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OLYMPIC ITEMS FROM ESTONIA

by Ossi Virtanen
edited by Sherwin Podolsky

At a second-hand bookstore in Finland, I found two Estonian postcards bearing advertising rubberstamps that aroused my curiosity.

Figures 1 and 2 show the address side of the postcards.

Figure 1 bears the rectangular marking in the upper right corner. The stamp is damaged, perhaps in an attempt by a foolish collector to remove it. It is not clear whether the rubberstamp is on or beneath the postage stamp.

Figure 2 shows the boxed impression more clearly and completely. Figure 1 bears a dispatch postmark of Tallinn dated February 16, 1927. It also has the arrival cancel of Kop(11?) dated February 16, 1927. Figure 2 appears postmarked Tallinn and dated February 15, 1927.

In order to obtain more detailed information, I borrowed a book from a friend. It is "Estonia, Philately & Postal History Handbook and Catalogue" published in 1986 by the Estonian Philatelic Society in Sweden and New York.

On page 705 is listed a publicity slogan and advertising marking applied by postal authorities. The boxed propaganda marking is 60 x 30 millimeters and was used only at Tallinn in February and March 1927 in

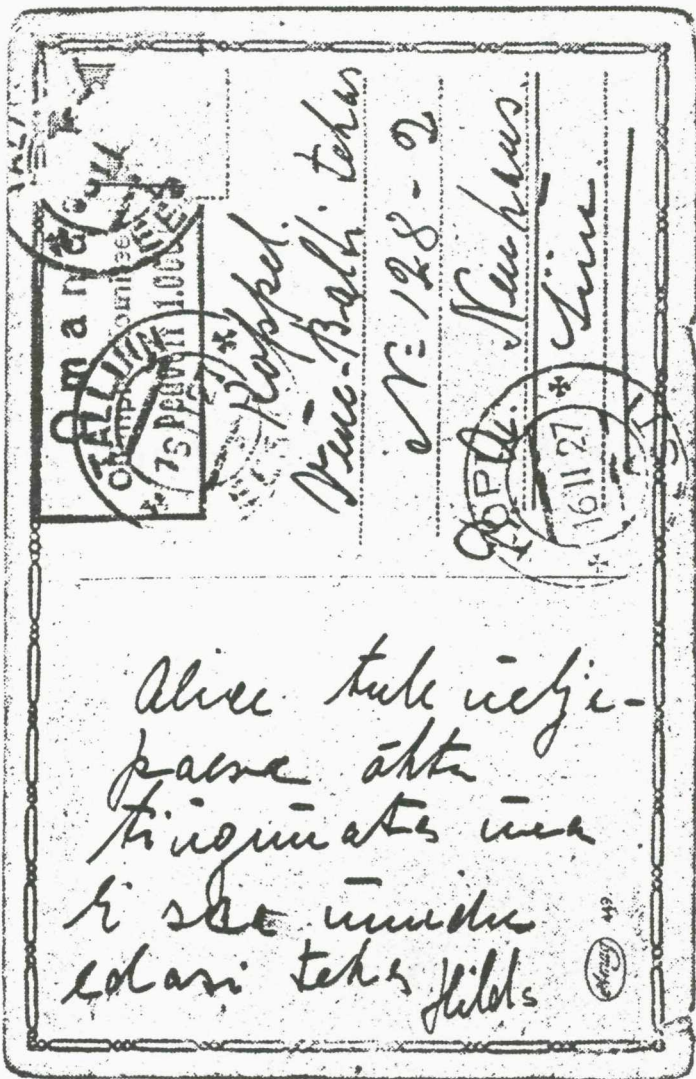


Fig. 1

red. The slogan translates to: "ACQUIRE THE OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE LOTTERY TICKETS. FIRST PRIZE 1,000,000
MARKS."

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

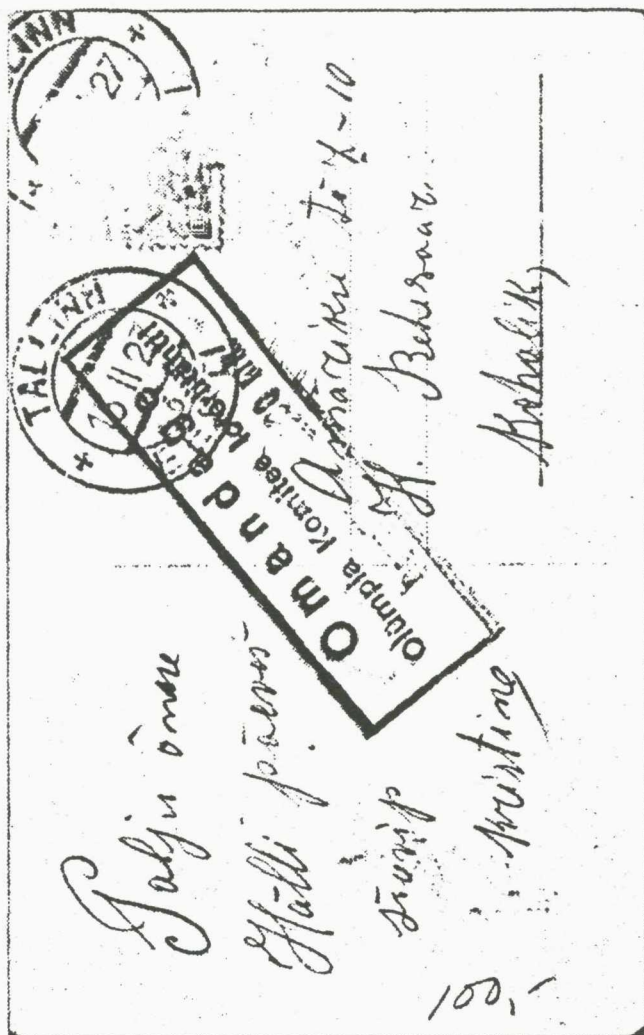


Fig. 2

27.01	Tallinn	2A 60 x 30	Acquire the Olympic Committee Lottery Tickets. First Prize 1,000,000 Marks. Erwirbt Lotteriescheine des Olympischen Komitees! Hauptgewinn 1.000.000 Mk.	r.	1927 Feb.-Mar.	14
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Olümpia Komitee loteriitähiti!
Peavõit 1.000.000 mk.

Fig. 3

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39:17	Tallinn	2A-E 50 x 20	To the Olympic Games 1940 via the Baltic States. Zu den Olympischen Spielen 1940 über die Baltischen Staaten.	r.	1939 Aug.	90
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To the Olympic Games
 1940
 via the Baltic States

Fig. 4

Figure 3 illustrates the complete propaganda marking.

My search disclosed another marking, also in red and used at Tallinn. It was used in August 1939 and measures 50 x 20 millimeters. The slogan is in 3 lines and is in English and reads: "TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES 1940 VIA THE BALTIC STATES." Figure 4 illustrates this marking.

Do any readers possess these markings?



1986 UNITED STATES BASEBALL CANCELS by Norman Rushefsky

In March a special postal station at the stamp show, Rockford '86, used a baseball related cancel honoring Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth. The cachets I prepared for this cancel were copied from old baseball cards. (figures 1 & 2)

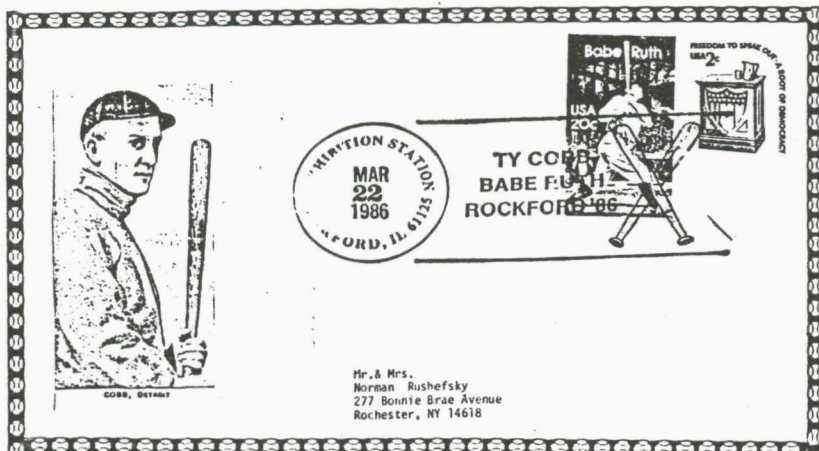


Fig. 1

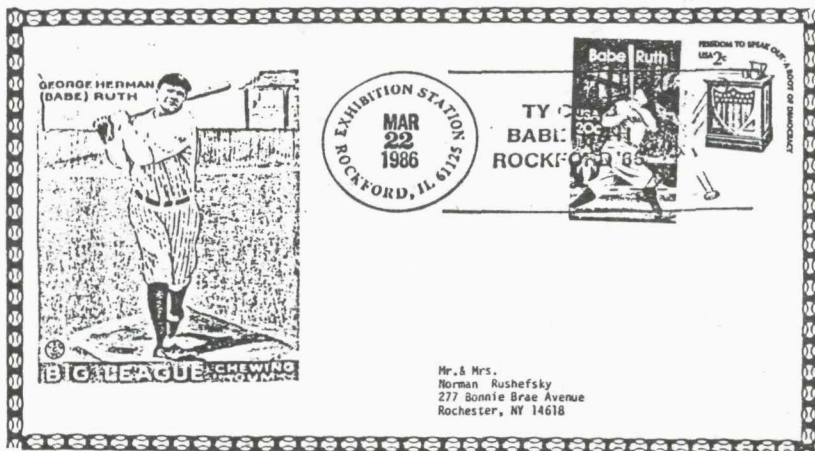


Fig. 2

On April 11th a special cancel was used by the postal station at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium for the San Diego Padres home opener against the Cincinnati Reds. (figure 3)

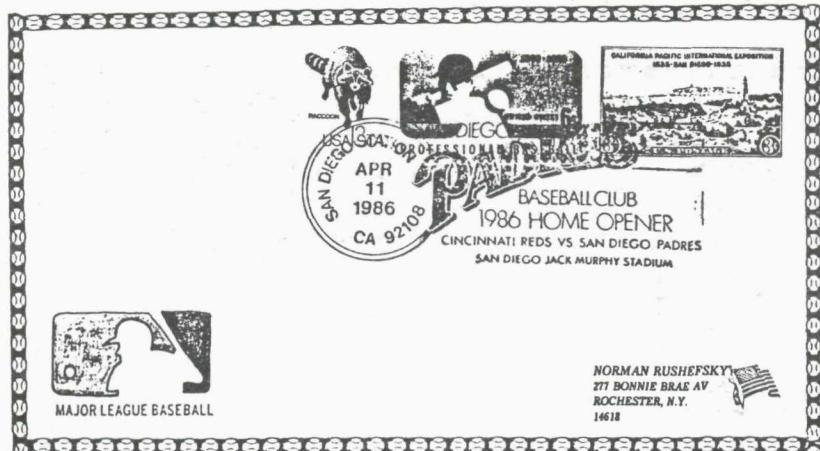


Fig. 3

Also in April the West Omaha Stamp Club, at their semi-annual stamp show honored the great pitcher, Dizzy Dean. A postal station at the show used the baseball theme cancel.(figure 4).

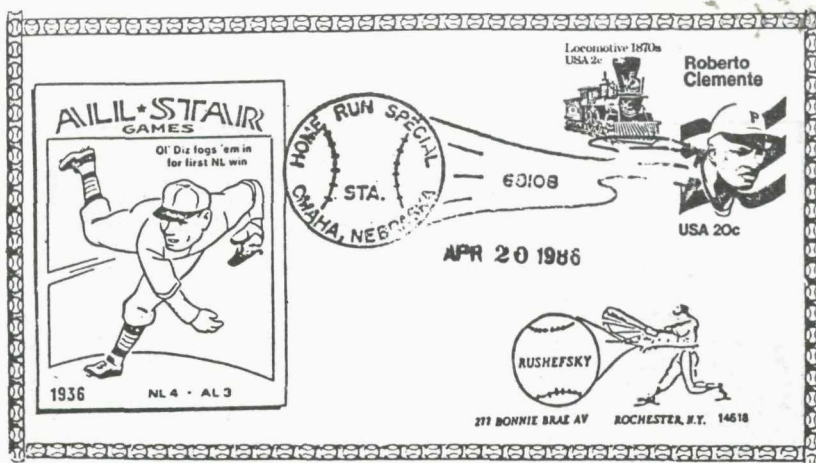


Fig. 4

In May the Inland Empire Philatelic Society held a philatelic exhibition in Spokane, Washington called IEPEX. A postal station at the show used a design of a large baseball for the cancel.(figure 5).

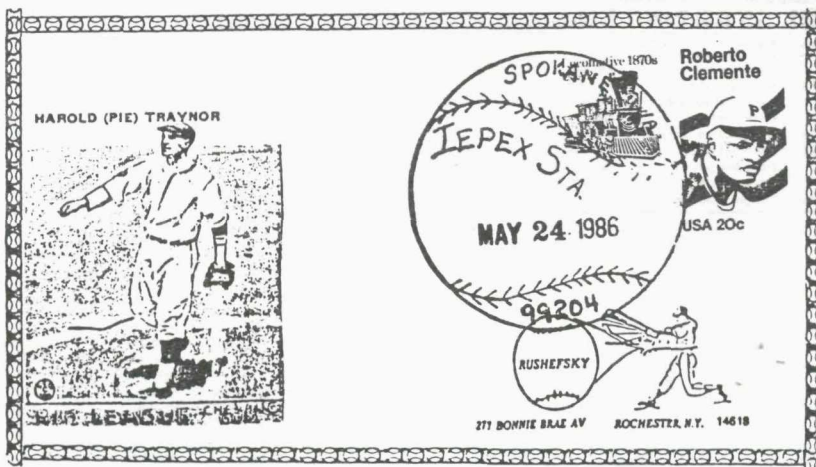


Fig. 5

In July the annual All-Star Game was held in Houston, Texas. The postal station at the game featured a cancel illustrating an outline of the state of Texas with the logo for the game. The cachet I prepared for this cancel illustrates this logo. On the reverse side of this envelope is reproduced a list of the starting line-ups for the game. (figures 6 & 7). The American League won the game 3 to 2.

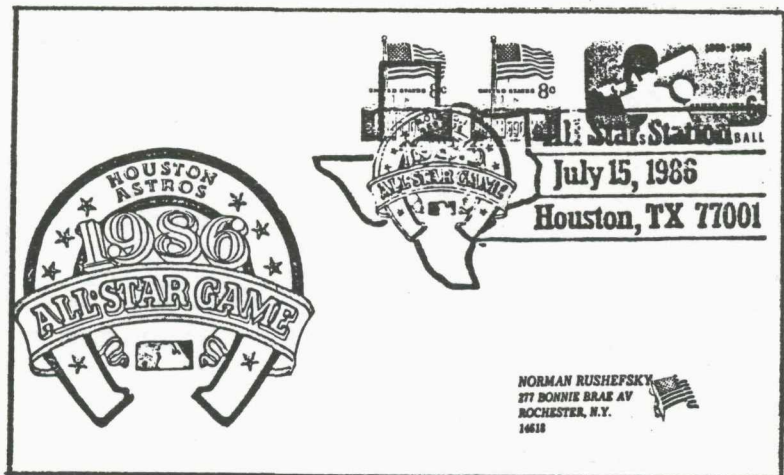


Fig. 6

NL STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Team	Pos.	Avg.
19	Tony Gwynn	Padres	LF	.341
23	Ryne Sandberg	White Sox	2B	.272
17	Keith Hernandez	Mets	1B	.284
8	Gary Carter	Mets	C	.255
18	Darryl Strawberry	Mets	RF	.298
20	Mike Schmidt	Phillies	3B	.285
3	Dale Murphy	Braves	CF	.273
1	Ozzie Smith	Cardinals	SS	.280
16	Dwight Gooden	Mets	P	2.77

Fig. 7

AL STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Team	Pos.	Avg.
34	Kirby Puckett	Twins	CF	.338
24	Rickey Henderson	Yankees	LF	.284
26	Wade Boggs	Red Sox	3B	.363
13	Lance Parrish	Tigers	C	.249
21	Wally Joyner	Angels	1B	.313
8	Cal Ripken	Orioles	SS	.297
31	Dave Winfield	Yankees	RF	.232
1	Lou Whitaker	Tigers	2B	.265
21	Roger Clemens	Red Sox	P	2.48

Also in July, in Arlington, Texas, the 7th National Sports Collectors Convention was held. A postal station at the convention used an attractive cancel featuring a map of the state of Texas, a baseball and a batter. The cachet I used for this cancel features reproductions of wrappers used for baseball cards. (figure 8).

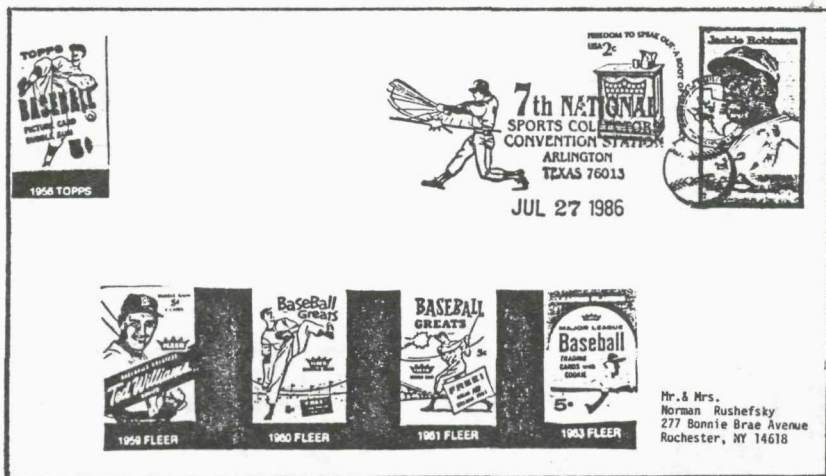


Fig. 8

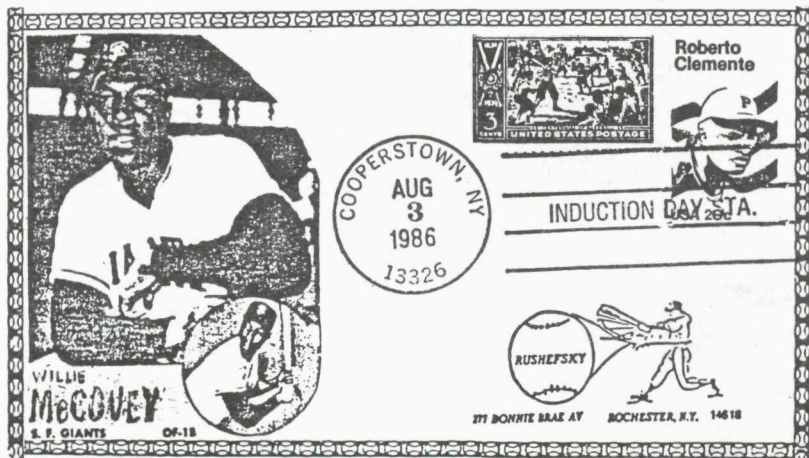


Fig. 9

On August 3rd, the Baseball Hall of Fame Museum held a ceremony to induct three more former players into the Hall of Fame. This was the first year that the Post Office established a special Induction Day Station. Inducted that day were Willie McCovey of the San Francisco Giants, Bobby Doerr of the Boston Red Sox and Ernie Lombardi of the Cincinnati Reds. I prepared cachets illustrating baseball cards of each of these players. (figures 9, 10 & 11).

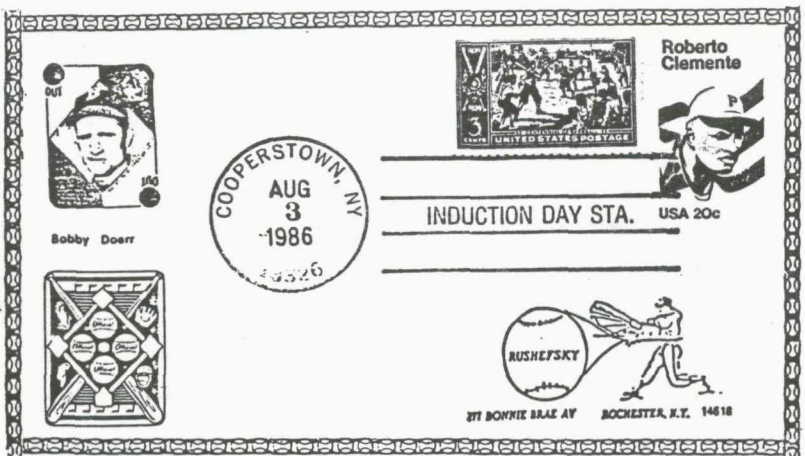


Fig. 10

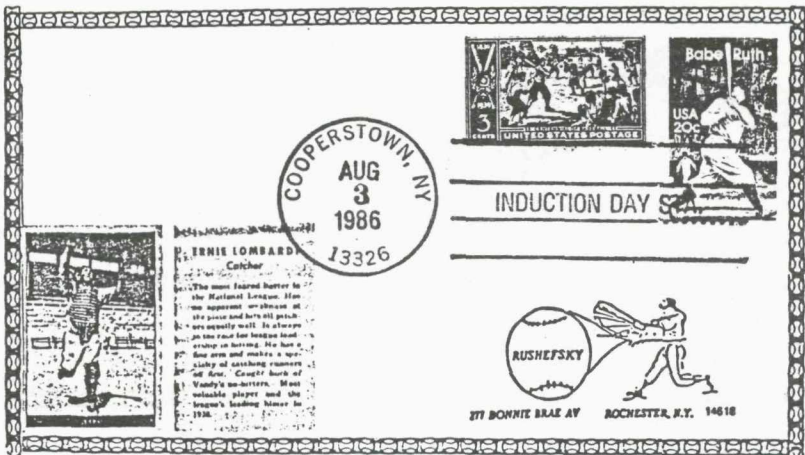


Fig. 11

On August 9th and 10th the West Omaha Stamp Club show honored Johnny Mize. The postal service re-used its "Home Run Special" cancel for this event. (figure 12).

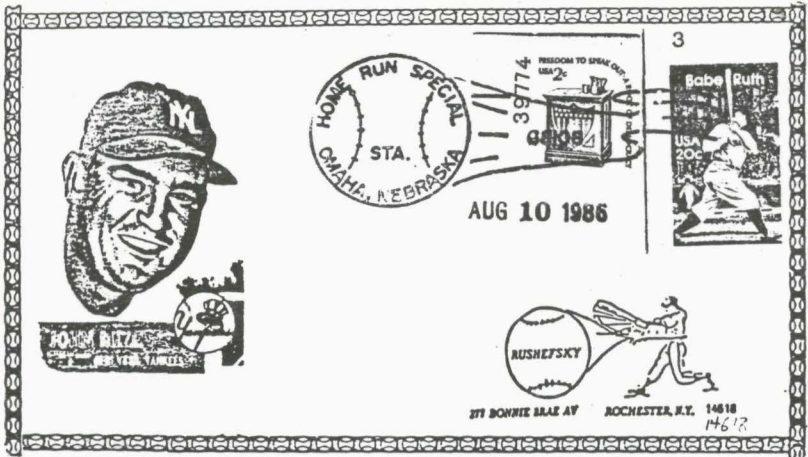


Fig. 12

A postal station at the philatelic exhibition JOYPEX '86, held August 16-17 at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, featured a baseball cancel illustrating a bat, ball and glove. (figure 13).

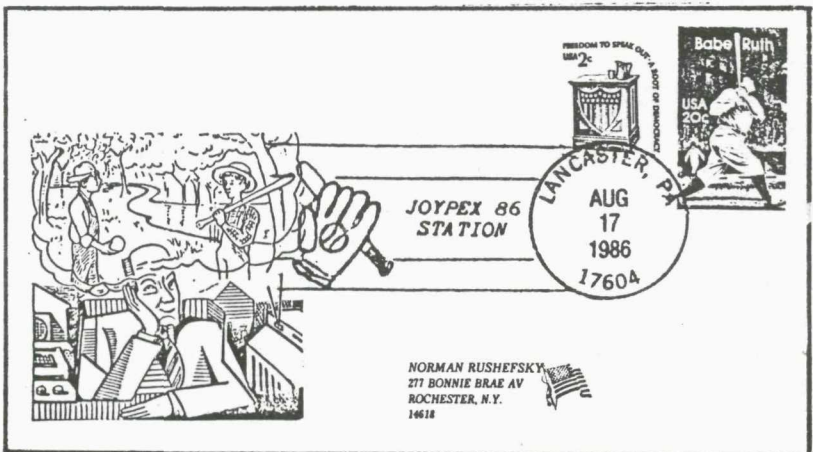


Fig. 13

The annual Little League World Series is held in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. To honor this event the Philatelic Center at Williamsport Post Office used a special cancel on August 22nd. This cancel features a baseball and a bat with the words "Birthplace of Little League" on the bat. (figure 14).

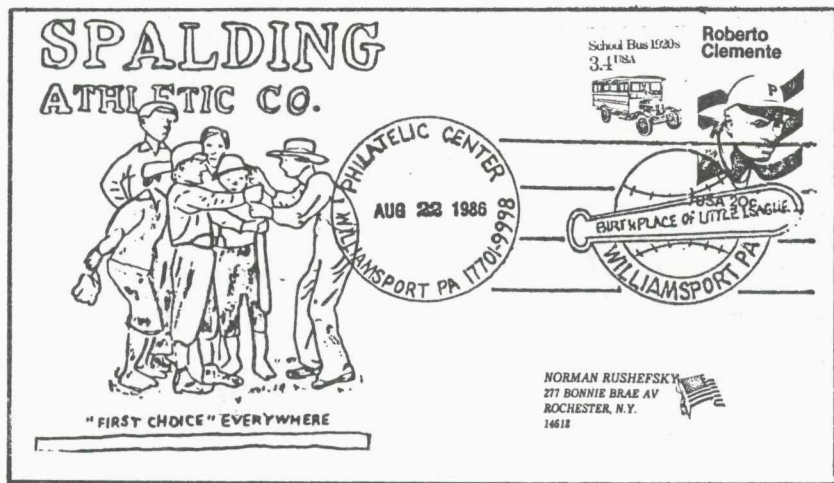


Fig. 14

In October a philatelic exhibition in Bangor, Maine honored the Boston Red Sox, whose fans are found in all of the states comprising New England. The cancel features the logo of the Red Sox. The cachet I used alludes to the baseball fever building in New England due to the success of the Red Sox at their field, Fenway Park. (figure 15).

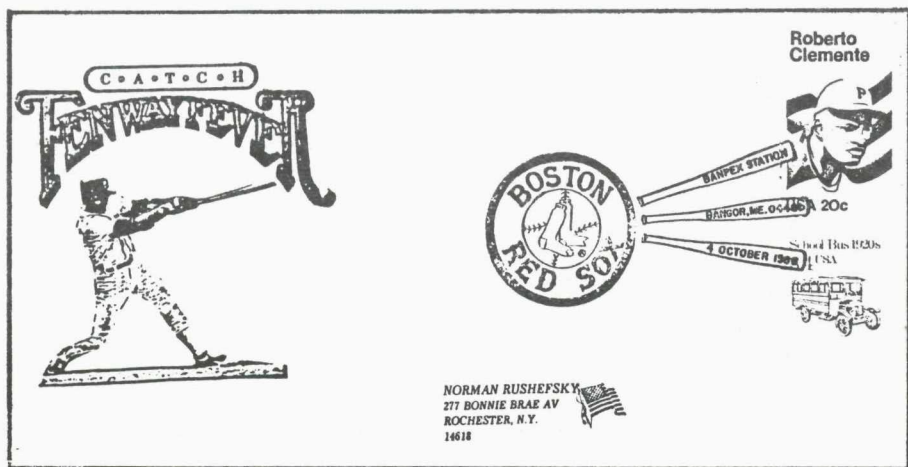


Fig. 15

Well, the Red Sox didn't disappoint their fans. They managed to squeak into the World Series with a close victory over the California Angels to win the American League pennant. The New York Mets surprised no one by representing the National League in the Series. A truly exciting series it was with the Mets winning it 4 games to 3. A postal station at Fenway Park used the cancel illustrated for the three games held there; games 3, 4 and 5. (figure 16). No special cancel was used in New York. An interesting thing about the Boston cancel was that information about the Boston cancel availability was published in the sports page of our newspaper in Rochester, New York. Hopefully, other papers also published this and helped generate greater interest in these postmarks. The absence of a cancel from New York was a big disappointment as it has become routine for both cities involved in the World Series to have a special cancel. Perhaps New York was over budget because of events relating to the Statue of Liberty celebration.

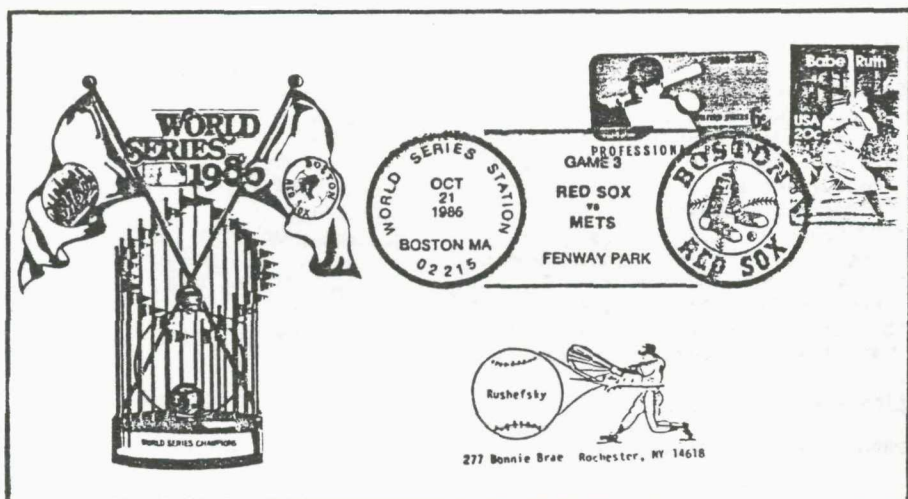


Fig. 16

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

SPI MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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- 1539R Edward S. Hochuli, 30 Woodland Ave., Staten Island, NY 10308. He is a retired engineer who collects scuba diving, skin diving, swimming, fancy diving and water skiing. (Jones)
- 1540R Zoltan Dako, 13531 Detroit Ave. #25, Lakewood, OH 44107. He is an engineer fluent in Hungarian that collects both Olympics and yachting. (Reiss)
- 1541R Walter E. Freeman, 8025 Ceder Ave. #12, Cleveland, OH 44103. An engineer who is a general collector with specific interest in yachting, baseball, soccer & Olympics. (Estus)
- 1542R Ronald E. Alexander, 1321 SW Auburn Rd., Topeka, KS 66604. He is a consultant and college instructor and a general collector who specializes in covers for the following: baseball, '87 Pan Am Games, '80 & '88 Winter Olympics and special events. (Estus)
- 1543R Martin Rhode, 12803 Teaberry Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20906. A small business owner and general collector specializing in baseball, football, basketball and Olympics. (Estus)
- 1544R Paul D. Fox, 6227 Nassau Rd., Harrisburg, PA. 17112. He is retired and collects all Olympics. (Yerkes)
- 1545R Robert Thenmayer, Weidengasse 10, Laaithaya, Austria 2136. He is fluent in German and collects basketball and tennis.
- 1546R Michael A. Goss, 217 Martin St., Syracuse, NY 13208. He is a cost analyst & an Olympic collector specializing in Olympic pins, badges & medals; plus hot air balloon pins. (Estus)
- 1547R John Scott Whitehill, 120 Bradford Ave., Rye, NY 10580. A consultant and general collector with specialized interest in Olympics, football, baseball and basketball. (Jones)
- 1548R David A. Stark, 14734 Elmira Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22193. A logistician collecting marksmanship and archery. (Jones)
- 1549R W. D. Hay, 50 Alexander Dr., Winston Park, Gillitts 3610, Rep. of South Africa. (Reiss)
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PITTPEX '86, Pittsburgh, PA REV. G. SHERMAN OTT ATA silver for "1936 Olympics".

SARAPEX '87, Sarasota, FL MARIA KUZMIN SPI "Best in Show" award and a silver for "Olympic Games" ; KAZIMIER KUZMIN a silver for "19th Century Post Offices in Poland" and ADOLPH J. ROTH a silver-bronze for "The Oldest Sport - Hunting".

VAPEX '86, Virginia Beach, VA CORA COLLINS SPI "Best in Show" award, APS silver & ATA bronze for "The Sport of Golf" and JOAN R. BEAKLEY an APS silver for "Volleyball - The Basics and Beyond".

SPI Best of Show awards will be available to qualified exhibitors at the following shows:

StaMpsHOW '87, Boston, Mass., Aug. 20-23, 1987; for a prospectus write APS, Box 8000, State College, PA 168803, attn: John M. Thornton, Director of Communications

VAPEX '87, Virginia Beach, VA Nov. 20-22, 1987; for prospectus write VAPEX '87, Box 5367, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

Total SPI membership as of April 22, 1987 = 392.

THINGS TO SEND FOR

by Sherwin Podolsky

The Polonus Philatelic Society, c/o Walenty Poniecki, 6020 N. Mason St., Chicago, Illinois 60646 still has some philatelic and souvenir items related to sports and the Olympic Games including show cancels, souvenir cards, souvenir sheets and program catalogs for its philatelic exhibition, POLPEX. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Mr. Poniecki for a leaflet with information as to availability and prices.

If you are looking for the pictorial cancel for AUSPEX '84 showing a stylized track runner and the wording: AUSPEX SALUTES THE '84 OLYMPICS, write Lyle Boardman, 11402 Mendora Drive, Austin, Texas 78748. Send an SASE and inquire about availability and price. The show was commemorated by covers with a cachet including the 1896 10 drachma Greek Olympic

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the time this Message was written, Kent, England where I live was recovering from several weeks of snow which paralyzed the county. Travelling, even 2-3 miles was a major expedition. The prospect of travelling in warmer climes over greater distances to make new friends is therefore a very appealing one.

Last year's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Berlin Olympics was an important occasion for sports philately, perhaps equaled by the 25 years of devoted service which our Publisher, Mr George Kobylka of K Line Publishing Co has recently completed

I am sure you will join with me and our Secretary-Treasurer, Mr Clem Reiss in thanking him for all his outstanding work. Mr Kobylka's efforts have truly helped sports philately, and JSP in particular to flourish.

Vacancy - SPI Auction Manager

Unfortunately Les Yerkes who has been running our Auction service for some time now has had to retire due to an increasing number of other commitments. The Board would therefore like to hear from any member, preferably resident in North America who would be willing to take on the responsibility of running our mail auctions.

The new Auction Manager will be free to hold auctions whenever he or she desires. The Board will reimburse all reasonable expenses incurred by the Auction Manager in running the service such as the cost of sending out press releases to philatelic journals about each new auction. The new Auction Manager will also be a member of the Board of Directors of SPI. Experienced, and friendly professional advice will also be available to the new Manager on all aspects of running the service, such as pricing, description of lots, marketing and promotion of the service.

If you would like to volunteer for the position please write to John Oaborne, President SPI, 236 Bexley Lane, Sidcup, Kent, DA14 4JH, UK with a few biographical details.

Les Yerkes is now hard at work on a history of SPI which we will publish. He would be delighted to hear from any member who has information about the Society's early years. Please write to Lester M. Yerkes, P.O. Box 40771, St. Petersburg, FL 33743.

I am sure you will join with me and the other Officers and Directors in thanking Les for his valued service. We all look forward to reading his history of SPI.

1986 SPORTS SLOGAN METERS

of SAN MARINO

based on information supplied
by Francesco Uccellari

San Marino, a small republic entirely within the borders of Italy, is 24 miles square and claims to be the oldest state in Europe. The main sources of revenue are tourism and postage stamps.

Interest in sports is high and some important racing events are held, some with the assistance of outside sponsors.

In 1986 the Department for Tourism decided to use postage meter slogans to commemorate and advertise several important motor sports events. The meters were all printed in red. Following are illustrated these meters as supplied by Mr. Uccellari.

Figure 1. A 1000 mile motor car race held May 2, 1986. The meter shown was in use from January 17 until May 2, 1986.



Figure 2. The 6th San Marino Gran Prix held April 27, 1986. San Marino held its first Gran Prix in 1981. The 1986 race was won by the well known French Driver, Alain Prost, the 1985 International Gran Prix Champion. Prost also won the 1986 Gran Prix at Monaco and the 1986 Vienna Gran Prix. The meter was in use from January 17th until April 27, 1986.



Figure 3. The 4th Gran Prix and World Championship for motorcycle with side-car in cross-country held June 29, 1986. The meter was in use from April 28th through June 29, 1986.



Figure 4A. The 6th Gran Prix for Motorcycles. This was the World Championships for various mileage distances. The slogan meter was in use from June 30th through the date of the event, August 23 and 24, 1986.



Figure 4B This is the front side of the postcard used in obtaining the meter impression in figure 4A.

NEW GOLF ISSUE ++++++

Add to your golf checklist, Cocos Island, \$1.00, fifth green on Cocos Island golf course, April 1987. Submitted by William Wollney.

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6° GRAN PREMIO SAN MARINO

23/24 Agosto 1986

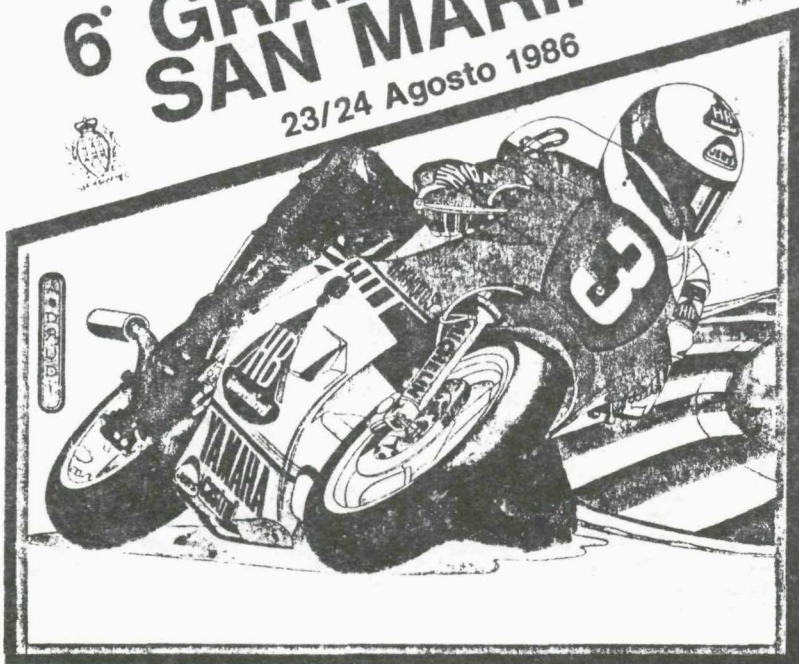


Figure 5. The 14th Marlboro San Marino Rally held November 6th through 9th 1986. The meter was in use from August 25th until the 9th of November 1986. An interesting note of this item is that although Italy has banned tobacco billboard advertising, San Marino has allowed tobacco company sponsorship of a sport event.



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PER IL TURISMO



XIV Marlboro San Marino Rally
San Marino 6/9 Novembre '86

SPI MAIL AUCTION #19 SUMMARY

Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid
7	\$ 1.00	83	\$12.50	189	\$ 6.00	272	\$25.50	342	\$ 5.50
8	3.00	92	13.50	190	7.50	276	15.00	343	14.50
9	1.00	93	6.50	191	3.00	278	3.00	344	25.00
10	3.00	94	12.50	192	3.00	280	1.50	346	3.00
11	15.50	95	11.00	193	3.00	281	4.50	347	2.00
12	4.00	96	10.50	194	4.00	282	4.00	348	3.00
13	2.00	97	2.00	197	4.00	284	5.00	349	1.50
14	3.00	98	2.00	200	5.00	289	2.00	350	1.50
15	14.00	99	8.50	201	4.50	292	4.00	351	2.50
16	3.50	100	5.00	202	4.00	293	8.00	352	3.00
17	4.00	101	2.00	203	4.00	294	2.00	353	11.00
18	4.00	102	4.00	204	2.50	295	4.50	354	16.50
19	10.00	103	4.50	207	6.00	296	1.00	356	4.00
20	20.00	115	1.50	209	10.00	297	1.50	358	2.50
21	3.00	118	7.00	211	12.00	298	1.00	359	1.50
22	10.00	120	7.50	212	9.00	299	2.00	360	2.50
23	2.50	121	2.50	213	1.50	300	2.50	361	2.00
25	7.00	126	1.00	215	1.50	302	2.00	362	5.50
26	8.00	133	1.00	216	7.50	303	1.50	363	4.00
27	3.00	135	1.50	222	15.00	305	1.50	364	3.00
28	3.00	136	1.50	223	5.00	306	1.50	365	2.00
29	2.50	139	3.00	232	9.00	308	1.50	366	2.00
30	2.00	142	3.00	236	4.00	309	4.00	367	2.00
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32	5.00	144	25.50	238	4.50	311	4.50	369	2.50
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35	4.50	151	25.50	242	3.00	314	1.50	371	4.50
36	2.50	152	3.50	243	3.00	315	1.00	372	2.50
37	3.50	153	3.00	244	2.00	316	1.50	373	3.50
38	7.00	155	18.00	246	3.50	317	2.00	374	1.50
39	4.50	156	7.50	248	6.50	318	1.50	375	2.00
40	6.00	158	2.50	250	3.00	319	3.00	377	19.50
41	1.50	159	4.00	251	10.00	321	6.50	378	4.00
42	5.00	161	3.00	253	26.00	322	4.50	381	1.00
47	5.00	165	5.00	254	3.00	323	5.50	386	2.00
48	4.50	166	10.50	256	1.00	324	2.00	387	5.00
49	5.00	167	2.50	257	1.00	325	5.50	388	2.50
51	4.00	168	4.00	258	1.00	326	2.50	389	4.00
53	2.00	169	3.50	259	1.50	328	12.00	390	1.00
63	50.00	170	2.50	260	2.50	329	1.00	391	3.50
66	3.00	179	6.50	264	4.00	330	4.00	394	10.00
67	2.50	183	1.50	265	16.00	335	3.50	396	2.00
78	12.50	184	2.50	266	8.00	338	1.00		
79	4.00	186	3.00	269	2.50	339	2.00		
81	2.00	187	4.00	271	2.00	340	1.00		

Number of lots sold: 222

Number of consignors: 11

Number of bidders: 49 (13 from countries outside the USA)

Total realization this auction: \$1,183.50

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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.

- Q.112 - As you know many stamps and cancels are coming out commemorating past Olympic events. Italy recently produced a cancel for Dorando Petri, the 1908 Marathon runner. There have been other cancels from West Germany and Italy.

Sherwin Podolsky would appreciate information about additional postage stamps and cancelations which have been issued commemorating the 1904 Olympic games held as part of the Louisiana Exposition at St. Louis. Information on all possible postal stationery and only Scott-listed postage stamps are needed. These items would, of course, be non-contemporary.

- Q.113 - I have acquired for my Olympic collection a number of different 1984 Los Angeles Olympic covers which are canceled with a double circle handstamp with the text Los Angeles (at top), 1984 Olympic Games (at bottom) between the double circles and the month, day and year date on three lines in the middle of the circles.

I have been informed that this handstamp was illegal for canceling postage stamps yet on each of my covers this handstamp has been used to invalidate postage. My informant said that although the device was an official post office handstamp its purpose was both to document the date arrival of mail at the Olympic games and to be used on mail receipts.

Is my informant correct? Could the double circle handstamp "kill" postage stamps? Did my covers go through the mail? Clarification on these questions would be appreciated.

- Q.114- Although I have in my collection a number of machine cancels used to publicize the 1936 Garmisch-Partenkirchen Olympic Winter games I have information to the effect that several publicity meters were also used to advertise the Games. Were these meter imprints used by German commercial firms? Can anyone describe them?

- Q.115- Information is requested about "OLIMPEX 1956" Was there any philatelic material connected with this exhibition?

- Q.116- I have been informed that the handstamp used during the 1952 Helsinki Olympic games have within the double circle different letters which identify the temporary post offices which were set up for the games. Can you supply me with a complete list of these post offices?

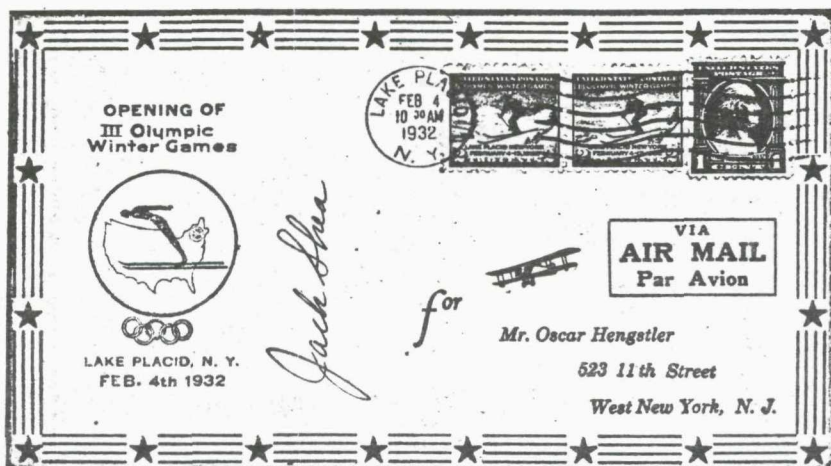
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OLYMPIC SIGNATURES

FROM THE

EDWARD B. EPSTEIN COLLECTION

UNITED STATES



FEB 4, 1932 LAKE PLACID, N. Y. THIRD OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES OPENING DAY
FLOWN COVER SIGNED BY JOHN A. "JACK" SHEA, WINNER OF THE 500 M.
SPEED SKATING IN 43.4 SEC. AND THE 1,500 M. RACE IN 2 MIN. 57.5 SEC.

U.S. MELBOURNE OLYMPIC TEAM MEMBERS AUTOGRAPHS ON OCT. 31, 1956
FIRST DAY COVER PUBLICIZING THE 16TH OLYMPIC GAMES, MELBOURNE



JOSH CULBREATH	1956	400M HURDLES (TRACK & FIELD)	BRONZE
GREGORY BELL	1956	BROAD JUMP (TRACK & FIELD)	GOLD
JAMES GEORGE	1956	LT. HEAVYWEIGHT WEIGHTLIFTING	BRONZE
	1960	LT. HEAVYWEIGHT WEIGHTLIFTING	SILVER
ISAAC BERGER	1956	FEATHERWEIGHT WEIGHTLIFTING	GOLD
	1960	FEATHERWEIGHT WEIGHTLIFTING	SILVER
	1964	FEATHERWEIGHT WEIGHTLIFTING	SILVER

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

SPI MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

New Members:

- 1551R Cheryl Schmidt, 1715 Ramana Ave., S. Pasadena, CA 91030.
She is an artist and collects bicycling. (Estus)
- 1552R Marty Wagman, 2221 Senasal Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815. He
is in sales and specializes in Olympic memorabilia such as
programs, tickets, medals and cinderella items. (Jones)

- 1553R Alan R. Polsky, 13816 Bora Bora Way #218A, Marina del Ray, CA 90292. An attorney who collects all Olympics and Olympic memorabilia. He has duplicate medallions for 1928, '36, '48, '56, & '84 to trade; phone (213) 827-2436 or write. (Jones)
- 1554R Frank L. Allard Jr., Nippon Philatelics, Drawer 7300, Carmel, CA 93921. A general stamp dealer who has a special interest all Japan related sports items. (Podolsky)
- 1555R Robert M. Jenney, Box 100, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167. Chairman of the Francis Quimet Caddie Scholarship Fund and a general collector with specific interest in golf. (ATA)
- 1556R Kenneth A. Conway, 815 Bank St., So. Pasadena, CA 91030. A CPA with a collecting interest in sailing. (Reiss)
- 1557R Craig R. Perlow, 240 W. 71st St., New York, NY 10023. He is a real estate broker with a collecting interest in Olympics, especially pins, badges & participant's medals. (Podolsky)
- 1558R Dr. Emil Queen, 16 Wooleys Lane, Great Neck, NY 11023. A dentist who is a general collector specializing in all Olympics, horse racing and "unusual sports". (Jones)
- 1559R Dieter Germann, Gerhart - 4 Auptmann - Str. 51, Postbox 1111, Muhlheim/M, D6052, Federal Rep. of Germany. He is an Olympic collector and fluent in German. (Jones)
- 1560R Norman F. Jacobs, Jr., 1958 Carlington Ct., Atlanta, GA 30345. He is self-employed and collect only tennis.

Sponsors:

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New Address:

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 Rosario Infiesta, 9761 Kendale Blvd., Miami, FL 33176

Awards:

Congratulations to the following SPI & ATA winners:

COLOPEX '87, Columbus, Ohio CHRIS NORTHWOOD a silver for "A

Philatelic Study of the Eleventh Olympiad" and DORTHY E. WEIHRAUCH a silver for "Philatelic Tennis".

INTERPEX, New York City, ALICE J. JOHNSON an APS silver and ATA bronze for "Figure Skating" and ROBERT CHRISTIANSON an APS bronze for "Olympic Signatures".

LAKESHORE '87, Quebec, Canada, N. HARDY bronze for "Hockey: Canada vs. USSR".

ROMPEX '87, Denver, DONALD BEUTHEL vermeil and ATA second for "Nordic Skiing" and a vermeil for "They're Gone Now ..."

ROPEX '87, Rochester, NY ALICE J. JOHNSON SPI "Best in Show" award, ATA gold, APS silver & Virginia Guber awards;

KAZIMIER KUZMIN an APS silver. The show cancel honored baseball with a pictorial cancel of a bi-plane pulling a banner that said "Salute to baseball/Rochester, N.Y." Also souvenir cards honoring baseball & Rochester's Red Wing team is still available in either mint (\$2.40) or serviced with cancel (\$2.65) by sending addressed label to ROPEX, Box 10206, Brighton Station, Rochester, NY 14610.

SPI Best of Show awards will be available to qualified exhibitors at the following shows:

StampsHOW '87, Boston, Mass., Aug. 20-23, 1987; for a prospectus write APS, Box 8000, State College, PA 16803, attn: John M. Thornton, Director of Communications
VAPEX '87, Virginia Beach, VA Nov. 20-22, 1987; for prospectus write VAPEX '87, Box 5367, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

Total SPI membership as of June 3, 1987 = 402.

AUCTION RESULTS

by Dale Lilljedahl

On November 15, 1986 David Feldman SA of Case Postale 81 in Geneva, Switzerland held their annual mail sale which included a large section of Olympic lots. Their offering encompassed the entire era of the modern games along with a few non-philatelic items and some large lots. It is interesting to note that only 189 of the 330 lots sold, which should mean that some bargains are available. Of course, even these "bargains" would be steep since Feldman's material is nearly all on the expensive end of the Olympic philatelic scale.

I have split this report into two parts with this first installment covering the 1896 games until the 1925 Olympic Congress in Prague. Not every lot that sold is listed, but I attempted to give a representative sample of the material. The prices realized do not include the 10% commission and are listed in Swiss Francs, which are currently trading at about \$0.69.

The 1896 proofs brought the highest prices of the auction with the special printing proofs of the 5D and 10D going for 7500 and 9500 Sfr. respectively. The next highest bid of 6000 Sfr. was for a set of covers with all the 1896 Greek stamps tied to the covers by the Athens first day cancellation. The top grossing single cover was a 1924 Olympic postcard with all four French stamps tied by all three of the Olympic Village postmarks. It sold for 1800 Sfr. Of special interest to the 1924 games were the two lots of the Syrie overprints which had an additional "SPECIMAN" overprint. These stamps were sent to the London UPU office, and since they were to be used as samples, they received the specimen designation, and are rarely seen on the auction block.

1896 Athens

5L, 25L, 2D, & 5D Trial color proofs on thin carton paper. 2400 SFr.

5D special printing proof on the same paper used by the French Printing Office to produce the large format proofs for presentation to officials. 7500 SFr.

10D special printing proof on the same paper as above. 9500 SFr.

1L to 10D complete set with the Athens March 25, 1896 first day cancellation from the same post office number 8. 6000 SFr.

1L to 10D fine used complete set. 200 SFr.

2L block of eight plus a pair on envelope. 550 SFr.

60L forgery of vertical block of eight. 120 SFr.

1900 Athens

50L on 2D bistre corner margin with misplaced "A". 220 SFr.
25L of what was believed to be an essay of the overprint in red with figures different from those finally used. 1800 SFr.

1906 Athens

SEGG Olympic New Years card with a trace of soiling. 1200 SFr.
10L to 5D selection of trail color proofs on cards. 360 SFr.
1L brown, 1L purple on rose gutter pair, 2L margin single, and a block of four, both with a double impression. 320 SFr.
20L definitive proof in issued color on carton paper. 1500 SFr.
5L artist's die proof in brown on normal paper. 800 SFr.
30L intact page of 9 Segg proofs (3X3). 1500 SFr.
1L plus 2-2L & 3L on 1907 postcard to Belgium. 110 SFr.
1L to 5D complete set in blocks of four. Some regummed, 20L has light tone spots, and 25L has a tear on one stamp. 2200 SFr.
3D mint greenish yellow. 190 SFr.
30L full sheet of 100, tape stains in margin. 1500 SFr.
3D tied to large sized 1912 cover to Germany with 6 orange vignettes of the "ELEFThERIA" games tied to the cover. 3000 SFr.
10 1906 to 1907 picture postcards with various combinations of the Olympic issue with values to 25L. 95 SFr.
Complete Olympic set all with special Olympic "STADION" cancellation. 480 SFr.
1906 postcard of the interior of the stadium with the Olympic 5L tied by first day cancellation, unaddressed. 360 SFr.

1912 Stockholm

Two covers with special Stockholm machine cancellation for the games. 200 SFr.
Preliminary daily program showing a list of the daily events franked with an official vignette. 460 SFr.

1924 Paris

France 30c margin single imperf trial color proof in magenta. 750 SFr
France 25c, 2 examples, one with shifted perf showing the name of the designer at the top, and one slightly overinked. 80 SFr
France 50c tied to an autographed Olympic postcard. 130 SFr
France 10c-50c complete set on Olympic Village postcard showing the post office tied by all three Olympic Village cancellations. 1800 SFr
France 25c tied to cover front by the scarce LYON GARE Olympic publicity cancellation. 500 SFr
Two postcards with France 10c and tied by the PARIS GARE de L'EST five line cancellation. 180 SFr
French Olympic Committee letterhead with the "ship of Paris" in red, white and blue. 300 SFr

Two unused 30¢ French Olympic postal cards. 380 SFr

Syria Olympic overprint set with SPECIMAN handstamp. 1500 SFr

Syria Olympic arabic overprint set with SPECIMAN handstamp. 1200 SFr

Uruguay 2¢-12¢ Olympic set tied to a registered cover by the first day cancellation for Olympic soccer championship. 900 SFr

1925 Prague

Complete set of Olympic issue tied by special Olympic Congress cancellation on Olympic envelope. 550 SFr



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0198C James Carlin
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0995R Carole Doherty
0015L William Donan
0354R P.J. Drossos
0150C Len Eichorn
0055C David Fogel
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0487R John T. Kelley
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0049C Sherwin Podolsky
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0002L Benjamin Wright
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0092C Paul Mizue
0234A Alex Schoeman

STAMP EXHIBITION SET FOR 1988 OLYMPICS

OLYMPHILEX '88, the international philatelic exhibition that will take place in Seoul, Republic of Korea during the 1988 Summer Olympic Games, has sent out the initial information regarding the exhibition, according to the U. S. Commissioner for the show, Robert de Violini.

The exhibition dates fall within the period of the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad. They will take place between Sept. 17th and Oct. 2nd, 1988, while OLYMPHILEX '88 will be held between Sept. 19th and 28th, 1988. The show's venue is the Korea Exhibition Center, site of 1984's PHILAKOREA, and located not far from the Seoul Olympic Stadium.

OLYMPHILEX '88 is being organized by the Korean Ministry of Communications, and is under the auspices of the FIP, and has the patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and the International Federation of Olympic Philately (FIPO).

The exhibition is described as an International Exhibition of Olympic and Sports Philately, and is planned to be the world's largest single-theme stamp exhibition. This will be one of the few opportunities for visitors to participate in an international stamp exhibition and attend events of Olympic caliber in the same city and time period.

The exhibition is open to all collectors of Olympic and sports philately. Collectors desiring further information about the exhibition should contact de Violini at P. O. Box 5025, Oxnard, CA 93031. A #10 SASE will be appreciated with inquiries. It should be noted that the show's Bulletin number 1 has not yet been released, but is anticipated later this summer.

New Issue Column

Glenn A. Estus

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA: 9/15/86--MEXICO '86--10c, 60c, \$1, \$4, \$5 s/s (all overprinted with "Winners Argentina 3 W. Germany 2").

ARGENTINA: 4/11/87--WORLD POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS--20c (Polo Player by Alejandro Moy) (340,000 stamps).

AUSTRIA: 4/17/87--WORLD ICE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS--5s (match scene) (3,250,000 stamps).

BARBADOS: 3/27/87--SPECIAL OLYMPICS--15c (child shot putter), 45c (wheelchair race), 65c (child jumping), \$2 (Special Olympics Motto).

BARBUDA: 1/12/87--AUTOMOBILES--Antigua & Barbuda stamps overprinted "BARBUDA"--10c (1933 Auburn Speedster), 15c (1986 Mercury Sable), 50c (1959 Cadillac), 60c (1950 Studebaker), 70c (1939

Lagonda V-12), \$1 (1930 Adler Standard), \$3 (1956 DKW), \$4 (1936 Mercedes 500K), plus two \$5 s/s (1896 Daimler and early engine; 1921 Mercedes Knight).

3/10/87--MEXICO '86 WINNERS--Antiqua stamps overprinted "Barbuda Mail"--30c, 60c, \$1, \$4

BULGARIA: 11/6/86--WORLD WEIGHT LIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS--13st (lifter with weights)
12/30/86--RACING CARS--5st (1905 Flat), 10st (1928 Bugatti), 25st (1936 Mercedes), 32st (1952 Ferrari), 40st (1985 Lotus), 42st (1986 McLaren).
?/?/86--Levski-Spartak Sports Club--5st (two wrestlers).

COCOS (KEELING) IS.: 4/8/87--ISLAND SCENES--70c, 90c, \$1 (Golf Course).

COMOROS: 1/28/87--TENNIS/OLYMPICS--150fr, 250fr, 500fr, 600fr (match scenes).

DOMINICA: 9/15/86--MEXICO '86--45c, 60c, \$1, \$3, \$5 s/s (all overprinted with "Winners Argentina 3 W. Germany 2").

EGYPT: 4/19/87--SOCCER WINS--se-tenant strip of three 5pi stamps (three soccer cups and emblems of Egyptian, National, and All-African soccer leagues) plus s/s.

FINLAND: 4/13/87--WORLD BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS--1.70m (bowls and ninepins).

GAMBIA: 9/16/86--MEXICO '86 WINNERS--75dal, 1d, 2.50d, 10d (all overprinted "Winners/Argentina 3/W. Germany 4").

GREECE: 5/4/87--25th EUROPEAN MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS--22dr (shooting the basket, crowd), 25dr (crowd watching game and emblem), 130dr (two players).

GRENADA: 10/15/86--MEXICO '86--10c, 70c, \$1, \$4, \$5 s/s (all overprinted with "Winners Argentina 3 W. Germany 2").

GRENADA-GRENADINES: 10/15/86--MEXICO '86--10c, 70c, \$1, \$4, \$5 s/s (all overprinted in gold with "Winners Argentina 3 W. Germany 2").

GUINEA-BISSAU: 12/30/86--Mexico '86--15 peso (se-tenant pair).
12/30/86--Boris Becker--15 peso (se-tenant pair).
12/30/86--Ivan Lendl--15 peso (se-tenant pair).
12/30/86--Seoul Olympics--15 peso
12/30/86--1900 Alfa Tourer--15 peso
12/30/86--Barcelona '92 Olympics--15 peso

- GUINEA, REP. OF: 5/1/87--CALGARY O.W.G.--25fr (skiing), 50fr (hockey), 100fr (figure skating), 150fr (skiing), 300fr (speed skating), 500fr (bobsledding), 600fr s/s (ski jumping).
- ISLE OF MAN: 5/27/87--TOURIST TROPHY MOTORCYCLE RACE--12p (1938 Supercharged BMW 500cc), 15p (1953 Manx Kneeler Norton 350cc), 29p (1956 MV Augusta 500cc 4), 31p (1957 Guzzi 500cc V8), 34p (1967 Honda 250cc 6) plus s/s uniting all designs.
- LAOS: 1/14/87--CALGARY O.W.G.--50c (speed skater), 1 kip (biathlon), 2k (figure skating), 3k (luge), 4k (bobsled), 5k (ice hockey), 10k s/s (slalom skiing).
- LESOTHO: 4/28/87--STAR ROOF OF AFRICA RALLY--9s (racing vehicle), 15s (motorcycle), 35s (motorcycle), 4m (racing vehicle).
- LIBYA: 2/87--YOUTH DAY--se-tenant strip of five 20d (jumping rope, playing a board game, hopscotch, rounders, top).
- LUXEMBOURG: 5/4/87--EUROPA '87--12fr (National Swimming Sports Centre), 20fr.
- MALDIVES: 10/25/86--MEXICO '86--15 laree, 2rf, 4fr, 10rf, 15rf s/s (all overprinted "WINNERS ARGENTINA 3 W. GERMANY 2").
- NEVIS: 2/20/87--AMERICA'S CUP--1980 \$3 water transportation stamp overprinted "America's Cup/ 1987 Winners/ 'Stars and Stripes'".
- PARAGUAY: 12/30/86--CHESS-1982 10g stamps of Chess paintings overprinted "XXVII -- Dubain Olimpiada de Ajedrez -- 1986.
- POLAND: 5/19/87--AUTOMOBILES--10zl (1928 Ursus Truck), 10zl (1936 Lux sports car), 15zl (1928 CWA T-1 Landau), 15zl (1936 Saurer-Zawrat passenger coach), 25zl (1939 Podlowa 100 motorcycle), 45zl (1935 Sokol 600-RT motorcycle).
- SAN MARINO: 3/12/87--GREAT MOTORING EVENTS--500 lire (Peking-Paris Race of 1907), 600 lire (15th San Marino Rally), 700 lire (60th anniversary of the Mille Miglia).
- SAUDI ARABIA: 12/27/86--1896 ATHENS OLYMPICS--20h, 100h (Olympic Torch, Rings, and various sports).
- SENEGAL: 1/22/87--PARIS DAKAR RALLY--115fr (motorcyclists and truck), 125fr (Thierry Sabine, motorcycle, and truck; Range Rover and helicopter), 135fr (Sabine and car), 340fr (Ranger Rover, Eiffel Tower and straw hut).

SOLOMON IS.: 2/4/87--AMERICAN'S CUP--\$5 s/s (Stars and Stripes).

SYRIA: 7/7/86--MEXICO '86--330p, 370p, 500p s/s

YUGOSLAVIA: 3/20/87--SKI MEDALS--200d (woman skier).

EDITOR'S CORNER

Separately enclosed with this issue is our new membership renewal envelope. Take advantage of the multiyear discount plan and mail in your dues today.

This year is the 25th Anniversary of the founding of SPI. Elsewhere in this issue is a list of our Silver Anniversary Members. A certificate in remembrance of this occasion is being mailed to all our anniversary members.

A twelve page merchandise catalog for the Pan Am Games products is now available. Write to Pan American Games Merchandise, P.O. Box 6087, Indianapolis, IN 46206 USA for a copy - items include apparel, gifts, collectibles, stationery, sporting goods, toys, housewares and souvenirs.

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SPI ORIGINS — THE FORMATIVE YEARS

by L. M. Yerkes

Sports Philatelists International was originally organized as the Sports Unit of the American Topical Association. Formally organized in April, 1951, the Sports Unit published three issues of its journal, "Sportcast" before suspending operations in December, 1951. Early growth was slow and unsteady with "Sportcast" reappearing in more formal fashion as Volume 1, Number 1 in October, 1953. Edward J. Flath was listed as being the Secretary-Treasurer and Miss Catherine D. Caspary the Acting Editor. There were 15 dues-paying members.

The purpose of the Sports Unit was "To build through social activities an international fellowship of collectors primarily concerned with the development of sport stamp collecting". The officers of the Board of Directors consisted of a president, one or more vice-presidents, and a secretary.

Membership increased dramatically at first, and by February, 1954 the Sports Unit had 50 members. Of these, Atushi Sekimoto, William P. Donan, and P. J. Drossos are still members of Sports Philatelists International.

Some of the early articles of "Sportcast" included "Mythology on Sports Stamps" by J. Howard Watters, "Collecting Sport Stamps" by A. H. Segnit, and "A Study of the Olympic Issues in My Collection" by William H. Russell. An alphabetical listing of sports stamps beginning with the letter "A" was begun in 1954.

Publication of "Sportcast" was sporadic, and there was a two year lapse before Volume 2, Number 1 appeared in December, 1957. Nine more months passed before issue number 2 was distributed. The membership dues were set at \$1.00 per year.

The Sports Unit was reorganized in September, 1960 under the leadership of Robert M. Bruce, President, Edward J. Flath, First Vice-President, Singrey Hughes, Second Vice-President, and Lawrence McMillan, Secretary-Treasurer. Travis Land became editor of the official publication, the name of which was changed to "Sportstamps".

Sports stamp collecting was the most popular topical at that time. The first issue of "Sportstamps" in September, 1960 listed nine sports stamp catalogs and three other publications devoted to sports stamp collecting.

The reorganized Sports Unit listed as their purpose "To promote the collection and study of postage stamps and related material dealing with sports and recreation". There were 90 charter members listed including present-day SPI members Jerome Husak, Sherwin Podolsky, Cliff Jeger, George Kobylka, Charles Nevins, William Donan, Atushi Sekimoto, and James Carlin.

In March, 1961, the first auction was held with S. J. Hughes acting as auction manager. Of interest is the fact that participating sellers were to pay a 20% commission on sold lots and 10% commission on unsold lots with a 50 cent minimum charge for any lot sold or unsold. There were a total of 331 lots listed of which 151 consisted of stamps. A total of 67 members placed bids of which 53 were successful. This first endeavor enhanced the organization's treasury as 88% of the lots were sold.

The year 1961 witnessed considerable growth in membership. The next list of members included their collecting interests. From a total of 178 members, 75% stated their interest as "general sports". This is greatly different from SPI members rather divergent specialty interests of today. One could be a general collector in those days because there were far fewer stamp-issuing entities then and the number of new sports stamp issues on an annual basis were far fewer than today. Even then, however, collectors complained about the "excessive" number of new stamp issues and speculative and unauthorized new issues coming onto the market.

"Sportstamp" was published on a monthly basis. The April, 1961 issue contained the first advertising, including that of S. Serebrakian. This firm still advertises in our Journal of Sports Philately today. For \$2.00 you could obtain an 1894 Olympic seal from Otto Mayer of the International Olympic Committee. An article was written about whether or not to hinge your collection. This seems to be a subject of ongoing debate and it is doubtful if it will ever be resolved.

A second auction was held in March, 1962. This auction was perhaps the largest ever held, containing 904 lots. There seemed to be great interest and enthusiasm with 47 sellers and 102 bidders participating. The auction proceeds were looked upon those days as the principal source of revenue for the Sports Unit treasury. This auction provided much needed income as 89.5% of the lots were sold.

At the time, in order to be a member of the Sports Unit you were required to first become a member of the American Topical Association. It was felt by the early founders that this requirement was inhibiting membership, and in 1962 a proposal was placed before the membership. Members were to vote on whether or not to establish an open membership without the prerequisite of membership in the ATA. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the proposal, 199 to 9.

When the ATA denied the Sports Unit's request that the prerequisite of ATA membership be removed, President Bob Bruce announced plans to form an independent organization. In the July, 1962 issue of "Sportstamps", the announcement was made to form this new organization. It was to be called Sports Philatelists International and the programs begun by the Sports Unit were to be continued.

The last issue of "Sportstamps" was published in August, 1962 and a notice was given that the officers and directors of the Sports Unit were resigning effective August 31, 1962. Sports Philatelists International began functioning as an independent organization on September 1, 1962.

From the first volume of the new publication, "The Journal of Sports Philately", we find that there was increased growth in membership (400 by January, 1963), and that a great deal of effort was made by the early organizers to establish a first-rate topical group. Six people worked on the membership committee and there was a sales department as well as a translation department for 28 languages. Three affiliates were

organized: #1, Sports Collectors of Southern California, #2, Sports Stamp Study Circle of New York, and #3, Sports Philatelists of the Philippines. The only requirement for affiliate status was that five members of the affiliate had to be members of SPI. The benefits of affiliate status were unclear, and today none of these affiliates appear to be active.

In addition to auction income, another important source of income for SPI was from advertisements in JSP. Early advertisers were numerous and included Moe Luff, Diplomat Stamp Shop, Vic Wailly, K-Line Publishing, Henri Trachtenberg, Serebrakian, Fred Howard, and Carl Magerl. A few still support SPI with their advertising today but most no longer deal in sports or Olympics stamps.

The SPI logo appeared for the first time in the first issue of the "Journal of Sports Philately". The design was an original by Robert S. Desch. This first issue appeared in September, 1962 with the editor listed as F. Quentin Farr and the publisher as William Brecht.

- OLYMPIC NOTES -

by SHERWIN PODOLSKY

PHILATELIC EXHIBITING. The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors was formed to promote sharing of ideas and techniques to improve exhibit preparation, judging and management of exhibitions. A highly professional journal is issued four times a year. A regular column is devoted to thematic exhibits and members are invited to present questions and problems. An Exhibitors' Critique service is being formed. The exhibitor submits photocopies of his exhibit which is returned with judge's comments written on the photocopies. There is no special charge for the service other than postage and mailing envelopes. Membership is open to all. Overseas SPI members might find this an extremely interesting opportunity that exists nowhere else. Send an SASE to Steven Rod, Secretary, American Assn. of Philatelic Exhibitors, P. O. Box 12, Boys Town (Omaha), Nebraska 68010. Mention that you read about it in the Journal of Sports Philately.

OLYMPHILEX '87. A very handsome regulations booklet has been released. Medals will be distributed according to the "new FIP Regulations" which are set forth in complete detail. I promptly wrote Dr. Manfred Bergman, SPI member and international FIP judge about the rules. The new rules seem to emphasize a thematic rather than documentary approach. However, Dr. Bergman assured me that no new pages will be required for OLYMPHILEX '87. The new FIP rules are mandatory only from 1938. Thus, the documentary approach will be allowed at OLYMPHILEX '87.

OLYMPHILEX '88. Robert de Violini reports that he was designated as the U. S. Commissioner for this

event. Dr. Bergman advises that OLYMPHILEX '88 will be a competitive exhibition under FIP auspices with FIP coordinator and FIP jury. Potential exhibitors will be allowed under the same conditions as under any other FIP exhibition.

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The Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee (SLOOC) has published its Official Sponsor, Supplier, Licensee List dated June 1986. Collectors like these lists in order to obtain commemorative meter slogans and other collectibles such as pins, badges, etc.. Companies mainly in the United States are listed here. Remember that when making your requests, they may not have what you are seeking now, but at another time such items may become available. Or, when you make a request, such items you desire may be not available. A lot depends on your timing and luck.

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Imprimerie du Léman S.A. Lausanne 48 pages, 14½x21 cm.
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Olimpiada Mexico 68. (Volume) 5. Document file
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OFFICIAL REGLEMENTS for one or more sports

- 1896 Athens
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- 1896 Athens
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1920 Antwerp
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Comité 1928, het Int.Olymp. Comité en de
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REVIEWS

Dorothy E. Weihrauch

BASKETBALL PHILATELIC NEWS, Vol. 1, No. 2

The second issue of "Basketball Philatelic News" appeared in June, 1987. This issue contains 28 pages and includes features prepared by Study Group members from Italy, Israel, France, Australia and Czechoslovakia. Illustrated are U.S. 1987 basketball meter cancels, many Israeli cacheted covers commemorating European Basketball Cup competitions over the years, and French cancellations illustrating an article on the philatelic history of basketball in France. Shorter articles, all illustrated

with meters, cancellations or postal stationery, relate to the 1986 FIBA World Basketball Championship, 1986 Italian basketball cancels and the Lithuanian, Steponas Darius, who introduced basketball into that country.

Sports collectors who include basketball among their interests should contact George E. Killian about membership in the Study Group. His address is 325 Rangley Drive, Colorado Springs CO 80908.

EXHIBITING OLYMPICS

by Sherwin Podolsky

The Regulations for OLYMPHILEX '87 are at hand in a first class booklet. Even if you do not plan to exhibit, the fact that the rules of the International Federation of Philately (FIP by the French acronym) apply will affect the judging at the national level in your country.

The jury includes experts in the field of sport and Olympic philately. SPI member Morris Rosen will serve as an apprentice judge. OLYMPHILEX '87 will include a competitive class with seven sub-classes including one for exhibits never submitted competitively at the national or international level. Exhibits of postcards and labels are allowed in two non-competitive classes.

The FIP rules for thematic exhibits apply. The rules state that a "thematic collection, of which the exhibit is part, develops a theme according to the plan, demonstrating the best knowledge of the theme through the philatelic items chosen." Non-philatelic items cannot be admitted.

A plan based on classification by issuing date, country, type of material is not considered suitable.

I asked Mary Ann Owens, a well-known thematic judge for explanation. Here are my questions and her answers.

Question: What should be in the first pages of an exhibit under FIP rules? I am contemplating a title page for the first page and a plan outline for the second page. Philatelic material will not appear until the third page. I may use non-philatelic items or decorations on the title page - perhaps Olympic labels. Or should I start with the outline page? The exhibit title would be on top, but it won't stand out and be attractive like on a separate title page. A separate title page, attractively done, can have greater appeal to the non-judge public and also make point of debarking more obvious.

Answer: "A bold title is a must so that everybody knows that a previous exhibit is over and your exhibit is beginning. What is necessary on the first page, or on the first two pages is the Title, the Introduction or Scope of the Exhibit, and the Plan of the Exhibit. Most of us do it over two pages, but it can be done all on one page if the Plan is not detailed. Whatever is done, it is to be all in thematic terms as you have stated. You can put non-philatelic material on the title page, but once you show a philatelic item, non-philately is out."

Question: I have seen the regulations for OLYMPHILEX '87 with the new FIP thematic rules. I get the impression that a documentary approach will be unsuitable. For example, my exhibit of Olympic Games is a chronology by Olympiad starting with 1896 Athens. It is thus essentially by date, country, and type of material. Under Art.3.2.1 of the Special Regulation for Evaluation of Thematic Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions, such a plan is "not considered suitable." Must I therefore find another way of presenting my material?

Answer: "Yes, the new rules require a story line and every item placed for its design message. Date of issue, country of issue and purpose of issue are secondary. The documentary exhibits are out or will be getting much lower awards without a story line. There should be thematic text on every page related to the material on that page."

Ms. Owens goes on to state: "The Olympics and UPU exhibits are going to be hit the hardest, but I have also seen both of them told thematically and also very well. It is a challenge, but others have done it."

I asked Dr. Bergman about using the documentary approach at OLYMPHILEX '87. He advises that the documentary approach can be used at OLYMPHILEX '87, but new rules apply to OLYMPHILEX '88. "The documentary approach is still allowed at OLYMPHILEX '87."

Recent Olympic exhibitions, ROMOLYMPHIL '82 and OLYMPHILEX '84, were not under FIP rules, and exhibits freely included not only a documentary approach, but also unaddressed covers, private cachets (mostly prepared by dealers and collectors), autographs and even non-postal cancellations or rubberstamps. However, relevant postmarks on unaddressed covers can be shown by cutting an opening in a page and mounting the cover from behind. Mary Ann Owens has indicated a preference that a portion of the address be shown in the window. I can almost predict that many unaddressed covers will become addressed and still not be posted.

Currently the American Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association are joining efforts to prepare one set of judging rules for thematic exhibits. ATA's rules apply only at ATA exhibitions, usually its annual convention. APS rules apply to numerous exhibitions in the United States every year. It will be interesting to see the consolidated judging rules, but I feel they

will practically duplicate the FIP thematic exhibiting standards.

In the matter of philatelic material, the FIP rules state that "in the case of cancelled documents, preference will be given to genuine postal usage and confirming with contemporary postal rates."

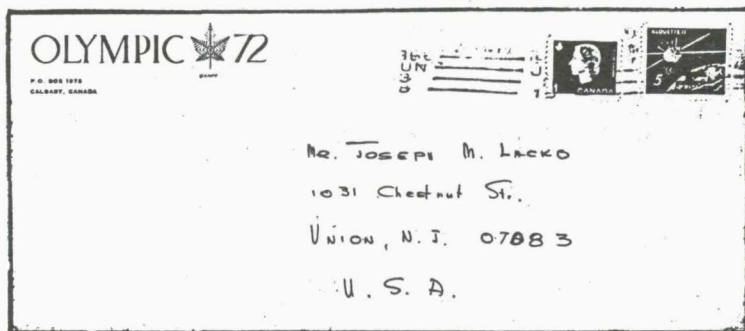
It is not possible to elaborate here on all the FIP thematic rules. If a collector is contemplating exhibiting thematically, the rules should be obtained and studied. Otherwise the collector will embark on aimless collecting without developing an exhibitable collection or an exhibit acceptable by FIP standards.

LACKO'S CORNER

By Joe Lacko

Winter Olympics in 1988 -

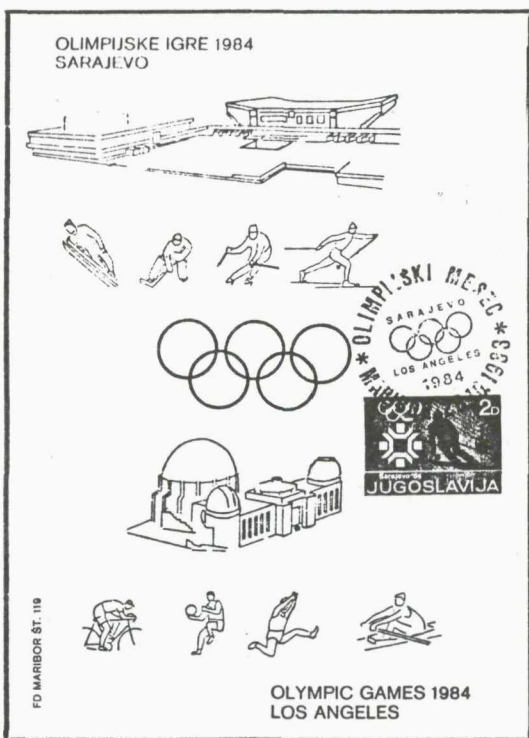
These games were already sought by the city of Calgary 22 years ago. The documentation is on the envelope, which has the message on the upper left hand corner: Olympic 72 (with possible Olympic City logo?). A meter used in Calgary in 1966 also documents the seeking of winter Olympics for 1972.



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To publicize the Olymphilex, the Switzerland Postal Authorities used commemorative postmark cancels in the following cities: Lugano, Bern and Lausanne. In the rectangle the translated text reads:

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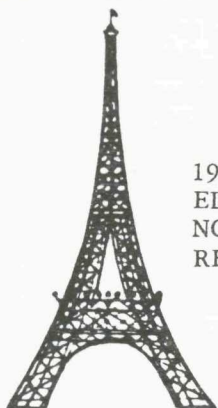
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