aug. 26-Sept. 12, 1972. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Georges Betemps; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Perigeaux.

Olympic rings, plus

49. 1fr dark brown-olive (hurdler) (17,900,000--Trachtenberg)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1348; Min 2006; Gi 1971; Mi 1802; Yt 1722

1972, July 22. World Cycling Championship, Marseille, July 29-Aug. 2, 1972. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Georges Betemps; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Perigeaux.

50. 1fr blue-gray/reddish violet/sepia (bicyclist) (7,500,000--Trachtenberg)

a. Imperforate (1,050--Trachtenberg)

Sc 1350; Min 2008; Gi 1973; Mi 1804; Yt 1724

## French Equatorial Africa

1955, April 30 (Sc and Min), May 2 (Gi and Mi). Commemoration of Governor General Felix Eboue. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Raoul Serres; recess printed in sheets of twenty-five (5 x 5) by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

1. 15fr dark brown/red-brown/gray-violet (Pantheon and stadium in Brazzaville)
  - a. Imperforate (500--Trachtenberg)

Sc C42; Min 304; Gi 279; Mi 297; Yt A61

## French Morocco

1928, July 26. Semi-postal issue for charitable and social organizations. Unwmkd; P 13½; designed by Marchisio; photogravure by Helio Vaugirard.

1. 5¢ + 5¢ blue (Berber riding game, "Fantasia") (51,227--Mi)
  - a. Imperforate (Mi and Yt)

Sc CBl; Min 196; Gi 149; Mi 77; Yt A12

Notes: (a) Sold only in sets and at double face value. (b) Not on sale at post offices, rather only by subscription to the Moroccan Postal Administration.

1929, February 1. Semi-postal issue for various charities. Unwmkd; P 13½; No. 1 overprinted "Tangier"; designed by Marchisio; photogravure by Helio Vaugirard.

2. 5¢ + 5¢ blue (R) (same as No. 1) (40,000--Mi)

Sc CB11; Min 206; Gi Morocco-Tangier 30; Mi Tangier 19; Yt A22

Note: Sold only at double face value and only in Tangier.

## French Polynesia

1963, August 29. 1st South Pacific Games, Suva, Aug. 29-Sept. 7, 1963. Unwmkd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, and Gi), 13 (Yt); designed by Claude Durrens; photogravure on coated paper by Delrieu.

1. 20fr violet-blue/orange-brown (soccer)
  - a. Imperforate
2. 50fr carmine/violet-blue (javelin)
  - a. Imperforate

Sc 203-04; Min 315-16; Gi 28-9; Mi 28-9; Yt 22-3

Note: Withdrawn: June 30, 1965.

1965, September 1. World Championship in Underwater Swimming, Tuamotu, September, 1965. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Jacques Combet; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

3. 50fr black-blue-green/reddish brown/dark gray-blue (skin diver with harpoon)
  - a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)

Sc C37; Min 334; Gi 48; Mi 48; Yt A14

1966, December 15. 2nd South Pacific Games, Noumea, Dec. 8-18, 1966. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Jacques Combet; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

4. 10fr carmine-brown/pale brown-olive/black (high jump)



- a. Imperforate
- 5. 20fr palegreenish-blue/gray-green/black (pole vault)
- a. Imperforate
- 6. 40fr dark olive-green/lilac/black (women's basketball)
- a. Imperforate
- 7. 60fr yellow-brown/cobalt/black (hurdling)
- a. Imperforate

Sc 223-26; Min 349-52; Gi 63-6; Mi 63-6; Yt 42-5

Notes: (a) First-day covers: Papeete, Dec. 15, 1966. (b) Withdrawn: Dec. 31, 1967.

1967, July 11. July Festival. Unwmkd; P 13; designed by Boullaire; engraved by J. Miermont (No. 8), C. Hertenberger (No. 9), and Pierre Gandon (No. 10); recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

- 8. 13fr dark carmine-brown/bright violet/black-blue-green (javelin)
- a. Imperforate
- 9. 15fr carmine-brown/blue-green/brown-olive (horse race)
- a. Imperforate
- 10. 21fr cobalt/black-blue-green/red-brown (canoe race)
- a. Imperforate

Sc 229, 230, 232; Min 355, 356, 357; Gi 69, 70, 72; Mi 69, 70, 72; Yt 48, 49, 51

1968, October 12. 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Claude Haley; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

- 11. 35fr brown-carmine/blue-green (Olympic rings and shot put)
- a. Imperforate

Sc C49; Min 376; Gi 90; Mi 89; Yt A26

1969, August 5. World Underwater Fishing Championship. Unwmkd; P 13; designed by H. Biaïis; photogravure by SoGelm, Paris.

- 12. 48fr black/green-blue/violet (underwater fishing)
- a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)
- 13. 52fr greenish blue/black/red (hand holding fish of flags)
- a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)

Sc C52-3; Min 385-6; Gi 95-6; Mi 94-5; Yt A29-30

1969, August 5 (Min), 13 (Sc and Gi). 3rd South Pacific Games, Port Moresby, Aug. 13-23, 1969. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Claude Betemps; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

- 14. 9fr ultramarine/blue-violet/sepia (boxer)
- a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)
- 15. 17fr carmine/vermillion/sepia (runner)
- a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)
- 16. 18fr violet/cobalt/sepia (high jump)
- a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)
- 17. 22fr green/dark carmine-brown (long jump)
- a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)

Sc 247-50; Min 381-84; Gi 97-100; Mi 96-9; Yt 66-9

1971, January 21 (Gi), 26 (Sc, Min and Mi). 4th South Pacific Games, Papeete, Sept. 8-19, 1971. Unwmkd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), 13 (Yt) designed by Pierre Lambert; photogravure by Delrieu, Paris.

- 18. 20fr multicolored (emblem of Games, pennants)

a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)

Sc C68; Min 413; Gi 127; Mi 126; Yt A45

1971, September 8. 4th South Pacific Games, Papeete, Sept. 8-19, 1971. Unwmkd; P 12 (Sc, Min, Gi and Mi), 13 (Yt); designed by Pierre Lambert; photogravure by Delrieu, Paris.

- 19. 15fr multicolored (sailing)
  - a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)
- 20. 18fr multicolored (golf)
  - a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)
- 21. 27fr multicolored (archery)
  - a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)
- 22. 53fr multicolored (tennis)
  - a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)

Sc C74-7; Min 423-26; Gi 137-40; Mi 136-39; Yt A51-4

1971, September 8. 4th South Pacific Games, Papeete, Sept. 8-19, 1971. Unwmkd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), 13 (Yt); souvenir sheet (135 x 170 mm.--Min, 136 x 169 mm.--Sc, 137 x 170 mm.--Mi and Yt, 138 x 170 mm.--Gi) containing one each of Nos. 19-22, black marginal inscription; designed by Pierre Lambert; photogravure by Delrieu, Paris.

- 23. 15fr multicolored (sailing)
- 18fr multicolored (golf)
- 27fr multicolored (archery)
- 58fr multicolored (tennis)

Sc C77a; Min 427; Gi MS141; Mi B1 2; Yt B1 2

1971, October 11. World Water Skiing Championship. Unwmkd; P 13 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), 13½ (Yt); designed and engraved by Claude Betemps; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Perigeaux.

- 24. 10fr bluish green/sepia/red (water skiing slalom)
  - a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)
- 25. 20fr red/emerald green/red-brown (water skiing jump)
  - a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)
- 26. 40fr dark bluish green/dark carmine-brown/bright violet (water skiing figures)
  - a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)

Sc 267-69; Min 428-30; Gi 142-44; Mi 140-42; Yt 86-8

1972, January 25. 11th Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo, Feb. 3-13, 1972. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Jacques Combet; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Perigeaux.

- Emblem of 11th Winter Olympic Games, plus
- 27. 20fr violet-blue/lilac-carmine/bluish green (figure skater)
  - a. Imperforate

Sc C84; Min 440; Gi 154; Mi 152; Yt A61

French West Africa

1958, March 15 (Sc), 17 (Gi and Mi). Centenary of Dakar. Unwmkd; P 13; designed and engraved by Cottet; recess printed by French Stamp Printing Office, Paris.

- 1. 100fr green/blue/brown (golf and tennis equipment, anchor, and saddle)
  - a. Imperforate (Trachtenberg)

Sc C27; Min 109; Gi 103; Mi 93; Yt A27