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## MISHA THE MOSCOW MASCOT

by  
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Although Russian propaganda sources claim the official mascot for the Moscow Olympic games, the bear cub Misha, was selected by the Olympiade-80 Committee from 40,000 proposals, the date of his debut still remains a mystery.

The cheerful mascot, designed by Viktor Chizhikov, has been described as "the embodiment of kindness and strength, hospitality and sportsmanship, nerve and calm. Chizhikov's cub reveals an independent character and confidence in its strength - qualities essential in each competitor." The above quotation, published on pp 149-150 in "Sputnik", (No7, July 20 and July 22, 1978 respectively, picture Misha holding theatre and museum cards with the text, "This you shall see at Moscow." A third card of this format series, printed April 14, 1978 with a FDC of Sept. 14, 1978, shows Misha holding such landmark cards as the Kremlin, 533 acre Economic Achievement Exhibit, Arkhangelsk, Russian Architecture XVI-XVII cent. and the 30-story Mutual Economic Assistance building with the same, "This you shall see" propaganda text. It should be noted that Misha's brown coloration varies on these postal cards.

Misha made his philatelic bow on two postal cards printed by the U.S.S.R. Ministry of Communications on April 5, 1978. Similar in format, the Moscow Theatres postal card (Figure I) and the Moscow Museums postal card, with FDC's of July 20 and July 22, 1978 respectively, picture Misha holding theatre and museum cards with the text, "This you shall see at Moscow." A third card of this format series, printed April 14, 1978 with a FDC of Sept. 14, 1978, shows Misha holding such landmark cards as the Kremlin, 533 acre Economic Achievement Exhibit, Arkhangelsk, Russian Architecture XVI-XVII cent. and the 30-story Mutual Economic Assistance building with the same, "This you shall see" propaganda text. It should be noted that Misha's brown coloration varies on these postal cards.

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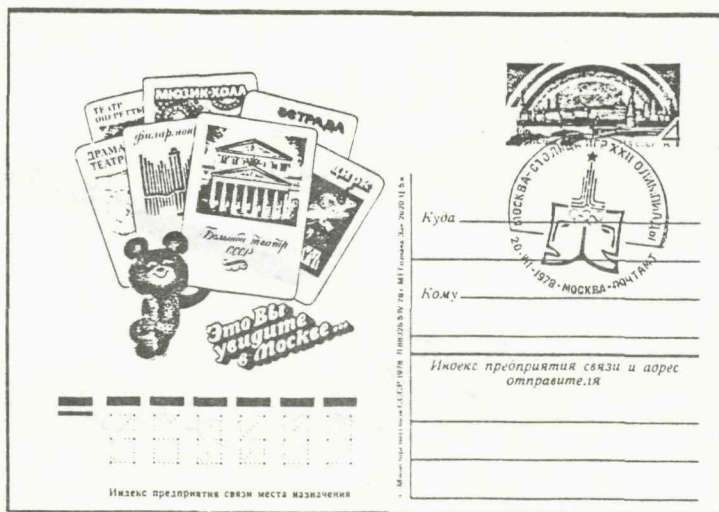


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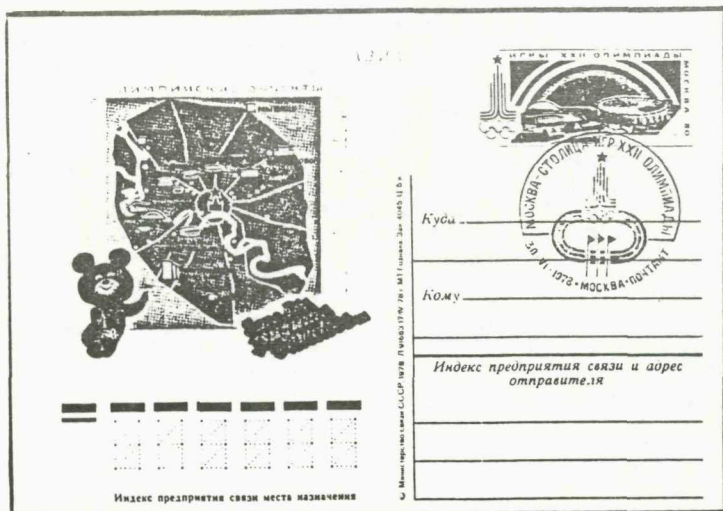


Figure 2

Three days later, on April 17th, the Russians printed a fourth postal card diagramming the Moscow Olympic Units (Stadiums) (Figure 2). On this postal card the bear cub, although positioned in the same stance, is now pointing with one extended finger to Moscow Olympic facilities with the same invitational text.

Although it is impossible to imagine how many different Misha souvenir items were created, a detailed painting of the cheerful cub graces a "My Congratulation With The New Year" Dec. 26, 1978 Leningrad handstamped card (Figure 3). Essentially pictured in the same pose as on the postal cards the enlarged cub now holds a miniature Christmas tree. The illustration also shows to better advantage the five-Olympic colored banded belt, attached by a five-ring buckle, that girdles his waist.

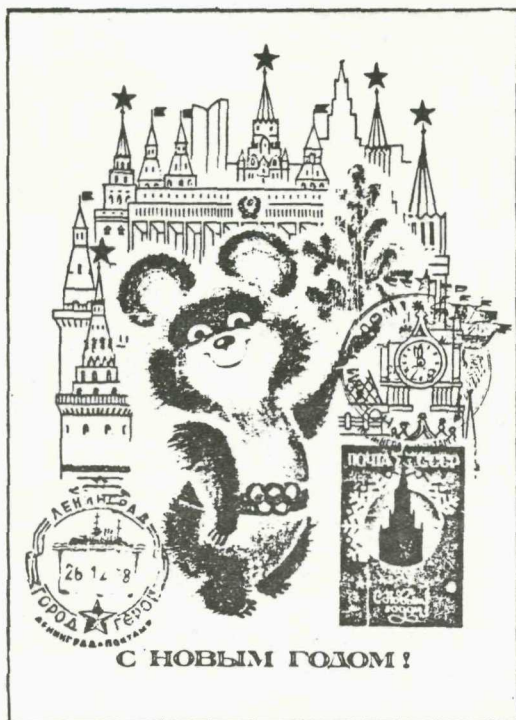


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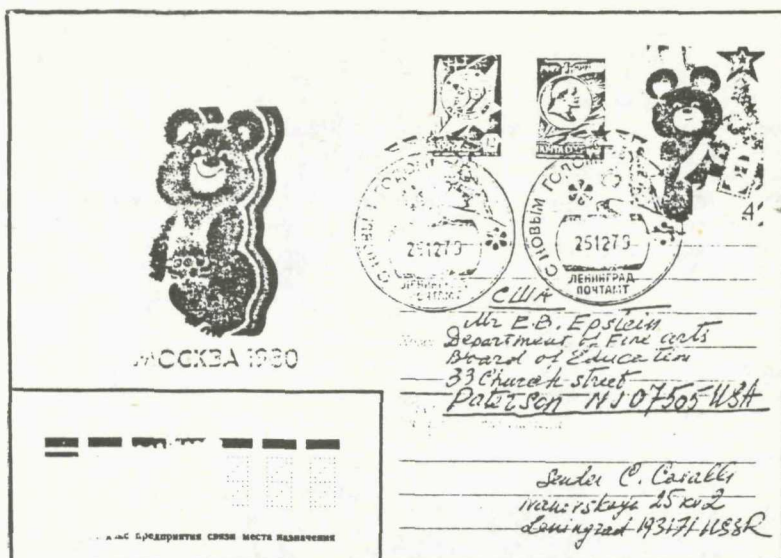


Figure 4



Figure 5.

It should come as no surprise that the now familiar mascot should appear on the 1979 New Years stamp. The usual New Year's salutation is boldly emblazed in white on his blue shoulder sash. Misha stands beside a stared Christmas tree holding a Santa Claus stamp which is superimposed over a 4K valued air mail letter in the lower right corner. The FDC for this issue (figure 4) with a Dec.25,1979 Leningrad commemorative New Year's handstamp has a cachet image of Misha with both arms at his sides. Misha is now reversed to that of his image on the stamp and shows the five Olympic colors formed in bands which follow his right side. Differences in the basic shapes of Misha's head and white snout on the New Year's card and the cacheted cover causes a subtle change in Misha's grin. Gone, too, are the completely round Mickey Mouse styled ears which are so conspicuous on the postal cards.

Perhaps the most interesting item is a silver-colored New Year's folder which shows Misha standing in a wicker basket of a Moscow Olympiade-80 fluttering ribboned air balloon pouring from a red embossed Horn of Plenty gold medals (Figure 5). Again, the shape of Misha's snout and the fur shading of his head convey a different expression. The embossed medals reminds one of chocolate-covered foil discs.



Figure 6.

The 4k New Year's stamp was also applied to a different Jan.1,1979 postal card imprinted with a 3K stamp on its divided back. Misha has teamed up with a pert winter-garbed young girl and a rabbit on skis (Figure 6). Misha's face is now more anatomically detailed and his eyes ogle the lass.

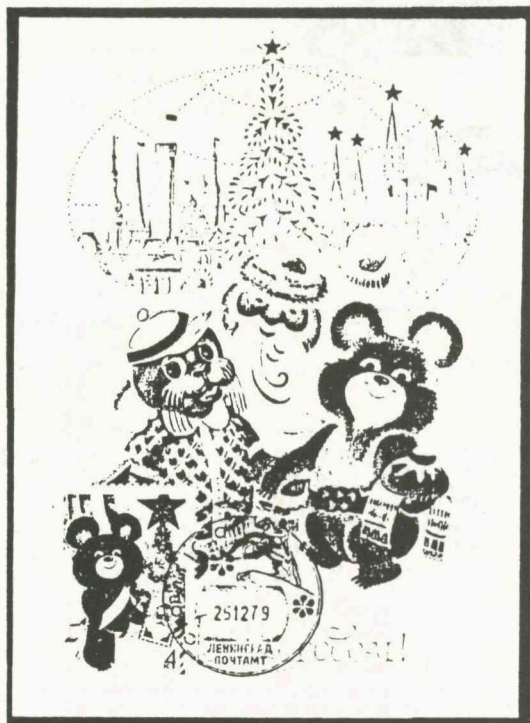


Figure 7.

The same Leningrad New Year's cancel ties the Misha stamp to another trio (Figure 7). In this instance a waving Santa Claus stands behind Misha who crosses a paw with the flipper of the seal mascot of the Tallin sailing events.

The Leningrad July 19- Aug.3, 1980 Olympic handstamp used by the city's main post office during the period of the games cancels an Aug.3,1980 4k imprinted stamped envelope. The text beneath the cacheted scene crowd filled fireworks stadium reads, "Triumphal Closing." This time a grinning Misha wears a gold medal around his neck and holds a bouquet of flowers (Figure 8).



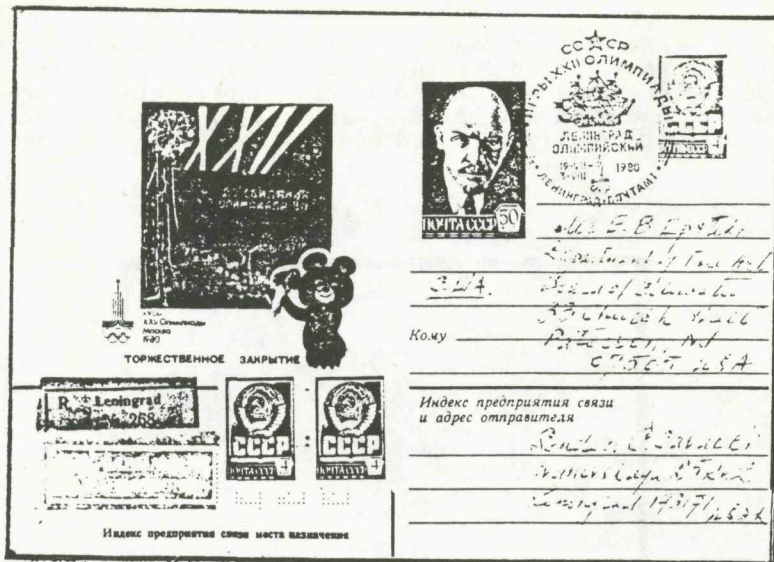


Figure 8.

Another interesting cover (Figure 9) canceled from Leningrad May 31, 1980 was produced unstamped by the Book Selling department, "Lenkniga" (Leningrad Books). It shows the bear cub in a relaxed attitude with one paw draped over what appears to be one of its texts and the other paw waving. It should be noted that Misha has changed his usual three-quarter stance to a full front view.



Figure 9.

Misha is cute. He is adorable and cuddly. Yet one can't help but wonder what motivated his creation. Was it simply, as many before him, just an innocent talisman of good luck or was his invention another instrument of Soviet propaganda? His uses may provide the answer. In addition to his emblematic rank which when printed on thousands of different articles signify the product's official status as a supplier to the Moscow Olympic games, he introduced a column in "Sports in the U.S.S.R." where short stories related to the triumphs of Soviet athletes were recounted and extolled.

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*by Sherwin Podolsky*

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# - OLYMPIC NOTES -

by SHERWIN PODOLSKY

RANDOM NOTES. On Monday, April 30, 1984, the first day ceremonies for the .13 Torch Relay postal card was held at the Coliseum. We were seated inside the stadium on the grounds and listened to speeches including those by Olympians from the 1932 Olympic Games. During one speech the torch was lit on the peristyle. It was a truly stirring moment.

On Friday, May 4, 1984, during the same week, we attended the first day ceremonies for the .20 Summer Olympic stamps. Held at the University of California at Los Angeles in Westwood Village, the event was exceptionally well attended. Mayor Bradley, LAOC President Ueberroth, and stamp designer Robert Peak were there among others. Peak is not a publicity conscious artist and seldom attends public functions.

The city is getting ready for the Olympics. City Hall, across the street from where I work, is being decorated with banners, flags and stars. On the third floor is a very fine display of Olympic memorabilia from the Xth Olympiad in 1932. LIFE Magazine has just come out with a special issue devoted to the Olympic Games and features a picture of John Torney, well-known SPI member who collects all kinds of Olympic memorabilia.

SPI members Conrad Klinkner and Ted Neima are busy creating all kinds of philatelic collectibles here in Los Angeles area where they live. For example, the items released here for the First Day Ceremonies on April 30 and May 4 were only available at post offices and ceremony sites inside Los Angeles (not including the northern part of the City in San Fernando Valley). The fun included taking these items outside the City of Los Angeles to other cities and communities for cancellations on the First Day date. All kinds of possibilities were explored.

There have been a few surprises. On June 1, 1984, a machine slogan cancellation was supposed to be installed at the downtown Terminal Annex post office. The cancellation features the front of the Coliseum with torch ablaze, and the words "HOST CITY 1932 - 1984." SPIer Robert de Violini got early word of this and I dutifully prepared many covers and sent them to the correct address for special processing. Conrad Klinkner was also notified. Well, I am still waiting for my covers as of this date June 13. In the meantime, one piece of non-philatelic mail has come to me dated June 3.

The problem with this cancel is that this very large post office has 15 cancelling machines and reportedly not all the machines were fitted with the commemorative device on June 1.

Another surprise is that the design on the .13 Torch Relay postal card is available on maximum cards. The maximum card is being sold at .50 each but only in a limited way. It is released at each of the 41 major cities along the Torch Relay Route on the day of the arrival of the torch. Each of these cities also has a special Torch Relay hand cancel. Reportedly only about 250 of the cards are being sold at each stop and only for that day. They are not on free sale at the philatelic sales agency in Washington, DC nor any place else -- except, perhaps Long Beach, California. Yes, the card is being sold at the philatelic sales window at the downtown Long Beach post office. The card will be on sale at the Los Angeles Terminal Annex post office on July 28 to coincide with the arrival of the Torch at the Coliseum. Only 250 will be available at the Annex. However, an additional quantity will also be available at the mobile post offices at the Coliseum. Thus it should be possible to get dual cancellations--Torch Relay cancels and Opening Day cancels.

Why the US Postal Service is being so secretive about the Torch maximum card I do not know. It is, of course, one of those little things, surprises, that add the spice to collecting. SPIer Ward Nichols reports discovering the Torch Relay maximum card quite by accident when attending the arrival of the Torch at one city. Joe Lacko was also surprised and had to chase for his share on May 8 in New York.

How should the Torch Relay postal cards be collected? I try to get mine postally addressed and they get the postal colored computer markings usually. These are great for the Torch Relay cancels. But for something different, the maximum cards with Torch Relay postal card design are a more expensive and more elusive alternative. Few people will think of getting covers, especially with appropriate cachets, with the Torch Relay cancels. Registered covers or cards and those marked for Special Delivery and having these Torch Relay cancels should be quite unusual.

Drawing Board of Texas has, at last count, 40 different picture postcard designs. Drawing Board is the official licensee and its cards bear the official logo. Many designs include Sam the Eagle. Drawing Board also is the manufacturer of the official stickers featuring Sam the Eagle in a variety of sport poses and sometimes the stars-in-motion design. In time, all these postcards will be cataloged. There are official and unofficial "illicit" designs.

One FDC dealer has gotten FDCs with the Goodyear blimp cachet. This is a non-postal, private helium-filled dirigible used mainly for aerial advertising. Cute.

At this writing tentative information indicates 33 different special cancels during the Olympic Games, including

the IOC session at the Biltmore Hotel, Olympic Arts Festival, the Press Center, and International Broadcasting center. The US Postal Service will have a booth at OLYMPHILEX '84 in Pasadena and there will be a special cancellation.

# FIPO NEWS

by Sherwin Podolsky

OLYMPHILEX '85 will be held March 18 - 24, 1985 at the Palais de Beaulieu in Lausanne, Switzerland. This is the international Olympic stamp exhibition organized by the International Federation of Olympic Philately (FIPO by the French acronym) under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee and the City of Lausanne.

Participation in the exhibition is open to all collectors of philatelic and postal documents relating to Olympism, the Olympic Games and all sports recognized by the IOC. The classification of collections is:

1. Court of Honor, by invitation
2. Official category including postal administrations, national Olympic committees, international sport federations, postal museums, postal stamp printing works, stamp engravers and designers
3. Olympic Games including 1896 Athens, general collections, collections featuring one or more Olympiads
4. Winter Games including general collections (all Winter Games) or collections featuring one or more editions of the Winter Games
5. Sports recognized by the IOC including general collections, single sports, sports of a single country or collections specializing in sports cancellations
6. International sports meetings, World Championships, and World Cups
7. Vignettes
8. Youth (four different age categories)

Only the category for 1896 Athens will be competitive. All other categories are non-competitive. The IOC will present a commemorative medal and diploma to every exhibitor. Prizes presented by various authorities or organizations, federations, publishing houses, associations or companies may also be awarded.

Participation is free. There is no frame charge. However, the exhibitor pays for cost of dispatch and insurance. The organizing committee for the exhibition pays for return of collections.



The calendar includes a "day of exchange amongst collectors" on March 22. Awards for "Athens 1896" on March 23 and distribution of all prizes, medals and diplomas that day. An official luncheon is scheduled March 23.

The FIPO General Assembly will meet March 23 and an election of officers will be held.

Readers should send for the exhibition prospectus with application form. The prospectus also explains what FIPO is about and details from its Constitution. Readers should also ask for a membership application. Membership is free and they send out news reports with commemorative meters of philatelic interest. They do require a passport-size photograph or two and a signature of a FIPO member. I will gladly sign the application of any SPI member, but please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return to you. They ask for details of your philatelic interests and activities. Some applications that I have seen and that were approved indicate some very simple, general philatelic interests such as a specific sport, used Olympic stamps, or stamp issues of only one Olympiad.

Write Mme. Monique Berlioux, Treasurer, International Federation of Olympic Philately, Chateau de Vidy, CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland.

The last day to enroll for participation in OLYMPHILEX '85 is October 15, 1984.

FIPO announces the distribution of the first volume of the catalog "POST, PHILATELY AND OLYMPISM" to take place June 15, 1984. Price is 30 Swiss francs. You can pay by check at the current rate of exchange (check your newspaper) and send your order to Mme. Berlioux.

The IOC is also offering a subscription to the meters used at the IOC headquarters for 1984 and 1985 for the sum of 20 Swiss francs. The meters will be on IOC envelopes and be sent in two deliveries (December 1984 and December 1985).

--June 21, 1984

## 1984 OLYMPIC METERS

by Tim Nagel & Wayne Soderlind

This column began in the May-June, 1984 issue of JSP (Vol. 22, No. 5) pp. 149-51. A description of the slogan meter is listed below each entry. Additional meter numbers are listed for entries 4 and 6.

For listing, send meters or photocopies to Tim Nagel, 1920 Hobson Rd. #211, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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6. Xerox Corp. Rochester, NY 14644 (LA Olympic Logo) "Official Sponsor/ 1984 Olympics"	682389 148908
11. Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee Los Angeles, CA 90084 (LA Olympic Arts Festival Logo and Olympic Rings) "Olympic Arts Festival Los Angeles 1984/June 1-August 12, 1984"	6011754 2063693
12. Amateur Basketball Association, U.S.A. 1750 East Boulder St. Colorado Springs, CO 80909 "Double Gold in/Los Angeles/July 28-August 12, 1984"	1197742
13. Amateur Basketball Association, U.S.A. (Address Above) "Shoot for the Gold/Los Angeles/July 28- August 12, 1984"	1197742
14. ARA Services Independence Square West Philadelphia, PA 19106	6013006
ARA Services P.O. Box 219998 Houston, TX 77218	674328
ARA Living Centers Eastern Division 11350 N. Meridian St., Suite 200 Carmel, IN 46032 (LA Olympic Logo) "ARA/Services/Official Food &/Transportation /Services/For The Athletes"	6102982
15. Drawing Board Greeting Cards 8200 Carpenter Freeway P.O. Box 220355 Dallas, TX 75222-0355 (LA Olympic Logo) "Official Licensee/ 1984 Los Angeles/ Olympic Games/G Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee"	983864
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17. Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. 1313 East Algonquin Road Schaumburg, IL 60196 (LA Olympic Logo) "Official Radio/ Communications/Sponsor for the/ 1984 Olympic Games"	662802

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19. International Olympic Committee CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland "14 Jeux/D'Hiver/Sarajevo/1984" (Sarajevo Olympic Logo) (Used Feb. 8-19, 1984)	11416
20. International Olympic Committee (Address Above) "Sarajevo 1984 Los Angeles" (Sarajevo & LA Olympic Logos)	11416
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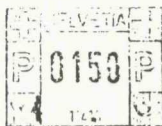
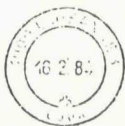
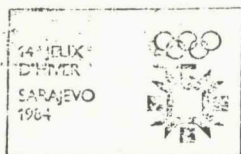


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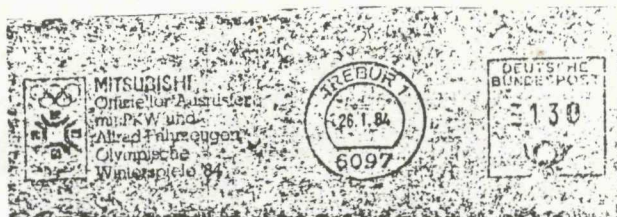
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# XXXIIIrd OLYMPIAD

## The Postmark Panic

*by Sherwin Podolsky*

(August 5, 1984) The Olympics aren't over yet, but a pattern of postal fickleness, foolishness and just plain fussiness has added a strong element of philatelic frustration.

There are really four types of cancellations, so far:

1. the station type, black cancel, including a pictorial representation of the site or venue, followed by an oblong of abstract lines.
2. the station type, black cancel, without the oblong of abstract lines. This is called the "bullseye."
3. The double ring cancel. The inner ring contains the date. The outer ring says LOS ANGELES/1984 OLYMPIC GAMES. This is usually in red, but some venues apply this cancel in black.
4. A Pitney-Bowes meter in red. This is always a tape, not applied as an impression direct to the envelope or packet. Contains the following words in the date circle: LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS/1984.

Technically, the double ring cancel (Type 3) is applied only to special mail: registered, insured, certified. But the cancel has also been used by some postal clerks to regular mail as a favor to philatelists. But some clerks refuse to allow the favor use and restrict use of the Type 3 cancel only to special mail. Thus covers will be found showing inconsistent use of the double ring cancel. For example, an inconsistent policy may be found on covers with the swimming station cancel. One clerk at that station will allow favor use of the Type 3 cancel, another at the same station will not.

OLYMPHILEX '84 at the Pasadena Center opened July 25 and was the first opportunity for philatelists to see what surprises might be at hand at the postal counters. Only types 1 and 2 cancels were announced in the philatelic press. It was quickly discovered that types 3 and 4 were also available.

Opportunities were quickly envisaged by philatelists. The postal counters had only the Olympic stamps and postal stationery, the Babe Ruth and Jim Thorpe 20¢ stamps. This meant that any odd-rate additional postage required had to be made up with meters. The philatelic press announcement indicated that each Olympic venue postal station was supposed to be a full-service station.

Now, every meter machine has its own P.B. meter number. Even though the cover may bear only a meter and no other cancel, it should be possible to identify the venue station by the meter number eventually. However, as a convenience, it is nice to have a Type 1 or Type 2 cancel on the same cover with the meter (which would be desirably tied to the cover with the Type 3 cancel). This will usually help identify the venue station using the meter.



The key word is "usually" and not always, because it may be possible to get short-paid covers canceled with Type 1 or 2 cancels and take them over to another station for the meter purchased for the make-up rate. More on this later.

Note that Types 3 and 4 cancels are generic; they don't tell you anything about the specific site or venue readily. We are told that all venues had the same Types 3 and 4 cancels.

On July 25, 1984, about 30 pieces of mail were processed with meters at OLYMPHILEX '84. It was discovered that the meter contained the wrong date: "JUN 25" instead of "JUL 25." A few pieces went through with the corrected date. But the postal supervisor did not like the idea of using so much meter paper for small amounts of postage. For example, a 13¢ Olympic stamp plus a 7¢ meter tape add up to the correct domestic 20¢ first class mail rate. Only knowledgeable collectors were seeking the meters. The supervisor decreed a \$1 minimum for metered mail. Thus overfranked covers may be found.

On July 25, 1984, I was able to get 10 dry meter tapes, each bearing a .20 first class rate. Later the clerk refused to provide dry tapes. All meter tapes had to be affixed to outgoing mail. Handback covers with meters were not possible.

A few days later, the meter was withdrawn from use. The supervisor claimed a "breakdown" but complained how expensive the meter paper was for such small amounts of postage requested. Another supervisor said that the primary purpose of the Olympic postal station was to sell over-the-counter stamps and packages of maximum cards with the special (Type 1) cancels. Also available was a book priced at \$20. The individual unused maximum cards were also available and their selling was very time-consuming as novices sorted out through the 25 designs, including the one for the Torch relay postal card.

Opening Day, July 28, 1984 at the Coliseum proved to be a madhouse at the three postal stations. It became clear how they were set up. A separate counter or counters provided the Types 1 and 2 cancels.

The postal patron could go to the stations to buy stamps, the book, postal stationery, get forms for special mailing (certified, insured, registry), get meters. The canceling for Types 1 and 2 cancels were done outside the air-conditioned postal stations. Thus, to make up an "ideal" cover showing the Type 1 or 2 cancel, a meter, and the double-ring cancel, one had to first go through two very long lines. One line to get the Type 1 or 2 cancel, and the next time to get the Types 3 and 4 cancels--usually on registered or insured mail.

But a few days later, the meters at the three postal stations at the Coliseum were removed. (Remember that each had its own meter machine with a meter number). The excuse was none. They were too much work. "Go to the regular post office at 39th and Vermont."

That was on August 4. I had covers with the Boxing and Athletic Station Type 1 and 2 cancels but could not process them at the postal counters in any of the three Coliseum stations. By the way, the boxing and athletic station cancels were provided at counters

outdoors by the same clerks. So, I went to the Swimming Station about a half-mile away. The single station was closed for lunch. I waited outside for 45 minutes. Fortunately, an occasional breeze relieved the heated sun.

I put my best foot forward there. I had two special delivery items (good for meters nearly \$2 apiece). This disclosed an operating and available meter. The clerk figured up the charges and I spilled out a bunch of other items needing small-change meters on the counter and she didn't blink an eyelash. But she refused to apply the meters before me. The supervisor did that, she said and the meter was in the rear behind a small partition, not readily visible. She promised to apply the double-ring cancel, though.

Partly encouraged, I made up Swimming station covers, approached another clerk at the same station who dutifully promised the same thing, but refused to allow any double-ring cancel except on a registry item.

From Conrad Klinkner, it was learned that the Pentathlon postal station refused to honor meter requests the first day. The next day, the supervisor relented when that person was told that "all the other stations were doing it."

The same meter and double ring cancels were also available at the Hotel Biltmore, site of the IOC session. Announcement of the special IOC cancel came very late in the national philatelic press, although it was known and expected for weeks before locally. The meter was apparently being used by the many international guests staying at the hotel. I saw one large package with the commemorative meter tape on it. The IOC cancel was a different style from the Olympic venue cancels, but the double-ring and meter types were the same.

The registry forms, forms for insured and certified mail were not always readily available or available at every station. I do not know the circumstances for most stations. Some did not have labels for special delivery and a rubberstamp or handwriting had to be suffice. In another instance, insured mail forms (which come with a sticker to affix to the letter or packet) were not available but a rubberstamp was.

Overall, the pattern is one of inconsistency in service and materials necessary for the items intended to go through the mails. Souvenir hunters had the most convenience in seeking handback items. People were sticking the Olympic stamps in the souvenir book sold by the postal people. One lady had rolls of uncut sheets of US \$1 bills. Each bill had an Olympic stamp affixed to be canceled at a venue. I asked her if she was a philatelist. "No," she said, "I'm a coin collector." From the looks of what she had, her sheets were nearly completed canceled.

As readers know, there were many official and unofficial picture postcards. The official licensee, Drawing Board Greeting Cards, Inc. of Texas put out about 40 different designs. But some designs were modified, such as by including Sam the Eagle later. I have made no attempt to classify these cards. Also, not every sport or venue was depicted on a card. Some designs were practically general-



purpose because they showed views of Los Angeles, Sam the Eagle, or the official Olympic Committee stars-in-motion logo or a torch bearer or the flame.

These comments mainly cover the Los Angeles and Southern California scene. I have no information about the postal stations for the soccer preliminaries at Annapolis, Maryland, Cambridge, Massachusetts or at Palo Alto, California. Presumably the same type of services and idiosyncrasies were provided.

Readers may ask if any varieties exist of the labels for registration, insurance or certified mail. These labels carried no special design or modification for the Olympics.

Almost certainly, practically all the covers and cards from this Olympiad are not commercial mail or for personal correspondence. They are souvenir-inspired or philatelically oriented. They are certainly a celebration of this Olympiad. The dates and cancels will serve as a basis for research to identify with athletic accomplishments.

The covers that have been arriving from the Olympic venues to my home do not appear to be receiving transit computer markings. Rarely is there an overcancel. An overcancel is a machine postal cancel on top of a special, handcancel. My preference is for the computer markings if possible, usually on the back of the cover.

There has been an enormous interest in Olympic pins, including even the badges worn by police officers at the Olympic venues. There are a tremendous number of types and designs and sources. I would welcome an article by a reader knowledgeable in this sideline collectible.

July 28 was also supposed to be not only the date of the Opening Day cancel, but also for the Torch Relay cancel. Indeed, collectors had been expecting the availability of two cancels that day, but the Torch Relay cancel was not available at the Stadium. So, dual canceled covers, if they exist, are bound to be an oddity, especially truly traveled.

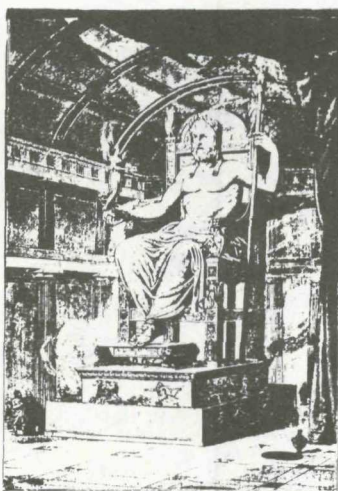
Possibly a most amazing coincidence in the postmark pursuit was when Ward Nichols and I discovered each other on Opening Day seeking cancels at the Coliseum. I was just ahead of him and noted he had a postcard designed by SPIer Conrad Klinkner. "Are you a philatelist?" I asked. Then Ward asked my name and there we were! Later, Pim Huurman was found in the same area by Laurentz Jonker. Later in the day, I got separated from Conrad and Laurentz and they were marooned at the stadium for several hours as I had returned to my car. I rescued them later that evening.

At this date (August 5), complaints have been made to the US Postal Service Olympic program managers about the availability of meter service. This could be critical on Closing Day, August 12 when probably no other meter service may be available on that Sunday. Only the Coliseum's three postal stations may be open and none with a meter. The meter at nearby Swimming stadium may be out of service.



ILLUSTRATIONS:

1. Cover dated July 31, 1984 from Gymnastics Station. Meter number 954251. Red double-ring cancel. Red meter tape. Black "bullseye" cancel. Cachet prepared by S. Podolsky in brown with blue inscriptions on buff rag envelope.
2. McDonald's Corporation business envelope with commemorative letterhead. Ordinary meter. With overcancel of machine cancel showing Coliseum entrance with lit torch on top. With words: HOST/1932 1984/ OLYMPICS. Many varieties exist with different numerals at 4 o'clock in the dial next to the zip code. Here it is 8A. Sometimes this number is inverted. Reportedly this slogan quickly wore out and will be replaced with a rubber cancel. This should mean still more varieties. Cancel was used only at Los Angeles Terminal Annex station. The cancel was to have been used from June 1 through December 31, 1984.
3. Meter used at OLYMPHILEX '84. Machine number 3300619. In Red. With error of date, Jun 25 '84. It should have read Jul (for July). Error discovered on opening day of the exhibition, July 25.



STATUE OF THE OLYMPIAN ZEUS  
(Pheidias c.433 B.C.)

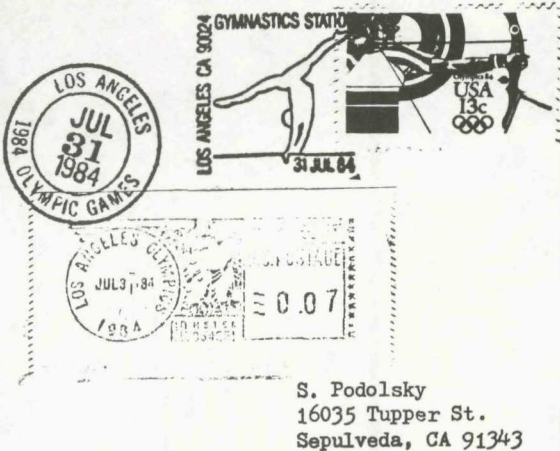


Fig. 1

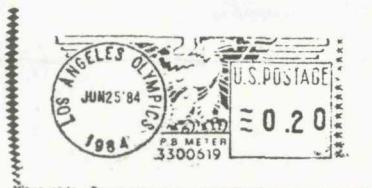


Fig. 3

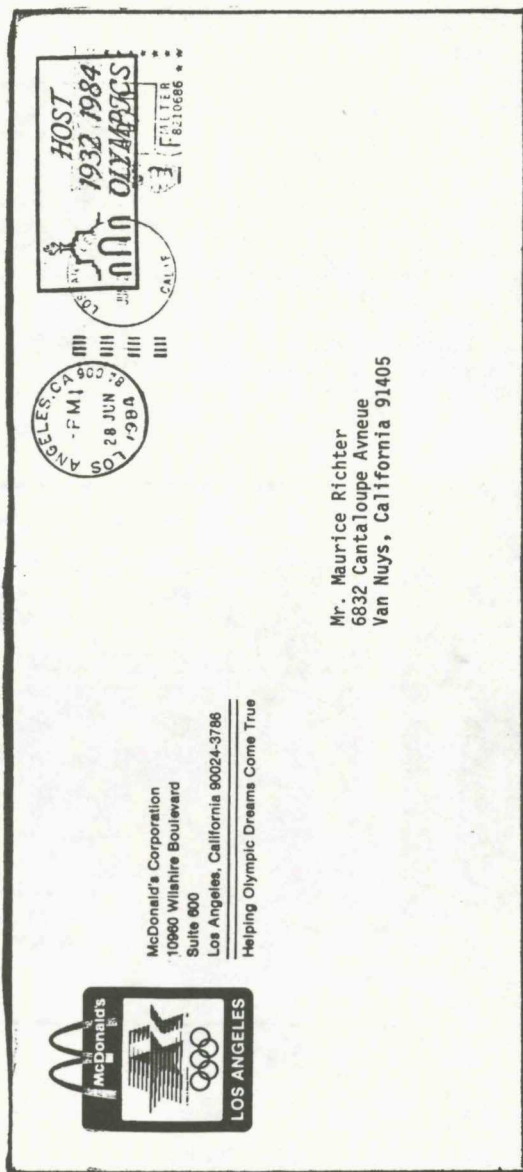
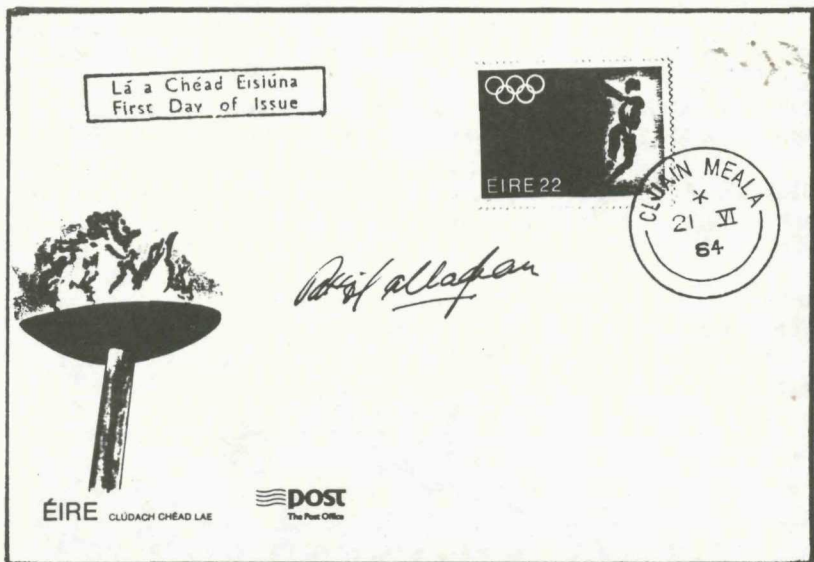


Fig. 2



Unique first day of issue envelope with stamp showing artists  
 Unique First Day of Issue envelope with stamp showing artists  
 impression of Patrick O' Callaghan of Ireland throwing the  
 hammer. O' Callaghan, winner at Amsterdam in 1928, was  
 the only track and field athlete to successfully defend his  
 Olympic title and is one of the few surviving Olympic Gold  
 medallists from 1932.

Patrick O' Callaghan has autographed these envelopes.

Price \$25 while supply lasts. Send check or money  
 order to:

H. O' Callaghan  
 824 Center St.,  
 Key West, FL 33040



# MEMBERS BOURSE

Bourse rates are 2¢ per word with name and address free. Send ad and remittance to the editor. For payment under \$1.00, please send mint commems. Address and closing dates are on the fourth page of each issue.

*Tennis Anyone? Anything unusual including postmarks of this sport wanted.* L. M. Yerkes, P.O. Box 40771, St. Petersburg, FL 33743.

**WANTED:** Anything having to do with volleyball. Stamps, Covers, errors, programs, video, etc. I also collect track and field. Lt. Col. James W. Smith (USA, Ret.), 431 George Cross Drive, Norman, OK 73069.

Wanted to buy – first day of issue ceremony program – Olympic issues 28¢ South Bend – 35¢ Colorado Springs – 28¢ post card Milwaukee. Send information and prices to: Chuck Coleman, 4235 Redwood Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066.

## THINGS TO SEND FOR

by Sherwin Podolsky

Harvey Abrams Books, An den Hubertshausern 21,1000 Berlin 38, West Germany is an antiquarian specialist in Olympic Games and history of sport. He has just issued in English language several pages of catalog and flyers listing books, official publications, posters, medallions, pins, badges and seals related to the Olympic Games. Many items are out of print. Some items are fixed price, others invite bids. There is a strong representation of 1936 Olympic items, among others. Write for his catalog and lists.

Telephone Pioneers of America, H.G. McCully Chapter of Newark, NJ, has honored the Olympic Torch with a meter slogan: GO USA IN LA with illustrated Pioneers logo and The Torch on its official legal size envelope.

The Telephone Pioneers of America are community service oriented non-profit organization. which was designated as the agent to implement the transit of The Olympic Torch from New York to Los Angeles.

The illustrated metered envelope can be obtained from: Joseph Lacko, 1031 W. Chestnut St., Union, NJ 07083 for \$1.00 donation. Postage will be appreciated. All proceeds will go toward charitable causes.

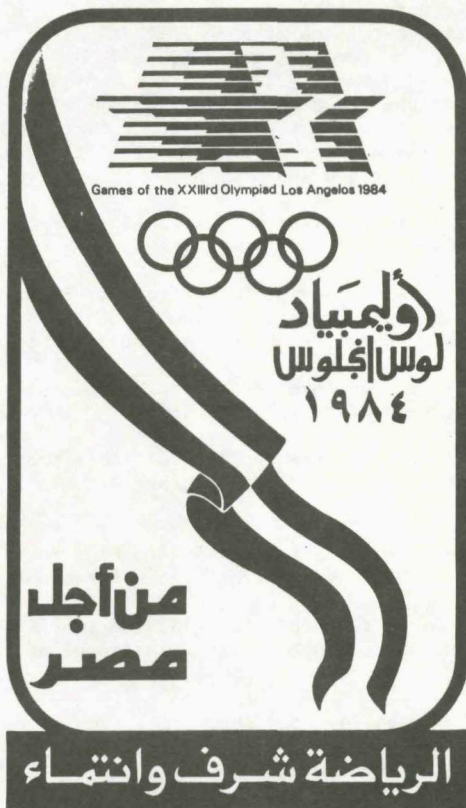
## EGYPT'S 1984 OFFICIAL OLYMPIC DECAL

Two hundred thousand of these (size 4" x 6 5/8") were printed in order to raise sufficient funds to help Egypt send its best possible team to L.A. this year. This is just one of many fundraising projects in which both the American and Egyptian communities in Egypt have united in order to enhance the rapport and friendship between our countries.

Because of the success of this joint fundraising effort, Egypt will be the only country besides the United States to completely subsidize its Olympic Team from the private sector.

I am writing to offer the opportunity to your members of supporting this worthwhile cause by purchasing these decals for \$1 a piece, they'll find the decal a unique addition to their collection. Please write to the following address:

Egyptian Olympic Committee (Fundraising Campaign)  
LTC William Olds  
Embassy of the U.S.A.  
Office of Military Cooperation  
Box 29 (Army)  
FPO, NY 09527



# AUCTION RESULTS

by Dale Lilljedahl

On June 13, 1984, Greg Manning Auctions Inc. of Montville, New Jersey conducted a philatelic auction of approximately 1300 lots which included about 50 items on the Olympics. None of the lots devoted to the Olympics included covers; however, there was a good representation of the better sets as well as some proofs, sheets, and rarities.

Most of the Olympic material realized prices significantly lower than the prices quoted in the catalogue, even the items with estimated cash values. By far the top realizations of the Olympic material were the large die proofs of the US 1932 Los Angeles games. The Scott #716 proof was listed at \$900, but went for \$2100, and the #718-719 proof went for \$4250 while being listed at \$1800. I do not believe this is an indication of their Olympic value as much as an indication of their value to proof collectors. Also included in the auction was one of the 1924 presentation proofs containing France Nos. 198-201 which sold for \$800.

Below is a brief description of the lots in chronological order. Also included is the price listed in the auction catalogue followed by the selling price. The selling price does not have the 10% buyers premium added on, and in all cases the Scott catalogue numbers are used.

- 1896- Three lots of Greece #117-128 were offered. All were listed as fine to very fine. The never hinged set had an A. Diena certificate and sold for \$425 against a catalogue of \$936.20. The other two sets noted light hinge marks while going for \$375 and \$190.
- 1896- Three lots of the Greece overprints (#159-163) were offered. One was listed as very fine and signed "Diena" which sold for \$175 against a catalogue of \$406. The other two lots listed small faults and hinge marks and sold for \$80 and \$62.
- 1896- Greece #164 listed as fine with some hinge remains and signed by Bloch. \$375 est./ \$130 sold.
- 1906- Two lots of Greece #184-197 were offered. Both were listed as fine to very fine except for some small faults on two or three stamps in each set. Against a catalogue of \$690 the sets sold for \$130 and \$125.
- 1920- Belgium #142 with an inverted surcharge. It was used and the paper was listed as "thin." \$250 est./ \$48 sold.
- 1924- Presentation Proof of France #198-201 imperforated. Fine to very fine with small bends. Listed in Ceres and Otto Volk's book. \$750-1000 est./ \$800 sold.
- 1924- Blocks of Lebanon overprints (#45-48). Fine to very fine and never hinged. The Op50 (#45) had a few perforation separations. \$256 est./ \$86 sold.
- 1924- Two lots of Syria's overprints (#133-136, 166-169). Both were fine to very fine and never hinged. With a catalogue of \$180, they went for \$25 and \$27.
- 1924- Syria #133 with an inverted surcharge. Fine to very fine with original gum. \$129 est/ \$75 sold.



- 1924- Uruguay #282-284, 15 sets of fine to very fine, all never hinged or with light hinge. \$1235.5 est./ \$100 sold.
- 1924- Two lots of Uruguay #282-284 on yellow paper. Both listed as fine to very fine with a catalogue value of \$225. The never hinged set went for \$190. and the other lot for \$130;
- 1924- Complete set of 8 Art Deco postcards (privately issued at 50¢) with the original presentation folder. \$1000-1250 est./ \$850 sold.
- 1925- Czechoslovakia #b137-B143 with the 5 postcard overprints. B139 has slight hinge remain, otherwise never hinged, fine to very fine. \$291 est./ \$75 sold.
- 1928- Uruguay #388-390 panes of ten stamps listed as fine never hinged. \$450 est./ \$160 sold.
- 1928- Uruguay #388-390 imperforate left margin pair. Very fine except for small crease in the margin. Sold for \$145.
- 1932- U.S. #716 large die proof on white wove paper (716P1a), very fine. \$900 est./ \$2100 sold.
- 1932- U.S. #718-719 large die proofs on white wove paper (718P1a,719P1a), very fine. \$1800 est./ \$4250 sold.
- 1932- U.S. #716 and #718, two panes of 100 each. Perfs touch about half on one #718 sheet, otherwise fine to very fine, never hinged. \$514.40 est./ \$105 sold.
- 1932- U.S. #718-719 lower right corner blocks with plate numbers, never hinged, fine to very fine. \$133 est./ \$44 sold.
- 1936- Two complete booklets with red diagonal bar, one mint and one canceled. Fine, never hinged. \$247 est./ \$160 sold.
- 1948- Korea #85-86 blocks. Fine to very fine, plus single set on F.D.C. \$254 est./ \$105 sold.
- 1948- Monaco #204-208,CB7-CB10 collective proofs sunk on two cards. Very fine. \$150-200 est./ \$135 sold.
- 1948- Peru #C78-C81 imperforate pairs. Very fine and never hinged. \$200-\$300 est./ \$160 sold.
- 1948- Peru #C78-C81 imperforate upper left corner blocks without the red "AERO" overprint. Very fine, never hinged with the lower pairs signed by Trachtenberg. \$300-\$400 est./ \$280 sold.
- 1952- Two lots of Yugoslavia #359-364 imperforate sets, all listed as fine to very fine. Verses a catalogue of \$250, the never hinged set sold for \$85, and the other lot wnet for \$80.
- 1952- Yugoslavia #359-364 imperforate horizontal pairs. Very fine and never hinged. \$500 est./ \$280 sold.
- 1956- Australia #286 sheet of 80, fine to very fine, never hinged. \$480 est./ \$90 sold.
- 1956- Australia #288-291, 80 sets in sheets or blocks. Fine to very fine and never hinged. \$520 est./ \$115 sold.

- 1956- Two lots of Korea's souvenir sheets. The fine to very fine lot was listed at \$200-\$250 and sold for \$325. The other was listed at \$100-\$150 and sold for \$180.
- 1956- Monaco #363 and #364 imperforate progressive trial color proofs in sheets of 25 in the original presentation folder, attached at corners. Very fine and never hinged. \$100-\$150 est./ \$85 sold.
- 1964- Argentina #B45-B46, CB33-CB34 imperforate blocks in unissued colors. Very fine and never hinged. \$200-\$300 est./ \$100 sold.
- 1968- Costa Rica #C486 vertical pair, imperforate between. Fine to very fine and never hinged. Sold for \$56.
- 1968- France #B411-B415 de luxe proofs. Very fine. \$75-\$100 est./ \$62 sold.
- 1972- Germany #B490c uncut sheet of 20 booklet panes. Very fine and never hinged. \$600 est./ \$180 sold.
- 1976- U.S. #1695a-1696a imperforate pair. Very fine and never hinged. \$400-\$500 est./ \$250 sold.
- 1976- Canada #656-657 matched set of imprint blocks. Very fine and never hinged. \$280 est./ \$60 sold.
- 976- Canada #656-657, 10 sets of sheetlets of 8. Very fine and never hinged. \$1400 est./ \$280 sold.
- 1976- Canada #687-688, 24 sets in sheets or blocks. Very fine and never hinged. \$440 est./ \$46 sold.
- 1976- Canada #687-688, 10 sets of sheetlets of 8. Very fine and never hinged. \$1480 est./ \$280 sold.

## *Editorial*

Please note the revised deadlines for ads, articles and columns for each issue on page four (4). Any material received after these dates will be held for a subsequent issue.

A very special thanks to our associate editors for all the fine typing and final copy preparation and editing they do. Without their able assistance I would not be able to get the next issue out at all!!

Dale Lilljedahl (4815 Amesbury, No. 226, Dallas, TX 75206) has joined us as an associate editor in the area of Auction Results. Any member who has auction results of sports and Olympics is requested to send the information to Dale at the above address for coordination.

A membership listing with members collecting interests updated to May 1984 is available from your editor. Please send SASE for a copy.

Last but not least is the Ballot for our election of officers. Please show your support of our organization by voting.

# New Issue Column

## Glenn A. Estus

- ALGERIA: 5/19/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--1 dinar (stylized dove and Olympic rings)
- BAHAMAS: 6/20/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--5c (running), 25c (putting the shot), 31c (boxing), \$1 (basketball).
- BARBADOS: 8/8/84--WORLD CHESS FEDERATION--25c (junior chess match), 45c (knights), 65c (queens), \$2 (castles).
- BARBUDA: 4/26/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--Antigua & Barbuda stamps overprinted "Barbuda Mail"--25c (discus), 50c (female gymnastics), 90c (hurdles), \$3 (cycle racing) plus \$5 s/s (women's volleyball) (Scott #8407-11).
- BELIZE: 4/30/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--25c (rifle shooting), 75c (boxing), \$1 (marathons), \$2 (cycling), \$3 s/s (Discus thrower by Myron).
- BERMUDA: 7/19/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--12c (diver), 30c (runner and high jump), 40c (horse and rider), \$1 (Tornado racing boat).
- BOLIVIA: 3/26/84--SARAJEVO WINTER GAMES--1,000 pesos s/s with 2 stamps (picturing South American Ski Championships of 1948 and Bolivian skier and Olympic rings.).
- BRAZIL: 5/21/84--F.I.F.A.--2115 cr (FIFA emblem and soccer player's legs).
- BR. VIRGIN IS.: 6/11/84--L.A. OLYMPICS-- (se-tenant pairs) 1c (running and winner of race), 20c (wind surfing), 30c (sailing) plus \$1 s/s (Torch and maps) also printed in sheetlets of eight stamps and two labels.
- BULGARIA: 2/19/84--SARAJEVO WINTER GAMES--5 stotinki (slalom), 13st (biathlon), 30st (ice dancing), 42st (ski jumping), 1 lev s/s (ice hockey).
- CAMEROON: 4/30/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--100fr (high jump), 150fr (volleyball), 250fr (team handball), 500fr (cycling).  
6/5/84--EUROPEAN SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS--25fr (two), 500fr (soccer matches)
- CHINA (PRC): 7/28/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--4 fen (marksmanship), 8f (high jump), 8f (weight lifting), 10f (gymnastics), 20f (volleyball), 80f (high dive), 2 yuan s/s (gymnasts holding rings)
- CHINA (REP.): 7/28/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--NT\$2 (judo), NT\$5 (archery), NT\$18 (swimming).
- CHRISTMAS IS.: 7/23/84--CRICKET--30c, 40c, 55c, 85c (cricket scenes).



COMORO IS.: 6/84--LA OLYMPICS--60fr, 100fr, 165fr, 175fr, 200fr plus  
500fr s/s

GONGO: 4/24/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--45fr (judo), 75fr (judo), 150fr  
(wrestling), 175fr (fencing), 350fr, and 500fr s/s (boxing)  
(Scott #C323-8)

Cyprus (Rep.): 6/18/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--3c (running), 4c (column), 13c  
(swimming), 20c (gymnastics), (Scott #627-30)

Cyprus(Turkish): 6/19/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--10 lire (flame) 20 l (rings)  
70 l (logo)

DJIBOUTI: 5/24/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--50fr (marathon), 60fr (high jump),  
80fr (swimming).

FRANCE: 6/4/84--L.A. OLYMPICS AND 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEE  
4 fr (stylized design of athletes)

GABON: 5/31/84--LA OLYMPICS--90fr (basketball), 125fr (3000 m hurdles)

GAMBIA: 3/30/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--60bututs (shot put), 95bu(high jump),  
90bu(wrestling), 1 dalasy (gymnastics), 1.25 dal (swimming),  
2 dal (diving), 5dal s/s (yachting)

GHANA: 7/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--1 cedis (running), 1.40ced(boxing), 2.30ced  
(field hockey), 3 ced (hurdling), 50 ced(girl fencer), 70 ced s/s

GUYANA: 6/11/84--PROVISIONAL--\$1.20 overprint and surcharge on 1982  
Commonwealth games.

ISRAEL: 7/3/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--80 shekalim (dove on winner's stand)  
240s s/s (selling for 350s)

ITALY: 5/12/84--ITALIAN DERBY--250 lire, 400 lire (scenes from derby)

IVORY COAST: 4/21/84--LA OLYMPICS--100fr (swimming), 125 fr (running),  
185fr (rifle shooting), 350fr (fencing), 500fr s/s  
(equestrian).

JAMAICA: 7/9/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--25c (cycling), 45c (relay race),  
\$1.50 (running), \$3 (women running), plus s/s with all values

KAMPUCHEA: 4/20/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--20c (women's discus), 50c (long jump)  
80c (hurdles), 1 riel (relay race), 1.50r (pole vault), 2r  
(javelin), 3r (high jump), 6r s/s (running).

LACS: 1/16/84--SARAJEVO WINTER GAMES--50c (women's figure skating),  
1 kip (speed skating), 2k (biathlon), 4k (luge), 5k (downhill)  
6k (ski jumping), 7k (slalom), 10k (ice hockey) s/s

LIBERIA: 7/2/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--3c (jesse Owens), 4c (Rafer Johnson),  
25c (Miruts Yifter), 41c (Kipchoge Keino), 62c (Cassius Clay)  
plus 1.25 s/s (Wilma Rudolph and other Black gold medal winners)..

MALAWI: 6/1/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--7 tambalas (running), 20t (boxing),  
30t (cycling), 1 kwacha (long jump), 1.57 s/s (all designs).

- MAURITANIA: 6/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--14um (runners), 18um (shot put), 19um (hurdling), 44um (javelin throwing), 77um (high jump) plus 100um s/s (hurdling).
- MONGOLIA: 5/84--L.A. OLYMPICS (?)--20mu (gymnastics), 30mu (cycling), 40mu (weightlifting), 50mu (judo), 60mu (archery), 80mu (boxing), 1.20t (high jump), 4t s/s (wrestling).
- MAURU: 9/21/84--DEFINITIVES--10c (golfer), 50c (fishing), \$1 (tennis)
- NIGERIA: 8/9/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--10k (boxers), 25k (discus throwers), 30k (weight lifting), 45k (cyclists).
- PANAMA: 3/15/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--19c (4) (boxing, basketball, baseball, and swimming).
- PARAGUAY: 3/24/84--SARAJEVO WINTER GAMES--5g (Steve Podborski), 30g (Gaetan Boucher), plus sheetlets of 5-10g stamps and 4 labels of various athletes
- PERU: 3/30/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--500s (target shooting), 750s (hurdles)
- POLAND: 4/84--L.A. OLYMPICS (?)--5zl (men's handball), 6zl (women's slalom), 15zl (cycling), 16zl (fencing), 17zl (Stanislawa Walisiewiczówna--gold medalist), 31zl (Janusz Kusocinski--gold medalist) plus 33z+10zl s/s with 17zl and 31zl with 10zl surcharge.
- PORTUGAL: 6/5/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--35\$00 (fencing), 40\$00 (gymnastics), 51\$00 (running), 80\$00 (pole vault), 100\$00 (hurdles) plus a s/s.
- ROMANIA: 2/20/84--15th BALKAN CHESS GAMES--four 3 leu stamps in a s/s (moves leading to check mate)  
5/25/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--50 bani (high jump), 1 leu (swimming) 1.50 l (running), 3 l (soccer), 4 l (rowing), 5 l (canoeing) 10 l s/s (gymnastics)  
6/7/84--EUROPEAN SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS--two s/s with 4 different 3.leu stamps each (matches and flags of various countries).
- SAN MARINO: 6/14/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--1550 lire s/s (550 l and 1000 l stamps) (Athletes lighting torch)  
6/14/84--MOTOCROSS--450 lire (participant)
- SEYCHELLES: 7/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--50c (long jump), 2 re (boxing), 3 re (swimming), 10re (weightlifting), s/s with all values.  
9/84--WATER SPORTS--50c (subaqua diving), 2 re (paragliding) 3re (sailing), 10 re (water skiing).
- SOLOMON IS.: 7/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--12c (Olympic Runner and Solomon Flag), 25c (Stadium), 50c (Community Center), \$1 (Olympic Stadium)
- SURINAM: 6/13/84--ANCIENT OLYMPICS--2c (running), 3c (javelin, discus, and long jump), 5c (massage), 10c (rubbing with ointment), 15c (wrestling), 20c (boxing), 30c (horse racing), 35c (chariot racing), 45c (Temple of Olympia), 50c (entrance to stadium), 75c (Zeus) plus s/s with 2c, 35c and 75c

TANZANIA: 4/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--1/-, 1/50, 5/-, 10/-, and 15/- s/s

U.S.S.R.: 5/25/84--EUROPEAN JUNIOR SOCCER CUP--15 kop (emblem and buildings)

U.S.A.: 8/17/84--ROBERTO CLEMENTE--20c stamp in American Sports Series  
5/24/84--JIM THORPE--20c stamp in American Sports Series

URUGUAY: 5/2/84--1930 WORLD SOCCER CUP--N\$4.50 (memorial)

WESTERN SAMOA: 6/26/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--25 sene (Olympic Stadium),  
32s (weightlifting), 48s (boxing), 1 tala (running),  
plus s/s with each value.

YUGOSLAVIA: correction--The Sarajevo set issued on 2/8/84 also had  
two 23.70 dinar values that were inadvertently omitted  
in this column: (ski jumping and downhill skiing) (Scott  
#1664-1673)  
4/28/84--SARAJEVO WINNER--23.70 (skier and medal)--saluts  
Jure Franko, silver medalist in giant slalom.  
5/14/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--5 dinar (basketball), 16.50 dinar  
(diving), 23.70 dinar (riding) and 50dinar (running).

ZAMBIA: 7/18/84--L.A. OLYMPICS--12 ngwees(soccer), 25ng (running),  
35 ng (hurdling), 50ng (boxing)

#### Recent Scott Numbers:

May/June report: Andorra(Sarajevo)--160; Anguilla (LA)--559-68--Bar-  
bados(LA)--623-6a--Belgium(LA)--1166, B1029-30--Bhutan(Sarajevo)--408-  
412--Dominica(LA)--822-26--W.GER(LA)--8620-2; Berlin(LA)--9N3213-15;  
Guinea(Sarajevo)--859-65; Maldives(LA)--1015-9; Mozambique(LA)--  
892-7; Turks & Caicos(LA)--619-28; USSR(Sarajevo)--5222-5; Yugo-  
slavia(Sarajevo)--1664-73

July/ August report: C.A.R.(LA)--C292-7; Cook Is. (LA)--779-86;  
Djibouti(Sarajevo)--C190-1; Gabon(Sarajevo)--C262-3; Gibraltar  
(Sports)--461-4; Ivory Coast(Soccer)--708-9; Montserrat(LA)--520-3a;  
Neth. Antilles(Sports)--3216-9a; Niue(LA)--427-31; Norway(Fishing)  
--836-8; Oman(Soccer)254-5; Pakistan(squash)--605; Sierra Leone(LA)  
--614-7; Upper Volta(LA)--C286-91

## NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

### SPI MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

#### New Members:

- 1383R Miss Phyllis J. Brandenburg, 22028 Erica Dr. NE, Aurora,  
OR 97002 USA. She is semi retired and a collector of Olympics.  
(Kobylka)
- 1384R James Inverarity, 401 9th St. SE #307, Minneapolis, MN  
55414 USA. A sociologist specializing in soccer, ice hockey,  
and bandy. (APS)
- 1386R Darwin K. Williams, 16488 Meadow Vista Dr., Pioneer, CA  
95666 USA. He collects Olympic memorabilia. (Money)



- 1387R Van B. Foster, 206 Bronwood Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90049, USA. A collector of Olympic memorabilia. (Money)  
1388R Jay Caldwell, 5324 Keuka Ct., Anchorage, Alaska 99508 USA. A physician with interests in swimming, Nordic Sports, baseball, Winter Olympics, women sports. (Jones)  
1389R Nick Nappi, 6432 Fair Av., N. Hollywood, CA 91606 USA. (Reiss)  
1390R Michael P. Aronstein, 444 Fisher Pond Rd., Yorktown Hgts., NY 10598 USA. A stamp dealer with collecting interest in baseball and football. (Reiss)

#### New Sponsor:

- 1385S Larry Wright, 14703 Benfield, Norwalk, CA 90650 USA. A data processor with specialized interest in 1932 Summer Oly., including memorabilia.

#### Reinstated Member:

- 0432R Harry Johnson, Lake Oswego, OR 97034 USA.

#### New Address:

- Marilyn Savard, 3037 rue LaForest #29, Ste. Foy, Quebec G1W-3L6, Canada.

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APEX '83 Donald G. Beuthel, best topical "Nordic Skiing".  
CEDER RAPIDS third place topical was Marie Gruenewald for "The Olympics".

SPRINGPEX '84, Ilsa Buchheit awarded silver-bronze and ATA silver for "Fencing, Philately Speaking."

Filatelie Fiesta '85 will award new SPI certificates. Write San Jose Stamp Club for a prospectus at Box 21429, San Jose, CA 95131 USA.

#### New Members:

- 1391R Usevolod Foorman, Ckalova str. 119/23, Odessa 270020, USSR. He is fluent only in German and collects Olympics. (Podolsky)  
1392R Bob Weaver, 14 Greglawn Dr., Clifton, NJ 07013, USA.  
He is a carpet cleaner with specialized interest in baseball, football, & ice hockey. (Reiss)  
1393A Dott. Francesco Asaro, Casella Postale 545, 50100 Firenze, Italy. He is fluent in French and English. A general sports collector with special interest in table tennis. (Jones)  
1394R Raymond E. Robinson, Box 123, Port Reading, NJ 07064, USA.  
A part time stamp dealer and general collector with interest in baseball, ice hockey, & lacrosse. (Jones)  
1395R Norman Rushefsky, 277 Bonnie Brae Ave., Rochester, NY 14618, USA. A patent attorney with specialized interest in baseball. (Jones)  
1396R Dave Pikul, NR Stamp Sales, Box 1100, Woodbridge, VA 22193, USA. (Jones)

### New Address:

Roger L. Greene, 5219 85th St., Lubbock, TX 79424 USA

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CIAPEX '84 Carl Grissman bronze, ATA third place for "Olympics". This exhibit also received special award for best Olympic theme.

POLPEX '84 Walenty Polniecki and Kazimierz Kusmin both won silver-bronze award respectively for "Poland: World of Sports" and "History of Polish Sports".

TEXANEX '84 Richard Spies silver for "the State of Liberty" & a bronze for "Mexico, the 19th Olympics".

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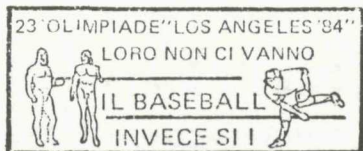
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### HELP WANTED

Dr. Manfred Bergman, 62 quai Gustav-Ador, Geneva, Switzerland inquires whether covers exist for a Chicago's Fair in 1903 or 1904 and whether any 1915 Pan-Pacific dated May 15, 1915 can be found: Also, does anyone know if any covers exist related to the 1936 boycott of the German Olympics? Dr. Bergman is also looking for cacheted covers for the 1980 Moscow boycott.

Johan Jorgen Holst, P. O. Box 8159 Dep., Oslo 1, Norway has an extensive want list of Olympic items. Among other things, he seeks several of the 1960 Winter Olympics machine slogan cancels on covers.

Olympic Baseball cancel submitted by Dino Tognellini



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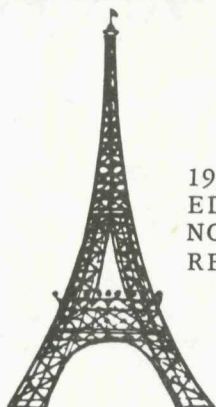
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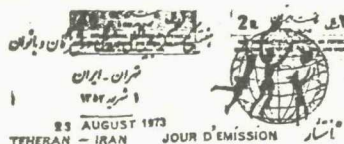
#### INDONESIA

- 1 Bandung  
Translation not  
available  
June 24, 1962



#### IRAN

- 1 Teheran  
7th International  
Congress of Physical  
Education and Sports  
for Girls and Women  
August 23, 1973  
(a) First Day postmark  
for #1719-20



#### ISRAEL

- 1 Bat-Yam  
Sport on Stamps  
Touring Stamp  
Exhibition  
November 1, 1959  
(a) Unofficial postmark



#### ITALY

- 1 Acireale  
International Women's  
Tennis Tournament  
September 12, 1981
- 2 Brescia  
Davis Cup, 1st - 3rd Day  
Italy-Hungary  
June 15-17, 1962



# ITALY

- 3 Catania  
6th International Spring  
Tennis Tournament  
April 8-14, 1968  
(a) Unofficial postmark



- 4 Catania  
9th International Spring  
Tennis Tournament  
April 23, 1971  
Exists for  
(a) April 14, 1968  
(b) April 12, 1969  
(c) April 22, 1972



- 5 Catania  
8th International Spring  
Tennis Tournament  
April 3, 1970



- 6 Lecce  
Italian Under 14  
Tennis Championships  
September 11, 1978



- 7 Macerata  
6th National Championships  
June 14-19, 1976. A.M.T.I.  
Medici Italian Tennis  
Association  
May 24, 1976



- 8 Macerata  
6th National Medici  
Tennis Championship  
June 14, 1976



# ITALY

- 9 Macerata  
7th National Postage  
Stamp Exhibition  
October 8, 1976
- 10 Nicolosi  
International Women's  
Tennis Tournament  
August 14, 1982
- 11 Palermo  
Davis Cup '79  
Italy - Denmark  
March 17, 1979
- 12 Perugia  
Italian Women's  
International Tennis  
May 11, 1980  
(a) Exists for  
May 30, 1981
- 13 Piacenza  
13th National Leisure  
Time Exhibition  
April 5, 1981
- 14 Prague (Czechoslovakia)  
Davis Cup Final  
Czechoslovakia - Italy  
December 5-6-7, 1980  
(a) Italian Tennis  
Federation postmark  
used in Prague





ITALY

- 15 Rastignano  
F.I.T. Women's Tennis  
Tournament  
September 22, 1981



- 16 Reggio Calabria  
Davis Cup  
Italy - Ireland  
March 5, 1983



- 17 Reggio Emilia  
Italy Only Tennis  
Championship  
September 24, 1981



- 18 Riccione  
International Tennis  
Championship  
August 23, 1953



- 19 Rimini  
Italian Tennis  
Championship  
July 22, 1958



- 20 Rome  
International  
Tennis Championship  
1953



ITALY

- 21 Rome  
Interzone Davis  
Cup Final  
Italy - U.S.A.  
October 13, 1961



- 22 Rome C. Corr. Ze  
37th International  
Italian Championships  
May 19, 1980



- 23 Rome (Roma Prati)  
Davis Cup Interzone  
Final  
Italy - Australia  
September 19, 1980



- 24 San Remo  
1st International  
Postal Workers  
Tennis Championship  
September 12-17  
August 24, 1972



- 25 San Remo  
1st International  
Postal Workers  
Tennis Tournament  
September 15, 1972

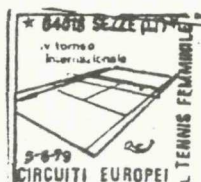


- 26 Senigallia  
International Tennis  
Tournament Grand Prix  
Open 1971  
August 2-8, 1971  
(a) Exists in smaller  
sized rectangle



# ITALY

- 27 Sezze  
4th International Women's  
Tennis Tournament  
European Circuit  
June 5, 1979



- 28 Sezze  
5th International Women's  
Tennis Tournament  
European Circuit  
August 3, 1980



- 29 Sezze  
6th International Women's  
Tennis Tournament  
European Circuit  
August 9, 1981



- 30 Sezze  
7th International Women's  
Tennis Tournament  
European Circuit  
August 1, 1982



- 31 Taranto  
International Women's  
Tennis  
Italsider Circuit  
April 25, 1984



- 32 Torino  
Sporting Club  
Universiade  
Aug. 29 - Sept. 3, 1959

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ITALY

- 33 Torino  
Italian Professional  
Tennis Championships  
November 4, 1959



- 34 Torino  
Italia 61  
International Tennis  
Championship  
May 8, 1961



- 35 Torino  
Universiade 70  
Tennis Competition  
September 4, 1970



- 36 Torino  
1st "City of Torino"  
Sports Philatelic  
Exhibition  
June 13, 1973



- 37 Torino  
Torino Sportsman '80  
Davis Cup Tennis  
June 12, 1980



- 38 Trento  
29th Tennis Tournament  
July 27, 1982

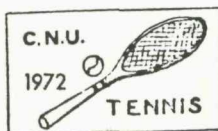


# ITALY

- 39 Trento  
29th Tennis Tournament  
July 27, 1982



- 40 Viareggio  
National University  
Championship - C.N.U.  
1972  
(a) Private marking



- 41 Vigevano  
"Smart" Rubber Footwear  
(address of company)  
December 13, 1934  
(a) Private meter marking



# JAPAN

The postmarks of Japan are listed in chronological order beginning with the earliest known usage depicting tennis. Arranging the postmarks by city as has been used elsewhere in this handbook would be confusing as several cities often use the same handstamp.

- 1 Harupin (Manchuria)  
Founding of the State  
of Manchuria  
August 8, 1934



- 2 Hiroshima  
3rd MacArthur Cup  
Tennis and Table  
Tennis Tournament  
August 6, 1949



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## Section 69--Philippines (Continued) to Poland

### Philippines (Continued)

Sc 915-18; Min 1060-63; Gi 977-80; Mi 762-65; Yt 605-08

Note: 400,000 imperforate sets issued.

1965, December 5 (Sc, Min, and Gi), 28 (Mi). 2nd Asian Cycling Championship, Philippines, Nov. 28-Dec. 5, 1965. Unwkd; P 13 (Yt), 13½ (Sc, Min, and Gi), 13½ x 13 (Mi); lithography (Mi), photogravure (Min and Gi) by Japanese Government Printing Works, Tokyo.

- 21. 6s multicolored (bicyclists and globe) (7,000,000)
- 22. 10s multicolored (same as No. 21) (6,000,000)
- 23. 25s multicolored (same as No. 22) (2,000,000)

Sc 939-41; Min 1088-90; Gi 1008-10; Mi 790-92; Yt 633-35

1965, December 30. Inauguration of President Ferdinand Marcos and Vice-President Fernando Lopez. Unwkd; P 13 (Sc, Min, Mi, and Yt), 13 x 13½ (Gi); No. 16 surcharged "Marcos-Lopez/Inauguration/Dec. 30, 1965" with new value; recess by Japanese Government Printing Works, Tokyo.

- 24. 30s on 30s + 5s blue/gray-lilac (same as No. 16) (350,000)

Sc 943; Min 1095; Gi 1012; Mi 794; Yt 637

1967, January 14. 50th anniversary of Lions International. Wnkd script "Harrison and Sons, London"; imperforate; Nos. 17a-20a overprinted "50th Anniversary/Lions International/1967" and Lions' emblem; designed by Nemesio Dismanlig and Tony T. Chuidian; photogravure by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.

Olympic rings, plus

- 25. 6s gold/blue/brown (same as No. 17)
- 26. 10s gold/pale red/brown (same as No. 18)
- 27. 20s gold/yellow/brown (same as No. 19)
- 28. 30s gold/green/brown (same as No. 20)

Sc 962-65; Min 1119-22; Gi 1036-39; Mi 818-21; Yt 660-63

Note: 310,000 sets issued.

1968, October 12 (Mi), December 8 (Min). 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968, and EFIMEX, Mexico City, Nov. 1-9, 1968. Unwkd; P 14½ (Sieger), 14½ (Mi and Yt); photogravure.

Olympic rings, plus

- 29. 1s rose-carmine/emerald green/black (torch and stamp-on-stamp)
  - a. Imperforate
- 30. 2s multicolored (Olympic and various countries' flags) (300,000)
  - a. Imperforate
- 31. 3s multicolored (map and flags) (300,000)
  - a. Imperforate
- 32. 15s multicolored (torch and "Discobolus") (100,000)
  - a. Imperforate
- 33. 50s multicolored (multicolored x) (same as No. 29)
  - a. Imperforate
- 34. 75s multicolored (same as No. 30) (50,000)
  - a. Imperforate
- 35. 1p multicolored (same as No. 31) (50,000)
  - a. Imperforate
- 36. 2p multicolored (same as No. 32) (10,000)
  - a. Imperforate

Sc ---; Min ---; Gi ---; Mi XVI-XIX, XX-XXIII; Yt 762-54, A72-5



## Philippines (Continued)

1968, October 12 (Mi), December 8 (Min). 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968, and EFTIMEX, Mexico City, Nov. 1-9, 1968. Unwkd; imperforate; souvenir sheet (102 x 76 mm.) containing one of 29 with changed value; photogravure.

Olympic rings, plus

37. 5c rose-carmine/emerald green/black (same as No. 29)

Sc ---; Min ---; Gi ---; Mi XXIV/BI III; Yt ---

1968, October 12 (Mi), December 8 (Min). 19th Olympic Games, Mexico City, Oct. 12-27, 1968, and EFTIMEX, Mexico City, Nov. 1-9, 1968. Unwkd; imperforate with simulated perforation; souvenir sheet (102 x 75 mm.) containing No. 30 with changed value; photogravure.

Olympic rings, plus

38. 10c multicolored (same as No. 30) (2,000)

Sc ---; Min ---; Gi ---; Mi XXV/BI IV; Yt ---

1970, November 22. Philatelic Week, Nov. 22-28, 1970. Wwkd script "Harrison & Sons, London"; P 14½ (Yt), 14½ x 14 (Sc, Min, and Gi), 15 x 14 (Mi); No. 17 overprinted "1970 Philatelic Week"; designed by Nemesio Disanlig and Tony T. Chuidian; photogravure by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.

Olympic rings, plus

39. 10c on 6c gold/blue/brown (same as No. 17) (5,820,000)

Sc 1079; Min 1254; Gi 1174; Mi 945; Yt 803

1972, November 15. 20th Olympic Games, Munich, Aug. 26-Sept. 12, 1972. Unwkd; P 12½ x 13½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt), 12 3/4 x 13½ (Mi); photogravure by John Enschede and Sons, Amsterdam.

40. 5s multicolored (torch and emblem of 20th Olympic Games) (1,000,000)

41. 10s multicolored (same as No. 40) (5,000,000)

42. 70c multicolored (same as No. 40) (1,000,000)

Sc 1163-65; Min 1357-59; Gi 1272-74; Mi 1037-39; Yt 899-901

## Pitcairn Islands

1966, August 1. 8th World Cup Soccer Championship, Wembley, July 11-30, 1966. Wwkd multiple St. Edward's crown and "CA"; P 14; designed by Victor Whiteley; lithography (Min and Gi); photogravure (Mi) by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., London.

1. 4p multicolored (Rimet Cup and soccer player)

2. 2sh/6p multicolored (same as No. 1)

Sc 60-1; Min 59-60; Gi 57-8; Mi 60-1; Yt 59-60

Note: Withdrawn on Oct. 31, 1966.

## Poland

1939, February 1 (Min), 6 (Sc, Gi, and Mi). International Ski Meet, Zakopane, Feb. 11-19, 1939. Unwkd; P 12½ (Sc and Yt), 12½ x 12 3/4 (Mi), 12½ x 13 (Min and Gi); designed by W. Boratynski; engraved by M. Dutczynski; recess by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

1. 15g red-brown (skier) (1,050,000)

2. 25g brownish violet (same as No. 1) (1,010,000)

3. 30g carmine (same as No. 1) (1,000,000)

4. 55g ultramarine (same as No. 1) (500,000)

Sc 335-38; Min 462-65; Gi 353-56; Mi 351-54; Yt 422-25

1947, February 21 (Sc, Gi, and Mi), 22 (Min and Schmidt and Schneider). 22nd National Ski Championship, Zakopane, Feb. 22-26, 1947. Unwkd; P 12½; Sc 394 surcharged; designed by J. Grubecki; photogravure by State Printing Office, Góznak (Moscow).

Poland (Continued)

5. 5z + 15z on 25g carmine (Bl) (design not pertinent) (148,900--Mi and Trachtenberg, 170,000--Landmans)
- Inverted overprint
  - Orange-red
  - Inverted overprint on orange-red
  - Double print of basic stamp

Sc B54; Min 574; Gi 576; Mi 452; Yt 481

Note: Postally valid through Mar. 21, 1947.

1948, May 1 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), 2 (Schmidt and Schneider). 1st International Peace Bicycle Race--Warsaw-Prague-Berlin, May 1-9, 1948. Unwkd; P 10 3/4 (Mi), 11 (Sc, Min, and Gi); designed by T. Gronowski; photogravure and lithography (blue portion only) by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

6. 15z carmine/blue (bicycle wheel) (2,215,050)
- Overprinted "Groszy"

Sc 419; Min 633; Gi 615; Mi 486; Yt 514

Notes: (a) Two routes were raced simultaneously--Warsaw to Prague (872 km.) and Prague to Warsaw (1,104 km.). (b) Poland was the team winner; Prosinek and Zoric of Yugoslavia were the individual winners.

1948, June 22. Polish Merchant Marine. Unwkd; P 10 3/4, 11 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt); designed by T. Gronowski; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

7. 35z slate (racing yacht (General Zaruski"))
- Overprinted "Groszy"

Sc 422; Min 639; Gi 621; Mi 492; Yt 520

Notes: (a) 200,000 (Trachtenberg), 210,750 (Mi) sets issued. (b) Postally valid through June 29, 1948.

1948, June 22. 7th Circuit of Poland Bicycle Race, June 22-July 4, 1948. Unwkd; P 10 3/4 (Mi), 11 (Sc, Min, Gi, Mi, and Yt); designed by N. Jarczewska and K. Witkowski; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

- 3z gray-blue (cyclists) (211,600)
- 6z brown (same as No. 8) (211,950)
- 15z green (same as No. 9) (211,700)

Sc 423-25; Min 634-36; Gi 616-18; Mi 487-89; Yt 515-17

Notes: (a) Exist overprinted "Groszy". (b) Postally valid through July 4, 1948.

1951, September 8. 1st National Spartacist Games. Unwkd; P 10 3/4 - 13 3/4 (Mi), 12½ (Sc and Gi), 12½ x 12 3/4 (Mi), 14 x 11 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt); designed by E. Konecki; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

11. 45g green (flag and sports emblem) (2,000,000)

Sc 521; Min 765; Gi 717; Mi 705; Yt 619

Note: Postally valid through May 31, 1952.

1952, April 25 (Sc, Gi, Mi, and Halm and Kobylanski) 30 (Min). 5th International Peace Bicycle Race, Warsaw-Berlin-Prague, Apr. 30-May 13, 1952. Unwkd; P12½ (Min, Gi, Mi, and Yt), 13½ (Sc); designed by P. Swiatkowski and K. Maleszewski; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

12. 40g dark blue (cyclists) (1,070,000)

Sc 547; Min 794; Gi 745; Mi 735; Yt 640

Note: Postally valid until Nov. 30, 1953.

Poland (Continued)

1952, June 21 (Sc, Gi, and Mi), 22 (Min). Sports Day. Unwkd; P 12½ (Gi and Yt), 12½ x 13 (Mi), 13 (Sc and Min); designed by P. Swiatkowski; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

13. 1.15z blue-green (runners) (510,000)
14. 1.20z carmine-rose (women's gymnastics--uneven parallel bars) (4,250,000)
15. 30g + 15g pale blue (swimming) (510,000)
16. 45g + 15g violet (soccer and trophy) (1,010,000)

Sc 545-46, B75-6; Min 810-13; Gi 760, 761, 758, 759; Mi 752, 753, 750, 751; Yt 656, 657, 654, 655

Note: Postally valid until Nov. 30, 1953.

1952, June 28 (Sc, Gi, and Mi), 29 (Min). Shipbuilder's Day, 1952. Unwkd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt), 12½ x 13 (Mi); designed by B. Brandt; engraved by M. R. Polak; recess by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

17. 30g + 15g blue-green (yachts) (531,000)

Sc B77; Min 814; Gi 762; Mi 754; Yt 658

Note: Postally valid until Nov. 30, 1953.

1952, August 23. Aviation Day, Aug. 23, 1952. Unwkd; P 12½; designed by S. Lukaszewski (No. 18) and E. Konecki (No. 19); engraved by S. Lukaszewski (No. 18) and B. Brandt (No. 19); recess by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

18. 90g blue (parachutists) (1,022,000)
19. 30g + 15g green (glider) (3,084,000)

Sc 557, B86; Min 832, 830; Gi 780, 778; Mi 772, 770; Yt 677, 675

Note: Postally valid until Nov. 30, 1953.

1953, April 30. 6th International Peace Bicycle Race, Warsaw-Berlin-Prague. Unwkd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt), 12 3/4 (Mi); designed by C. Kaczmarczyk; recess (Min), photogravure (Sc, Gi, and Mi) by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

20. 80g green-brown (bicyclists and arms of Warsaw) (3,397,000)
21. 80g brownish carmine (bicyclists and arms of Berlin) (100,000)
22. 80g black blue-green (bicyclists and arms of Prague) (3,350,000)

Sc 570-72; Min 858-60; Gi 807, 806, 808; Mi 799-801; Yt 703-05

Note: East Germany was the team winner; Pedersen of Denmark was the individual winner.

1953, May 17. European Boxing Championship, May 17-24, 1953. Unwkd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, and Gi), 12½ x 12 3/4 (Mi), 12½ x 13 (Yt); designed by L. Jagodzinski (Nos. 23 and 24) and C. Borowczyk (No. 25); photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

23. 40g carmine-brown (boxer) (1,596,000)
24. 80g brown-orange (same as No. 23) (110,000)
25. 95g dark violet-brown (boxing match) (5,170,000)

Sc 575-77; Min 861-63; Gi 809-11; Mi 802-04; Yt 706-08

Note: Poland won the team title, five firsts, and two seconds.

1953, December 31. Winter sports. Unwkd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt), 12½ x 12 3/4 (Nos. 1 and 3--Mi), 12 3/4 x 12½ (No. 2--Mi); designed by J. Rajewski (No. 26), H. Przewdzicka (No. 27), and T. Gronowski (No. 28); lithography by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

26. 80g blue (woman figure skater) (2,960,000)
27. 95g bluish green (cross country skier) (4,900,000--Mi, 5,100,000--Seebacher)
28. 2.85z brownish carmine (ice hockey player) (200,000)

Sc 602-04; Min 901-03; Gi 838-40; Mi 831-33; Yt 733-35



Poland (Continued)

1954, April 29. 7th International Peace Bicycle Race, Warsaw-Berlin-Prague, May 2-17, 1954. Unwmd; P 12 x 11½ (Mi), 12½ (Yt), 12½ x 12 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi); designed by H. Przewdzicka; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

- 29. 80g brown ("Peace" uniting three capitals) (1,001,000)
- 30. 80g dark blue (dove, olive branch, and wheel) (756,000)
  - a. P 12½ x 11 (Gi)

Sc 620-21; Min 915-16; Gi 852-53; Mi 845-46; Yt 747-48

Note: Czechoslovakia was the team winner; Dalgaard of Denmark the individual.

1954, May 31 (Sc and Mi), June 13 (Schmidt and Schneider), 30 (Min and Gi). International Glider Championship, Leszno, July 15-27, 1954. Unwmd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt), 12 3/4 x 12½ (Mi); designed by C. Kaczmarczyk; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

- 31. 45g dark green (glider and clouds) (5,620,000)
- 32. 60g bluish violet (glider and flags) (710,000)
- 33. 60g brown (same as No. 32) (5,530,000)
- 34. 1.35z blue (glider and blue clouds) (10,710,000)
  - a. Light blue (white clouds)

Sc 624-27; Mi 920-23; Gi 856-59; Mi 851-54; Yt 751-54

Notes: (a) Catalogue numbers assigned to No. 34a: Min 923a; Gi 859a; Yt 755. (b) Team results: (1) Poland, (2) Russia, (3) Czechoslovakia; individual results: (1) E. Makula (Poland), (2) Mezo (Hungary), (3) Popiel (Poland).

1954, July 13 (Gi), 17 (Sc, Min, and Mi). 2nd National Spartacist Games, July 17-25, 1954. Unwmd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, and Gi), 12½ x 12 3/4 (No. 35--Mi), 12 3/4 x 12½ (Nos. 36 and 37--Mi); designed by L. Jagodzinski (Nos. 35 and 36) and H. Przewdzicka (No. 37); photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

- 35. 25g brown-violet (fencing) (1,530,000)
- 36. 50g greenish blue (gymnastics--parallel bars) (10,730,000)
- 37. 1z dark violet-ultramarine (relay) (510,000)

Sc 628-30; Min 930-32; Gi 855-58; Mi 861-63; Yt 756-58

1954, July 17. 2nd National Spartacist Games, July 17-25, 1954 (second issue). Unwmd; P 12 (Sc, Mi, and Yt), 12 x 12½ (Min and Gi); designed by K. Mann, photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

- 38. 60g orange-brown/dark red-brown (man and woman javelin throwers) (1,340,000)
- 39. 1.55z dark gray-blue/black/green-blue (same as No. 38) (550,000)

Sc 631-32; Min 933-34; Gi 869-70; Mi 864-65; Yt 759-60

1955, April 25. 8th International Peace Bicycle Race, Warsaw-Berlin-Prague. Unwmd; P 12 (Sc), 12½ (Min and Gi), 12½ x 12 3/4 (Mi), 13 (Yt); designed by C. Kaczmarczyk and S. Jasinski; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

- 40. 50g black-blue (arms and bicycle wheels) (810,000)
- 41. 60g blue (three doves above road) (10,690,000)

Sc 680-81; Min 978-79; Gi 920-21; Mi 905-06; Yt 800-01

1955, July 20. 13th International Motor Cycle Race in Tatra Mountains, July 1-20 (Schmidt and Schneider), Aug. 7-9 (Sc), 1955. Unwmd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt), 12½ x 12 3/4 (Mi); designed by J. Wosnicki; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

- 42. 40g dark sienna (motorcyclists) (800,000)
- 43. 60g dark green (same as No. 42) (10,536,700)

Sc 693-94; Min 1001-02; Gi 933-34; Mi 928-29; Yt 821-22

Poland (Continued)

1955, July 27. 2nd International Youth Friendship Games, Warsaw, Aug. 1-14, 1955. Unwmd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), 13 (Yt); designed by W. Karolkiewicz; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

44. 20g black-brown (athletes shaking hands) (1,130,000--Mi, 1,330,000--Seebacher)
  - a. Imperforate (200,000)
45. 40g black-lilac (hammer throw) (2,190,000--Mi, 2,390,000--Seebacher)
  - a. Imperforate (200,000)
46. 60g gray-blue (stadium) (5,160,000--Mi, 5,360,000--Seebacher)
  - a. Imperforate (200,000)
47. 1z orange-red (basketball) (7,800,000--Mi, 8,000,000--Seebacher)
  - a. Imperforate (200,000)
48. 1.35z brown-violet (rowing) (6,820,000--Mi, 7,020,000--Seebacher)
  - a. Imperforate (190,340)
49. 1.55z blue-green (swimming) (280,000--Mi, 480,000--Seebacher)
  - a. Imperforate (200,000)

Sc 699-704; Min 1007-12; Gi 939-44; Mi 934-39; Yt 827-32

1956, March 3 (Schmidt and Schneider), 7 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi). 11th Student World Winter Sport Championship, Mar. 7-13, 1956. Unwmd; P 11 (Nos. 2 and 3--Mi), 11 (Yt), 12½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), 13 (Yt); designed by C. Kaczmarczyk; lithography (Min and Gi), photogravure (Sc) by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

Snowflake, plus

50. 20g black/pale ultramarine (ice skates) (290,000)
51. 40g dark violet-blue/green (ice hockey sticks) (4,900,000)
52. 60g red-lilac/bright violet (skis) (9,730,000)

Sc 724-26; Min 1029-31; Gi 959-61; Mi 956-58; Yt 852-54

1956, April 25. 9th International Peace Bicycle Race, Warsaw-Berlin-Prague, May 1-15, 1956. Unwmd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt), 12 3/4 x 12½ (Mi); designed by H. Przewdzicka; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

53. 40g dark blue (cyclist) (310,000--Mi, 10,520,000--Seebacher)
54. 60g dark green (same as No. 53) (1,020,000--Seebacher, 11,230,000--Mi)
  - a. Exists imperforate (Min)

Sc 727-28; Min 1037-38; Gi 967-68; Mi 964-65; Yt 855-56

Note: Individual winner: Krolak (Poland)

1956, November 2. 16th Olympic Games, Melbourne, Nov. 22-Dec. 8, 1956. Unwmd; P 11½; designed by C. Kaczmarczyk; engraved by E. Konecki (No. 55), S. Lukaszewski (No. 56), M. R. Polak (No. 57), B. Brandt (No. 58), C. Slania (No. 59), and I. J. Miller (No. 60); recess with lithographed frames by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

Olympic rings, plus

55. 10g dark blue-gray/pale brown (fencer) (4,827,400)
56. 20g olive-brown/black-violet (boxer) (5,355,000)
  - a. Inverted center
57. 25g cobalt/black (sculling) (2,541,000)
58. 40g blue-green/dark carmine-brown (steeplechase runner) (5,548,200)
59. 60g red-lilac/dark brown-olive (javelin) (5,073,000)
  - a. Imperforate (Seebacher)
60. 1.55z violet/sepia (woman gymnast) (840,000)

Sc 750-55; Min 1060-65; Gi 989-94; Mi 984-89; Yt 871-76

Note: Nos. 55-60 exist in small proof sheets (98 x 144 mm., arranged 3 x 2), imperforate and without gum; overprinted "WZOG" ("specimen") and "400 Years of Polish Philately, 1558-1958" (Wasserman).

Poland (Continued)

1956, December 12. Victor in 16th Olympic Games, Melbourne, Nov. 22-Dec. 8, 1956. Unwkd; P 11½; designed by C. Kaczmarczyk; engraved by I. J. Miller; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

Olympic rings, plus

61. 1.55z orange-brown (woman long jumper-Elzbieta Krzensinska-Dunska) (1,113,000)

Sc 756; Min 1066; GI 995; MI 994; Yt 877

1957, January 18. Fifty years of skiing in Poland. Unwkd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, GI, and Yt), 12 3/4 (MI); designed by J. Konczak; lithography (Sc), photogravure (Min, GI, and MI) by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

Snowflake, plus

62. 40g blue (skier) (2,020,000)

63. 60g bluish green (ski jumper) (2,040,000)

64. 1z bright violet (skier) (535,000)

Sc 758-60; Min 1068-70; GI 997-99; MI 995-97; Yt 882-42

1957, March 22. 12th anniversary of death of skiers Bronislaw Czech and Hanna Marusarzowna in World War II. Unwkd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, GI, and Yt), 12 3/4 (MI); designed by S. Gospodarek; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

65. 60g dark brown (downhill skier) (330,000)

66. 60g dark blue (same as No. 65) (1,770,000)

Sc 764-65; Min 1075-76; GI 1003-04; MI 1002-03; Yt 888-89

1957, April 20. World Youth Fencing Championship, Warsaw, Apr. 20-3, 1957. Unwkd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, GI, and Yt), 12 3/4 (MI); designed by J. Konczak (No. 67) and S. Jasinski (Nos. 68 and 69); photogravure in sheets of one hundred (10 x 10) by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

67. 40g violet (sword, foil; and saber on world map) (1,040,000)

68. 60g carmine-red (fencer facing right) (6,800,000)

69. 60g ultramarine (fencer facing left) (6,800,000)

Sc 766-68; Min 1079-81; GI 1006-08; MI 1005-07; Yt 890-92

Note: Nos. 68 and 69 were printed in horizontal se-tenant pairs.

1957, May 4. 10th International Peace Bicycle Race, Prague-Berlin-Warsaw. Unwkd; P 12½ (Sc and Yt), 12½ x 13 (Min and GI), 12 3/4 (MI); designed by S. Szymanski; photogravure by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

70. 60g bright ultramarine (bicycle wheel and carnation) (2,918,000)

71. 1.50z lilac-red (cyclist) (5,050,000)

Sc 777-78; Min 1095-96; MI 1017-18; MI 1015-16; Yt 900-01

1958, June 14 (Min, GI, and MI), 15 (Schmidt and Schneider), August 14 (Sc). 7th International Glider Championship, Leszno, June 15-28, 1958. Unwkd; P 12½ (Sc and Yt), 12½ x 13 (Min and GI), 12 3/4 (MI); designed by G. Desselberger; lithography by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

72. 60g green-blue/black (stylized glider and cloud) (8,570,000)

73. 2.50z lilac-green/black (same as No. 72, but reversed) (1,750,000)

Sc 816-17; Min 1146-47; GI 1058-59; MI 1058-59; Yt 935-36

1959, January 3. Unwkd; P 12½ (Sc, Min, and GI), 12½ x 13 (Yt), 12 3/4 (MI); designed by J. Macierewicz; lithography (Min), photogravure (Sc, GI, and MI) by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

74. 40g pale greenish blue/violet-blue (sailing) (5,440,000)

75. 60g salmon/dark brown-carmine (women's archery) (5,510,000)

76. 95g green/violet-purple (soccer) (1,110,000)

77. 2z pale bluish green/dark blue-green (riding) (5,170,000)



Poland (Continued)

Sc 835-38; Min 1169-72; Gi 1080-83; Mi 1086-89; Yt 952-55

1960, March 21. Centenary of Polish postage stamp. Wnkd multiple post horns; P 11½ x 11; designed by A. Balcerzak; lithograph and recess (Sc and Gi), photogravure and lithography (Mi and Seebacher) in sheets of forty by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

78. 60g gray-violet/black/dark blue (No. 1 with special FIS cancel) (3,000,000)

Sc 910; Min 1235; Gi 1146; Mi 1152; Yt 1027

1960, June 15. 17th Olympic Games, Rome, Aug. 25-Sept. 11, 1960; Polish victories in Olympic Games since 1924. Unwnkd; P 12 x 12½ (Sc and Yt), 12 x 13 (Min and Gi), 12½ x 12 3/4 (Mi); designed by Stefan Malecki; lithography and embossed in se-tenant (Nos. 79-82 and 83-6) sheets of sixty (6 x 10) by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

Olympic rings, plus

79. 60g greenish blue/black (G) (discus--Halina Kanopacka, 1928) (2,523,000)

a. Imperforate

80. 60g carmine-lilac/black (G) (10,000-meter run--Janusz Kusocinski, 1932) (2,523,000)

a. Imperforate

81. 60g pale blue-violet/black (S) (4000-meter pursuit cycling--Polish team, 1924) (2,523,000)

a. Imperforate

82. 60g dark blue-green/black (S) (3-day steeplechase--Kulesza, Rojcewicz, and Kawecki, 1936) (2,523,000)

a. Imperforate

83. 2.50z violet-blue/black (trumpeter--Truski, 1948) (2,882,500)

a. Imperforate

84. 2.50z pale brown/black (G) (boxing--Zygmunt Chychla, 1952) (2,882,500)

a. Imperforate

85. 2.50z orange-red/black (Olympic flame) (2,822,500)

a. Imperforate

86. 2.50z emerald green/black (G) (woman long jumper--Elzbieta Kasesinka-Dunska) (2,882,500)

a. Imperforate

Sc 914-21; Min 1240-47; Gi 1160-67; Mi 1166-73; Yt 1031-38

Notes: (a) Each block of four se-tenant stamps depicts a complete running track in its background. (b) 300,000 imperforate sets issued.

1961, February 1. 1st Winter Spartacist Games of Friendly Armies. Wnkd multiple post horns; P 12 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt), 12 x 12½ (Mi); designed by J. Grabinsky; lithography by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

87. 40g pale blue-violet/black-yellow (hockey) (1,150,000)

88. 60g multicolored (ski jump) (1,002,000)

89. 1z multicolored (soldiers on skis) (300,000)

90. 1.50z multicolored (slalom) (1,032,000)

Sc 969-72; Min 1294-97; Gi 1216-19; Mi 1221-24; Yt 1085-88

1961, August 18. 6th European Canoe Championship, Poznan, Aug. 18-20, 1961. Wnkd multiple post horns; P 12 x 12½ (Yt), 12½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi); designed by R. Dudzicki; lithography by State Printing Office, Warsaw.

"E", plus

91. 40g multicolored (canoe race start) (1,690,000)

a. Imperforate

92. 60g multicolored (four-man canoes) (1,715,000)

a. Imperforate

93. 2.50z multicolored (paddle and Polish flag) (500,000)

a. Imperforate

Sc 1006-08; Min 1334-36; Gi 1246-48; Mi 1254-56; Yt 1117-19

Note: 400,000 imperforate sets issued.

1962, February 14. World Ski Championship, Zakopane. Unwnkd; P 12; designed by Stefan Toepfer; lithography and embossed by State Printing Office, Warsaw.