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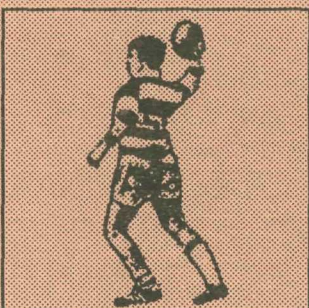
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A Lack of Philatelic Awareness

Jack Treutle, an SPI member residing in West Virginia, was the anonymous contributor of information about the U.S. White Water Canoe & Kayak Olympic Trials reported in The Sports Arena column in the July/August 1992 issue of *JSP*. A recent letter from Jack, which is reproduced in this month's Letters column on page 2, reported an unfortunate occurrence with regard to the cancel.

In short, Jack had prepared the design for a special handcancel to commemorate the trials which were to be held near McHenry, MD. Approval was granted by the local USPS office, and the applications completed. However, the local postmaster recommended that the application and artwork be mailed to the USPS's Baltimore processing center by the sponsor of the event. The only action required of the sponsor was a signature. Unfortunately, the sponsoring committee, in their ignorance over what all this was about, never bothered to mail in the materials. The deadline for the submission passed, and the cancel was never produced.

The moral of this sad story is simple: never underestimate the lack of philatelic awareness of the non-philatelic public.

Our European colleagues seem to have far less trouble in having special sporting events commemorated on cancels. Every year, I receive numerous examples on cover from our foreign SPI members, especially from Germany. Over the years, these collectors have taken on the task of establishing working relationships not only with their own postal administrations, but also with the various sporting organizations in their own country. These sports administrators, organizers, and sponsors have been educated to the benefits of publicizing their sports and events at little or no cost. A slogan die for a Pitney-Bowes meter machine is under \$50 here in the U.S. A commemorative cancel for an event is virtually free.

So, how can we as sport and Olympic philatelists reverse this trend? We need to make a concerted effort to "talk" with the publicity departments of our national sports federations. When a venue is selected for an important national or international competition, and each of us usually keeps track of this information for our own sports, contact the organizing committee and acquaint them with the benefits that will accrue from introducing an advertising slug into their meter machines and providing a special cancel for their event.

Pages 15 and 16 of your *1991-1993 SPI Membership Handbook* lists all the national sports governing bodies in the U.S. A total of 40 sports federations are listed: seven for winter sports and 33 for summer.

Now that the 1992 Games are over, I would like to issue a challenge to all our members. During the next quadrennium, I would like to see:

- Every one of these 40 sports federations contacted with information on how to obtain advertising slugs for their meter machines (an information letter has already been prepared for this purpose and is available from me for a self-addressed stamped envelope); and
- at least one major national or international event for each sport commemorated with a special handcancel.

I am more than willing to serve as a clearing house for the information. Let me know which sports federation you are "adopting," and don't forget to submit copies of your successes for publication in *JSP*! Certainly, I would welcome your comments and suggestions on how to improve this program.

OLYMPHILEX '96

Despite what many of you have undoubtedly read in your July 27, 1992 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, the decision by the new Postmaster General, Marvin T. Runyon, Jr., not to renew the USPS's Olympic Sponsorship for 1996 is in no way a "death knell" for OLYMPHILEX '96. In fact, I expect that they will be much more receptive to the idea of funding the show. For a fraction of what they would spend on Worldwide Sponsorship, they can target a specific group of people (we sport and Olympic philatelists), while participating fully in the Olympic experience.

I fully anticipate a successful outcome this fall when I present our budget outline and requirements to the USPS. And if they are not as generous as we would like them to be, then outside sponsorship will not be out of the question.

So until you hear otherwise, SPI will continue as Exhibition Managers for what will be the best Olympic and Sport Philatelic Exhibition ever held—OLYMPHILEX '96!

I would also like to thank all of you who have mailed in your questionnaires that were included in the last issue of *JSP*. Your names and volunteer information are being held on a computer data base. Within the next three months, we will be contacting each of you with more detailed information. In the meantime, keep working on those exhibits. And if you haven't started on one, there's no time like the present. Let's have good U.S. representation in '96!

Cricket at the Olympics?

At the recent SPI General Meeting on 30 May 1992 at the World Columbian Stamp Expo '92 in Chicago, it was suggested that the game of cricket was an Olympic Sport at the turn of the century.

Details of this would be appreciated.

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Sports-Related Provisionals From the Former USSR

The breakup of the USSR is creating philatelic items of potential interest to topical collectors. In the Baltic Republics, provisional postal stationery is made by handstamping any USSR items on hand; many of these were sports-related (Figure 1). These are not expensive (around \$3 each), but are likely to be extremely difficult to find in the future. Now is a good time to keep your eyes peeled for items related to the sports you collect! For myself, I am delighted to have found two women's gymnastics items, locally used in Estonia.

Richard Scott
Orlando, Florida



Figure 1. Women's gymnastics postal stationery from the former USSR with a boxed provisional postage paid handstamp from Estonia. This envelope was mailed from Aste, Estonia, March 17, 1992.

WCSE Society Frame Thank You

I would like to thank all those people who contributed material for the SPI Society Frame that we provided at the World Columbian Stamp Expo '92 this past May in Chicago. These include Larry Moriarty, Mark Maestroni, Clem Reiss, Morris Rosen, Peter Street, and Dorothy Weihrauch.

Glenn Estus
Westport, NY

[And many thanks to Glenn for taking on this task.]

Too Many Cooks Spoiled The Broth

Regarding the commemorative handcancel for the U.S. White Water Canoe & Kayak Olympic Trials reported on in the July/August 1992 issue of *JSP* [The Sports Arena, page 22]. The effort was totally prepared and should have been finalized. The local postal authority approved and felt that they should have concurrence with the sponsoring committee. The request had only to be accepted and placed in the mail to USPS for acceptance. The sponsors, Grette Community College in McHenry, MD, gave the request to a committee—a committee that did not fully understand or have the knowledgeable foresight to process [it] at once. Time is always of the essence. No action by said persons/or committee let the project evaporate amid the lack of proper handling. All they had to do was mail the "addressed" request to [the USPS Office of] Merchandise and Promotion in Baltimore, MD who awaited the forms and artwork. It is a sad commentary that those who are not philatelically aware can sink the ship because of lack of necessary action and failure to follow outlined and detailed instructions. Time is the enemy, but when they do not react for whatever reason, we lose. The loss is discouraging. I spent six months and monumental hours getting art work, etc. They did not even send it back when they said they would. Oh well, I wonder if it's worth trying again. We will never have another Olympic event in Western Maryland.

Jack R. Treutle
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[See President's Message for further thoughts.]

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A Splendid Issue For An Aborted Spartakiade

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Not a single generation has passed that philatelists haven't conjectured over the circumstances surrounding the issuance of the U.S.S.R.'s first set of sports stamps commemorating the World Spartakiade. The stamps are bold and colorful.¹ Figure 1 (on the cover of this issue of *JSP*) shows the issued set, cancelled to order. It took a great deal of time and effort for the author to trace the philatelic path of these mysterious stamps.

The World Spartakiade

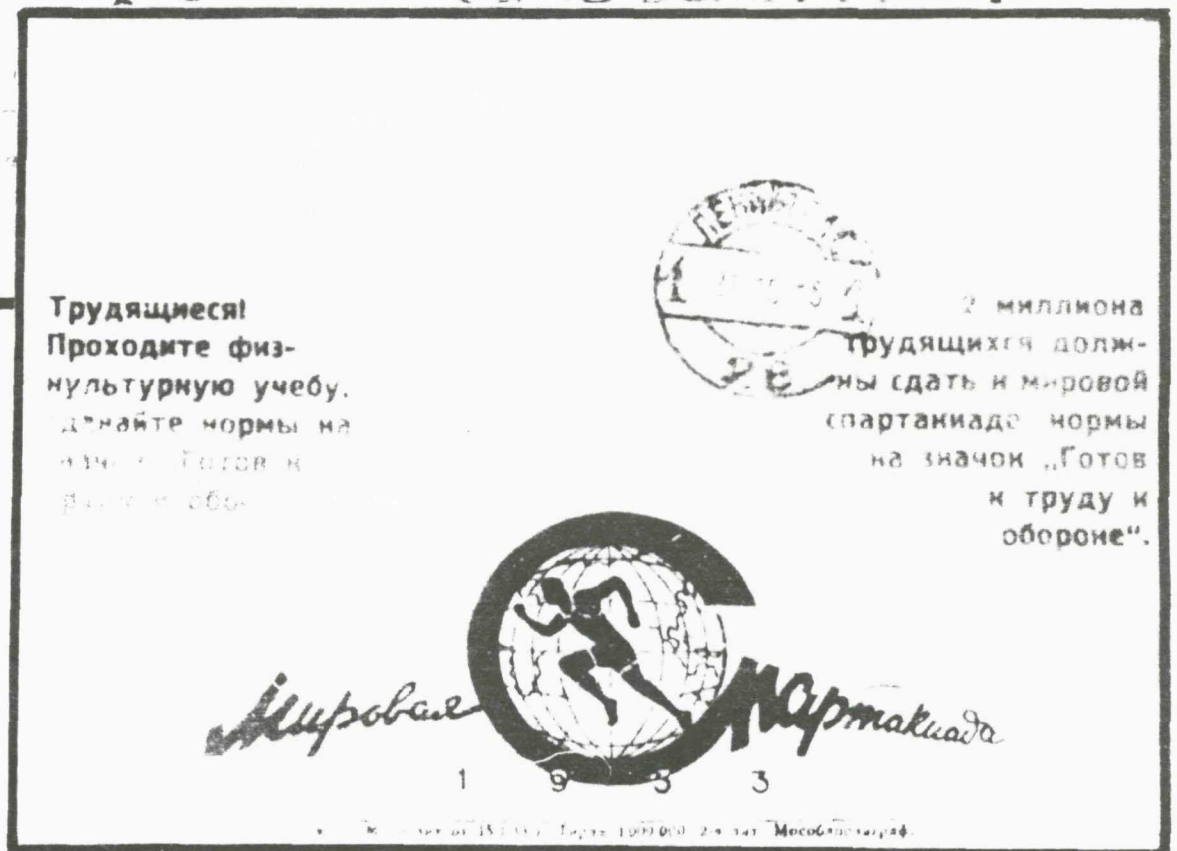
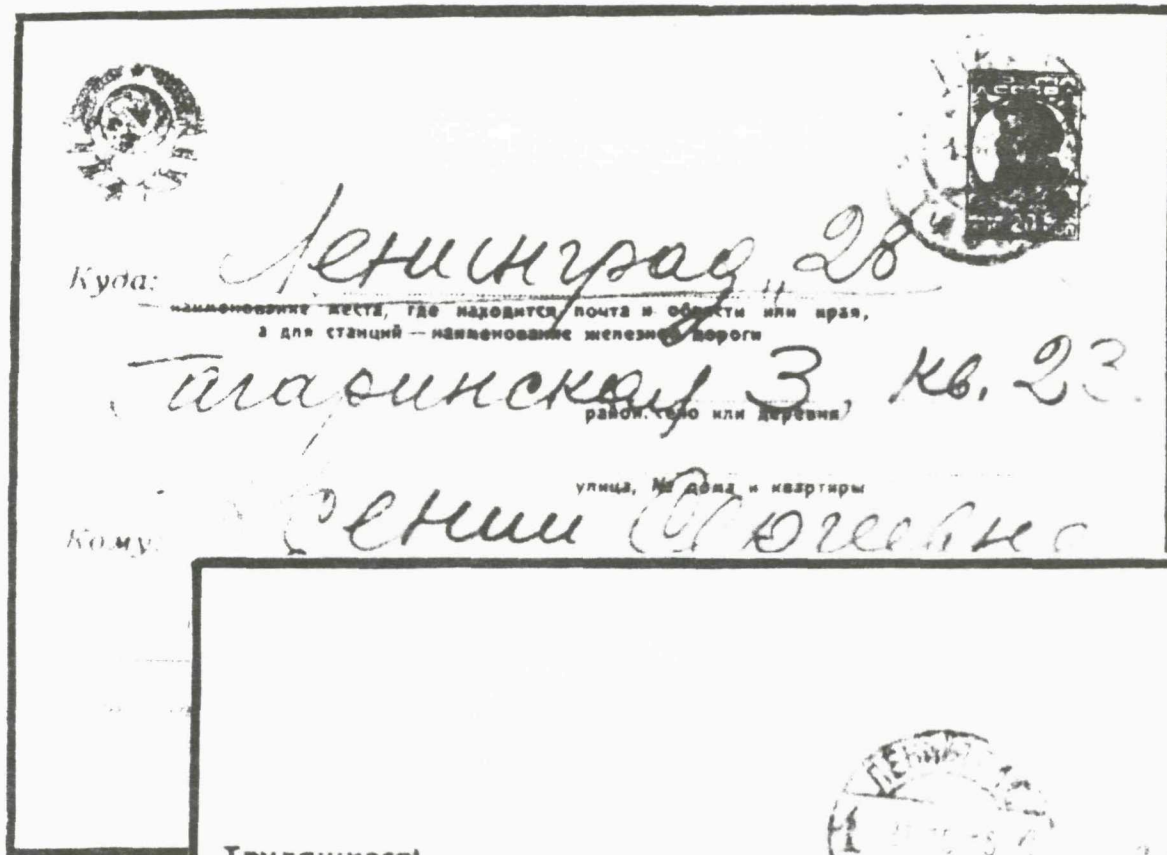
A "World Spartakiade" athletic event was first discussed at the IVth Congress (August 23-28, 1928) of Red Sport International (RSI).² The Congress decided to hold, in the near future, "the First World Spartakiade in the capital of the first workers' and peasants' state in the world."

Within two years, the RSI Executive Committee passed a resolution to hold an international Spartakiade in the summer of 1931 at Berlin "as a first step on the path to a world competition." The festival was timed to occur within the period of the then-current 5-year plan.

On September 23, 1931, the Presidium of the Central Executive Committee of the U.S.S.R. approved the resolution of the All-Union Council On Physical Culture (Protocol No. 17) to hold the World Spartakiade from August 6-18, 1933, at Moscow. More than 50,000 athletes were expected to participate, 5,000 from 37 foreign countries.

The preparatory period formally commenced in June 1932 at the RSI Methodical and Technical Conference, even though the practical work (designing the central stadium near the Izmailovo Zoo, reconstitution of the sports movement and advertising) had long since gotten under way.

As a result of the initiative of Ivan Zholdak, a former RSI Secretary, the All-Union Council On Physical Culture made a proposal to the RSI Council On Rendering Assistance To Postal Stamp Issuance (a social organization) under the Postal-Newspaper Department of the U.S.S.R. People's Commissariat On Communication for issuing a commemorative set of stamps. This offer was accepted.



Reverse

Text on Reverse

Workers!
Go into physical training,
take the test
quotas for badge
"Ready for Labor
and Defence".

2 million
workers should
pass the test
quotas for badge
"Ready for Labor
and Defence" before
the World Spartakiade.

Figure 2. One of two postal stationery envelopes issued to publicize the World Spartakiade that was scheduled for Moscow in 1933. Released in February or March 1933, the envelopes were printed in either green or brown.

World Spartakiade Postal Issues

A 1932 issue of the magazine *Physical Training and Sport* announced that the Mass-Agitational Commission had received approval to issue "the sports postage stamps, and half-a-million postcards and envelopes with the logo of the World Spartakiade." The August-September issue of *Soviet Collector* published the 5-year stamp issuance program. Listed as item 6 under the column headed "1934": a set of stamps commemorating the World Spartakiade. This explains why the proofs of these stamps are inscribed 1934, rather than the rescheduled 1935 date.

The two magazines give different dates for the stamp and postal stationery issues. Two types of postal stationery envelopes were issued with Spartakiade slogans, advertising, and the date 1933 on the reverse (Figure 2). The envelopes differ from each other in color: one type was printed in green, the other in brown. The set of

postage stamps was, however, postponed until at least 1934.

The conflicting dates are an ambiguity that has never been addressed. The envelopes were released in February or March of 1933, although by that time it was common knowledge that the World Spartakiade would not be held on time.

Within a year, the stamp designs were ready and the proofs printed, yet their release was again postponed. Finally, on July 17, 1933, the Peoples' Post and Telegraph Commissariat adopted Resolution No. 323 authorizing the issuance of a set of ten stamps for the World Spartakiade. Unfortunately, the competition organizers had encountered numerous difficulties in preparing for the games, including problems associated with construction of the stadium. But the propaganda machine continued working.

While the stamps were eventually issued, the 1st World Spartakiade of 1935 at Moscow never took place. The *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* lists the first day of issue

as April 22, 1935. This date, which is in error, is repeated by other European catalogues, including the German Michel catalogue. Even the Soviet postage stamp catalogue of 1983 is incorrect, citing June 1935 as the correct first day of issue. Old time collectors that I have consulted with remember the stamps appearing "sometime in Autumn [1935]." The earliest use that I have seen of any of the 1935 Spartakiade stamps is on a letter to Switzerland postmarked September 25, 1935 (Figure 3). My best conjecture, therefore, is that this set of stamps was released sometime in August or September of 1935.

[A cover shown in Figure 3A bears a Spartakiade stamp clearly postmarked Moscow, 23.5.35.18 or May 23, 1935 at 6 p.m. This cover, addressed to Vienna, was discovered at the World Columbian Stamp Exposition in Chicago in May 1992. Mr. Furman has studied a photocopy of this cover and believes it is suspect. While the cover's postmark suggests that the stamps were issued in May 1935, Furman disagrees.

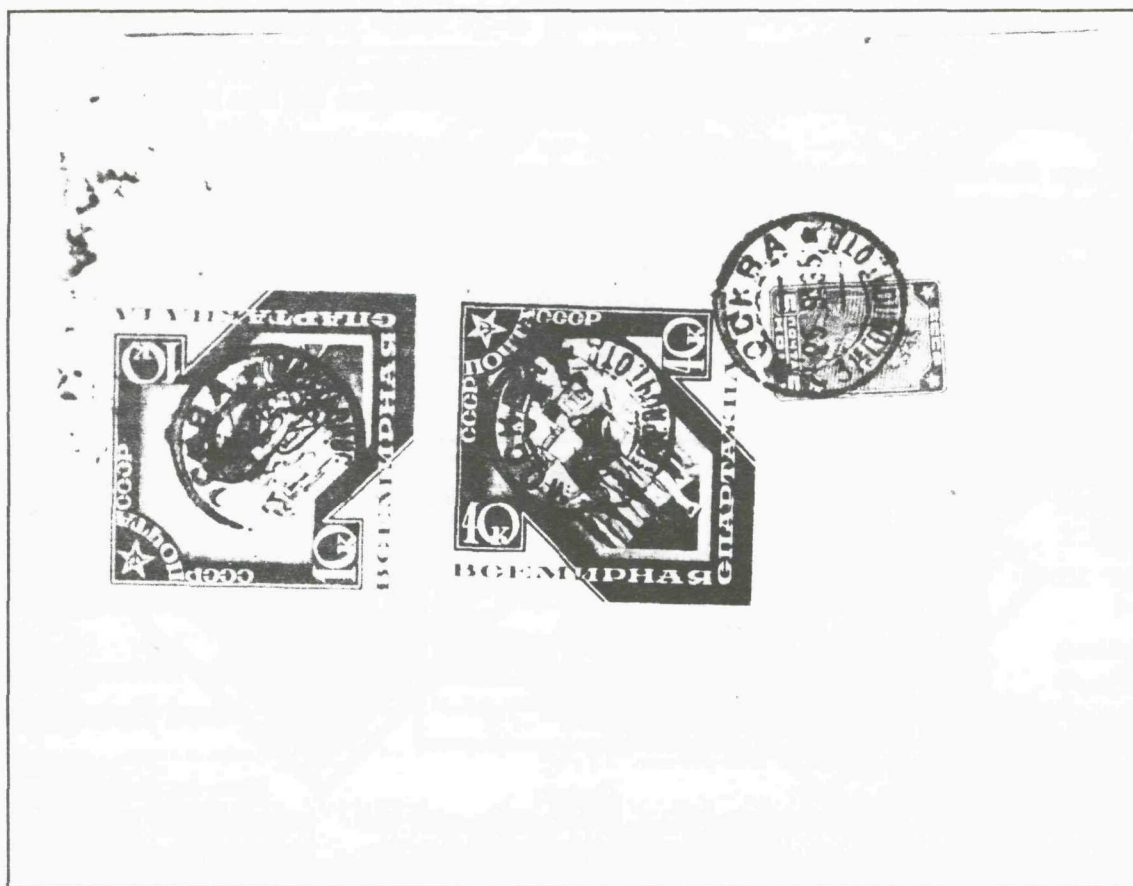


Figure 3. Reverse of cover from Moscow to Zurich dated September 25, 1935 with two values (10k and 40k) of the Spartakiade set. An additional 5k definitive makes up the correct 55k rate.



Figure 3A. A "highly suspect" registered cover to Austria, bearing only a single 35k stamp—which is short 40k. Note how the May 23, 1935 postmark is strategically placed to show the date clearly.

[Furman says that an "employee of the Philatelische Sowjet Assoziation made a nice souvenir to one of his clients." Between July 1, 1930 and January 1, 1935, the postage rate for a registered letter to Europe was 35 kopeks (k). However, on January 1,

1935, the rate went up to 75k. The cover in Figure 3A is franked with only a single 35k Spartakiade stamp, and is therefore short by 40k.

[There are no markings on the reverse side of the cover. It is likely that the sender had a registry rubber

stamp in his possession which may have been stolen from a postal employee. It is unlikely that the cover passed through the mail. Instead, it was probably privately delivered or mailed in a separate envelope.

[Since collectors may possess, and certainly will continue to find, covers bearing the colorful Spartakiade stamps, Furman has provided Table 1 showing the postage rates in effect during the period of use of the stamps. The information will be valuable in verifying the authenticity of a cover. — S. Podolsky].



Figure 4. A proof stamp with the artist's autograph, V. Zavialov. The enlargement, at left, shows his signature more clearly.

The Stamp Proofs and Specimens

Now, let us turn to purely philatelic matters. The artwork for the stamps was prepared by artist V. Zavialov (Figure 4), yet the original designs were not his. They were

Table 1
U.S.S.R. Postal Rates

Domestic Rates (within the U.S.S.R.)	Postcard Regular	Postcard Regist'd	Letter Regular	Letter Regist'd
From 2/25/33 to 2/6/38:				
Local (within town)	5k	25k	10k	30k
Non-local (out-of-town)	15k	35k	20k	40k
International Rates				
From 7/1/30	10k	50k	15k	35k
From 1/1/35 (A)	30k	50k	55k	75k
From 1/1/35 (B)	40k	60k	65k	85k
From 5/1/36	30k	1R 10k	50k	1R 30k

Notes: 100 kopeks (k) = 1 Ruble (R)
(A) = within Europe; (B) = to other continents

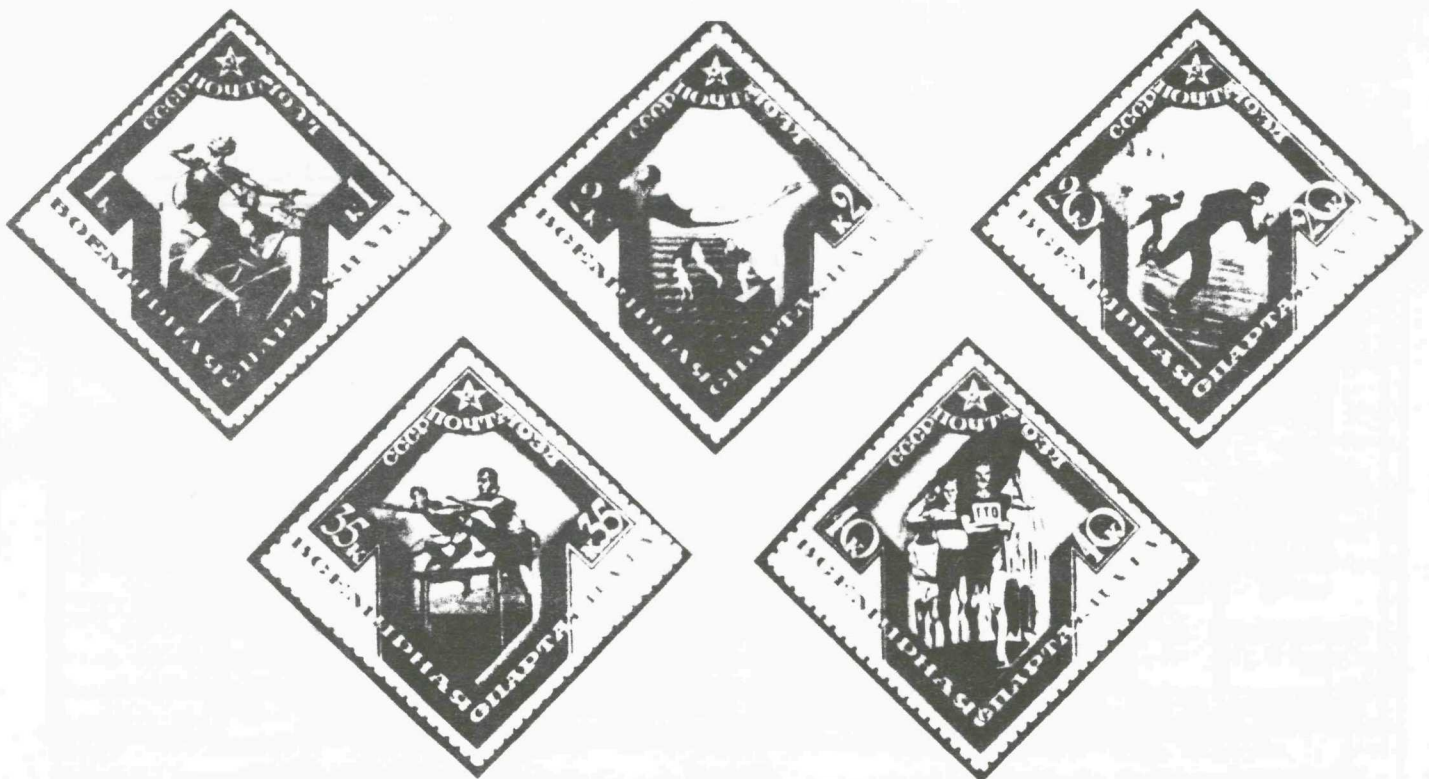


Figure 5. Samples of proof stamps. Note the year "1934" at the top of each proof. Designs were adapted from posters created by A. Maleinov. The 40k top value is an exact copy of Maleinov's poster.

adapted from posters created by A. Maleinov. At that time, copyright laws were non-existent and graphic artists copied freely from each others photographs and sketches.

Special attention should be paid to the 40k stamp (Figure 5) which is an exact copy of Maleinov's poster. The stamp's subject is the key to understanding the RSI concept. The symbolic procession is headed by an athlete holding a Red Banner. His singlet is emblazoned with the Cyrillic letters ГТО (RLD): Ready to Labor and Defend. He is followed by representatives of foreign proletarian sports organizations marching with a firm step; their singlets are inscribed "RSI" (Rote Sport International). The background of the stamp pictures the outline of an industrial enterprise. This design element is a profound, but subtle, representation of RSI's theme for the Spartakiade competitions — "a new form of practicing the tactics of the united front in sports." The official slogans repeat this point: "It is a matter of honor for every athlete to meet the World Spartakiade as the best shock-worker"; "Athletes, master your production processes!"; and, "Every participant of the World Spartakiade should pass the test quotas for the badge 'Ready for labor and defence!'"



Figure 6. The carpet watermark design found on the proofs. The issued stamps are printed on unwatermarked paper.

Nearly all the stamps in this set were printed on white paper. Only a small part of the printing was on paper with a cream colored tone. I have not been able to ascertain the number of stamps in a post office pane; however, the stamps were arranged on the printing plate in the same direction so that the side of one stamp abutted the opposite side of the adjacent stamp. There was no waste selvage between stamps, as has been the case with some diamond-shaped stamps of the modern era. Philatelic research has discovered some varieties, but these are considered to be misprints of some stamp design elements.

Many collectors desire stamp proofs. Let us review Table 2 in order to understand the characteristics of the proofs and how they differ from the stamps as issued. The most obvious

differences between the proofs and stamps as issued are easily recognizable. First, the overall size of the proofs is dramatically smaller — by 6mm to be exact (nearly ¼ inch). The perforations are also significantly dissimilar; the stamps are perforated 14, while the proofs have perforations of 10½ which appear much farther apart. The final, and most visible, variation, is in the inscription at the top of each proof and stamp. The former includes the date "1934" while the latter omits the date completely. By the time the resolution was passed to issue the stamps, it was already 1935. For those familiar with watermarking stamps, a check of the proofs will reveal a "carpet" watermark like that depicted in Figure 6. The issued stamps themselves have no watermark.

By analyzing the proofs, I can conclude the following about their relative rarity. One may encounter the 2k value of the set most often. More rare are the proofs with values of 1, 35 and 40k. The 15 and 20k proofs appear a bit higher on the rarity scale, with the 3, 4, 5 and 10k proofs the rarest of all. After many years of searching, I have never managed to find them all! Nor, to my knowledge, is there a single collector who has seen the entire set of proofs, though theoretically they should exist.

Table 2
Printing Details

	Proofs	Stamps As Issued
Dimensions:		
overall	39mm x 39mm	45mm x 45mm
image area	36mm x 36mm	40mm x 40mm
Perforations	Line, 10½	Line, 14
Inscription, at top	CCCP & 1934	CCCP only
Watermark	Carpet	None
Denominations	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 35, 40k	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 35, 40k

At that time, it was standard practice for all new postal items to be printed in sheets and marked with the word "OBRAZETS" meaning "Specimen." The marking was applied in Cyrillic characters as illustrated in Figures 7 and 7A. This marking was executed, in rather large print, by means of a perforating machine. The stamps from the World Spartakiade set were no exception. The sheets of stamps were perforated with the word OBRAZETS in continuous rows, the same perforation being used on all values. The careful observer of the proofs reproduced in Figures 8-12 will note that the word OBRAZETS does not appear in the same direction on all values. There is no consistency to this, as the direction of the perforation depended entirely on the how the printer inserted the sheet into the perforating machine. Figure 13 illustrates two variations of this phenomenon. When these two different

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Figure 7. Specimen stamps received a perforation in Cyrillic characters spelling "OBRAZETS" (SPECIMEN). See Figure 7A, below, for pane layouts.

values were placed side-by-side, they created the entire word OBRAZETS. It is also important to note that the specimen perforation was designed to span many stamps in a row at one time, which explains why a single specimen stamp may display anywhere from a piece of one letter of the word OBRAZETS to an entire syllable.

Of course, such specimens are always desirable additions to any collection. Their presence, along with the proofs, exponentially increases the level of demonstrated investigative analysis.

Postal Usages

Philatelists are always interested in how specific stamps have been postally used, however rare their occurrence may be. For the Spartakiade stamps, this is not easy. While the total number of sets that were printed was typical for that period, they were not available for sale in complete sets at the post office. Two or three denominations would be on sale in one city, while post offices in other cities would have different val-

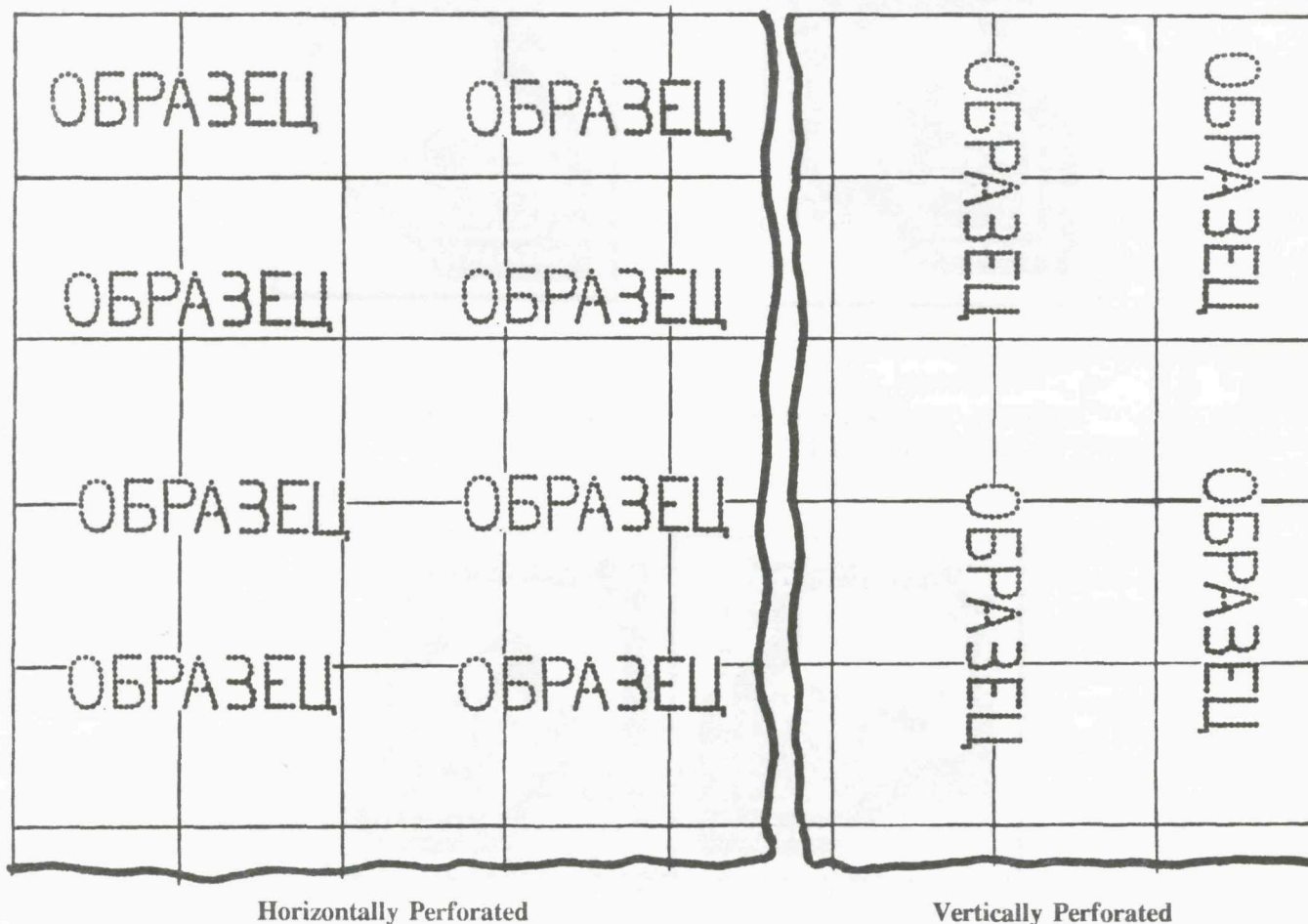


Figure 7A. The OBRAZETS specimen perforation spanned many stamps at a time and was not consistently applied in the same location on each pane. If the operator turned the pane 90°, the stamps were vertically perforated.

Stamps Perforated "SPECIMEN"

Figures 8-13, below, illustrate specimen perforations on the 1935 World Spartakiad stamps. The perforation floated around the pane, depending on how the operator inserted each pane in the machine. This resulted in specimens exhibiting anywhere from a single letter to one or more syllables of the OBRAZETS perforation.



Figure 8. Letter "O"



Figures 9 & 10. The upper portion of syllables "OBRA"



Figure 11. The lower part of the last syllable "ZETS"



Figure 12. Final letters "ETS"



Figure 13. Specimens of an ideal and rare coincidence where the perforated parts of two different stamps create the entire word "OBRAZETS" when placed side-by-side.

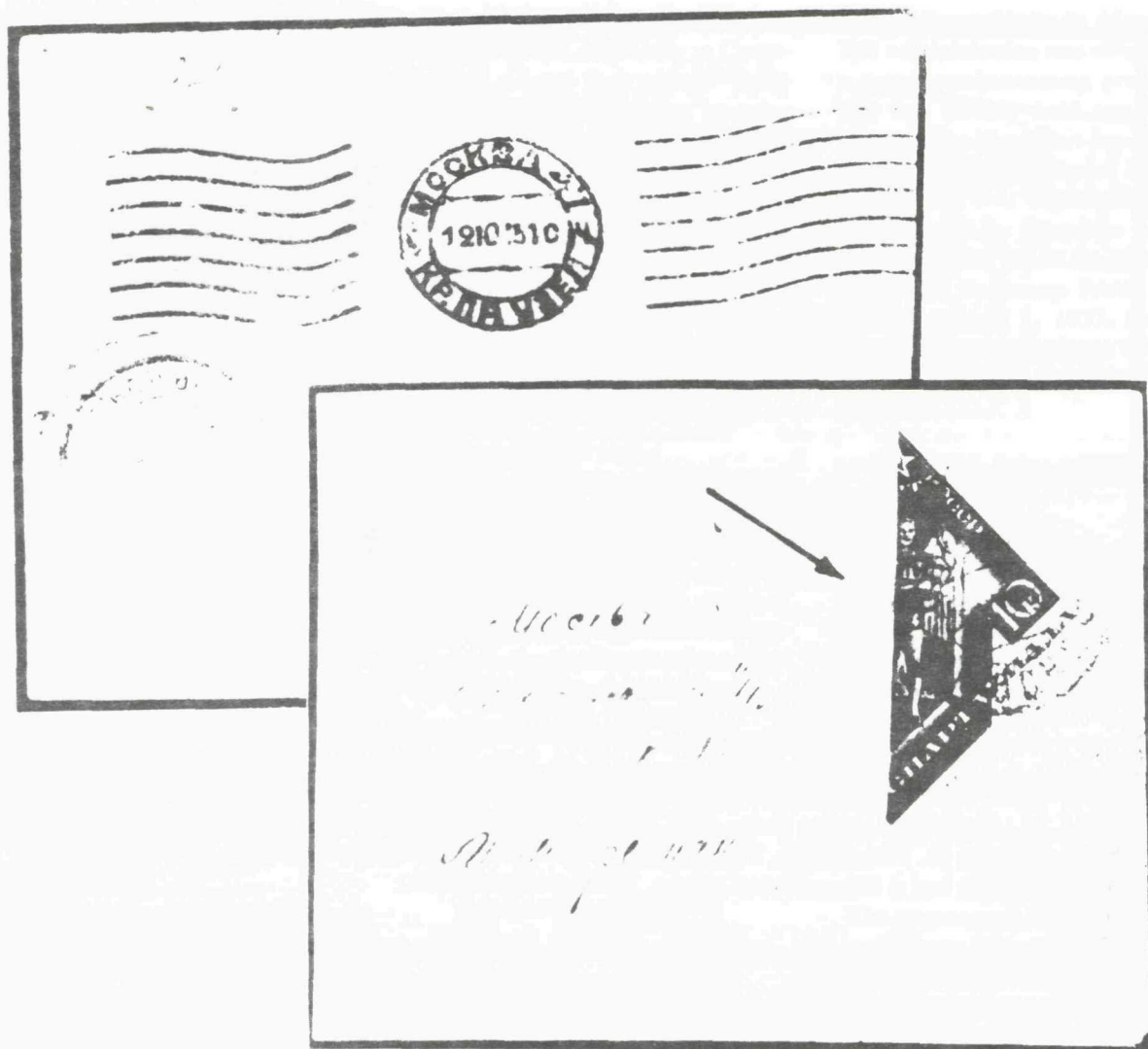


Figure 14. Sometimes there were shortages of certain denominations of stamps. This resulted in the use of bisected stamps to pay the proper postage. This 40k stamp was bisected to pay the 20k rate.

ues available. For example, the Odesa post office sold only the 4, 10 and 20k stamps.

The 15 and 35k stamps, both of which were printed in the smallest quantity — 60,000 each — were not sold at any post office. They could only be purchased from philatelic shops, and then only as part of an entire set. Therefore, the price of an entire set exceeded its face value. According to some older collectors, an exception may have been made in Moscow and Leningrad, where one reportedly could buy all the stamps in the set, for face value, at the post office.

The spotty availability of each denomination explains the small num-

ber of entire sets in the philatelic marketplace.

One often encounters domestic registered letters franked with the 40k stamp (the exact rate for this service). Sometimes, the 40k stamp was bisected, creating two 20k stamps, the inland letter rate (Figure 14).

Covers franked with several Spartakiade stamps are very attractive. Often, one side of the cover may bear these commemoratives, while the other side may have non-games stamps affixed (Figure 15). This was due to the lack of every denomination at all post offices. Occasionally, small denomination Spartakiade stamps were used as supplementary postage (Figure 16).

Conclusion

Despite the fact that the 1935 World Spartakiade in Moscow never took place, philatelists are able to revel in a truly unusual legacy to these unsuccessful games. From proofs to specimens to issued stamps and postal usage, this set of 10 stamps has posed many questions since their inception. While I have attempted, I hope successfully, to answer many of them, a continuing study of the set is incumbent upon those interested in sport. Will we ever know the exact date when these stamps were issued or the format in which they were printed? How many proofs and specimens really exist out there? Are there con



Figure 15. Registered cover from post office No. 14 in Sverdlovsk (now Ekaterinburg) to Leningrad (now St. Petersburg). The front has 10k and 20k Spartakiade stamps. The reverse side (not illustrated) has a 10k ordinary stamp. Total postage is 40k.

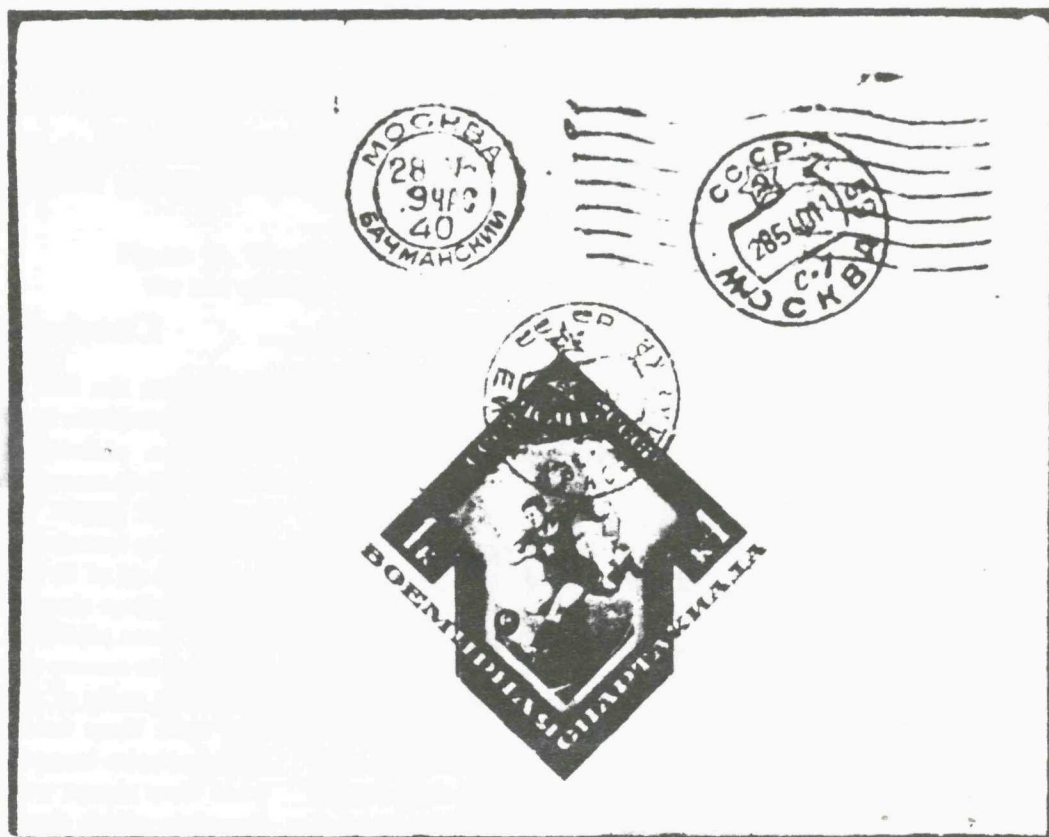


Figure 16. Low value stamps were used as supplementary postage. A 4k stamp is affixed to the reverse side of this cover.

stant varieties of the stamps that collectors are not yet aware of? These are only some of the questions that may one day be answered by future philatelists. □

Endnotes

1. The name "Spartakiade" was selected for these competitions for both historical and political reasons. The competitions were named after the great Roman gladiator, Spartacus, who lived during the first century B.C. He is famed for leading a great slave revolt against the Roman Empire. The revolt was eventually crushed.

In 1918, the German revolutionist, Karl Liebknecht, founded the Spartacists, a political group which advocated extreme socialist doctrines. As the revolutionary fever spread

throughout Europe in the 1920s, many sporting societies, especially in Czechoslovakia, named their groups "Spartacus." The first Spartacus sporting group in Soviet Russia was founded in 1922. By 1924, all the great sporting competitions in the U.S.S.R. were given the name Spartakiade.

The most telling reason for use of this name results from Vladimir Lenin's praise for Spartacus' accomplishments: "...Spartacus was one of the most outstanding heroes of the greatest slaves' revolt..."

2. Red Sport International (RSI) was founded on July 22, 1921 in Moscow. Through the middle of the 1930s, RSI opposed the Lucern Sport International (LSI), a rival workers' sport organization. However, following some unsuccessful attempts to hold a Berlin Spartakiade (1931) and a

World Spartakiade in Moscow, the RSI administration was obliged to take a more compromising position (the LSI had already held two Workers' Olympiades: Frankfurt-am-Main, July 24-28, 1925; and Vienna, July 19-26, 1931). The two organizations eventually agreed to cooperate by jointly sponsoring the World Workers' Olympiade in Antwerp from July 25 through August 1, 1937. Eventually, the executive committees of both the RSI and LSI were dissolved by mutual consent.

Acknowledgments

Mr. Ivan Zholdak, the former secretary of RSI, was instrumental in providing me with background information on some of the historical facts surrounding the World Spartakiade. His assistance is greatly appreciated.

A New Sports & Olympic Philatelic Association by Vsevolod Furman

On April 20, 1992 during the World Philatelic Exhibition OLYMPSPORT-92 held in Odessa, active Ukrainian sport and Olympic collectors held a meeting which resulted in the founding of a new philatelic society: the Association of Olympic and Sport Philatelists of Ukraine (AOSFU). The organization is affiliated with the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine as well as with the Union of Ukrainian Philatelists.

The members at the meeting approved the emblem of the association and elected the executive committee:

Chairman: Vsevolod Furman
Tchkalov St., 60, Flat 4
270020 Odessa, Ukraine

Treasurer: Grigory Sokolovsky

Coordinator with the NOC and Union of Ukrainian Philatelists: Arnold Brandelis

The emblem of the association (reproduced above) is composed of the society's initials (AOSFU) in cyrillic which are arranged to form the five Olympic Rings. The decorative perforated border symbolizes a postage stamp. The word "Ukraine" in cyrillic script is incorporated into the design below the group's acronym.



The purposes of AOSFU are: to unite all collectors interested in sport and Olympic philately in Ukraine; to render methodical assistance to the members in developing their exhibits; to participate as a collective member of FIPO; and to organize philatelic exhibits and encourage participation of its members in the exhibit. AOSFU has begun to acquire material for its specialized library.

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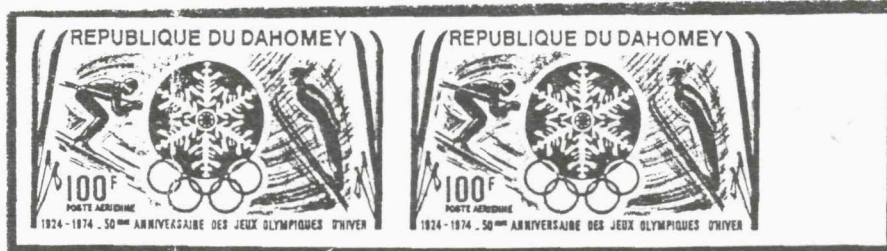
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AOSFU will supply Olympic and sport information from the Ministry of Communication of Ukraine, as well as publish announcements, pieces of information and other offerings. An Information Bulletin is anticipated to begin publication in October 1992. Correspondence will be conducted in Ukrainian, Russian, English, and German.

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1992 Olympic Machine Cancel Update

by Glenn Estus

As reported in the May/June 1992 issue of *JSP*, a number of postal administrations are considered by the United States Postal Service (USPS) as partner administrations in the Olympic Sponsorship Program. You may have seen the various national sponsorship logos on philatelic material such as publicity announcements, sheetlets, and aerogrammes from various countries including Norway, Belgium, Canada, and Brazil.

Thanks to the efforts of the USPS's Olympic Sponsorship office I have been able to acquire a listing of the 29 partner administrations: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Since my report in the May/June 1992 issue, I have acquired new information concerning Olympic machine cancellations from three of these partner administrations. The following data is current through July 15, 1992. I would ask that anyone having information not in these listings contact me at P.O. Box 451, Westport, NY 12993-0451.

Australia

Coca Cola, probably the most visible Worldwide Olympic Sponsor, rented slogan space on machines in

various Sydney, New South Wales mail processing plants for the first six months of 1992 with an option to rent for the rest of the year. The slogan (many times weakly struck) reads "Enjoy/Coca Cola/Trade Mark Regd." To the right of the slogan is the Australian Flag over the Olympic Rings, which, I believe, is the logo of the Australian Olympic Committee (Figure 1). The listing for the Australian slogan should be self-explanatory. However, I have not been able to establish whether the number in the cancel refers to the machine number or whether it has some other significance. This number is always before and after the Day and Month designations. I don't believe that the number refers to a time as this information is clearly given on a line above the Day and Month. I believe that the abbreviation "M.C." at the top of the cancel stands for "Mail Centre."

Country	Postal Code	Facility Location	#
Australia	2004	Rushcutters Bay M.C.	2
Australia	2004	Rushcutters Bay M.C.	9
Australia	2004	Rushcutters Bay M.C.	10
Australia	2004	Rushcutters Bay M.C.	12
Australia	2004	Rushcutters Bay M.C.	16
Australia	2058	St. Leonards M.C.	1
Australia	2058	St. Leonards M.C.	2
Australia	2169	Leightonfield M.C.	2
Australia	2169	Leightonfield M.C.	3
Australia	2215	Turrella M.C.	5
Australia	2215	Turrella M.C.	8
Australia	2781	Seven Hills M.C.	1
Australia	2781	Seven Hills M.C.	3

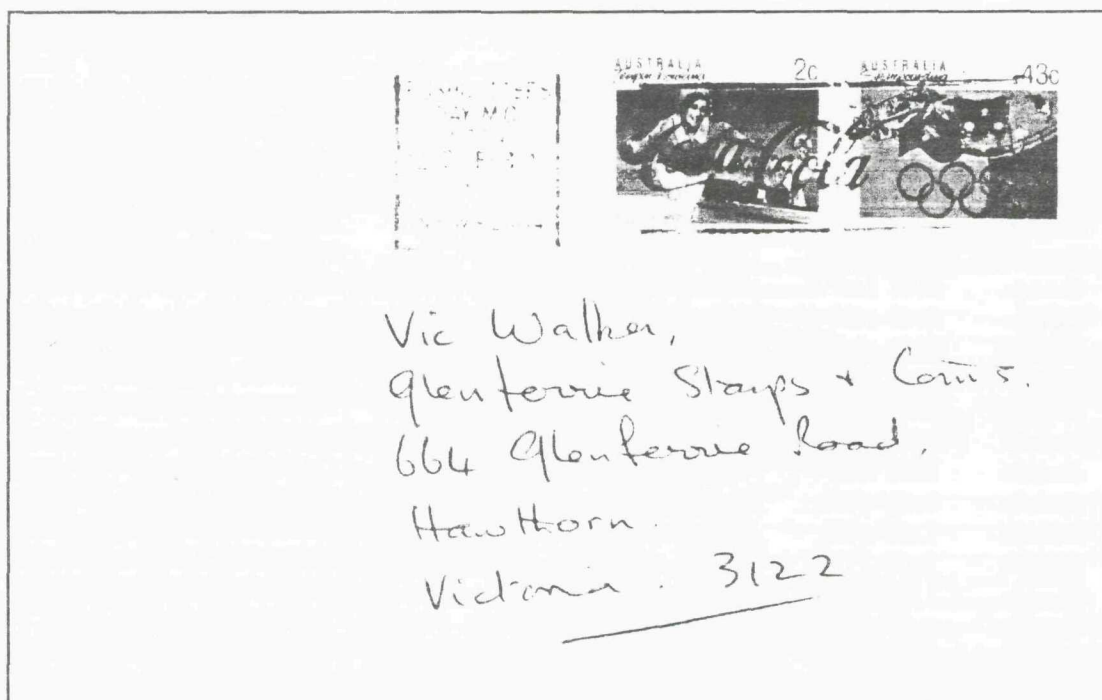


Figure 1. As a Worldwide Sponsor of the 1992 Olympic Games, Coca-Cola paid Australia Post to have a special advertising slogan included in various New South Wales machine cancels.

Netherlands

During the period leading up to both the Summer and Winter Games, and during the Games themselves, the Netherlands Post Office used the following commemorative slogan in their machine cancels: "Steun/onze/sporters/bij de/Olympische Spelen 1992." The machine cancel is illustrated in Figure 2. According to a information from the Netherlands Post Office, the slogan was used from January 2, 1992 through February 29, 1992. I have not received information about the slogan's use during the Summer Games period. I have also seen no standard variations such as machine numbers, etc.



Figure 2. This machine cancel was used at a number of facilities throughout the Netherlands during the Winter Olympic Games.

Country

Postal Facility

Netherlands	's Gravenhage
Netherlands	's Hertogenbosch
Netherlands	Amsterdam
Netherlands	Arnhem
Netherlands	Groningen
Netherlands	Haarlem
Netherlands	Leeuwarden
Netherlands	Roosendaal
Netherlands	Rotterdam
Netherlands	Sittard
Netherlands	Utrecht
Netherlands	Zwolle

Canada

Finally, as reported in May/June 1992, Canada Post also used a slogan cancellation at most of its major postal facilities. Pertinent information is outlined in Table 1, below. # refers to the machine number commonly found outside the cancellation dial. "Notes" refers to wording found in the cancellation dial other than the postal code. Please note that all machines used in Québec have the French wording atop the English wording. All the information below is from cancellations that I have acquired for my collection.

Table 1

Country	Post Code	Province of Origin	#	Notes
Canada	A1B 3R0	Newfoundland	1	CANADA
Canada	B3K 1T0	Nova Scotia	1	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	E2L 2B0	New Brunswick	1	CANADA
Canada	G1K 3W0	Québec City area	1	CANADA
Canada	H3C 1S0	Montréal area	1	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	H3C 1S0	Montréal area	2	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	H3C 1S0	Montréal Area	3	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	H3C 1S0	Montréal area	4	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	H3C 1S0	Montréal Area	5	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	H4T 1A0	Montréal area	1	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	H4T 1A0	Montréal area	2	inverted dial
Canada	H4T 1A0	Montréal Area	2	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	H4T 1A0	Montréal Area	3	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	H4T 1A0	Montréal Area	5	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	K0A J0X	Ottawa Hull Area	2	CANADA
Canada	K0H 9Z0	Kingston Area	1	CANADA
Canada	L4W 1T0	Ontario Province	1	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	L4W 1T0	Ontario Province	2	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	L4W 1T0	Ontario Province	3	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	L4W 1T0	Ontario Province	4	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	L4W 1T0	Ontario Province	5	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	L8E 2R0	Ontario Province	1	CANADA
Canada	L8E 2R0	Ontario Province	2	CANADA
Canada	L8E 2R0	Ontario Province	3	CANADA
Canada	M4L 3T0	Toronto Area	1	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	M4L 3T0	Toronto Area	2	POSTES CANADA POST

Country	Post Code	Province of Origin	#	Notes
Canada	M4L 3T0	Toronto Area	4	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	M4L 3T0	Toronto Area	6	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	M4L 3T0	Toronto Area	7	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	M4L 3T0	Toronto Area	8	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	M4L 3T0	Toronto area	9	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	M4L 3Y0	Toronto Area	10	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	N2E 2C0	Ontario Province	1	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	N2E 2C0	Ontario Province	1	CANADA
Canada	N5Y 1B0	Ontario Province	1	CANADA
Canada	N5Y 1B0	Ontario Province	2	CANADA
Canada	N8W 4W0	Windsor Area	1	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	S4P 0B5	Regina area	1	CANADA
Canada	T2E 0A0	Alberta Province	2	CANADA
Canada	T5O 2T6	Alberta	1	CANADA
Canada	T5O 2T6	Alberta	2	CANADA
Canada	V3T 2Y0	British Columbia	1	CANADA
Canada	V6B 3A0	British Columbia	1	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	V6B 3A0	British Columbia	2	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	V6B 3A0	British Columbia	3	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	V6B 3A0	British Columbia	4	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada	V8Z 4B0	British Columbia	1	POSTES CANADA POST
Canada		Sudbury, ON	1	
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Canada	R3C 0N0	???		reported to me, not seen by me

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Rugby World Cup 1991

by Warwick Gowland

In early October 1991, sixteen Rugby teams representing the best in the world gathered in the United Kingdom and France with one objective, to lift the Webb Ellis Cup, Rugby's premier trophy. Matches were played on famous rugby grounds in England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland and France. It was Twickenham where it began with New Zealand versus England. This hallowed turf was the venue for the grand final between England and Australia, with Australia finally raising the trophy skywards in this 2nd Rugby World Championship.

Philatelically, the Rugby World Cup began on 7 October 1990 with Italy issuing a postmark celebrating its qualification to play in this world competition. Romania also issued a postmark (Figure 1) on 30 October commemorating their entry into the Rugby World Cup.



Figure 1. This was Romania's inaugural Rugby World Cup, and they used a handsome handcancel to commemorate the occasion.

Scotland was next, with the issue of an aerogramme (Figure 2) on 12 March 1991. This aerogramme commemorated Scotland's Triple Crown and Grand Slam win in 1990. It also gave a brief description on the Cullcutta Cup (England vs Scotland), Rugby sevens and the 1991 Rugby World Cup. The Five Nations Championship is a yearly competition between England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and France — the winner taking the title of Grand Slam.

The issue of a postage stamp was imminent, and on 11 June 1991 Great Britain issued one rugby stamp (of a set of four sports stamps for the

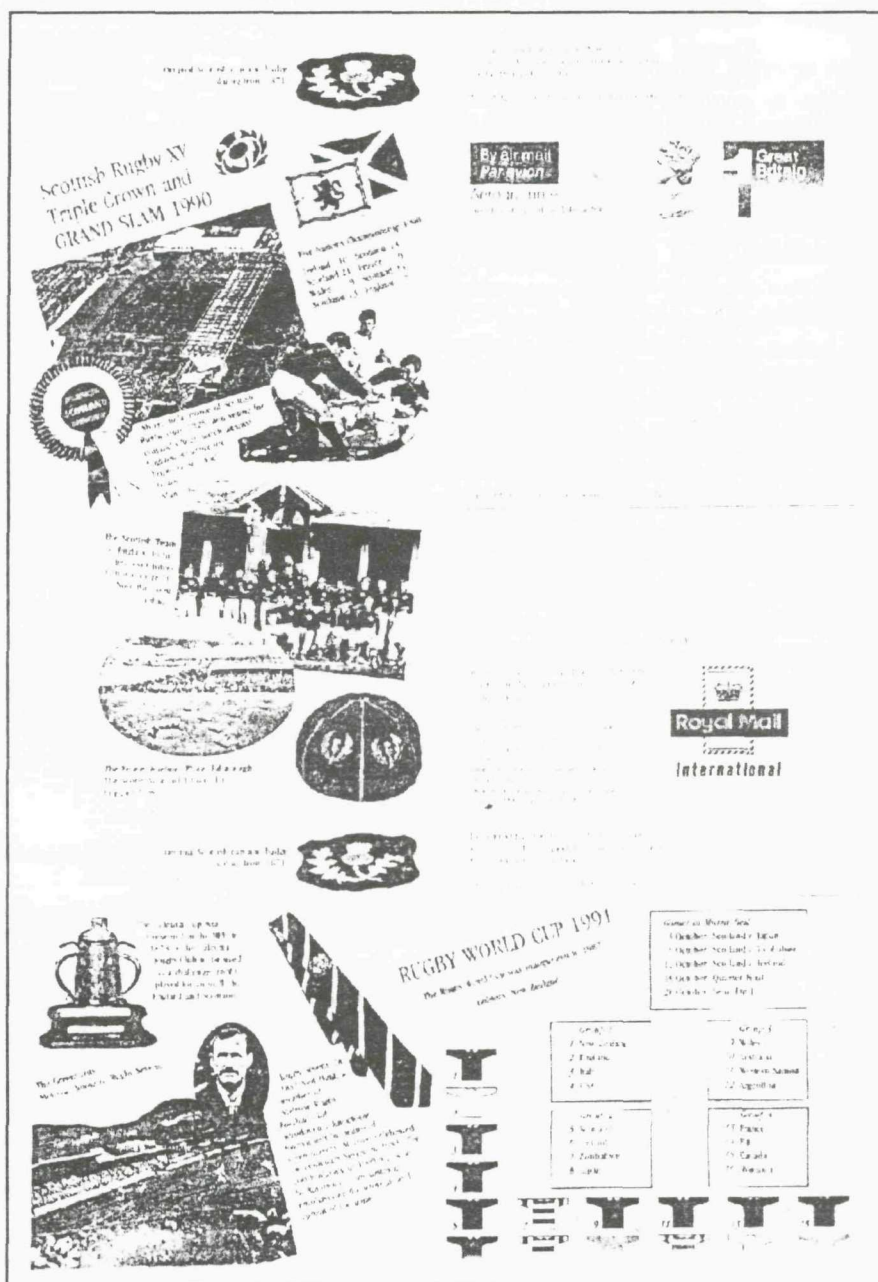


Figure 2. Scotland issued an aerogramme for the 1991 Rugby World Cup which provided much information on the upcoming competition including a guide to identifying each team's jerseys.

World Student Games). Along with the issue of this rugby stamp, several rugby postmarks were used on the first day of issue:

- William Webb Ellis, Warwickshire; Victorian Print series #59 (Figure 3)
- Rugby Football Union & Grand Slam, Twickenham (Figure 4)

- Rugby School Celebrates Rugby WC, Rugby, Warwickshire (Figure 5)
- Rugby Union World Cup, Murrayfield (Figure 6)
- Rugby Union World Cup, Twickenham (Figure 7)
- Rugby Union World Cup, Cardiff Arms Park (Figure 8)



Figures 3-5 (top to bottom). FD cancels on the Great Britain Rugby World Cup issue of 1991 commemorating William Webb Ellis, Rugby Football Union, and Rugby School.

Various covers, maximum cards, and serviced Philatelic Headquarters cards were produced using these First Day postmarks by Benham, Cameo, Bradbury, WG Covers, Sajal Philatelics and Royal Mail. Others may exist.

New Zealand issued a set of four stamps and a miniature sheet (m/s) on 21 August 1991 to commemorate the 1991 Rugby World Cup (Figure 9). The 60¢ surcharge on the m/s is earmarked for the Philatelic Trust for hobby support, being sponsored by New Zealand Post. The Wanganui Philatelic Bureau produced a special datestamp (Figure 9) for the first day of issue. GP Print, Ltd. issued a supportive rugby label (Figure 9). The New Zealand Treasury minted a \$5 coin consisting of cupro-nickel and sterling silver.

New Zealand reissued the m/s depicted in Figure 9 for the Philanippon '91 Stamp Exhibition held in Tokyo 16-24 November 1991. This time, the face value of the m/s was \$1.80, i.e. no surcharge (Figure 10)! Only 25,000 of these sheets were issued.

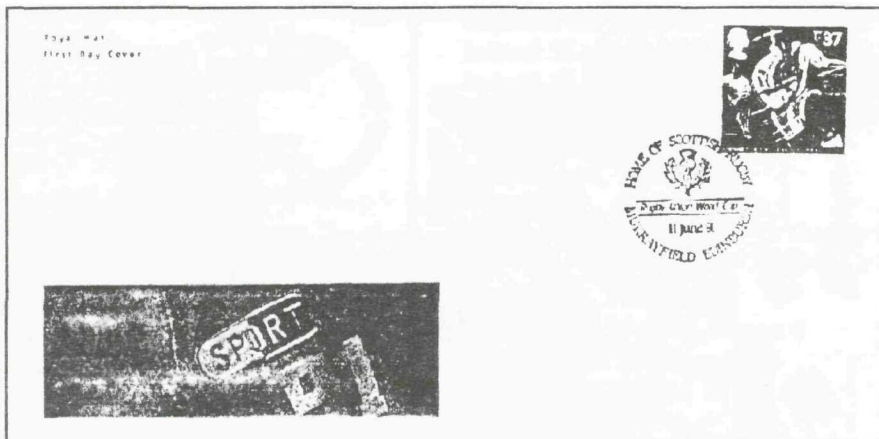


Figure 6. Scottish FD cancel on Royal Mail cover.



Figure 7. English FD cancel on Benham cover.



Figure 8. Welsh FD cancel on Benham cover.

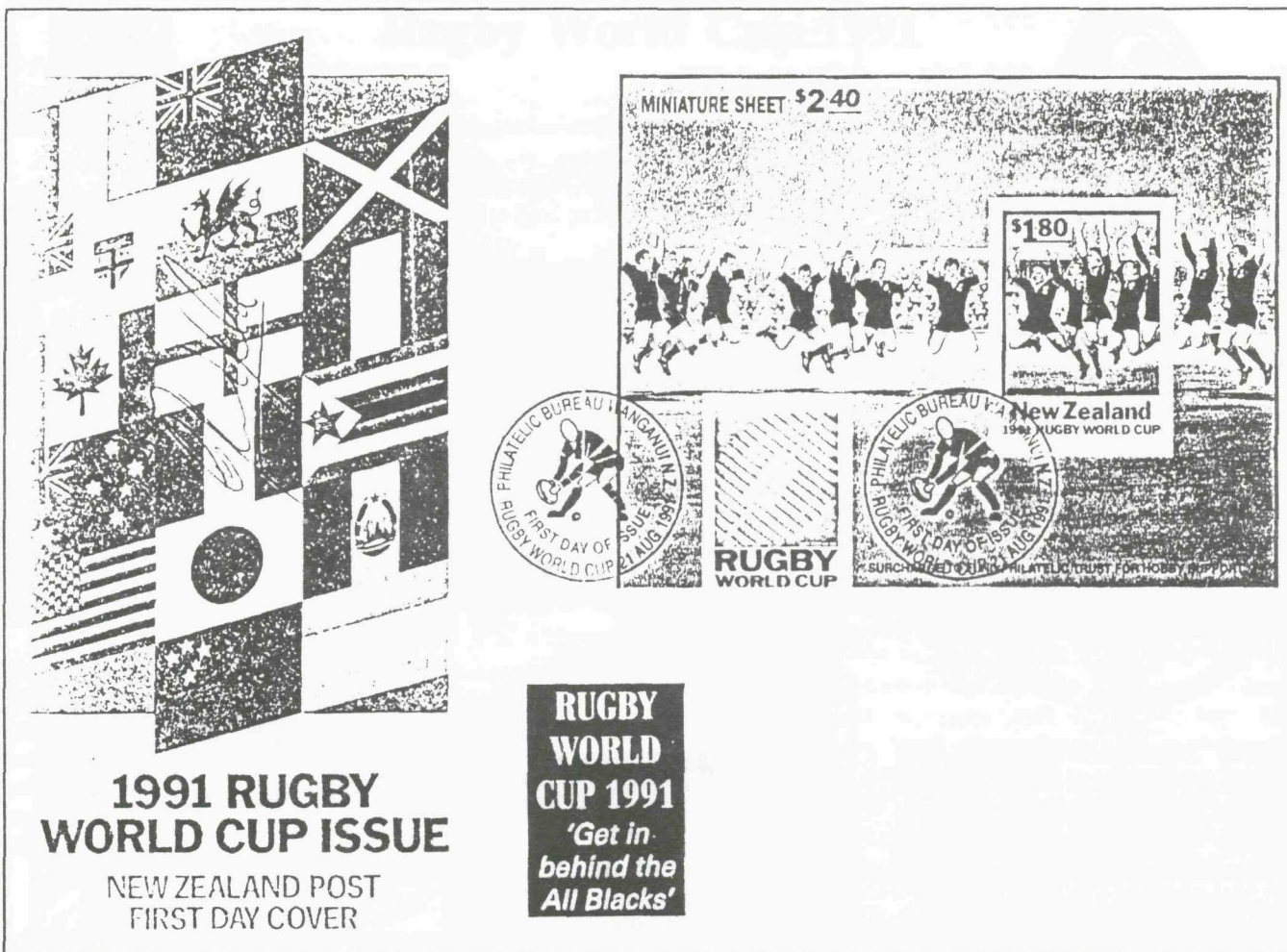


Figure 9. New Zealand issued a \$1.80 miniature sheet with a surcharge of 60¢. The illustrated m/s is cancelled with a commemorative postmark from Wanganui. A special label at bottom was produced by GP Print.

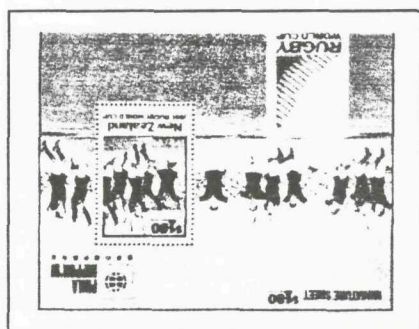


Figure 10. New Zealand reissued the m/s depicted in Figure 9 for Philanippon '91—this time without the surcharge. Only 25,000 sheets were issued!

Western Samoa issued a \$5 m/s on 21 October 1991 for the World Cup. The stamp shows the Samoan captain, Peter Fatiafola with another Samoan player. The famous Twickenham East and West Stands are shown on the sheet border.

Covercraft, England produced a set of 17 covers for matches played at Twickenham (4), Cardiff Arms Park (4), Murrayfield (5) and Lansdown Road (4). The covers (listed below) bear labels showing the badges of the countries playing in each match. Each cover has the 37p Great Britain Rugby World Cup stamp (except in the case of Ireland's Lansdowne Road venue). Figure 11 reproduces three of the venue postmarks, plus an additional cancel used at Twickenham. [C=Cardiff Arms; L=Lansdowne Road; M=Murrayfield; T=Twickenham]

- 3 October:
NZ 18, England 12 [T]
- 5 October:
Scotland 47, Japan 9 [M]
- 6 October:
Ireland 55, Zimbabwe 11 [L]
Wales 13, Western Samoa 16 [C] (Figure 12)

- 8 October:
England 36, Italy 6 [T]
- 9 October:
Ireland 32, Japan 16 [L]
Wales 16, Argentina 7 [C]
Scotland 51, Zimbabwe 12 [M]
- 11 October:
England 37, U.S.A. 9 [T]
- 12 October:
Wales 3, Australia 38 [C] (Figure 13—Wales vs Australia in 1991)
Scotland 24, Ireland 15 [M]
- 19 October:
Scotland 28, West. Samoa 6 [M]
- 20 October:
Ireland 18, Australia 19 [L]
- 26 October:
Scotland 6, England 9 [M]
- 27 October:
Australia 16, New Zealand 6 [L]
- 30 October:
Scotland 6, New Zealand 13 [C]
- 2 November:
England 6, Australia 12 [T]

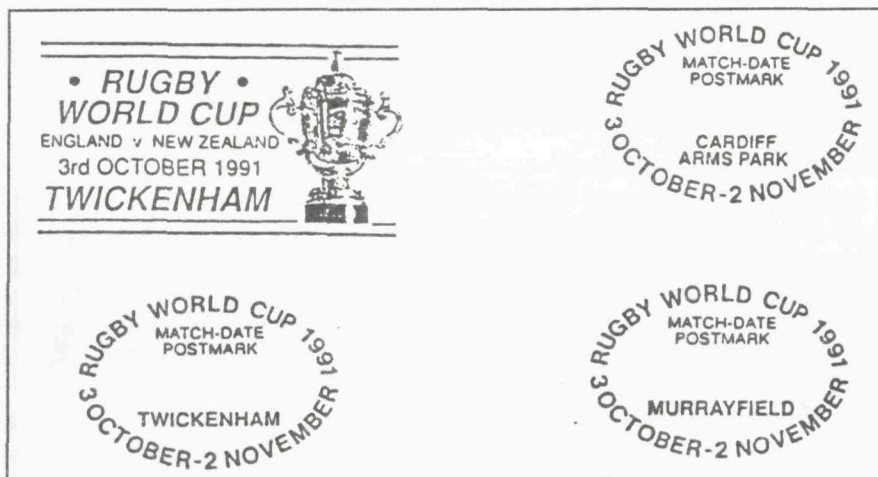


Figure 11. Four venue cancels used during the Rugby World Cup.

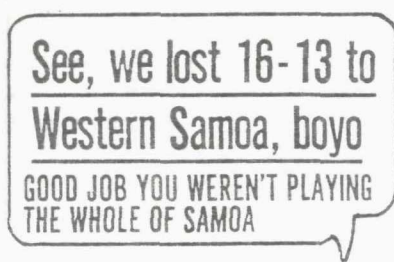


Figure 12. This humorous cachet tells of Wales' ignominious defeat at the hands of Western Samoa 16-13.

France produced three datestamps in commemoration of the 2nd Rugby World Cup:

8 October 1991; France 33, Fiji 9; Grenoble Foch (This slogan machine cancel is known with various date stamps – 8 August, 2 October, and 8 October 1991 have been seen).

8 October 1991; France 33, Fiji 9; Grenoble (circular postmark depicted in Figure 15).

19 October 1991; France 10, England 19; Paris (Figure 16).

Great Britain is also known to have produced several postcards for the Rugby World Cup. Cards known: P. Davies (2), F.M. Fisher, House of Questa (PHQ card), Reflections of a Bygone Age (Publisher), Welsh RU

under 19 Development Fund – others may exist?

British Telecom also produced a set of three telephone cards for the 1991 Rugby World Cup.

England against Australia – it really was the ideal match-up for the 1991 Rugby World Cup Final. Twickenham wanted, and needed, England to be there on 2 November and, as reigning Five Nation Champions, it was fair to see them there. As for the Wallabies, well, on 1991 results, they'd been the world's best team.

Results

Rugby World Cup, 3 October-2 November 1991, Great Britain and France

Zones

New Zealand 18, England 12
Italy 30, U.S.A. 9
New Zealand 46, U.S.A. 6
England 36, Italy 6
England 37, U.S.A. 9
New Zealand 31, Italy 21

Australia 32, Argentina 19
Wales 13, Western Samoa 16
Australia 9, Western Samoa 3
Wales 16, Argentina 7
Wales 3, Australia 38
Argentina 12, Western Samoa 35

France 30, Romania 3
Fiji 3, Canada 13
France 33, Fiji 9
Canada 19, Romania 11
Fiji 15, Romania 17
France 19, Canada 13

Scotland 47, Japan 9
Ireland 55, Zimbabwe 11
Ireland 32, Japan 16
Scotland 51, Japan 12
Ireland 15, Scotland 24
Zimbabwe 8, Japan 52

Quarter Finals

England 19, France 10
Scotland 28, Western Samoa 6
New Zealand 29, Canada 13
Australia 19, Ireland 18

Semi Finals

England 9, Scotland 6
New Zealand 6, Australia 18

3rd/4th Playoff

New Zealand 13, Scotland 6

Final

Australia 12, England 6

[Acknowledgment: Becht, Richard, *Blackout*. Meadowset Graphics and Fotopacific, 1991.]



Figure 13. A rather clever cachet commemorating the 1991 Wales vs Australia game.

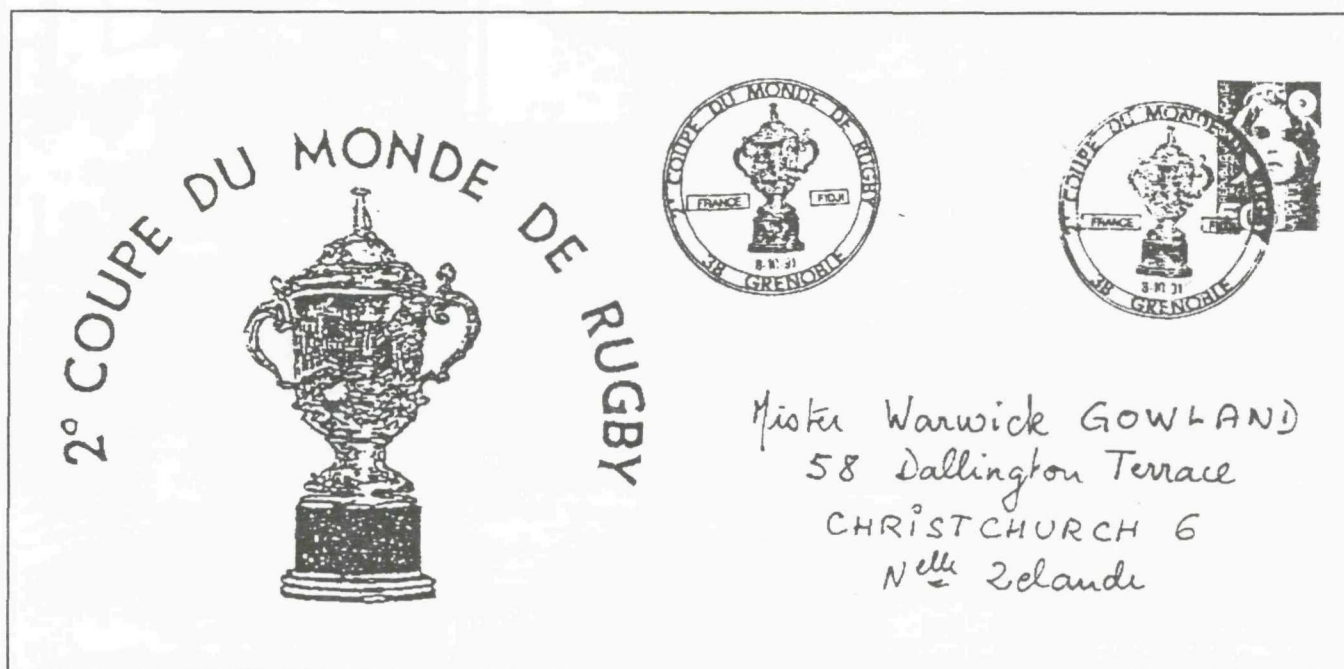


Figure 14. French handcancel used at Grenoble for the France vs Fiji match.



Figure 15. The Paris match between France and England was commemorated by this cancel.

The Sports Arena

by Mark C. Maestroni

One of the nice things about attending the World Columbian Stamp Expo this past May was the opportunity it gave me to peruse the stocks of various postal administrations. Most of those that participated, either by sending their own postal personnel or by using U.S. agents, brought current stocks of new issues which were offered at face value in U.S. dollars. This took much of the bother out of trying to order from their philatelic bureaus. The only drawback was that many representatives would not take a check, nor did they offer credit card service. This apparently put many collectors into a blue funk as they had to part with their precious "green backs."

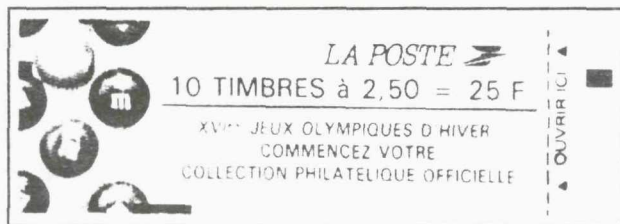
Nevertheless, I came across a number of interesting items that I hadn't seen reported in the philatelic press. Two pieces of Olympic material in particular caught my eye at the French Booth.

The first was an unreported booklet containing two strips of five 2.50 franc Marianne stamps. The booklet covers advertised M&M's candy which is the official candy of the 1992 Olympic Games (Figure 1 & 2). Illustrated on the outside of both the front and back covers are individual pieces of both types: the front cover shows the oval style containing a peanut, while the back cover displays the round plain version. As an M&M aficionado later pointed out to me with much surprise, the illustrations included the notorious red candies which had been banned until relatively recently (remember the supposedly carcinogenic "Red Dye" flap of a few years ago?). The front cover also reproduces the distinctive M&M's logo, Albertville logo and the words "Partenaire Officiel des XVI^e Jeux Olympiques D'Hiver."

Along with the two recent Canadian Olympic stamp booklets with Kraft advertising, we may be seeing a new subcategory of collecting emerging: Olympic Food!



Figures 1 & 2 (above and below). M&M's candy, the official candy of the 1992 Olympic Games, are depicted on the front (above) and back (below) covers of a French booklet of Marianne stamps.



A second interesting item, also discovered at the French "La Poste" Booth, was a handsome folder containing the French/Greek joint issue for the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona. The folder, which measures approximately 8 1/4" wide x almost 4" high, opens out into three panels. The central panel contains a block of four of the French and Greek stamps which depict a stylized runner and colorful geometric background. The French stamp is denominated 2.50 francs, while the Greek stamp has a value of 90 drachma. The top and bottom panels give a brief historical overview of the Games, one panel in Greek and the other in French. The folder cost 45 francs (about \$9). My calculations indicate that the combined face value of the two blocks is roughly \$4, therefore the folder itself cost an additional \$5.

As an interesting aside, the very helpful French postal clerk told me that the Greek postal administration booth at WCSE did not have this folder available for sale. Also surprising were the lack of any Olympics stamps at the Spanish booth! When I inquired as to why they did not bring any of their Olympic stamps with them, the Spanish postal employee shrugged his shoulders and handed me an order blank that I could mail back to Spain. And one wonders why the preparations for Barcelona's Olympics have progressed so slowly.

AT&T, a sponsor of the 1992 U.S. Olympic Team, recently published an interesting Olympic magazine. "For the Glory of Sport" — U.S. Guide to the Games of the XXVth Olympiad is a 128-page viewers' guide to the Games. The full color publication details each sport in alphabetical order. Badminton, field hockey, table tennis, and team handball are, for some reason, placed after yachting. These are not demonstration or exhibition sports, so I suspect that the compilers had forgotten about them until after the layout had been completed.

Nevertheless, each sport section provides useful information on the venue, scoring, a description of each event competed, profiles of U.S. participants and world contenders, and the schedule of events. The last three pages provide a handy day-by-day listing of each sport and event.

The table of contents page notes that this magazine was published for AT&T by Professional Sports Publications in cooperation with the United States Olympic Committee. The list of photographers is impressive which accounts for the general excellence of the photographs. The reproduction is superb.

Undoubtedly the best thing about this publication is its price — FREE! A letter enclosed with my copy says that information can be obtained by calling AT&T toll free at 1-800-338-1630, extension 7707. I suspect that one can order a copy (while they last) by calling that number or writing to them at AT&T, P.O. Box 4628, Trenton, NJ 08650-4628. I wouldn't delay too long, though.



Figure 3. An usual cancel was created for the 7th Youth Philatelic Exposition in Berlin in May. The cancel is from the French Military Post Office in Berlin's Cité Foch.

SPI member Thomas Lippert sent in a cover with a quite unusual special cancel for the 7th Youth Philately Exhibition held in Berlin on May 16-17, 1992 (Figure 3).

Berlin, like western Germany, was divided into sectors occupied by the Allied Forces (United States, Great Britain, and France) following WWII. Although a general reduction in forces has taken place since unification of the two Germanys, French military units are obviously still resident in Berlin. The cancel illustrated in Figure 3 was applied at the French military post office — BPM 600 (Bureau du Poste Militaire) on Avenue Charles de Gaulle, D-W-1000, Berlin 26.

The cancel illustrates the Olympic Rings with the 1992 Albertville Torch Run logo below it. The Albertville Winter Olympic Games took place in February. The lower half of the cancel reads: BERLIN/Cité Foch/Reinickendorf/ 16-17 MAI 1992. I suspect that Cité Foch is the French enclave in Berlin most probably located in the Reinickendorf section of the city.

It is rare to encounter Olympic or sports related material originating from a military post office. The only other group of such postmarks that comes to mind are the numerous special naval handcancels used on U.S. ships during the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. If any reader has examples of APO, FPO or foreign military post office cancels for the Olympics or sporting events, I would certainly appreciate hearing about them. This could make for a fascinating study.

Roman Babut, an SPI member from Poland, sent me greetings from the 30th Jubilee Convention of the Polish Olympic Club "Olimpijczyka." The Celebration took place in Łódź May 15-17, 1992 at the Krajowa Philatelic Exhibition.

The red slogan meter on the envelope (Figure 4) commemorates both the jubilee and the 1992 Albertville and Barcelona Olympic Games. Contained inside the cover were two additional cancels on cacheted postcards: a different red meter, and a special handcancel.

The second meter, also from Łódź, reproduces pictograms from ten sports: gymnastics, boxing, running, volleyball, swimming, basketball, soccer, fencing, hockey and skiing. The cancel notes the anniversary of 125 years of Polish sports.

A handcancel, also applied at the philatelic show, commemorates Polish sports history. The illustration in this elliptical cancel shows a gymnast and fencer.

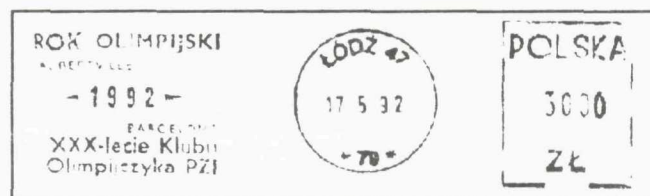


Figure 4. A meter used at the Krajowa Philatelic Exhibition, May 15-17, 1992, held to mark the 30th jubilee of the Polish Olympic Club.

Book Review

by Mark C. Maestroni

Future of the Olympic Games by John A. Lucas. Champaign (Illinois): Human Kinetics Publishers, Inc., 1992. 248 pages, 6 x 9 inches, hard bound (no dust jacket). Book includes a table of contents, endnotes following each chapter, and an index. A small illustration opens each chapter. Available for \$32 postpaid from the publisher at P.O. Box 5076, Champaign, Illinois 61825-5076. Order number BLUC0357.

It is all too rare to encounter a well conceived and informative book on the Olympic Games. The quadrennial offering on this subject can typically be classified in one of three categories: the gossipy "tell all" exposé, cocktail table glossy books of photographs, or pseudo-historical recitations of statistics and records. Refreshingly, the *Future of the Olympic Games* is none of these.

Instead, Mr. Lucas delves into the inner workings of the Olympic Games and, as the author refers to it, "the larger entity [of] the Olympic Movement." Through 18 tightly crafted chapters, the reader is walked through a discussion of the philosophy behind the Modern Olympic Games as espoused by their founder, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, and how the Olympic Movement has metamorphosed over its one hundred year history. This is, however, a contemporary book; except for Chapter 1 (Ancient Hellas and the Ether of Pierre de Coubertin), the focus remains predominantly on the 1970s and beyond. In keeping with the book's title, the final chapter (The 21st-Century Olympic Games: Nothing is Forever) is devoted to Lucas' own 21-point plan (the author refers to them as "observations") enumerating ways to solve the myriad problems faced by the Olympic Games as they enter the next century.

The organization of the book appears to roughly fall into two parts. Chapters 1 through 12 deal with the current structure and state-of-affairs of the Olympic Movement. Topics covered include the current ideology and composition of the Olympic Games, nationalism vs patriotism, corporate sponsorship, the drug crisis, and women in the Olympic Movement. The final six chapters provide insights into ways that the Games and its attendant philosophy and ideals can be transformed to meet the rapidly changing world. This last third of the book begins, naturally enough, with a look at Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Probably more than any other modern IOC President, Samaranch has drastically changed (and for the better, I believe) the face of the Games. The following chapters identify the important roles that the International Olympic Academy and Cultural Olympic Program play in spreading the Olympic word. A current look at the Centennial Games of 1996 in Atlanta precedes Lucas' last chapter containing his previously mentioned series of recommendations. Overall, the book thoroughly covers the subject — and more.

As *Future of the Olympic Games* is very much a scholarly work (no surprise, since John Lucas is one of the world's foremost Olympic Historians), the text occasionally adopts a pedantic tone. Surprisingly, though, it is quite readable, no doubt due to the brevity of chapters (each one averages eight to ten pages) and the skillful manner in which Lucas leads the reader from one chapter to the next.

The strength of this study lies not only in the depth of its research, but in the breadth of sources that the author has consulted. Far from being a "puff" piece lauding the Olympic Movement, Olympic Games, and their contributions to society, Lucas cites opinions ranging from anti-Olympics neo-Marxist journalists to pro-Olympics members of the IOC. Only then does he tie these seemingly disparate viewpoints together with his own assessment of the subject. Every reference, whether a personal conversation, newspaper article, journal, or book, is carefully cited in endnotes that appear at the conclusion of each chapter. Often, these notes are as illuminating as the text. The one weakness of the book is that a summary bibliography of references is not provided. However, if a researcher knows what type of information he is searching for, then chapter divisions will likely lead him to pertinent sources.

Part of the joy of philately is learning more about one's subject, and in the process discovering new avenues for expanding a thematic collection or exhibit. This reviewer considers himself to be fairly conversant with the subject matter, yet I learned a great deal from Lucas' analyses. For example, the IOC has received much criticism for expanding its Olympic sponsorship program, and in the process filling its own coffers to the tune of over a billion dollars. What I hadn't realized is that an IOC committee known as the Olympic Solidarity Fund exists for the sole purpose of spending this largesse on strengthening the Olympic Movement worldwide through programs benefiting everyone from the elite athlete down to the recreational sportsman. Much of this money, naturally enough, is funneled through the National Olympic Committees of developing countries, where spending on sport is minimal at best. This, in turn, fulfills Coubertin's original guiding precept that the moral, physical, and psychological benefits derived from sport will further the cause of global peace and brotherhood.

While one need not agree with all the proposals that the author sets out (I didn't) this book has the potential to make one think — and therein lies its true value.

An added benefit for the Olympic philatelist in particular, is the organization of the book. It is eminently possible to construct a wonderful exhibit on the Games using modern thematic material arranged around the chapters and subheadings. Even one or more chapters may, by themselves, prove useful in augmenting an existing exhibit.

Is this book worthy of being included in the library of the sport or Olympic philatelist? To that question I answer with an unqualified 'yes.' □

Reviews of Periodicals

by D. Weihrauch & S. Podolsky

IMOS Bulletin

International Motivgruppen Olympiaden und Sport (IMOS). May 1992 *Bulletin*, series No. 74. Page size 6 x 8 1/4 inches. Annual subscription 20 DM. Available from Hubert Huber, Justus-von-Liebig Strasse 14, W-6707 Schifferstadt, Germany.

All *IMOS Bulletins* are entirely in German. Pages are loose and usually not hole-punched. Some sections are several pages long and printed on folded sheets. This arrangement allows the subscriber to retain certain sections while discarding others not of interest. The retained sections can easily be classified and filed. The quality of the illustrations varies from poor to good. Sections that are heavily illustrated are the most useful to those not familiar with German.

The first section consists of 20 pages on yellow paper. The title page features a registered cover from OLYMPEX-PO '92 in Albertville-Grignon. The second page lists officers and printer information along with society news, usually about meetings and exhibitions, a book review, and letters.

There is a report on a new society for sport and Olympic collectors in Italy. It is UIFOS, Unione Italiana Filatelisti Olimpici e Sportivi, under the presidency of Maurizio Tecardi. The secretary is Dr. Bruno Cataldi Tassoni, Via Monti Tiburtini 600, I-100150 Rome, Italy. The final page indexes all the sections in the bulletin.

Some of the sections are an ongoing series of subjects. A new series on archery, without page numbers, includes archery cancellations issued up to the year 1960.

Another section contains pages numbers 31 through 40 dealing with covers and cancellations for the 1936 Olympic Winter Games at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The next section, four pages numbered 37 to 40, deals with the fiftieth anniversary of this 1936 Winter Olympic city, and features a list of the winners with their scores.

An untitled continuing series, with pages numbered 102 through 110, deals with the registry labels for the 1936 Olympic Games at Berlin. A specialized study can be made of the registry labels focusing on the size of the wording and the letters following the registry numbers (Figure 1).

An eight-page section is a reprint of an article that appeared in 1936, titled "Briefmarken werben für den Sport!" (Postage Stamps Advertise Sports!). It is an illustrated overview of sport and Olympic philately to 1936.

"Olympia-Stempelneuheiten" by Manfred Winterheimer is an ongoing report on Olympic cancellations. The current edition of eleven pages describes and illustrates many cancellations dealing with the 1992 Winter Games from a wide variety of countries. "Sport-Stempelneuheiten," also by Winterheimer, consists of four pages describing and illustrating non-Olympic sport cancellations.

"Neues-Neues-Neues" has four pages on late-breaking news. Berlin is promoted as a candidate for the Olympic Games in the year 2000.

The German Sports Museum republishes articles in the *IMOS Bulletin*. Eight pages deal with various subjects.

Another continuing series deals with sports postal stationery (this section is hole-punched). The current installment, on unnumbered pages, lists and illustrates official postal stationery issued in 1986 for Japan, Yugoslavia and Korea. Some postal stationery bear privately applied illustrations which are listed separately.

New members and membership changes take up three pages. Eight pages consist of membership buy and sell advertising. Some members supplement their want lists with illustrations. Listings can be extensive and include books and reports.

The final section of eight unnumbered pages is titled "Eistalbote" which seems to translate into "ice valley messenger," consisting of a mixture of items. The most interesting is a German inflation cover of 1923, but I am unable to determine its relationship to sports philately. Two pages are devoted to German field post cancellations of World War I, including those of the German military mission in Turkey. Again, the relationship to sports philately is not clear. The final page shows two pictorial cancels for a Sports Stamp Show in Austria in 1969.

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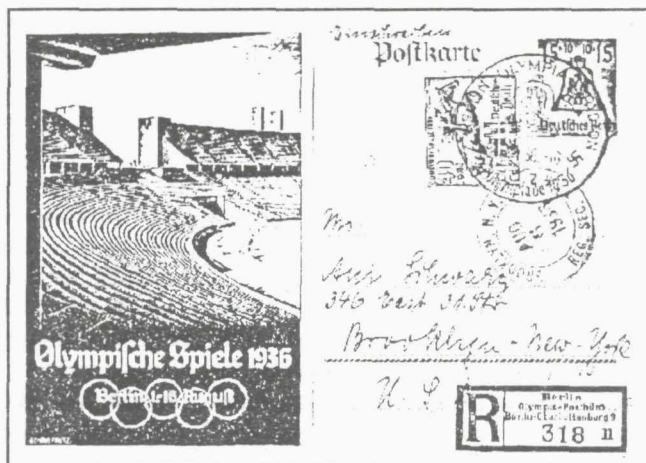


Figure 1. A postal card showing a registry label for the Olympia-Postburo, Berlin-Charlottenburg 9. This is an "n" series label accompanied by an Olympia-Stadion postmark dated 23.7.36 (prior to the Opening Day of the Games on August 1, 1936). A study can be made correlating the registry label series to the postmark types and dates.

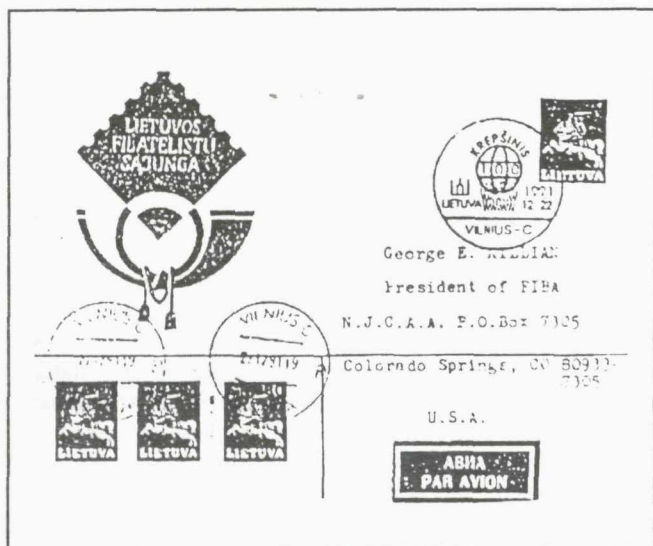


Figure 2. The 100th anniversary of basketball is commemorated by this special cancel from Lithuania.

Basketball Philatelic News

The June 1992 issue of this newsletter for basketball collectors consists mainly of reproductions of new stamps, postmarks and meters relating to the sport. The lead article by knowledgeable Italian basketball collector Luciano Calenda comments on material which has previously been presented in the newsletter. In particular he calls attention to the likelihood that some of the postmarks previously shown may be unofficial and thus unacceptable in an exhibit.

New material shown in this issue includes Lithuanian covers commemorating basketball. One in particular (Figure 2) salutes the sport's 100th anniversary.

To subscribe to "Basketball Philatelic News" write to George E. Killian, Editor, c/o National Junior College Athletic Association, P.O. Box 7305, Colorado Springs, CO 80933-7305.

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Phila-Sport

The second issue of the Italian language publication *Phila-Sport* (dated April-June 1992) totals 44 pages plus covers. In terms of content, it is even better than the inaugural issue. (Regrettably, the copy that I received is



Figure 3. *Phila-Sport* discusses privately-issued versus officially produced stamp booklets. This rare Danish booklet from 1934, depicting tennis on the interleaf, is representative of the latter type.

missing pages 21-24.) This issue of the periodical includes a long article on youth fencing competitions; several shorter articles dealing with bicycle racing; a wrapup on the French stamps, booklets, cancels and official postcards issued for the Albertville Olympics; and excellent coverage of new sports stamp issues worldwide. There are also many shorter articles dealing briefly with various aspects of sports philately.

Among the short articles are a review of OLYMP-EXPO '92, the invitational stamp exhibition held at Albertville in connection with the Winter Olympics; a presentation of new Lithuanian stationery and cancels; and reproductions of basketball material commemorating the sport's 100th anniversary. There is also an article discussing the distinction between official stamp booklets (issued by a postal authority) which may contain advertisements, and booklets prepared and issued by private sponsors, who supply a commemorative or advertising cover and attach strips of sheet stamps within. Illustrative of a privately-prepared booklet is one containing Czechoslovakia Scott #2562. An officially issued booklet is represented by a rarity greatly sought after by tennis collectors: a 1934 Danish booklet with interleaf advertising showing a tennis player (Figure 3).

Included with each issue of *Phila-Sport* is a net price sale of members' duplicates of sports-related philatelic material. To inquire about membership in UIFOS, and to receive its journal, write to the organization's headquarters, Via dei Monti Tiburtini 600, 00157 Rome (Italy).

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Figure 4. An interesting meter from Czechoslovakia depicting a weight lifter from the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics is reproduced in the June 1992 issue of *Sports Meter Line*.

Sports Meter Line

This newsletter is devoted to sports-related meters from around the world, and is compiled by SPI Director and Auction Manager Glenn Estus. Volume 2, #1 of June 1992, consists mainly of reproductions of meters promoting Barcelona's candidature for the 1992 Summer Olympic Games and Barcelona official sponsor meters. There are also reproductions of meters of the French firm AGF from towns throughout France publicizing sports of the Albertville Olympics, and a page of worldwide basketball meters.

A new member of this study group from Czechoslovakia contributed a meter illustrating a weight lifter (Figure 4). The meter commemorates Czech participation in this sport at the 1932 Summer Olympics at Los Angeles. As membership from abroad increases, the number and variety of meters shown should expand accordingly.

Membership in this study group, which costs \$5, includes a one year subscription (4 issues) to *Sports Meter Line*. Write to Glenn A. Estus, P.O. Box 451, Westport, NY 12993. *D. Weihrauch*

La Philatelie Thematique Groupe Sports

Issue #44 for the second quarter of 1992 of the periodical of the Sports Group of the French Thematic Association contains short articles on rugby, cycling, and boating. Additionally there is an article on OLYMPEXPO '92, the invitational stamp exhibition held in Albertville during the Winter Olympics; on French permanent town postmarks (known as "flammas") depicting swimming pools; and the continuation of an article on Olympism, devoted to the publicity meters of candidate cities and private firms.

The articles in this periodical are usually short on text and long on illustrations. One of the more interesting illustrations is the cover of a 1992 French booklet [depicted in Figures 1 and 2 on page 23 of this issue of *JSP*] publicizing M&M's candies, sponsors of the 1992 Olympics.

Issue #45 has articles on Albertville '92, on water sports (specifically sailing), and on archery, soccer, rowing and horse-ball (described as a type of equestrian basketball). The continuation of an article on Olympism consists mainly of illustrations of various Olympic sports, the year each first became a medal sport, and the gold medalist in that first Olympic competition. *D. Weihrauch*

Torch Bearer

The August 1992 issue of this quarterly publication of the Society of Olympic Collectors includes several long articles of interest to any collector of Olympic material. For example, there is an article on the East German philatelic material which was produced in connection with the 1985 IOC Congress in Berlin. Another concerns the series of GDR stamps prepared for issuance in connection with the 1984 Olympics, presumably all destroyed by the printer when the Eastern Bloc countries decided to boycott the Games. It appears, however, that one sheet of each stamp has now surfaced. There is also a profile of American Olympian Jesse Owens; a discussion of new trading cards for the 1992 Olympics issued by several British firms; a summary of philatelic material planned or already issued by Norway for Lillehammer 1994; and a report on UK sponsors of the 1992 Games. Finally, there is a long article by Francesca Rapkin on the Berlin Games, reprinted from a 1987 issue of *London Philatelist*. A transcript is included of a paper by Vic Manikian entitled "Development of an Exhibit," which was presented during an SOC meeting at Stamp World London 1990.

Torch Bearer is the quarterly magazine of the Society of Olympic Collectors, and costs £9 or U.S. \$17.50. Obtain a membership application from the secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, 258 Torrisholme Road, Lancaster LA1 2TU, Great Britain. Members joining after January 1 receive the back issues to the beginning of the year. *D. Weihrauch*

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News of Our Members

by Clem Reiss & Dorothy Weihrauch

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- 1842R Mary Harris, 256 Edgevale Rd., Columbus, OH 43209. She collects only golf. (Jones)
- 1843R Los Orre, 4 Verburg St., Jerusalem, Israel 96544. He is a clerk and collects basketball. (Reiss)
- 1844R Bob Tronolone, Box 6776, Burbank, CA 91510-6776. He collects auto racing and all automobiles. (La Porta)
- 1845R J.H. Carruthers, 8 Malone Ave., Gamerville, NY 10923. (Reiss)
- 1846R Davida Kristy, 515 Ocean Ave., #608S, Santa Monica, CA 90402. She collects Olympics, especially De Coubertin. (Reiss)
- 1847R William Cox, 338 Santa Helena, Solana Beach, CA 92025. He is a college administrator and collects rowing. (Jones)

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Sports & Olympics Exhibits Awards

Local and Regional Shows

FLORIDA WEST COAST STAMP EXPO '92, presented by the Associated Stamp Clubs of Tampa Bay, held in March 1992, at Tarpon Springs, Florida. A first place youth award went to Stephanie Hammon for "International Olympics."

SPRINGPEX '92, held at Springfield, VA in March 1992, sponsored by the Springfield Stamp Club. The Reserve Grand, a gold and the ATA gold award went to Joan Bleakley for "Volleyball." A vermeil was awarded to Lorraine E. Bailey for an exhibit entitled "Baseball." Bailey's exhibit also won the American First Day Cover Society award. At the literature competition held in connection with this show, the *Journal of Sports Philately* received

a silver; the *1991-1993 Members Handbook* of SPI was awarded a silver bronze; and a bronze award went to James Danner, author of *Basketball on U.S. Postage Stamps*.

AUSPEX '92, held in March 1992 in Austin, Texas, sponsored by the Austin Stamp Club. Eleanore Rude received a silver for "Host of the Olympiads."

FRESPEX '92, sponsored by the Fresno Philatelic Society, held in March at Fresno, CA. James Bowman received the Grand award and a gold for "1936 Olympische Spiele." A silver went to Virginia Clift for "Host Countries of the Summer Olympic Games, 1896-1964." Jennifer Lind won a silver bronze and the AAPE pin for excellence of presentation for "Sports Around the World."

National Shows

FILATELIC FIESTA '92, held in March at San Jose, CA under the sponsorship of the San Jose Stamp Club. A youth award of a silver bronze was presented to Samantha Burde for "U.S. Olympic Stamps."

ROMPEX '92, sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibitions, held in Denver, CO in March. A silver bronze, the ATA silver award and the Apfelbaum novice award went to Gary and Holly Gibson for "The Dimensions of Gymnastics."

OKPEX '92, held in Oklahoma City in May, sponsored by the Oklahoma City Stamp Club. Don Beuthel won a vermeil, the APS post-1940 research medal and the AAPE award for excellence of presentation for "Nordic Skiing."

ROYAL '92, the Canadian national show sponsored by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, held in Edmonton, Alberta in May. Two youth exhibitors received awards for sports-related exhibits. Helen Powell, competing in the 18-21 year old class, received a vermeil, the ATA silver and the SPI certificate for her exhibit called "The Competitive Horse." Ian Cochrane, competing in the 14-17 year old class, received a silver, the JPA blue ribbon and the SPI certificate for his exhibit entitled "Soccer."

International Shows

Information is incomplete on the sports and Olympics exhibit awards from Granada '92, a show held under FIP patronage at Granada, Spain, from April 24-May 3. The only information available is that U.S. exhibitor Maria Kuzmin received a bronze for "Olympism"; Sebastian Sabate Culla of Spain a vermeil for "History of the Olympic Games"; and Dieter Germann of Germany, a large vermeil for "Olympische Spiele in Deutschland 1936."

On Sports & Olympic Exhibiting

by James Bowman

Whether you happen to be an exhibitor, a collector, or an accumulator, the field of pictorial Printed-to-Private-Order (PTPO) postal stationery is an often overlooked facet of philately that can be quite rewarding to the collectors of sports-related topics. My interests are limited primarily to the issues of Germany and I will base my discussion and illustrations using the material relative to that country, although there are excellent sports-related pictorial PTPO issues from other countries.

In Germany, the privilege of submitting privately prepared stationery cards to the Government for an imprint of the current stamp design for a fee was instituted in late 1871, but it was not until 1896 that any significant number of PTPO stationery items began to appear. At this point, I must mention that there are other pictorial stationery items of this period that may appear to be PTPO but in fact are Private Printings on Official Issues which are referred to as "Zudruck." In preparing this type of issue, i.e., Zudruck, the official issue postal stationery is purchased from the postal authorities and the pictorials are subsequently printed on the already purchased postal stationery. In a future column, I will provide more detail on the Zudruck issues, but for now, I will limit my comments to the PTPO issues.

In *JSP* Vol. 29, Issue #3 (p. 32), I introduced one of my favorite sports-related PTPO cards issued for the 1899 National German Sports Exhibition held in Munich (Bavaria) along with the commemorative postmark for that exhibition. In all, there are 23 different PTPO stationery cards in the series but only 12 different views—the address side of

some views being found in one or more different formats. The type illustrated in Figure 1 can be found in black, green, or brown. Figure 2 shows another type, always in black, but the length of "Postkarte" can be 24mm, 27mm, or 30mm. However, all types are not found with all views.

The Figure 3 card is particularly interesting in that several sports, i.e., tennis, cycling, croquet, ballooning, barbell lifting, and shooting are readily identified. This card is often seen in tennis thematics. Figures 4 and 5 are two other views from the series.

The PTPO pictorial stationery cards issued for the 10th German Turnfest at Nurnberg in 1903 provide six different views relating to the gymnastic and sports festivals of that period. In addition to a colorful view on the reverse side of the cards, the face or address side also depicts sporting events. Figure 6 features crossbow shooting on the address side and is also postmarked with the special Turnfest cancellation. A typical reverse side view (Figure 7) features (in wreath) Johann Friedrich Ludwig Jahn (1778-1852), who founded the first German Gymnastics Center in 1810 and is considered by many as the founder of organized sports in Germany. Another card, Figure 8, is much sought after by Olympic Games collectors as it depicts an Olympic Games Festival Procession.

Hopefully, this brief introduction to PTPO postal stationery will serve to whet the appetite of sport philatelists and particularly those interested in exhibiting. PTPO stationery is one of the essential elements of any thematic exhibit.



Figure 1. One of 23 different German PTPO cards issued in 1899 for the National German Sports Exhibition in Munich.



Figure 2. A similar card to that illustrated in Figure 1. However, note the variation in the type style of the word "Postkarte."

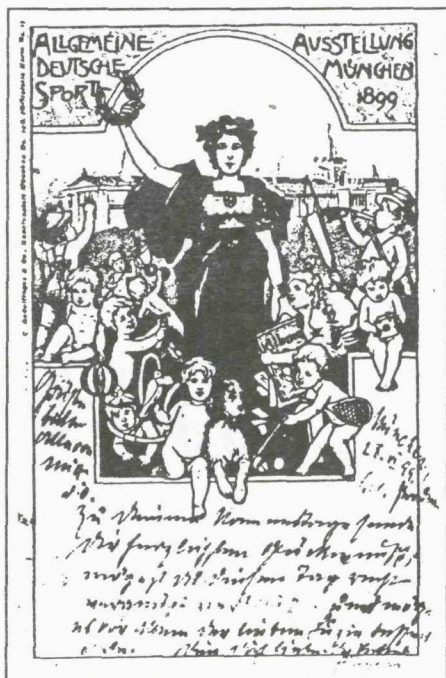
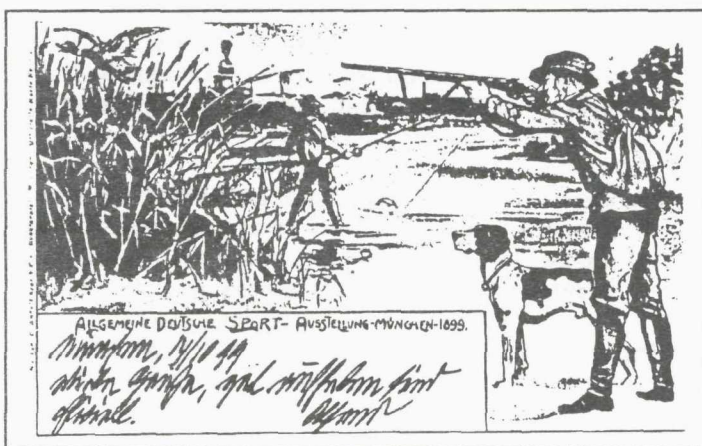


Figure 3. A versatile PTPO card that could be used in a tennis, cycling, croquet, ballooning, barbell lifting or shooting thematic exhibit.



Figures 4 and 5. Two additional PTPO cards in the same series as the one in Figure 3. Fishing and hunting are shown above, while cycling is portrayed below.

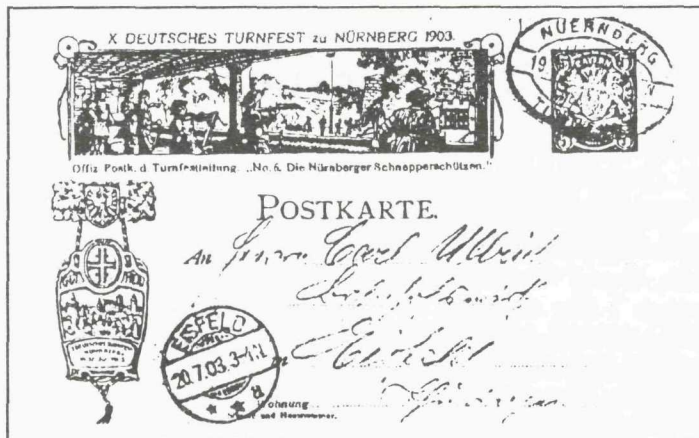
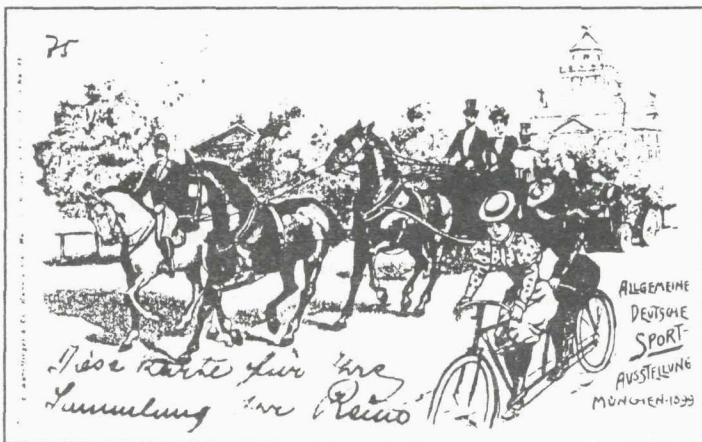


Figure 6. This PTPO card for the 1903 German Turnfest in Nurnberg features crossbow shooting, which would make an interesting addition to any Archery exhibit!

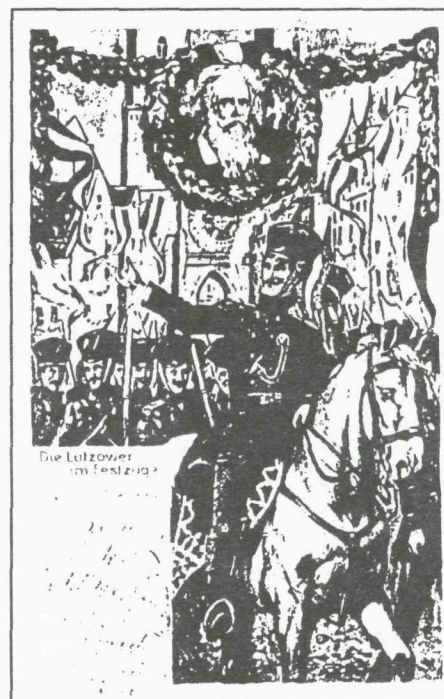


Figure 7. The Turnfest cards depicted in Figures 6 & 8 often portrayed J.F.L. Jahn, the father of gymnastics.



Figure 8. A prized PTPO card similar to the one in Figure 6. This card depicts an Olympic Games Procession and bears the 1903 Turnfest cancel.

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 Stamps Issues editor.

Mexico: 16 June 1991, GRAND PREMIER OF FORMULA ONE RACING IN MEXICO. 1000p.

24 August 1991, 8TH MEXICO CITY MARATHON. 700p (two runners with city in background).

20 November 1991, 16TH CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAMES. Four 750P values: animated male and female figures, male with torch; Mayan ball player; Mayan ball player; ball court and stone ring.

Monaco: 26 April 1991, '92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games & '92 ALBERTVILLE Winter Olympic Games. Four stamps (two se-tenant pairs): 3f and 4f (cross-country skiers), 3f and 4f (relay runners, one receiving and one passing baton). Designs are continuous through each pair of stamps. Scott #1758-9, 1758a,b, and 1759a,b.



Netherlands: 6 November 1991, CHILD WELFARE. Three semi-postal stamps depicting games: 60c+30c (playing with dolls and robots), 70c+35c (cycle race), 80c+40c (playing hide and seek).

Netherlands Antilles: 13 March 1991, DEEP SEA DIVING. Two values depict divers: 10c (scuba diver), 75c (skindiver). Scott #644, 647.

New Caledonia: 7 September 1991, 9TH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES. 170F (logo of the games).

New Zealand: 21 August 1991, '91 RUGBY WORLD CUP. Four values and one s/s: 80c (children playing rugby), \$1 (women playing rugby), \$1.50 (senior rugby), \$1.80 (All Blacks performing haka, Maori war dance celebrating victory), \$2.40 s/s containing the \$1.80 stamp. Scott #1054-7.

Nicaragua: 20 December 1986, '86 WORLD CUP SOCCER. 100c s/s (players in action). Scott #C1150.

** 20 December 1986, '86 WORLD CUP SOCCER. Set of seven and one s/s have now been assigned Scott #C1143-9, and 1514 (s/s).



1991, ITALIA '90 World Cup Soccer. Two 25c stamps, 50c, 1cor, (scenes of Germany's team), two stamps, 1.50cor and 3cor (Argentina's team), 3.50cor (Italian team).

Niger: 4 June 1990, '92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games. Five stamps and s/s: 85F (gymnastics), 110F (hurdles), 250F (running), 400F (equestrian), 500F (long jump), 600F s/s (cycling). Scott #818A, B, C, D, E, and F.

28 March 1991, '92 ALBERTVILLE Winter Olympic Games. Four stamps: 110F (speed skating), 300F (ice hockey), 500F (downhill skiing), 600F (luge). Scott #C392-5.

Norway: 11 October 1991, '94 LILLEHAMMER Winter Olympic Games. S/s of four stamps depicting Norwegian athletes: skiers Johan Gruttnunnsbraten, Birger Ruud, Magnar Solberg and Knut Johannesen.

Pakistan: 19 July 1991, '91 INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS. 7R (runner and logo). Scott #747.

Papua New Guinea: 26 June 1991, '91 SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES. Four stamps: 21t, 40t, 50t, and 80t (sports in action). Scott #771-4.

Paraguay: 8 April 1991, PARTICIPATION OF UNIFIED GERMANY IN THE 1992 OLYMPICS. Silver overprint noting Germany's participation and the 200th anniversary of the Brandenburg Gate and including Olympic rings and the gate on the se-tenant strip of 1g, 2g, 3g, 5g 1996 and 1992 Summer Olympic stamps issued in 1990; on 25g 1990 500th Anniversary of the Post; on sheetlet of four 30g 1989 Seoul Olympic Medalists airmail stamps and five labels.

Peru: 5 February 1991, IV SOUTH AMERICAN GAMES (Type of 1990). Four stamps featuring Olympic logo and an event: 560,000I (swimming), 580,000I (equestrian), 600,000I (sailboat), and 620,000I (tennis).

Pitcairn Islands: 24 March 1991, BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS. S/s of six designs, each 80c, one of which shows islanders in cricket match. Scott #347d.

Portugal: 9 October 1991, OLYMPIC SPORTS. Four value set: 35e, 60e, 80e and 110e. Designs not noted.

Romania: 19 March 1990, Preliminaries of ITALIA '90 World Cup Soccer. Six stamps and s/s: 50b, 1.50L, 2L, 3L, 4L, 5L, and 10L s/s depicting various players in action and flags.

7 May 1990, ITALIA '90 World Cup Soccer (Final Tour). Eight stamps and one s/s: 50b, 1L, 1.50L, 2L, 3L, 3.50L, 4L, 5L (various players in action and flags), 10L s/s (colosseum, map and flags). Scott #3602-9.

Rwanda: 21 May 1991, ITALIA '90 World Cup Soccer. Six stamps: 2F, 4F, 5F, 10F, 40F, and 45F (various action scenes).

St. Pierre and Miquelon: 24 August 1991, BASQUE SPORTS. 5F (person hitting ball against wall with paddle, similar to racquetball). Scott #558.

St Vincent: 25 March 1991, FLINTSTONES HIGHLIGHT SPORTS. Eight stamps and two s/s: 10c (Pebbles Flintstone boxing Hoppy—pet hopperoo), 15c (Fred Flintstone kicking soccerball to Dino), 45c (Fred losing rowing race to Barney Rubble), 55c (Betty Rubble, Wilma Flintstone, and Pebbles in equestrian competition), \$1 (Fred making dunkshot in basketball game), \$2 (Fred as referee, Barney losing wrestling match), \$4 (Fred smashing tennis ball towards Barney), \$5 (Fred, Dino and Barney in cycling race), \$6 s/s (Fred sliding into homeplate), \$6 s/s (Fred at plate, Barney as catcher and Dino pitching). Scott #1465-74.

San Marino: 22 March 1991, '92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games. Three stamps all featuring Olympic rings and runners carrying torch through various cities: 400L (leaving Athens), 600L (through San Marino), 2000L (Barcelona). Scott #1232-4.

4 June 1991, CENTENARY OF BASKETBALL. Two stamps: 650L (old basket, ball, new net and ball), 750L (James Naismith who made the rules for the game, and two players in action). Scott #1235-6.

Saudi Arabia: 1990, FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN. Se-tenant block of four 75h designs, one of which depicts a sports stadium. Scott #1138, 1138c.

Senegal: 5 November 1990, BOY SCOUTS. Set of four stamps depicting scouting emblems, one of which depicts hiking, 100F.

17 January 1991, PARIS-DAKAR RALLY. Four values: 15F (race car in small box in foreground,

desert in background), 125F (car and motorcycle), 180F (car racing in water), (220F two motorcycles and beach).

Solomon Islands: 8 August 1991, 9th SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES. Four stamps and one s/s: 25 (volleyball), 40c (judo), 65c (squash), 90c (bowling and \$2 s/s logo with border showing flags of participating countries). Scott #694-8.

Spain: 7 March 1991, '92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games (Series VI). Three semi-postal stamps: 15+5p (Pentathlon, graphic symbols with schematic drawing of the event's modern variations, horseback rider, fencer, pistol shooter, swimmer and runner); 25+5p (canoeing), 45+5p (rowing).

12 April 1991, '92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games. 25p stamp (Children's drawing of Olympic rings and sailboats). Scott #2645.

Sweden: 27 August 1991, OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALISTS. Booklet of eight stamps, se-tenant block of four 2.50Kr stamps each depicting Olympic rings plus athlete: Magda Julin figure skating (1920); Toini Gustaffson cross-country skiing (1968); Ulrika Knape high diving (1972); and Agneta Andersson and Anna Olsson canoeing (1984). Scott #1894-7, 1894a.

Syria: 22 July 1991, MEDITERRANEAN GAMES ATHENS. Two 550p stamps (soccer and running); one 600p stamp (horse jumping), one 1300p s/s (dolphins).

Tanzania: 17 November 1990, ITALIA '90 World Cup Soccer. Five stamps: 9/- (taking a long throw-in), 13/- (penalty kick), 25/- (dribbling), 100/- (corner kick), 50/- (trophy and world map).

Thailand: 12 January 1991, CHILDREN'S DAY. Four stamps depicting children's games: 2b (tops), 3b (opening a pinata), 5b (race), 6b (blind-man's bluff).

Tonga: DOI Unknown, UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 40TH ANNIVERSARY. Four se-tenant stamps (two 57s and two 2pa). One "tourism" stamp depicts windsurfer, and one "education" stamp depicts boys playing ball. Scott #760-3, 761a, 763a.

2 July 1991, ROUND THE WORLD YACHT RACE. One 5pa s/s containing five 1pa stamps and a label, each stamp depicts a different yacht against a sky scene from dawn to night.

29 October 1991, SIU'A'ALO (ROWING COMPETITION). Three single stamps and a se-tenant pair of stamps: 42s (rowing team of eight women), 57s (men's rowing), 1p (Polynesian canoe relay), se-tenant pair of 2p stamps (tautasi or Polynesian longboat).

Tunisia: 27 May 1991, TUNISIAN OLYMPIC MOVE-

MENT. 150m (runner and the Olympic logo).

Tuvalu: 31 July 1991, 9TH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES.

Set of four stamps: 40c (soccer), 50c (volleyball), 60c (lawn tennis), \$1.50 (cricket). Scott #574-7.

Uganda: 25 February 1991, '92 BARCELONA Summer Olympic Games. Five stamps and two s/s: 20/- (women's 100-meter hurdles), 40/- (long jump), 125/- (table tennis), 250/- (football (soccer) match), 500/- (men's 800-meter med-distance race), two 1200/- s/s (one depicting opening ceremony, the second depicting women's 4 x 100-meter relay). Scott #869-75.

United States: 21 April 1991, OLYMPICS. 29c definitive: issued in booklet panes of 10 stamps (Olympic rings and flag of United States). Scott #2528 (single), 2528a (pane of 10).9

28 August 1991, 100TH ANNIVERSARY BASKETBALL. 29c (basketball, hoop and players arms). Scott #2560.

31 August 1991, USPS OLYMPIC SPONSORSHIP. \$14 (International Express Mail) stamp depicting eagle

and Olympic rings. Scott #2542. (Note: Only stamps which incorporate the Olympic rings or sports have been included in the U.S. listings. Because the USPS is an official sponsor of the Olympic Games, nearly all commemorative stamps have incorporated the Olympic rings and sponsor statement in the selvage on the sheets of stamps in the printing process. It is left up to the individual collector whether to include those issues in his/her collection.

Uruguay: 4 July 1991, 7TH PAN-AMERICAN MAC-CABIAH GAMES. 1490p (logo of the games). Scott #1369.

Wallis & Futuna Islands: 24 May 1991, FRENCH OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP CENTENNIAL. 250F (tennis players in action poses). Scott #C167.

Western Samoa: 21 October 1991, WORLD RUGBY CUP. \$5 s/s (Samoan team captain Peter Fatialofa and another player, the border shows Twickenham, the world cup trophy and the Western Samoa Rugby Football Union badge).

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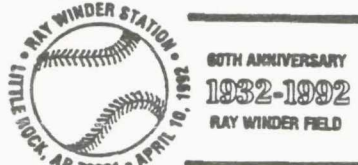
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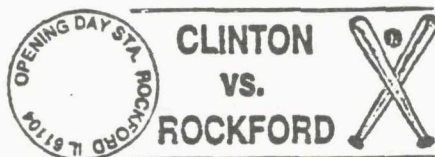
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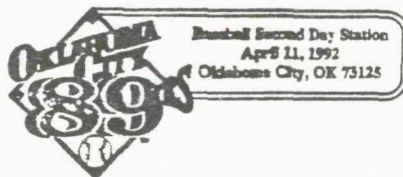
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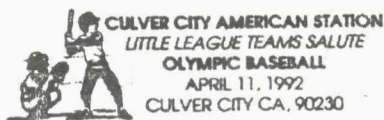
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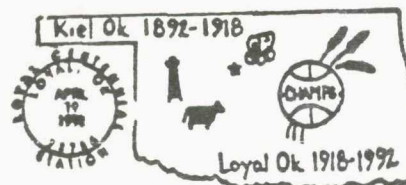
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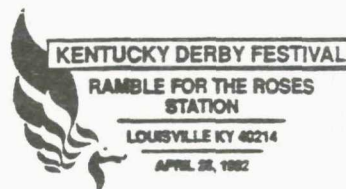
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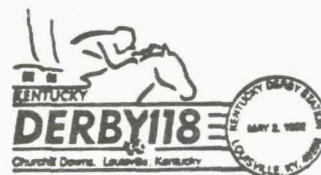
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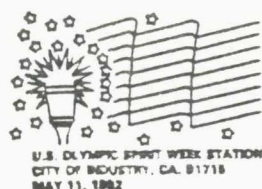
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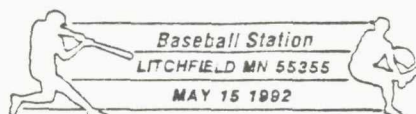
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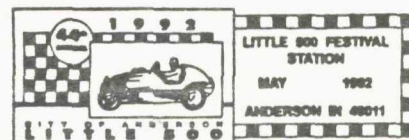


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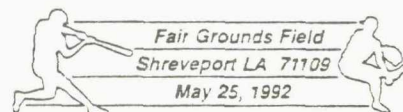
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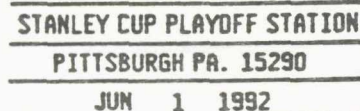
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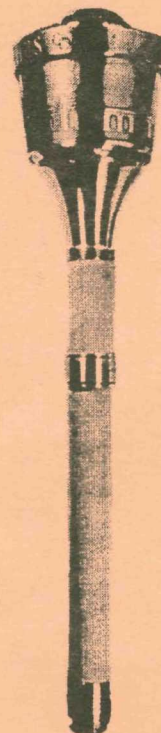
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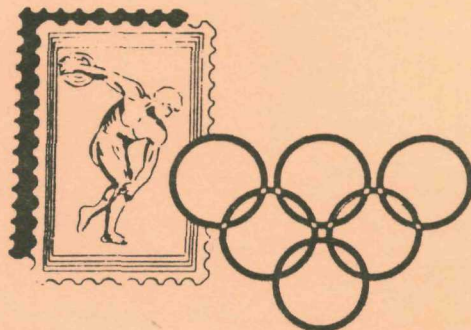
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