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*(Editor's note: The following article was supposed to have been run in the Jan-Feb. issue but due to lack of space it has been delayed until this issue. J.L.)*

## Another Sports "Rarity"?

*by Joe Schirmer, Associate Editor*

In 1977, most new issues editors, myself included were told by the Spanish postal authorities that around the 1 September 1977 they would issue a block of four stamps commemorating the World Judo Championships.

With little publicity, the championships were shifted from Barcelona to Taiwan. The Spanish postal authorities did not notify the general philatelic press that they had cancelled the stamps. Apparently some philatelists and dealers in Spain were either told or word had leaked out.

Now it comes to light, that these stamps were officially cancelled, BUT at least ONE sheet has been inadvertently distributed to the Post Office in Granada.

This sheet has to be in the hands of some person who is familiar with philately, because recently one of these blocks was shown to a well-known Barcelona dealer. The owner of the block wanted to buy more of this judo stamp, but the dealer who was certainly most surprised and dazed, could only say he had none as they had been officially cancelled.

Situations such as this always leave one wondering if there are anymore sheets available. How did this one sheet get "free" and was it planned that way? Why didn't the Spanish postal authorities not tell the philatelic world at once they were cancelling the Judo stamps?

There will be more situations like this we can assure you, and it all just helps prove more and more that philately is not just a hobby, but a hobby that non collectors are familiar with and who now are learning the philatelic value of stamps. Unless postal authorities tighten their inspection procedures, we will always continue to have "rarities" such as this.

Your editor is in touch with the Spanish postal people and is trying to obtain further information along with a possible photograph of the cancelled Judo stamps.

We would like to thank our long time friend, S. N. Nathan, the well known Spanish dealer and philatelist who tipped this story to me recently.

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# The Folly of the Spanish Judo Stamp

by Joe Schirmer, Associate Editor

*(Editor's Note: This is the follow up article to the preceeding one which was sent in by Joe recently. J.L.)*

Speculators come and go -- and we may as well realize it, they are here to stay -- but philately can do its thing by standing clear of any speculative issues or any of the "rarities" that suddenly have a way of showing up whenever a stamp is cancelled for any reason or withdrawn from sale.

And the recently issued Spanish Judo stamp was no exception. But fortunately, the Spanish Postal authorities used a simple and effective method to stop the speculators, they merely re-issued the stamp. This is what I call a classic philatelic move and they are to be commended for their quickness in which they prevented further gouging of collectors.

On 6 June 1977, the official order was signed for the printing of the Spanish judo stamp and the first day of issue was set for the 19 September 1977. The World Judo Championships were to be held in Barcelona, Spain between 19-24 September 1977. The 3 pesetas stamp which was printed by the photogravure method, shows "Performance of a fighting scene in which appear two judokas in the position Taio o Toshi". 8 million stamps were to be printed in sheets of 80.

As usual, many of the stamps were sold slightly in advance in order that the first day covers could be prepared. This seems to be a much used practice these days by various postal administrations.

But before the 19 September could arrive, the sports federations sponsoring the World Judo Championships, notified the Spanish government that the matches would now be held in Taiwan. This left the Spanish postal people with no other recourse than to cancel this issue which they promptly did.



But what about the first day covers that were prepared in advance? The postal department found that dealers and speculators were starting to sell these items at rather high speculative prices and began to receive numerous complaints from various collectors and dealers.

Not wishing to have another fiasco like here in the U.S. in 1962 with the Dag Hammarskjöld issue, the postal authorities on 16 December issued an official order authorizing 8 million of the Judo stamps to be distributed to the Post Offices and to start selling to the public on 29 December 1977.

This shows very readily, that when the postal people are alert and trained to do their job, and have established a close tie with leading dealers and philatelists, speculative issues are hard to come by.

We are indebted to my friend Perfecto Albert of the Spanish Postal Administration and to S. N. Nathan for facts concerning the Judo Championship stamp.

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GUEST EDITORIAL ~ Kenneth A. Wood

### What is A Topical Collection?

*(Editor's Note. The following "Guest Editorial" originally appeared in Western Stamp Collector and is reprinted with permission by WSC - J.L.)*

From time to time we run across some rather peculiar opinions concerning what exactly constitutes a topical presentation in a stamp exhibition. There are those who attempt to segregate various forms of topical displays into different categories, but who find themselves sinking deeper and deeper into a quagmire of semantics, because they insist on using—or misusing—terms whose precise definitions is open to debate.

The two terms most often misused and misunderstood in their relationship to each other are "topical" and "thematic". In many minds, ours included, the terms are synonymous, and one will use one or the other depending on what part of the world one happens to be in. To try to say a collection is either topical or thematic is rather like trying to segregate the automobile from the motor cars!

If topical sections in stamp shows must be subdivided, there is a very simple way of doing it, one which cannot be misunderstood, and one which we have seen work effectively at stamp exhibitions. Briefly, the use of two simple terms will suffice, namely, "single subject" and "narrative."

For example, if one has a collection of Kennedy stamps, it would correctly be placed in the single subject section, but if one compiled a philatelic biography of President Kennedy, then it would belong in the narrative section. "Ships on Stamps" implies a single subject, but a collection tracing the development of the ship in a chronological and progressive sequence is clearly a narrative presentation.

The so-called "purpose of issue" collections like IGY, Red Cross, etc. would properly belong in the single subject sections unless they were displayed in a narrative format.

There is no confusion in such a subdivision. The very fact that confusion and disagreement currently exist over the attempted separation of topicals and thematics is the strongest argument in favor of a more simple, generally understood, and logical solution.



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We believe, even in philately, that there should be periodic rethinking of certain shibboleths, and if, over the years, any terms and labels have become confused and ambiguous they should be replaced in the interest of simplicity and general understanding.

Philately is becoming ever more internationalistic and it is important that terms mean the same thing to all collectors no matter in what part of the world they reside.

*(Editor's note: Amen! I for one was never able to understand the difference between topical and thematic even though it has been 'explained' to me a number of times. This article appeared in WSC a number of years ago and I decided to reprint it in the interest of seeing what has happened in the intervening years. If any members happen to know if any shows have adopted Mr. Wood's above ideas, I would appreciate hearing from anyone on the above subject. J.L.)*

## SPORT CANCELS FROM PORTUGAL

by FRANCISCO NAYA

1. XIX Portugal motor racing tour. Lisboa 7-3-68
2. II International TAP rallye. Lisboa 24-10-1968.
3. I Flying target shooting. Espinho 8-8-71.
4. XVI circuit of motor cars of Vila de Conde. Vila de Conde 28-8-71.
5. V International parachute championship. Lisboa 5-9-71.
6. VII Intertoto congress. Estoril 20-9-71.
7. 50th anniversary of the sportive club of Paco de Arcos. Paco de Arcos 3-10-71.
8. Sports philatelic exhibition. Paco de Arcos 10-10-71.
9. VII National sportive competitions of C.T.T. Braga 31-5-72.
10. Motor racing speedway, inauguration. Estoril 17-7-72.
11. IV International racing ships. Leixoes 22-7-72.
12. XX Olympiad. Lisboa 25-7-72.
13. 1st international sports philatelic exhibition. Lisboa 24-6-73.



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## BECOME A LIFE MEMBER

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-49 Sherwin Podolsky reports, "Gunter Scheider's" "DIE POSTSTEMPEL DER WELT ZU DEN OLYMPISCHEN SPIELEN 1906-1960" has on page 25 a complete list of the double-ring special cancelations used during the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games. They (the letters beneath the date line) represent the temporary post offices. The letter "N" means the stadium, used July 19 through Aug. 3, 1952. The same cancel is also found without any letter, which indicates use at the regular Helsinki post offices during the same period. Several other letters can be found but for some reason the letter "R" was used at four different locations. "One would need a Finnish-English dictionary," to quote Podolsky, "to understand the Finnish names as given in this catalog. In my own experience the letter "N" is the most common seen variety and the cancel without any letter a runner-up. The letter "P" (for Verovivasto) was used the shortest period (from July 15 through July 23, 1952) but this does not necessarily mean it is the scarest. Sherwin would like to know if any special registry labels were used naming the temporary post offices.

Q-53 I have in my collection a Maximum card showing the 1960 Rome Olympic Velodrome. The Italian L25 Velodrome postage stamp is tied to the card by a Aug. 26, 1960 site handstamp reading "Giochi della XVII Olimpiade Piscina della Rose" which translated would mean "Games of the 17th Olympiad Swimming Pool of the Rose". It is a well known fact that the diving and swimming events for the Rome Olympics took place in the "Stadio del Nuoto." If so, what events were contested at "Piscina della Rose?" Was there a swimming pool in the Velodrome? Perhaps it was a practise pool. Any information would be appreciated.

Q-54 To discourage employees from using postage stamps purchased by large firms and institutions, for private use, these firms punched their initials through their stamps. These "perpins" which is an abbreviation for 'perforated initials', are used in many countries of the world. Has any Olympic or sports stamp issues been "perfinned"? If so, for what Olympiad or sporting event? Is there a listing of which countries issued Olympic or sports stamps which were "perfinned" and the names of the businesses which "perfinned" them? If not, are there any Olympic or sports collectors that have Olympic or sports "perfinned" stamps in their collections?

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# Olympic Postal Stationery

**Part 10**

**by Brian Hammond**

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Continued from the March-April, 1978 issue.

50. CANADA in connection with the XXI Olympic Games, Montreal, Canada 1976.

- (A) Privately issued postcard with Gold medal cachet.
- (B) Privately issued postcard with Silver medal cachet.
- (C) Privately issued postcard with Bronze medal cachet.

51. GREAT BRITAIN in connection with the XXI Olympic Games, Montreal, Canada 1976.

Three postally valid souvenir sheets issued on the 17th July 1976 by Rushstamps Co., England, private issue size 138 x 80 mm.

- (A) HURDLER in green and black with 6½p blue imprinted Queens Head stamp.
- (B) BASKETBALL in red and black with 7p purple imprinted Queens Head stamp.
- (C) BOXING in orange and black with 8½p green imprinted Queens Head stamp.

(Rushstamps states that none of the above were serviced as first day covers by them).



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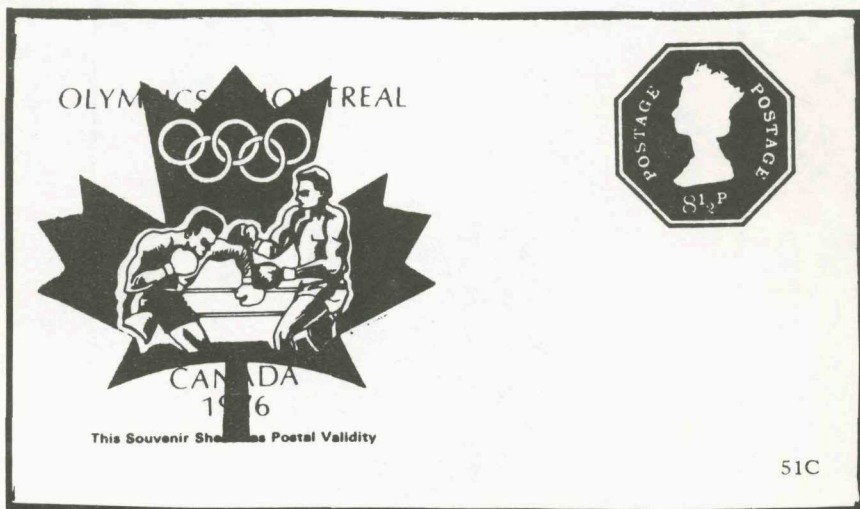
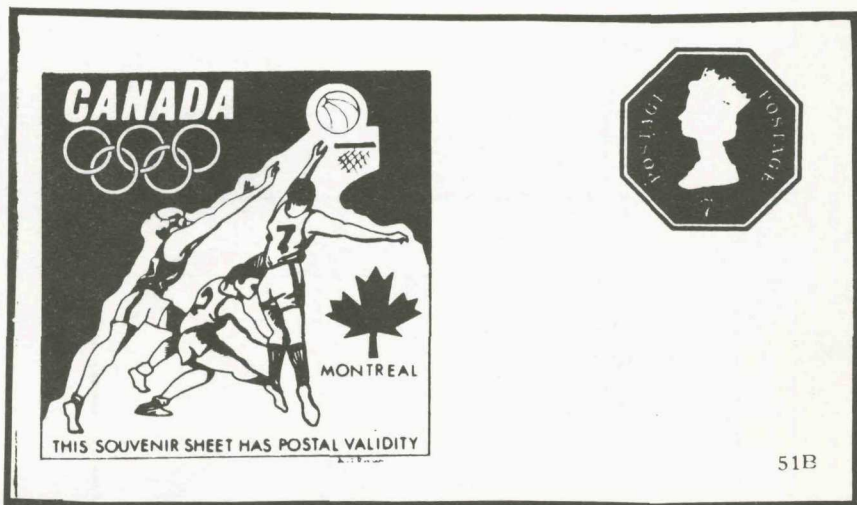
52. WEST GERMANY in connection with XII Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck and the XXI Summer Games, Montreal, Canada, 1976.

A series of postal stationery was issued as fol-



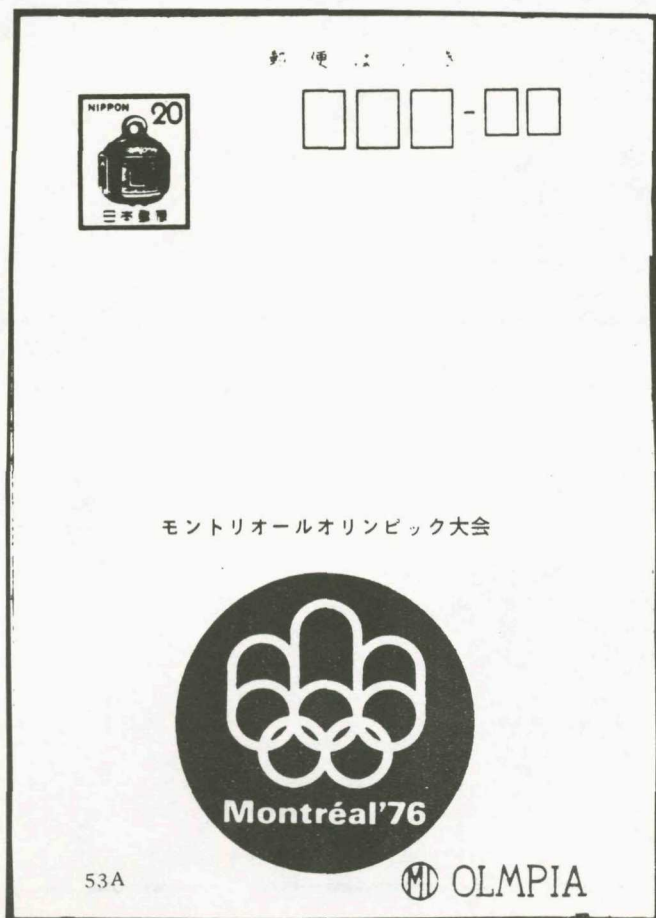
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- (A) 40pf envelope for Innsbruck.
- (B) 60pf *plus* 10pf postcard for Innsbruck.
- (C) 50pf *plus* 40pf postal envelope for Innsbruck.
- (D) 30pf *plus* 40pf postcard for Montreal.
- (E) 60pf *plus* 30pf postcard for Montreal.
- (F) 50pf envelope for Innsbruck and Montreal.
- (G) 20pf *plus* 25pf *plus* 150pf envelope for Innsbruck and Montreal.
- (H) 1. 25pf *plus* 20pf postal envelope for Montreal and Innsbruck.
- (H) 2. As H1 above from Berlin.



53. JAPAN in connection with the XXI Olympic Games, Montreal, Canada 1976.

- (A) Postcard, vertical format with 20Y green imprinted stamp. Japanese text in blue printing with Montreal 76 and Games Emblem in white on a red circle issued on International Olympic Day, 23 June 1976. Size 100 x 148 mm.
- (B) Postcard, horizontal format with 10Y green imprinted stamp. Design shows the Maple Leaf of Canada above the Olympic Rings and text Montreal 76 in orange/brown printing. Size: 148 x 100 mm.
- (C) Postcard in folder in Japanese text with 20Y green imprinted stamp. Card printed in light brown, folder in black. Issued on 1 Sept. 76. Card shows the new landscape at the site of the 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo (Control Tower and Soccer Stadium). Vertical format. Size: 100 x 148 mm.





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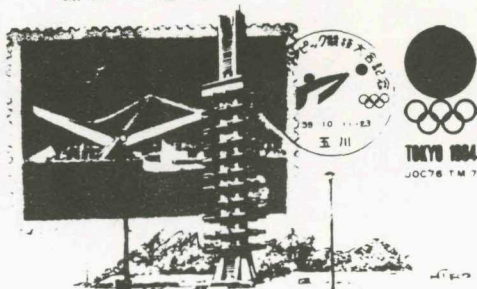
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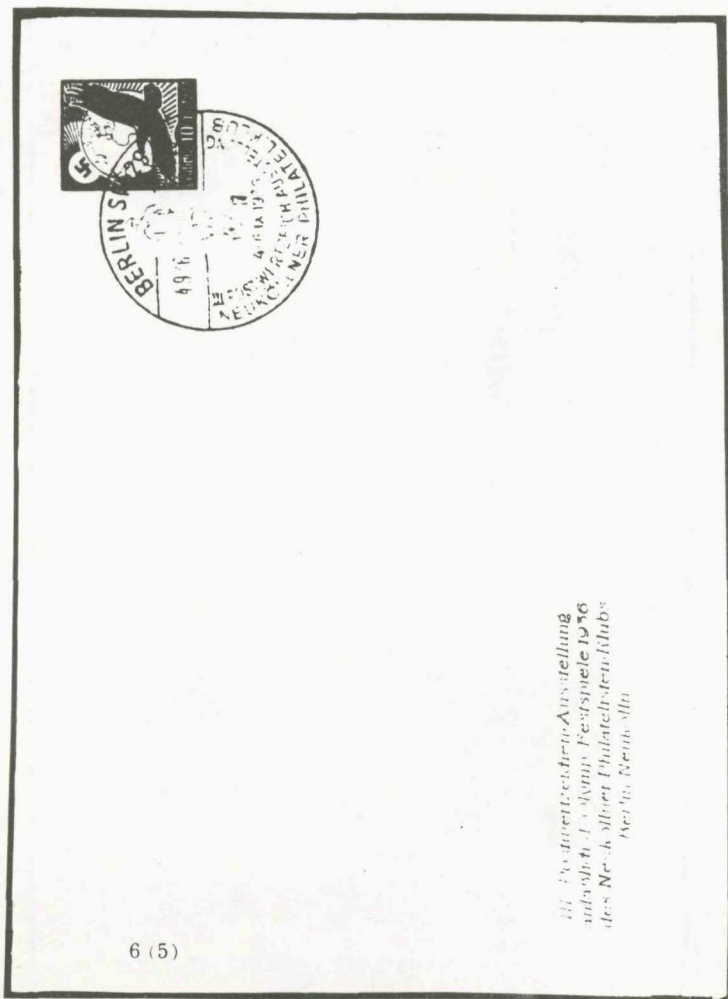
## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Since parts of this series were written the following additional information has been found. NOTE: An "A" before the number, e.g., A23 means that the item is a new addition and belongs after Item 23 and before Item 24.

### 6 GERMANY for the Olympic Stamp Exhibition, 1936.

5) Postcard with 5pf green imprinted stamp showing German Eagle flying over world illuminated by the rays of a Nazi Swastika sun. German text in green at bottom left hand side of card. Size 148 x 105 mm.

6) Envelope with 10pf imprinted stamp and text as in 6 (5) above. Size 162 x 115 mm.





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III. Postwertzeichen-Ausstellung  
Neuköllner Philateler Klub  
Berlin-Neukölln

A23 POLAND in connection with the XIth Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck, Austria, 1964.

A) Postcard with 60g imprinted stamp, text in Polish.

1) Illustrated with a skier.

2) Illustrated with landscape.

*To be continued -----*

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## VARIETY DISCOVERED ON THE U.S. HORSE RACING STAMP

by Joe Schirmer; Associate Editor

Recently, a private collector, brought to light, this interesting variety on Scott's No. 1528. This "comedy of errors" not only has the dark blue color missing, but does not have the tagging overprint or the dark blue plate number and lastly; has a pronounced impression shift.

While varieties are always a nice dress-up for any collection, in the past few years, there seems to be more and more coming off the presses of the US Bureau of Engraving and printing; and as we all can easily surmise; the inspection and quality control is just not there. Until it is there, we will continue to see the numerous "varieties" in all the US stamps that we all see and know of . . . . impression shifts; missing colors; smeared inks; mis-aligned perforations and what have you.

Harmer Auction 2/22/78 France

Reported by Cliff Jeger

| SCOTT    | DESCRIPTION                            | REALIZED   |
|----------|----------------------------------------|------------|
| 700-705  | Olympics - imperf pairs                | \$110.00   |
| 817      | Coubertin - imperf (margin copy)       | \$27.00    |
| 198-201  | Olympics - deluxe proof-compound       | \$1,300.00 |
| 322      | Ski - deluxe proof                     | \$75.00    |
| 349      | Soccer - deluxe proof                  | \$70.00    |
| 700-705  | Sports - deluxe proofs                 | \$90.00    |
| 801-804  | Sports - deluxe proofs                 | \$47.50    |
| 1019-20  | Ski - deluxe proofs - plus compound    | \$115.00   |
| 883-886  | Sports - deluxe proofs - plus compound | \$80.00    |
| 969      | Olympics - deluxe proof                | \$95.00    |
| 1105     | Olympics - deluxe proof                | \$70.00    |
| 1176     | Olympics - deluxe proof                | \$52.50    |
| 1223     | Olympics - deluxe proof                | \$50.00    |
| 1332     | Olympics - deluxe proof                | \$40.00    |
| 1348     | Olympics - deluxe proof                | \$24.00    |
| B60-62   | Recreation - deluxe proofs             | \$55.00    |
| B411-415 | Olympics - deluxe proofs               | \$130.00   |

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A Little Gem From France

by Joe Schirmer, Associate Editor

The old "saw" about never judge a book by its cover is applied to many things, but when it is applied to philately, it does hold true. I think most collectors are aware that the trial color proofs; die proofs; artist's sketches, etc. of many of the French issues are relatively easy to obtain and their price is not above the means of the average collector.

Recently, in a large west coast auction, there happened to be a small specialized collection dealing with the 0.30 Skiing issue of France (Scott No. 1019). In this showpiece, was included an imperforate single; trial color single; imperf. deluxe proof sheet; FDC; large card sunken die proof and the Original artist's (P. Gordan) signed drawing of the stamp. The estimated value for this fine lot was given as \$200.00 to \$250.00.







## SPI Releases Czecho ~ US Hockey Cover ❖ ❖ ❖

SPI has released an special two-color cachet with a "Chicago Windy City" postmarkon Dec. 31, 1977. The cachet honors the Kladno, Czechoslovakia hockey club in their exhibition game against the Chicago Black Hawks. The covers are \$1.00 each plus a stamped addressed envelope, large size please.

The following SPI covers are still available at \$1.00 each, plus return postage.

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### EXHIBITION GAME CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS

vs.

KLADNO, Czechoslovakia  
DECEMBER 31, 1977



KLADNO 6 - Black Hawks 4

Sports Philatelists Int. Cachet No. 19

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Exhibit 10-100-1000  
Sports Tournament



A special pictorial cancel was used at Salisbury, MD for the National Indoor Amateur Tennis Tournament. on Feb. 15, 1978. Sorry, but SPI did not prepare any covers for this event.

# The Sport of ROLLE BOLLE ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

by Joe Schirmer

Associate Editor



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Unless you come from a selected area of North Dakota, Minnesota; Iowa; South Dakota; Illinois; Indiana; Michigan and Manitoba in Canada -- you probably never heard of the sport of Rolle Bolle. But in 1974 the first international tournament was held, and in 1977 it was decided to professionalize this sport -- establish definite rules, tournaments, sactions and a Hall of Fame.

The European people have always been sports minded and one might say a bit more than the average American. After the Reformation, tired of wars and political dickerings, the European people turned to games of chance and skill. With hopes of providing entertainment and using local materials, these games became formalized competitions with the sanction of the Church. Some of these games were handed down through the ages, rolle bolle, horseshoes, ten pin bowling and bocce ball.

Rolle Bolle as we know it, was developed by the Belgian people. It is a game played on bare ground with 2 stakes placed 30 feet apart. The bevelled bolle (visualize a bar bell weight that is rounded on the ends) is rolled from one stake to another; and as it slows down, it turns into the stake and comes to rest. The bolle, or bolles which are closest to the stake scores.

Teams usually consist of 3 players each, and start from a position 5 feet in back of the stakes, Up to 3 points can be scored in a round, 8 points total wins the game.

The "home" of rolle bolle is in Ghent, Min nesto and tournament rules are now established and recently a cacheted cover was issued to celebrate the founding of the Rolle Bolle Association.

Bolles are usually made of either pure wood or rubber; not over 8" in width and not weighing over 9½ pounds. Soft rubber bolles are not permitted.

If one thinks back for a moment, rolle bolle is but a "watered down" version of either bottle pin bowling or candle pin bowling. It is always interesting to add either another cacheted cover or stamp to a sport--especially a sport such as rolle bolle which has such an ancient beginning.

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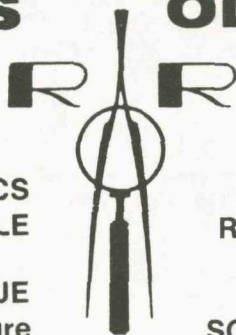
Who need covers or cards with sport cancellations or themes. Special circuit selections can be arranged for specialized sports or countries. Want list service is still available for stamps issued before 1971. Blank sales books are available for 35¢ each, postpaid.

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WANTED "GOLF" postmarks/cancellations, meters & Early MacGregor golf clubs - please state all information possible about clubs, model, series, markings, condition and your price plus allowance for postage. Keith W. Nemmers, 8625 E. McDonald Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85253.

WANTED: U.S. number 1146 (1960 Olympic stamp) on FDC. Various cachets needed. Also the various cancels used around the country publicizing the Squaw Valley Olympic Games. Please send with price to: John La Porta, 3604 S. Home Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402.

Am starting a new cachet collection of U.S. numbers 1381 (Baseball) & 1382 (Football). I need most of the various cachets issued so send with price to: John La Porta, 3604 S. Home Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402.



"GLAMIS CASTLE ANGUS OPEN 1st MAY -29 SEPTEMBER". To be used at the following offices:

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EDINBURGH 10 July-2 September 1978 1st class.  
PERTH 24 July-20 August 1978 1st class.

12 April 1978 "LIVERPOOL FC LEAGUE AND EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS INTO EUROPE LIVERPOOL". Used at Liverpool L4 OTH.

6 May 1978 "THE FA CUP FINAL WEMBLEY 6 MAY 78". Used at Wembley Stadium.

## New Issue Column

by Joe Schirmer,  
Associate Editor

ARGENTINA - March 1978 World Sup Soccer 1978 emblem overprint and new surcharge (160 plus 80) on St. Francis Church definitives in s/s with descriptive borders. Obsolete issue.

AUSTRIA - 28 Feb. 1978. World Biathlon Championships, 4s, athlete. Designer: O. Stefferl, engraver: A. Fischer. Quantity of 3.15 million.

BRAZIL - March 1, 1978. Soccer series. 1.80c ball entering net; 1.80c player raising cup; 1.80c soccer ball. Designed by N. Damasceno and printed by Casa da Moeda do Brazil in offset. 3.5 million printed.

BULGARIA - 1977 University Games of 1977. Small s/s showing various sports motifs.

BULGARIA - Feb. 1978. World Football Cup. 23st & 13st shows soccer players in action & 50st s/s players and World Cup Emblem. Designed by S. Nenov, printed by the Ministry of Communications in a quantity of 268,000 sets & 162,000 s/s.

CANADA - March 31, 1978 2 stamps for the 11th Commonwealth Games. 14¢ Games symbol, 30¢ badminton. Designer: S. Ash. Quantities: 14¢ - 43 million and the 30¢ - 23 million.

COMORO STATE - Feb. 1978. World Football Cup. 30fr, 50fr, 75fr, 100fr, 200fr, 400fr & 500fr. S/S gold issues; 1,000fr stamp & 1,000fr s/s.

CONGO REPUBLIC - Feb. 1978. World Football Cup. 5 stamps & s/s showing various soccer scenes.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA - Jan. 2, 1978. Olympics 1980 various sailing and old ships 5, 10, 15, 20, 25c; 5ek, 20ek, 75ek all perf and imperf. 150ek, 250ek, 500ek perf s/s; 250ek, 300ek, 500ek imperf s/s.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA - Jan. 6, 1978. Pre-Olympics 1980 showing Lake Placid, Moscow and sailing. 5ek, 10ek, 20ek, 25ek, 70ek & 2ek, 3ek, 5ek, 8ek, 10ek, 15ek, 30ek, 50ek airmail. 150ek & 500ek perf s/s, 250ek & 500ek imperf s/s.

FRANCE - 50th anniversary of the Central Court of Roland Garros 1fr showing players and stadium issued in conjunction with French International Championships 29 May thru 11 June. Design: Jean Louvera, engraver: P. Bequet. Release date 27 May 1978. (Editor's Note: this is the 106th stamp relating to tennis).

GERMANY - April 13, 1978. 3 stamps surcharged for the series "für den sport" (for the benefit of sports). Surcharge is for the work of the "Stiftung Deutsche Sporthilfe" (Foundation for promoting sports in Germany). Design by P. Lorenz &

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F. im Breisgau. Printed in 6 color offset by Federal Printing Office. 70 *plus* 35 show jumping, 50 *plus* 25 cycling and 70 *plus* 35 fencing.

INDIA — Jan. 15, 1978. Conquest of Mt. Kanchenjunga. 25p mountain climber, 1E Indian flag at summit. Photogravure, printed by Security Press, 2 million.

LIBYA — 1977 World Telecommunications Day-ITU 3 stamps showing space vehicles one stamp also shows a boxer and the 1976 Olympic Games logo, s/s shows a runner in the margin and also the 1976 Olympic Games logo.

MALTA — June 6, 1978. World Soccer Cup finals, 2¢, 11¢, 15¢.

MAURITIUS — March 12, 1978. 2 rupee Champ De Mars Race Course about 1870. Designer: Harrison Studio. Printer: John Waddington in lithography. Part of a new definitive set of 20.

MONGOLIA — Jan. 28, 1978. Racing cars, 20m; 30m; 40m; 50m; 60m; 80m; 1.20t. Offset printed by the Banknote Printing Office, Budapest.

NETHERLANDS — June 1, 1978. Sports 40¢ chess, 45¢ korfbal (similar to basketball).

NETHERLAND ANTILLES — March 31, 1978. 4 stamps with a surcharge "Sport Stamps 1978". 15 *plus* 5 water skiing; 20 *plus* 10 sailing; 25 *plus* 12 football; 40 *plus* 18 baseball. Designer: A. Rvaelo, printer: Joh. Enschede & Zonen. Offset printed in a quantity of 500,000 sets.

PARAGUAY — Jan. 23, 1978. World Soccer Championship '78 Argentina 25g s/s signature and photo of German trainer Herberger, quantity: 5,000.

PARAGUAY — Jan. 23, 1978. World Chess Championship Argentina 1978 8 stamps & s/s showing various chess playing scenes taken from paintings. 1Gs Chess Players, 2Gs Chess Players (Messenger's Game); 3Gs Duke of Bavaria playing chess; 4Gs Arabian Sheik playing against a Christian after 11 moves; 5Gs Lady Howe & Ben Franklin playing chess; 10Gs Chess Game; 15Gs Tapestry showing chess players; 20Gs Napoleon playing chess; s/s Shah Namah playing chess with a chess motif decorative border. Quantities: 25,000 each stamp except Gs 20 was 10,000 & the s/s 5,000. 520 sets overprinted for the UPU and 520 s/s. 1,000 swts & 1,000 s/s overprinted Muestra.

PARAGUAY — No date given s/s showing 4 perforated stamps as a block of the US Lake Placid Stamp, Canada Olympic torch bearer stamp, Austria Winter Olympic skier and Russian weight lifter stamp. 4,000 printed, consecutively numbered. 550 sheets issued for the UPU & 1,000 sheets overprinted Muestra. Lithographed, value of s/s 25Gs.

POLAND — Feb. 6, 1978. World Ice Boat Championship. 2 stamps with label between, 1.50st values. Sheets of 8 stamps *plus* 8 labels *plus* 8 stamps. Designer: M. Raducki, printed by State Printing in a quantity of 10 million, offset, multi-color.

RUSSIA — Olympic issue number 3 4k *plus* 2k cycling; 6k *plus* 3k archery; 10k *plus* 5k rifle shooting; 16k *plus* 6k horsemanship; 20k *plus* 10k fencing and s/s 50k *plus* 25k pentathlon. Designer: G. Komlev from the art works of N. Litvinov.

Recently we reported the issuance of 6 Russian stamps for different cities with each stamp bearing the 1980 Olympic motif. Now we would like to add further information concerning this issue. 15 cities will be participating in the Russian Olympics and this is the first 6 of the proposed 30 stamp series which will be released in a total of 4 releases. The first release is known as the Golden Ring Cities and features the cities of Ivanovo; Suzdal; Vladimir. All are 1r *plus* 50k. Designer: L.M. Sharov. Printing: lithography & engraving, sheets of 25; mini-sheets of 16, both with decorative selvage.

RUSSIA — Olympic issue number 4. 4 *plus* 2k swimming; 6 *plus* 3k diving; 10 *plus* 5k water polo; 16 *plus* 6k canoeing (kayak) and 20 *plus* 10k Canadian single. S/S 50 *plus* 25k rowing. Designer: Nikolai Litvino, lithographed in panes of 36 and mini-sheets of 20, four plate numbers per sheet.

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SENEGAL — Jan. 7, 1978. Tourism & Regattas. 10fr Sengal Wrestler; 30fr regatta; 65fr regatta. Designer: Mesarr, Offset printed by Cartor SA.

SOMALIA — May 1978. World Football Cup. 1.50s, 4.90s, & 5.50s shows Mogadishu Stadium and football players. S/S Printing: photogravure, printer: Italian State Printing Office who also did the designing. 90,000 sets & 10,000 s/s.

SOMALI — June 1978. World Football Cup. 4 stamps showing football players and stadium. 80,000 each. Designer: Comri S/S FIFA emblems and Argentina Soccer '78 logo. Printing: offset H photogravure. Printer: Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato (Rome).

SPAIN — The recent issued Judo stamp difficulties which were reported by your editor (*see front page*) now ends. The Spanish postal authorities announced that a dealer in Granada had sold approximately 2188 of the originally issued stamp before he received the order to destroy them. The Spanish postal administration prevented speculation by re-issuing the judo stamp in Dec. 1977.

SRI LANKA — Youth & youth activities. .15 shows youths running a race. Designer: M. Dissanayake. Printer: Asher Oc. offset in sheets of 50.

TOGO — 1978 Soccer Cup '78 Argentina gold value & s/s.

TONGA — Feb. 17, 1978. Overprinted "15 seniti" on the following issues: 10s Olympic issue; 20s & 38s of South Pacific Games. Overprinted "17 seniti" on 9s & 12s South Pacific Games.

TUVALA — Formerly the Gilbert Islands...gains full independence on Oct. 1, 1978. Suggest that you note this in your inventories and albums.

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George Alevizos, 320 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401 held an auction of stamps, proofs and essays of the world March 27-28, 1978. There were some beautiful lots of interest to the sport and Olympic collector.

Panama 1960 Olympic set, imperf pairs, NH VF, few creases, realized \$30.

Paraguay 1960-68 — 51 different stamps in sets and 13 souvenir sheets, unlisted in Scott, Michel value \$335. Includes sports Kennedy etc. NH estimated \$100, sold for \$40.

Uruguay 1924 Olympic set, mint F-VF, est. \$25, sold \$17.

Austria 1948 Olympics, semi-postal essay, as B228 but with value 60g *plus* 20g. First, second and third stage progressive sunken die proofs in black on wove (84 x 117mm), showing development of Olympic Flame and Emblem; plus completely finished stamp as above, perf with part o.g. in color of issued stamp. F-VF, est. \$325, sold \$300.

Austria 1936 Ski NH VF sold \$57.

Austria 1936 Ski NH fine to very fine, sold \$42.

Andorra 1976 2fr Olympic (249) upper right corner block of four showing albino impressions of part of five stamps at left and bottom, couple of tiny tone sports. Rare & Unusual. NH VF Est. \$75 sold for \$105.

Germany 1944 12pf *plus* 8pf imperf photogravure essay in maroon for the Vienna Grand Prize Race (115 x 115mm), few light bends in margin F-VF est \$75, \$31.

Greece 1896 2 dr. die proof in green on thin coated card (50 x 62mm), signed by Trachtenberg. 1976 BPA Cert. VF Est. \$1250 Sold \$1350.

Greece 1896 2 dr. plate proof in issued color on thin card. With 1968 Trachtenberg certificate. VF Est. \$850 sold \$925.

Greece 2 dr. on 10 dr. (163), complete sheet of ten including "D" error on seventh stamp (163a). All stamps fresh NH, one with gum thin, only four sheets known. VF Est. \$2,000. Sold for \$1,800.

Greece 1906 10 lepta rose die proof on card (53 x 59mm) VF. Sold for \$400.

Greece 1906 2 dr. die proof in grey blue on card, traces of toning F-VF, (66 x 48mm) Est. \$750 Sold \$750.

Greece 1960 Olympics blocks of four. NH VF Cat. \$88. Sold \$52.

Netherlands 1928 Olympics set. NH F-VF Cat. \$74.35 Sold \$65.

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POINT OF VIEW

THE HISTORY OF THE  
WORLD

by

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Jones



# *Introduction*

During her work on a Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Iowa, Margaret A. Jones conducted a study to trace physical education (sports) activities and events, noted and commemorated through the medium of postage stamps in selected countries. These countries were: Greece, England, Sweden, Germany (1871–1945), German Federal Republic, German Democratic Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, France, United States of America, Colombia, Japan, Republic of the Philippines, Thailand, Australia, Nigeria, and the Republic of South Africa.

While an abundance of philatelic literature was found, a limited number of articles and books and only one thesis relating philately to physical education and sports was discovered. Thus, the investigator undertook this study of international sports events to provide information for both physical educators and sports philatelists.

This work has been especially revised for the *Journal of Sports Philately* and covers all areas of sports of the above mentioned countries.

Margaret Jones, SPI Membership Chairperson, is teaching at Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia. She hopes to study additional countries shortly.



## GREECE

Greece occupies the southern part of the Balkan Peninsula, which includes the southeastward peninsulas of Peloponnesus, Athens, and Khalkidike. Approximately one-sixth of the land area in this southeastern European country consists of barren islands, and about three-fourths of the 50,942 square miles is mountainous. However, the 9,000 miles of coast lines bordering the Aegean, Ionian, and Mediterranean Seas contains beautiful beaches and crystal clear waters. The climate is temperate, having long sunny summers and short, mild but rainy winters. Greece is an agricultural country.

The reigning king was forced to abdicate his throne in 1923 and Greece was declared a republic. However, the king was recalled by a "plebiscite" in 1935. In June, 1973, the country again became a republic. The capital of Greece is Athens.<sup>1,2</sup>

### Structure

A central administration is responsible for education in Greece, and six inspector-generals supervise physical education in the schools. Within each of the 48 districts, a district inspector organizes district games and championships for secondary schools as well as supervises sports activities and clubs outside of schools. In addition, he supervises the city, state, and national gymnasiums and stadiums.

While non-school federations and sports clubs are started by interested persons, the state finances these organizations in order that their established purposes might be achieved. This budget comes from the soccer lottery in Greece. State monies are allocated to the National Olympic Committee to prepare the Olympic teams. In addition to the state, the Young Men's Christian association has been instrumental in providing facilities and leadership for sports activities during the 1900's.<sup>3,4</sup>

The International Olympic Academy, founded in 1961 by the National Olympic Committee of Greece, is situated in ancient Olympia. The purpose of the Academy is to disseminate "the Olympic idea and ideals through its contribution in the education and teaching of the young, so that they may become the worthy heralds of the Olympic ideas."<sup>5</sup> Summer sessions are held annually. One stamp (Fig. 1) was issued to publicize the founding and the seventh meeting of the Academy, held July 29 to

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<sup>1</sup>Bruce A. Corrie, "A Fulbright Year in Greece," The Physical Educator 24 (March 1967):40.

<sup>2</sup>C. Lynn Vendien and John E. Nixon, The World Today in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1968), p. 171.

<sup>3</sup>Deobold B. Van Dalen and Bruce L. Bennett, A World History of Physical Education: Cultural, Philosophical, Comparative (2nd. ed.; Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, Inc., 1971), p. 337.

<sup>4</sup>Vendien and Nixon, op. cit.

<sup>5</sup>John Ketseas, "Inaugural Speech," Gymnasion 4 (Winter 1964):4.



August 14, 1967. A second stamp (Fig. 2) was issued for the session during the following year. To attend, a prospective participant must obtain approval from his national Olympic committee. All interested persons can attend, but preference is given to students and sports officials. Programs include the history of both ancient and modern Olympic Games, theory of contests, philosophy, arts, and social sciences. English and French, the official languages of the Academy, are used during lectures, seminars, general discussions, tours, films, and recreation.<sup>6,7</sup>

In 1934 a stamp (Fig. 3) was issued depicting the approach to the stadium in Athens where sports events are held. A statue, "Discus Thrower", appears in this illustration. Two scenes of wrestlers in an upright position are portrayed in the lower portion of this stamp.

### Special Events

#### First Modern Olympic Games

The Greeks attempted to revive the Olympic Games in 1859 upon the inspiration of a Greek, Minas Minoïdes, and again in 1872, but they were unsuccessful in their efforts. Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who saw sport as a powerful force in developing nationalism and believed that international sports rivalry would bring better international understanding, was successful in his attempts in 1896.<sup>8,9</sup> On April 6, 1896, King George I of Greece formally opened the modern Olympic Games during which thirteen countries were represented officially by 285 athletes. The program included five track, seven field, two cycling, two fencing, six gymnastic, and three swimming events.<sup>10,11</sup>

The only Greek gold medal winner was Spyridon Louis in the marathon event. He triumphed over the same route that legend proposed the Pheidippides used from near Marathon to Athens in 490 B.C. to carry news of the Greek victory over the Persians. This distance was about eight leagues or 24 miles and was under the standard distance of 26 miles and 385 yards used since the 1908 Olympiad. Prince Constantine and Prince George were reported to have accompanied Louis, a Greek shepherd, over the last stretch giving him a royal escort to the finish line.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>6</sup>James K. Brown, "Sunrise in Greece," Journal of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation 39 (March 1968):89.

<sup>7</sup>Ketzas, op. cit.

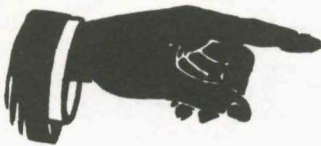
<sup>8</sup>John A. Lucas, "The Modern Olympic Games: Fanfare and Philosophy, 1896-1972," Quest 22 (June 1974):6.

<sup>9</sup>Vendian and Nixon, op. cit.

<sup>10</sup>Will Grimsley, ed., A Century of Sports (United States of America: The Associated Press, 1971).

<sup>11</sup>John Kieran and Arthur Daley, The Story of the Olympic Games, 776 B.C.-1960 A.D. (Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1961).

<sup>12</sup>Ibid.



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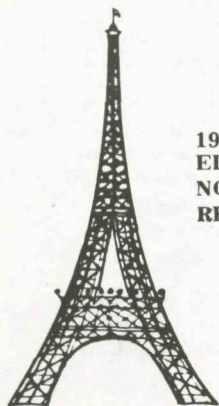
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