

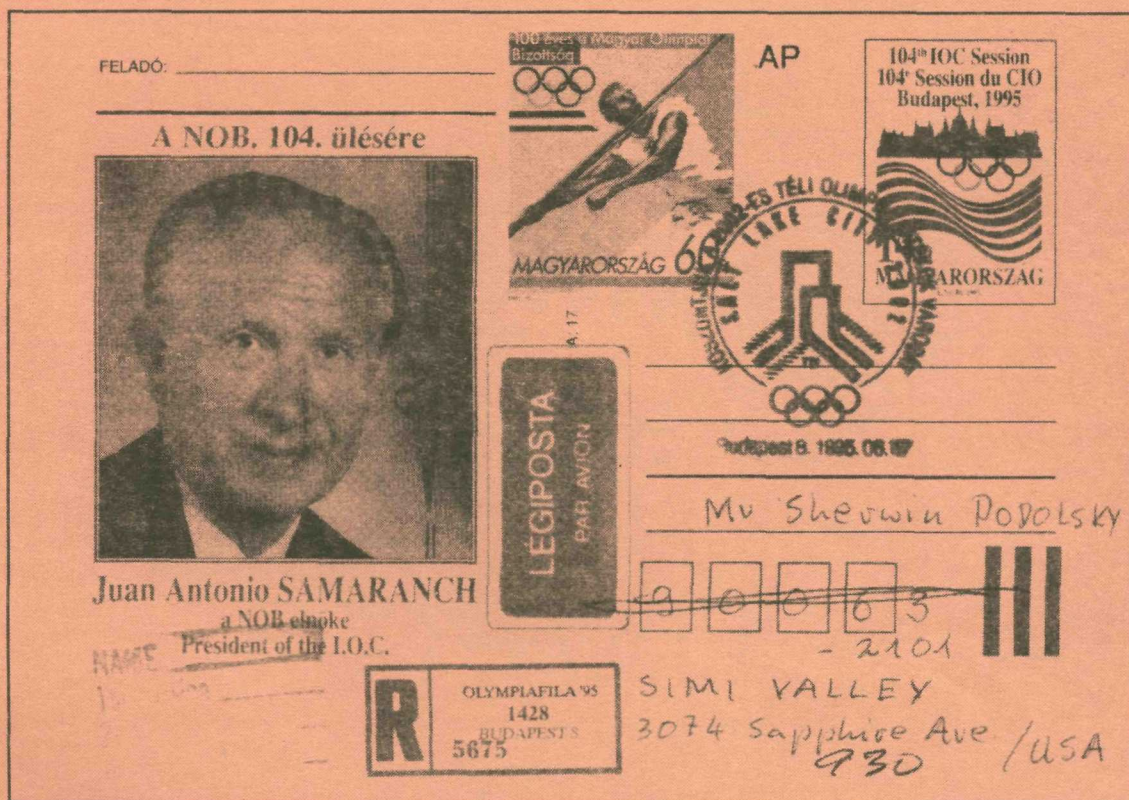
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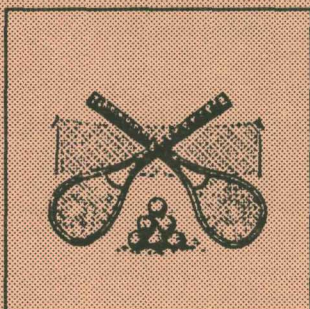
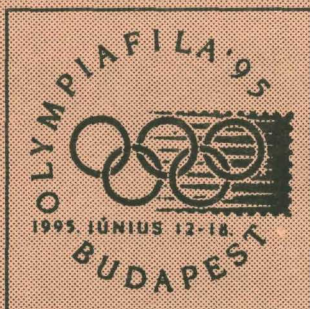
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SPI Convention At VAPEX Is Just Around The Corner

Yes, members, it's nearly time for our 4th Annual SPI Convention! From October 20-22, courtesy of the good folks at VAPEX, we'll be meeting for three fun-packed days at Virginia Beach, Virginia. If you haven't done so already, I urge you to make your hotel reservations and book your seats at Saturday's awards banquet. At last count, we had filled most of our commitment for frames. We even have some new exhibitors entered! For more information, please refer to page 33 of this issue.

Those of you who have attended our previous conventions know that we have a darn good time. For many, this is a great opportunity to see old friends, not to mention spend a few dollars on some choice items from an extensive, and varied, dealer bourse. And if you are putting together your own sports or Olympic exhibit, or merely expanding on your existing collection, this is the premier venue to obtain some helpful ideas and guidance.

I would also like to direct your attention to the enclosed SPI Table Volunteer Form. Manning the table for an hour or two during the course of the event is an easy way to help out your society. It's also an opportunity to rest those weary dogs after tromping down the exhibit aisles or crouching over dealers' stock! If each SPI member who attends VAPEX does a turn at the table, we'll have no trouble filling all the time slots. Please complete the form and mail it back to me as soon as possible.

Our general meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon (October 21). Following a (very) brief general meeting, one of SPI's most

distinguished Olympic philatelists in the U.S., Morris Rosen, will speak about a facet of the Olympic Games and its philately. I promise you that we'll be done in time for you to freshen up before the cocktail reception and awards banquet!

For SPI, this will be our first meeting in Virginia. Originally a Virginian myself, I am looking forward to returning at my favorite time of the year — Autumn. For all of you living in the mid-Atlantic region, why not get away for the weekend and come celebrate with your fellow sports and Olympic collectors at Virginia Beach?

As we start a new year at SPI, and a new volume of our awarding-winning journal, I would like to remind all of you that the articles contained herein do not write themselves. If you haven't contributed something in awhile, or ever, why not take some time before the holiday season arrives and share your knowledge on a favorite Olympic or sports topic. A few ideas:

- A profile of a favorite athlete
- An unusual sports event

Or, for something more challenging, try a theme:

- Politics and the Olympic Games
- Does "amateurism" still exist?
- The impact of drugs on sports
- Are women's sports on a par with men's?

Your editor will be thrilled, and I guarantee you that your fellow SPI members will be suitably impressed. *See you all at VAPEX!*

SPI's World Wide Web Site: <http://www.infopost.com/philately/index.html>

Corrections & Additions

Congratulations on your July-August issue of *JSP*. It has, as usual, some interesting editorials and articles. Unfortunately, some errors and not 100% accurate facts (and omissions) slipped in.

1. "Salt Lake City Grabs the 2002 Winter Olympic Rings!" The correct results were: first place, Salt Lake City; second place (tied), Ostersund [Sweden] and Sion [Switzerland]; fourth place, Quebec [Canada].

You omitted from the Salt Lake City delegation [to Budapest] a leading personality: John Krimsky, Jr. He is Deputy Secretary General of the U.S.O.C. He also is co-chairman of the 1996 Atlanta Games. Not only was he present at the voting ceremony, but if you watched the TV coverage, you would have seen that John Krimsky signed the agreement between Salt Lake City and the I.O.C. on behalf of the U.S.O.C. By the way, John is an ardent Olympic collector, has the largest Olympic memorabilia collection, and is also a big philatelist. Amongst others, he is a member of the Royal. John Krimsky will also host a luncheon in Singapore (for Postal Administrations), at which OLYMPHILEX '96 will be announced and presented to the philatelic world. I believe he deserves a big hand from *JSP*.

2. "The Arts Must Go Hand In Hand With Sport" is a very good research article and study. This is one of the areas in which sports philatelists ought to be more active (the other is "Politics and the Olympic Games"). Some corrections in the article's accuracy are, however, needed:

- Although artists were present at Olympia, this was the only site in ancient Greece at which no arts contests took place.
- The special post office at the stadium in Amsterdam began operating on May 17, 1928. It is, thus, possible to have a special Stadium postmark dated June 12, and not just a standard circular date cancellation.
- The only serious error is the inclusion of Alfred Hajos as a medalist in the 1928 arts contest. Alfred Guttmann-Hajos (his real name was Guttmann — he added the Hungarian name, Hajos, at a later date), won a medal in the 1924 arts contest in Paris. It was at the Paris competition that he won a silver medal rather than the Olympic laurels (a gold medal), which was not awarded in this category in 1924. Hajos shared the

silver medal with Dezso Lauber. (I beg to differ with the editor: Guttmann-Hajos is remembered in Hungary, his home country, much more for his architectural achievements.)

- The name of the future architect of the 1936 stadium was Werner March, not Marh.

The above remarks are just to correct these small errors. They should not diminish the great merit of the author, Vsevolod Furman. An excellent effort, and what a challenge for an Olympic collector.

3. "On Sports and Olympic Exhibiting." Jim Bowman, in his column, is correct in commenting on the OLYMPHILEX '96 entry form. Astrophilately should not figure there as a philatelic class. I surmise that the editors took the classes from a previous entry form and did not know that astrophilately is only a sub-class of aerophilately. The OLYMPHILEX '96 bulletin is clear about it: only aerophilately is mentioned.

To finish on a lighter note: are there any astrophilatelic Olympic items? Not a sufficient number for an exhibit, but in a thematic chapter on televised transmission of the Olympic events, two stamps do exist that also have an astrophilatelic connotation.

Manfred Bergman
Switzerland

[Thanks, Manfred, for the corrections and added information. We regret the omission of SPI member, John Krimsky, from the list of U.S. delegation members at Budapest. The article presented in JSP was based on information contained in a press release obtained from the Salt Lake City Bid Committee two hours after the awarding of the Games. Mr. Krimsky's name was not included, I am sure inadvertently, in that press release. Also, the Salt Lake City Bid Committee press officer to whom I spoke did not know the precise results. He indicated only that Ostersund was second, and that Sion and Quebec tied for third place. Because JSP went to press later that same day, there was no opportunity to wait for more detailed information. For the record, of the 92 possible votes, the results were as follows:

First	Salt Lake City, Utah	54
Second	Ostersund, Sweden	14
	Sion, Switzerland	14
Fourth	Quebec, Canada	7

The total number of votes counted was 89. One ballot was left blank; two others were not registered.]

2002 Olympic Winter Games — The First Steps Have Been Taken

by Thomas Lippert

Step 1: Pre-selection at Lausanne — January 1995

The first steps in preparations for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games are now complete. Following a new selection procedure, candidate cities had to successfully jump two hurdles. On January 23/24, 1995, bid committees made their presentations to the Evaluation Committee of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). A group of experts, headed by Dr. Thomas Bach of Germany, visited all the candidates, using a checklist to rate each proposal. The committee earned a great deal of praise for their work. In fact, by the end of the review process, there was no question which candidate cities would pass this first test. Even the press accurately predicted who the four finalists would be in advance of the Lausanne announcement: Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.; Quebec, Canada; Ostersund, Sweden; and Sion, Switzerland.

Unfortunately, the hopes of the other bid cities went unfulfilled: Sochi, Russia; Poprad, Slovakia; Jaca, Spain; Graz, Austria; and the Tarvisio/Jesenice/Arnoldstein "three country" bid. One other candidate city, Alma Ata, Kazakhstan, missed the boat entirely: they did not submit their candidacy bid to the IOC by the deadline (August 20, 1994).

Tarvisio, Italy — Jesenice, Slovenia — Arnoldstein, Austria

In my opinion, the most unusual bid was by the Italian city of Tarvisio. In reality, this was actually an international effort as it also included the communities surrounding the towns of Jesenice, Slovenia, and Arnoldstein, Austria (Figure 1). Located in the northeastern corner of Italy, the area is known as the Carniche Alps. These three communities already constitute a center for winter sports. Ski enthusiasts may, even today, buy one pass allowing them to enjoy "borderless" skiing throughout the above-mentioned region.

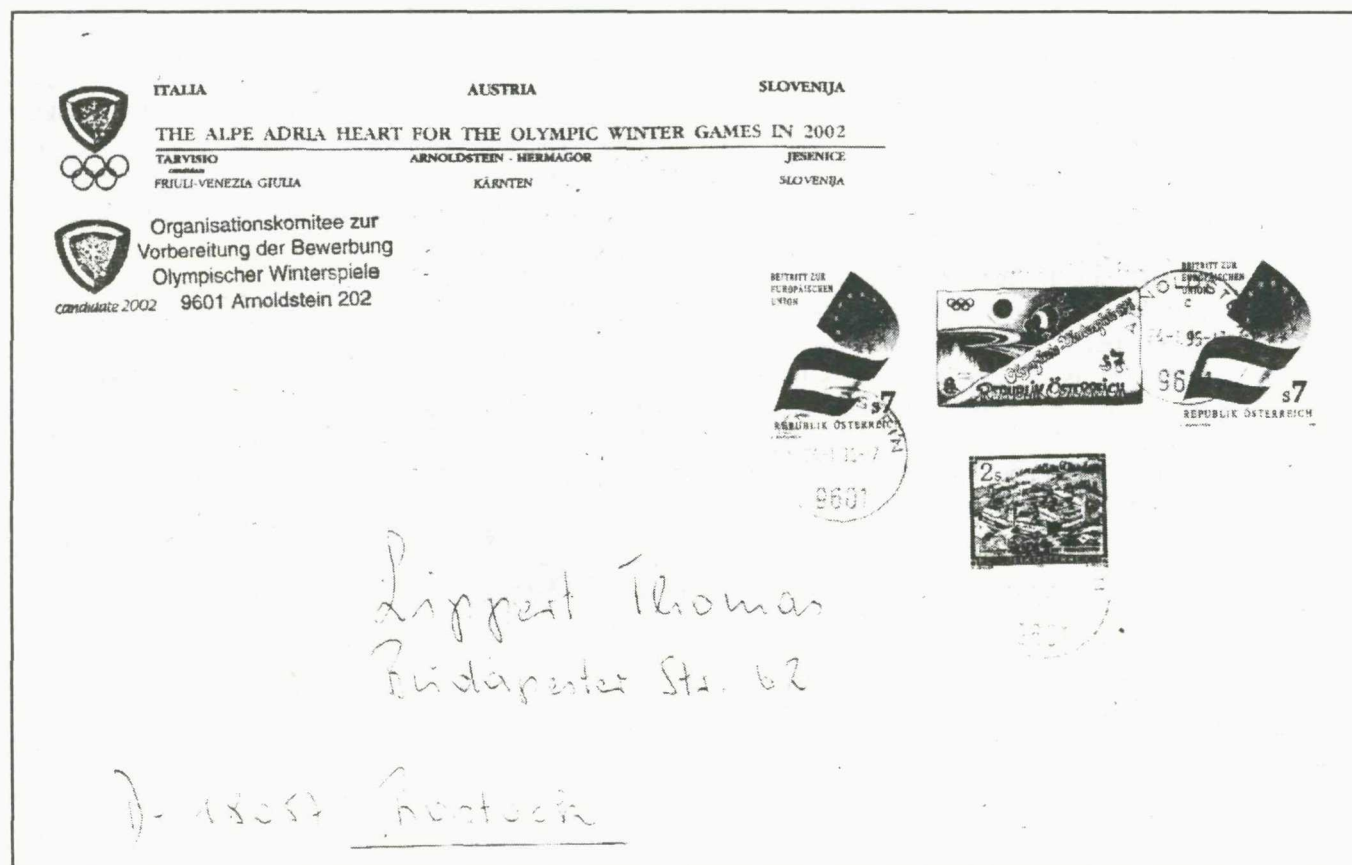


Figure 1. An interesting "three country" bid for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games was submitted by Tarvisio, Italy; Jesenice, Slovenia; and Arnoldstein, Austria.

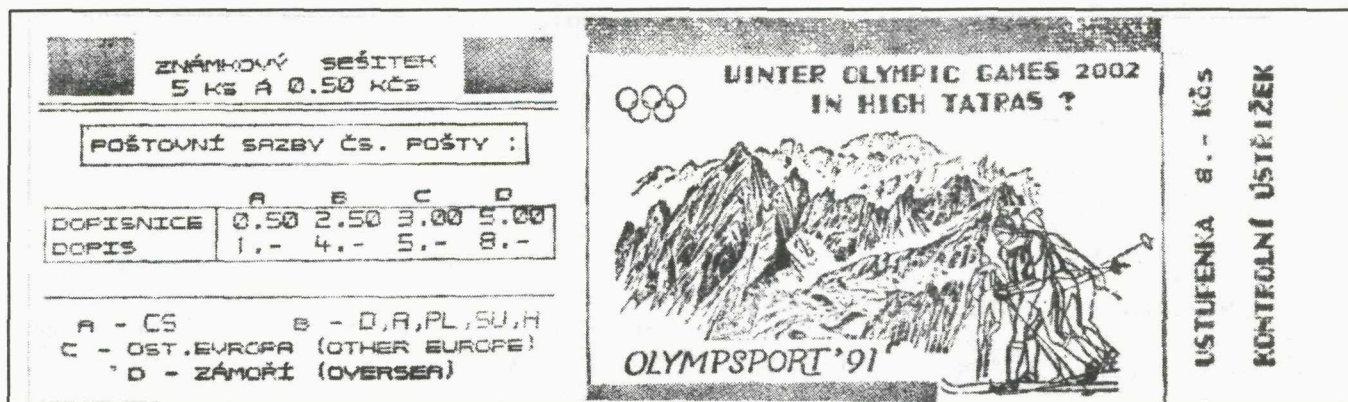


Figure 2. OLYMPSPORT commissioned the printing of a special stamp booklet for the High Tatras bid of Poprad, Slovakia. The booklet contains 5 winter Olympic stamps for the 1992 Albertville Games.

Strictly speaking, the IOC Charter does not allow such intra-country candidacies. But let us remember that the difficult political situation in the Koreas prompted discussion of celebrating the 1988 Olympic Games in both North and South Korea to prevent a boycott. IOC officials also understood that a typical winter sports country like Finland would never have the chance to host an Olympic Winter Games because of the lack of alpine ski courses. To deal with this inequity, the clause in the IOC Charter preventing the conduct of the Games in more than one country was reinterpreted. While a candidate may now propose the conduct of events in more than one country, one city must be the official host. Tarvisio's three-sided bid therefore does not appear to violate the rules.

Looking at a map of the intended competition sites for the Tarvisio bid, we realize that some very well known winter sports facilities are involved: Krajnska Gora and Planica in Slovenia; Cortina d'Ampezzo and Tarvisio in the Italian Region Friaul; and Klagenfurt and Arnoldstein in Austria's Karnten region. Despite the undisputed capabilities of these three communities, there is nevertheless an inherent problem with a partnership in which different levels of governmental institutions must cooperate: a "region" in Italy, a "federal state" in Austria, and the "newly independent state" of Slovenia. This may have left some doubt as to whether the three partners could successfully solve all the problems that could normally be expected to arise in planning such a huge event.

For collectors, only common business covers from the regional authorities are available. Figure 1 illustrates one such envelope from Arnoldstein. In my opinion, it is still worthy of being collected as one of the stamps is Austria's issue for the 1994 Lillehammer Olympic Winter Games. The postmark, January 24, 1995, reflects the day the final pre-selection of candidate cities for 2002 was made. Of course, the date by itself would not be acceptable by an exhibition jury. Nor, would the red Arnoldstein corner card cachet satisfy the jurors.

Poprad, Slovakia

Another candidate from one of the newly independent countries in eastern Europe is Poprad in the High Tatras of Slovakia. This region is very well known for its longstanding winter sports traditions. The town of Strbske Pleso is a good example, having hosted the 1909 European Championship in speed skating. In 2002, however, the city would be the home of Olympic ski jumping and the ceremonies. The Alpine skiing center for sportsmen and women was planned for the area around Jasna. A second Olympic Athlete's Village was expected to be erected in Lipt. Mikulas.

In 1991, the Czechoslovakian Olympic collectors' association, OLYMPSPORT, produced a stamp booklet promoting the High Tatras bid (Figure 2). The booklet cover, printed in green, served as a ticket to the association's stamp exhibition. Each booklet contained five 50h Olympic stamps depicting ski jumping and ice hockey.

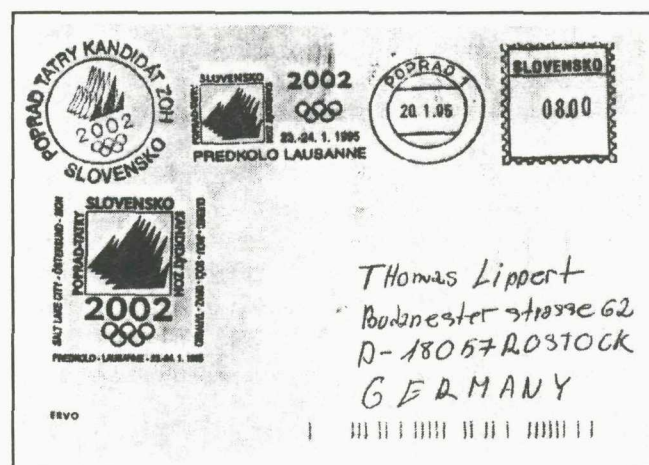


Figure 3. A special printed-to-private-order envelope with slogan meter for the Poprad bid. The meter notes the dates (23-24 January 1995) on which the IOC Selection Committee made their "final four" choice.

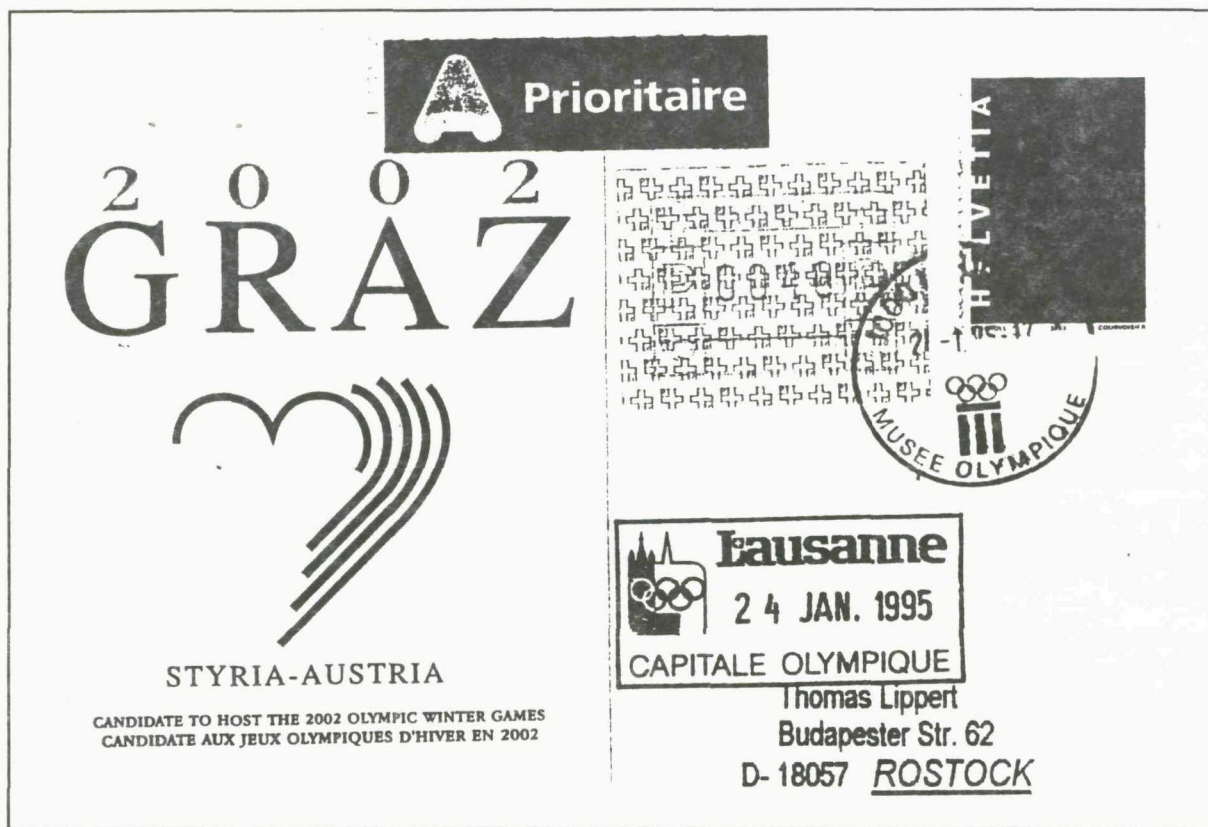


Figure 4. Graz's bid for the 2002 Games ended in Lausanne on January 24, 1995.

The Poprad bid also provided collectors with a special slogan meter — the only one noting the January 23-24, 1995 session of the Evaluation Committee at Lausanne. Figure 3 depicts a special printed-to-private-order envelope. The cachet notes the other seven candidate cities from round one surrounding the Poprad 2002 logo. A special postal card with a similar cachet was also produced.

Graz, Austria

Originally, the Austrian candidate for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games was Graz in the Styria region of the country. This city of 240,000 was to serve as the nerve center of the Games. The figure and speed skating events would also be held there, along with the primary ice hockey matches. The remainder of the ice hockey competition was scheduled for Karpfenberg, 65 kilometers away.

Less known are the villages of Weiz (short-track speed skating) and Zeltweg (curling). Schladming, famous for its ski slopes, would hold the alpine skiing events, while Ramsau am Dachstein would host the Nordic skiing events.

There are no special items for collectors related to the Graz bid. The bid committee offices used only plain meters from the local post office and, in certain instances, from the OVP (Austrian Peoples' Party).

Figure 4 shows a cover prepared with an advertising label and postmarked from the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. Note that the date, January 24, coincides with the announcement of the final four candidates. While the cover was obviously prepared by a collector, it nevertheless is collectible since it is franked with an Olympic stamp (not easily discerned in the illustration).

Sion, Switzerland

The city of Sion, Switzerland was one of the four winners to advance to the final round of bids. Its motto: "The Games of Balance."

The final 21 days leading up to the January selection was accompanied by an active advertising campaign by La Poste, the Swiss PTT. Beginning on January 3, a special slogan machine cancel was put into use noting La Poste's support for the bid (Figure 5). The two-line

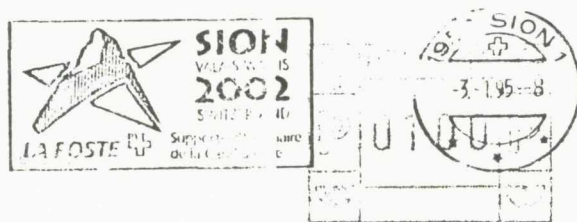


Figure 5. Swiss La Poste meter supporting the Sion bid.



Figures 6 & 7. (Top) ASCOM's Team Sion 2002 sponsorship program meter dated after Sion made the "final four." (Above) Advertising meter used by the Sion 2002 bid committee.

text reads: Supporter Partenaire/De La Candidature. This special cancel was used later as well. A complete list of the periods of use isn't available, even from the post office in Sion. We do know, however, that the last period of use was immediately prior to the final IOC decision made in Budapest in June.

For all candidate cities, the biggest problem is fundraising. The Swiss candidate created two pools of sponsors to help support their bid. The highest level of support was the Team Sion 2002 sponsorship. Its members included SWISSAIR, die Schweizerische Bankgesellschaft (bank society), ASCOM, Olivetti, Zurcher Versicherung (insurance company) and La Poste PTT. Each paid SFr. 400,000 for membership (about \$350,000). Membership in Club 13 Etoiles (13 Stars Club) was available for SFr. 100,000 to 200,000 each

interesting is the preprinted destination: 3000 Bern 15 - Weltpostverein — the Universal Postal Union!

Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.

From the very beginning of the bid period, Salt Lake City was a front-runner. It is remarkable how long it has persevered to become a host city for the Olympic Winter Games. Following is a synopsis of their previous candidatures:

1972: U.S. candidate; lost to Sapporo, Japan.

1976: In 1967, Salt Lake City, Denver (Colorado), Lake Placid (New York), and Seattle (Washington) competed for the honor of being the U.S. candidate. Denver was

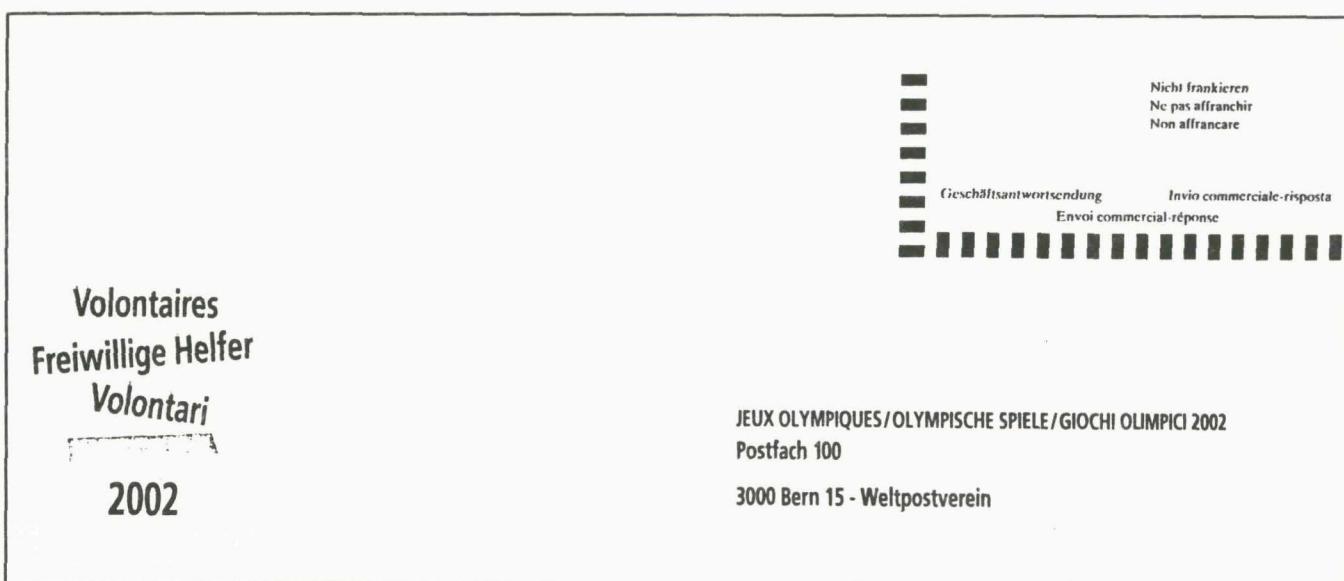


Figure 8. La Poste inaugurated an Olympic volunteer program for Sion bid. This prepaid business reply card was used to enroll interested individuals.



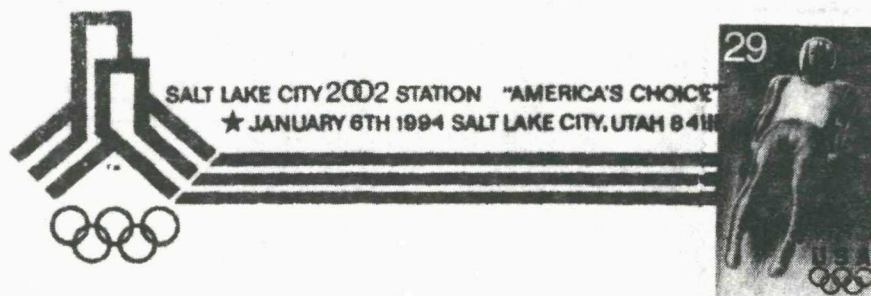
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Figure 9. Salt Lake City promoted its 1998 bid through their newsletter, "Olympic Overtures." The back cover of the publication bears a prepaid "bulk rate" indicium from the bid committee.



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Figure 10. The first day of issue for the USPS's 1992 Lillehammer Olympic stamps was in Salt Lake City. A special non-first day cancel (in blue) launched the city's 2002 candidature.

selected by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), and went on to win the Games. However, in 1973, the city decided to back out of its commitment. The IOC, in turn, was not fond of the USOC's idea of substituting Salt Lake City. Instead, they selected Innsbruck, Austria to host the Games for the second time in twelve years (they successfully conducted the 1964 Olympic Winter Games).

1992: This time, Reno (Nevada), Anchorage (Alaska), Lake Placid, and Salt Lake City submitted their bids to the USOC. Anchorage was selected as the U.S. candidate, but the Games were eventually awarded to Albertville, France. It was suggested by some that this was compensation for not awarding the 1992 Summer Games to Paris. (Anchorage was again selected by the USOC to bid for the 1994 Olympic Winter Games; again, they lost — this time to Lillehammer, Norway.)

1998: In 1989, the USOC once again selected Salt Lake City as the U.S. candidate, this time for the 1998 Olympic Winter Games. Surprisingly, the Japanese city of Nagano succeeded in winning the Games. It is likely that the selection of Atlanta as host of the 1996 Olympic Summer Games reduced Salt Lake City's chances. Nevertheless, they were a close second to Nagano. [Figure 9 illustrates the mailing area and prepaid in-

dicium on the Salt Lake City Bid Committee's newsletter, "Olympic Overtures."]

2002: Salt Lake City's next attempt was for the 2002 Games (Figure 10). In unison, the media agreed that Salt Lake City's bid was the best: of 13 planned competition sites, ten were already built, and the city had extensive experience hosting international competitions (33 major sports events in ten years). The level of preparation was so high, that following the Japanese earthquake in January 1995, the Salt Lake City Bid Committee offered to host the 1998 Olympic Winter Games should Nagano be too severely damaged. [Editor's note: unfortunately, Salt Lake City was not using a special meter slogan at their bid committee offices on the day of their selection as host. A large envelope containing a press release was mailed to me that same day (June 16, 1995), bearing a red meter imprint: (small) P.B. #5060715.]

Ostersund, Sweden

Swedish cities have bid for an Olympic Winter Games six times in a row. Goteborg was a candidate city for the 1984 Games which were eventually awarded to Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. Falun failed on both its outings, once in 1988 and again in 1992. One of the reasons for



Figure 11. The Ostersund bid committee used no special postmarks or meters commemorating their candidacy. This committee cover bears an Ostersund cancel on the day of the "final four" decision.



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Figure 12. Quebec, Canada was the last of the "final four" candidates selected.

the general lack of success of Swedish candidates is the long distance between the Alpine site at Are and the host city itself. For the 2002 Games, this problem was corrected by designating Are as a "junior partner" with Ostersund. In this latest bid, Are would not only hold the Alpine skiing events, but would also host the curling and women's ice hockey competitions. Are's roots in the sport of curling go back all the way to 1914. To solve the distance problem, a high speed train has shortened the travel time from Ostersund to Are to 45 minutes.

Ostersund promoted its bid as a "Green Games" [environmentally friendly]. Because of the intimate nature of Ostersund and Are, the organizers envisioned a folk festival atmosphere similar to the highly successful 1994 Lillehammer Games. The ability of the Swedes to conduct important sports competitions was demonstrated earlier this year when World Cup skiing was moved to the region from Kavgolovo, Russia due to a lack snow.

Figure 11 reproduces an Ostersund Bid Committee envelope cancelled on the day the final four candidates were announced. Normally, they used a meter from Froson.

Quebec, Canada

On December 5, 1992 in Toronto, the Canadian Olympic Association announced Quebec as the winner of Canada's 2002 candidate selection process. The bid committee (Figure 12) was formed in March 1992 by the Sports Internationaux de Quebec. The latter is a

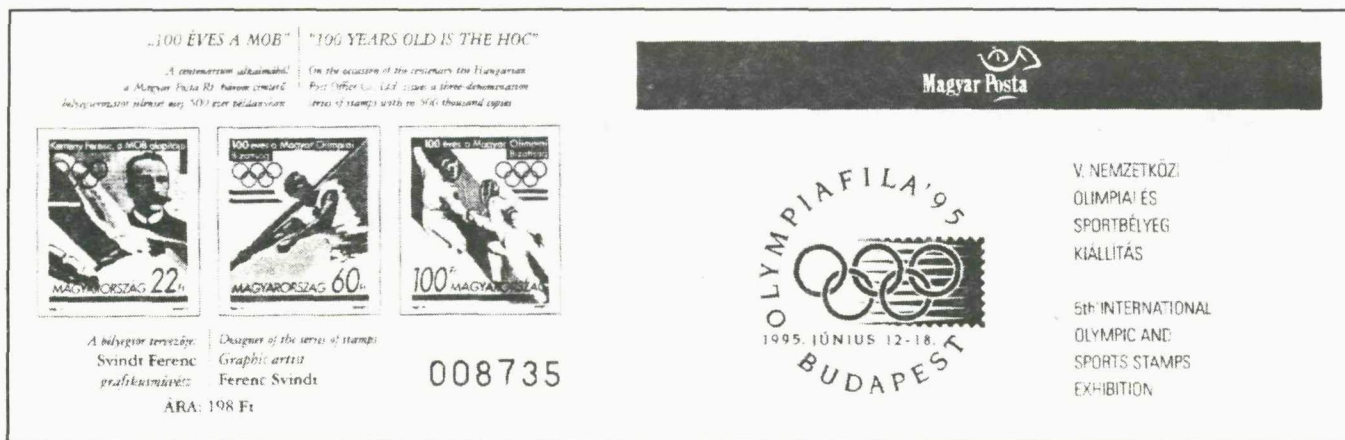
corporation that, since 1972, has organized 75 international sports competitions in the region.

As with Ostersund, Quebec announced its Games would be "green." Existing venues would be used — where possible; for certain other temporary projects, the sites would be restored to their original condition following the competitions. The Olympic Village housing would be turned over to Laval University for student use. Naturally, the university supported this idea. In turn, students in their department of communications agreed to edit the bid committee's newsletter, *Horizon Quebec*, often referring to Quebec as the Lillehammer of North America.

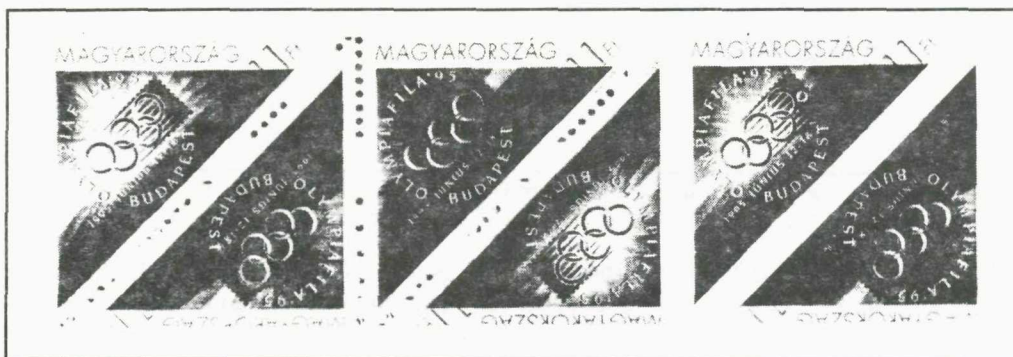
Quebec is well known for its sportsmen. One may recall Pierre Harvey who demonstrated his cross-country skiing abilities at the 1984 Olympics, as well his mastery of cycling under the Olympic Rings. Freestyle skiers Jean-Luc Brassard and Lloyd Langlois were both medal winners at the Lillehammer Games in 1994.

Step 2: Selection of the Host City at the 104th IOC Session, Budapest, Hungary, June 14-18, 1995.

The Hungarian capital saw the four finalists make their last presentations to the IOC. In the end, the winner was hardly a surprise as the favorite, Salt Lake City, was awarded the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Salt Lake City received a majority of votes in the first round on Friday afternoon, June 16, 1995.



Figures 13 & 14. (Top) The cover of the booklet for the tete beche triangular stamps (below) reproduces the three 100th anniversary of the Hungarian Olympic movement stamps and OLYMPIAFILA '95 logo.



The IOC Session was being held in Budapest to honor the centenary of the Hungarian Olympic Committee. As part of the cultural celebrations surrounding the assembly, an Olympic and sports philately exhibition, OLYMPIAFILA '95, was held in the festival rooms of the Town Hall and at the headquarters of the Hungarian Philatelic Association. Magyar Posta (Hungary's postal administration) used this opportunity to celebrate the event as well. In both exhibition rooms, temporary post offices were installed. Additionally, a special counter at the Budapest IV Post Office was opened from June 12-18. Even the IOC members and their guests had their own postal facility which was set up in the congress hall.

Magyar Posta was well aware of philatelic traditions at large exhibitions. Many special postmarks and other philatelic items were issued. Because of the close association of the philatelic material to the IOC Session, all the items are discussed below.

To begin, two special postal issues had their first day during the session. A three-stamp set commemorated 100 years of the Olympic movement in Hungary (values: 22 ft, 60 ft, 100 ft). A second set of two stamps was devoted to OLYMPIAFILA '95. These triangular stamps were issued *tete beche* in sheetlets. A booklet was printed containing three pairs of triangular stamps and sold for 198 ft (Figure 14). The cover of

the booklet (Figure 13) reproduced the three 100th anniversary stamps mentioned above.

A number of special postmarks enrich philatelic collections of this IOC Session. The cancellation program is in Table 1.

The postmark colors are quite different: black, pink, blue and even

green. After consulting with visitors present at Budapest, there seems to be no clear answer as to which color was applied at what post office.

This rich program of postmarks has finally given collectors a record of the final four candidates. Even the official logos of the bid cities were reproduced in the cancels. The cover in Figure 15 from the Osterson Olympic Bid Committee displays all four logo postmarks. Figure 17 reproduces many of the cancels.

June 15 was also the first day of issue of a postal stationery card imprinted with a special stamp for the IOC Session (cover illustration). The cachet portrays Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the IOC. The final highlight of the philatelic program was the use of two special registration labels (see Figure 15 for an example). The inscription repeats the exhibition's name (OLYMPIAFILA '95) in red. The labels are known from both Budapest 4 and Budapest 8.

The Hungarian Philatelic Association issued a handsome commemorative label showing the Olympic flag flying over the city of Budapest (Figure 16).

OLYMPIAFILA '95 brought together many excellent collections from 14 European countries. Among those in the Court of Honor was an exhibit from the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. The jury was chaired by Dr. Bergman; SPI members Maurizio Tecardi and Roman Babut were two of the judges. The evaluation of

Table 1
Magyar Posta's Postmark Schedule

JUNE	EVENT/TEXT	STATION	ILLUSTRATION
11	Opening of OLYMPIAFILA '95	Budapest 8	Figure 17A
12	OLYMPIAFILA '95: Opening Day	Budapest 8	Figure 17B
12	First Day of Issue: OLYMPIAFILA	Budapest 4	
12	First Day of Issue: OLYMPIAFILA	Budapest 8 ⁽¹⁾	Figure 17C
12	First Day of Issue: 100 Years HOC	Budapest 4 ⁽²⁾	Figure 17D
12	First Day of Issue: 100 Years HOC	Budapest 8 ⁽¹⁾	
12	100 Years Olympic Movement in Hungary	Budapest 8 ⁽²⁾	
12-16	Greetings to Ostersund	Budapest	Figure 15
12-16	Greetings to Sion	Budapest	Figure 15
12-16	Greetings to Quebec	Budapest	Figure 15
12-16	Greetings to Salt Lake City	Budapest	Figure 15
13	OLYMPIAFILA '95: Youth Day	Budapest 8	
14	Youth Design Competition	Budapest 8	Figure 15
15	104th IOC Session	Budapest 4	Figure 17E
15	104th IOC Session	Budapest 8	
15	OLYMPIAFILA '95: HOCommittee Day	Budapest 8	Figure 17F
16	International Collectors' Meeting	Budapest 8	Figure 17G
16	Thanks to the Bidding Cities 2002: ⁽³⁾		
	Ostersund	Budapest 4	
	Ostersund	Budapest 8	
	Sion	Budapest 4	
	Sion	Budapest 8	
	Quebec	Budapest 4	
	Quebec	Budapest 8	
	Salt Lake City	Budapest 4	Figure 17H
	Salt Lake City	Budapest 8	
17	Salt Lake City	Budapest 8	Cover Illustration
17	104th IOC Session	Budapest 8	
17	Magyar Posta Day	Budapest 8	Figure 17I
18	104th IOC Session	Budapest 8	
(1)	Additional multilingual first day postmark in black with office's name "Budapest 4" (collectors' service)		
(2)	Additional multilingual first day postmark in blue-pink with common inscription "Magyar Posta"		
(3)	All the "thank you" postmarks were prepared, however only the postmark for the winning city (Salt Lake City) should have been used. It is believed that use of the Ostersund postmark was accidental. Others may also have been used.		



Figure 15. The four special postmarks noting each of the final four candidate cities are displayed on this Östersund bid committee cover. One of two commemorative registration labels for OLYMPIAFILA '95 was applied.

exhibits was according to FIP regulations. It appears that exhibits from Italian philatelists dominated the gold medals, winning four out of five awarded. Dieter Germann (Germany) won a gold medal and the International Grand Prix award for the best Olympic exhibit for his "Olympic Games in Germany." Luciano Calenda (Italy), who also received 91 points for his exhibit, "Centenary of Basketball," was awarded a gold medal and the International Grand Prix for the best sport exhibit. Many other SPI members from Europe had excellent results with their exhibits.

Scholars of IOC Sessions will note that a number of topics were discussed. Understandably, the election of Salt Lake City and the debate over age limits for IOC members dominated press reporting.

Dr. Thomas Bach has been asked to once again head the IOC Evaluation Commission for candidates for the 2004 Olympic Games. This will likely prove a more difficult task as there are more candidates (12 at present). The deadline for entries is January 1996.

Finally, congratulations to Salt Lake City — and good luck! □

[Portions of this article first appeared in the IMOS Journal and were translated by the author.]

References: "Neue Zürcher Zeitung," 5.5.1995; R. Thomas, "Salt Lake City — Perpetual Candidate?," *Torch Bearer*, Vol. 12, #1; cancellation program of Magyar Posta; OLYMPIAFILA '95 Catalog and Palmarès; materials from the various bid committees.



Figure 16. Commemorative label issued by the Hungarian Philatelic Association for OLYMPIAFILA '95.

Figure 17. Additional cancels from Magyar Posta's OLYMPIAFILA '95 and 104th IOC Session program.

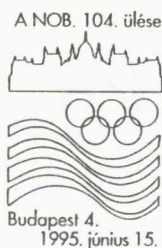


A. Opening of OLYMPIAFILA '95.

B. OLYMPIAFILA '95

C. First Day of Issue of OLYMPIAFILA stamps.

D. First Day of Issue of 100 Years of the Hungarian Olympic Committee.

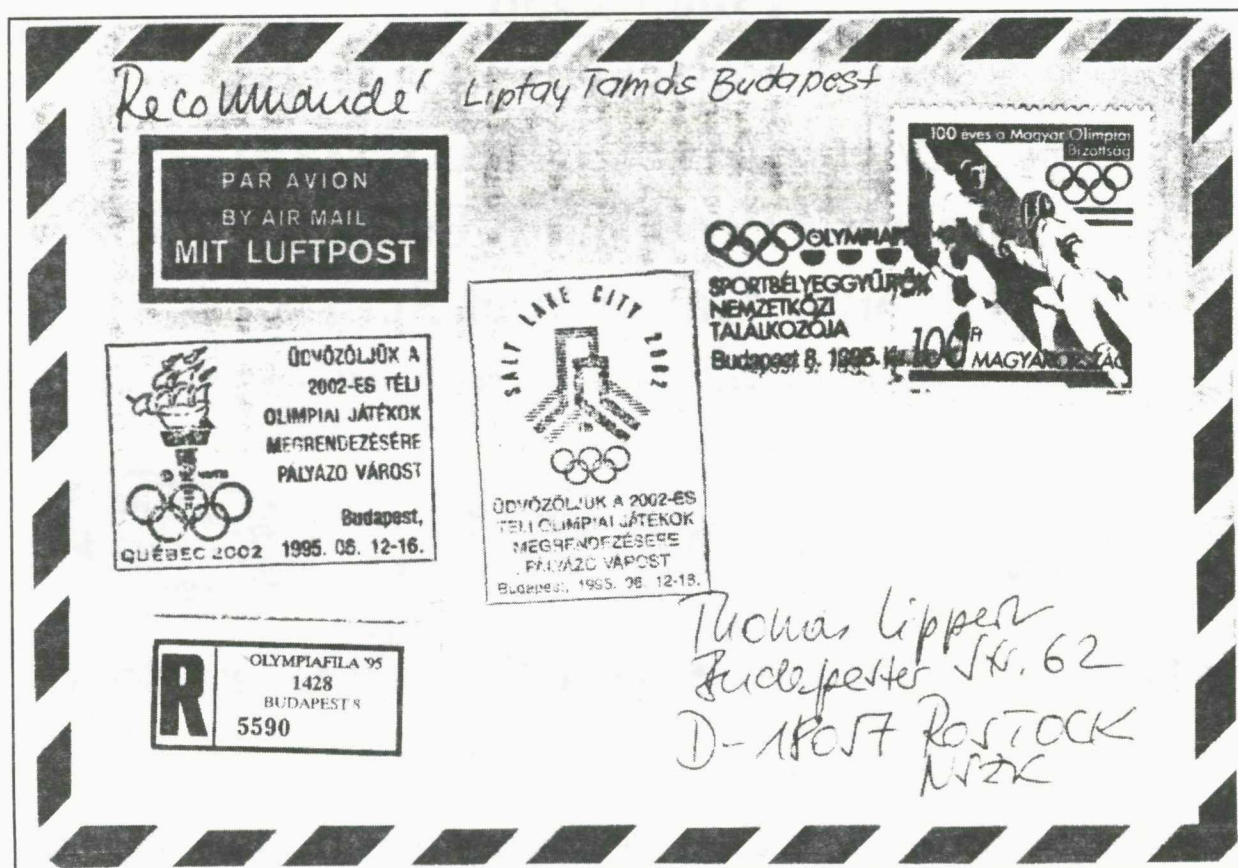


E. 104th IOC Session: June 15.

F. Hungarian Olympic Committee Day.

H. "Thank you Salt Lake City": Budapest 4.

I. Magyar Post Day.



G. International Collector's Meeting cancel with Quebec and Salt Lake City "Greetings" cancels.

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1995 World Handball Championship

by Gudni Gunnarsson

The 14th World Championship of Team Handball for Men was held in Iceland May 7 through 21, 1995. At its congress in Seoul in 1988, the International Handball Federation selected the Handball Federation of Iceland as host for the 1995 World Championship.

Team handball, unlike its recreational counterpart, is a sport that combines aspects of both soccer and basketball. Developed in Germany, its first Olympic appearance was at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. Known at that time as field handball, it was played outdoors with eleven players per side. Six teams divided in two pools competed in round-robin competition in 1936. The top two teams from each pool in preliminary competition advanced to the finals. A match to decide fifth and sixth places was played between Romania and the U.S.A.

The Germans outclassed all other teams, winning every match. The U.S.A., which had acquitted itself well in pre-Olympic competition, was not able to win a single Olympic match. The final order of finish was: Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, Romania, and the U.S.A.

The sport did not appear on the Olympic calendar again until the Munich Games of 1972. By that time,

team handball was refined for inside play with seven men on a side. This event has been conducted at each Olympics since then. Women's Olympic competition began at the 1976 Montreal Games.

Iceland has, for a number of years, sought to have the World Championship held in Iceland. The recently completed competition was the largest sporting event in the country's history.

Participating teams came from 24 countries. Matches were played in four locations: the capital, Reykjavik; the two neighboring towns of Hafnarfjörður and Kópavogur; and the northern town of Akureyri.

At the 1993 Championship held in Sweden, Iceland placed 7th in the competition. The results this year were as follows: (1) France, (2) Croatia, (3) Sweden, (4) Germany, (5) Russia, (6) Egypt, (7) Switzerland (8) Czech Republic, (9) Belarus, (10) Romania, (11) Spain, (12) South Korea, (13-16) Iceland, Cuba, Algeria, Tunisia, (17-24) Denmark, Slovenia, Hungary, Kuwait, Brazil, Japan, U.S.A., Morocco.

The 1997 World Championship will be held in Japan. The General Directorate of Posts and Telecommunications of Iceland issued four stamps in an eight-stamp sheetlet to commemorate the 1995 event. The sheetlet, illustrated below in black and white, is extraordinarily colorful. A special gift folder was also available. A commemorative hand cancel was used on the opening day of competition in Reykjavik.

SPI members interested in obtaining either the stamps or special folder may write to the author: Gudni Gunnarsson, Holagotu 7, 900 Vestmannaeyjar, Iceland. A limited number of special cancels are also available. □



A pane of 8 stamps, above, was issued by Iceland for the 1995 World Handball Championship held in Iceland May 7-21, 1995. A special hand cancel, right, was used on the opening day of competition.





For the 1995 French Open Championships, the French postal administration developed a special cancel around the image of 1920s French woman's champion, Suzanne Lenglen.

A Day At The French Open Tennis Matches

by Dorothy W. Crockett

It isn't very often that ardent tennis fans have the good fortune to be able to attend some matches of one of the Grand Slam tournaments, but my husband and I had such good fortune this year. We found ourselves in Paris during the later stages of the French Open Tennis Championship. Courtesy of SPI member and good friend, Jean-Pierre Picquot, we obtained excellent seats for the June 9 matches, when the men's semi-finals and women's doubles final were played. We were fortunate, too, with dry weather that day. While some rain had fallen on Stade Roland Garros during each of the previous days' play, on June 9, despite threatening skies from time to time, there were no rain showers.

The men's singles competition for the French championship did not go as predicted this year. The top four seeds had fallen by the time the semi-finals were reached. This left the young Russian, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, seeded 9th, playing Thomas Muster of Austria (the 5th seed), while Michael Chang of the U.S. (#6) faced Sergi Bruguera of Spain (#7).

Kafelnikov, a brilliant if unseasoned player, reached the semis by defeating an injured Andre Agassi in the quarter-finals. It will be remembered that in 1989 at age 17, Chang won the French championship, defeating Ivan Lendl and Stefan Edberg — both then at the top of their form. But in 1995, few thought he could repeat that victory. Bruguera has won the French Open the past two years and was considered by many as the winner this

year as well. It was expected that his opponent in the final would be Thomas Muster, who had an extraordinary clay court season this spring, winning every tournament he played on that surface.

Muster did as expected, defeating Kafelnikov, but did so in straight sets rather than in a five-set match as had been predicted. The set scores were 6-4, 6-0, 6-4. Kafelnikov lost his cool in the second set as his frustration at Muster's consistency and stamina increased. While he recovered somewhat in the third set, it was too little too late. Chang surprised the onlookers by defeating Bruguera, also in straight sets but by much closer scores: 6-4, 7-6, 7-6. Chang thus proved again that of the top American players active today, he (possibly along with Jim Courier) is the most likely to have success on the slow European clay. His back court game, plus his quickness and foot speed, are ideally suited to the slow "terre battue," as the French call that crushed red brick surface.

We left Paris the following day and thus missed seeing — even on television — the end of the tournament. But the singles victories of both men and women were somewhat anti-climactic. Muster prevailed easily over Chang. Steffi Graf defeated Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, regaining both her number one computer ranking and another Grand Slam title.

The French postal publicity for the tournament this year was an attractive cancellation picturing the legendary French woman champion of the 1920s, Suzanne Lenglen. She is depicted in the leaping stance which she made famous. □

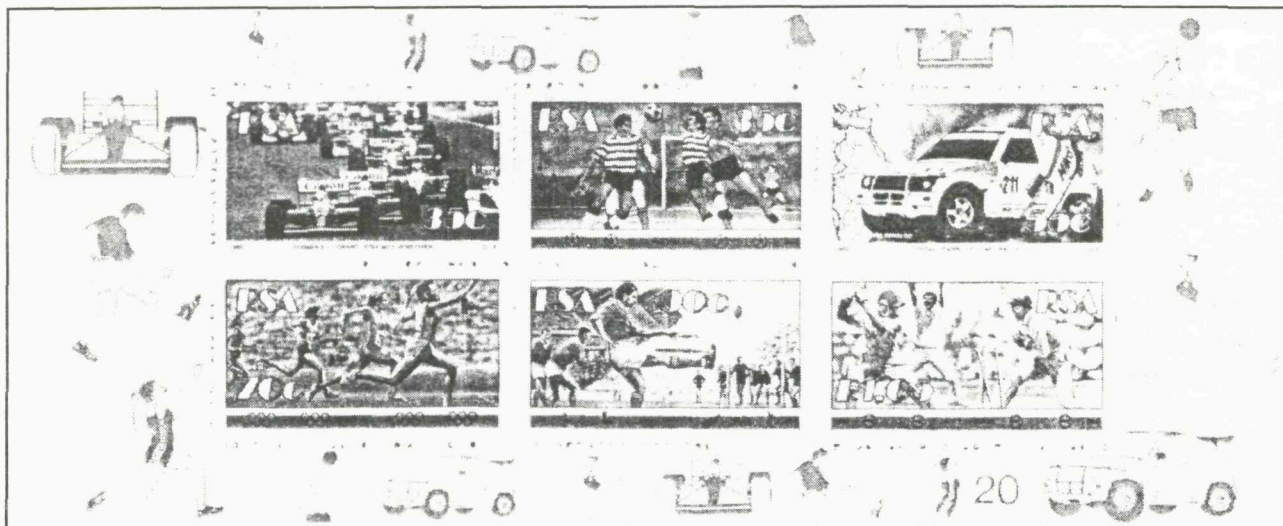


Figure 1. Miniature sheet of six South African stamps commemorating sports and the Olympic Games.

South African Philately of the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games

by Naomi Beinart

On July 24, 1992, the South African postal authorities issued a set of six sports stamps, plus a miniature sheet combining all six designs (Figure 1). Only one design commemorated the Olympic Games — the 70c value depicting women runners sprinting to the tape. It is important to note that this was the first participation of a South African team at the Olympic Games in 32 years (not since 1960 Rome). The two 35c values illustrate Formula One Grand Prix motor racing and

soccer. The Total Paris to Cape Town motor rally is shown on the 55c value. The two highest values, 90c and R1.05, portray, respectively, rugby and the loss of a wicket in a cricket match.

Special pictorial first day hand cancels for each sport were available at Philatelic Services, Pretoria (Figure 2).

During the period leading up to the Barcelona Olympic Games, South Africa used special slogan machine cancels. The period of use was from June 21 to August 1, 1992. The examples I have seen come from

the larger cities of Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban, Pretoria and Bloemfontein, and were in regular use at these locations throughout July 1992. All impressions are of poor quality. These machine cancels took the same form, differing only in overall size, and in the placement of the circular date stamp (either to the left or right of the slogan tablet).

Text appears in either English or Afrikaans, reading: "Official facilitator/of mail to and/from BARCELONA" (Figure 3). In Afrikaans, the text translates as: "Amptelike fasiliteerder/van pos na en van/BARCELONA." At the top right of the tablet is a stylized envelope, the emblem of the South

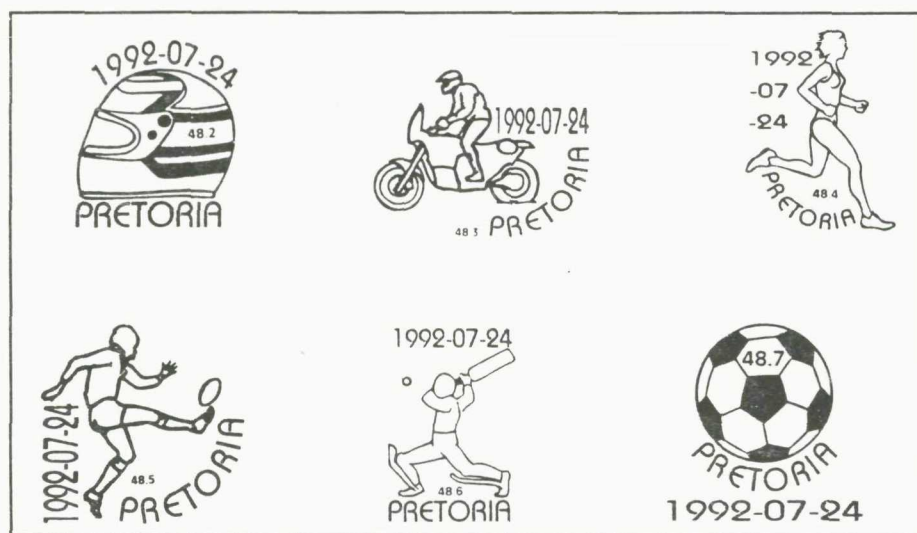


Figure 2. Six special sport-specific pictorial first day cancels were used for South Africa's 1992 sports stamps.

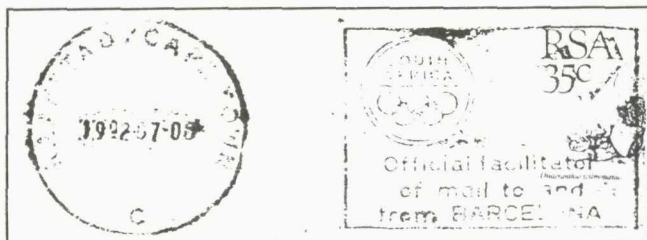


Figure 3. Post offices in the largest cities in South Africa used a special slogan machine cancel to advertise their involvement with 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. A similar version in Afrikaans was also used.

African Post Office. The logo of the National Olympic Committee of South Africa (NOCSA) appears at upper left.

Members of the South African Olympic Team were each issued a special stationery kit at a function on July 22 just before their departure for Spain. Each kit contained specially designed postcards (six different types are known). The cards were franked with Spanish postage at the correct rate to South Africa. Also provided with the kit were a writing pad and packet of envelopes, also with correct Spanish postage affixed (Figure 4). The writing paper and envelopes were a pale cream color, and bore the South African Olympic emblem. The text "Barcelona '92" was printed at the upper right of each sheet of paper. About 500 kits were issued.

The South African postal authorities made special arrangements to receive and deliver mail to the South

African team at the Barcelona Olympic Village. Letters and postcards to the team from South African fans, family and friends required only 35c in postage (the standard domestic letter rate). The mail was addressed as follows: (name of team member), c/o South African Olympic Team, Olympic Village, P.O. Box 800, Pretoria 0001.

Special arrangements were made with the Spanish postal authorities and specific commercial airlines to facilitate the delivery of the mail to Madrid (both South African Airways and KLM land there), and thence to Barcelona and the Olympic Village. Mail from the team was transported in the reverse direction. In practice, this speedy delivery arrangement did not materialize either to or from the Village. If anything, it was sometimes delayed as it did not go through normal Spanish postal channels which processed the huge amount of mail generated by the Olympic Games. (I personally think that the mailbags from South Africa were held up in Spain *because* they had to be treated "specially," and thus differently from normal mail.)

The South African Post Office issued a press release on August 13, 1992 stating that more than 2,000 pieces of mail addressed to the members of the Olympic team had been received at the special Pretoria post office box during the Games. The mail was forwarded daily in compliance with the terms of the agreement with the Spanish postal administration and airlines. Letters which arrived after a certain date were forwarded to the relevant South African sports federations for onward transmission to the athletes.

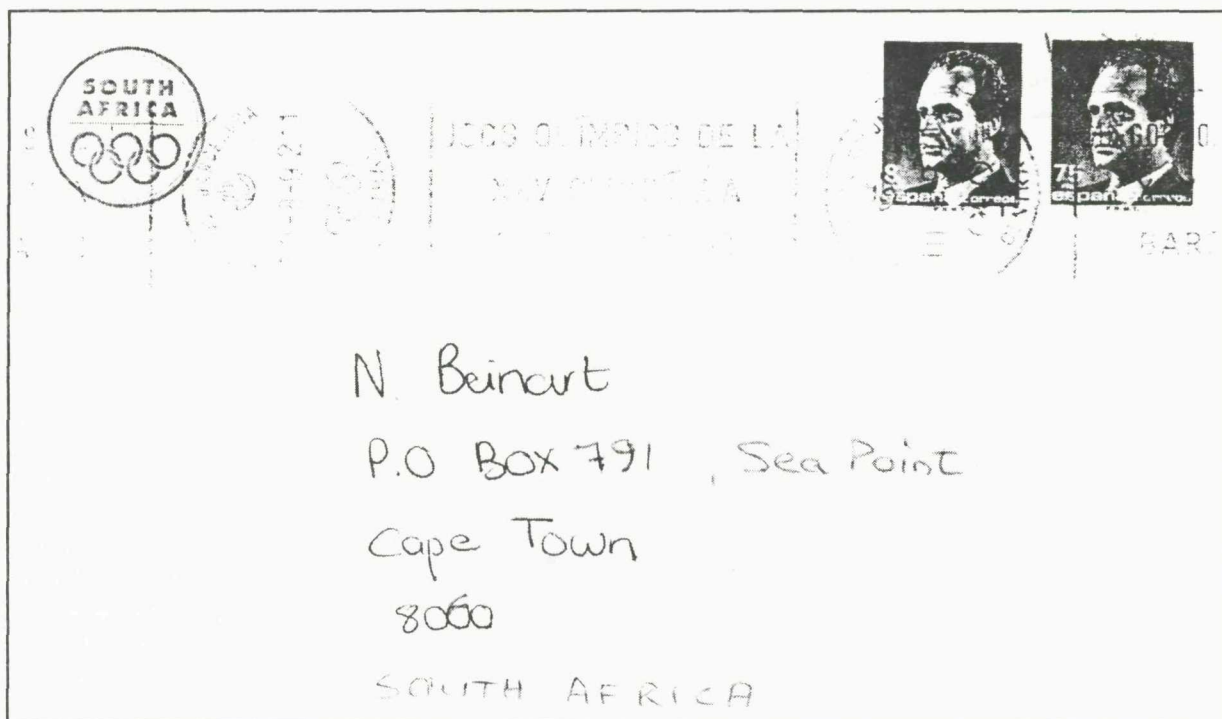


Figure 4. Team members were provided with envelopes pre-franked with correct Spanish postage to South Africa (83 pesetas). This one bears an Olympic machine cancel from Barcelona dated August 10, 1992.

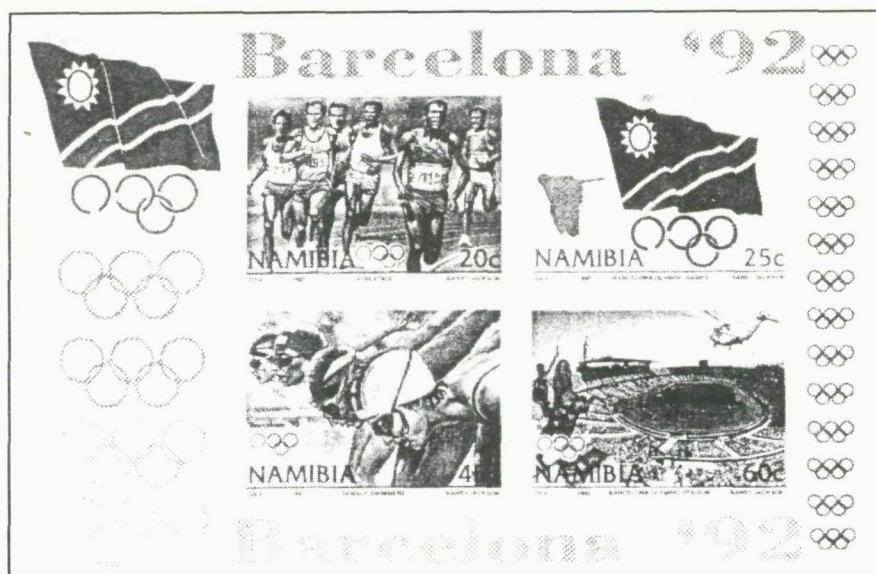


Figure 5. Namibia issued a set of four stamps for the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games. Both the sheet and stamps are difficult to find.

Among the athletes receiving the most mail were Elana Meyer, Tshakile Nzimande, Bobang Phiri, Zola Pieterse, yachtsman Rick Mayhew, tennis stars Wayne Ferreira, Piet Norval, and Amanda Coetzer, and swimmers Marianne Kriel and Peter Williams. In addition to letters and postcards, large numbers of telegrams and parcels were also received by the athletes.

I personally wrote to two athletes who I know well, asking them to return the envelopes. The letters were sent through the Pretoria address in the hope that they would attract transit markings to record their onward transmission. The only postal marking they received, however, was the domestic South African cancellation on the 35c stamp. This does confirm that mail was carried in Pretoria mail bags directly to the Olympic Village, thereby never entering the Spanish postal system. Had the latter occurred, the mail would have been surcharged for underpayment.

A number of foreign fans also sent their letters via the Pretoria special post office box to South African team members, not realizing the delays that would occur. In most cases, the letters would have been received more quickly had these fans posted their mail directly from their home countries to Barcelona.

On July 24, 1992, the Namibian Postal Administration issued a set of four stamps commemorating the 1992 Olympic Games. A miniature sheet incorporating all four stamps was also printed. The values, and their respective designs, are: 20c (runners); 25c (Namibian flag, map of Namibia, Olympic Rings); 45c (swimmers); and 60c (Barcelona Olympic stadium).

Dealers in South Africa did not buy stocks of the Olympic issues of either country due to the relatively high face value and the general economic climate. I have located a few sets which are now scarce in South

Africa. I can supply members on a first-come-first-served basis: South African set and miniature sheet (US \$20.00); Namibian set and miniature sheet (US \$11.00). Please add US \$4.00 per order for registered postage and handling. Payment in cash or cheque payable to Naomi Beinart, 202 San Michele, Main Road, Three Anchor Bay, Cape Town 8001, South Africa. □

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5 Recreational Sports Stamps Issued by U.S. Postal Service

by Mark C. Maestroni

The first U.S. sports issue of 1995 is a set of five colorful 32¢ stamps depicting volleyball, softball, bowling, golf, and tennis. Their first day of issue took place on May 20 during the Stamporee 95 stamp show at the Jupiter Beach Resort at Jupiter, Florida. These five stamps were printed in post office panes of 20 (four sets of five per pane). The arrangement of the stamps in each pane is such that no two same-design stamps are adjacent. Table 1 presents additional printing details.

Presiding over the dedication ceremonies was USPS district manager, Viki Brennan. The keynote speaker, Sandra Perlmutter, executive director of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, stressed the importance of this stamp issue as a reflection of the "millions of Americans [who] experience the sheer pleasure of physical activity through participation in these five sports."

Additional speakers included representatives from some of the sports depicted: Jon Stevenson, president of the American Volleyball Players Association; Dick Weber, member of the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame; Karen Sanchelli, an all-American catcher for the University of South Carolina women's softball team; and Rockne Freitas, another member of the President's Council.

Three of these sports are celebrating their centennials in 1995: the U.S. Golf Association, the American Bowling Congress, and U.S.A. Volleyball.

All five stamps were designed by Don Weller of Park City, Utah. As seems typical of most of the commemorative stamps currently produced by USPS, the designs are strictly cartoonish in nature. Excessive shading, clashing color combinations, and dull typography make for a quite unattractive series. I hope that the USPS will do better when it comes time to produce any Olympic issues for 1996. □



Table 1
32¢ Recreational Sports Stamps

First Day: May 20, 1995 at Jupiter, Florida

General Sale: Beginning May 21, 1995

Designs: Volleyball, Softball, Bowling, Tennis, Golf

Scott Number: Not yet assigned

Format: Se-tenant strip of five in post office pane of 20 stamps (5 rows of 4 stamps each), horizontal format

Perforation: 11

Process: Offset lithography, by Barton Press, West Orange, NJ (printer), for Banknote Corporation of America, Suffern, NY (contractor)

Colors: Black, cyan, magenta and process yellow

Stamp Size: Horizontal 1.41" x 0.84" (image); 1.56" x 0.99" (overall); 7.80" x 5.94" (pane)

Quantity Printed: Not known

Plate Number: Four sets of four offset digits (one in each corner) preceded by the letter "B"

Marginal Markings: "©U.S. Postal Service 1994"; plate position diagram; face value of pane; advertisement for limited edition print (on two selvege tabs)

Designer: Don Weller, Park City, Utah

Art Director: Carl Herrman, Ponte Vedra, Florida

Typographer: John Boyd, Anagraphics Inc., New York, New York

Project Manager: Joe Brockert, U.S.P.S.

1994 Goodwill Games

by Serg y Tropin

The 1994 Goodwill Games were held in St. Petersburg, Russia from July 23 through August 8. In commemoration of this quadrennial sporting event, the Russian postal administration launched a modest philatelic program. Early in June, the post office issued a postal stationery cover imprinted with an "A" stamp in light blue. This indicium pays the domestic letter rate. The multi-color cachet reproduces the logo of the games — a globe map of the world with two crossed olive branches beneath. Surrounding the logo are the words "St. Petersburg" and "Goodwill Games." The logo is suspended from a red, blue, and white ribbon, simulating a medal. This, in turn, is superimposed over a running track with stylized sprinters racing from left to right. This latter device became a familiar emblem on philatelic items issued for the games.

A postage stamp, also reproducing the distinctive logo, was issued on July 5, 1994. The value is 100 rubles. Figure 1 illustrates both the postal stationery envelope and stamp on a registered cover. An elliptical first day cancel continues the "runners on a track" theme.

While individual sports cancels were not produced, as is typically the case at major multi-sport competitions, the post office did make available a generic games handcancel (Figure 2). This depicts a torch runner against a backdrop of the "runners on the track" emblem. Even a slogan meter, in red, was used at the St. Petersburg post office (Figure 3). To the left of the circular date stamp is the globe-and-olive-branches logo of the games.

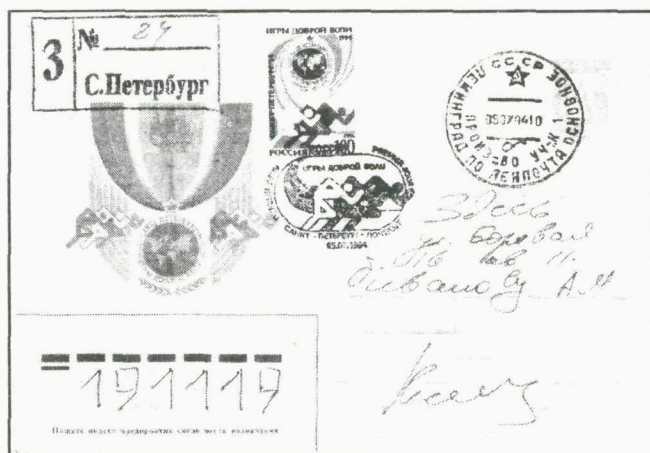


Figure 1. A special postal envelope and stamp were produced for the 1994 Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia. The first day cancel for the stamp reproduces the Games' logo.

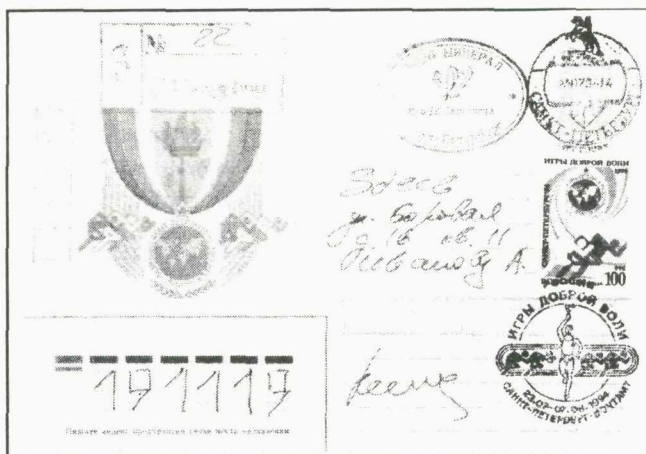


Figure 2. A single sports cancel was used during the Goodwill Games, depicting a torch runner and the runners-and-track logo.

Lastly, a philatelic exhibition was conducted in St. Petersburg during the course of the Goodwill Games. The special show hand cancel (Figure 4) features a soccer ball moving across a simulated postage stamp. Wording around the lower perimeter of the cancel notes the exhibition name and dates, which coincide with those of the sports competition. A special cacheted "A" value postal stationery envelope for the exhibition was developed.

All in all, the Russian postal administration produced a small, yet varied, selection of philatelic material for these Goodwill Games. □



Figures 3 & 4. A red slogan meter (above) was used at the St. Petersburg post office. The symbol of the Goodwill Games, a globe with olive branches beneath, appears at left. The special cancel shown below was used at the philatelic exhibition during the Games.



The Sports Arena

by Mark Maestrone

From the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland, comes the announcement for the 2nd Olympic Collectors World Fair. This year's theme is "Greece and the Olympic Games." The dates of the fair are October 6-8, 1995.

The fair consists of three sections: philately, numismatics, and memorabilia. A bourse of dealers as well as a series of round-table conferences will take place during the three-day event. Visitors may also view the temporary exhibitions at the Museum. For the remainder of 1995 these include "Final Stamp Designs of Youth" (August 29-October 10), and "The Games Not Held 1916, 1940, 1944" (October 12-December 31). Admission to the Museum and the fair is free and open to the general public.

A special cruise on Lake Geneva, with supper aboard, will be organized on Saturday, October 7, 1995 leaving from the Ouchy landing stage at 8:30 p.m. (boarding begins at 8:00 p.m.). The cost is SFr. 90 per person which includes both the cruise and meal. The closing date for reservations was July 31. However, you may wish to check directly with the museum on this.

For more information, please write: Musee Olympique, Quai d'Ouchy 1, Case postale, 1001 Lausanne, Switzerland. Their phone number is (4121) 621 65 11. You may also fax them at (4121) 621 65 12.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News has announced the introduction of a new series of feature articles on the "Olympic Games on Stamps." The series, which began in their June 30, 1995 issue, focuses on each Olympiad from the first modern games in 1896 right on up to the Centennial Games. David A. Kent, *Mekeel's* Associate Editor, and a past president of the American Topical Association, is writing the Olympic Games series, in which the written content is supplemented by illustrations of stamps, covers, postcards and other memorabilia.

In conjunction with this series, new subscribers who mention the "Olympic Games on Stamps" column can pay just \$15 (\$35 outside the U.S.) for a one-year subscription that will take them through the finale of the 1996 Olympiad. Send your check, money order or Visa/Mastercard authorization to *Mekeel's*, Box 5050-0a, White Plains, NY 10602. Or, you may telephone them at 800-635-3351.

From SPI Director, Bob Wilcock, comes a wonderfully colorful new Royal Mail aerogramme commemorating the European Youth Olympic Days held in the

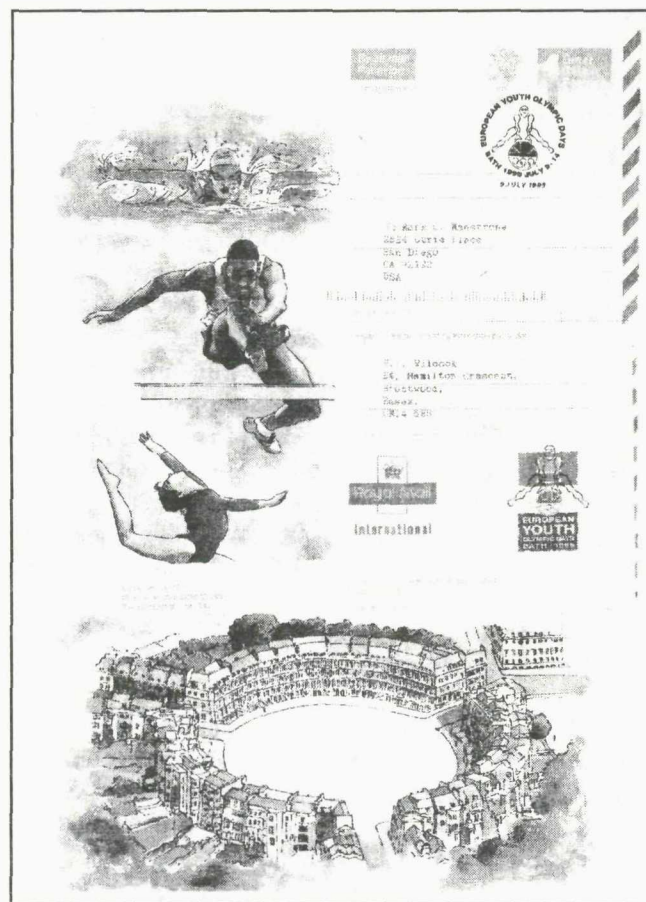


Figure 1. 1995 aerogramme for the European Youth Olympic Days competition in Bath, England.

town of Bath, England (Figure 1). The celebration of youth took place from July 9 through 14, 1995.

Four watercolor drawings by Estelle Corke grace the front side of this postal stationery: women's swimming, men's hurdles, women's artistic gymnastics, and a birds-eye view of one of Bath's famous residential circles. Below the area reserved for the sender's name and address appear both the Royal Mail logo and that of the competition. The latter consists of a young gymnast vaulting over a vaulting horse. The end of the horse carries the emblem of the British Olympic Association (the National Olympic Committee of Great Britain).

The imprinted postage pays the airmail rate for the aerogramme (without enclosures, of course) anywhere in the world. The aerogramme was designed by IMP, and printed by McCorquodale Envelopes Limited for the British Post Office.

A special commemorative hand cancel was applied on July 9, 1995, the opening day of competition. The text around the perimeter of the circular cancel reads:

European Youth Olympic Days/Bath 1995 July 9 - 14. The vaulting youth logo described above appears inside the circle.

Unfortunately, Bob didn't provide details on cost, first day of issue, duration of availability, etc. Nevertheless, this aerogramme would make a handsome addition to any collection on swimming, track & field, gymnastics, or youth sports.

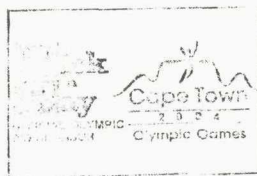
Henry W. Hsu, an SPI member residing in the People's Republic of China, notified me that his club, Suzhou Sports Philately Association, recently issued the first newspaper in China dedicated entirely to sports philately. The name of the publication is *Ti Yu Ji You* which stands for "sports philately," naturally enough. It is four pages long (a single, folded sheet in tabloid size).

The first issue, which appeared on May 28, 1995, included an article by Mr. Hsu on "The 100 Years of the Olympic Games." Although the newspaper is written entirely in Chinese, it appears from the illustrations that there are also very short articles on the 1940 Woldenberg Camp stamps; tennis and baseball; and postal stationery issued by Suzhou for an athletic meet.

Readers desiring more information on this publication should write to Mr. Henry W. Hsu, 204-2 Longkang Bridge, Suzhou 215008, People's Republic of China.

Now that the IOC has selected the host city for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games (Salt Lake City, Utah), attention turns to the 2004 Olympic Games. Among the many cities bidding for these Summer Olympics is Cape Town, South Africa.

One of the major sponsors of the bid is Pick 'n Pay, a leading supermarket chain. A collector in South Africa who works on the Promotions Committee of Pick 'n Pay submitted some of the promotional materials developed for the campaign. This included a sticker (Figure 2), label, and slogan meter. All three pieces reproduce what I assume to be the bid committee's logo: an athlete breaking the tape.



The red "00" meter (shown above) bears the location name Claremont and is dated June 1, 1993. The meter number is HAS3505. No additional information was provided regarding the number of slogan meters in use, or when the slogan meters came into being. Additional information from members would be most welcome.

SPI Vice President, Sherwin Podolsky, would like to inform the membership that his supply of extra Los Angeles Olympihlex '84 Catalogs is now exhausted. However, copies are certainly available for borrowing from the American Philatelic Research Library and probably at other major philatelic libraries.

Member Bob DuBois still has a number of labels available for the 1962 Commonwealth Games held in Perth, Australia. These are free to anyone mailing a SASE (#6 size) to Bob at: 838 Temple Road, Pottstown, PA 19465, U.S.A.



Figure 2. Sticker for Cape Town, South Africa's bid to hold the 2004 Summer Olympic Games. Pick 'n Pay, an official sponsor of the bid, is a leading supermarket chain in South Africa.

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Book Reviews

by Sherwin Podolsky

Sports Stamps, by Carl-Olof Enhagen. 275 numbered pages, hard bound, with 30 center plate pages of illustrations. Published by Stanley Paul, London, 1961.

Catalogo Dei Francobolli Sportivi 1960, Giulio Landmans, editor. 887 numbered pages, hard bound with cloth spine. Exclusive Agents in U.S.A.: Diplomat Stamp Shop, New York. Exclusive Agents in England: Harris Publications, London.

The news that a special edition of the Scott *Catalog* is coming out covering the first hundred years of stamps (the "classic" period to 1940) made me wonder if such an analogy could be applied to sport stamps. Collectors tired of the endless new issue spectacle may seek relief in concentrating on a period that is contained and allows for specialization. The latest news is that the Scott *Classic Catalog* to 1940 will gradually add specialized information for varieties and covers.

The earliest sport stamps are the Greece 1896 Olympic stamps. The two books being reviewed in this column end at 1960. This 65-year period could present a worthy challenge to the serious sport collector. Combined with a specialized Scott *Classic Catalog*, the collecting period could be further limited.

Sports Stamps is divided into three parts. Part One discusses the development and arrangement of a collection, what constitutes a sports stamp, sports stamps aesthetics and the economics of sports philately. Surprisingly few issues are expensive: the Colombia 1935 Barranquilla issue, Tripolitania's 1934 Circuit of the Oasis, Bulgaria 1931 and 1933 Balkan Games issues, and Greece 1896 and 1906 Olympic sets. Also, if the design is not sports related, such as the very expensive high values of the Colombia 1935 issue, the collector can conveniently omit them.

Part Two discusses Olympic stamps with a brief description and comment. Part Three covers individual sports and their stamps under 44 subheadings including, to name a few: aquatic events, mountaineering, sports grounds and stadiums, sports parades, sports propaganda, and additional fringe topics. One propaganda issue is the Italy 1932 Tenth Fascist Anniversary 1.75 lira stamp. It depicts an athlete hoisting the Italian flag over a stadium, "symbolizing the Government's interest in sports."

There are four tables in the appendix. The first two list sports stamps from 1896 to 1958 and 1959 to 1960 in alphabetical order by country. Further details include date of issue, reason for issue, events honored and number of stamps in the set. Special notes observe that

there are varieties in perforations and overprints, FDCs, and special cancels.

Table three lists sets of sports stamps in chronological order. A set number is assigned for each country's issue. Thus, for example, the Greek 1896 issue is assigned set number 1 for that country. The 1906 Greek issue is number 2. By 1960, East Germany had issued the largest number of sets — 50.

The last table is a matrix listing the number of stamps issued for each sport by country. The Olympic Games has the largest number of stamps, 564 for its category. However, 131 Olympic stamps could not be categorized to the individual sport classifications. Of the 2,115 different sport stamps for the period, the largest number, 364, are connected to athletics, followed by 185 for Association Football (soccer) and 178 for gymnastics.

The Italian Landmans catalog includes set descriptions in Italian, English, German and Spanish. Printed on slick, better quality paper, it is profusely illustrated and stretches the definition of sport. The binding is quite durable. Scouting, children's play, aviation exhibits and festivals, aerial sports, stratosphere flights, pioneer flights, stadiums, youth recreation, and overprinted stamps are included. Many cancellations and whole souvenir sheets are illustrated. When available, quantities issued are given (Figure 1).

The late Henri Trachtenberg, the French dealer who specialized in sport and Olympic philately, considered early air philately an integral part of sport philately. The feats were accomplished with little or no commercial motive. Landmans lists, for example, the Mexico 1935 Amelia Earhart overprinted stamp which was issued to commemorate her record New York to Mexico flight. Only 300 stamps were issued and only 40 covers are known.

In his catalog, Trachtenberg also listed the U.S. 1898 Trans-Mississippi 4¢ value depicting an Indian on horseback hunting a buffalo as a sports stamp. However, Landmans and Enhagen do not list it.

How, then, should this material be collected? The collector most likely will need to prepare his own pages, perhaps by country. The stamp, preferably mint, to show the design to best advantage, could be shown with covers and varieties. Writeup can be most challenging. Information on the Olympics is usually easily available. However, who has in depth information, for example, on the Colombia 1935 Barranquilla issue? This reviewer, for one, has contacted specialist societies and Colombian dealers for assistance — with no results. The non-Olympic stamps could be more difficult to research.

How might material of a restricted period be exhibited? The entry form for Olympilex '96 lists the following exhibit classes: traditional philately, maximaphily, postal history, aerophilately, thematic and, surprisingly, astrophilately (space).

So, it seems that sport collectors can take a fresh look at aerophilately and space philately. Pioneer air events and flights qualify as sports related. Satellite communications to bring the Olympic Games and other sport events to the world would fall under astrophilately.

The method of collecting suggested above is by no means also acceptable for exhibiting. The exhibiting classes need more study than can be presented here.

The two books are complementary and valuable references for the serious sport and Olympic collector seeking fresh ideas. They can be borrowed from the American Philatelic Research Library, P.O. Box 8338, State College, PA 16803-8338.

Figure 1. Sample listing from the *Landmans' Catalog* noting two types of "pierced" stamps of the 1928 Uruguay Olympic soccer set.

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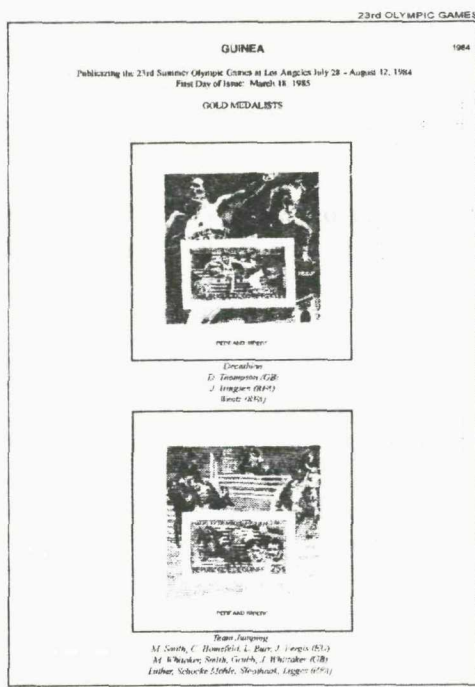
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Reviews of Periodicals

by Dorothy Crockett & Mark Maestrone

AFCOS Journal, #1

Issue #1 (May 1995) of the journal of the AFCOS (Association Francaise des Collectionneurs Olympiques et Sportifs) covers a variety of topics concerning the three areas of Olympic and sport collecting: philately, numismatics, and memorabilia. Naturally, articles discussing philately predominate in this 20-page, French language publication from our sister society in France.

Jean Devys' article analyzes table tennis emissions. Not surprisingly, as Jean points out, Asia has issued the "lion's share," with 138 of 235 stamps and souvenir sheets. He also reproduces a useful listing of World Table Tennis Championship venues and stamps, starting with the 1953 competition at Bucarest (the first championship for which table tennis postage stamps were issued). Editor, Rene Christin, presents a brief, primarily pictorial overview of the sport of freestyle skiing. Included are reproductions of hand cancels, meters, and machine cancels for the sport. Additional short articles include new sport and Olympic meters and machine cancels; a gallery of unusual and rare pieces (two wonderful Olympic organizing committee covers from the 1924 Summer and Winter Games are shown); philatelic material from the 1994 Monde de Golf (World of Golf) championships in France; and Olympic Centennial coins.

Collectors interested in joining AFCOS may write their treasurer, Pierre Berle, rue Georges-Clemenceau, 82370 Reynies, France. The annual cost is FFr. 150 for adults, and FFr. 75 for youth under 18. Their is one-time initiation fee of FFr. 50. - M.M.

Basketball Philatelic News

The June 1995 issue of this newsletter is made more interesting by the inclusion of a large number of articles from members. One of these discusses the question which all topical/thematic collectors face: should one collect only those stamps, cancels, etc. which clearly show a basketball player or his equipment? Or, should one also collect the pictograms and questionable images which may or may not be related to basketball. There is no definitive answer to this question, but it deserves discussion from time to time.

Other material concerns Streetball, a three-person version of basketball; an update on recent Japanese basketball cancels; and the palmares of the Czech Republic's National Philatelic Exhibition, held last May, at which a number of basketball collectors exhibited. Luciano Calenda has a lengthy report on the International Basketball Philatelic Exhibition and a meeting of

Basketball Philatelic Collectors held in Reus (Spain) in December 1994. There are also a number of shorter articles along with the usual reproductions of new stamps, postmarks, meters, etc.

Basketball collectors should write the editor about subscribing to this newsletter: Mr. George E. Killian, P.O. Box 7305, Colorado Springs, CO 80933-7305. Their fax number is (719) 590-7324. - D.C.

Podium, Vol. 2, #4

Podium, the bimonthly Spanish-language publication of the Grupo Deportes Tematico (Thematic Sports Group) of the Argentine Association of Philatelists, recently distributed their June 1995 issue.

The primary article in this 16-page bulletin is on winter sports in Argentina. Many of the hand cancels for various events are pictured, along with a couple of meters and an early piece of postal stationery. Additional short articles in this issue discuss the Port Payee frankings on Barcelona '92 Organizing Committee covers, the sport of fishing (in Argentina), and sports in the Argentine province of Montana.

An annual subscription to *Podium* costs 350 Frs. for the Americas, or 450 Frs. for the rest of the world. Payment should be made in mint stamps with a value based on the French Yvert catalog. Send your requests to Mr. Jorge A. Casalia, Grupo Podium, C.C. 30, Suc 19, 1419 Buenos Aires, Argentina. - M.M.

Tee Time, #32

The June 1995 issue of this newsletter of the International Philatelic Golf Society contains a feature article on "what constitutes a golf stamp," another identifying the golf course barely visible on United Arab Emirates Scott #367, as well as two brief articles on the 1995 British Open Golf Championship at St. Andrews and the Massie Trophy competition.

A 251-lot auction is included with this issue, which also contains information on new golf stamps and postcards. A golf shirt made by Dockers is also mentioned. The shirt shows the Bobbie Jones FDCs in the background, with golf stamps superimposed them. More French golf postmarks (for 1991) are illustrated.

Tee Time is still seeking a new editor to replace Stuart MacKenzie who is resigning after having served for a number of years.

Persons interested in membership in this sports group should write the secretary, Kevin J. Hadlock, 447 Skyline Drive, Orange, CT 06477. - D.C.

On Sports and Olympic Exhibiting

by James Bowman

I'll start this column with a reminder that entry forms for OLYMPHILEX '96 are due by October 31, 1995. Please refer to the July-August 1995 issue of *JSP* (Vol. 33, No. 6) for more detailed information about how to obtain a copy of OLYMPHILEX '96 Bulletin #1 which includes the entry form.

In early July, I attended TOPEX/NEVPEX '95 in Reno, Nevada. NEVPEX is an annual show presented by the Nevada Stamp Study Society. This year's edition was devoted to thematic exhibits as it hosted the annual convention of the American Topical Association (ATA).

185 frames of thematic exhibits were presented. Sports/Olympic-related exhibits at the show, along with their awards, are listed below:

Gold: "1936 Olympische Spiele" (Jim Bowman)

Silver: "The Dimensions of Gymnastics" (Holly and Gary Gibson)

Silver: "Games of the Xth Olympiad — Los Angeles" (Conrad Klinkner)

Bronze: "Horse Racing and Race Horses" (William Dutcher)

Bronze (Youth): "Olympics" (Tracy Zavrl)

Diploma: "Fencing — The Art of Swordsmanship" (Joseph Kagan)

The "Dimensions of Gymnastics" exhibit moved up one notch from previous showings, reaching the silver level. This now qualifies it for the Promotion Class at OLYMPHILEX. I have been following the development of this exhibit for the past two to three years. It is the only exhibit that I have come across that began as a promotional display for gymnastic equipment at trade shows. A great deal of time and effort have gone into restructuring the exhibit to conform to thematic "rules of the road."

The "Fencing" exhibit was the first time out for this exhibitor. Although he describes the different types of swords in the initial pages, the exhibit becomes an arrangement of fencing stamps by issue without thematic text. I believe that the exhibit has potential, if properly developed. I am certain that the exhibitor learned much from his initial experience.

An advantage in exhibiting at the annual TOPEX show is that the ATA enforces use of the Philatelic Adjudication Sheet along the lines that I have discussed in earlier columns. In the case of Klinkner's "Games of the Xth Olympiad" exhibit, which has been shown several times, this is the first time he has received an adjudication sheet with points allotted for each evaluation category. It is an extremely valuable document to

have in hand as it provides some specific insights into the strengths and weaknesses of one's exhibit.

In the past, I have made the point that the gestation period of a quality thematic exhibit can span many years. In my own case, my "1936 Olympische Spiele" can be traced back to at least 1980. It has undergone many revisions, some because of the changes in the thematic rules of exhibiting and others of my choice, not always to the betterment of the presentation. In closing this installment, I will attempt to show you some of the changes that I have made over the past 15-20 years.

I have selected two pages from my exhibit as it was shown at the International Thematic Exhibition, TEMBAL, at Basel, Switzerland in 1983. That was my first international outing and the exhibit was awarded a silver medal (Figures 1A and 2A). For purposes of comparison, I have selected comparable pages from the current 1995 version (Figures 1B and 2B).

Figure 1A shows one of two pages describing the political and social climate leading up to the 1936 Games. Only one philatelic element is shown; there should have been at least two. Also, there is too much white space. In a later version (Figure 1B), the political/social climate thematic line is part of a new six-page section: "Politics and the Games." The postal stationery element has better usage; two types of philatelic elements are used; and thematic text is improved.

Figure 2A presents an example of a favorite, but now unacceptable, postcard. The page has no thematic text at all! The revised version (Figure 2B) has a better choice of material and thematic text is now incorporated. This is one of three such pages devoted to the Kiel slogan cancels, providing a mini-study of the identifiable differences of the various canceler dies.

Am I satisfied with the current physical "configuration" of my exhibit and thematic and philatelic text? ABSOLUTELY NOT! I am already planning a major revision for OLYMPHILEX. There is always room for improvement, but if I ever reach the stage that I think it is beyond further improvement, then I will retire the exhibit and move on to other philatelic endeavors.

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Figure 1A.


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Figure 2A.

Figure 2B.

Second Official ACOG Meter Released

On July 19, 1995, the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) "retired" the first commemorative meter mark illustrated in my July/August *JSP* article, and replaced it with the meter shown below. This particular cover was mailed from ACOG with the Olympilex return address and printed logo. It also illustrates the sticker with the Olympilex logo and the dates of the exhibition in both English and French. Fittingly, this first-day-of-use for the second meter is precisely one year in advance of the Opening Ceremonies. This new meter will be used for all outgoing ACOG mail for about three months, and will then be "retired" as well. By the time the Opening Ceremony takes place, all five of the ACOG meters will have seen a period of exclusive use. As you can see, this meter also utilizes the "quilt of leaves theme." The wording may show up poorly in this illustration because it is printed in very small type, but it says "Celebrate the Centennial Olympic Games July 19-August 4, 1996 in Atlanta, Georgia." If you wish to obtain a set of these meters, please refer to the instructions for ordering directly from ACOG on page 29 in the July/August *JSP*.

Olympilex Plans and Progress

If you are interested in exhibiting at Olympilex, you need to act quickly, since the exhibit entry forms

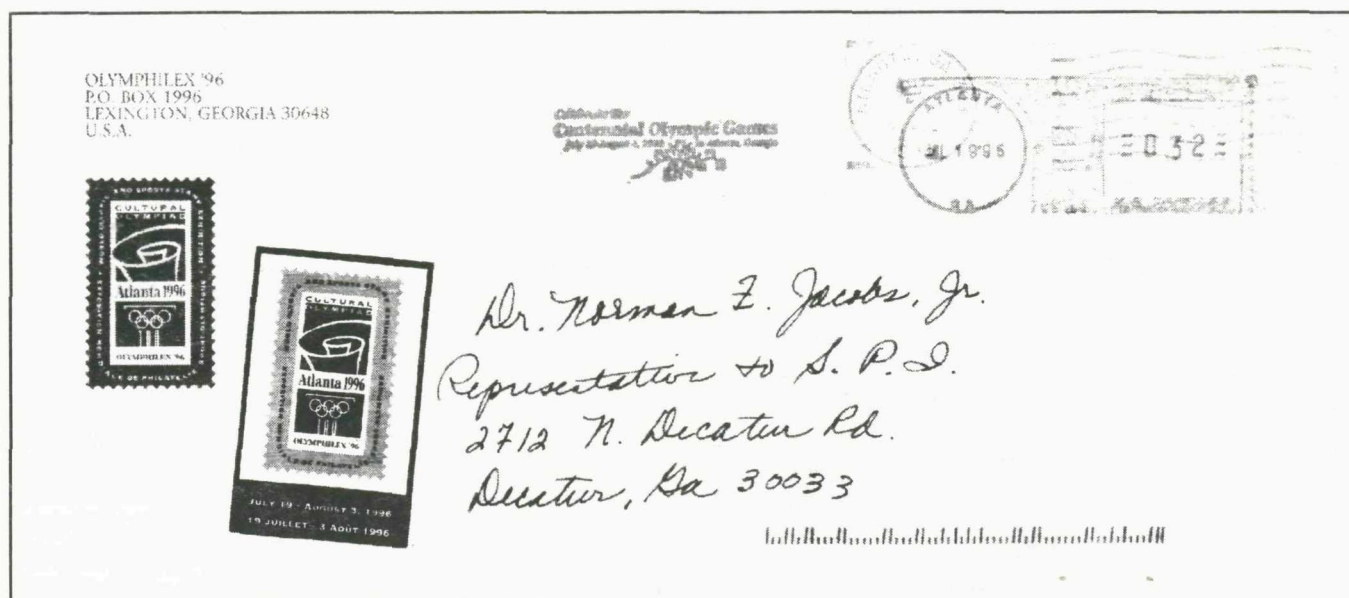
are due by October 31, 1995. Details on how to obtain the Olympilex bulletin, and a summary of the exhibit classes can be found in Jim Bowman's article in the July/August *JSP*. In addition to the competitive exhibits, Olympilex will include a Court of Honor, in which some of the outstanding sports and Olympic collections in the world will be represented.

Although the Olympilex catalog is still under development, I can report to you that the theme will include articles on past Olympics with the year ending in -6, such as 1896, 1906, 1936, 1956, and 1976, as a means of leading into the 1996 Centennial Games.

Those of you who plan to attend the Atlanta Olympic Games should mark down July 27, 1996 on your calendar. On that morning at the Olympilex venue, the International Federation of Olympic Philately (FIPO) plans to sponsor a symposium on new trends in exhibiting sports and Olympics. Mr. Maurizio Tecardi will be organizing the symposium, and I will include more details as they become available.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) plans to bring its spider press to Olympilex, so I'm sure we will see one or more Olympic-theme BEP souvenir cards available at the venue.

In addition to dealers and a large number of postal administrations, the Olympilex venue will include a large youth and novice area, with ten GeoSafari games,



The second of five ACOG slogan meters was placed in use July 19, 1995, exactly one year before the Games open.

other interactive games, a library, and mentors. This area, called the "Savvy Stamp Center" will also showcase a 60-foot wall dedicated to names of people and places. Covered with worldwide covers, this wall is designed to show that one can collect in many different ways, including by town name or the collector's last name. If SPI members would like to contribute to the wall of covers, you may send a postcard or envelope to Nancy Clark, Olympihlex 96, P.O. Box 1996, Lexington, GA 30648, U.S.A.

Tennis (Possibly Olympic) Cancel From Atlanta

In October, we will finally see another sports related pictorial cancel from the Atlanta area. The Peach State Stamp Show, to be held October 28-29, 1995 in Duluth, GA, has decided to adopt as its theme the new tennis center in Stone Mountain, which will be the Olympic tennis venue for the 1996 Olympic Games. The cancel will read either "Tennis Station" or "Olympic Tennis Station" depending on whether approval is granted for use of the "O" word. If approved, the cachet will show the tennis venue and will identify its role in the Olympic Games. At the very least, the cancel will show two large tennis rackets and a tennis ball, and it does specifically honor the new tennis center. The covers will be franked with the 1995 tennis stamp issued in Jupiter, Florida earlier this year. If you wish to obtain covers,

they are available from C.H. Zatsick, Director of Mail Sales, P.O. Box 104, Taylorsville, GA 30178-0104, U.S.A. U.S. orders: \$2 per cover plus a stamped addressed business-size envelope. Overseas addresses: \$3 per cover, postpaid.

Update On Atlanta Olympic Postcards

Set #1 — sold out.

Set #2 — still available at \$13 U.S. and \$16 overseas, postpaid. See description on page 25 of the May/June issue of JSP.

Set #3 — now available. This set will include 51 cards, different from sets 1 and 2. We now have enough interested members to purchase these cards. If you have previously indicated your interest, you may send payment now. The cards will be mailed on receipt of payment. See page 25 of the May/June issue for costs.

Special Requests

As the 1996 Olympic Games draw closer, I have received an increasing number of requests for Olympic-related material. Unfortunately, I have no way of obtaining quantities of these materials, so I cannot provide them. While I will try to answer all letters, please keep in mind that I also work 50 to 60 hours a week at my "daytime job," so I do get behind on correspondence.



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2015R Henry L. Dye, 11 Bradford Street, Holbrook, MA 02343, USA. Retired, he is a general collector, including Olympics, and specializes in chess and America's Cup. (Jones)

2016R Charles B. Wallace, 14-J Watertown Circle, Birmingham, AL 35235, USA. He is a mechanical designer and specializes in Olympics only, specifically the 1936 Olympics. (Maestrone)

2017R David P. Richards, 61 Leonard Street, Neath, West Glamorgan, SA11 3HW, Great Britain. A sports memorabilia dealer, he specializes in rugby football, soccer and cricket. (Jones)

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Paul A. Tissington, 462 Indian Road, Burlington, Ontario, L7T 3T3, Canada.

Total Membership, June 30, 1995 = 442

Sports & Olympic Exhibits Awards

National Shows

PHILATELIC SHOW '95, sponsored by the Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, held in April at Boxborough, MA. Alice Johnson was awarded a vermeil for "Figure Skating."

ROPEX '95, sponsored by the Rochester Philatelic Association, held at Rochester, NY in April. There were two youth awards for sports exhibits. Robert H. Leske received a silver for "Batter Up." A silver bronze, and the Maurice Apfelbaum first-time exhibitor award, went to Sarah Gerwitz for "Gymnastics on Stamps."

TOPEX '95, held in July at Reno, NV, sponsored by the ATA and Nevada Stamp Study Society. James Bowman's "1936 Olympische Spiele" received a gold. Silvers were awarded to Holly and Gerry Gibson for "The Dimension of Gymnastics" and Conrad Klinkner for "Games of the Xth Olympiad, Los Angeles, 1932." Bronze awards went to William Dutcher for "Horse Racing and Race Horses" and to youth exhibitor Tracy Zavrl for "Olympics." Joseph Kagan received a diploma for "Fencing—The Art of Swordsmanship."

Local and Regional Shows

DELPEX, sponsored by the Delaware Valley Philatelic Federation, held at Wilmington, Delaware in April. A youth bronze award went to Aaron Cassebeer for "The Great Olympics."

WISCOPEX '95, held at Madison, Wisconsin in April, sponsored by the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. Tracy Zavrl's "Olympics" exhibit won the award for the best youth exhibit as well as the ATA youth award.

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New Stamp Issues

by Brian Bjorgo

The following list of sports stamps has been reported in *Linn's* and *Scott's Monthly Journal* between February and June 1995. If any errors or omissions are noted, please contact the editor of this column.

Aaland: 2 June 1995, World Championship of Optimist Dinghies. 3.40mk, yachts.

Albania: 17 July 1994, World Cup Soccer Championship. 42 lek, mascot & stadium; 68 lek, mascot, map of USA. #2450-1.

Angola: 15 December 1994, IOC Centennial. 27,500 Nkz stamp.

Anguilla: 3 October 1994, World Cup Soccer Championship. Four stamps, one s/s: stadiums in USA and soccer players.

Argentina: 18 February 1995, Pan-American Games. 75c, runner.

11 March 1995, Pan-American Games. 2 se-tenant pairs of stamps: 75c, cycling & diving; 1.25p, soccer & gymnastics.

Australia: 31 October 1994, Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race 50th Anniversary. One se-tenant pair of 45c stamps: yachts and pleasure craft. #1396, a,b.

Austria: 24 February 1995, Austrian Gymnastics and Sports Association 50th Anniversary. 6s, symbolic athletes. #1670.

Azerbaijan: 15 December 1994, Centenary of IOC. Three 100m stamps: javelin, discus and Pierre de Coubertin.

10 February 1995, Lillehammer 1994 WOG Medal Winners. 10m, 25m, 40m, 50m, 80m, and 100m stamps and 200m s/s: medal winners. #478-84.

Barbuda: 21 April 1994, Lillehammer 1994 WOG. 15c, \$5, and \$6 s/s. #1435 (s/s).

21 April 1994, Anniversaries and Events. Antigua & Barbuda ovpt "Barbuda Mail": 15c, pairs figure skating; \$5, giant slalom winner Alberto Tomba; \$6 s/s, speed skating.

12 January 1995, World Cup Soccer Championship. Antigua & Barbuda overprinted "Barbuda Mail." 15c, 35c, 65c, \$1.20, \$4, and \$5, and two \$6 s/s: soccer players.

24 February 1995, Hong Kong '94. Antigua & Barbuda overprinted "Barbuda Mail." 40c, Chinese dragon boat races.

24 February 1995, Centenary of IOC. 50c, \$1.50 and \$6: hurdler, tennis player and speed skater.

Belarus: 30 August 1994, Lillehammer 1994 WOG. Five 1000r stamps: ice hockey, figure skating, cross country skiing, biathlon and speed skating. #79-83.

Bolivia: 18 September 1994, World Cup Soccer Championship. Overprint on the World Cup s/s: Brazilian victory.

Brazil: 24 November 1994, Fourth World Cup Soccer Championship. 2.14R s/s, soccer balls, cup and Brazil flag. #2524.

Bulgaria: 7 November 1994, Centenary of IOC. 3.00L stamp.

15 December 1994, World Cup Soccer Champ. 10.00L s/s.

Burkina Faso: 28 March 1994, World Cup Soccer Championship. 1000f and 1800f, players; s/s contains the 1800f stamp.

10 October 1994, IOC Cent. 320f, De Coubertin. #986.

Burundi: 10 October 1994, Centenary of IOC. 150f, statue of "Discus Thrower."

Cambodia: March 1995, Pre-Olympics for Atlanta 1996 OG. 100r swimming, 200r gymnastics, 400r basketball, 800r soccer, 1000r cycling and a 1500r s/s track.

Central African Republic: 1993, World Cup Soccer Championship. Gold-foil 1500f stamp and s/s, player.

China, P.R.: 4 September 1994, Sixth Far East and South Pacific Games. 20f stamp.

Christmas Island: 11 May 1995, Christmas Island Golf Course 40th Anniversary. \$2.50, golfers.

Colombia: 1994, World Cup Soccer Championship. 180p, 270p and 1100p s/s: trophy and players.

Croatia: 10 September 1994, IOC Centennial. 1k, Franjo Bucar.

2 November 1994, National Olympic Committee and Centenary of IOC. 50lp, painting; 8 se-tenant 50 lp stamps, sports.

Cuba: 23 June 1995, Centenary of IOC. 5c, 30c, and 50c: Olympic flag; Greek runners and world map; Olympic flame.

Djibouti: 1994, Djibouti's 20K Race. 50f, map and runners.

Dominica: December 1994, World Cup Soccer Championship. 25c, Dominica player.

Dominican Republic: 1994, World Cup Soccer Championship. 4p and 6p, soccer scenes.

Ecuador: 22 June 1994, World Junior Cycling Championship. 300s and 400s, cyclists. #1350-1.

Egypt: 14 November 1994, Hockey Champ. 15p stamp. #1568.

10 December 1994, Centenary of IOC. 15p. #1571.

25 December 1994. International Speedball Federation 10th Anniversary. 15p, player. #1573.

El Salvador: 26 October 1994, 22nd Cycling Competition of El Salvador. 80c, cyclists. #1383.

Finland: 30 January 1995, Finlandia 95/Team Sports. S/s of four 3.40mk stamps: players of soccer, hockey, pesapallo and basketball. #957.

Georgia: 10 February 1995, Centenary of IOC. 10k, 15k, 20k, and 25k: Olympic rings and other symbols.

Germany: 19 February 1995, Sporting Events. 80+40pf canoeing, 100+50pf gymnastics, 100+50pf boxing, and 200+80pf volleyball. #B775-8.

Gibraltar: 22 November 1994, Centenary of IOC. 49p, discus; 54p, javelin. #666-7.

Grenada-Grenadines: 4 August 1994, Cricket's English Tour Centenary. 10c, 30c, \$2, and \$3 s/s: various players.

Guinea: 1994, Lillehammer 1994 WOG Winners. Overprints of winners in gold: 150f, 250f, 400f, 450f, 1250 s/s of same four stamps, 1000f s/s.

1994, World Cup Soccer Winners. Overprint "1.BRESIL/2.ITALIE/3.SUEDE" in silver on four stamps and two s/s's: 100f, 300f, 400f, 500f, 1300 s/s of same four stamps, 1000f s/s. #1263-7.

Guyana: 8 August 1994, World Cup Soccer. \$6, \$35, \$60 and \$190: players; m/s of six se-tenant \$60, USA team members; two s/s, World Cup program cover.

28 September 1994, Atlanta Summer OG/German Gold Medalists. \$6, \$25, \$30, \$35, \$50, \$60, \$130, \$190, \$250 and 2 s/s with \$325 stamps: athletes from various sports.

January 1995, Cricket Match II/Brian Lara. \$20, \$30, \$375, \$300 s/s. #2886-9.

February 1995, Babe Ruth Birth Centenary. M/S of twelve \$65 stamps, one \$500 s/s: various portraits.

Hong Kong: 22 March 1995, Hong Kong International Sporting Events. \$1, rugby; \$1.90, sea race; \$2.40, boat race; \$5, international races.

Iceland: 14 March 1995, World Handball Championship. 4 se-tenant stamps: handball.

Indonesia: 2 October 1994, 12th Asian Games. 300r, mascot; 700r, track. #1585-6.

Japan: 28 October 1994, 49th National Athletic Championships. 50y, handball. #2432.

Kazakhstan: 19 February 1994, Lillehammer 1994 WOG. 2t se-tenant pair, Kazak skier Wladimir Smirnow; 6.80t; skiers.

Kenya: 20 April 1995, Golf. New release date to 28 Feb. 1995.

Kiribati: 3 April 1995, Tourism. 30c se-tenant strip of five stamps: tennis, fishing and soccer.

Korea, P.D.R.: 7 September 1994, Calisthenics. 10ch, 20ch, 30ch, 40ch, and 50ch se-tenant: exercises.

13 October 1994, World Cup Soccer Championship. 10ch, 20ch, 30ch, 40ch, 1w, and 1.50w: action scenes; 6 s/s of 1w

stamp: player and trophy; 1 s/s of 2.50: player, stadium and trophy; 1 s/s of six 1w stamps: same design as the individual 1w s/s.

Laos: 1994, World Cup Soccer. 40k, 50k, 60k, 320k, 900k, and 700k s/s: soccer scenes.

Macao: 30 September 1994, Asian Games. 1p, 2p, 3p, and 3.50p: sports. #742-5.

7 June 1994, World Cup Soccer. 2p se-tenant pair: players, net and ball.

Macedonia: 22 August 1994, Swimming Marathon. 8d stamp.

Malagasy: 1994, Summer Sports. 2000fmg s/s, runners.

1994, World Cup Soccer. 10000fmg gold foil stamp and two 10000fmg gold foil s/s.

13 December 1994, Lillehammer 1994 WOG. 140f, 1250f, 2000f, 2500f, 5000f s/s: sports.

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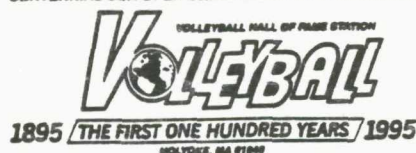
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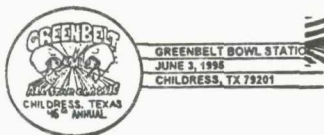
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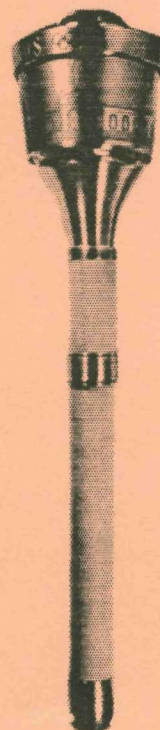
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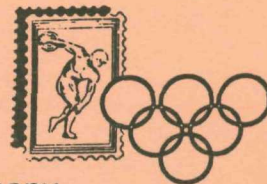
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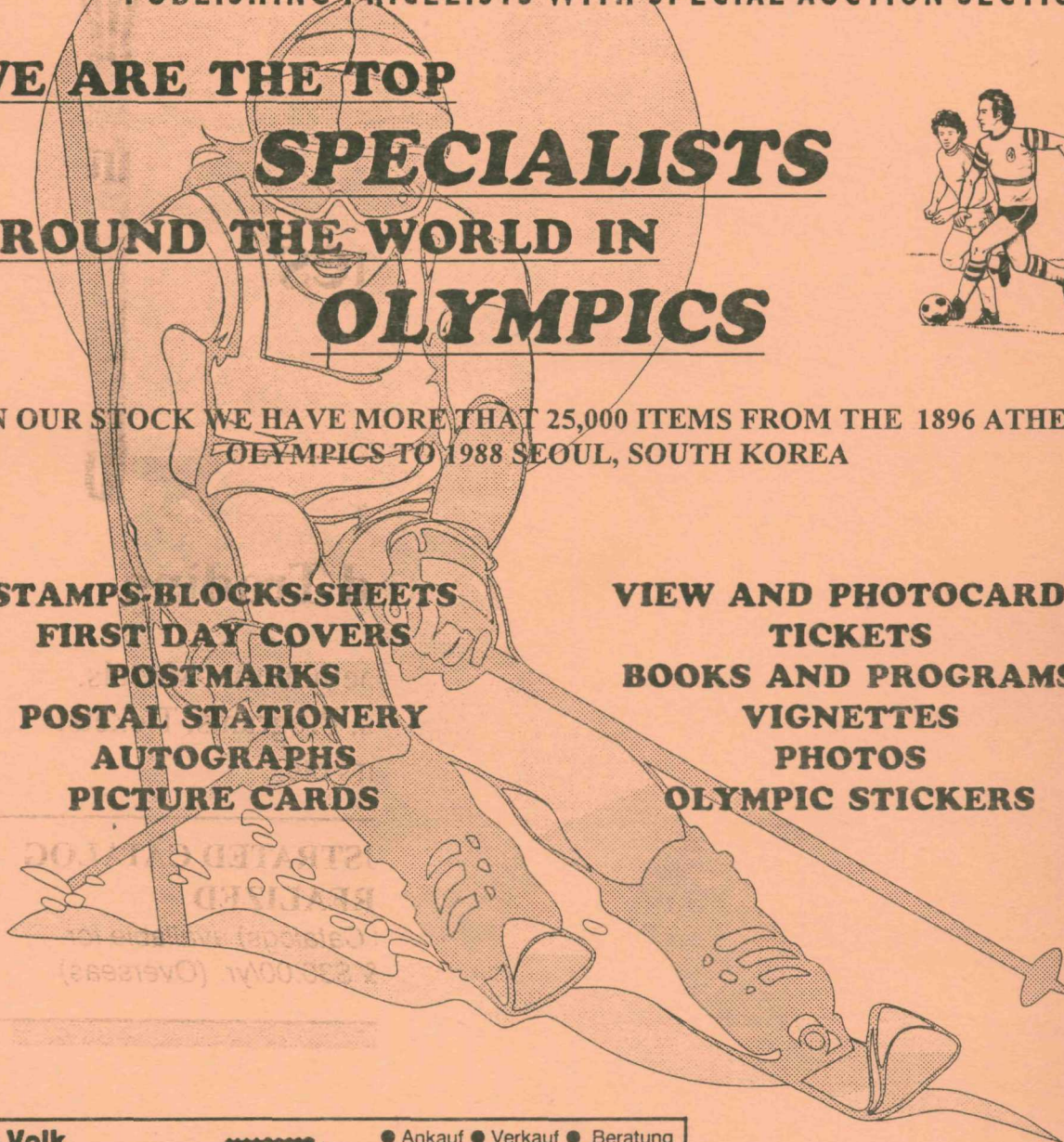
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