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"SUPER SUNDAY" COVERS (UPDATED)

By

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Super Bowl XIX took place at Stanford Stadium on the campus of Stanford University in Palo Alto, California on January 20, 1985. The anticipated shoot out between the NFL's best teams, Miami's Dolphins and the San Francisco Bay Area's Forty-Niners lasted a little more than one quarter. At that point, a fired up Forty-Niners (switched to a four man front) and a scrambling Joe Montana turned the game into a rout. A Forty-Niner miscue just before the half brought the Dolphins within 12 points (28-16), but that was as close as they would get. From that point it was all Forty-Niners as they won convincingly 38-16.

While the players, coaches, media and league officials were preparing for the Super XIX game, another group of pros was also gearing up for the big event. Palo Alto postmaster, Johnny Y. Maeda, and his veteran team had already prepared a ten-page booklet welcoming philatelists and collectors. The booklet includes descriptions of the covers and souvenir cards offered, along with area maps, an autograph page and general information. It certainly seemed appropriate to have this related item cancelled. (Figure 1)

Among the philatelic products offered was a set of three (3) covers and two (2) cards. The covers had different cachets, one for both teams and one for each team. The Forty-Niner cover is shown in (Figure 2). The pictorial Super XIX cancel was used and three (3) different ink colors were used. Black for both teams, blue appropriate for the National Conference Forty-Niners and red appropriate for the American Conference Dolphins. The souvenir cards were single and multi-colored printings with black cancels (Figure 3).

Special pictorial Super Bowl cancels became available at Super Bowl XVI (The Forty-Niners previous victory). In the past they have been available either at the stadium (inside) or thru the mails. This

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arrangement made it difficult for those without game tickets to service special items such as programs, media releases, social invitation and ticket stubs which were not supposed to be handled thru the mails. This year the postal stations were outside the gates and many collectors without tickets took advantage.

Although this year's device was smaller than the previous years, it was still large and presented problems for combination, multi-cancelled and previously autographed cover collectors. Postmaster Maeda made the standard Palo Alto double circle plug (registry type) cancel available to collectors with special needs. I intend to write the postmaster of New Orleans (site of Super Bowl XX) and suggest two devices be offered in the future. A bullseye football shaped device was available along with the pictorial cancel at Super Bowl XVI.

My two favorite covers from this year's game are shown in (Figures 4 and 5). Winning Forty-Niner coach Bill Walsh autographed one cover and the other is a multiple (triple) cancelled cover which includes the pictorial cancel, Palo Alto plug cancel and the San Francisco airport branch cancel. For those of you in need of San Francisco cancels at odd hours (we arrived at 11:15 PM), the airport branch is open seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day.

Earlier I mentioned Postmaster Maeda and his team were veterans and handled the situation very effectively. The same team had participated in the 1984 Summer Games during the soccer venue some of which was also held at Stanford stadium. Johnny presented me with a very interesting cover from the soccer program. The cacheted envelope contains both Postmaster Maeda's corner card (rubber stamp) and his autograph (Figure 6). The football station cancel is in two colors, red and blue. It appears as though it was a single device and the two different or a special ink pad was used. I suspect many of SPI's Olympic specialists are well aware of this two-tone cancel. Was it available at all venues?

Getting back to my kind of football, Super Bowl XIX seemed to be a great success for collectors thanks to the Palo Alto post office team. They certainly tried very hard to accommodate collectors and it was obvious a fair amount of planning preceded the big day. The author is still very interested in obtaining information on Super Bowl covers for the first six (6) games. Drop me a line if you have any information.



SUPER BOWL

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Figure 1

Cover of U.S.P.S. booklet distributed at the game site cancelled at San Francisco airport branch after the game.

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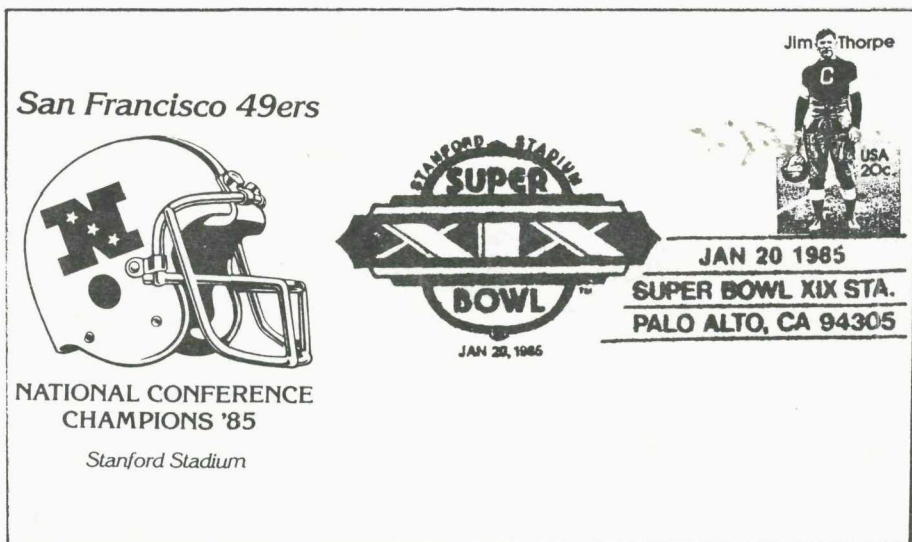


Figure 2

U.S.P.S. NFC champions cacheted envelope. The cancel was blue on the 49ers cover.

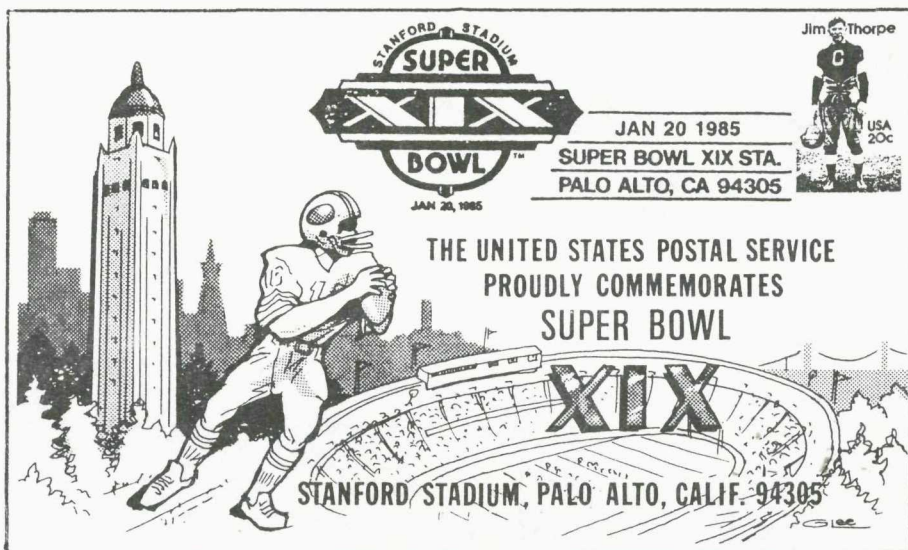


Figure 3

U.S.P.S. SUPER BOWL XIX Souvenir Card

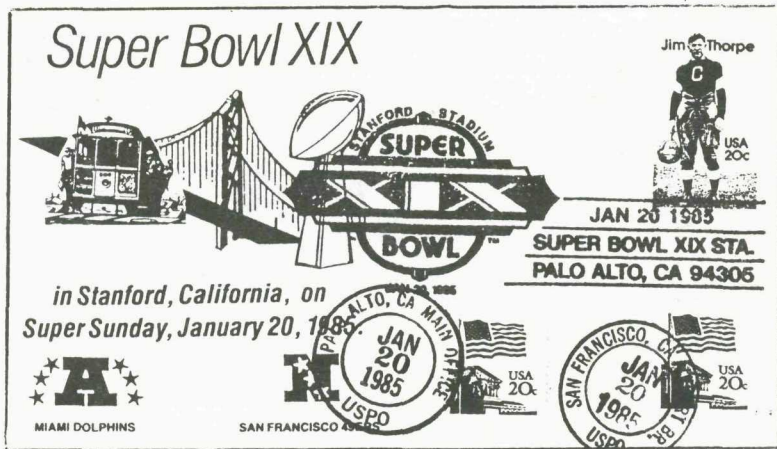


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Triple cancel Super Bowl XIX cover (pictorial, Palo Alto and SFO airport branch)

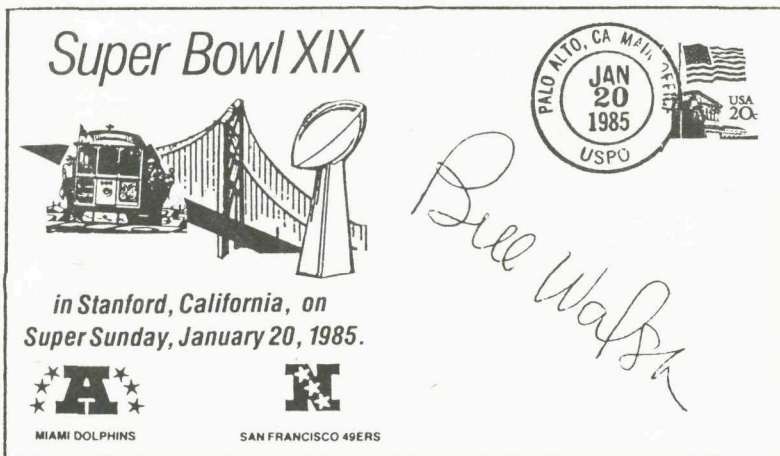


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Cover autographed by winning 49er coach Bill Walsh

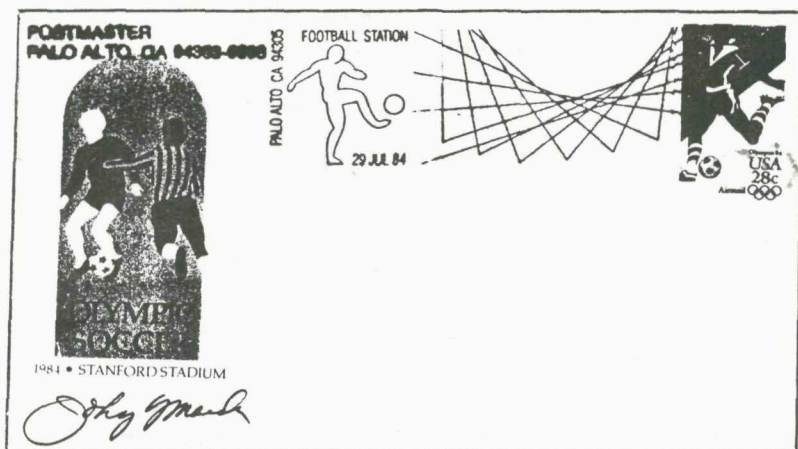
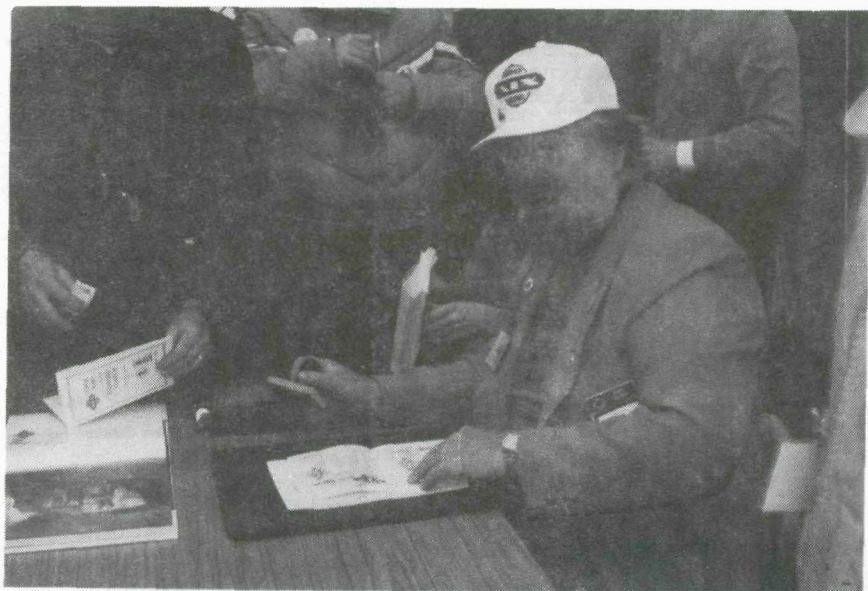


Figure 6

1984 Olympic soccer venue cover with red/blue cancel with postmaster Johnny Maeda's corner card and autograph



Postal worker Bob Bush canceling Super Bowl memorabilia and covers for a standing room only crowd of Super Bowl XIX fans and collectors

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HELSINKI'S OLYMPIC STADIUM

by Ossi Virtanen

(Edited by George Scheffel and Sherwin Podolsky)

When the International Olympic Committee decided in 1938 to move the 1940 Olympic Games from Tokyo to Helsinki it caused great national rejoicing in this small but sportsminded country. Earlier, in 1936, there had been great disappointment when the XIIth Olympiad was awarded to Tokyo.

The IOC decision in 1938 effected not only a great pleasure but produced a large variety of products which were sold to advertise the Games at home and abroad. The money realized was used for organizing and preparing for the Games.

The two covers illustrated (figures A & B) are examples of the philatelic promotions used for the fund-raising efforts.

One cover, (figure A), shows runners and athletes engaged in Track and Field, which is the most popular sport in Finland in summer. The pictures were taken at some unidentified national tournament. The reverse shows the various events at the meet.

The other cover, (figure B), shows the Olympic Stadium on the front side and views of public buildings on the reverse. The lower photo on the back shows "The White House" of Finland, the official residence of the President. The left-hand photo shows the main post office. The top picture is that of the Airport Terminal. The photo on the right shows the long distance Bus Terminal. All the buildings are in Helsinki.

The envelopes were printed by private enterprises in unlimited quantities. The covers were used from 1938 to about 1945 and there are at least two varieties of covers with the stadium on the front but showing different buildings on the back. The censor's markings on many covers tell that they were used during the war.

Obviously, instead of the Olympic Games, Finland had to fight for its freedom, independence and its very existence against the Russian invasion from November of 1939 to March 1940 and again from Autumn 1941 until the Autumn of 1944. However, we are still living as a free nation even though the price was exceedingly high. Finland proudly became host to the XVth Olympiad in 1952.

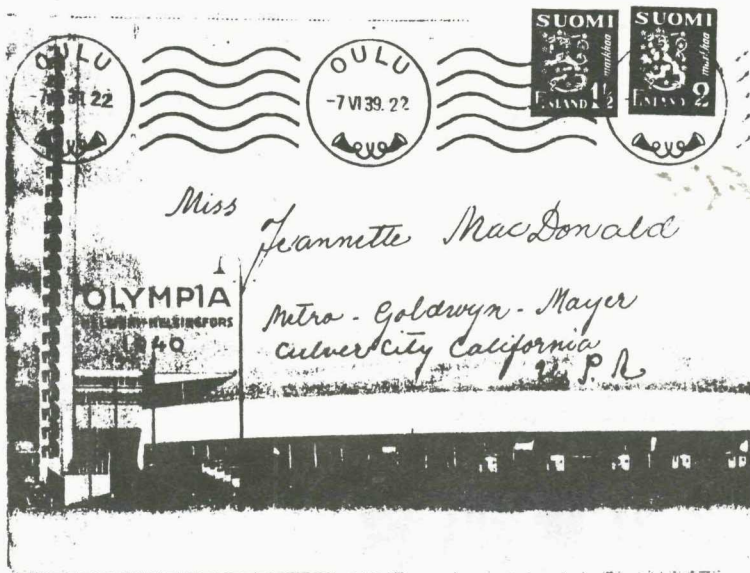


Figure B (front)

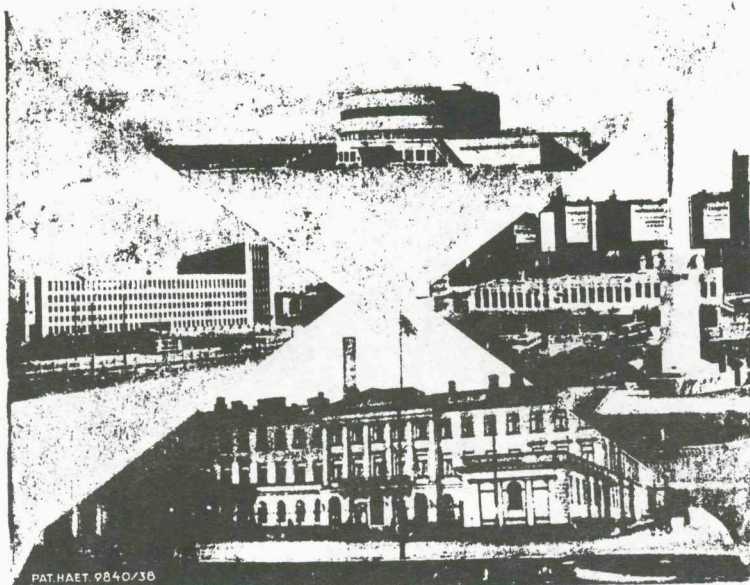
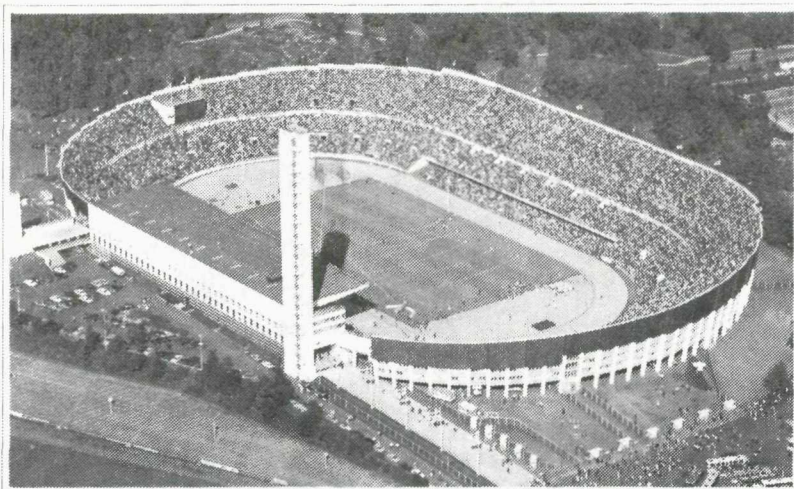


Figure B (reverse)

The Olympic Stadium in Helsinki, (figure C), is owned by a foundation which was set up in 1927. Construction began in 1934 and the official opening took place June 12 1938. During the Games of 1952 additions were made so that it seated 70,000. The additions were removed at the close of the Games and the stadium today holds 50,000 spectators.

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Figure C

The stadium was designed in the early 1930s by two prominent architects, Yrjo Lindegren and Toivo Jantti. At the 1948 Olympic Games in London, Lindegren won a gold medal in the architectural branch of the arts.

More than 1800 events have been held since it was opened in 1938, among them world championships and European championships in track and field, gymnastics, speed skating, football (soccer) and other disciplines.

The stadium is a well equipped sports center with indoor facilities for virtually every sport including boxing, basketball, volleyball and table tennis. Dance groups also use its spacious halls and the Tartan track under the main stand provides sprinters and hurdlers with excellent winter training facilities. Rent income for use of the facilities has played an important part in the stadium's operating costs.

The most important event in its proud history was, of course, the XVth Olympiad held 19 July to 3 August 1952. 4,925 athletes from 69 countries took part and the Olympic flame was brought into the stadium by that King of Runners, 55-year-old Paavo Nurmi.

The stadium is 243 meters long and 159 meters wide and has 56 entrance aisles. The tower stands 72 meters high and several articles I have seen report that the tower was planned at this height because the world record in the javelin throw was almost the same distance. It was held by Matti Jarvinen of Finland who also won a gold medal at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1932.

The covers illustrated are not rare but are less commonly seen as time goes by. Although the paper seems of good quality, the covers are found usually handled roughly and have bent corners and tops ripped unevenly. Censor markings are an added interest. The machine publicity slogan Olympic cancel (figure D) on these covers is a valuable plus but this combination somehow is rarely seen.



THE SEOUL OLYMPIC STAMP PROGRAM*

by Ward H. Nichols

The 24th Olympic Games will be held in Seoul from September 17 through October 2, 1988. The government of the Republic of Korea has already initiated an ambitious philatelic program to publicize the games.

The Ministry of Communications will issue eight stamps each year from 1985 to 1988 with Olympic themes. The first two of these emissions were released March 20th and depict the Seoul Olympic Committee Emblem and the Mascot of the Seoul Olympics. Single stamps, sheets of twenty, and a souvenir sheet containing one of each design were released.



The emblem is patterned after 'Sam Taegeuk', a traditional Korean motif of decoration combining three large commas into a circle which represents harmony between heaven, man and earth. This motif is most often found in works of Korean folk handicraft and in the decoration of the traditional gate.

The Seoul Olympic Emblem represents 'gathering and diffusing'; the centripetal movement symbolizes the gathering of the world's athletes in Seoul for peaceful competition. The centrifugal movement is symbolic of the diffusing of the spirit of peaceful competition throughout the world.

The Mascot of the 24th Olympiad is a Korean tiger depicted as a cute little figure. The tiger has been familiar to Koreans through legend and fables as a powerful but friendly animal. The tiger illustrated is turning 'Sangmo', a hat with a long tape attached to it which is put on when farmers play music at festivals. Sangmo placed on the tiger's head represents the folk tradition of the Korean people. The 'S' shape of the tape is the first letter of the Olympic host city, Seoul.

Issues three and four of Korea's semipostal Olympic issues are dedicated to track and field and boat racing. These issues were released on June 10th. As with the first two Olympic issues, both single stamps and souvenir sheets (containing both stamps) were released.



Additional release dates for Korea's Olympic stamps include July 22nd with two stamps (subjects unknown) scheduled. Two final Olympic issues for 1985 are expected on November 1st.

Collectors should also note the release of a pre-Olympic post card and Airletter. The latter depicts the Seoul Olympic Stadium. For additional information collectors can write either to the U.S. agency for Korean new issues

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90th SESSION – INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

by Sherwin Podolsky

East Berlin, East Germany (DDR) was the site of the 90th session of the International Olympic Committee. A 35 pfennig stamp with a non-denominated se-tenant stamp was issued. A special handcancel was dated June 4, 1985. A silver embossed cachet showing the meeting site and Olympic Rings appears on the cover. Perhaps the most interesting is the red special registry label used.

The registry label has a printed value of 50 pfennig. It also includes the wording "90. IOC-Session 1985."



Editorial

In the last couple of issues we published a listing of 1983 US Sport Handcancels. Included in this listing were the addressess of the sponsoring organizations and prices for covers. If our members feel this information is useful, please drop a note to the editor. Let us know your feelings on other articles. What do you want to see or discontinued.

JSP is now listed under the National Serials Data Program. Our number is: ISSN 0447-953X and will be listed on page 4 of each issue.

In the July-August issue there is an outstanding error printed. George Kobylka (our printed, SPI 9) noted this error after the page was printed and brought it to the attention of the editor. A free name and address rubber stamp to any and all members who report the error and correction to your editor. Correction will be printed in the November-December issue. Lets go sport fans, this is an easy one!!!

SPI MAIL AUCTION #15 SUMMARY

Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid
1	\$ 6.00	54	\$ 8.50	163	\$ 4.00	195	\$ 4.50	227	\$15.00
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3	12.00	60	35.00	167	10.00	202	3.50	229	4.00
5	12.00	61	3.00	170	2.00	204	3.00	230	2.00
6	28.00	66	4.50	171	2.00	207	7.00	234	7.00
11	10.50	70	2.00	174	2.00	208	14.50	236	8.00
21	6.00	77	2.00	177	5.00	209	7.50	242	5.00
24	5.00	91	10.50	178	5.00	211	15.00	243	4.00
25	5.50	93	3.00	179	3.50	215	4.50	255	2.50
28	6.00	98	23.00	181	2.00	216	3.00	256	4.50
29	10.50	102	4.50	182	3.00	217	10.00	257	22.00
30	10.50	112	4.50	184	4.50	218	7.50	259	2.00
33	17.00	114	9.50	185	11.00	219	9.00	260	10.00
37	10.00	115	6.50	186	11.50	220	16.50	261	7.00
44	5.50	119	4.50	187	2.00	221	16.50	262	10.50
46	4.00	144	3.00	191	2.00	222	5.00		
51	3.50	146	4.50	192	13.50	223	9.50		
52	28.00	147	4.00	193	11.50	224	15.50		
53	3.00	158	10.00	194	15.50	225	7.50		

Number of lots sold: 91

Number of consignors: 9

Number of bidders: 28

Total realization this auction: \$785.00

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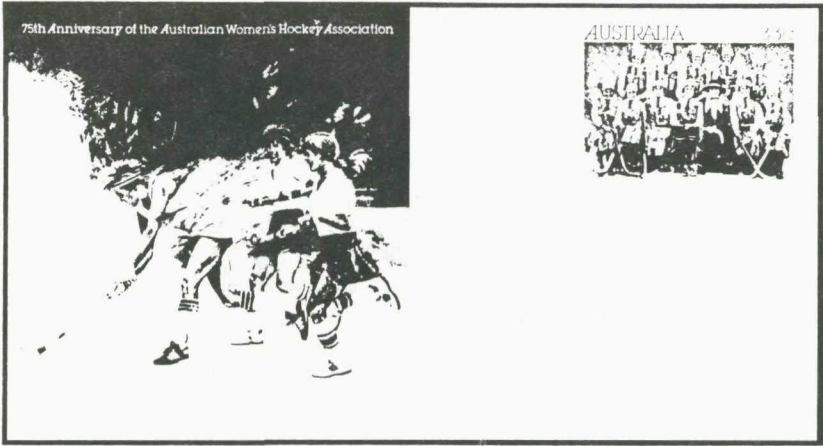
submitted by Brian G. Vincent

With about 100,000 registered players, hockey is one of the major participator sports for women in Australia. The sport has been played in this country since around the turn of the century. By 1910 it had developed to the point where a national association was formed.

On July 2, 1989, Australia Post released a pre-stamped envelope to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Australian Women's Hockey Association.

Originally it was known as the All Australian Women's Hockey Association, but the word 'All' has long since disappeared from the title. The Association's initial function was to oversee Australia's first interstate women's hockey tournament. Held in Sydney, the tournament attracted teams from South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania. Later tournaments become truly national events with all States represented.

The pre-stamped envelope was designed by Melbourne artist Brian Clinton. The main illustration captures the excitement of a match in progress. The stamp area shows a group of players in 1920s-style uniforms, posed formally for a team photograph.



JIM THORPE, THE "GREATEST"

Biography by Vanverre Leon

James Francis Thorpe was born May 28, 1886, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He was the most versatile of American athletes. He was an Indian of the Sac and Fox tribe.

At the Carlyle Indian School he was chosen on All-American teams in 1911 and 1912. He excelled in track & field, football, baseball, basketball, La Crosse, swimming, and hockey.

At the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm, he won Gold Medals in the Pentathlon and Decathlon. Six months after the Olympics he was forced to return his Olympic Medals when it was discovered that he had played semi-professional baseball two years before at Rocky Mount North Carolina.

From 1915 to 1917 he was an outfielder for the New York, Cincinnati, and Boston Baseball teams in the National League. He was a star of the American Professional Football Association and served as its President. In 1950 Sports-writers and Broadcasters voted him the Greatest All-Around Athlete and the Greatest Professional Football Player.

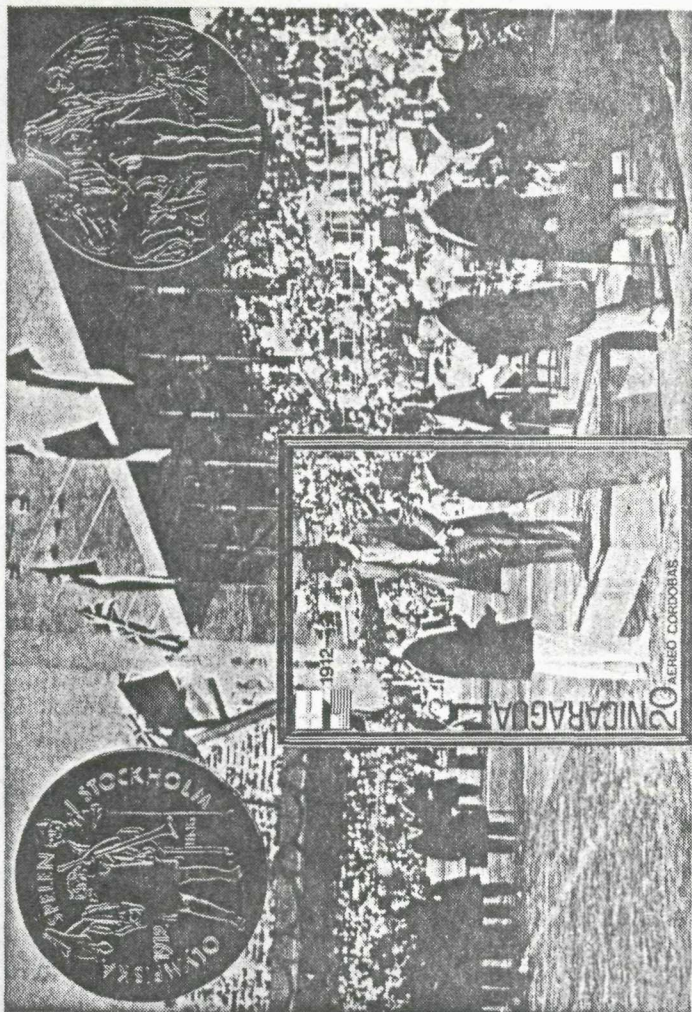
Jim Thorpe died May 28, 1953 at Lomita, California. He is in the Hall of Fame of 3 sports: College Football, Pro Football, and Track & Field.

In 1973 the Amateur Athletic Union restored Thorpe's amateur standing for 1909 through 1913. The U.S. Olympic Committee took the same action in 1975. At last the International Olympic Committee cleared Thorpe's name on November 13, 1982.

Jim Thorpe in Philately:

1. In a series, "Great Olympic Champions", there is a 25DH stamp (Perforated and imperforated) from Manama Dependency of Ajman, representing the athlete in action (football?) yuert serie postage 64 - Michel 640 (1971).
2. August 15, 1975 - Souvenir Sheet, Michel 89 - Nicaragua. At the occasion of the Montreal Olympic Games, issuing of an Airmail sheet of 20 Cordobas, representing King Gustav V of Sweden honoring the athlete while addressing him with these words, "You are the greatest athlete in the world."





REY GUSTAVO V DIJO A JIM THORPE
"ERES EL ATLETA MAS GRANDE DEL MUNDO"

3. May 1984 issue at Shawnee, Oklahoma. A new stamp in the American Sports series depicting Jim as a pro football player for the Canton Bulldogs.



Olympilex '85 was a feast, Olympically, philatelically, and socially. It was superb.

There were some 170 entries of from 4 to 10 frames, 1000 frames in all. Apart from the specialist 1896 class, entry was non-competitive. The total of all this was interesting and thought provoking. Undoubted pluses were the fact collections could be seen far more completely than is usual, and with so many displays of Olympics and sports, the range and diversity was enormous. There was astonishingly little duplication. Obviously some stamps were present many times, and if there were half a dozen known copies of a rarity, the chances were they were all there, but with the strong thematic emphasis there were only 2 or 3 occasions where 2 collectors had adopted a very similar approach.

On the negative side, to some minds, was the fact that quite a proportion of the displays were rather poor by normal competition standards, and it showed. The freedom from competitive restraint did however increase the number of entries and the range made viewing the displays more interesting and gave novices a chance to compare their efforts with those of more experienced collectors adjacent.

Every Olympic Games was covered in greater or lesser depth, and most Olympic sports. Barely represented were 1900, 1904, and 1908, perhaps hardly surprisingly, but also the LA '32. Sherwin Podolsky covered Lake Placid '32 in great depth (most interesting to a European who seldom sees such material), but there was only a sprinkling of material from Squaw Valley and Lake Placid 1980, and just 2 displays on Los Angeles 1984, one a full if very orthodox display of the special handstamps on cacheted covers, and one a frivolous frame showing LA cancels and stamp exhibition cancels applied (improperly?) to stamps of less than 20 cents value. The only LA '84 meters I saw on display were in a Polish exhibit.

The owner of that exhibit gave a most entertaining explanation of his exhibit, on the history of Polish participation in the Olympics, at the official FIP0 reception, over the free kir and canapés. When he originally put the display together, following the boycott, he presented it for exhibition in Poland with a blank page. He had a long tussle with the censor, but was eventually allowed to keep his blank page. However, there were Polish judges and officials in LA so he later got material, and did not have a blank page at Olympilex.

The reception was the only formal social event laid on, and very pleasant it was, but socializing went on all the time, and really made Olympilex. It was the stamps that brought us there, but the contacts with collectors from all over the world that added an extra dimension of interest and enjoyment. There were plenty of tables and chairs for us to sit and relax, chat and swap stamps and stories, and language was no problem; there was always somebody willing and able to act as interpreter. It was a real pleasure meeting fellow collectors from all over the world. Some were strangers at first, but the greatest pleasure came from meeting for the first time collectors I had corresponded and exchanged with. I was disappointed Sherwin was not able to make it, but there were a surprising number of American collectors there, most if not all of whom

were SPI members. French board member Francis Daziniere was there, and fellow Englishman John Osborne, the IMOS party from Germany, all also SPI members, and many others. I really enjoyed meeting them, and got the clear impression everybody was enjoying the exhibition.

There were some 15 postal administrations represented, some unexpected, like Albania (their representative was also responsible for the export of carpets and cement!). Others, like the Spanish who issued a stamp for Olymphilex, were not there. The USPS was there, mainly selling the last of the LA '84 stamps, and with a souvenir handstamp and card (available from Washington). The Korean post office was colourfully represented by staff in national dress, and the first of the 1985 Seoul Olympic stamps were pre-released on March 18 (official issue date March 20). The Swiss post office did not issue a stamp, but had plentiful stocks of the 'Lausanne Olympic City' stamp of 1984. There was a handstamp and FIPO published a souvenir postcard and envelope. There were 3 slogan postmarks, from Lausanne itself, Lugano (Italian), and Bern (German). The IOC publicised the exhibition in its meter. I tried to obtain the handstamp on a cover with the meter, but while the clerk would apply the handstamp to almost anything, he would not apply it to a cover bearing a previous Swiss Postmark. I was successful however in getting him to cancel the souvenir cover with the handstamp then putting it through the post to obtain the slogan (even then sadly a couple of covers received a 'PTT' slogan instead of the Olymphilex slogan - you can't win them all! One US collector felt very much the same; he had a large 12" x 9" IOC envelope on which he had obtained S.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch's autograph after the brief informal FIPO meeting and on which he had put and had commemoratively cancelled a stamp from every country represented - except one: he purchased a United Nations stamp, but they just would not apply their handstamp unless the envelope went through the post; commendable but....).

So, Olymphilex '85 was a superb exhibition. Everyone who exhibited got a medal (and the dealers too, and Heiko Volk showed he is in a class of his own). The competitive awards went to Franco Pellegrini (1896), and 4 special hors concours prizes to Ladislav Karel of Switzerland (1896-1956), Edmund Messmer of Germany (1896-1928), Britain's Franceska Rapkin (Berlin 1936), and Franco Canepa of Italy (Paris 1924); they were all superb displays and well deserved their awards.

Olymphilex '87 will be in Rome, '89 in Athens. Start thinking how to get there, and start saving; you won't regret it.

Illustrations:

1. Souvenir cover with exhibition postmark, and Olympic stamp and cachets from Korea, host country of the next Olympics in 1988.
2. Official postcard as maximum card, autographed by S. E. Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee.
3. Reverse of postcard with exhibition postmark and Lausanne slogan advertising the exhibition.



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New Issue Column

Glenn A. Estus

- ANTIGUA:** 5/20/85--INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR--25c, 50c, 60c (children at play and two soccer players), \$3 (sailboarding), \$5 s/s.
- BRAZIL:** 6/23/85--13TH WORLD SOCCER CUP--2,000cr s/s (Jules Rimet trophy, and representation of Brazil winning in 1970), (200,000 sheets).
- CAICOS:** 5/26/85--ICAO--35c, 75c, 90c, and \$2.20 s/s (hang gliding over the Caicos),
- CAMEROON:** 4/5/85--OLYMPHILEX '85--150 francs (two wrestlers and exhibition emblem). (sheets of 20).

CHAD: 5/25/85--FAMOUS PEOPLE--600fr s/s (Anatoli Karpov and chess set)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: 6/3/85--SPARTAKIAD 1985--50h (tennis), 1k (rhythmic gymnastics).

DENMARK: 6/27/85--SPORTS--3.80kr (canoeing), 6kr (cycle racing).

DOMINICA: 4/30/85--AWARDS--45c, 90c (hiking), \$4 (jogging), plus \$5 s/s

EGYPT: 6/85--SOCCER CLUB--5pi (se-tenant strip of 5 stamps), (various scenes), (2.5 million sets).

GERMANY (DDR): 5/28/85--90TH MEETING OF I.O.C.--35pf (Olympic Flag). (3.6 million copies)

GRENADA: 3/11/85--CENTENARY OF THE MOTORCYCLE--25c (Honda XL500R), 50c (Suzuki GS100ES), 90c (Kawasaki KZ700), \$4 (BMW K100), \$5 s/s (Yamaha 500CC).

GRENADA (GREN): 3/11/85--CENTENARY OF THE MOTORCYCLE--30c (1972 Kawasaki 750), 60c (1974 Honda Goldwing GL1000), 70c (1976 Kawasaki Z650), \$4 (1977 Honda CBX), plus \$5 s/s (BMW R100RS).
5/30/85--GIRL GUIDES--30c, 50c, 70c (camping), \$4 (sailing), \$5 s/s (various scenes).

GUINEA-BISSAU: 2/85--CENTENARY OF THE MOTORCYCLE--5p (Harley-Davidson), 8p (Kawasaki), 15p (Honda), 20p (Yamaha), 25p (Suzuki), 30p (BMW), 35p (Moto-Guzzi) plus a 50p s/s (Daimler 1885).

GUYANA: 2/15/85--OVERPRINT--INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR ON LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS--\$1.20

HUNGARY: 5/25/85--EUROPEAN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS--2ft (two boxers).
5/29/85--IYY/SPORTS--1ft (women's soccer), 2ft (wind surfing), 2ft (aerobics), 4ft (karate), 4ft (go-carting), 5ft (hang gliding), 6ft (skate boarding), (317,000 copies perf and 4,300 imperf).

ISRAEL: 7/16/85--MACCABIAH GAMES--400s (basketball), 500s (tennis), 600s (board sailing),

KOREA (DPR): 3/20/85--SOCCER FINALS--10ch (1970), 10ch (1954), 20ch 1974), 20ch (1958), 30ch (1978), 30ch (1962), 40ch (1982), 40ch (1966), plus two 80ch s/s (Korean team of 1966, and Aztec Stadium in Mexico City). (20,000 perf sets and 5,000 imperf sets).

KOREA (REP.): 6/10/85--SEOUL OLYMPICS--two 70w+30w stamps track and field, and boat racing) plus a s/s with the two values. (9 mil. stamps and 1.5 mil s/s).

- LAOS: 1/18/85--SOCCER '86--1k, 2k, 3k, 4k, 5k, 6k (various match scenes and Mexican flag).
- LESOTHO: 6/10/85--AUTOMOBILE CENTENNIAL--6s (BMW 7321), 10s (Ford Crown Victoria), 30s (Mercedes 500 SE), 90s (Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz), 2m (Rolls-Royce Silver Sprint), plus a 2m s/s (Rolls Royce 1907 Silver Ghost Tourer).
- LIBYA: 6/85--L.A. OLYMPICS--six 100d stamps (shot putting, soccer, basketball, swimming, running, sailing) plus two 250d s/s (equestrian events and Col. Kaddafi on horseback).
- MALI: 5/13/85--INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR--120 francs, 190fr, and 190 fr (sports) (sheets of 25)
- NIUTAO (TUVALU): 5/2/85--AUTOMOBILES--20c (1935 Wolseley Hornet Special), 25c (1920 Chrossley 20/30 horsepower), 40c (1958 BMW Cabriolet 507), 60c (1971 Tyrrell Ford 0001). (all values printed in se-tenant pairs)
- PAKISTAN: 6/5/85--GRAND SLAM HOCKEY CHAMPIONS--1re (cups and medals of the Pakistan hockey team), (500,000).
- UNION ISLAND: 5/10/85--AUTOMOBILES--5c (1895 Duryea), 60c (1913 Peugeot racing car), \$1 (1949 Oldsmobile Futuramic), \$1.50 (1965 MGB-GT). (all values printed in se-tenant pairs).
- VIETNAM: 5/85--WINTER OLYMPICS--10d s/s (figure skaters)
- ZAIRE: 4/19/85--OLYMPILEX '85--1 zaire (swimming), 2z (soccer), 3z (boxing), 4z (basketball), 5z (equestrian events), 10z (volleyball), 15z (running), 30z (cycling), sheets of 25.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

SPI MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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- 1435R Mrs. Jean Singleton, 42 Ladysmith Rd., Enfield, Middx. England EN1 3AA. Her collecting interests are baseball, ice hockey, show jumping, skiing, & ice skating. (Osborne)
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1439R Anna E. Rowand, 251 Woodlawn Terr., Collingswood, NJ 08108.
A registered nurse collecting figure & speed skating and
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"Baseball on Stamps".

Las Crus, Ntl F. Dudenhoeffer silver & AFDCS second for "Sports
Sampler of First Day Cancels and Covers" and a silver for
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NAPEX Arlington, VA Eileen Meier APS & ATA golds for "The Olympic
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Philately" and Kazimierz Kusman bronze for "Olympic Competi-
tions".

OKPEX Oklahoma City, Brett Miller silver-bronze for "Olympic-
mania".

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VERPEX Rutland, VT Glen Estus silver for "Third Olympic Winter
Games".

Total paid members as of August 1, 1985 = 392.

LETS 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 to your editor: Edward B. Epstein, Paterson Board of Education, 33 Church Street, Paterson, NJ 07505 USA.

A- 103 The following information concerning the Polish Mexico City Olympic issue (Scott 1594-1601, Bl13) was compiled from the Fine Arts Philatelist check list of sculpture and Fabian Bura's book "Polish Olympic Chronicle in Philately" published in 1976 by Krajowa Agencja Wydawnicza, Warszawa:

Bura states that the designs of Tadeusa Michaluk, linking contemporary sport with the relics of the ancient culture of Mexico, was based on some of the exhibits shown at the Mexican Art Display in Warsaw. The Mexican motifs of serpents, jaguars, eagles and skulls were the religious symbols of movement, strength, light, darkness, life and death. They are identified as :

30 gr.(relay racing and) 47 cm high basalt statue of "haha" mask, Totonac culture, 600-900 AD, found in Vera Cruz, Stavenhagen collection.

40 gr.(boxing and) 38 cm high andesite eagle-warrior with ornamental hair dress in the shape of an eagle's head, Aztec culture, 15 Cent. AD. found in Mexico City.

60 gr.(basketball and) 47 cm high dark-coco clay figurine of Xochipilli, prince of flowers, god of joy, music & dance. Zapotec culture, from 900 AD., found in San Lorenzo Albarrada. Nat. Museum

90 gr.(broad jump and) 30 cm high figurine of girl kneeling, Colima culture, 400 BC-100 AD, yellow-ocre clay, painted red & polished. Nat. Museum of Anthro.

2.50 zl.(woman's javelin and) doubleheaded figurine of terracotta from Tlatilco symbolizing fertility, 900 - 400 BC.

3.40 zl.(gymnast and) terracotta acrobat utensil, red polished clay, 900 - 400 BC.

4 zl.(cyclists and) man's stucco head adorned with feathers, Myan culture found in Pelenque, before 683

7.90 zl.(fencers and) 57 cm high head of a parrot, Toltec culture, Made of basalt, 900-100 AD. National Museum of Anthropology.

10 zl.(torch runner and) 13 ft. Aztec Calendar stone, 15th Cent. Nat. Museum of Archology, Mexico

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A SCARCITY TABLE
FOR THE
1924 FRENCH OLYMPICS
CANCELLATIONS

by Henri Trachtenberg (edited by Sherwin Podolsky)

The machine and hand cancellations of the 1924 Paris Olympic Games have always been popular with Olympic collectors. Even today the machine types occasionally turn up in dealer boxes particularly at postcard shows. The more valuable types realize good prices at auction. Below is a table listing practically all the cancellations. The listing is in order of increasing value. Thus, the most common variety is listed first in each category.

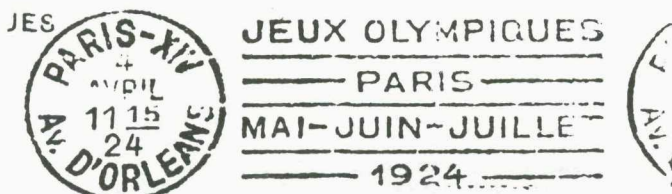
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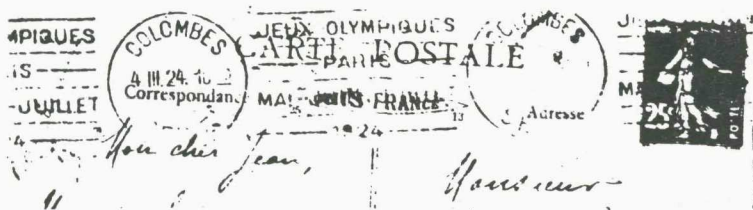
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- II. Machine type, continuous cancellation. Five lines in slogan.
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 Gare de l'Est
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- III. Machine type, continuous cancellation. Seven lines in slogan.
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- IV. Circular Hand Cancellations. Valued from \$500 onwards.
 Colombes Village Olympique
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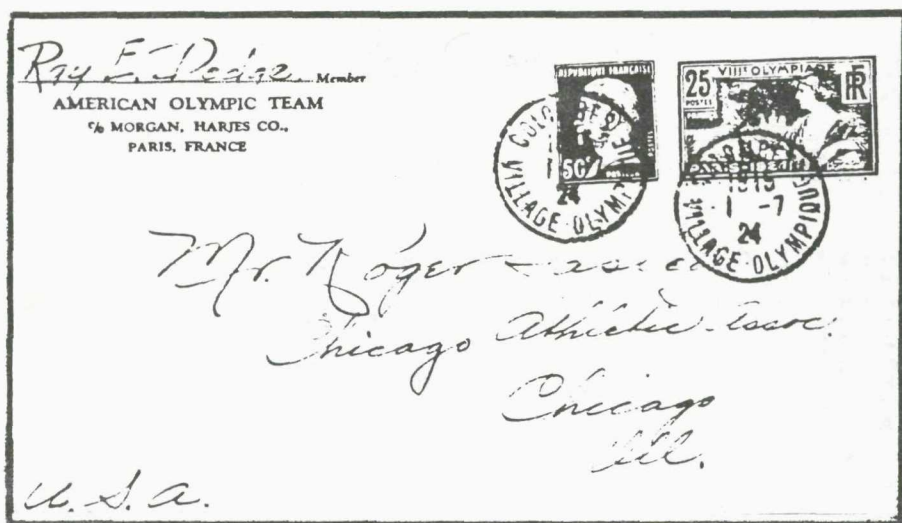
The value of each cancellation is further enhanced if it is on an Olympic stamp. Sometimes, especially on the Type I cancellations, the value is two to three times if on Olympic stamps.

In the case of the machine cancellations, a cover is better than a postcard. A 1923 machine cancellation is better than a 1924 machine cancellation of the same post office. However, covers or cards with cancellations of the first day or the last day of the Olympic Games deserve special prices.

The Marseilles cancellation is known only as an arrival cancellation usually on the reverse side of the cover.

The author has never seen the cancellations of Paris Gare d'Austerlitz and P. P. Paris XIV which have been listed by Heiko Volk, Jr..

There are three varieties of the Colombes Village Olympique hand cancellation. They will be subject of another article.



Type IV hand cancellation of the Colombes Village Olympique dated July 1, 1924 from Ray E. Dodge of the American Olympic Team to the Chicago Athletic Association. Illustration courtesy of Henri Trachtenberg.

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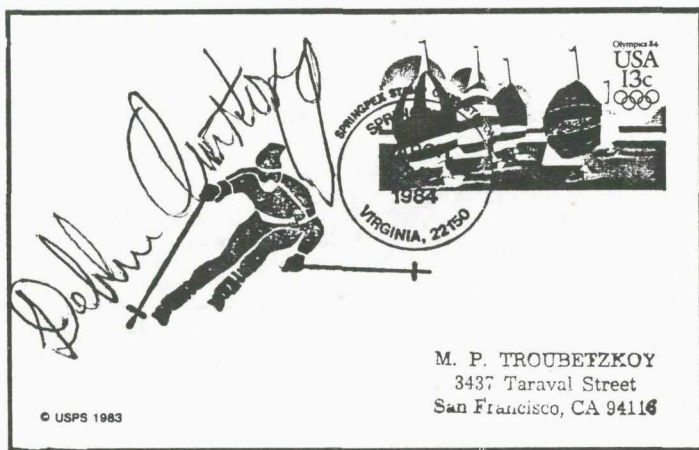
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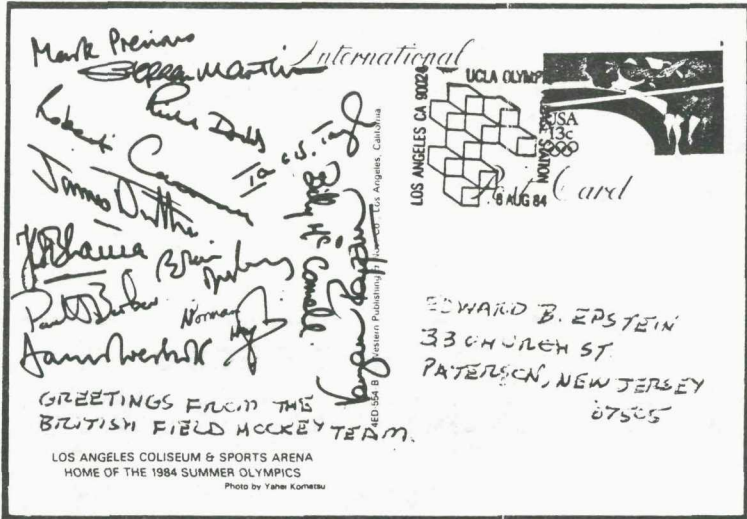
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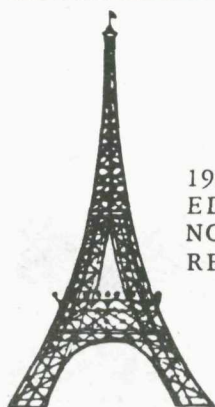
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OLYMPIC BASEBALL

For the first time in the history of the Olympics, baseball was an official demonstration sport at the just completed games in Los Angeles. Huge crowds filled Candlestick Park over and over again to watch the medal tournament, which culminated with the U.S. taking the Silver and Japan the Gold. The Medals were similar to those awarded in the regular events, but bore the symbol of the International Baseball Federation on the reverse. The decision whether to include baseball as a full-fledged Gold-Medal Olympic event at Seoul, S. Korea in 1988 is now in the hands of the I.O.C., but the overwhelming response in L.A. makes approval highly likely. Japan's 6-3 victory in the final game showed that countries other than the United States are able to field competent teams, an important point since the I.O.C. does not want to adopt a sport in which one country would be totally dominant far into the foreseeable future.

Interest in baseball as an Olympic sport goes back a long way - to the Games held as part of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, as a matter of fact; other demonstration games were played during the Olympics of 1912, 1924, 1936, 1956, and 1964. 128,000 people attended the game between two U.S. teams at the 1936 Games in Berlin.

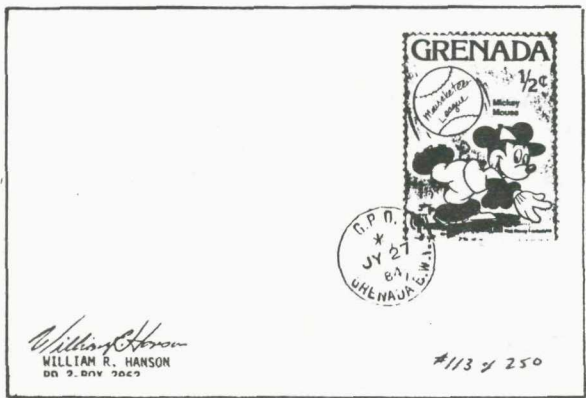
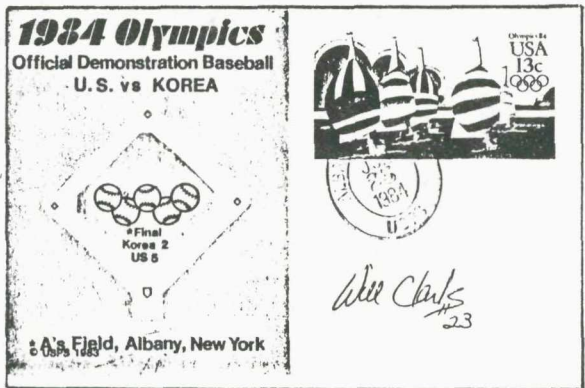
Organized adult baseball is being played today in some 77 countries, 57 of which have legitimate baseball federations. The U.S., Korea, Canada, Japan, Nicaragua, Italy, the Dominican Republic, and Nationalist China(Taiwan) fielded teams for the 1984 Games. The U.S. team was selected from nearly 6000 hopefuls who tried out in some 64 cities last Fall; most of those were #1 draft picks of major league clubs.

On June 25, 1984 the U.S. Olympic Baseball Team played an exhibition game in Albany, N.Y. against the S. Korea Olympic Team, as part of a 40 game pre-Olympic "tune-up" series. A flagwaving sellout crowd at the ALBANY A's Field saw a hard played pitchers' duel which ended in a U.S. 5-2 victory, after a couple of late inning Korean threats. The crowd was kept entertained by the variety of cheers and general merrymaking coming from the Korean rooting section in the seats behind 3rd base. After the game, the Korean cheerleader noted that this was only the second time that the Korean community of the Albany area had gotten together, the first being in response to the Russian shooting down of the Korean Jetliner.

The Olympic Philatelic Society produced a limited issue card for this game. 250 U.S. Olympic Yachting postcards were cancelled at the Albany General Mail Facility shortly before the game and autographed by members of the U.S. and Korean Teams; a cachet which includes the final score was added later. Through the efforts of Polly Cianciolo of the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation the cards were sent on to Grenada where a Grenadian stamp showing Mickey Mouse as a "Mouseketeer League" pitcher was added to the back of each. The Grenada Post Office cancelled them on the opening day of the 23rd Olympiad.

A number of the 250 cards are slated for donation to museums and individuals who aided the project. The remaining signed and numbered cards are available: autographed by a U.S. Olympic player at \$3.50 + SSAE; cards autographed by a member of the U.S. Team and a member of the S. Korea Olympic Baseball Team are \$5.00 + SSAE. Sub-

stitution and refund of the difference will be made if the dual auto-graphed cards are sold out. Checks should be payable to "W.R. Hanson" and sent to W.R. Hanson, RD2 Box 2962, Lake George, N.Y. 12845. 20% of the gross selling price will be donated to the U.S. Olympic Committee to help train gold medal winners for the Seoul Games in 1988!



SPI SALES DEPT. NOTES - - - by Jack Ryan

The Board of Directors has voted to discontinue the Circuit Book sales effective as of now. The primary reason for this is the lack of interest on the part of members or the interest in a very specialized branch of sports. The club was losing money with each shipment of circuit books and could not continue to do so. The sales of individual SPI covers will continue as in the past however. A complete listing of available covers will appear in the next issue.

SPORT STAMPS: BEHIND THE SCENES

by MARGARET A. JONES

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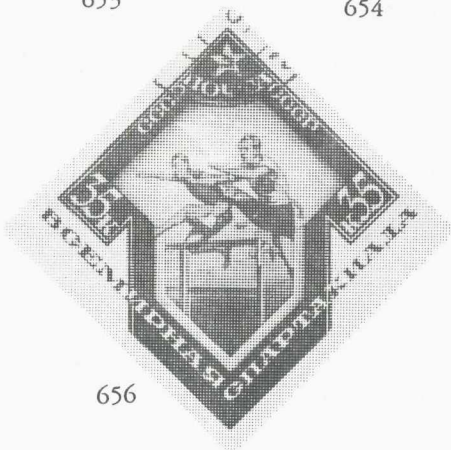
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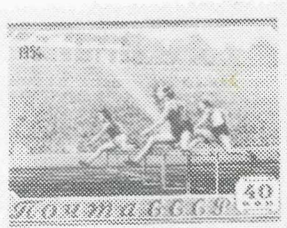
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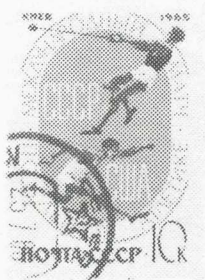
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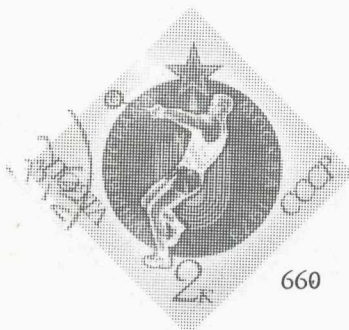
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sports (Fig. 657). The only women's event was portrayed to publicize the 1968 Olympic Games (Fig. 658). The hurdling and hammer throw events were combined on a stamp (Fig. 659) for the Soviet Union-United States Track and Field Meet held in Kiev in 1965. A 1973 stamp (Fig. 660) was the only other hammer throw stamp issued, and it commemorated the World University Games in Moscow. Originally the hammer throw in the Soviet Union was considered an event for people well over 30 years of age. However, as the Soviets have entered the international events, it has become a younger persons' sport. Currently the best hammer throwers are between the ages of twenty and 28.⁹⁸

Six stamps have been issued portraying the javelin event; the first (Fig. 661) was in 1957 to publicize the Third Sports Festival in Moscow. Other events included the Seventh Trade Union Spartacist Games (Fig. 662) in 1961, the Soviet Union-United States Track and Field Meet (Fig. 663) in 1965, the 1967 Europa Cup Championships (Fig. 664), and a souvenir sheet (Fig. 488) for the World University Games in 1973.

Two long jump stamps were published, commemorating the 1963 Spartakiada (Fig. 665) and the 1967 Europa Cup Championships (Fig. 666). One of the three high jump stamps publicized this event as one of the Soviet sports in 1949 (Fig. 667) while another (Fig. 668) commemorated the Soviet Union-United States Track and Field Meet in 1965. This latter stamp also portrayed the shot put, and this was the only stamp listed for the shot put event. The third high jump stamp (Fig. 669) publicized the Tokyo Olympic Games in 1964.

The first discus stamp (Fig. 670) was issued in 1938, and the second stamp (Fig. 671) combined the discus and running events for the Fifth Youth Spartakiada in 1971. Both stamps depicted males throwing the discus.

In the 1956 Olympic Games, Soviet women won only two field events; javelin (Fig. 672) and shot put. However a new track event that year, the 50,000 meter walk, was won by a Soviet woman. In addition, during the 1956 Games Vladimir Kuts won the gold medals for both the 5,000 and 10,000 meter events and became a world hero because he put forth an exhaustive effort from the start with no let up to the finish, and still had energy to spare at the finish line after each of these events.⁹⁹

The only female winner in the 1964 Olympics was Tamara Press who received gold medals for the discus and the shot put. For the men, Romuald Kim won the hammer throw, and Valery Brumel was the high jump winner (Fig. 669). Brumel had set the world high jump record 7 feet 5 3/4 inches at the Soviet Union-United States Track Meet held in Moscow in July, 1963.¹⁰⁰

In the 1972 Olympics, gold medals were awarded to Valery Borzov, 100 and 200 meter events (Fig. 642); Yuri Tarinak, high jump; Victor Saneev, triple jump; Anatoly Bondarchuk, hammer throw; and Nikolai Avilov, decathlon, who set a new world record by amassing 8,454 points. Female titles went to Ludmila Bragina, setting a world record of 4:01.4 minutes in the 1,500 meter event; Nadizhda Chizhova, shot put; and Faina Melnik, discus.

The Soviet Union-United States Dual Track and Field Meet was held

⁹⁸Sobolev, op. cit.

⁹⁹Ibid.

¹⁰⁰Laurens Van der Post, "A View of All the Russians," Holiday 34 (October, 1963):58.



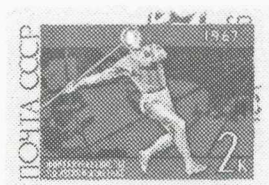
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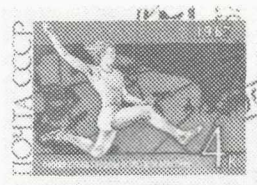
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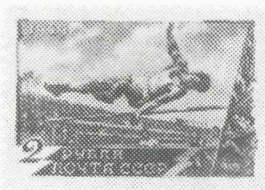
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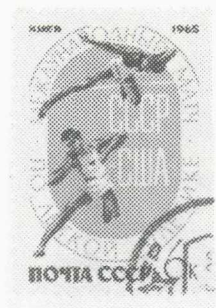
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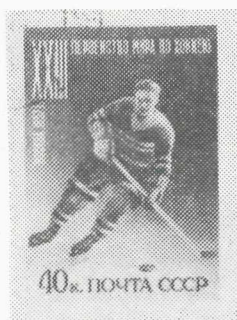
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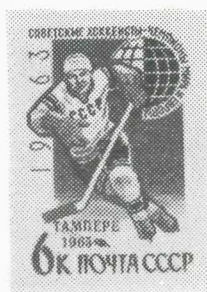
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in Kiev on July 29-August 1, 1965. The final score for the men's event was Soviet Union, 118, and United States, 112 points. The following events were won by the Soviet participants: 10,000 (Fig. 663), 3,000 meter steeplechase, 20 kilometer walk, 400 mile relay, high jump (Fig. 668), triple jump, pole vault, javelin (Fig. 663), and hammer throw (Fig. 659). The final total score for the women's events was Soviet Union, 63 1/2, and United States, 43 1/2 points. The Soviets won the following events: discus, shot put, high jump, javelin, 800 meter, 80 meter hurdles, and long jump.

Winter Activities

The first official Soviet ice hockey game was played in 1946, and in 1948 the Soviet Union won their first international match. The following year the first ice hockey stamp (Fig. 673) was issued, noting this sport. In 1954, the world ice hockey title went to the Soviet Union. In 1957, the Twenty-third World Ice Hockey Championship was held in Moscow, and to commemorate this event, three of the fourteen stamps relating to world ice hockey were issued. Depicted on these stamps are the emblem (Fig. 674), a player (Fig. 675), and a goalkeeper (Fig. 676).

The Soviets have developed a reputation for being excellent sportsmen. "They win gracefully, they lose honorably. They obey the officials. They rarely, if ever, whine."¹⁰¹ The Soviet hockey team was considered the strongest team ever at the world hockey tournament in 1961. However, they were defeated, 6-4, by the weakest team in the West, Czechoslovakia. While the Czechoslovakian team members were overtly joyous, the Soviet team stood at attention at the blue line, waiting to hear the Czechoslovakian anthem. They had to wait in an erect position so long that the audience wanted to applaud their behavior. Thus victory is important to the Soviets, but playing correctly is important too.¹⁰²

After seven years, the Soviet team again won the world championship which was held in Stockholm in 1963. Suspense reigned until the last match when the Soviet Union met Canada. Sweden had accumulated twelve points, and the Soviet Union had only ten points prior to this match. However, the Soviet team won the match, 4-2, and this was enough for them to win their third world championship.¹⁰³ Immediately an overprint (Fig. 677), commemorating this victory, was issued. Later in the year another stamp (Fig. 678), which also commemorated this 1963 world championship, was published.

New stamps as well as overprints were issued for European and World Ice Hockey Championships. These included a 1965 overprint (Fig. 679) of the 1963 stamp (Fig. 678); 1967 overprint (Fig. 680) of a 1966 issue; a 1969 overprint (Fig. 681) of another overprint (Fig. 677); a 1970 overprint (Fig. 682) of a stamp issued one month earlier to commemorate the World Championships in Sweden; a 1973 stamp (Fig. 683) issued for the World Championships in Moscow; and a 1973 overprint (Fig. 684) of a souvenir sheet also issued a month earlier for the Moscow Championships. During this period the Soviet team celebrated tenfold world victories and their ninth championship in ten years. In 1971, the twenty-fifth anniversary of Soviet ice hockey was commemorated with a stamp (Fig. 685).

¹⁰¹Daley, op. cit., p. 118.

¹⁰²Ibid.

¹⁰³"Gold-bearing Goals," Soviet Union 158 (1963): 54.

The Soviet ice hockey team brought home the gold medal in 1956 from the Olympic Games. In 1960 at the Squaw Valley Olympics (Fig. 686) the Soviet Union won two games, lost two and tied one in the championship round for third place. However, in 1964 at Innsbruck, Austria (Fig. 687), the Soviet team again won the gold medal.¹⁰⁴

At Grenoble in 1968 going into the final match, three teams, Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and Canada, were still vying for the Olympic title (Fig. 688). The final standings were dependent upon the outcome of two matches. This situation had been preceded by Czechoslovakia upsetting the Soviet Union, 5-4; a feat that had been unobtainable for seven years. The Czechoslovakians had a 2-2 draw with Sweden, and the Soviets triumphed over Canada, 5-0, for the Olympic championship.

The Soviet Union won the gold medal in the 1972 Olympic Games (Fig. 689) at Sapporo, winning four matches and tying one with Sweden in the final round. This was the third consecutive championship for the Soviets in the Olympic Games.

Two stamps were issued for Soviet winter spartakiady, first in 1962 (Fig. 690) and second in 1966 (Fig. 691), held in Sverdlovsk. Two overprints (Figs. 677, 681) were issued using this 1962 stamp (Fig. 690). The most recent ice hockey stamp (Fig. 692), which is a mosaic of ice hockey players in 1959-1960 by A. A. Deineka, was issued as one in a series of stamps honoring the history of Soviet painters. Of the 71 stamps representing Soviet winter sports, 24 have been issued for ice hockey and six of these were overprints commemorating victories by Soviet teams.

Bandy, which is similar to ice hockey, is played only in Scandinavia and the Soviet Union.¹⁰⁵ It is credited with helping the Soviets to win ice hockey championships so soon after their entrance into competition. Bandy is thought to have originated in Holland during the sixteenth century. It requires more area than ice hockey since a ball is used instead of a puck, and the ball travels farther. The object of the game is to drive the ball into a goal as in ice hockey. Bandy is played with eleven men, and the bandy stick is shaped like the Irish hurling stick. The blade of this stick permits picking up the ball as in lacrosse and batting it across a large area.¹⁰⁶ One stamp (Fig. 693) was issued in 1965 to commemorate the victory of the Soviet team in the World Bandy Championship, held in Moscow.

Twenty-one Soviet stamps have been devoted to ice skating. They depict both speed and figure skating as well as general commemorations for the sport. The Soviet Union holds both national and international skating tournaments annually. The first of those commemorated by stamps was the International Spartacist Games (Fig. 694) at Moscow in 1935.

In 1962 Inga Voronina won the women's speed skating championship in Imatra, Finland. This was her third title in five years for this event.¹⁰⁷ Actually Voronina won all of the events she entered in the 1962 season; this included the International Winter Sports Championships (Fig. 695), held in Moscow. Viktor Kosichkin also won all of his speed

¹⁰⁴"Heroes of Innsbruck," Soviet Union 169 (1964):54.

¹⁰⁵Vendien and Nixon, op. cit., p. 196.

¹⁰⁶Waverley Root, Winter Sports in Europe (New York: Grove Press, 1956).

¹⁰⁷"Winter Victories," Soviet Union 145 (1962):54.



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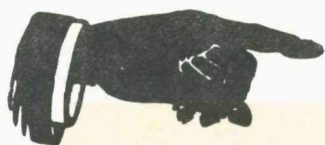
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1937, September 1. 8th Balkan Games, Bucharest, Sept. 2-12, 1937. Wmkd crowns and monograms; P 13½; designed by I. Basarab; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

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 - a. Imperforate
10. 21 + 11 green (javelin)
 - a. Imperforate
11. 41 + 11 red (hurdling)
 - a. Imperforate
12. 61 + 11 dark brown (finish of race)
 - a. Imperforate
13. 101 + 11 pale blue (high jump)
 - a. Imperforate

Sc B77-81; Min 716-20; Gi 1362-66; Mi 538-42; Yt 525-29

Note: 100,000 (Mi), 160,000--Schmidt and Schneider) perforate sets issued.

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Sc B217-18; Min 936-37; Gi 1582-83; Mi 775-76; Yt 737-38

Note: The surtax was for the benefit of Romanian sports.

1944, March 15 (Halm and Kobylanski), 16 (Gi and Mi). 30th anniversary of Romanian Rugby Association. Wmkd multiple cross and crown; P 14 (Min, Gi, and Sieger), 14 x 14½ (Yt), 15 (Sc, Mi, and Halm and Kobylanski); photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

16. 161 + 1841 carmine-red (rugby) (80,000)

Sc B245; Min 955; Gi 1638; Mi 792; Yt 769

Note: The surtax was used to encourage rugby.

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 20. 321 + 1681 red-lilac (volleyball)
 21. 351 + 1651 blue (worker athlete, soccer in background)

Sc B279-83; Min 1037-41; Gi 1733-37; Mi 874-78; Yt 843-47

Notes: (a) The surtax was used for the Office of Popular Sports. (b) 72,000 (Mi and Halm and Kobylanski) sets were issued. (c) Sheets of nine (3 x 3) with inscription in the top margin (4,000--Trachtenberg) were issued. (d) Seebacher reports no information on any sheet size other than the inscription sheets of nine)

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 26. 351 + 1651 olive-green (same as No. 21)

Sc B284-88; Min 1043-47; Gi 1738-42; Mi 879-83; Yt 349-53

Notes: (a) The surtax was used for the Office of Popular Sports. (b) 72,000 (Mi and Halm and Kobylanski) sets were issued. (c) Sheets of nine (3 x 3) with inscription ("SPORTUL-FACTOR...") in the top margin (4,000--Trachtenberg, 8,000--Schmidt and Schneider) were issued. (d) Seebacher reports no knowledge of any sheet size other than the inscription sheets of nine.

1945, August 5. Sports fund. Wnkd Multiple cross and crown; P 13 (Gi), 13½ (Sc, Min, Mi, and Yt); designed by I. Cova and I. Molnar; photogravure in sheets of thirty stamps and ten labels (10 x 4) by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

Emblem of Office of Popular Sports, plus

27. 2001 + 10,001 blue (mail plane and soccer stadium) (4,000--Landmans and Seebacher, 40,000--Mi, Halm and Kobylanski, and Trachtenberg)

Sc B289; Min 1042; Gi 1743; Mi 884; Yt 848

Notes: The surtax was used for the Office of Popular Sports.

1946, March 6 (Schmidt and Schneider), June 10 (Min), July 28 (Gi and Mi). Youth issue. Wnkd multiple cross and crown; P 11½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt), 13½ (Mi); photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

27. 101 + 2001 gray-blue/red-brown, gray (hurdling)

Sc B333; Min 1159; Gi 1810; Mi 994, Yt 912

Notes: (a) 188,000 (Seebacher), 288,000 (Schmidt and Schneider), 301,000 (Mi) sets issued. (b) Sheets of four (2 x 2) with inscription ("PRIN SPORT...") in the top margin (4,000--Landmans, 25,000--Trachtenberg, 75,000--Schmidt and Schneider) were issued. (c) Seebacher reports no information on any sheet size other than the inscription sheets of four.

1946, May 1 (Schmidt and Schneider), September 1 (Min, Gi, Mi, and Halm and Kobylanski). Sports fund. Wnkd multiple cross and crown; P 11½; photogravure in sheets of sixteen by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

Emblem of Office of Popular Sports, plus

28. 101 dark blue (soccer)
a. Imperforate
29. 201 orange-red (diving)
a. Imperforate
30. 501 dark violet (sprinter leaving mark)
a. Imperforate
31. 801 dark brown (mountain climbing)
a. Imperforate

Sc 628-31; Min 1165-68; Gi 1816-19; Mi 1000-03; Yt 916-19

Notes: (a) 200,000 (Seebacher and Trachtenberg), 224,000 (Mi and Landman) perforate and 200,000 (Seebacher and Trachtenberg), 224,000 (Mi and Halm and Kobylanski) imperforate sets issued. (b) Small perforate sheets of sixteen (1,500--Trachtenberg, 14,000--Schmidt and Schneider) were issued. (c) Small imperforate sheets of sixteen (1,500--Trachtenberg) were also issued. (d) Seebacher reports no evidence on any other sheet size than the sheets of sixteen.

1946, May 1 (Schmidt and Schneider), September 1 (Min, Gi, Mi, and Halm and Kobylanski). Sports fund. Wnkd multiple cross and crown; P 11½; photogravure in sheets of sixteen by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

Emblem of Office of Popular Sports, plus

32. 1601 + 13401 dark green (ski jumper) (200,000--Seebacher and Trachtenberg, 224,000--Mi)
a. Imperforate (200,000--Seebacher and Trachtenberg, 224,000--Mi)

Sc B340; Min 1169; Gi 1820; Mi 1004; Yt 920

Notes: (a) The surtax was used for the Office of Popular Sports. (b) Small perforate sheets of sixteen (1,500--Trachtenberg, 14,000--Schmidt and Schneider) were issued. (c) Small imperforate sheets of sixteen (1,500--Trachtenberg) were also issued. (d) Seebacher reports no evidence on any other sheet size than the sheets of sixteen.

1946, May (Schmidt and Schneider), September 1 (Min, Gi, and Mi), October (Sc). Sports fund. Wmkd multiple cross and crown; P 11½; photogravure in sheets of sixteen (eight each of Nos. 33 and 34, half se-tenant and half normal) by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

Emblem of Office of Popular Sports, plus

33. 3001 red (airplane)

34. 3001 + 2001 dark blue (same as No. 33)

Sc C26, CB6; Min 1170-71; Gi 1821-22; Mi 1005-06; Yt A36-7

Notes: (a) The surtax was used for the Office of Popular Sports. (b) 100,000 (Trachtenberg), 120,000 (Mi), 160,000 (Landmans) pairs were issued. (c) 1,250 (Trachtenberg) sheets of sixteen were issued. (d) Seebacher reports no evidence on any other sheet size than the sheets of sixteen.

1946, May 1 (Schmidt and Schneider), September (Gi), October 1 (Min, Mi, and Seebacher), 1947 (Sc). Sports fund. Wmkd multiple cross and crown; imperforate; souvenir sheet (58 x 64 mm.--Gi, 117 x 130 (Min, Mi, and Seebacher) containing four stamps; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

Emblem of Office of Popular Sports, plus

35. 3001 + 1,0001 dark lilac-red (airplane) (40,000--Mi, 150,000--Trachtenberg, 160,000--Mi and Seebacher)

Sc CB8; Min 1172; MS 1823; Mi 1007/B1 33; Yt B1 30

Note: The surtax was used for the Office of Popular Sports.

1947, September 6. 13th Balkan Games, Sofia, Sept. 6-8, 1947. Wmkd multiple cross and crown; Sc 650 surcharged with new value; photogravure by Government Printing Office, Bucharest.

36. 21 + 31 on 36,0001 dark violet (King Michael)

Sc B368; Min 1252; Gi 1903; Mi 1077, Yt 996

37 (Sc), February 1 (Schmidt and Schneider), 21 (Min, Gi, and Mi). 13th Balkan Games, Sofia, Sept. 6-8, 1947. Wmkd multiple cross and crown; P 13½; designed by Alifante Collective, Pavlu (Mi), I. Joster (Gi); photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

37. 11 + 11 olive-brown (discus)

38. 21 + 21 carmine (runner)

39. 51 + 51 blue (men and women athletes)

Sc B381-83; Min 1281-83; Gi 1928-30; Mi 1096-98; Yt 999-1001

Note: 150,000 (Mi, Seebacher, and Trachtenberg), 350,000 (Landmans) sets issued.

1948, February 20 (Sc, Halm and Kobylanski, and Seebacher), 21 (Min and Gi). 13th Balkan Games, Sofia, Sept. 6-8, 1947. Wmkd multiple cross and crown; P 13½ (Sc, Min, Mi, Yt, and Halm and Kobylanski), 13½ x 14 (Seebacher); photogravure in sheets of sixteen by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

40. 71 + 71 dark violet (airplane over stylized athletic field) (110,000--Trachtenberg, 150,000--Mi, 350,000--Landmans)

Sc CB13; Min 1284; Gi 1931; Mi 1099; Yt A45

Note: Issued in small sheets of sixteen (2,500--Trachtenberg, 10,000--Schmidt and Schneider).

48, February 20 (Sc, Halm and Kobylanski, and Seebacher), 21 (Min and Gi). 13th Balkan Games, Sofia, Sept. 6-8, 1947. Wmkd multiple cross and crown; imperforate; photogravure in sheets of four (92 x 102 mm.) with marginal inscription by Government Printing Office, Bucharest.

41. 101 + 101 dark green (same as No. 40) (110,000--Trachtenberg, 150,000--Mi, 350,000--Landmans)

Sc CB14; Min 1285; Gi 1932; Mi 1100; Yt B1 36

Note: Trachtenberg indicates an issue of 2,500 sheets of four with marginal inscription, Schmidt and Schneider 10,000.

1948, July 26. Air and Sea Communications Day. Wnkd multiple cross and crown; P 14 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), 14 x 14½ (Yt); designed by D. Stiubei; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

42. 21 + 21 blue (gliders)

43. 21 + 21 green (sailboat race)

Sc B388, B392; Min 1333, 1337; Gi 1987, 1991, Mi 1145, 1149; Yt 1050, 1054

Note: 50,000 sets issued.

1948, December 31. Sports fund. Wnkd multiple "RPR"; P 13 x 13½ (No. 1), 13½ x 13 (No. 2); designed by I. Joster; photogravure in sheets of four with ornamental borders by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

44. 51 + 51 dark brown (runners)

45. 101 + 101 red (parade of athletes)

Sc B421-22; Min 1360-61; Gi 2014-15; Mi 1171, 1173; Yt 1072-73

Notes: (a) 30,000 (Seebacher and Trachtenberg), 40,000 (Landmans) sets issued.

(b) Trachtenberg reports the issue of 2,500 sheets of four of each stamp with ornamental borders.

1948, December. Sports fund. Wnkd multiple "RPR"; imperforate; Nos. 44-5 in changed colors; designed by I. Joster; photogravure in sheets of four with ornamental borders by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

46. 51 + 51 dark green (same as No. 44)

47. 101 + 101 lilac (same as No. 45)

Sc B423-24; Min 1362-63; Gi 2017, 2018; Mi 1172, 1174; Yt 1074-75

Notes: (a) 30,000 (Seebacher and Trachtenberg), 40,000 (Landmans) sets issued.

(b) Trachtenberg reports the issue of 2,500 sheets of four of each stamp with ornamental borders.

1950, October 28 (Seebacher), 30 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi). Sports fund. Wnkd multiple "RPR"; P 14 (Gi and Yt), 14½ x 14 (Sc, Min, and Mi); designed by E. Nazarov; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

48. 31 carmine-rose (sports badge) (1,000,000--Mi)

49. 51 blue (sports badge) (200,000--Mi)

50. 51 red-brown (same as No. 49) (500,000--Mi)

51. 111 dark green (track team and sports badge) (1,000,000--Mi)

52. 311 ochre-blue (calisthenics and sports badge) (500,000--Mi)

Sc 759-63; Min 1430-34; Gi 2088-92; Mi 1242-46; Yt 1128-32

Note: 174,000 sets issued--Trachtenberg.

1951, January 28. 9th World University Winter Games, Piana-Stalin, Jan. 28-Feb. 4, 1951. Wnkd multiple "RPR"; P 13½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), 13½ x 14 (Yt); designed by D. Stiubei and N. Popescu; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

53. 41 black-brown (ski jump) (1,000,000--Mi)

54. 51 red (downhill skiing) (1,000,000--Mi)

55. 111 blue (speed skating) (1,000,000--Mi)

56. 201 dark red-brown (200,000--Mi)

57. 311 dark green (bob sledding) (100,000--Mi)

Sc 768-72; Min 1437-41; Gi 2095-99; Mi 1247-51; Yt 1135-39

Note: 106,000 sets issued (Trachtenberg).

1951, July 9. 1951 Bicycle Tour of Romania, June 24-July 15. Wnkd multiple "RPR"; P 14 (Min, Gi, and Yt), 14½ x 14 (Sc and Mi); designed by D. Stiubei; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

58. 111 red-brown (bicyclists) (100,000--Mi)

a. Tete-beche pairs (100,000--Mi, 800,000--Trachenberg)

Sc 782; Min 1453; Gi 2111; Mi 1263; Yt 1150

Note: 100,000 tete-beche pairs issued (Trachtenberg).

1952, January 28. Provisional issue. Wkwd multiple "RPR"; P 13½ (Nos. 60 and 61--Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), 13½ x 14 (Nos. 60 and 61--Yt), 14 (No. 59--Gi and Yt), 14½ x 14 (No. 59) (Sc, Gi, and Mi); Nos. 48, 56, and 57 surcharged with new values; designed by L. Nazarov (No. 59) and D. Stiubei and N. Popescu (Nos. 60 and 61); photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 59. 55b on 3l carmine-rose (B) (same as No. 48) (75,900)
- 60. 55b on 20l dark red-brown (B) (same as No. 56) (98,500)
- 61. 55b on 31l dark green (R) (same as No. 57) (94,000)

Sc 845, 847, 848; Min 1527, 1540, 1544; Gi 2195-97; Mi 1339, 1340, 1341; Yt 1245, 1246, 1247

1952, September 4 (Mi), 5 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Halm and Kobylanski). International Student Union Congress, Bucharest, Sept. 5-12, 1952. Wkwd multiple "RPR"; P 13½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Halm and Kobylanski), 13½ x 14½ (Yt), 13 3/4 (Mi); designed by Druga, Alamaru, and Costescu; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 62. 55b orange/blue-green (students playing soccer) (1,000,000)

Sc 906; Min 1600; Gi 2262; Mi 1406; Yt 1278

1952, October 20. Physical culture. Wkwd multiple "RPR"; P 13½ (Sc, Min, Gi, Yt, and Schmidt and Schneider); 13 3/4 (Mi); designed by A. Alexandru; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 63. 20b dark blue (rowing on Lake Snagov) (5,000,000)
- 64. 1.75l blood-red (marching athletes with flags) (1,000,000)

Sc 912-13; Min 1605-06; Gi 2267-68; Mi 1411-12; Yt 1283-84

1953, March 23 (Sc), 23 (Gi and Mi), 24 (Min), 25 (Landmans and Halm and Kobylanski). 20th World Table Tennis Championship, Budapest. Wkwd multiple "RPR"; P 13 3/4 x 14 1/4 (Mi and Landmans), 14 (Sc, Min, and Gi), 14 x 14½ (Halm and Kobylanski); designed by Frida Finkelstein; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 65. 55b brown, pale yellow (map, table tennis paddles, and medal)
- 66. 55b Russian green (same as No. 65)

Sc 926-27; Min 1619-20; Gi 2281-82; Mi 1423-24; Yt 1297-98

Note: 2,000,000 sets issued.

1953, July 11 (Gi and Mi), August 2 (Sc, Min, and Schmidt and Schneider). 4th World Youth Festival, Bucharest, Aug. 2-16, 1953, and 1st International Summer Games. Wkwd multiple "RPR"; P 14 (Sc, Min, and Gi), 14 x 14½ (Yt and Seebacher, Mi--Nos. 67 and 68), 14½ x 14 (Mi--Nos. 69 and 70); designed by C. Muller and O. Adler; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 67. 20b red-orange (Myron's "Discobolus")
- 68. 55b blue (students reaching toward dove)
- 69. 65b carmine-red (students offering teacher flower)
- 70. 1.75l violet-purple (local dance)

Sc 937-40; Min 1631-34; Gi 2293-96; Mi 1435-38; Yt 1308-11

Note: 1,000,000 sets issued (Mi).

1953, July (Mi), October 20 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Schmidt and Schneider). Popularization of civil aviation. Wkwd multiple "RPR"; P 14 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt), 14½ x 14 (Mi); designed by I. Schiffer, I. Avramescu, and J. Vintala; photogravure in sheets of one hundred (10 x 10) by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 71. 20b orange-brown/black-olive (parachute landing)
- 72. 55b carmine-red/violet-purple (glider)

Sc 971, 972; Min 1647, 1648; Gi 2309, 2310; Mi 1451, 1452; Yt 1324, 1325

1955, June 17. European Volleyball Championships, Bucharest, June 13-26, 1955. Wkwd multiple "RPR"; P 14' photogravure on coated paper by Government Printing Works, Bucharest

- 75. 55b Russian green (4-woman crew)
- 76. 11 dark blue (sculling)

Sc 1054-55; Min 1729-30; Gi 2388-89; Mi 1528-29; Yt 1403-04

Note: 1,000,000 sets issued (Mi).

1955, September 10 (Gi and Mi), 11 (Sc, Min, and Seebacher), 30 (Halm and Kobylanski). European Sharpshooting Championships, Bucharest, Sept. 11-13, 1955. Wnkd multiple "RPR"; P 13½; designed by O. Adler; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 77. 11 pale brown/dark violet-brown (marksman)

Sc 1043; Min 1736; Gi 2395; Mi 1535; Yt 1410

1956, October 25 (Sc, Min, Gi, and Mi), November 22 (Landmans and Schmidt and Schneider). 16th Olympic Games, Melbourne, Nov. 22-Dec. 8, 1956. Wnkd multiple "RPR"; P 13½ x 14 (Sc, Min, and Gi), 14 (Yt), 14 x 14½ (Mi, Schmidt and Schneider, Seebacher, and Sieger); designed by V. Grigorescu; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 78. 20b vermilion-red (Olympic rings, torch and flame)
- 79. 55b violet-blue (water polo)
- 80. 11 dark rose-lilac (gymnastics)
- 81. 1.551 blue-green (canoeing)
- 82. 1.751 dark violet (high jump)

Sc 1116-20; Min 1799-1803; Gi 2459-63; Mi 1598-1602; Yt 1473-77

Note: 1,500,000 sets issued (Mi).

1957, May 5 (Landmans), 20 (Min, Gi, Mi, and Halm and Kobylanski), 21 (Sc and Seebacher). 1st European Women's Gymnastic Meet, Bucharest, May 25-6, 1957. Wnkd multiple "RPR"; P 13½ (Sc and Gi), 13 3/4 (Mi and Seebacher), 14 (Min and Yt); designed by V. Grigorescu; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 83. 20b emerald green (woman watching gymnast)
- 84. 35b orange-red (woman gymnast on parallel bars)
- 85. 55b blue (vaulting horse)
- 86. 1.751 purple (acrobat)

Sc 1155-58; Min 1841-44; Gi 2499-2502; Mi 1639-42; Yt 1511-14

1957, May 29 (Sc, Min, Landmans, Schmidt and Schneider, and Seebacher), 30 (Gi and Mi). 10th International Peace Bicycle Race, Prague-Berlin-Warsaw, 1957. Wnkd multiple "RPR"; P 13½ (Gi, Mi, Yt, and Seebacher), 13½ x 14 (Sc), 14 (Min); designed by V. Grigorescu; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 87. 20b violet-ultramarine (dove and handle bars of bicycle)
- 88. 55b black-brown (cyclist)

Sc 1153-54; Min 1839-40; Gi 2505-06; Mi 1643-44; Yt 1509-10

1957, July 28. 6th Youth Festival, Moscow, 1957. Wnkd multiple "RPR"; P 12½ x 14 (Yt), 14 (Min), 14 x 14½ (Sc, Gi, Mi, and Seebacher); designed by I. Dumitrana; photogravure by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 89. 55b light emerald (woman gymnast with hoop of flags)

Sc 1174; Min 1865; Gi 2525; Mi 1659; Yt 1526

1957, September 14. International Athletic Meet- Bucharest. Wnkd multiple "RPR"; P 13½ (Sc, Min, Gi, and Yt), 14 x 13½ (Mi, Landmans, and Seebacher); designed by V. Grigorescu; lithography (Min), photogravure (Sc, Gi, and Mi) by Government Printing Works, Bucharest.

- 90. 20b black, pale blue (stylized jumper and dove)
- 91. 55b black, chrome-yellow (stylized javelin thrower and bison)
- 92. 1.751 black, vermilion (stylized runner and stag)

Sc 1180-82; Min 1872-74; Gi 2532-34; Mi 1666-68; Yt 1536-38

Note: 2,000,003 sets issued (Mi).