

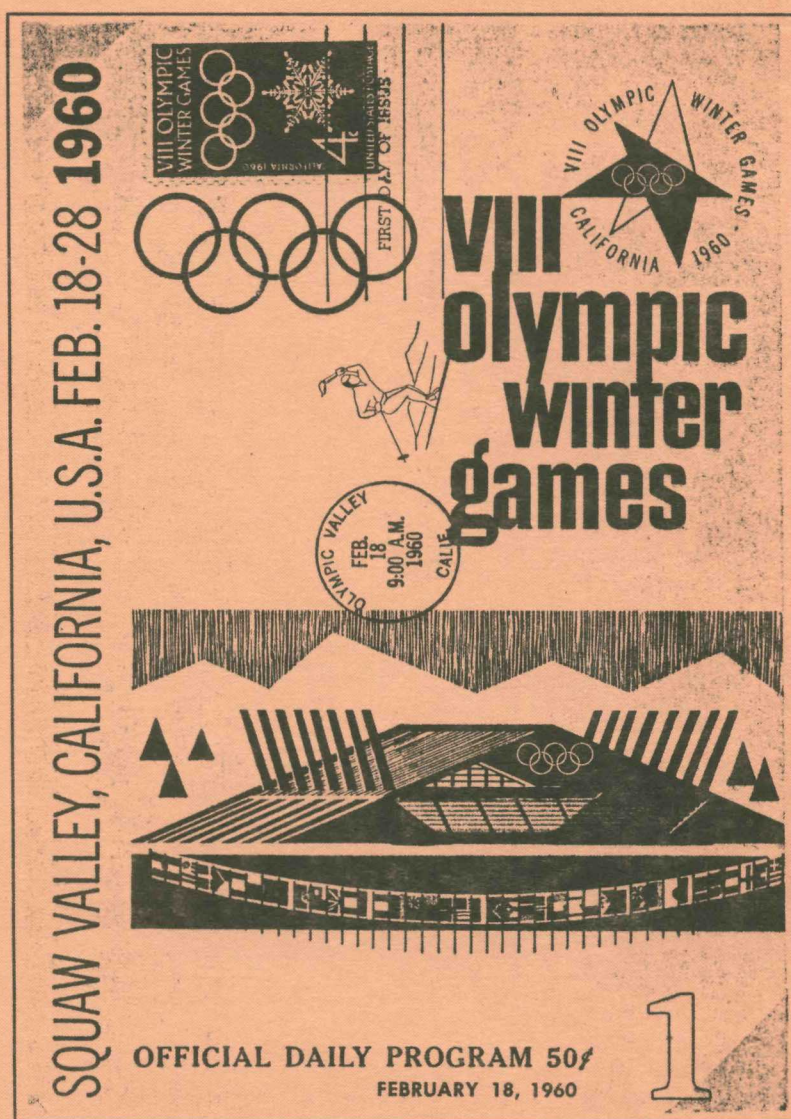
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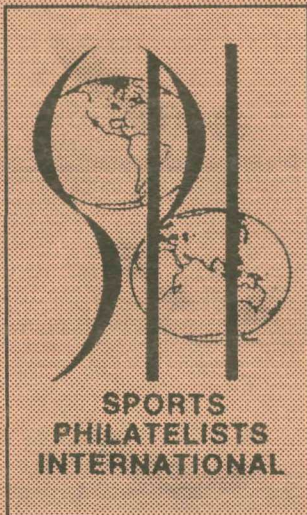
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### Recollections of *Les Olympiques*

So long, Albertville; hello, Lillehammer! In just two years time, Olympic fans and winter sports enthusiasts will be gearing up for another roller coaster ride on the snow and ice of Norway.

I'm not sure what makes the Olympic Games so much fun to watch. I guess it's the unpredictability of the results. Oh, sure, there are always the favorites, like Alberto Tomba (La Bomba) in the men's slalom events, or the Russians (oops, Unified Team) in pairs figure skating.

But who would have imagined that the Japanese cross country skiing team would win a gold medal? I always thought that Scandinavian athletes had these events all sewn up.

What were some of the high points? How about Bonnie Blair repeating her 500 meter speed skating gold from Calgary—then adding an additional first place in the 1,000. Or maybe it was 16-year-old Toni Nieminen sailing toward a gold medal in the 120 meter ski jump. Hey, how often do you see a pastel clad youngster (lime green skis, canary yellow boots, magenta and white suit, and purple helmet) get the better of his elders?

There were heart-wrenching performances like Dan Jansen's inability to shake off the trials and tribulations that befell him at Calgary.

And there were performances rewarded. Paul Wylie, old man of men's figure skating at 27, finally pulled off a silver medal—the finest showing of his long career. Perseverance obviously paid off for Paul. At the conclusion of the Games, he was honored with the U.S. Olympic Spirit Award given to the American athlete who most symbolizes the Olympic Ideal.

Controversy, which inevitably seems to dog every Olympics, was remarkably invisible at Albertville. Of course there were the usual squabbles over judging and less-than-sportsmanlike conduct by athletes and spectators alike. But for once, drug abuse seemed to be absent.

Miracles? Yes, they happened too. Like Prince Albert of Monaco emerging in one piece from his bobsled after a 1500 meter slide upside down. Okay, so there wasn't a repeat of the U.S. Hockey Team's 1980 miracle. But then you honestly can't expect one lone goalie, no matter how good (and Ray LeBlanc was great!) to win without an effective defense or aggressive offense.

It was marvelous fun though, wasn't it? See you all at World Columbian Stamp Expo!

#### Correction

The January-February 1992 issue of *JSP* contained conflicting dates of withdrawal for the Haiti 1939 Coubertin semi-postal stamps. It was reported in the various articles to be both December 31, 1939 and December 31, 1940.

After consulting F. Burton Sellers, I now believe the stamps were available for sale through December 30, 1940 and were officially withdrawn on December 31, 1940. Remainders were incinerated on February 15, 1941. Sellers says that proof should be found in the decree of March 14/15, 1939 and which probably appeared in *Le Moniteur* shortly thereafter. There are files of this publication in the New York City and Congressional Libraries.

The decree may also clarify if the stamps were demonetized upon withdrawal and, if so, whether any postal usage after December 30, 1940 was irregular. Sellers believes they were not demonetized as the stamps were used after that date.

Perhaps an SPI member can consult one of these libraries and ascertain the facts and advise me of his or her findings.

Sherwin Podolsky

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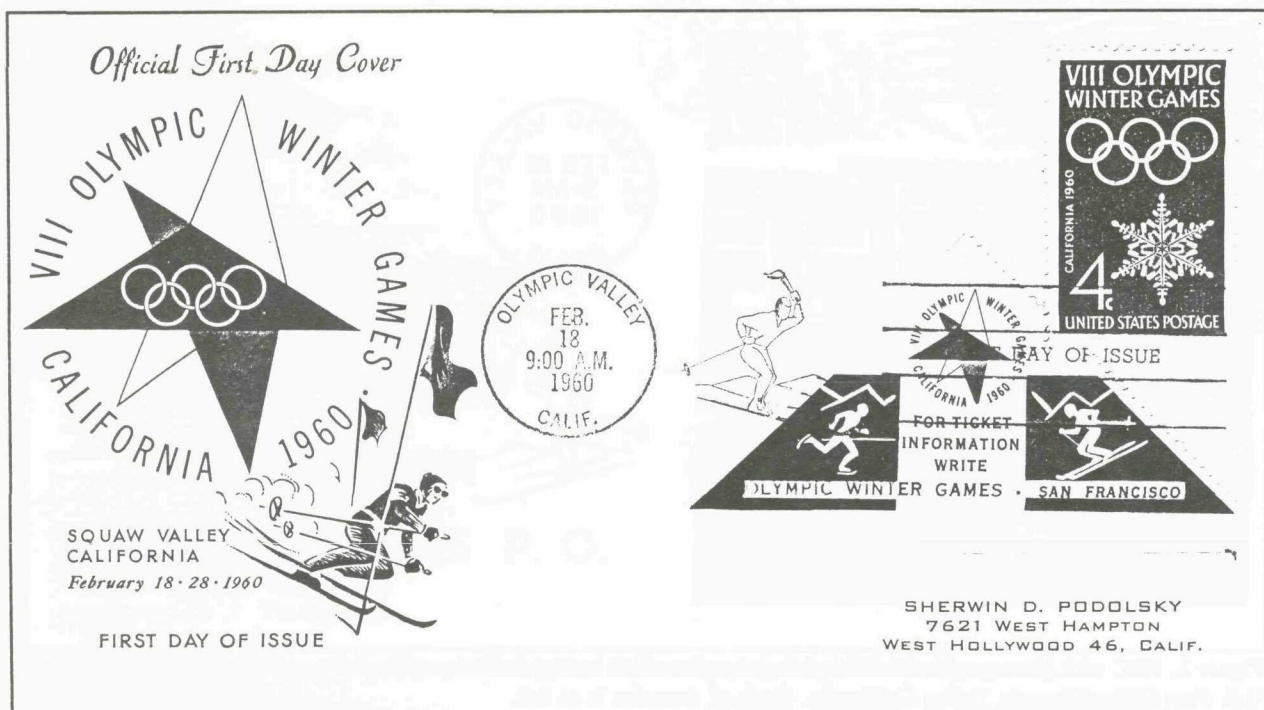


Figure 1. The FDC with Official Cachet. Type 2 hand cancel tying the stamp and one of the official labels distributed by the Olympic Organizing Committee.

## The 1960 Squaw Valley Olympic First Day Covers

by Sherwin Podolsky

In 1983, while looking over my collection of Olympic covers, I found some addressed to Walter Hirsh in North Hollywood, California. As this was not far from where I was living at the time, I decided to write to Mr. Hirsh in the hope of finding more Olympic covers for my collection.

Instead, I received a long letter from his widow, Irene Hirsh. Walter Hirsh had died in 1980 and there was almost nothing left. What follows is a near verbatim transcript of her letter with parenthetical editorial notes.

"My dear husband, Walter, passed away three years ago. I will try to answer your questions to the best of my knowledge. I worked with Walter in his business as a wholesale stamp dealer. As such, he acquired the exclusive rights to handle the official Olympic FDCs in 1960 at Squaw Valley, California. To achieve these rights, he had to pay a substan-

tial sum to the Olympic Organizing Committee.

"Regretfully, I cannot recall, nor do I have any data, who designed or printed the envelope for us. The design and everything was left up to us by the Committee, but they had to approve the cachet, which, of course, they did. (Figure 1 shows the cachet in blue and red and inscribed "Official First Day Cover.")

"We had 12,000 envelopes printed and serviced more than 10,500 of that quantity. We did a lot of advertising months ahead in the USA and all over the world and took advanced orders in substantial quantities from 10 to 2,000 FDCs with singles, pairs, blocks of four and plate blocks.

"We prepared all the invoices. Large mailing envelopes were prepared and addressed ahead of time, for all orders received, before we left for Squaw Valley. We rented a large apartment in a motel there, and a big room for an office as well. We left several days ahead. Six people had to

do the work. Walter bought all the stamps we needed and we pasted them on the envelopes.

"When we had several orders finished, he returned to the Post Office and had them First Day canceled. (Figure 2 shows a FDC with an affixed photograph showing the post office.) Many single envelopes were mailed direct to the customers. Larger orders of FDCs had to be brought back to the office where we put them in the prepared addressed envelopes. The larger orders went especially to foreign countries where they were mailed from Squaw Valley as registered mail. (Figure 3 shows a cover with registry cancels. This cover is discussed later in this article.)

"Walter had the privilege of having the First Day cancel applied during the ten days of the Olympic Games. We finished our work shortly before the last day and only saw the Closing Ceremonies out of the whole program.



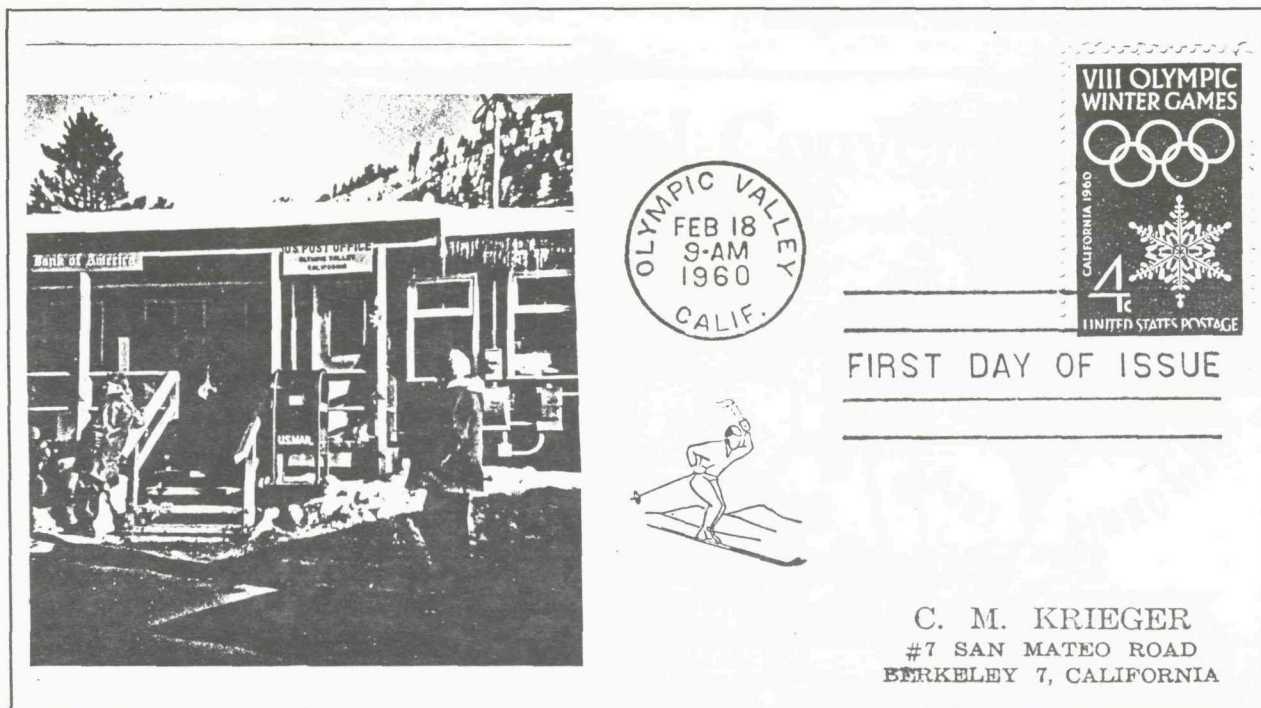
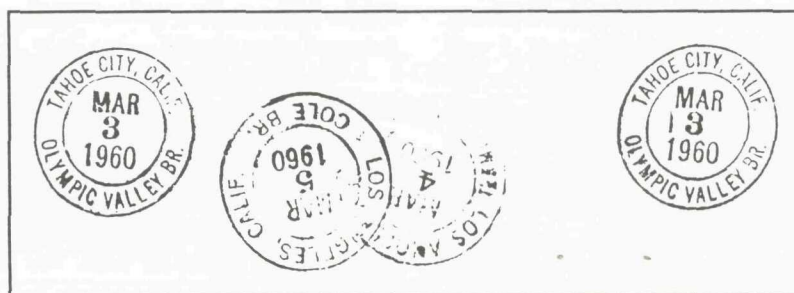


Figure 2. FDC with photograph affixed showing the post office at right with mail box in front. The sign at center reads: U.S. Post Office/Olympic Valley California. Bank of America is at left.



Figures 3 (above) and 3A (right). Last Day registered cover dated March 3, 1960. The reverse of the cover in Figure 3 (right) bears registry cancels from the Olympic Valley P.O. which was a branch of the Tahoe City, California Post Office.





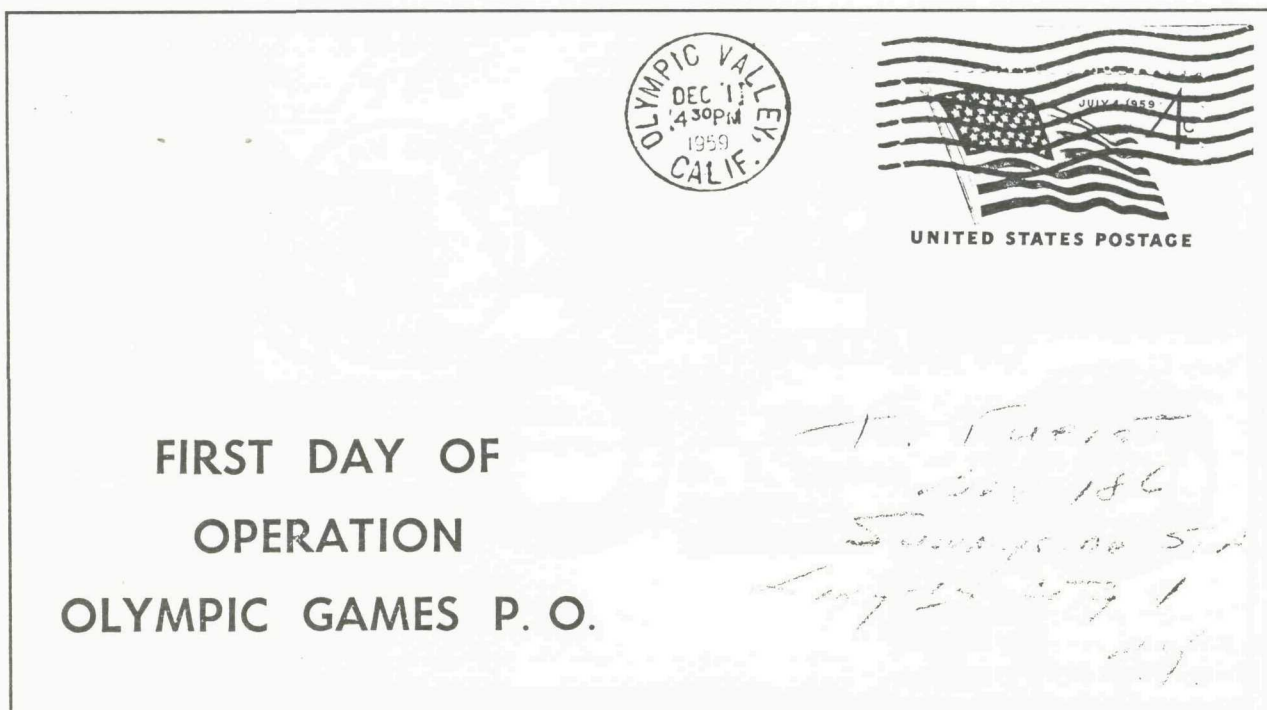


Figure 4. First Day of Operation, Olympic Valley Post Office. December 1, 1959 machine cancel.

"Regretfully, the venture was financially unsuccessful. Expenses were high and we were not allowed to sell envelopes to the general public there. As of now (in 1983), I have only 1,000 blank cacheted envelopes."

The Official FDC of the 4¢ 1960 Olympic stamp is inexpensive. The two-color printing is high quality with some wording engraved.

### The Postmarks of Olympic Valley

The Olympic Valley post office began operations December 1, 1959. Two types of regular cancels exist (Figures 4 and 5). The Post Office was supposed to close February 28, 1960; cacheted covers exist recognizing that date (Figure 6). However, the

post office wasn't officially closed until March 4, 1960 (Figure 7). FDCs dated February 18, 1960 should also exist with the regular Olympic Valley, California cancels of the types shown in Figures 4 and 5.

It seems from Irene Hirsh's story that registered FDCs exist. Any registry cancels of the temporary post office of any date are rare.

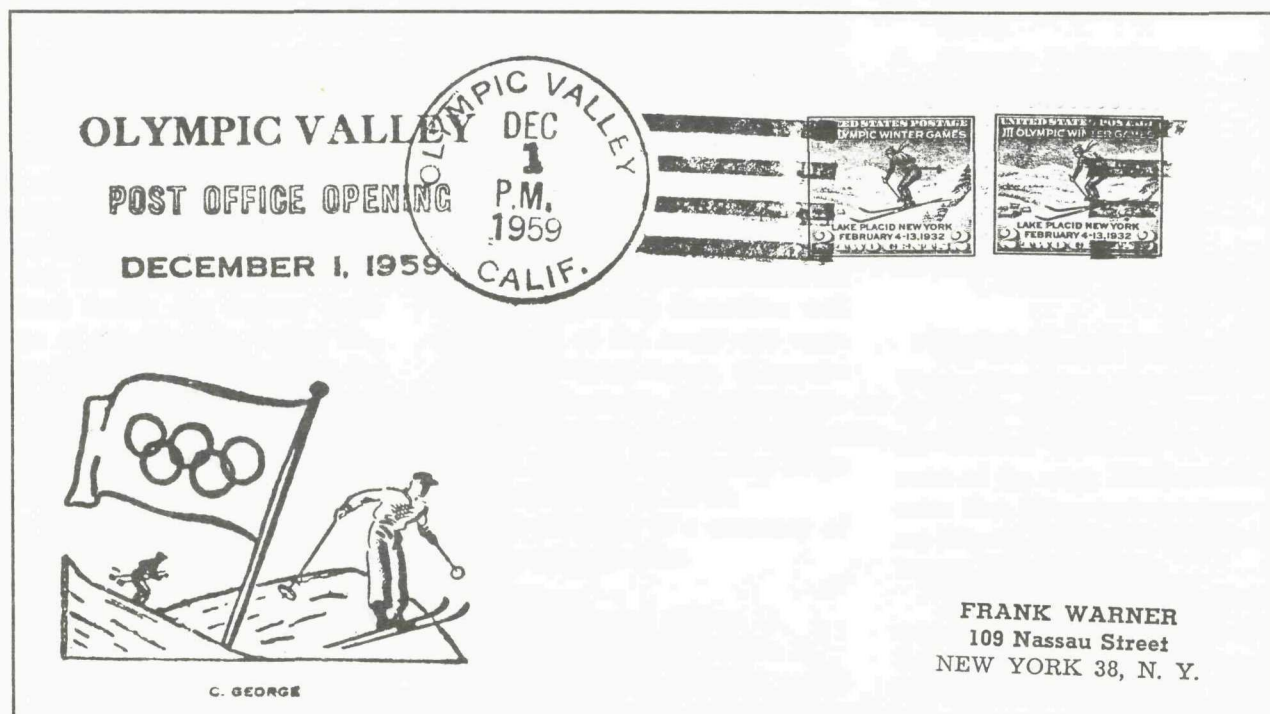


Figure 5. Post Office Opening, Olympic Valley, CA. December 1, 1959 hand cancel.



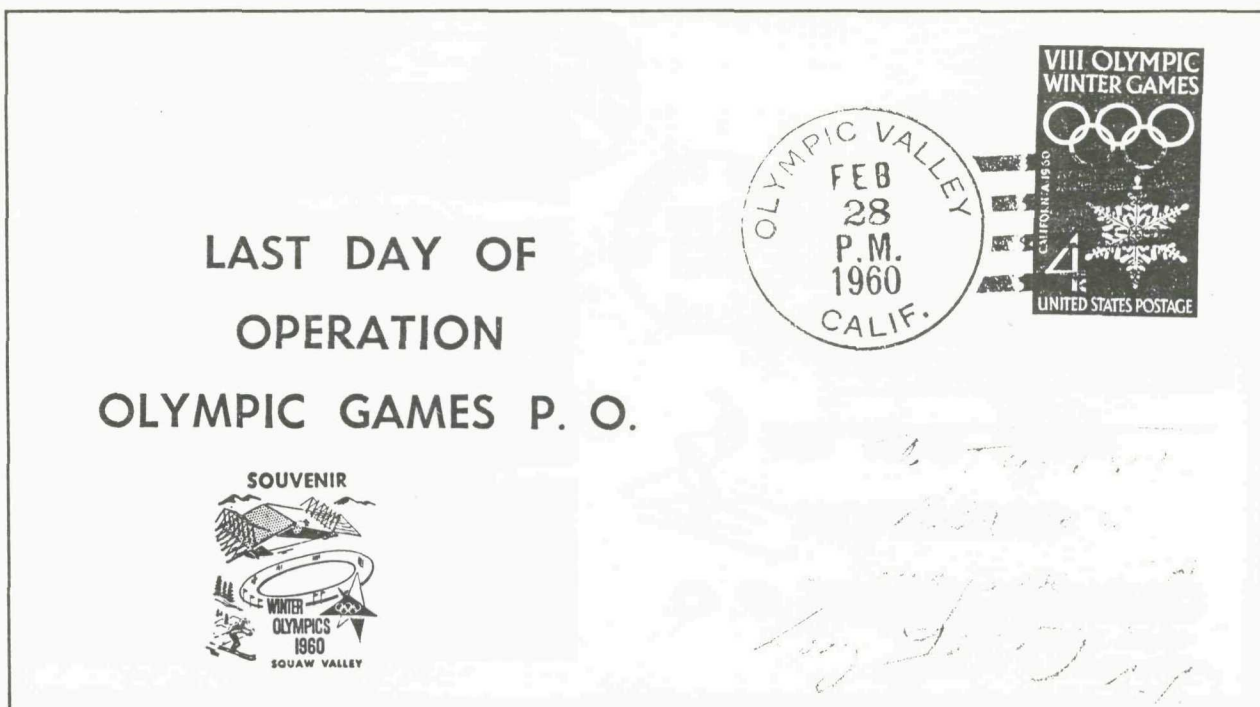


Figure 6. Erroneous cachet for Last Day of Operation of the Olympic Valley, CA post office. Closure date was originally set for February 28, but was unexpectedly extended.

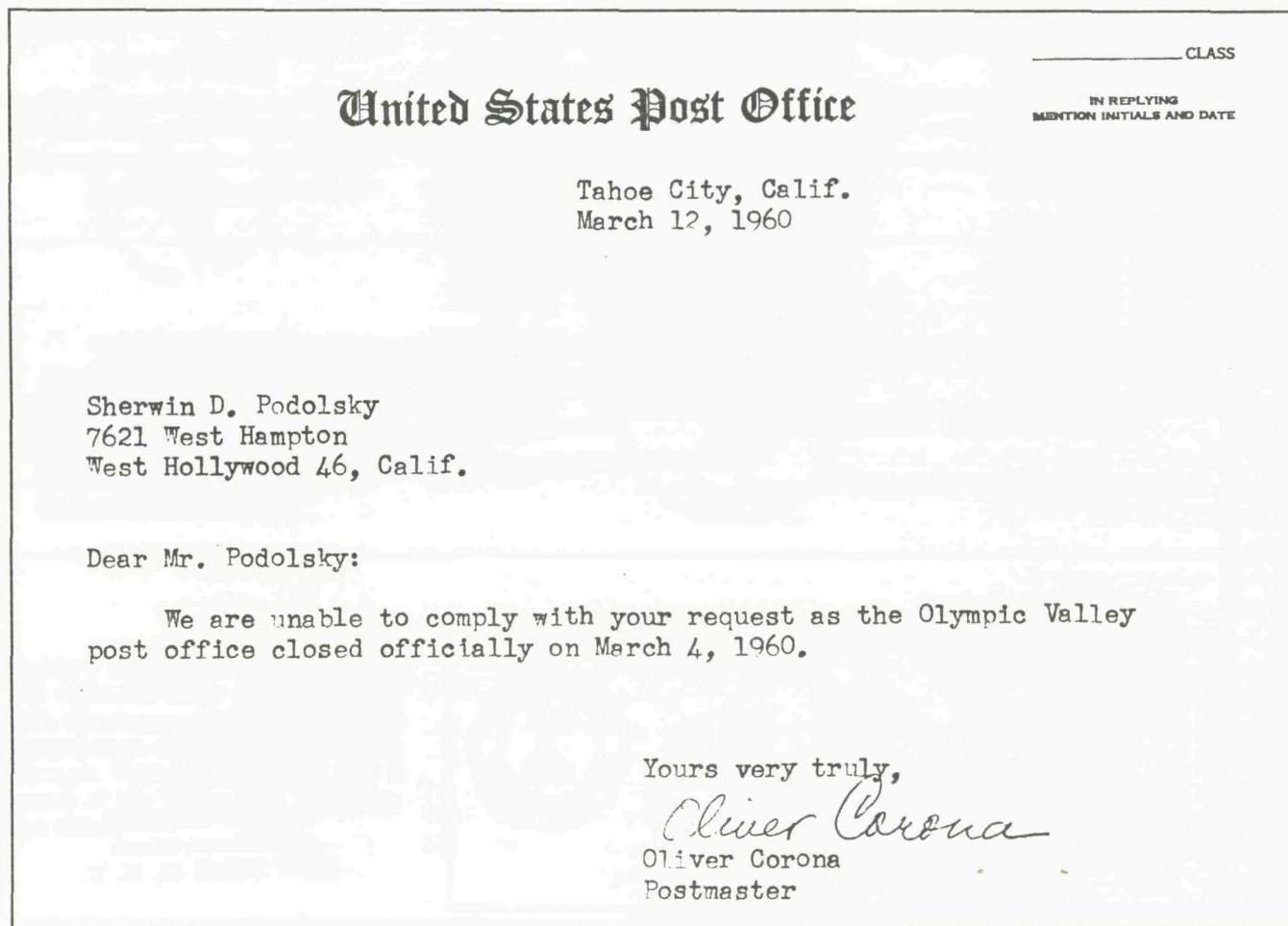
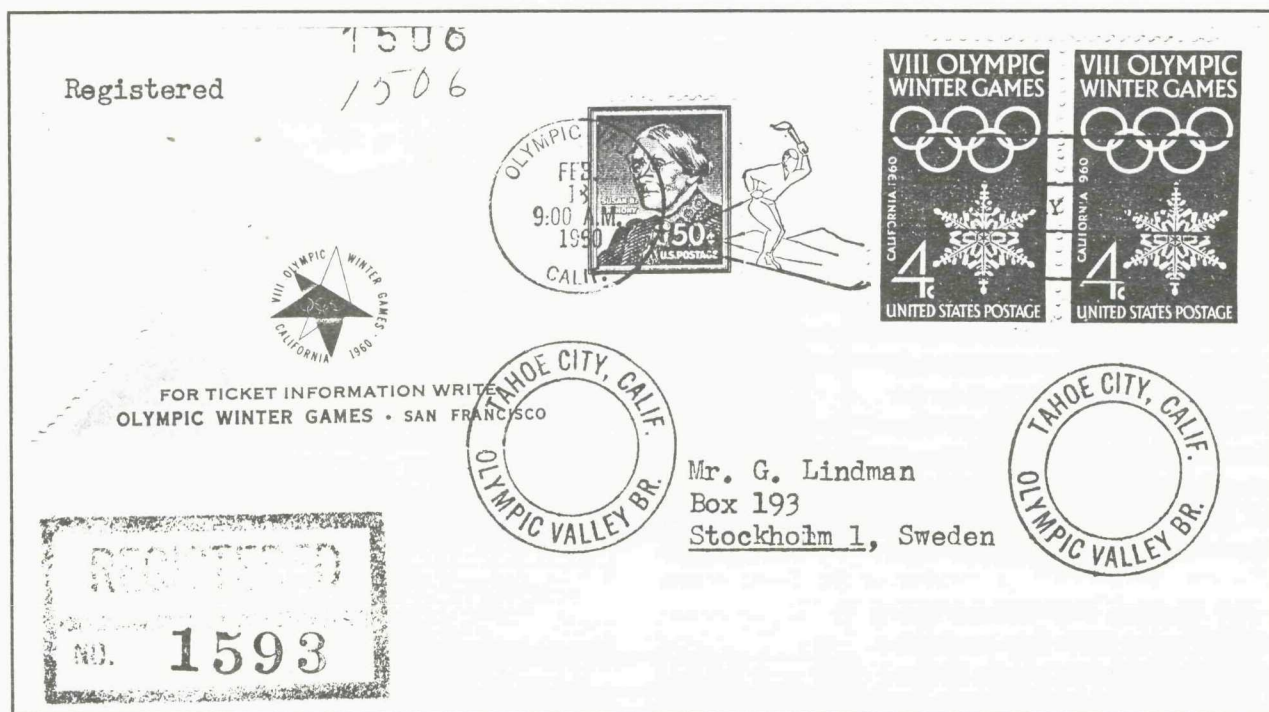
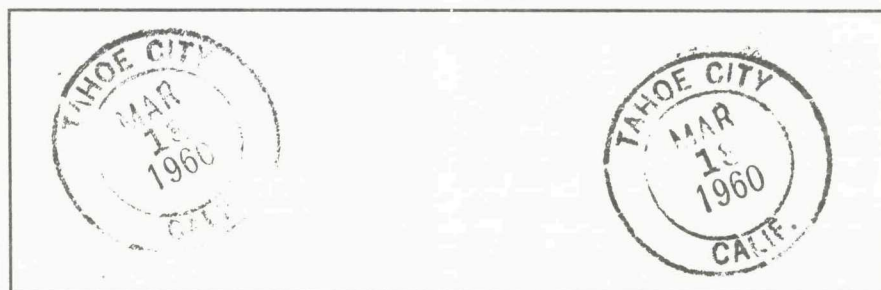


Figure 7. Letter from the U.S. Post Office stating that the Olympic Valley Post Office was officially closed on March 4, 1960.





Figures 8 (above) and 8A (right). A registered FDC to Sweden with mute, undated registry cancels. On reverse (at right), registry cancels dated March 18, 1960, exactly one month after the February 18 First Day. The reason for the mute cancels and the late dates on the backcancels is not known.



Figures 8 and 8A show a curiosity. It is a First Day cover with a registry number 1593. Note that the registry number is handstamped, probably by a consecutive numbering device. The number is very high, 1593. Compare this number with the handwritten registry number, 223, on the cover dated March 3, 1960 (Figure 3A). More striking are the mute (undated) double ring registry handstamps of the Olympic Valley Br., Tahoe City, Calif. Note also, the number, 1506, machine stamped and pen-written at top in Figure 3. I suspect that the 1506 is an arrival marking in Sweden. Figure 8A bears postmarks of Tahoe City, Calif., dated March 18, 1960, exactly one month after the First Day on February 18, 1960. I suspect that the addressee, Mr. Lindman, had sent his cover, with funds, to the Olympic Valley postmaster for FD and registry han-

dling. The cover arrived without the registry dispatch markings. So, Mr. Lindman returned the cover for the missing cancellations. The cover was thus treated with the registry handstamp, the mute registry cancels, and the Tahoe City backstamps with the correct date. Note that one of the mute cancels ties an official label. Official labels were available from the Olympic Organizing Committee well in advance of the event and were available, without charge, to anyone requesting them. Mr. Lindman probably obtained his labels well before the First Day and Opening Day of the Games, February 18, 1960.

The following is a summary of the types of postmarks:

1. FD hand cancel (Figure 1).
2. FD machine cancel (Figure 2).
3. Olympic Valley, machine cancel (Figure 4).

4. Olympic Valley, hand cancel (Figure 5).
5. Olympic Valley Branch, registry cancel (Figure 3).

Types 3, 4 and 5 should exist with the First Day date of February 18, 1960.

## Cachet Varieties

As the official promoter, only Walter Hirsh was authorized to use the words "Official" and "Olympic" in his cachets. However, a survey of some of the other FDC cachets indicates that many cachetmakers were not deterred from celebrating the 1960 Winter Olympic Games.

American cachetmakers have had to wrestle with the word "Olympic" in their cachet designs due to copyrights and licensing arrangements. Examples of First Day cachets that avoided use



of the word "Olympic" are shown in Figures 9 and 10. Figure 9 is an Artcraft cachet that substitutes the word "International" for "Olympic." The cachet in Figure 10 also omits the word, "Olympic," but deviously uses the word "official" in the text.

Figure 11 is one of several examples that exist using the word "Olympic" without authorization. The cachetmaker is not identified.

Figure 12 is the unauthorized use of the official emblem as well as the use of the word "Olympic." The cachet is bicolored and also incorporates a squaw with child on skis. A decal exists showing the identical design over the words "Squaw Valley."

The Opening Day Official Program also exists First Day canceled.

Rocket Flight FDCs exist in several varieties. Figure 13 is one example. Rocket flight covers are an interesting specialty by themselves.

The author and James Mason obtained an advertising print of the official emblem from the Olympic Organizing Committee with no obligation. 1,000 labels were prepared using the design and the words "Visit Los Angeles" were added. The production was split 50-50 among us, but the inventory owned by Mr. Mason was lost in a subsequent divorce. A few of the labels were affixed to FD and other covers (Figure 14). □

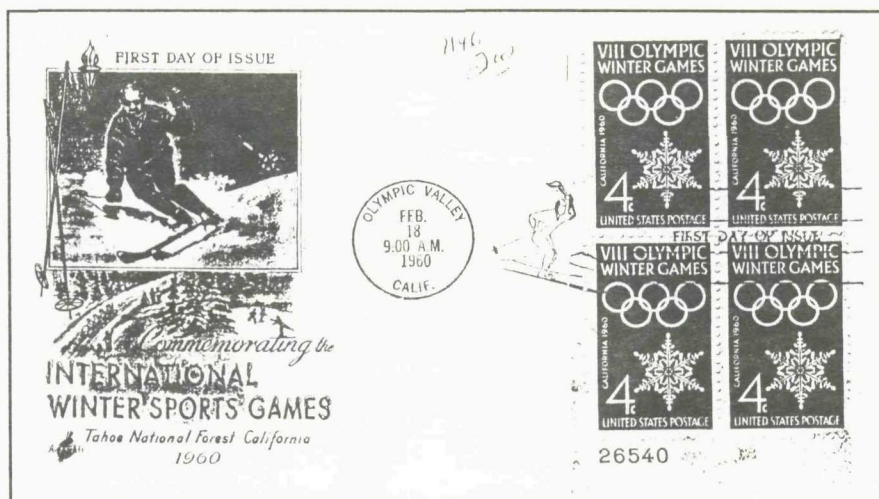


Figure 9. Artcraft FDC showing substitution of word "International" for "Olympic."

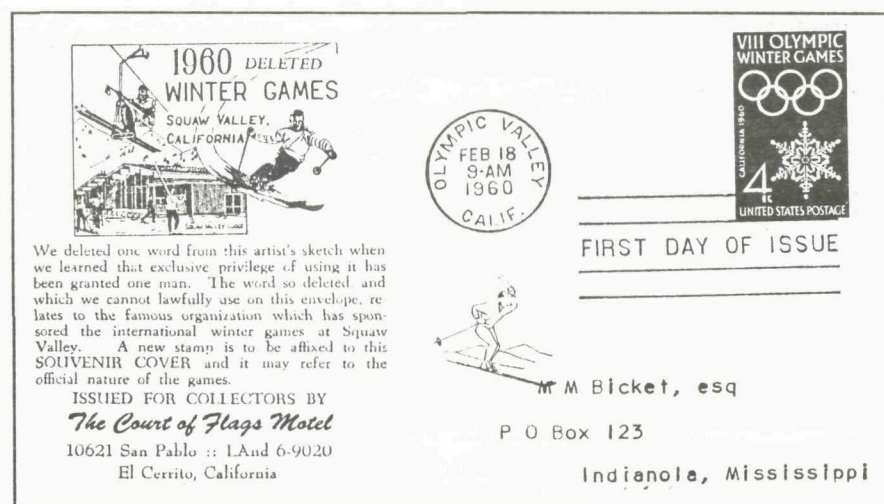


Figure 10. Red Court of Flags Motel cachet explaining the "Deleted Winter Games."

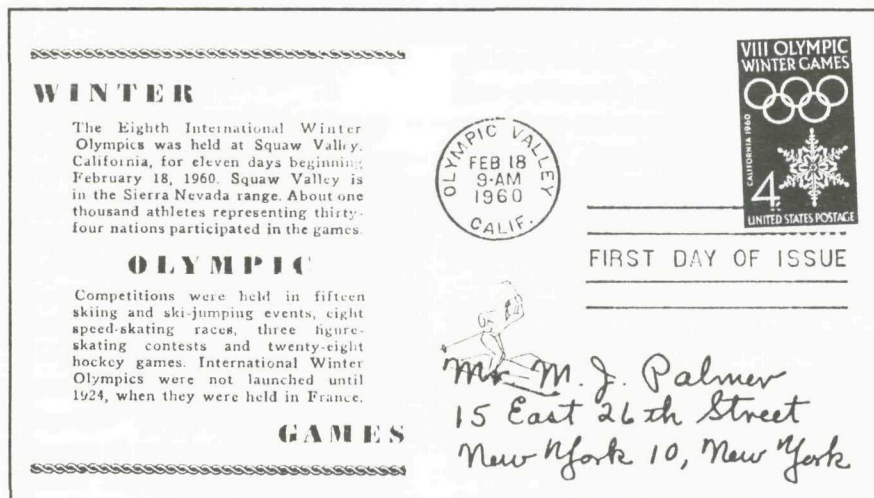


Figure 11. FDC with unauthorized use of the word "Olympic" in the cachet.



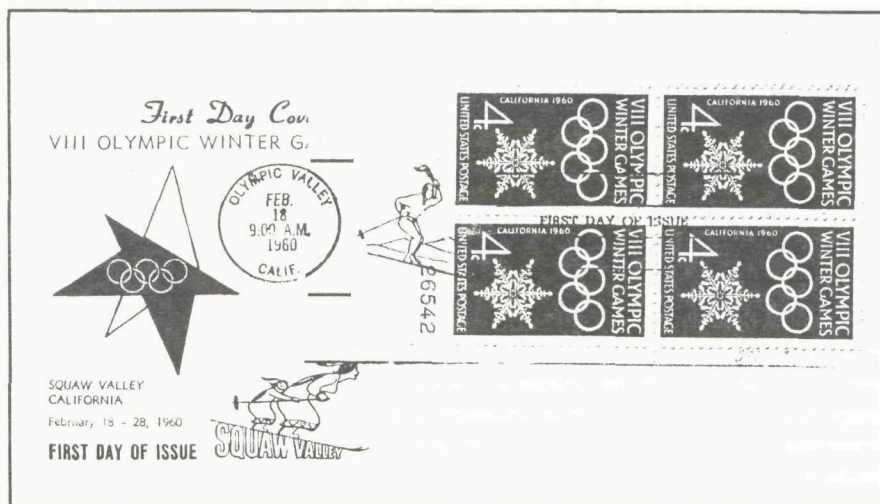


Figure 12. FDC showing cachet with word "Olympic" and official emblem.

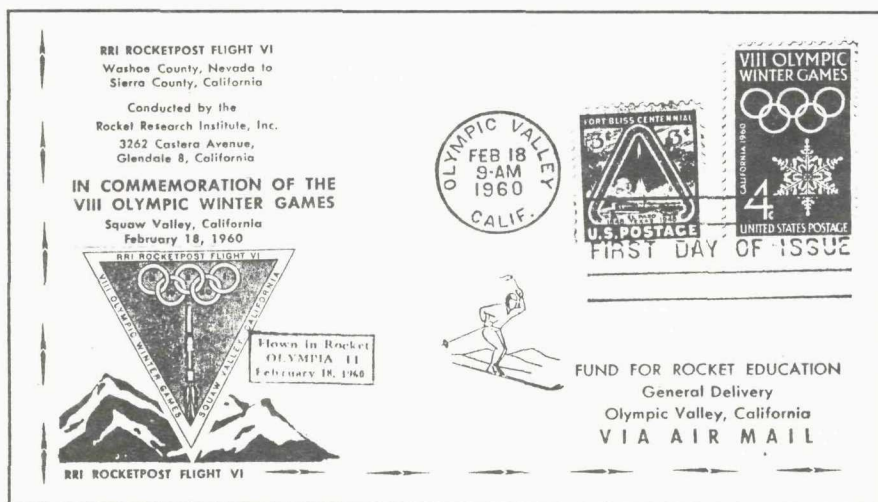


Figure 13. Rocket Flight FDC. Two different adhesive labels are made part of the cachet. Note rectangular rubberstamp (in red): Flown in Rocket Olympic I February 18, 1960.

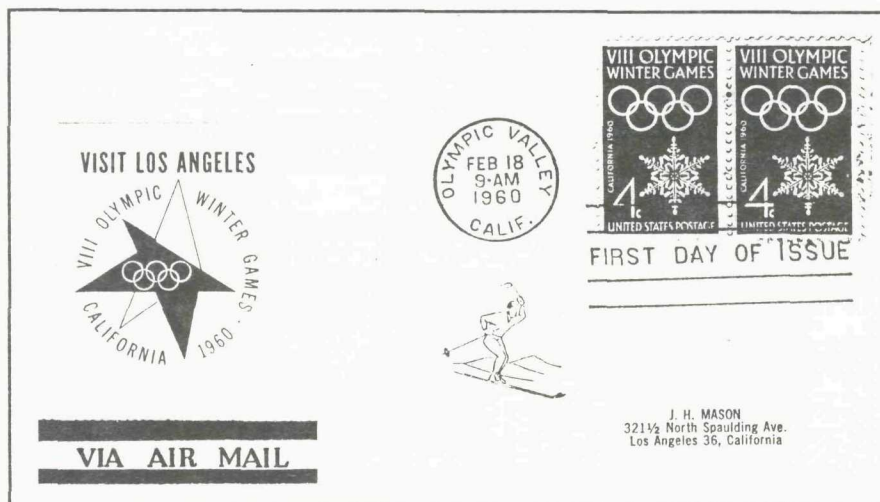


Figure 14. FDC with label reproducing the Olympic Games official emblem.



# Olympic Cancel Update

by Glenn Estus

In 1989, the United States Postal Service (USPS) announced that it had become an Official Sponsor of the 1992 Olympic Games. In the May 1991 issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately*, I published a 4-page listing of post offices in the United States that were using a special machine cancellation which read "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE/OFFICIAL SPONSOR/1992 GAMES."

In 1989, the USPS also announced that other postal services throughout the world had joined in the Olympic sponsorship program. Now I can report that at least two other postal organizations currently use special Olympic machine cancellations.

In the fall of 1991, a number of the larger postal facilities in New Zealand began using the slogan cancel shown in Figure 1. The slogan shows the logo of the New Zealand Post Office as well as the logo of the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC). The NZOC logo shows the Olympic Rings and the Kiwi Fern, a symbol of New Zealand throughout the world.

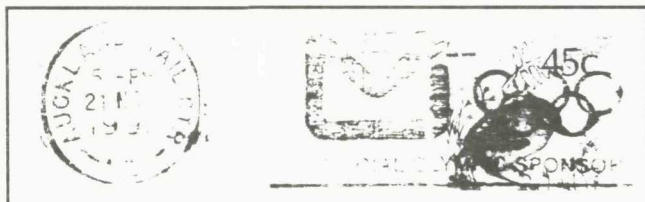


Figure 1. Olympic slogan machine cancel currently being used by New Zealand Post at 16 regional postal centers.

According to G.J. Sheat, Assistant Manager of Stamp Production of New Zealand Post the following facilities have "postmarking machines engraved Official Olympic Sponsor":

Auckland  
Auckland Central Mail Centre  
Christchurch  
Dunedin  
Hawkes Bay Mail Centre (Napier/Hastings Region)  
Invercargill  
Manawatu Mail Centre (Palmerston North Region)  
Nelson  
New Plymouth  
North Shore Mail Centre (part of the Auckland Region)  
Rotorua  
South Auckland Mail Centre  
Timaru  
Waikato Mail Centre (Hamilton region)  
Wellington  
Whangarei

Information received from Dick Armstrong, Treasurer of the Postal History Society of New Zealand, notes that

most New Zealand mail is no longer cancelled at the local level but is collected and taken to larger regional centers for cancellation. The earliest cancellation that I have seen is from Christchurch (9 September 1991).

Likewise, Canada Post began using an Official Sponsor cancel in late 1991 or at the beginning of January 1992 (Figure 2).



Figure 2. As an Official Olympic Sponsor, Canada Post is using machine cancels incorporating its logo and the Olympic Rings.

Most mail in Canada is also cancelled at larger regional centers. However, Canada Post has gone even farther than most countries in striking the post office name from the cancellation. Most cancellation dials have the words "Postes Canada Post," the postal code of the cancellation center, the date, and nothing else.

As of February 9, 1992, the following post offices have been recorded:

N2E 2C0 (Guelph and Kitchener, Ontario) machine #1  
M4L 3T0 (Toronto, Ontario) machine #3  
E2L 2B0 (St. John, New Brunswick) machine #1  
N8W 4W0 (Windsor, Ontario) machine #1

The Canadian cancel shows the new Canada Mail Post logo over the Olympic Rings with the words "Official Olympic Sponsor/Commanditaire officiel des olympiques."

I recently received *Repertorio delle Affrancature Meccaniche dei Giochi Olimpici Invernali* (Report on the Postage Meters of the Olympic Winter Games) by Alvaro Trucchi. This monograph was published in 1987 by the Italian Sports Group, Gruppo Sport.

Thumbing through the pages, I notice that Mr. Trucchi has continued a listing from the 1980 Lake Placid Games which I believe is not an actual postage meter (Figure 5). This same mistake was made by Manfred Winterheimer in his work, *Spezialkatalog Poststempel und Sonder-Einschreibzettel zu den Olympischen Spielen 1980*, published in 1982. In Mr. Trucchi's work, the catalog number is #115 (page 33) and in Mr. Winterheimer's work the catalog number is #F.1 (page 17).

I have actively collected Lake Placid 1980 since the village won the right to host the Games in 1974. In 1979 and 1980, I was a planning member of the Philatelic Sub-



committee of the National Fine Arts Committee, the cultural arm of the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee (LPOOC).

LPOOC and its closely related organization, the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, used at least two different meters during the period leading up to and including the Games. These are shown in Figures 3 and 4.

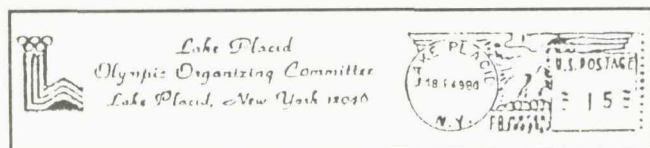


Figure 3 (above) and Figure 4 (below). These meters were used by the Organizing Committee and Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, respectively, for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games.

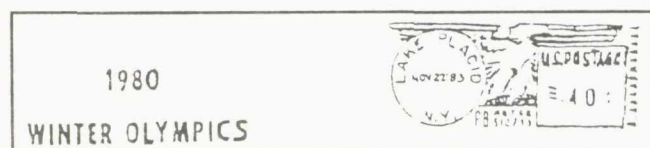


Figure 5 shows the "meter" in question. It is my belief that the original meter listing in the Winternheimer book was actually taken from a photocopy of an envelope which included a regular Lake Placid meter without any slogan slug from which someone mistakenly assumed that the address in the corner card was part of the meter. In my collection, I have such a corner card printed in silver on an unused invitation to the Opening Ceremonies.

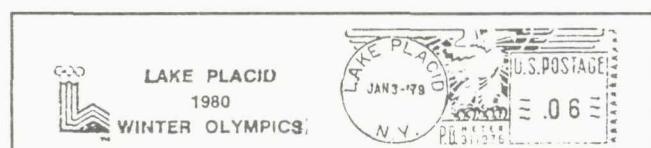


Figure 5. Questionable meter from Lake Placed, NY may be a non-slogan meter coincidentally applied adjacent to a corner card. Can anyone confirm or deny this theory?

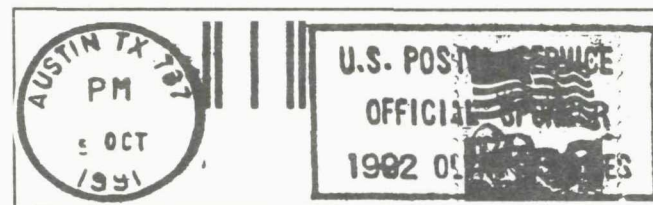
I also base my assumption partly on the fact that the words "Lake Placid, New York 12946" would ordinarily not be found outside the circular town cancel in the meter. Most U.S. postage meters do not carry the address of the user in the meter itself.

I would challenge anyone to send me information which would prove that the two portions of the Figure 5 illustration are actually part of the same meter.

This is an update to the information published in the May 1991 issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately*. Perhaps the most important information gathered in the last year is that the slogan cancel from Austin, Texas exists in two different formats. The reader should be cautioned that these slogans are not in constant use in all post offices at all times. For instance, some post offices such as Atlanta and Albany used the postmark for a few months in 1990. Since that time I have not found any other examples.



Figure 6. Two types of USPS Olympic machine cancels exist from Austin, TX. The Type 1 slogan (above) has wider letters and spacing than the Type 2 slogan cancel (below).



This survey is based on a sampling of about 500 covers mostly from a publisher's mail house.

## USPS 1992 Olympic Machine Cancels: Update #1

City	State	ZIP	Machine Number	Position of Number	Earliest Date
AKRON	OH	443			Feb 14 90
ANCHORAGE,	AK	995			Jul 23 90
AUSTIN (Type 1)	TX	787			Jan 3 90
AUSTIN (Type 2)	TX	787			Apr 13 91
BALTIMORE,	MD	212	6A	8	Feb 13 91
BATON ROUGE,	LA	708			Apr 13 91
BOSTON,	MA	021	13A	3	May 14 91
BOSTON,	MA	021	8A	3	Sep 27 90
COLORADO SPRINGS,	CO	809	2A	4	Jan 6 90
COLUMBUS,	OH	430	1A	8.5	Oct 23 91
COLUMBUS,	OH	430	5A	8.5	Apr 24 91
COLUMBUS,	OH	430	2A	8.5	May 17 91



City	State	ZIP	Machine Number	Position of Number	Earliest Date
DAYTON	OH	454			Apr 5 91
EVERETT,	WA	982	1A	C	Jun 19 91
EVERETT,	WA	982	1B	C	Sep 23 91
EVERETT,	WA	982	1	C	Jun 10 91
FAIRBANKS	AK	99701			Feb 27 91
HARTFORD,	CT	061	1A	2	Jan 30 90
HONOLULU,	HI	968			Mar 27 91
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LANSING,	MI	489			Jan 6 90
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MID-FLORIDA MPC,	FL	327			Feb 13 91
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# 100 Years of Basketball...and Philately

by Luciano Calenda

On December 21, 1991, a very important sports event was celebrated: the centennial of the birth of basketball!

Invented by Doctor James Naismith, the first basketball match was played exactly 100 years earlier on the gymnasium court of the Y.M.C.A. College at Springfield, Massachusetts. The new game was immediately spread around the world; there is no doubt why it is considered the "world's most popular sport."

It is therefore not surprising that the anniversary was so widely celebrated with basketball tournaments, book, articles, exhibitions of basketball memorabilia, gadgets, special television programs, and so on. Last, but not least, philately commemorated this great event with a number of issues.

In the following article, I will list, in chronological order, all the stamps, souvenir sheets, machine cancellations, and meter cancels celebrating the birth of the "American Game" that after a century is truly the World's Game.

## New Stamp Issues

Germany issued a four stamp set on February 14, 1991 to celebrate several anniversaries; one of them commemorated the centennial of basketball. This issue (Figure 1), which depicts women's basketball, is quite different in design. From a truly historical point of view, women did not compete in this sport until some months after December 1891, probably around February or March of the following year. Nevertheless, the stamp is very interesting because it is, so far, the only one to show the original uniform of a woman basketball player along with the old style ball. Both elements are very important for thematic basketball collectors.

The second stamp issued comes from Oceania. French Polynesia released a single stamp, within a ten-stamp sheet,



Figure 2. French Polynesia's basketball commemorative was issued with an attached label reproducing the centennial logo.

showing opposing players in action (Figure 2). An interesting element, though not relevant from a philatelic viewpoint, is the attached label reproducing the centennial logo. A special First Day cancel was used on May 15, 1991.

The little Republic of San Marino (located in north central Italy) issued two very nice stamps on June 4, 1991 (Figure 3). The 650 lire value depicts the original and modern baskets and balls with two players either rebounding the ball or attempting a tap-in. The second value (750 lire) also illustrates two players, one dribbling and the other defending. A bust length portrait of Professor Naismith appears in the upper left corner. The special First Day cancellation incorporates the old peach basket and balls with rebounding players.

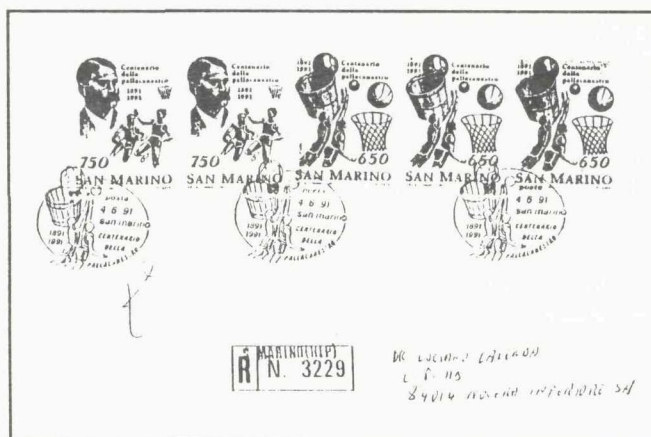


Figure 3. This registered cover from San Marino bears both centennial issues and the special First Day cancellation reproducing the game's old style basket and ball.

Jugoslavia's two-stamp commemorative set with attached labels used a stylized rendition of the number "100" as a design theme. Issued on June 15, 1991, both stamps incorporate two basketballs, hoops and a backboard as elements. Viewed from the side, the low value stamp uses the backboard as the digit "1," while the balls represent the two "0s." The higher value stamp (Figure 4) arranges the elements in the same order, but viewed instead from overhead. The special First Day cancel was used in Beograd and Zagreb.

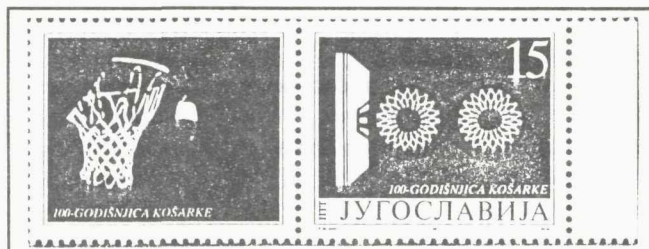


Figure 4. Jugoslavia used a clever stylization of a backboard and balls to represent the number "100" on its two issues.



Hungary's single stamp made its debut on June 27, 1991. The design is cartoonish in nature, showing three players rebounding the ball.

On August 19, 1991, Poland issued a basketball stamp without inscription. However, the selvedge of the stamp pane clearly says "100 Lat Koszykowki" undoubtedly translates to 100th Anniversary of Basketball. A special First Day cancel reproduces the same wording (Figure 5).

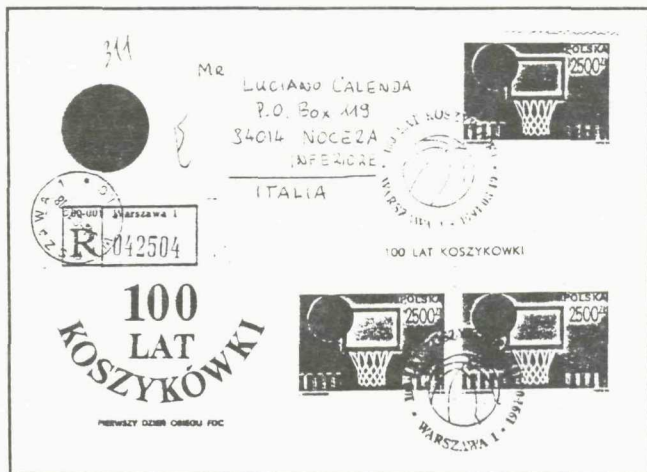


Figure 5. Poland's 2500 Zt stamp doesn't mention the centenary, however both the stamp's selvedge and First Day cancel are inscribed "100 Lat Koszykowki."

Finally, the American stamp for the American game! In my opinion, it is not terribly exciting. In addition, it is hardly original, as a very similar design was used for the 1961 stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of Doctor Naismith's birth. Figure 6 compares both stamps.

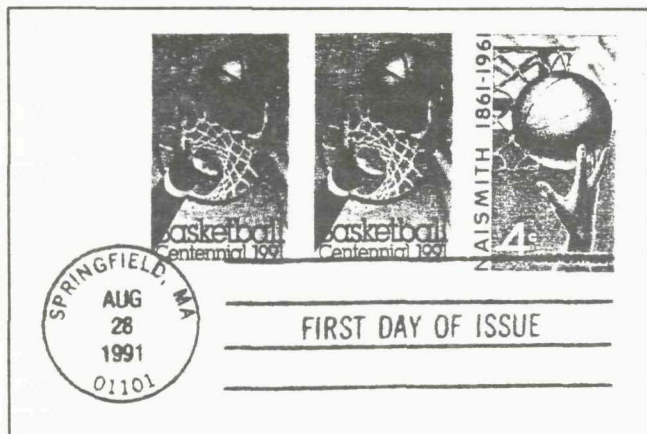
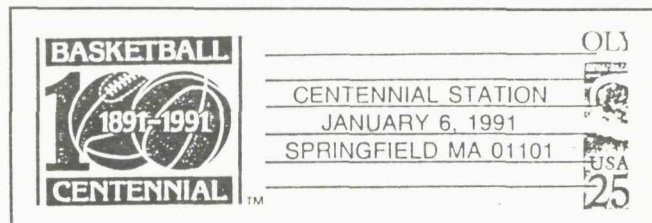


Figure 6. The U.S. issue commemorating the centenary of basketball (left and center) bears a striking resemblance to the 1961 stamp (right) for Naismith's 100th birth anniversary.

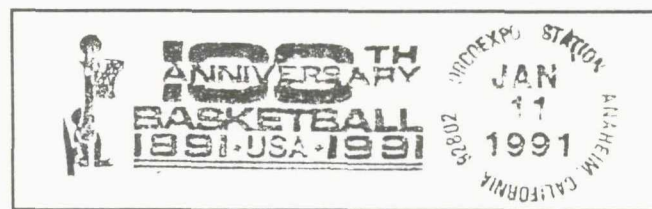
Appropriately, Canada commemorated Doctor Naismith, since he was born near Almonte, Ontario. Canada Post released a 40 cent stamp and a souvenir sheet of three stamps (40, 46, and 80 cents). The 40 cent stamp is the same in both formats. The entire set received First Day cancels from Almonte.

## Cancellations

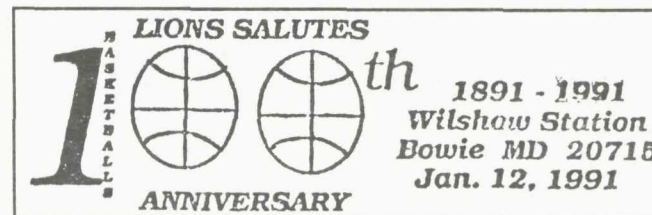
A number of countries, especially the U.S., used special commemorative cancellations to mark the basketball centennial.



U.S.A.: January 6, 1991, Springfield, MA. The first cancel of the year had to come from Springfield, of course! It was used to mark the occasion of the delivery of the artwork for the U.S. commemorative stamp.

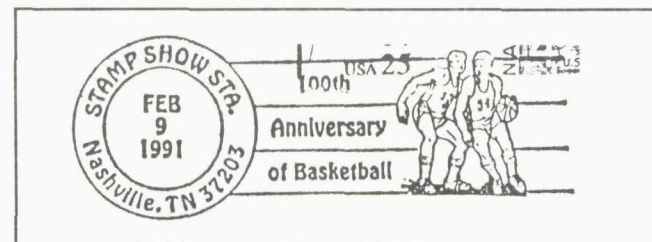


U.S.A.: January 11-13, 1991, Anaheim, CA. This cancel was used during all three days of ORCOEXPO.



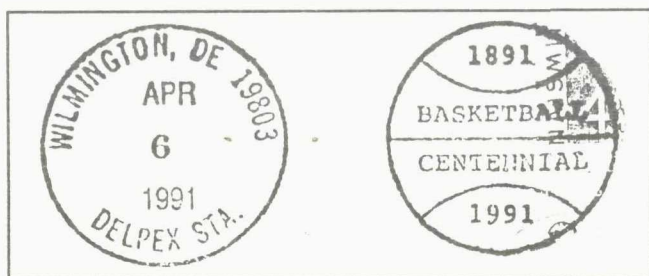
U.S.A.: January 12-13, 1991, Bowie, MD. The Bowie Lions Club celebrated the centennial of basketball with this cancel used both days.

U.S.A.: January 20-21, 1991, San Jose, CA. The Great American Stamp Expo used a cancel identical that used in Anaheim on January 11-13. Only the circular date portion of the cancel differs.



U.S.A.: February 9-10, 1991, Nashville, TN. Offensive and defensive players are depicted in the Nashville Stamp Show's cancel.





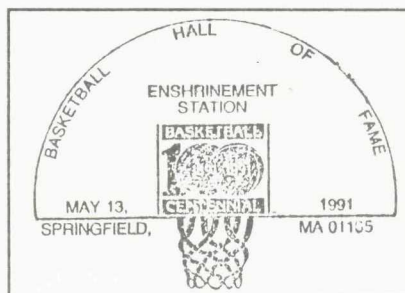
U.S.A.: April 7-8, 1991, Wilmington, DE. DELPEX's duplex cancel stylistically juxtaposed the circular date stamp and basketball.

U.S.A.: April 19-20, 1991, Chicago, IL. A rather unattractive cancel was used at CHICAGO '91.



U.S.A.: April 21, 1991. Ottawa, IL. Though not inscribed with centennial wording, the LASACOPEX cancel is clearly related.

Austria: May 5-6, 1991, Oberwart. The first non-U.S.A. cancel is a European one. On the occasion of a special tournament for young boys (the Schul Milk Cup), the Oberwart PO used a special cancel with two different numbers (either 1 or 2) in the lower right corner.



U.S.A.: May 13, 1991, Springfield, MA. This red cancel marks the yearly induction ceremony into the Basketball Hall of Fame. The centennial logo appears on the backboard.

French Polynesia: May 15, 1991, Papeete. This First Day cancel was used on the stamp illustrated in Figure 2.

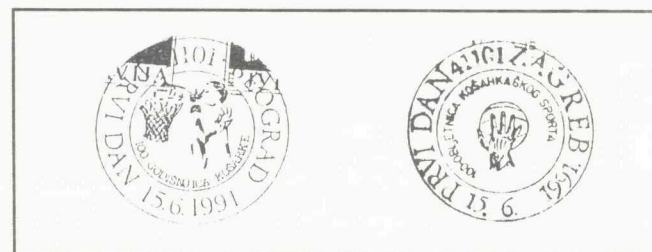


U.S.A.: May 24, 1991, Rosemont, IL. A very simple cancel was used at COMPEX in May.

San Marino: June 4, 1991. This First Day cancel is reproduced in Figure 3.



Greece: June 5, 1991, Athens. On the occasion of the Centennial Tournament organized by FIBA, a special cancel was used by a Mobile Post Office inside the Sports Hall, the "Peace and Friendship Arena" in Piraeus. The cancel exists in both manual and machine version. Greece was awarded this tournament to assuage their feelings over losing the Centennial Olympic Games to Atlanta in 1996.



Jugoslavia: June 15, 1991, Beograd. The cancel at left, depicting to players rebounding the ball, was a First Day cancel used on the stamps in Figure 4. This cancel exists in both manual and machine versions.

Jugoslavia: June 15, 1991, Zagreb. As with most new issues, an additional First Day cancel was used exclusively in Zagreb (above, right). This cancel may also appear in manual and machine versions.



Hungary: June 27, 1991, Budapest. This First Day cancel was applied to covers with the new stamp issued the same date.

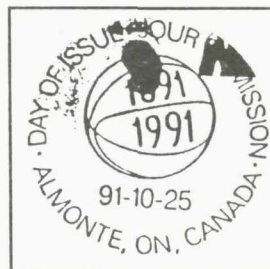
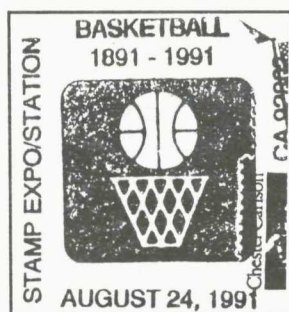


U.S.A.: October 25, 1991, Melrose Park, IL. This rather large cancel was used during Bev-Pex in October noting the centenary of basketball.

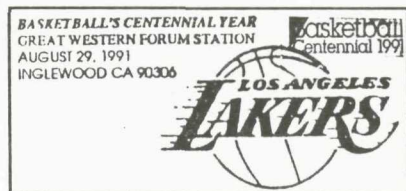


Poland: August 19, 1991, Warsaw. This First Day cancel illustrated in Figure 5, is the key to the Polish commemoration of the centennial because the stamp itself does not mention the anniversary.

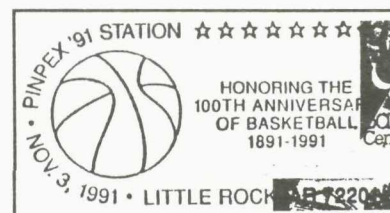
U.S.A.: August 24, 1991, Anaheim, CA. Stamp Expo again commemorated the centennial with this cancel.



Canada: October 25, 1991, Almonte, Ontario. Canada Post used this First Day cancel on their centennial stamp and souvenir sheets. Almonte was also the birthplace of Dr. James Naismith.

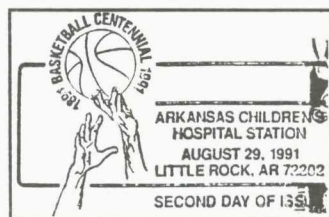


U.S.A.: August 29, 1991, Inglewood, CA. The Los Angeles Lakers celebrated the anniversary with this cancel from their arena: The Forum.

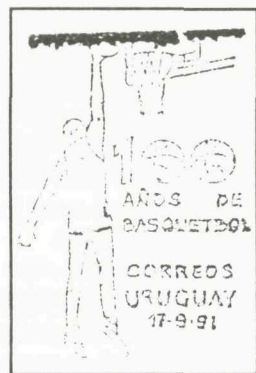


U.S.A.: November 2-3, 1991, Little Rock, AR. Another cancel was used in this city, this time at the Pinpex '91 show.

U.S.A.: August 29, 1991, Little Rock, AR. A nice cancel used at the Arkansas Children's Hospital Station.

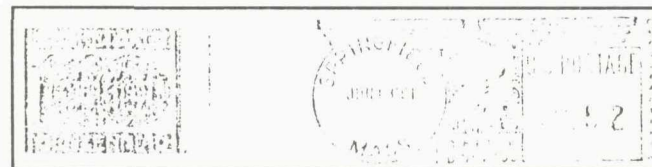


Gibraltar: December 10, 1991. The final cancel of the centennial year was applied at Gibraltar on the occasion of an invitational ladies basketball tournament.



Uruguay: September 17, 1991 (no town name). A special cancel used by the post offices in Uruguay.

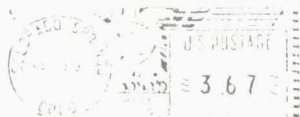
## Meter Cancels



U.S.A.: Springfield, MA. The Basketball Hall of Fame used a violet meter with the centennial logo.



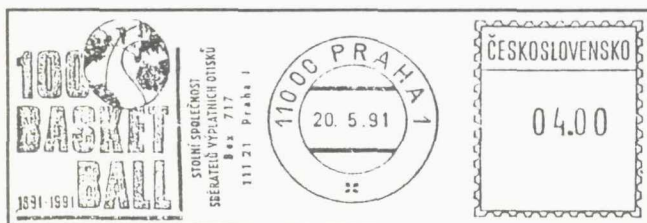
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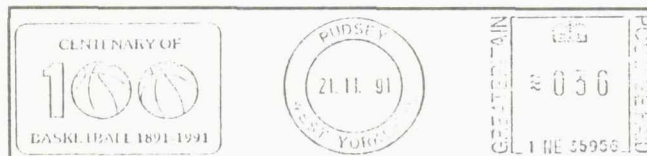
U.S.A.: Colorado Springs, CO. USA Basketball, the governing body for amateur basketball in the U.S., used this meter cancel.



Germany: Munich. The first non-U.S. meter was placed in use at the FIBA Headquarters in Munich. It depicts the logo adopted by FIBA to celebrate the centennial.



Czechoslovakia: Prague. The Czech national basketball federation used a meter slogan very similar to that of FIBA's. This meter was used for only three days.



Great Britain: Pudsey, West Yorkshire. The English Basketball Association was another national governing body to use a special slogan meter in their machines to commemorate the centennial of basketball.

The foregoing article was completed on December 4, 1991. Should additional philatelic items appear, I'll try to update my article in a future issue of *JSP*. I would welcome any additional information on basketball philately or the centennial celebrations. Please write to me at P.O. Box 119, 84014 Nocera Inferiore, Italy. ☐

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## Auction Results

by Sherwin Podolsky

David Feldman S.A. of Geneva, Switzerland held an auction on November 27-30, 1991 that featured an original drawing of an 1896 Olympic proof (Lot 80038). The start price was Sfr. 25,000 but the lot realized only Sfr. 20,000. To this must be added the 12½% buyer's commission.

It is possible that the lot was sold back to the original owner as there is no distinction made between prices realized on sales in the open market or owner buy-backs. With the buyer's commission, the lot realized Sfr. 22,500 or US\$16,200.

The illustration (at right) is larger than stamp-size. The design is in brown on off-white paper mounted on a cream-colored card. A yellow-brown toning spot appears above the head of the horse on the left.



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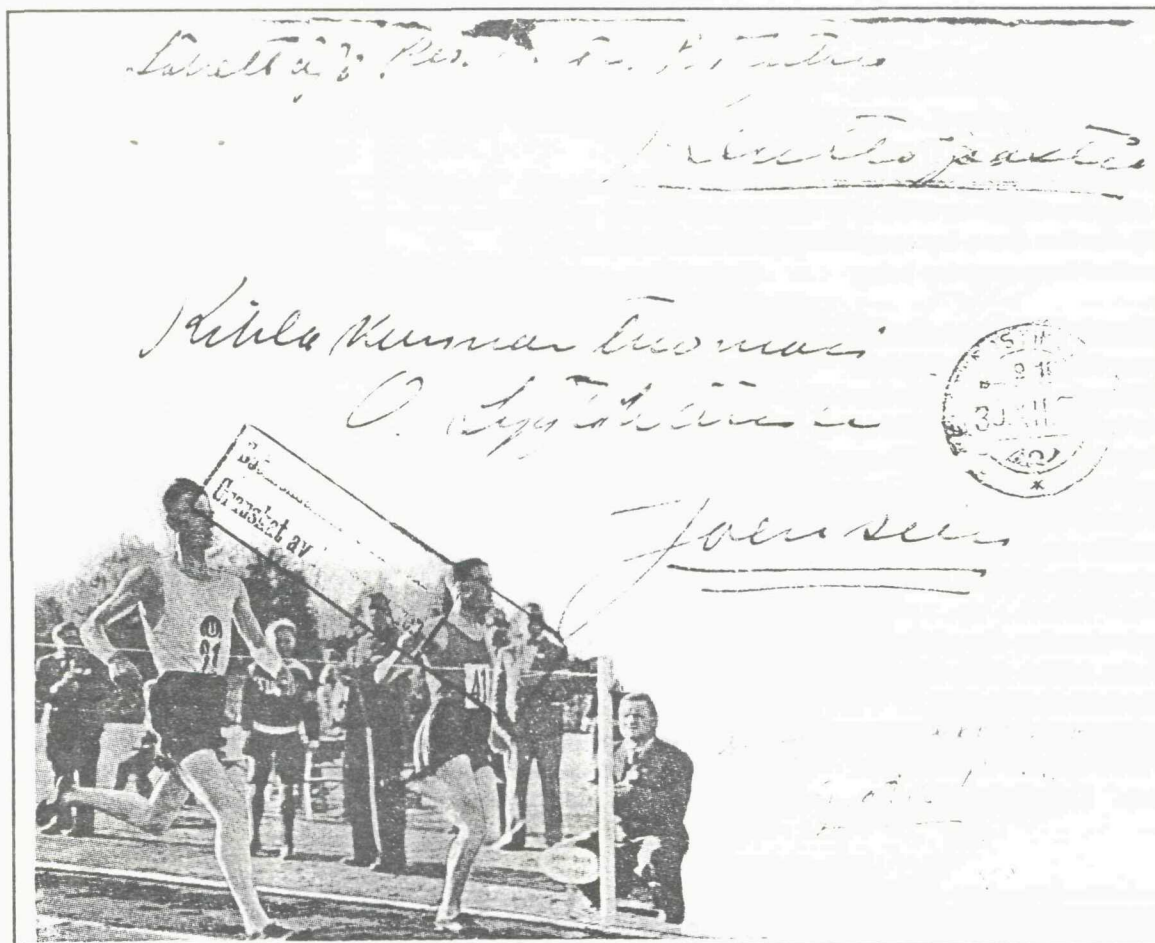


Figure 1. Front of cover to Joensuu. Sent from a military post in December 1939.

## Caught in the War: Two Finland Covers

by Risto Pikanen &  
Ossie Virtanen  
edited by Sherwin Podolsky

Sherwin Podolsky asked Risto Pitkanen and Ossi Virtanen of Finland to help explain the mysteries of an illustrated stampless cover. Hitler's invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939 signalled the beginning of World War II, therefore canceling Helsinki's Olympic Games. However, Finland had already begun publicity. Two of the items caught in the war are covers with the same illustration. These covers are the subject of this article.

### War-struck Olympics

Figures 1 and 2 show both sides of one of these two covers. It bears

no legend; the year dates in the postmarks were incomplete or difficult to read.

Risto Pitkanen was asked to identify the athletes and events shown. He contacted Harri Eljanko, a 90 year-old newspaperman whose memory is still sharp and who supplied most of the details. The information was verified using David Wallechinsky's *The Complete Book of the Olympics*.

The address side, or front, of the cover (Figure 1) shows two runners nearing the tape and another person crouching at the end of the tape post. These three people are identified as follows:

Runner at left: Gold medal winner, Ilmari Salminen, 10,000 meters, 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Runner at right: probably Lauri Lehtinen, gold medal winner in the

5,000 meters, 1932 Los Angeles Olympics.

Crouched at the tape post: wrestler Yrjö Ikonen.

The all-over illustration on the reverse is divided into four triangular segments:

Top: two hurdlers, Volmari Iso-Hollo (left) and Kaarlo Tuominen (right), gold and silver medal winners in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, 1936 Berlin Olympics. Iso-Hollo was also a gold medal winner in the 3460-meter steeplechase and a silver medal winner in the 10,000-meter race, 1932 Los Angeles Olympics.

Right: Kalevi Kotkas, seventh place in discus, 1932 Los Angeles Olympics, and fourth place in the high jump, 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Bottom: Matti Jarvinen, gold medal winner, javelin throw, 1932



Los Angeles Olympics. Fifth place, javelin throw, 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Left: Gustaf Alfons Koutonen, fourth place, hammer throw, 1936 Berlin Olympics.

The odd 3,460-meter steeplechase at the Los Angeles Games in 1932 is explained by the fact that a lap counter error resulted in an extra lap being run.

Wallechinsky lists some of these Olympians as winners or participants in other Olympic events. Wrestler Yrjo Ikonen could not be identified as participating in either the 1932 or 1936 Olympic wrestling events.

The venues of the illustrated events cannot be ascertained. Perhaps readers can provide further information.

We now examine the philatelic aspects of the cover. Ossi Virtanen provided the following details:

Front: Written across the top is the word "Kenttapostia" which means "Army Post." The rectangular rub-

berstamp across the illustration includes the Finnish word for "Army Post," canceled by the army post office of the military unit where the sender served.

Double-ring postmark: "Kenttapostikonttori" (Army Post Office) number 16. Date 30.XII.39.

Rectangular purple rubberstamp across the runners: "Sotasensuurin tarkastama" (in Finnish), "Granskat av krigscensuren" (in Swedish) translates as "Examined by War Censor."

Back (in the left triangular portion): arrival cancel of Joensuu, a small town in the east part of Finland, called North Karelia. Date 1.7.40.

This is apparently a military free-frank cover.

## A Censored Cover

Figure 3 reproduces another cover with the same illustration as shown in Figure 1. However, the cover in Figure 3 bears a stamp postmarked

19.XII.39 (December 19, 1939). It is the purple rectangular marking near the stamp that is of interest. The Finnish wording reads "Sotasensuurin tarkastama" or "checked by war censorship." The name of the dispatch town is not clear, but the transit postmark on the reverse side appears to read Turku.

Risto Pitkanen and Ossi Virtanen were unable to identify the publishers or printers of these covers.

## War Comes to Finland's Olympics

These covers (Figures 1-2, and 3) were publicity for the Olympics scheduled for Helsinki in 1940. However, the war-related censor markings are evidence of the reason for the cancellation of the XIIth Olympiad. Ossi Virtanen supplies more details.

On the basis of the mutual agreement between Hitler and Stalin at the

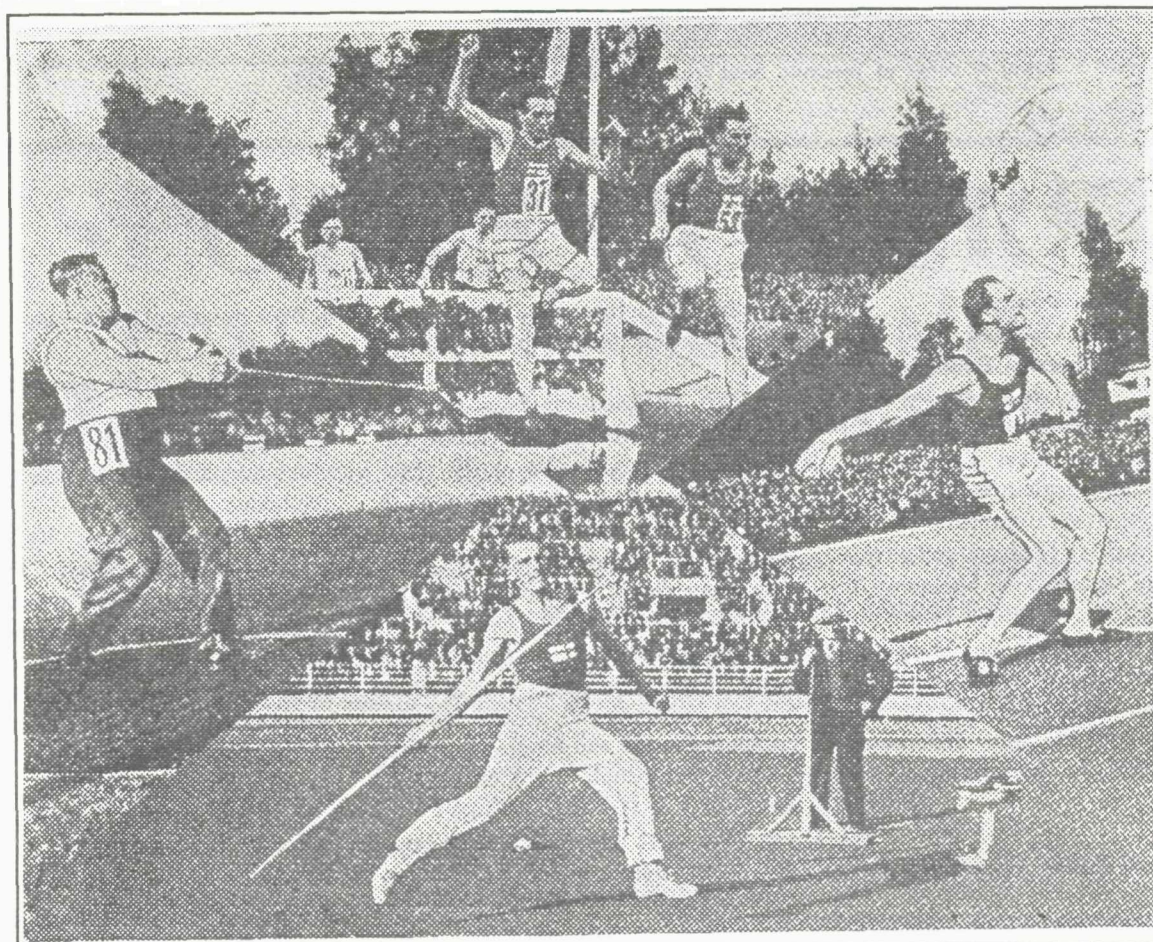


Figure 2. Reverse of cover in Figure 1. Most of the athletes depicted are Olympians. Arrival postmark, January 1940, at left.



end of August 1939, the Soviet Union demanded, in October 1939, that Finland give up large territories consisting of eastern Finland, the islands in the Gulf of Finland, and an area of Hanko, situated about one hundred miles west of Helsinki, to be used as a naval base. Finland would not agree with these demands because they threatened the independence and existence of the nation. On November 30, 1939, the Red Army of the Soviet Union invaded Finland. The war, called "The Winter War," lasted until March 13, 1940. The Soviets again invaded Finland in June 1941 and that part of the war lasted until September 1944. The price of the defensive battles was exceedingly high, but Finland still exists as an independent nation.

Joensuu, the destination of the cover in Figures 1 and 2, is a small town in eastern Finland, called North Karelia and was never ceded to the Soviet Union. □

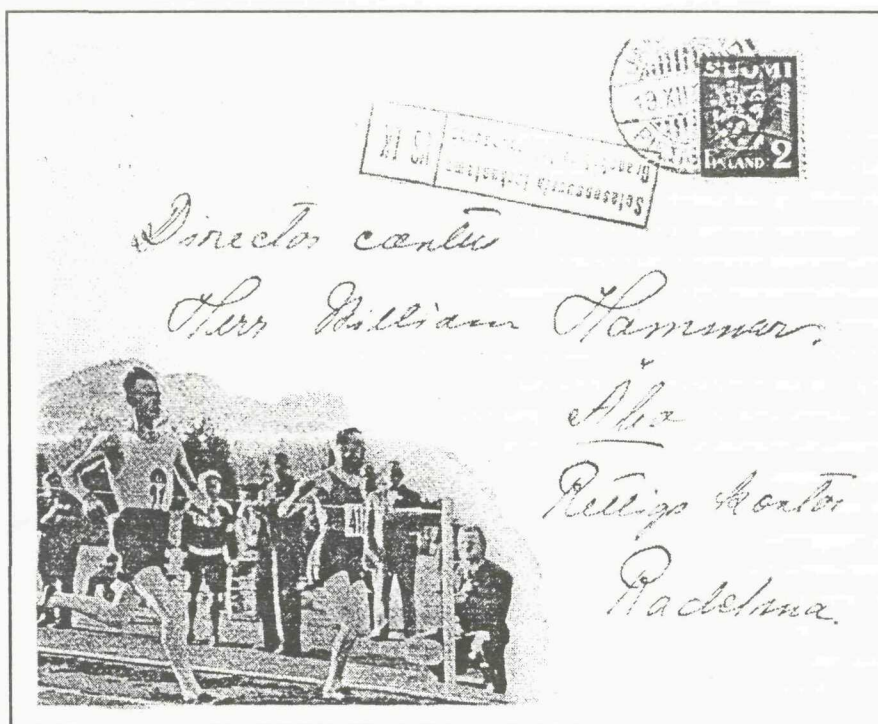


Figure 3. Front of cover with censorship rubberstamp, applied inverted. Posted in 1939. Town names are indistinct.

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18th Games (1964) . . . . .	20.50	(2.00)
19th Games (1968) . . . . .	22.50	(2.45)
19th Games Imperf . . . . .	4.35	(0.95)
19th Games Part 4 . . . . .	17.50	(1.50)
Part 4 is non-Olympic members only.		
20th Games (1972) Part 1 . . . .	6.00	(1.25)
Part 1A non-I.O.C. . . . .	4.00	(1.25)
Part 2 . . . . .	10.00	(1.25)
Part 2A (unlisted) . . . . .	1.10	(0.95)
Part 3 . . . . .	11.60	(1.50)
Part 3A (unlisted) . . . . .	10.10	(1.25)
Part 4A (unlisted) . . . . .	10.90	(1.25)
21st Games (1976) Part 1 . . . .	18.25	(1.75)
Part 2 . . . . .	14.00	(2.00)
Part 3 . . . . .	11.50	(2.50)
22nd Games (1980) Part 1 . . . .	10.00	(2.00)
Part 2 . . . . .	17.50	(2.50)
Part 3 Final . . . . .	45.50	(4.50)
(22nd Games Complete have 201 pages)		



# The Sports Arena

by Mark C. Maestrone

While at our national show, SANDICAL, here in San Diego this February, member Hugh Gottfried apprised me of an interesting Olympic item that he had recently come across. Illustrated, in part, in Figure 1, the USPS-produced item is designed to promote the USPS's sponsorship of the 1992 Olympic Games.

Three connected 4" x 6" postcards open up to reveal photographs of different events from the Calgary Winter Olympic Games in 1988. The sports depicted are ski jumping, two-man bobsled, and ladies figure skating. Above the top card is an additional postcard-sized announcement, with a flap. The flap reads: "We're Proud To Bring You '16 Days of Glory' And These Brief Previews." The USPS Olympic logo follows. The remainder of this top card advertises the television broadcast of Bud Greenspan's movie of the '88 Winter Olympics.

An additional card is attached to the bottom of the strip noting the USPS's Express Mail Service for \$9.95.

The reverse side of the three sports postcards bears the USPS Olympic Logo in the upper left corner, and a vertical dividing line down the center. The folded packet received by Hugh had the 1992 Winter Olympic stamps affixed to the backs of the three cards and cancelled. The first day cancel from Orlando was used on one, while the other two cards had standard Orlando circular date stamps applied. The latter also bore the date January 11, 1992, the first day of issue.

This is really quite an extraordinary item, as the USPS is not normally in the business of producing postcards. I suspect this was a promotional item of some sort, and may have been mailed to a select mailing list of businesses. Can any member provide more information? If so, drop your editor a line.

Member Rick Scott in Orlando, provides some additional information on the First Day of the five 29¢ Winter Olympic stamps. After many calls to various USPS personnel, Rick was informed by the Orlando Arena that there was to be a first day ceremony during the finals of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships on January 11. Unfortunately, one had to have a ticket (long since sold out) to access the first day event. He adds that although he hasn't spoken with anyone who attended, a ceremony program or souvenir card was supposedly distributed free to all attendees. Can anyone who attended the finals confirm this?

Rick continues: "The USPS provided stamps and first day cancels at the Main Post Office, located near Orlando International Airport. It is open 24-hours a day, but is well off the beaten track. There was no line when I bought the stamps, but shortly thereafter, the place was packed with customers. Only one was after FDCs. I licked and pasted until my tongue was dry and my fingers sticky. (Next time I'm taking a soda and a towelette!) Fortunately, the crowd had vanished by the time I'd finished. The postal clerk took



Figure 1. The USPS has been distributing a series of three Calgary Olympic postcards (2 shown) attached to an announcement card (top) for Bud Greenspan's movie on the '88 Winter Olympic Games.



great pains to apply the cancels neatly and according to the instructions she had been given. When my covers arrived in the mail, they had been wrapped in plastic. My thanks to her!"

Rick adds that the USPS employee was very picky about what stamps she would allow FD cancelled—only the five Olympic stamps, apparently.

Our thanks to Rick Scott for his help!

A brief addendum to Norm Batho's article in this issue of *JSP* on the various stamps issued for the World Cycling Championships. Norm sent in the cover that appears in Figure 2. No stamps were issued for the 1991 World Championships in Stuttgart, however the Germans did provide a very nice cancellation dated the opening day of competition: August 13, 1991. The championships continued through August 25.

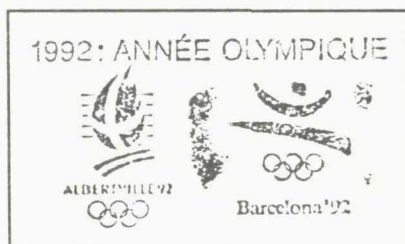


Figure 3.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has been using a special slogan meter cancel from their offices in Lausanne, Switzerland (Figure 3 shows the slogan).

The slogan reproduces the logos of both the Albertville Winter Olympics and Barcelona Summer Olympics.

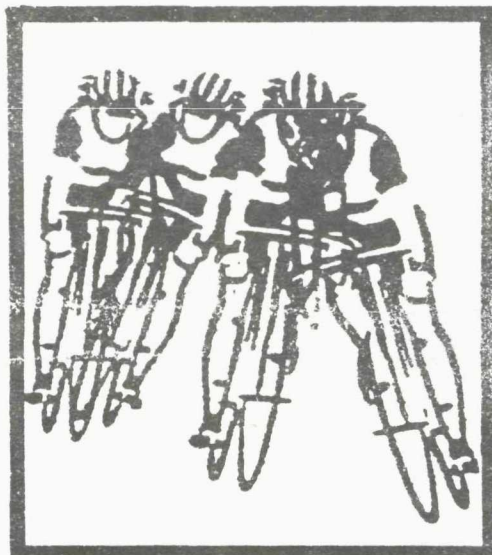
Just to prove that you never know where leads for esoteric philatelic material may come from, I quote the following from the February 24, 1992 issue of *Time* magazine: "If you think the luge is exotic, consider the skeleton. This small sled, which competitors ride head-first down an icy track, has been raced as an Olympic sport only when the Games took place in St. Moritz, Switzerland. That has happened exactly twice—in 1928 and 1948. The town is the site of the renowned skeleton track called the Cresta Run, which has attracted some of the world's keenest amateur sportsmen, including John F. Kennedy and Errol Flynn."

Also known as a toboggan, the skeleton is a sport recognized by the IOC. Its international governing body is the International Bobsled and Toboggan Federation. For the bobsled or luge collector, I suspect that there are numerous philatelic examples of both Kennedy and Flynn, not to mention Christmas stamps and seals depicting the sturdy 'Flexible Flyer' of our youth. And how about the most famous sled of all, "Rosebud," which Orson Welles held so dear in his portrayal of William Randolph Hearst in the 1941 movie "Citizen Kane"?

#### Sports & Olympics For Sale or Trade

First Day Covers, special cancellations, red meter cancels, covers and other philatelic material available. Please contact: Luca Imperiali, Via Oppido Mamertina 4, 00178 Roma, Italy.

### Radweltmeisterschaften STUTTGART 1991



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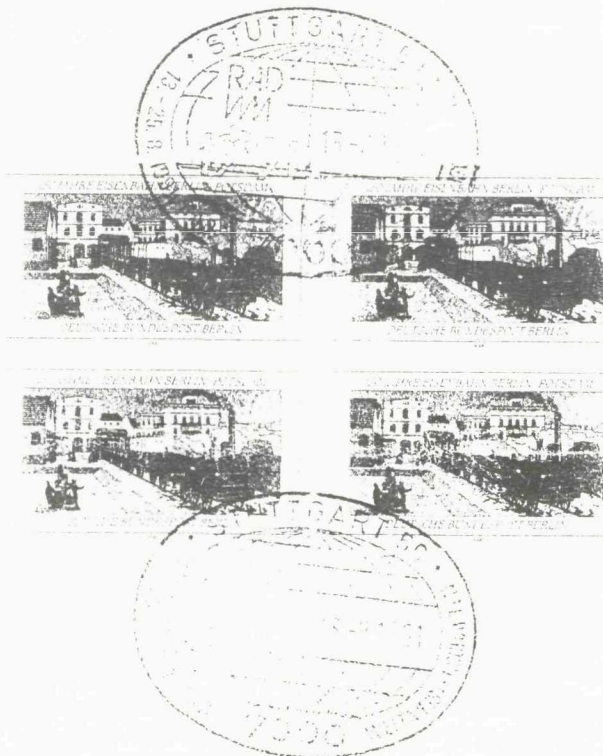


Figure 2. Germany provided a special hand cancellation to mark Stuttgart's hosting of the 1991 World Cycling Championships.



# Lick the Champions

by Norman Batho

**B**icycling has become a major sport in much of the world. Ever since 1931, when Bulgaria included bicycling in a set of stamps publicizing the Balkan Games, national bicycle races have been publicized and funded through the sale of postage stamps. These have included stamps for the Tour de France, Giro d'Italia, World Cycling Championships, and others.

## World Cycling Championships

1893	Chicago	1948	Amsterdam
1894	Antwerp	1949	Copenhagen
1895	Kent	1950	Liege
1896	Copenhagen	1951	Milan
1897	Glasgow	1952	Paris
1898	Vienna	1953	Zurich
1899	Montreal	1954	Cologne
1900	Paris	1955	Milan
1901	Berlin	1956	Copenhagen
1902	Rome	1957	Liege
1903	Copenhagen	1958	Paris
1904	London	1959	Amsterdam
1905	Antwerp	1960	Leipzig
1906	Geneva	1961	Zurich
1907	Paris	1962	Milan
1908	Berlin	1963	Liege
1909	Copenhagen	1964	Paris
1910	Brussels	1965	San Sebastian
1911	Rome	1966	Frankfurt
1912	New York	1967	Amsterdam
1913	Leipzig	1968	Rome
1914	Copenhagen	1969	Antwerp
1920	Antwerp	1970	Leicester
1921	Copenhagen	1971	Varese
1922	Paris	1972	Marseille
1923	Zurich	1973	San Sebastian
1924	Amsterdam	1974	Montreal
1925	Paris	1975	Leige
1926	Milan	1976	Lecce
1927	Kent	1977	San Cristobal
1928	Budapest	1978	Munich
1929	Zurich	1979	Amsterdam
1930	Brussels	1980	Besancon
1931	Copenhagen	1981	Brno
1932	Rome	1982	Leicester
1933	Paris	1983	Zurich
1934	Leipzig	1984	Barcelona
1935	Brussels	1985	Italy
1936	Zurich	1986	Colorado Springs
1937	Copenhagen	1987	Vienna
1938	Amsterdam	1988	Ghent
1939	Milan	1989	Chambery
1946	Zurich	1990	Maebashi
1947	Paris	1991	Stuttgart



1951 Milan: Italy, 1 stamp, issued August 23, 1951.

Trieste, 1 stamp of same design as Italy, overprinted AMG-FTT, issued August 23, 1951.



1952 Paris: Luxembourg, 1 stamp issued August 28, 1952.



1960 Leipzig: German Democratic Republic, 2 stamps issued August 3, 1960.



1962 Milan: Italy, 3 stamps issued August 30, 1962.



1968 Rome: Italy, 2 stamps issued August 26, 1968.



1968 Rome: Uruguay, 2 stamp set issued March 21, 1969.





1969 Antwerp: Belgium, 1 stamp issued July 5, 1969.



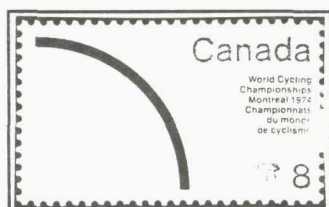
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1972 Marseille: France, 1 stamp issued July 20, 1972.



1985 Italy: Poland, 1 stamp issued August 21, 1985.



1974 Montreal: Canada, 1 stamp issued August 7, 1974.



1987 Vienna: Austria, 1 stamp issued August 25, 1987.



1977 San Cristobal: Venezuela, 2 stamp set issued January 16, 1978.



1989 Chambéry: France, 1 stamp issued June 5, 1989.



1980 Besancon: Andorra, 1 stamp issued August 30, 1980.



1989 Chambéry: Wallis & Futuna, 1 stamp issued September 14, 1989.



1984 Barcelona: Spain, 1 stamp issued August 27, 1984.



1990 Maebashi: Japan, 1 stamp issued August 28, 1990.



*Hitler's Games: The 1936 Olympics* by Duff Hart-Davis. 1986. Harper & Row, Publishers, New York. 256 pages, 5½ x 8¼ inches. Hard Bound. Eight pages of black and white illustrations.

This book seethes with the evil that permeated the 1936 Olympic Games—before, during and after. Nevertheless, the book is a valuable resource for perhaps the most popularly collected and exhibited single Olympiad: 1936 in Germany. Thematic collectors looking for leads in pursuing the philatelic aspects of these Games will find plenty of them in this book.

During the Games, "every sign of racial, religious, or political persecution was hidden. Not one visitor in a hundred realized that even as the Olympics were taking place, the concentration camp at Oranienburg, scarcely half an hour's journey from the splendid new Olympic Stadium (at Berlin), was filled with Jews, socialists, Roman Catholics, Freemasons and other anti-Nazis."

Practically every page drips with the story of the hate, prejudice, propaganda, blind idealism, violence, torture, suicide and murder that lay just under the veneer of the successes and militant nationalism of the Games themselves.

Hatemongers Julius Streicher, Joseph Goebbels, Adolf Hitler and others are amply quoted to demonstrate the terrifying excesses that were part of Nazi Germany and its Olympics. Prominent Nazi sympathizers are identified and could make an interesting chapter in a philatelic analysis of the 1936 Olympics.

Figure 1 shows the slogan meter of *Der Stürmer*, Julius Streicher's propaganda newspaper as one example of the philatelic evidence. *Der Stürmer* carried an unremitting barrage of the coarsest anti-Jewish insult and innuendo, much of it obscene and with pornographic overtones. Sanctioned by the 1935 Nuremberg Laws, Streicher's newspaper was allowed to carry the State campaign against the Jews to new heights. As a result, Jews suffered verbal and physical attacks, inability to buy food, loss of jobs, and social isolation. Yet no German newspaper was allowed to criticize the selection or performance of any German sports team. Streicher, along with Hitler, Goebbels, Hermann Goering and other Nazi leaders attended the Winter Olympics at Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

During the Winter Olympics, anti-Jewish propaganda signs had been removed and German participants and visitors had been instructed to suppress anti-Jewish feeling. A German exile in Spain, Rudi Ball, a Jew, had been

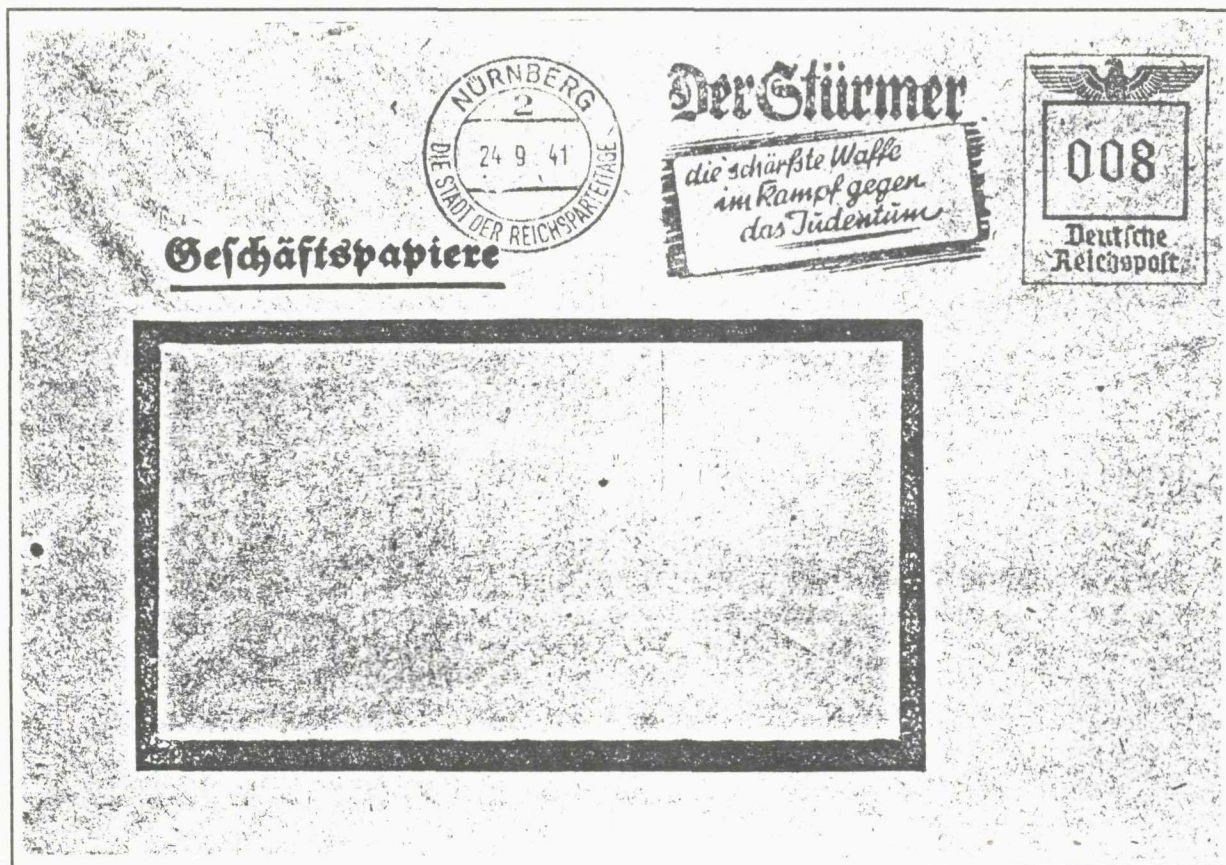


Figure 1. Red meter slogan. "Der Stürmer/die schärfste Waffe im Kampf gegen das Judentum." (The Stormer/the sharpest weapon against Judaism.) Nurnberg, September 9, 1941. Geschäftspapiere=business mail.



recalled to play for the German ice-hockey team. The Olympic Pause to sanitize the image of Germany and Naziism in the minds of world opinion was in effect.

The book's index is an Olympic *Who's Who*. There are stories about Leni Riefenstahl, Jesse Owens, King Edward VIII, Avery Brundage, Theodor Lewald, Baillet-Latour, King George V, Charles Lindbergh and many others, honored philatelically, who are presented in an often unusual light. Unfortunately, the index does not include events or places.

An addendum of published and unpublished "principal sources" used by the author is included. However, there are no footnotes or cross-references in the text. There is a list of medal winners in the track and field events, as well as a table of the principal medal winners by country, using the German point system, which shows Germany in first place, well ahead of the United States in second place.

The author gives an excellent account of Jesse Owens, his background, successes and his life after the 1936 Olympics. The author also provides a reported account of what Hitler thought about meeting and shaking hands with Jesse Owens upon Owen's Olympic victory: "The Americans should be ashamed of themselves, letting negroes win their medals for them. I shall not shake hands with this negro... Do you really think," he yelled, "that I will allow myself to be photographed shaking hands with a negro?" Indeed, Hitler and Owens never met.

The basic pace of the book is chronological. However, as each character falls into place, the author adds enough depth and description to round out and complete each vignette.

The chapter on the Winter Games, although only twelve pages, is a welcome unvarnished story in English. On the day that England beat Czechoslovakia for the Olympic ice hockey championship, "the Weimar labor court endorsed the new legal principle that the will of the people had superseded the letter of the law, and rejected the appeal of a Jew who had been dismissed from his job because of his race."

The last chapter, "Retrospect," speculates what the course of events might have been if the IOC had moved the Olympics to another country or if the United States had boycotted the Olympics in Germany. The author contrasts the Nazi Government's hatred of Blacks with the number of lynchings of Blacks in the United States, down from 18 in 1935 to 8 in 1936.

On August 18, 1936, only two days after the Games were over, the former Commandant of the Olympic Village, Captain Wolfgang Furstner, committed suicide. Furstner had been a "Mischling," not a pure Aryan, but had done such an outstanding job in creating the Village, that he was allowed to keep his post until a few weeks before the Games. Demoted and practically ignored, he felt he had no future under the Nazi regime. Furstner went home, and shot himself.

Italy's Il Duce, Benito Mussolini, berated the returning Italian athletes for their mediocre performance. On August 24, 1936, 'he boasted, "We can, at any time, in a few hours, mobilize eight million men. The armaments race

cannot now be checked. We do not believe in the absurdity of perpetual peace."

In September 1936, British statesman, David Lloyd George, visited Hitler at Berchtesgaden and proclaimed, upon his return, that Hitler was one of the greatest men he ever met, and that neither Hitler nor the German people wanted war.

"It is to Leni Riefenstahl that we owe the most memorable record of the Berlin Olympics. Her film, on which she worked with exceptional intensity and devotion...is still seen as a masterpiece today. Far more than a mere documentary, it glorifies the human body, and man as an athlete..." Her film found physical perfection and beauty in athletes, no matter what their color. Jesse Owens' muscular thigh is visually caressed as is the spectacularly handsome face of the Japanese, Nishida, second place in the Pole Vault. Furious at the film's lack of racial bias, Goebbels forbade the press to mention Riefenstahl's name for 18 months.

"It is sobering to remember that three years later, the youthful athletes who can still be seen in Leni Riefenstahl's famous film were facing each other on the battlefields of history's most destructive war."

Sherwin Podolsky

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*Naval Covers and Cancells of the Xth Olympiad, 1932, U.S.C.S. Data Sheet No. 14. Published by Universal Ship Cancellation Society, 1991. Nine pages, 8½ x 11 inches. Loose leaf, not hole punched. Price \$2.00. Obtainable from Universal Ship Cancellation Society, John J. Milewski, Sr., 128 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06118.*

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Sherwin Podolsky compiled an updated listing of all known cancellations, used by U.S. ships, that commemorated the 1932 Olympic Games at Los Angeles. The listing includes ship name, hull number, Locy cancel type number, port of cancel use, cancel date, killer words or other description of the cancel, cancel color, and the hour that appears in the cancel. The tightly packed listing appears on two pages.

There is a cover sheet with narrative information and six pages of full-size illustrations of covers. SPI members who collect this material will have little or no need for an explanation of the hull number. However, they may want the chart of the Locy cancel types and should inquire about it when ordering. Dr. Locy published his system of classifying naval postmarks in the February 1929 issue of *The American Philatelist*.

There are a few instances where the cancel color or hour are not known. Indeed, it is acknowledged that there is still room for additions and corrections to the list.

Listings of cachets and foreign ship covers are not included. For further information on the omitted material, readers are referred to *Postal History and Vignettes of the 1932 Olympic Games* published by SPI. Copies are still available from SPI Treasurer-Secretary Clem Reiss for \$10.00, \$12.00 overseas. The price is little changed from the time of original publication in 1976.

Sherwin Podolsky



It is always a great pleasure to receive an article from an SPI member that is well researched and written. In this issue, Norman F. Jacobs, Jr. is our guest columnist with an article about researching the history of tennis.

Before turning this column over to Mr. Jacobs, I'll report on a recent auction that offered some fine items that would enhance any tennis themat-

tic. In the recently completed Gernot Roidl auction, an entire with a tennis-related 1934 German meter franking from Erbach (Wurtt.) sold for 190DM against a reserve of 150DM.

The meter included facsimiles of a tennis racket and pair of skis and was used by the firm of Heinrich Hammer in Erbach. This was a fine example of good commercial usage that would be a welcome addition to

a tennis thematic. If you are really serious about going for the gold with your exhibit, it is imperative that you avail yourself of some of the fine items being offered by European auction houses. On a fairly frequent basis, you can expect to see items offered that are not normally seen elsewhere.

Now, on to our guest columnist.

## Researching the History of Tennis For a Thematic Exhibit

by Norman F. Jacobs, Jr.

Although my tennis exhibit still exists only in my imagination, I have begun to collect collateral material which is related to tennis. This requires some historical research, but can be very rewarding. Uncovering new tennis historical connections expands the field of tennis-related philately. Recent trips to Washington and London provided an opportunity to use some library facilities which may be of interest to other readers.

This past summer I found a striking lithograph of a Russian tennis player in a small antique shop in Montana. At the top was the inscription, "Vanity Fair, January 4, 1894." The player was identified as Michael Michaelovitch. To find out more about this, I went to the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. The Library's facilities are available to amateur researchers over the age of 18 without charge. It took only a short time to trace the magazine and to obtain the microfilm reel from the microfilm librarian. I made photocopies of the picture and article (20¢ each). It turns out that Mr. Michaelovitch was a Russian Grand Duke, who emigrated to London due to political conflicts. Unfortunately, I couldn't establish a philatelic connec-

tion (he's not pictured on any Russian stamps), but now I know more about the lithograph.

The Library also has a computerized card catalog that is very easy to use. Although I am no computer expert, I was able to use the system without any instruction other than the prompts that appeared on the screen. There are hundreds of references to books on tennis, including 67 on the history of tennis. I made a printout of these books, and will be happy to send a copy to anyone who sends a self-addressed stamped envelope. These references can be very useful in establishing historical tennis philatelic connections.

In addition to books and pamphlets, the Library has twelve million prints and photographs available to researchers preparing articles. For those who cannot travel to Washington, the Library will provide unusual materials not readily accessible elsewhere. You can take advantage of this interlibrary loan program via your local public or academic library. A photocopy service is also available for research by mail.

On a recent trip to London, I was able to visit the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum (and Library). The Museum includes dioramas of tennis clothes ranging from the 19th century

to Chris Evert's Wimbledon outfits. There are also film clips, exhibits of early tennis history, rackets, and even an old wooden racket factory exhibit. The only stamps on display are the Maria Bueno Brazil stamp and the recent set of Wimbledon champions issued by Gambia. There is a shop with Wimbledon items, but no philatelic souvenirs. However, the Museum also operates a tennis library with a superb collection of books, periodicals, annuals, programmes, scrapbooks, photographs, and newspaper clippings. The library is not part of the tour, but it was an easy matter to introduce myself to the librarian, Alan Little, who very graciously offered me the use of the materials. The earliest book on lawn tennis is *The Game of Sphairistike or Lawn Tennis*, by Walter Wingfield published in 1875. The earliest annual dates back to 1882, while Wimbledon programmes exist from as early as 1894. Two of the more useful books for research are *The Ultimate Tennis Book*, by Clerici, and *A History of Tennis*, by E.G. Noel and J.O.M. Clark (Oxford University Press, London, 1924). Some of the more fascinating tidbits gleaned from these sources: Louis X died

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# Reviews of Periodicals

by Dorothy Weihrauch

## *Using Postal Stationery and Similar Items in Thematic Philately*

The Belgian stamp dealer J.A. Desimpelaere has published a study (in French) on the use of postal stationery in thematic exhibits. Titled "L'Utilisation des Entiers Postaux et Apparentes dans la Philatelie Thematique," it was published late in 1991. It is 308 pages, approximately 11½ x 8 inches, soft cover, with an excellent table of contents, index and literature reference list. It describes and illustrates postal stationery and related items from the most common (postal cards, aerograms) to the more obscure (telegrams, busta lettera postale). It also describes, illustrates and provides guidance on the types of borderline items which are and are not considered acceptable for inclusion in exhibits at the national or international level. It is highly recommended for anyone interested in exhibiting who can handle the French language.

The price of this work is 1,500 Belgian francs (about U.S. \$45) payable to J.A. Desimpelaere, Elf Novemberlaan 18, B-8930 Rekkem, Belgium. The price includes airmail delivery. Mr. Desimpelaere also has a stock of interesting material for the sports thematic collector; you may enquire (in English) for items you are interested in.

## *Bicycle Stamps*

The Autumn 1991, issue of the Bicycle Stamps Club's periodical contains relatively little material related to the sports and recreational aspects of the bicycle; its lead articles deal with the military use of the bicycle during the Boer War.

A regular feature of the periodical is a listing, often with illustrations, of new philatelic material related to the bicycle, such as the Japanese booklet showing the Cycle Race from the Nagaragawa Triathlon. A number of bicycle-related cinderella items are also discussed.

The Winter 1991 issue of this periodical features on its cover (in color) the fine Toledo, Ohio ad cover of 1903 reproduced in Figure 1. While much of this issue is devoted to articles concerning the bicycle's use in mail delivery, a number of recent European sports-related bicycle cancels are depicted, along with an article on the varieties of the Mexico Exporta bicycle stamp and stamped envelope.

The Bicycle Stamps Club has 88 members worldwide, with the greatest number in Great Britain and the U.S. Annual membership dues have just been reduced to \$20 U.S. or 11 British pounds. To inquire about membership, contact Norman Batho, Bicycle Stamps Editor, 358 Iverson Place, East Windsor NJ 08520.

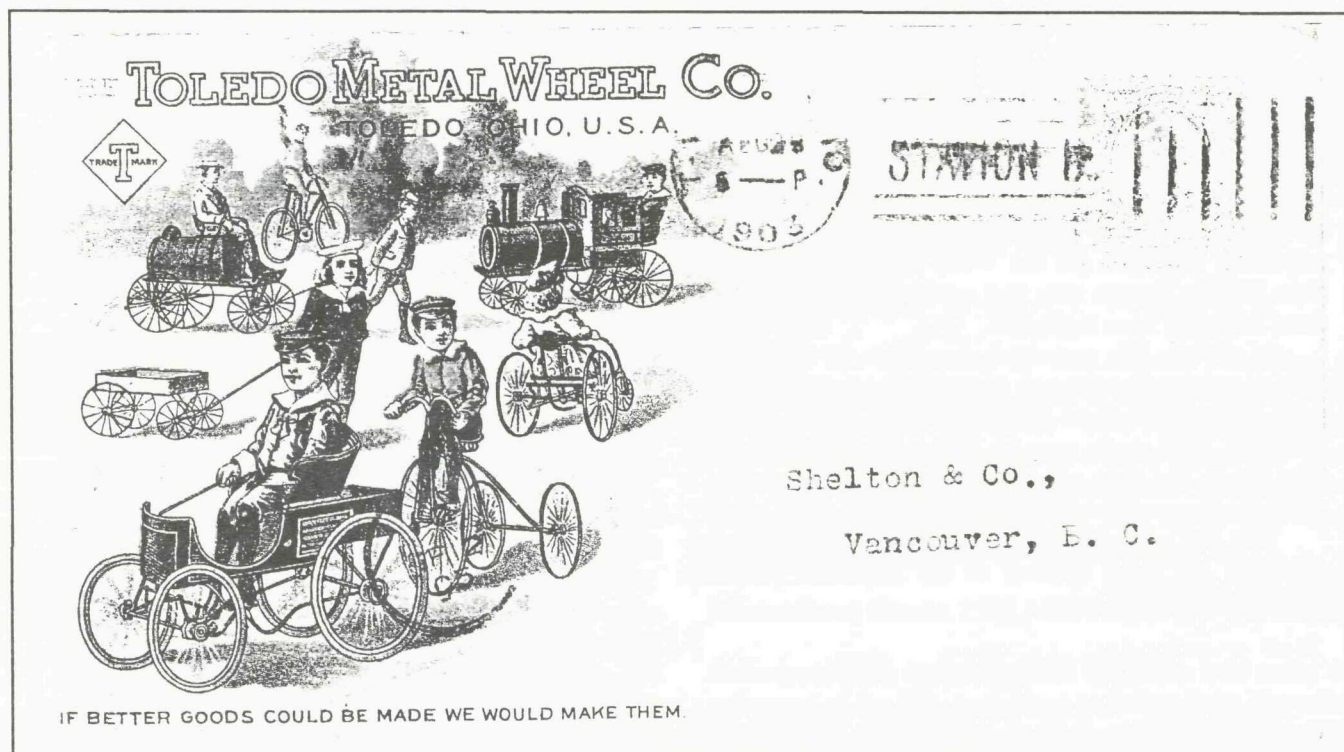


Figure 1. This 1903 bicycle advertising cover from Toledo, Ohio was depicted in color on the cover of the Winter 1991 issue of *Bicycle Stamps*, a quarterly publication of the Bicycle Stamps Club.





Figure 2. Three obscure sports meters from Australia.

### *Filatelìa Sport-Olympica #30*

The Italian Sports Group's periodical is now being compiled and edited by a committee of four, succeeding the former editor, Pierangelo Brivio. There are several innovations in content including a new column picturing and identifying the pictograms or stick-figures symbolizing various sports which frequently are used on philatelic items. Another new column pictures and discusses unusual, strange or humorous sports-related philatelic items. A third points out obscure or easily missed design elements in, for example, inexpensive postmarks, which might prove valuable for an exhibitor who needs to illustrate some aspect of his sport which is rarely shown on stamps.

The most attention in this issue of the periodical is paid to the XIth Pan American Games held in Cuba in August 1991. Cuba issued four stamps, a souvenir sheet and four aerograms for the Games. 32 special postmarks commemorated the sporting events and the PANAMFILEX '91 philatelic exhibition.

This issue also reproduces a series of cancellations used in Bacau, Romania in 1984 commemorating medals won by Romania at the 1984 Olympics. The names of some of the winners are provided. The author wonders how much more previously unknown (in the West) material will surface from Eastern Europe now that contacts with collectors in those countries have improved.

As always, this periodical abounds in its depiction of new or previously unknown postmarks and meters. In the latter category are three Australian sports meters of 1956, 1957 and 1973 rarely seen by U.S. collectors (Figure 2). One shows the first advertisement for tennis nets on a philatelic item ever seen by this reviewer.

This and subsequent review copies of *Filatelìa Sport-Olympica* are being donated to the American Philatelic Research Library.

### *FIPO Document #23*

FIPO Document #23 (64 pages) dated August 1991 was received by this reviewer in mid-January 1992. Its contents include the second part of a two part feature article illustrat-

ing and describing the postal emissions of the former U.S.S.R. issued for the 1980 Summer Olympics. Another feature article discusses the philatelic aspects of some of the earliest sports and Olympic stamps, postmarks and postal stationery; it is basically a survey article, with no evidence of definitive research. An article by a Yugoslav author (presumably Croatian) concerns basketball, and is mainly devoted to the stamps, postal stationery and postmarks of Yugoslavia saluting EUROBASKET '89, the 26th European Men's Basketball Championship held in Zagreb, Yugoslavia in June 1989. Finally, a short article discusses Berlin's bid to host the Summer Olympic Games of the year 2000, as well as the competition within Germany among cities wishing to host the sailing events of those Games. In this latter connection, the author of the article offers to provide publicity cancellations and meters in use in July 1991, in the city of Rostock, one of cities competing for the Olympic sailing events (Figures 3 and 4). Write Thomas Lippert, Budapest Str. 62, 0-2500 Rostock, Germany.

The balance of this issue includes the full text with illustrations of the press releases of several postal administrations describing their new sports and Olympic stamps. A number of covers sent by members to the FIPO editor illustrate new cancellations in the sports and Olympic field.

FIPO Documents are sent free of charge to members of the International Federation of Olympic Philately, who are presumed to be serious collectors in the field of sports and Olympic philately. For membership information, please write to: FIPO, Chateau de Vidy, CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland.



Figure 3. Handcancel used in Rostock, Germany to advertise sailing events in anticipation of a Berlin Olympic Games in 2000. Rostock would like to host the yachting events.



Figure 4. The organizing committee for the Hanse Sail event used this red meter on their correspondence.



# News of Our Members

by Clem Reiss & Dorothy Weihrauch

## New Members

- 1818R Don L. Markham, 1012 Wedgewood, Waco, TX 76712. He is a Sports Museum Director and general collector. His special interests are cultural sports, martial arts, fishing, yachting, rowing, aquatics and baseball. (Estus)
- 1819A Imants J. Karnups, 27/41 Williams St., Double Bay, NSW 2028 Australia. He is fluent in Latvian and is an electrical engineer. Imants collects basketball and netball. (Reiss)
- 1820R Kalev Silla, Ristiku 71-1, 200032 Tallin, Estonia. He is fluent in English, Finnish, Russian & Swedish. Kalev is an engineer and a general collector. His special interests are Olympics, soccer, basketball, yachting and ice hockey. (Jones)
- 1821R Roy E. Johnson, 15949 Mark Trail, Norcross, GA 30093. He is retired due to disability and is a general collector. Roy specializes in covers, photos, books, letters and all autographs. (Jacobs)
- 1822R Jim Liong, 123 Tampines St. 11 #10-360, Singapore 1852, Rep. of Singapore. He is an education officer and a general collector. His special interests are ball games, cachets, slogans, Summer Olympics, track and field. (Jones)
- 1823R Mirco Cussigh, Beausite 32, CH-2740 Moutier, Switzerland. (Reiss)
- 1824R Robert W. Pommer, 33 Trent Dr., St. Louis, MO 63624. Robert is retired and collects Olympics, tennis, racquet sports, golf and basketball. (Jones)
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- 1826R Alice J. Johnson, 15 Portland Pkwy., Apt. 5, Rochester, NY 14621. She is a clerical employee and collects figure skating. Alice seeks information on Albertville cancels and stamps. (Jones)
- 1827H Ms. L. Kim Parks, Program Manager, Office of Olympic Marketing, USPS, Suite 4400-E, 470 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20292-1992. (Maestron)
- 1828R M.M. McAtee, 3105 Tamalpais Way, Sacramento, CA 95821. He is in law enforcement and a general collector who is especially interested in Olympics, track and field, boxing, basketball and baseball. (La Porta)
- 1829R Herbert LaTuchie, 501C 1445 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key, FL 34228. (Summer Address is: House of Collectors, Box 67099, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221). He is a stamp auctioneer and will be sending all SPI members his next catalog that features many Olympic items. His own special interest is tennis. (Jones)

- 1830R Dennis M. Newman, Acacia Covers, Box 47567, Phoenix, AZ 85068. They sell U.S.A. covers. Dennis has a special interest in baseball. (Gregg)
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## Sports & Olympics Exhibits Awards

### National Shows

ARIPEX '92. Sponsored by the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs, held January 1992 in Phoenix. James Bowman was awarded a vermeil for "1936 Olympische Spiele" and Vincent Leonardson received a silver bronze for "Runners and Blades." Two youth exhibitors received silver bronze awards: Dustin Kupper for "Ball Sports" and Jennifer Lind for "Sports Around the World."

### International Shows: PHILANIPPON '91

Philanippon '91, an international exhibition held under the patronage of the FIP, took place in Tokyo from November 16-24, 1991. There were no U.S. exhibitors of sports or Olympics material. The awards received by other exhibitors in the sports/Olympics fields follow:



### **Large Vermeil:**

Jose Ramon Moreno (Spain), "The Sailing Yachts and Their Races: Three Centuries of Yachting," 6 frames.

Dieter Germann (Germany), "Olympic Games in Germany, 1936," 8 frames.

### **Large Silver:**

Peter Osusky (Czechoslovakia), "For the Glory of Sport," 8 frames.

### **Silver:**

Masaoki Ichimura (Japan), "History of the Olympic Games from 1894 to 1924," 5 frames.

Jae-Won Lee (Republic of Korea), "Olympic Games," 5 frames.

Angel B. Sanguinetti (Uruguay), "2700 Years of Olympism," 5 frames.

### **Silver Bronze:**

Su Zhongwen (China), "Basketball," 5 frames.

Jeong Kye Park (Republic of Korea), "Association Football," 5 frames.

Jae-Bok Seol (Republic of Korea), "Winter Olympic Games," 5 frames.

### **Youth Awards - Ages 14-15 years:**

Vermeil - Hwa-Suk Oh (Republic of Korea), "Symbol of Olympiad," 4 frames.

### **Youth Awards - Ages 16-17 years:**

Large Silver - Stale Fjellstad (Norway), "Soccer: World's Most Common Sport," 3 frames.

Silver - Maria Joao Bruges Ramos (Portugal), "Olympic Games Moscow '80," 4 frames.

Silver - Markus Mussman (Germany), "King Football," 2 frames.

### **Youth Awards - Ages 18-19 years:**

Large Silver - Magnus Karlsson (Sweden), "Gymnastics," 3 frames.

### **Youth Awards - Ages 20-21 years:**

Large Silver - Michael Hasselbring (Germany), "Table Tennis," 4 frames.

### **Literature Award:**

Silver - Jae-Won Lee (Republic of Korea), "Olympic Stamps."

### **OLYMPSPORT '91 Philatelic Literature Competition**

In October 1991, an international philatelic literature competition, OLYMPSPORT '91, was held at Cesky Brod, Czechoslovakia, sponsored by the Union of Czechoslovak Philatelists together with the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee and other philatelic and municipal organizations in Czechoslovakia. There follows a list of SPI members who received awards, together with their publications and the level of award received.

Ladislav Kysela, *Raketove Sporty*, silver.

George E. Killian, *Basketball Philately*, vermeil.

Manfred Winternheimer, *Olympischen Spielen 1984*, large vermeil.

George E. Killian, *Basketball Philatelic News*, silver.

Heiko Volk, *Soubor Aukonich Katalogo*, silver-bronze.

Jaroslav Justyn, *Sokol a Filatelie*, vermeil.

Luciano Calenda, *Pallacanestro & Filatelia*, vermeil.

Joseph Lacko, *Sport Philatelist International*, silver.

Mauro Gilardi, *La Pallavolo nella Filatelia*, silver.

Roman Babut, *The Rowing Sport*, vermeil.

In addition, the International Federation of Olympic Philately received a vermeil for *FIPO Document*; IMOS received a vermeil for *IMOS Magazine*; the Society of Olympic Collectors received a silver for *Torch Bearer Magazine*; and the Italian Sports Group's *Gruppo Sport Magazine* received a silver.

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from a chill contracted after playing tennis in 1316. Louis XIII not only played tennis, but he had a pro (Paumier du Roi) named Pierre Gentil, who received a salary of Fr. 500. Charles IX was painted in 1552 (at age 2!) holding a tennis racket in his hand. In England, the court at Hatfield Hall had a resident pro, opening in 1843.

While many of these anecdotes relate to the pre-Wingfield version of the game, they do provide an opportunity to use early postmarks and stamps in the history section of a thematic exhibit. I'm sure other readers have used additional research facilities for sports and Olympic philatelic research. Let's hear about some of these in future issues of *JSP*. Perhaps we can also consider developing a resource list or booklet of sports philatelic research resources. □

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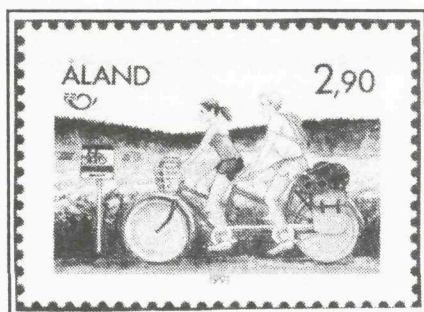
# New Stamp Issues

by Brian Bjorgo

Information for this list has been obtained from various sources including *Linn's*, *STAMPS*, *Stamp Collector*, *Mekeels*, *Stamp Wholesaler*, and *Scott's Monthly Journal* between 1 July 1991 and 31 December 1991. Also listed are issues received by this editor from correspondents in several countries, that have not been noted in the above sources. As additional information on previously reported sets is made available (e.g. Scott Catalog numbers or the subject of a stamp's design), it will appear in this column keyed by a double asterisk (\*\*). If any SPI members have comments about issues listed in this column, please contact the New Stamp Issues editor.

**Aland:** \*\* 5 April 1991, ISLAND GAMES. S/S of 4. Scott #58, a, b, c, d.

\*\* 4 June 1991, NORDICA/Tourism. Set of 2. Scott #60-61.



Aland: Boy & girl on tandem bicycle.

**Algeria:** 1 June 1991, Children's Drawings. Set of 2. 4d (children playing games outside house). Scott #940.

**Andorra, French:** \*\* 8 April 1991, 4th GAMES OF SMALL EUROPEAN STATES. One stamp (2.50F). Scott #401. (Note: Previous data published in the philatelic press indicated this was the 14th Games and was so listed in this column.)

16 September 1991, WORLD PETANQUE CHAMPIONSHIP. 2.50F (bowlers and mountains). Petanque is a bowling game.

**Andorra, Spanish:** \*\* 29 April 1991, 4th GAMES OF SMALL EUROPEAN STATES. Two values. Scott #210-211.

**Angola:** 5 July 1991, BARCELONA '92 Summer Olympic Games. 4k (judo), 6k (sailing), 10k (running), and 100k (swimming). Scott #808-811.

**Antigua & Barbuda:** 20 June 1991, DISNEY PHILANIPON '91 and JAPANESE MARTIAL ARTS. Eight

values and two s/s: 10c (Mickey Mouse as champion Sumo wrestler), 15c (Goofy demonstrating use of Tonfa), 45c (Donald Duck as Ninja in full field dress), 60c (Mickey using weapons with Kung Fu form), \$1 (Goofy trying art of Kendo), \$2 (Mickey and Donald demonstrating Aikido), \$4 (Mickey demonstrating judo to Donald the "gentle way"), \$5 (Mickey demonstrating Japanese warrior sport of Yabusame, the archery target shooting from running horse), two \$6 s/s (one depicting Mickey using Karate skills on Goofy and Donald, the other depicting Goofy demonstrating Powerbreaking or "Tamashiwara").

August 1991, DISNEY SALUTES GOLF. Eight values and two s/s: 10c (Daisy Duck tees off with her driver), 15c (Goofy tries to hit ball under trees), 45c (Mickey uses 3-iron to make it down the fairway), 60c (Mickey misses the ball), \$1 (Donald wearing snorkling gear to hit ball out of pond), \$2 (Minnie Mouse hits ball over the pond), \$5 (Donald digs a hole with sand wedge), \$5 (Goofy tries a new approach with putter), two \$6 s/s (Chip 'n' Dale trick Grandma Duck as she uses pitching wedge to make it onto the green; Mickey cheers as partner, Minnie, makes it onto the green).

19 August 1991, 50th anniversary of Archie/'92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games. Eight values and two s/s: 10c (Moose receives gold medal at Junior Olympics, Betty as sports reporter), 25c (Archie with polo mallet on motorcycle and Hiram Lodge, Veronica's father, with polo mallet and horse), 40c (Archie talking to fencer Betty), 60c (Archie trying to sign up for girl's volleyball), \$1 (Tennis instructor talking to Archie who has tennis ball in his mouth), \$2 (Archie giving Betty a quick kiss at water stop on marathon race while Veronica fumes in anger), \$5 (basketball coach yells at Archie who is watching cheerleaders Betty and Veronica during the game), \$6 s/s (Archie hitting soccer ball with head), \$6 s/s (Archie catching baseball while Betty catches him). Scott #1466-1475.

**Argentina:** 4 May 1991, ESPAMER '91/AUTO RACING. Sheetlet of four 2,500a+2,500a stamps, each stamp depicting a race car and driver: Juan Manuel Fangio, Mercedes Benz W 196; Juan Manuel Bordeu, Chevrolet La Coloradita; Carlos Alberto Reutemann, Ferrari 312T; Oscar Alfredo Galvez, Ford. Scott #B154, a, b, c, d.

29 June 1991, ESPAMER '91/'92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games. Four 2,500a+2,500a stamps in sheetlet depicting different scenes of rhythmic gymnastics: floor exercise, uneven parallel bars, balance beam and rhythmic exercise. Scott #B155, a, b, c, d.



**\*\* 11 August 1990, BASKETBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.** Scott #1703.

**Australia:** 22 August 1991, SPORTS definitives. Values added to a previously issued set: 75c (women's net ball), 80c (squash), 85c (diving), and 90c (soccer). Scott #1121-1124.

1990-91, Reprints of SPORTS Definitives. For specialists who include varieties, these reprints are indicated by koalas imprinted in the selvage against every second stamp down either side of the sheet of stamps. Detailed information on these reprints is available from the Philatelic Bureau in Melbourne through their publication Australian Stamp Bulletin. At least eight values of this set have had reprints, namely 2c, 43c booklet, 43c peel and stick roll, 55c, 70c and \$1.10; the 43c peel and stick rolls have had at least three reprints.

**Austria:** 20 August 1991, JUNIOR CANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP & ROWING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. 5s (sculling four with coxswain).

**Bangladesh:** \*\* 22 September 1990, 11TH ASIAN GAMES. Scott #374-377.

**Barbuda:** DOI Unknown, '84 LOS ANGELES Summer Olympic Games. Scott #9127 (formerly listed in the Scott Catalog "For The Record" Section).

**\*\* 23 April 1991, '92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games.** Four stamps and s/s. Scott #9123-9126.

**Belgium:** \*\* 8 April 1991. Sports set of two for EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPICS. Scott #1395-6.

**Bhutan:** 8 August 1991(?), WORLD CUP SOCCER HISTORY. Fourteen values and six s/s. All stamps depict various soccer scenes.

**Brazil:** \*\* 20 March 1991, 11th PAN-AMERICAN GAMES & '92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games. Scott #2306-8, 2308a.

**British Virgin Islands:** 10 December 1990, ITALIA '90 World Cup Soccer. Five values and s/s; 12c, 20c, 50c, \$1.25, and \$2 s/s (all depict soccer players in action). Scott #678-682.

**Bulgaria:** 7 August 1991, '92 ALBERTVILLE Winter Olympic Games. Four values and s/s: 30s (luge), 43s (slalom skiing), 67s (ski jumping), 2L (biathlon), 3L s/s (two-man bobsled). Scott #3629-3633.

**Cape Verde:** \*\* 1990 DOI Unknown, ITALIA '90 World Cup Soccer. Scott #575-579.

**Chile:** 12 April 1991, U.S.A. SOCCER CUP. Two set-tenant stamps (100P) depicting player, ball, map; ball and goalie. Scott #948-949, 949a.

23 July 1991, 11th PAN-AMERICAN GAMES. Two set-tenant stamps (100P) depicting runners, torch; cycling, running, basketball. Scott #964-965, 965a.

**China (Formosa):** 20 April 1991, Children at Play. Four values and s/s incorporating the four stamps depicting children playing various games, all \$3 denomination. Games include toy windmill, top, woven-grass grasshopper, and bamboo pony.

27 September 1991, OUT-DOOR Activities/International Federation of CAMPING & CARAVANING RALLY. Four values in set: \$2 (rock climbing), \$3 (fishing), \$7.50 (bird-watching), \$10 (playing in water).



**China (Formosa):** \$2 Rock Climbing.

**Congo:** 28 June 1990, '92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games. Six values and s/s: 100F (street scene), 150F (sailboats), 200F (sailboats), 240F (marketplace), 350F (harbor), 500F (monument), 750F s/s (cathedral).

**Cuba:** 15 November 1990, 11th PAN-AMERICAN GAMES. Ten values: five 5c stamps (judo, sailing, kayak, rowing, equestrian), 10c (table tennis), 20c (men's gymnastics), 30c (baseball), 35c (team handball); and (50c soccer). Scott #3274-3281.

20 November 1990, 16th CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAMES. Three values: 5c (boxing), 50c (baseball), 50c (volleyball). Scott #3284-6.

20 February 1991, '92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games. Six values and s/s: 1c (long jump), 2c (javelin), 3c (field hockey), 5c (weight lifting), 40c (cycling), 50c (gymnastics), 1p s/s (torchbearer).

15 May 1991, 11th PAN-AMERICAN GAMES. Ten values: five 5c stamps (volleyball, rhythmic gymnastics, synchronized swimming, weight lifting, baseball), 10c (bowling), 20c (boxing), 30c (running), 35c (wrestling), 50c (karate). Scott #3311-3320.

4 August 1991, 11th PAN-AMERICAN GAMES. Four values and s/s depicting venues of the games: 5c (Pan-American Stadium), 20c (swimming venue), 30c (multi-sports center), 50c (velodrome), and 1p s/s (Havana City Coliseum and Sports Center). Scott #3339-3343.

**Ecuador:** 10 April 1991, Radio Quito 50th Anniversary. 500s value of two-value set depicts man listening to soccer game, preparing to kick soccer ball. Scott #1265.



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by Mark C. Maestroni

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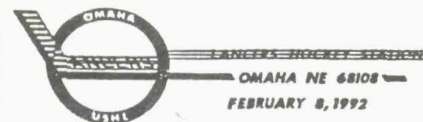
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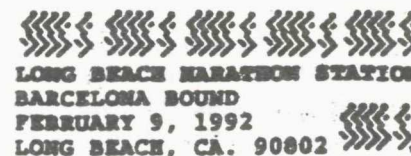
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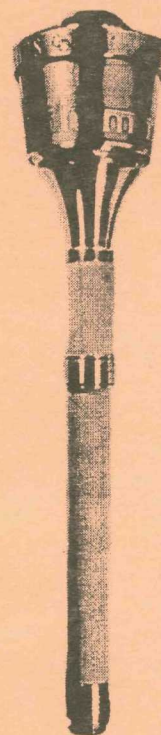
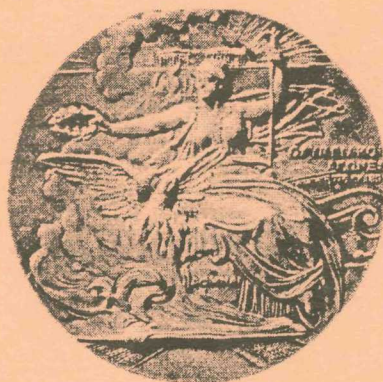
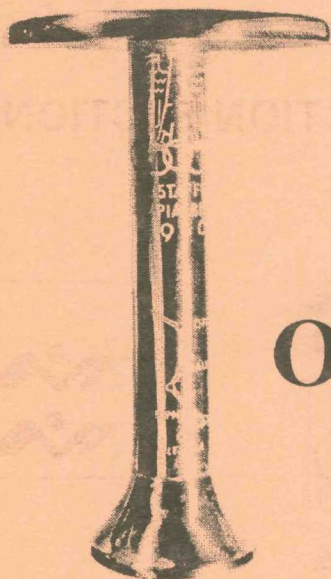
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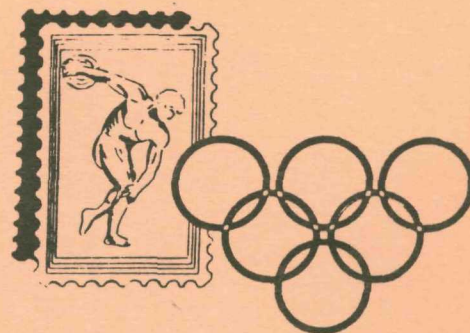
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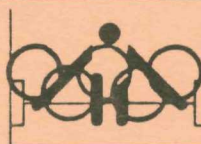


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