

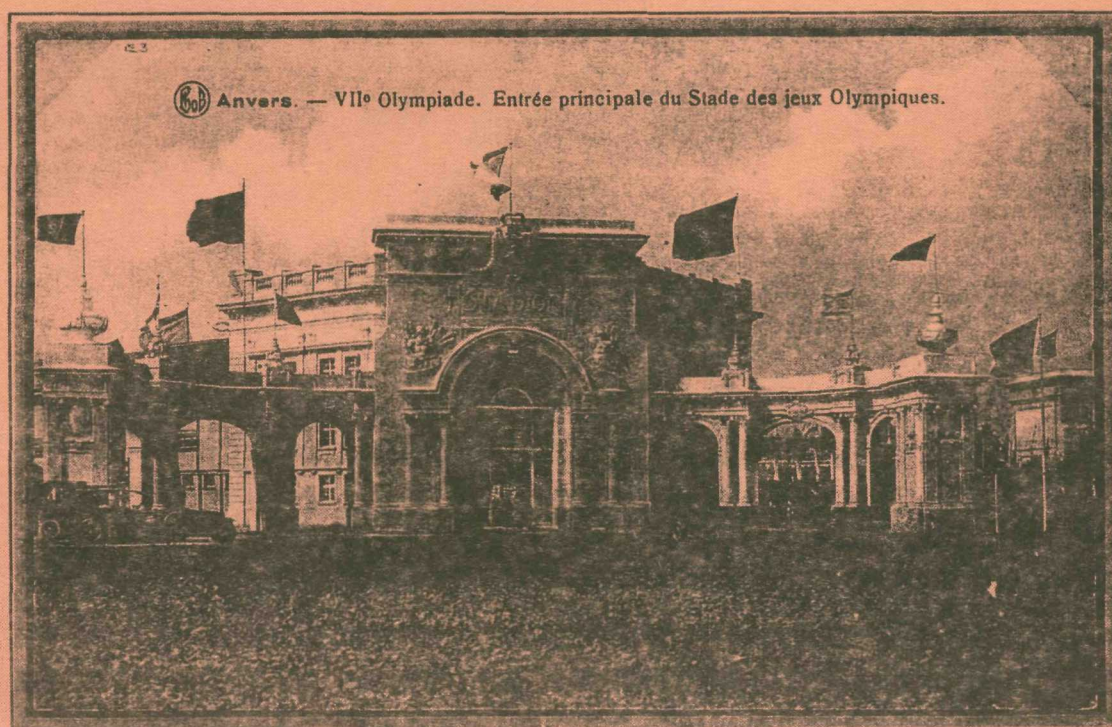
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The large corner tower of the 1920 Olympic Stadium at Antwerp, Belgium. The stadium was the venue for the controversial Olympic football finals.



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by Mark Maestrone

Time for another issue of the journal, and for the first time in quite awhile, I didn't have to scrounge for material! But before you all start patting yourselves on the back — we are not out of the woods. We need your articles!

In the realm of volunteerism, I am disappointed in the total lack of response to my pleas for assistance. With 300 members resident in the U.S. alone, I cannot believe that at least a few of you do not have an hour or two a month to donate to your society. I am once again publishing the jobs for which we are seeking your help.

Lastly, we would like to publish an addendum to our Membership Handbook listing the email addresses of our members. If you would like your email address listed, please send it to your editor by April 1, 1997. The box at the bottom of this page lists the email addresses of those officers who have them.

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by Mark Maestrone

Oops!

In the January, 1997, issue, you published an interesting article by Dieter Germann: "Athens 1896 - Atlanta 1996."

Mr. Germann states that the 1936 Games in Garmisch-Partenkirchen/Kiel/Berlin inaugurated many new types of philatelic elements for the collector, which is very true. However, included in this list of "firsts" was Olympic postal stationery (postal cards), which is incorrect. While six cards were produced for the 1936 Games (two for each of the three venues mentioned above), these were not the first items of Olympic postal stationery.

I refer members to a series of articles written by the late Irwin Bloomfield and myself that appeared in the *Journal of Sports Philately* between 1975 and 1979. While some new information has come to light over the years, the first article in this series gives details of what is believed to be the first Olympic postal stationery. It was issued by France on April 1, 1924, imprinted with the 30c black and red-brown Olympic stamp showing Milon of Croton. I believe this to be the first official item of Olympic postal stationery. As Irwin states, at about the same time, a packet of eight commemorative postal cards printed-to-private-order was also available.

The article goes on to list all known postal stationery up to the 1976 Summer Games in Montreal, Canada. Readers will also notice information on the cards for the 1925 Olympic Congress referred to in the same issue as Mr. Germann's article, as well as mention of postal cards issued for the 1928 Games in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. These all precede the 1936 issue from Germany.

Since this series was written, I understand that a postal stationery card was issued in Germany to celebrate the opening of the stadium that would have been used for the 1916 Games in Berlin. I also believe that a postal stationery card was issued

in Greece showing the stadium used for the Games of 1896 and 1906. I have not seen copies of either of these cards, and would be pleased to receive further information. I trust this helps to put the record straight.

Brian Hammond
Ipswich, Great Britain

[Points well taken. Mr. Germann's article was translated from German. It is likely that the error occurred during this process. Nevertheless, your editor (who knows better) should have picked this error up! Thanks, Brian, for the correction.]

More On Angel Zarraga

Angel Zarraga (*JSP*, September, 1996, "Letter To The Editor") is considered a "Mexican Master" of the twentieth century. He joins such others as Orozco, Rivera, Siquerios, Tamayo, Toledo, although he did not receive similar recognition.

Zarraga was born in Durango, Mexico in 1886 and traveled to Europe in 1904 to study at the Royal Academy in Brussels and the Beaux Arts Academy in Paris in 1910. As with the other "masters," he did quite a bit of mural work in various churches. He returned to Mexico in 1942 and died in Mexico City in 1946.

John Pagliano
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Soccer Mascots?

I know all the names of the Olympic mascots. Is there anyone who would know the different soccer mascots, plus those from other sports? I have quite a collection, but still have a ways to go!

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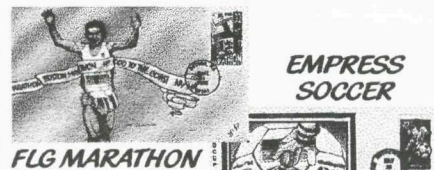


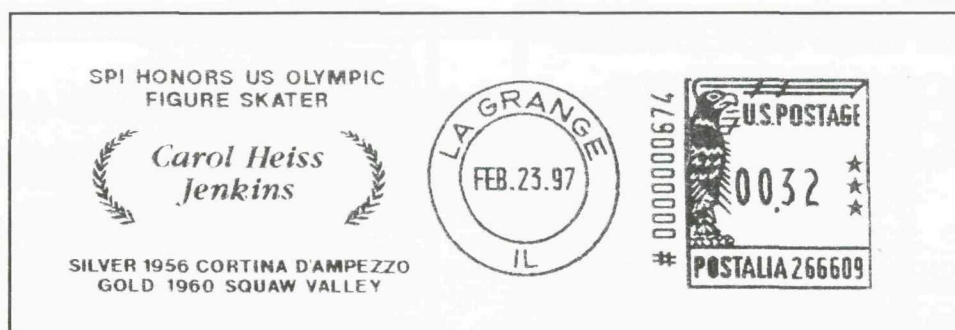
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Sports Philatelists International Honors Carol Heiss Jenkins

by Benjamin Wright

Carol Heiss Jenkins has the distinction of having compiled the best record in international ladies figure skating competition of anyone from North America. She is remembered not only for her outstanding competitive career, but also for her continuing success as a coach.

Carol began skating at the age of six. She earned her first distinction as a competitive skater at nine, winning the Girl's Midget finals at the Silver Skate Derby in Madison Square Garden, performing on her figure skates against many older and more experienced girls using racing blades. Three years later (1951) she won the United States Novice Ladies' Championship for her first National title. The following year she became the United States Junior Ladies' Champion, the sixth and youngest skater up to that time to complete that particular back-to-back double win. She passed her entry in senior competition at that early age.

In 1953, Carol entered her first international competition, winning the silver medal at the North American Championships at Cleveland and placing fourth at the World Championships at Davos, Switzerland. Also in 1953 she won the first of four consecutive silver medals in the United States Ladies Championship as runner-up to the reigning champion, Tenley Albright of Boston. She also was runner-up to Tenley in the North American Cham-

pionships of 1955 at Regina, Saskatchewan. In 1957, Carol won the first of four United States Ladies' titles, defending successfully each year through 1960. She also won the North American Ladies' title in 1957 at Rochester, New York, and successfully defended that title in 1959 at Toronto (the North American Championships are a biennial event).

In her first World Championships in 1953, Carol placed fourth. While she missed the 1954 World event due to an injury, she came back to earn the silver medal in 1955 at Vienna, again behind Tenley Albright. The tables were turned at the 1956 World Championships at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. It was there that Carol defeated the defender Tenley Albright. This was to be the first of five consecutive World titles for Miss Heiss. Actually, the 1956 United States Championships in Philadelphia, which followed the Olympics and Worlds, represented the "rubber match" between Albright and Heiss. Here, though, Albright managed to retain her title, primarily because of her slightly superior compulsory figures and an approximately equal free skating performance.

Carol competed in two Olympic Winter Games and won a medal in each. In 1956, at Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, she earned the silver medal, again runner-up to her perennial senior rival, Miss Albright. At the 1960 Games, in Squaw Valley, California, Carol secured the gold medal, with all nine judges placing her first.

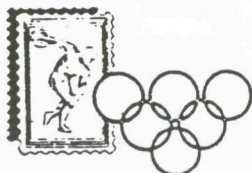
At the peak of her career, Carol was a superior skater of compulsory figures, but she is best remembered for her dynamic and athletic free skating. Heiss always performed with speed and a strong edge while attacking the difficulties of the program with spirit. She was one of the first ladies to completely master the double Axel. In recognition of her outstanding competitive record, Carol was elected to the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1976.

Following her retirement from competition in 1960, Carol married Hayes Alan Jenkins, an Olympic and World Champion. They are the proud parents of three children, have four grandchildren and still reside in Akron, Ohio. She made a movie and had a brief career in show skating after retiring from competitive skating. The next years were spent as a wife, mother and volunteer, but finally, with the approval of Hayes, she took up coaching in 1978 at a new rink in Lakewood, Ohio. Since then, she has enjoyed an outstanding career as a coach for the past 18 years. In recognition of this, she was elected as 1996 Coach of the Year by the Professional Skaters Association.

Carol has taught many national and international champions. These include Tonia Kwiatkowski, a two-time United States Ladies silver medalist, and Lisa Ervin, a United States Ladies silver medalist, and National Junior Ladies and Novice Ladies champion. On the men's side, she has coached Aren Nielsen, a two-time United States bronze medalist; Ryan Hunka, National Junior and Novice champion; and Timothy Goebel, also a United States Junior and Novice champion. She has also found time to serve the sport as the representative of the United States Figure Skating Association to the U.S. Olympic Committee. 🏆

SPI-member Benjamin Wright is the U.S. Figure Skating Association (USFSA) Historian as well as a Past President of the USFSA.

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"SCANDAL OF SCHELDE"

The Olympic Football Finals at the 1920 Antwerp Olympics

by Laurentz Jonker
edited by Mark Maestrone

Association football, better known as soccer in the United States, has been played at the Olympic Games since 1900. The story of the final match at the Antwerp Olympics of 1920 is a very special one indeed!

While the United States did not send a football team to these Games, 15 other countries did. The official report of the Games of the VIIth Olympiad quotes sources as saying that the matches occurred during the period from 29 August through 5 September. This is not correct. The Olympic elimination matches in football were actually begun *before* August 29.

An interesting post card (Figure 1), dated 28 August 1920, from a British spectator to friends back home notes how he had just watched "England beaten 3-1 by Norway at soccer." His added comment "our team was rotten!" probably says it all. The three Olympic stamps were postmarked the same day with the Antwerp Olympic cancels.

The seven "pre-Olympic" football matches were held at Brussels, Gent and Antwerp. Belgium, as the host country team, received a bye in the elimination matches. The entire program of matches is reproduced in Table 1. The winners of the seven games in the first round, plus Belgium, proceeded to second round play (actually the quarter-finals) on 29 August.

The semi-finals were conducted on 31 August. Czechoslovakia beat France, 4-1, and Belgium was victorious over the Netherlands with a 3-0 score. For the Dutchmen, this was their third match in four days, which included one game which went into overtime! Nowadays, players would certainly revolt if they had to play such a strenuous schedule.

Now we arrive at the finals on 2 September 1920. It was Czechoslovakia versus Belgium. One year earlier, during the Inter-Allied "Pershing Games" in Paris, the Belgian team lost to the Czech Army team, 4-1. With the war still a very recent memory, the Olympic Games were not a high priority in the minds of most Belgians. The first few days of the Games had been very poorly



Figure 1. Postcard from an English soccer fan reporting home that "his" team lost 3-1 to the Norwegian team. The card is dated, as well as postmarked with Olympic hand cancels, on 28 August 1920 — one day before the official report states that play began in the elimination tournament.

Table 1 1920 Olympic Football Tournament	
Elimination Matches (28 August)	
Czechoslovakia – Yugoslavia	9-0
Norway – Great Britain	3-1
France – Switzerland	10-0
Italy – Egypt	2-1
Sweden – Greece	9-0
Netherlands – Luxembourg	3-0
Spain – Denmark	1-0
Belgium	Bye
Quarter-Finals (29 August)	
Czechoslovakia – Norway	4-0
France – Italy	3-1
Netherlands – Sweden	5-4
Belgium – Spain	3-1

Semi-Finals (31 August)	
Czechoslovakia – France	4-1
Belgium – Netherlands	3-0
Finals (2 September)	
Belgium (Gold) – Czechoslovakia (Czechoslovakia forfeits the game in the 38 th minute of the first half)	2-0
Quarter-Finals For Places 2 & 3	
Spain – Sweden	2-1
Italy – Norway	3-1
Egypt – Yugoslavia	4-2
Netherlands	Bye
Semi-Finals For Places 2 & 3	
Spain – Italy	2-0
Netherlands	Bye
Finals For Places 2 & 3 (5 Sept.)	
Spain (Silver)– Netherlands (Bronze)	3-1

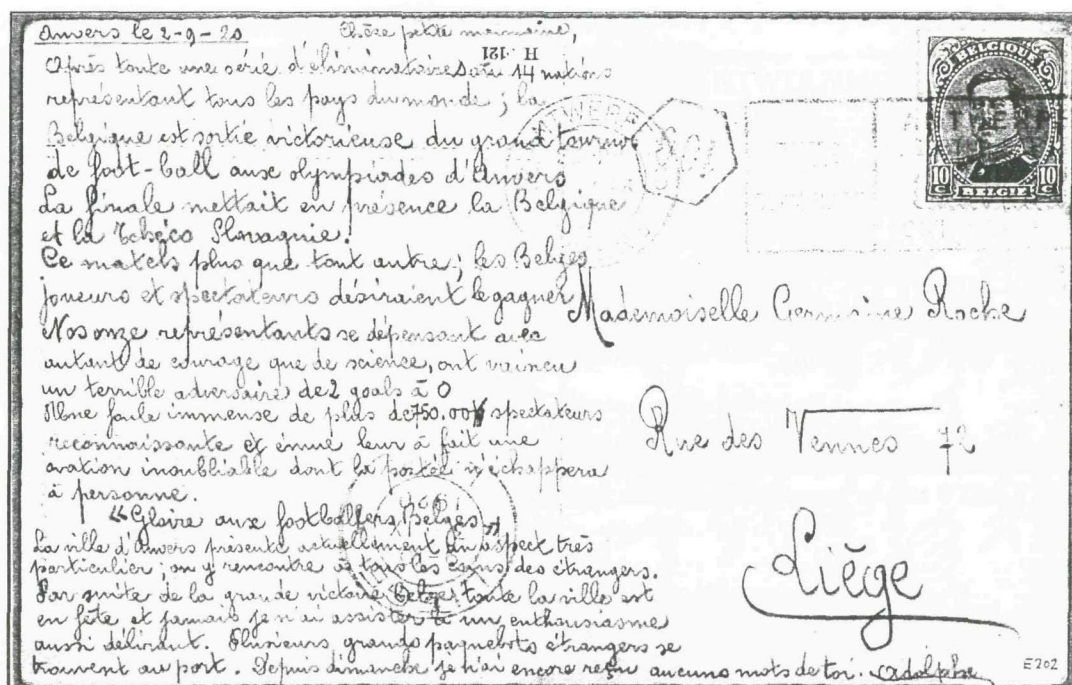


Figure 2. An exultant Belgian spectator wrote about his experience at the finals of the football competition on 2 September 1920. The faint Olympic slogan machine cancel is dated 2.IX.1920 from the Antwerp 6 post office.

attended. But with the Belgian team in the finals of the country's national sport, things turned around quickly. Suddenly, there was a great deal of interest in the Antwerp Games; the soccer stadium was completely sold out for the final match.

By five o'clock, 40,000 spectators had packed the stadium to capacity. A 66-year-old English referee, named Lewis, started the match. The Czech team, however, did not have a great deal of confidence in this referee. Following an altercation at a match in Prague, the Czech spectators had severely beaten Lewis. Naturally, the Czech team was afraid he might exact revenge on them in these Olympic finals.

It seems that their concerns were not unfounded, for the referee did make several controversial calls. The Belgians scored on a surroundings penalty in the tenth minute of play; eighteen minutes later, the Antwerpen, Larne, kicked one in on an off-sides situation. The Czech player, Steiner, was unfairly penalized for tackling, and ejected. After so many set-backs, the entire Czech team, declaring their solidarity with their teammate, walked off the field in protest. Czechoslovakia was subsequently disqualified, officially losing the finals, 2-0 (Figures 3 and 4). Figure 2 reproduces a postcard from a

jubilant Belgian spectator at the finals (Adolphe) relating his experience. Although faint, the Olympic slogan machine cancel is dated 2.IX.1920 from the Antwerp 6 post office. Adolphe's message is loosely translated, in part, below:

"Antwerp, 2-9-20

After an entire series of elimination matches between 14 nations representing all the nations of the world, Belgium was the victor of the great football tournament at the Antwerp Olympics. The final placed Belgium against Czechoslovakia.

The Belgian players and spectators wanted a victory. Our eleven representatives exerted themselves to play with so much courage and wisdom, beating a terrible adversary, 2 goals to 0.

An enormous crowd of more than 75,000 spectators were very satisfied, and participated in the unforgettable victory with ovations.

'Glory to our Belgian football players'..."

[Author's note: Adolphe exaggerated the figure of 75,000 spectators. Perhaps he included the crowds outside the stadium as well, since the stadium itself only seated about 40,000.]



Figure 3. The victorious Belgian Olympic football team. Standing, from left: Swartenbroecks; Tierens; Hanse (captain); de Bie; Musch; and Verbeeck. Sitting, from left: Van Hege; Coppée; Bragard; Larnoe and Bastin.



Figure 4. Postcard from the Czech 1920 Olympic football team to A.C. Sparta football club in Prague franked with the Olympic 10c Quadriga stamp and postmarked 3.IX.1920 (the day following the finals match!) with an Antwerp 6 Olympic machine cancel. The text at left reads: "We send best regards to the entire committee." It is signed by members of the Czech team: Klapka (goalkeeper); Hojer; Seifert; Steiner; Káda; Sedlacek; Kolenaty; Vaník; Janda; Perna, etc.

One might think that this was the end of the soccer competition at the 1920 Olympics. On the contrary! With Czechoslovakia disqualified, there was no way to determine either a silver or bronze medalist.

Under normal circumstances, the two losing teams in the semi-finals, France and the Netherlands, would have contested for the bronze medal in a play-off. Unfortunately, the French team declined to participate, as many of their top players had already returned to Paris [Wallechinsky: p. 452]. The quandary for the organizers: who would play the Netherlands?

A new series of matches was conducted between six teams: Spain, Sweden, Italy, Norway, Egypt and Yugoslavia. From the winners, Spain and Italy played an additional game to determine who would challenge the Dutch. Spain bested Italy, 2-0, to win this honor.

Finally, on 5 September, the teams from Spain and the Netherlands met to determine the second and third places in the Olympic football competition at the Antwerp Games. Spain won, 3-1, taking the silver medal. The Dutch walked away with the

bronze.

So ended the "Scandal of Schelde," certainly one of the strangest Olympic football tournaments in history.

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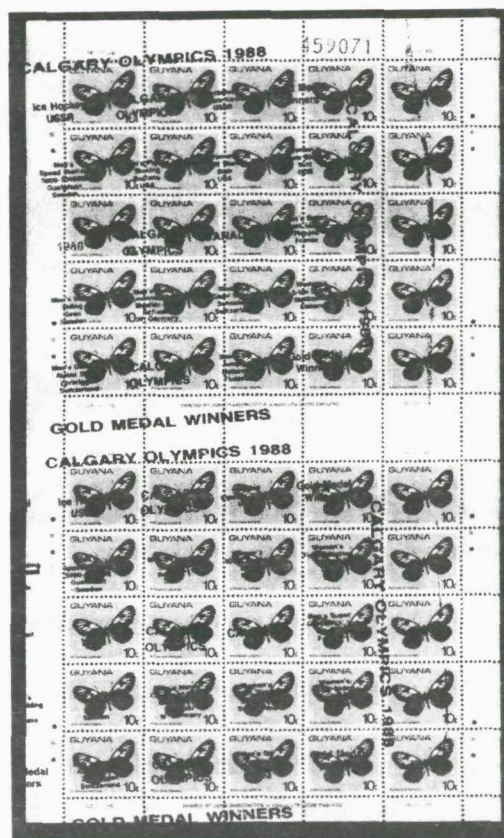
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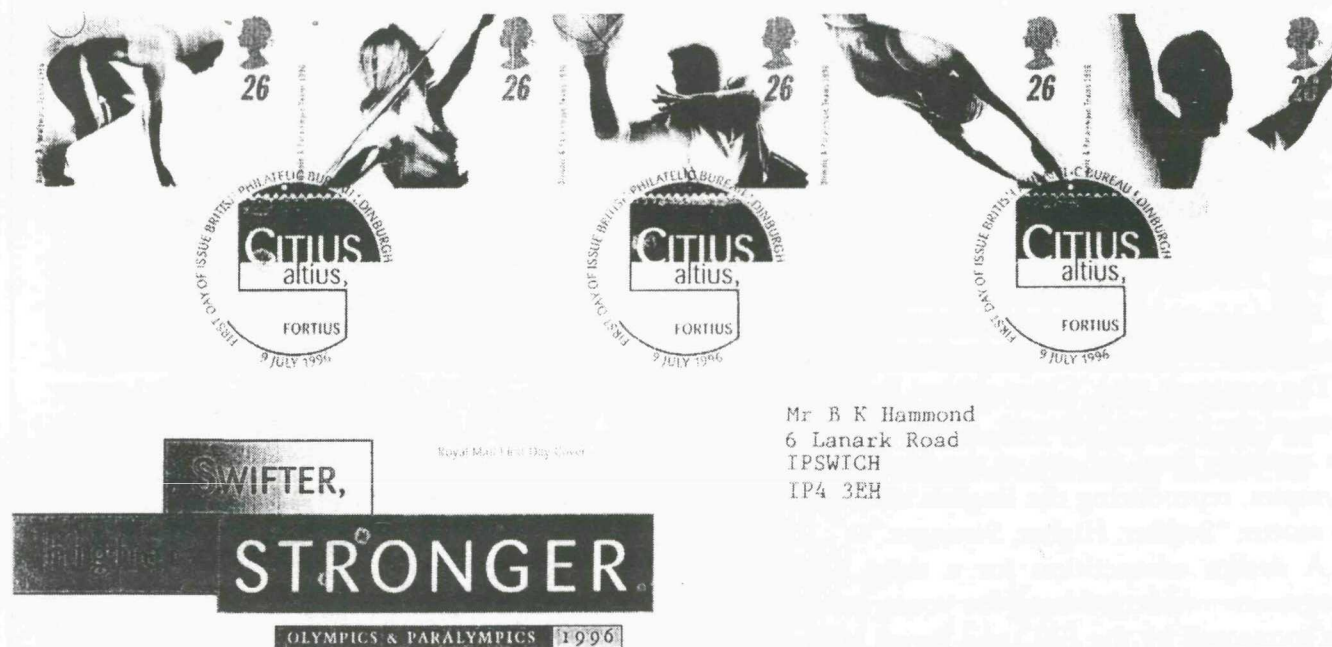


Figure 1. First Day Cover for Britain's 1996 Olympic stamps. In addition to the Edinburgh cancel shown here, an English translation of the Olympic motto (Swifter, Higher, Stronger) was used in a cancel at the site of the Much Wenlock Games.

Great Britain and the Centennial Olympics

by Brian Hammond

Great Britain has been represented on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) since its inception in 1894, and has hosted the Olympic Games twice (1908 and 1948). The 1908 Games yielded few items for collectors: a set of five official Olympic and exhibition vignettes, a number of postcards, and a non-Olympic stadium cancel from the Franco-British Exhibition post office.

In 1948, the British post office produced its first Olympic stamps: a set of four different designs and values for the Games of the XIVth Olympiad in London. These were the first sports stamps to be issued by Great Britain. An Olympic aerogramme, believed to be the first for a Games, was also issued.

No other Olympic stamps were released in Britain until Royal Mail became an official sponsor of the British Olympic Association [BOA: Britain's national Olympic committee] for the 1988 Barce-

lona Olympics. Two 24p stamps were issued, one for the Olympic Games and the other for the Paralympic Games. Both a first class and a second class rate stamp booklet were also produced showing the BOA and Paralympic logos on the front covers.

Bath, in Great Britain, hosted the 1995 Youth Olympics. On 4 July, a second British Olympic aerogramme appeared which marked this event.

Royal Mail again became one of the sponsors of the BOA for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. Throughout Britain, a variety of fund-raising events were held accompanied by the largest output of official philatelic material for any Olympics to date.

On 9 July 1996, a strip of five se-tenant 26p first class stamps was issued in sheets of 100. Printed by the House of Questa in London, the stamps measured 41 mm x 30 mm, with perforations of 15 x 14. From left to right, the stamps illustrated a runner, javelin thrower, basketball player, swimmer, and a figure with arms raised

representing victory. As is the custom on stamps of Great Britain, all bore the Queen's head. Only the victory stamp, however, displayed the Olympic rings. The stamp designs, by Design House, were created from photographs by Nick Knight.

In addition to the sheet version, the stamps were also sold in a presentation pack (No. 268) which included an A-to-Z of Olympic and Paralympic facts and history by Jonathan Crawford.

Royal Mail issued first day covers through the philatelic bureau in Edinburgh, Scotland (Figure 1). The postmark read "Citius, Altius, Fortius" [the motto of the Olympic Games]. A second postmark was available from the site of the Much Wenlock Olympics, reproducing the English translation of the motto: "Swifter, Higher, Stronger."

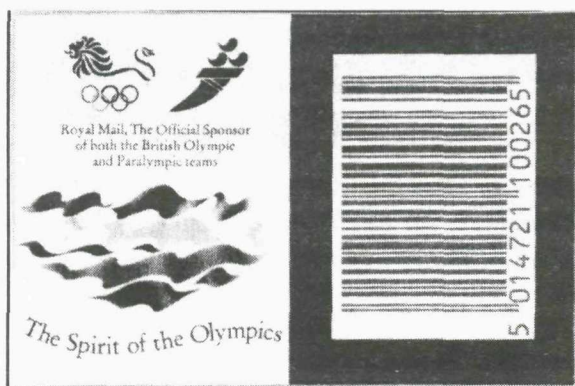
A design competition for a third Olympic aerogramme was conducted for young people. It was sponsored by the BBC and Royal Mail. The winning design, by Eliza Marchant, was issued on 18 June 1996 and was sold either individually or in packs of five at post offices.

As in 1992, the post office issued stamp booklets containing definitive stamps (Figure 2). These, however, carried the British Olympic Team and Paralympic Team logos on the outside of the back cover. My collection contains the following varieties, which I believe to be complete:

1992 ROYAL MAIL DEFINITIVE BOOKLETS WITH BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION LOGO ON THE COVER				
Issue	Printer	Content	Value	No.
06/02/96	Walsall	4x1st class	£1.00	UB123
06/02/96	Walsall	4x2nd class	£0.76	UB124
06/02/96	Harrison	10x2nd class	£1.90	UB125
06/02/96	Walsall	10x1st class	£2.50	UB126
06/02/06	Questa	10x2nd class	£1.90	UB127
19/03/96	Walsall	4x35p	£1.40	UB128
19/03/96	Walsall	4x41p	£1.64	UB129
19/03/96	Walsall	4x60p	£2.40	UB130
19/03/96	Harrison	10x1st class	£2.50	UB131
31/07/96	Walsall	4x37p	£1.48	UB132
31/07/96	Walsall	4x63p	£2.52	UB133



Figure 2. Front (top) and back (below) covers of the 1996 British definitive booklets with Olympic inscriptions. Eleven varieties of the booklets are known to exist.



Three special booklets were issued on 13 May for the Olympics (Figure 3). Each promoted a competition in the form of a scratch-off card on the back cover beneath the title "Will you be at the Olympics?" The booklets contained ten first class definitive stamps valued at £2.50. Different sports were portrayed: archery (UP11), hurdles (UP12), and the shot-put (UP13). Any three non-winning booklet covers could be mailed to Royal Mail for a gift: a set of five postcards featuring each of the five Olympic stamps (Figure 4a). It is interesting to note that these postcards differed from the official Royal Mail maximum cards (Figure 4b) issued at the same time as the stamps. The postcards do not have a border or the Queen's Head. The victory card does not display the Olympic rings.

Further differences are obvious by comparing the backs of the cards (Figures 5a & b). The free postcards bear the BOA, British Paralympic Team and Royal Mail logos along with address lines. The Royal Mail maximum card shows none of these. Other differences in text are also apparent.

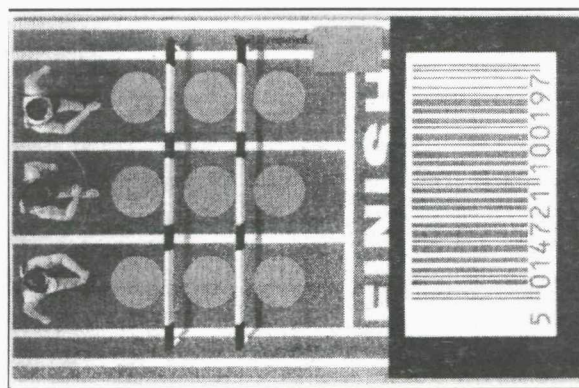


Figure 3. Front (left) and back (right) covers of one of the three special Royal Mail definitive booklets promoting the Olympic Games. Winners received a trip to the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. Non-winning booklet covers could be exchanged for free postcards duplicating the British Olympic stamps.

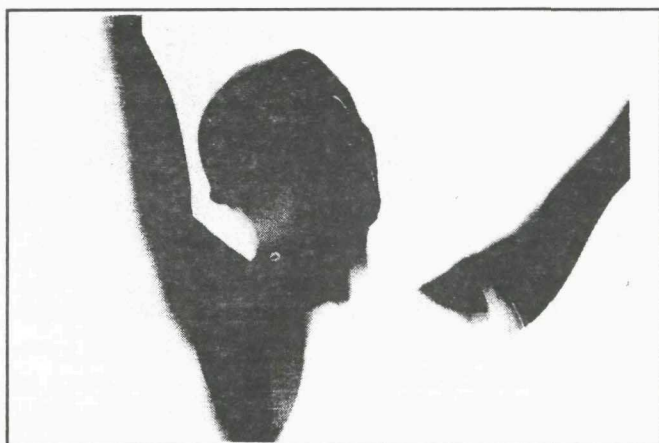


Figure 4a. Example of the postcard created by Royal Mail as a give-away. Note that the card has no border or Queen's Head, and thus does not exactly duplicate the stamp design (see Figure 4b).

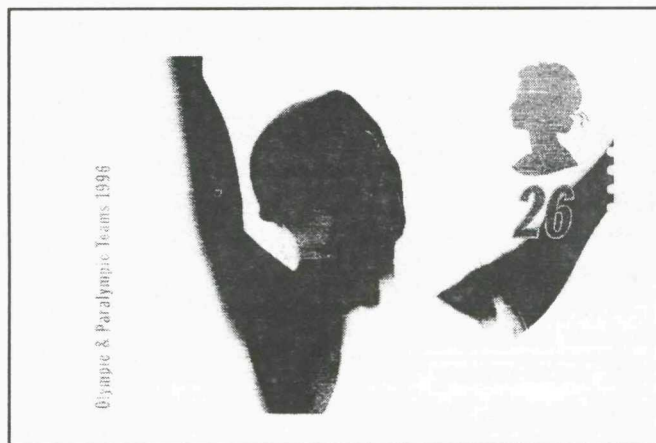


Figure 4b. The "official" Royal Mail maximum card exactly reproduces the "victory" stamp. This was the only value of the set of five stamps/cards that included the Olympic rings (non-reproducible).

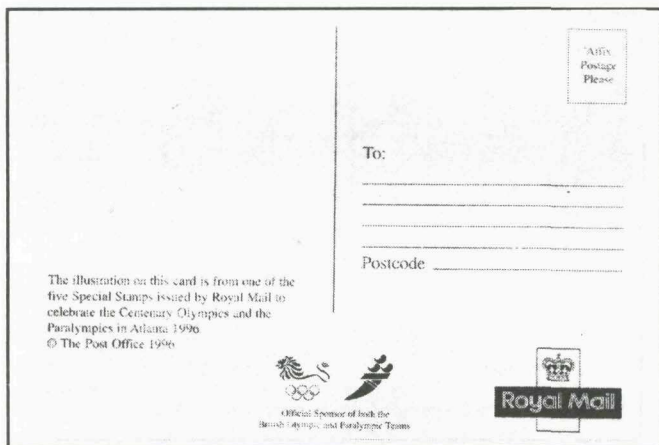


Figure 5a. Reverse of Figure 4a. The Royal Mail, BOA and Paralympic logos are all included.

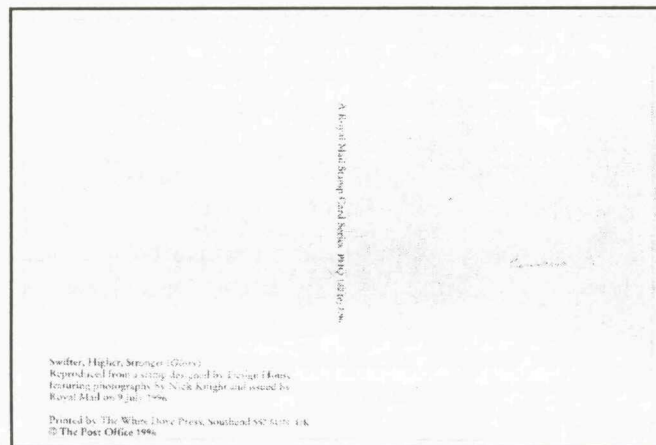


Figure 5b. Reverse of Figure 5a. All logos were omitted from the Royal Mail official maxi-card.



Figure 6. Benham first day cover for Britain's 1996 Olympic series. In addition to the Wembley cancel, the cover also bears a 1996 USPS Olympic stamp canceled on the first day of issue in Atlanta, GA.

The BOA authorized the firm of Benham to produce dual-nation first day covers in support of their fund-raising efforts. A limited edition of 5,000 special "coin" covers was issued on 9 July 1996 (Figure 6). Each incorporates reproductions of the 1908 Olympic medal and the 2½d Olympic stamp from 1948. The covers are franked with a copy of one of the 20 Olympic stamps from the United States which has been canceled from Atlanta, Georgia on 2 May 1996 (the first day of issue). All five British stamps are also affixed, canceled on 9 July 1996 with a special postmark from Wembley showing the torch. The back of each cover lists all the British gold medalists (summer and winter) from 1956 through 1992.

Benham also produced a set of four covers honoring past British Olympians (Figure 7). Each includes a portrait of the athlete and is dual-nation franked in the same manner as the "coin" covers described above. However, the first day cancels on the British stamps are sport-specific and portray the athlete commemorated. They are: Linford Christy (athletics gold in the 100m dash at the 1992 Olympics); Adrian Moorhouse (swimming gold, 100m breaststroke, 1988 Seoul); Sally Gun-

nell (athletics gold, 400m hurdles, 1992 Barcelona); and Steve Redgrave (four rowing golds – only the fifth person in Olympic rowing history to accomplish this feat – 1980 Moscow, 1984 Los Angeles, 1988 Seoul, 1992 Barcelona). A card inserted in each gives a brief history of the Olympics.

A third set of five Benham covers honors three of the Olympians from set two (Christy, Moorhouse, and Gunnell), plus two additional British medalists. They are Tessa Sanderson (athletics gold, javelin, 1984 Los Angeles); and Daily Thompson (athletics golds, decathlon, 1980 Moscow and 1984 Los Angeles). Each cover was franked with a single value of the British Olympic set and then canceled with a different sport-specific first day cancel (Figure 8). The postmarks on the covers for Christy, Moorhouse and Gunnell were different from those on the covers in set two.

Richard Meade (team and individual gold medal winner in the three-day equestrian event, 1992) was honored on a special cover franked with all five stamps and canceled with a special first day cancel. [Editors Note: It isn't clear whether this cover was sold individually or as a part of sets two and/or three.]

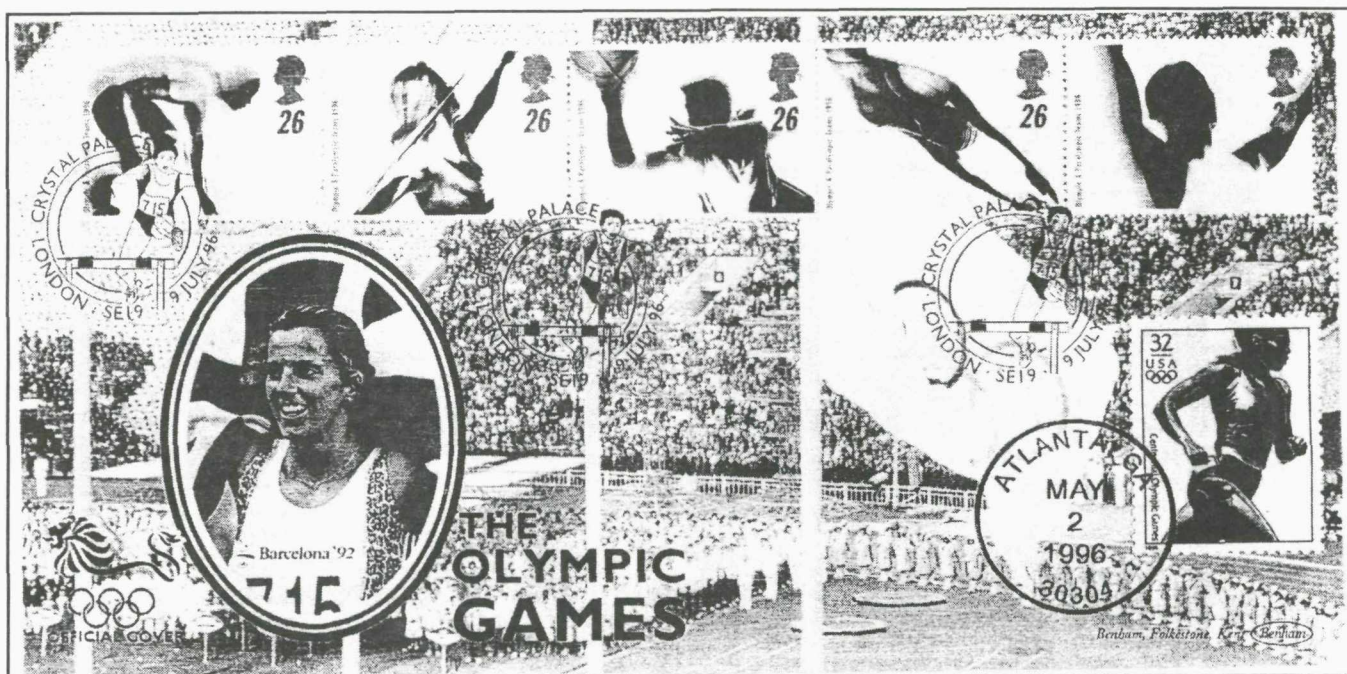


Figure 7. Benham "past Olympians" first day covers. The illustrated cover honors Sally Gunnell, winner of the women's 400 meter hurdles at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games.

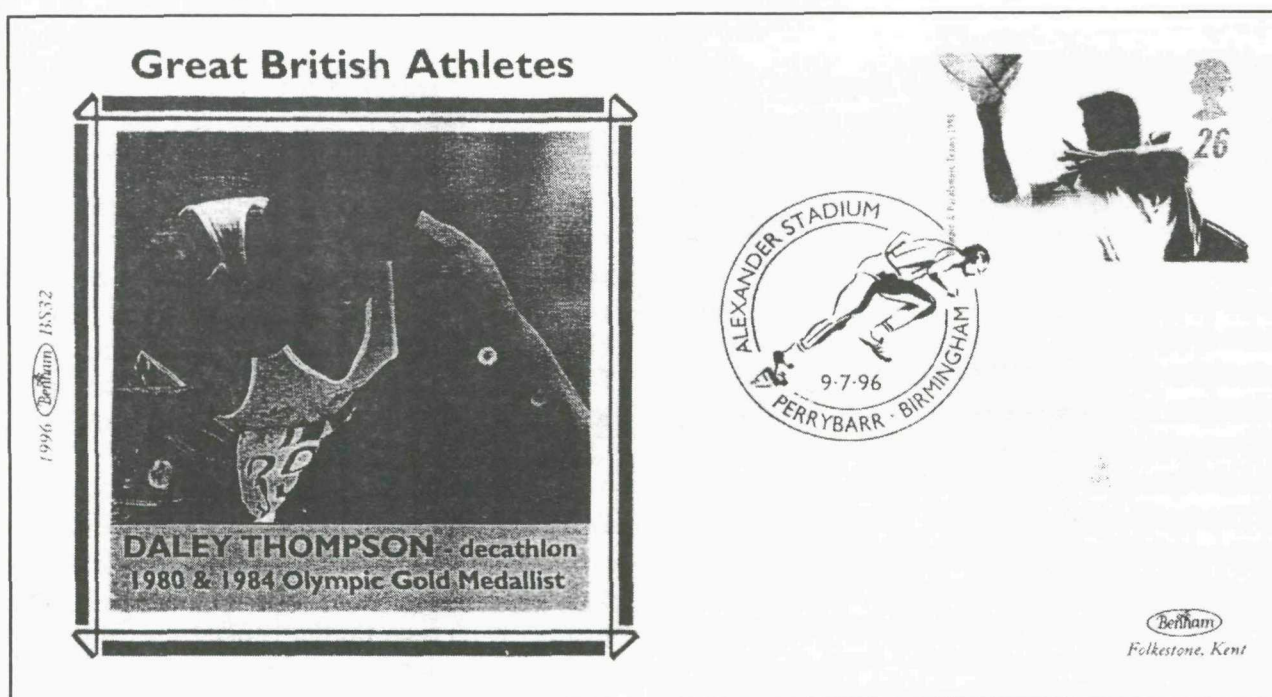


Figure 8. Daley Thompson on one of five Benham covers franked with a single value of the British Olympic stamps.

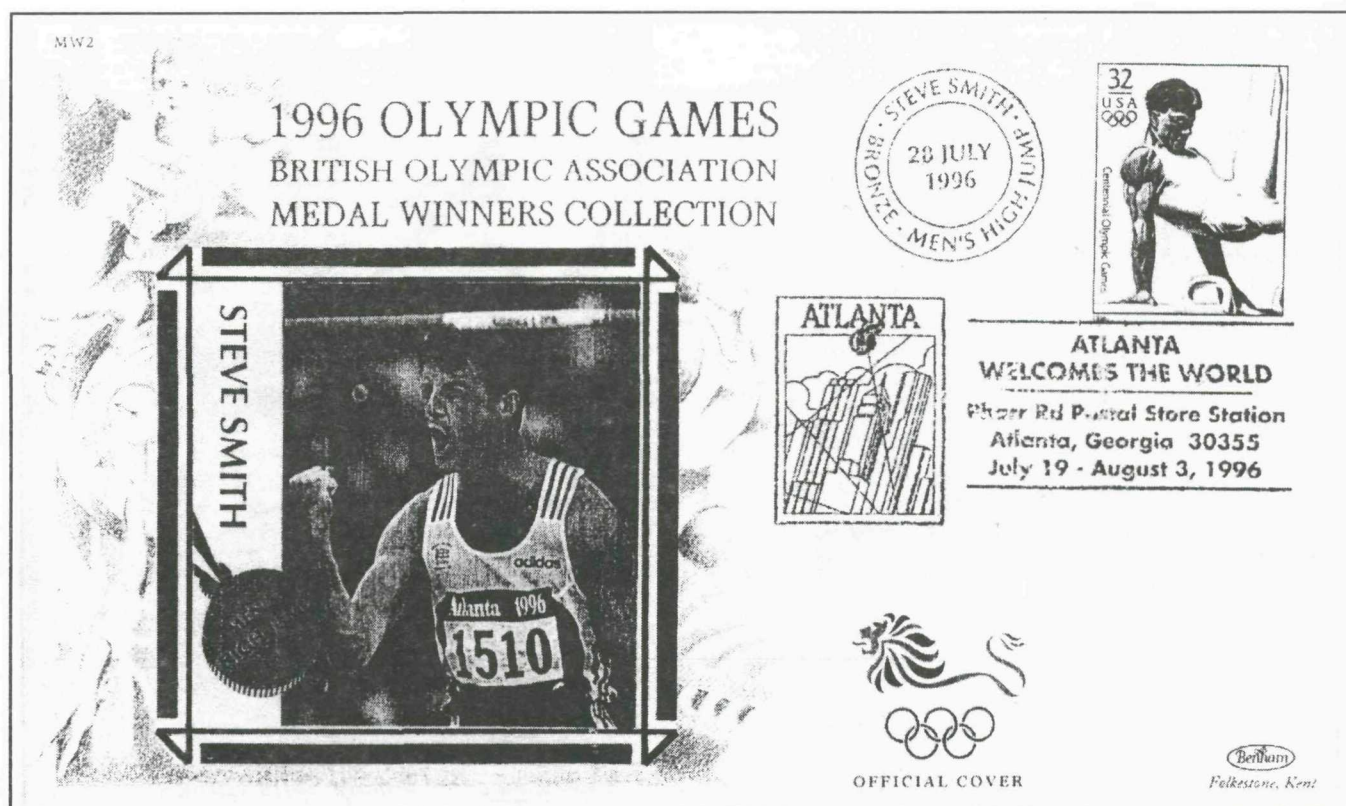


Figure 9. Benham's covers honoring British medalists during the Centennial Games were canceled with a haphazard mix of postmarks. For Steve Smith's high jump bronze on July 20, Benham used an "Atlanta Welcomes the World" postmark which, unfortunately, is a series-dated type. The Steve Smith cancel at top appears to have been used more as a cachet.

Due to the difficulties between the U.S. Postal Service and Olympic authorities reported in previous issues of the *Journal of Sports Philately*, Benham encountered problems in producing correctly postmarked covers for each of the fifteen British gold medalists in Atlanta. Their solutions were varied. On many covers, a standard Atlanta cancellation, such as the "Atlanta Welcomes the World" postmark, was used (Figure 9). A few covers were canceled with sports or theme day postmarks available from Olymphilex '96.

Other firms in Britain also produced material for the Centennial Olympic Games. A Scott cover with special flame cancellation was issued in a limited edition of 500 covers.

Maximum Original produced a set of five maximum cards with the London flame cancellation. One card celebrated the centennial of the Modern Olympic Games. The other four (numbers 71-75)

illustrate British Olympic champions.

The British Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) commissioned Adrian Bradbury to produce two covers, both with AAA-sponsored hand cancels for the first day of issue of the British Olympic set. One cancel was from the AAA headquarters in Birmingham. The second is the more interesting as it is a special laurel leaf cancel from Wembley, site of the 1948 Games.

The only sponsor meter cancel I have bears the BOA logo from Tie Rack, the official neckwear supplier to the British Olympic Team (meter number PBC19686). Of note is that Royal Mail also produced its own line of official souvenirs: 2 pin badges (one for the Olympics and one for the Paralympics), watches, ties, towels, and teddy bears.

The 1996 Games have proved to be the best ever for British Olympic collectors.



Figure 1. An early first flight cachet from Camden, SC depicting ball sports: polo and golf.

First Flight Cachets Deserve a Place In Your Topical Collection

by Norman Rushefsky

In the history of manned flight, the carriage of the mails has typically played an important role. In order to hasten the delivery of mail, the airplane was recognized early on as an essential component. The growth of aviation went hand and hand with the establishment of new air mail routes between various cities. During the 1920's, flying was an activity for daredevils such as Charles Lindbergh. The carriage of mails was of more significance than passenger travel. Philately was also on an upswing. As new air mail routes were established, the first flight was usually noted by the application of a rubber stamp cachet to mail carried on the flight and for which the cachet was requested of the local postmaster. This practice continued in the U.S. until 1992 when it was discontinued as a cost saving measure. During this seventy year period the cachets with their different designs portray a rich history in the development of flight. To the sports philatelist, these

cachets represent a fertile field for expanding a topical sports collection.

The early cachets during the 1920's typically display flight themes and, unless you are into air races, will provide little for your collection. Towards the end of the 1920's and into the 1930's, as the Great Depression ripped through America, the cachets took on more of a promotional aspect for the city or town in which the flight originated. The promotional themes for the cachets sometimes featured recreational activities of the city or town to encourage tourism. Swimming, sailing and fishing are usually found as early themes. The earliest cachet I have found illustrating a sport involving a ball is shown in Figure 1. This cachet, dated December 1, 1932, features both polo and golf and is from Camden, South Carolina. The picturing of several recreational activities is typical of first flight cachets with recreational themes. An interesting example is shown in Figure 2 which is a first flight cachet cover dated June 12, 1941 from Cheboygan, Michigan. This cachet illustrates

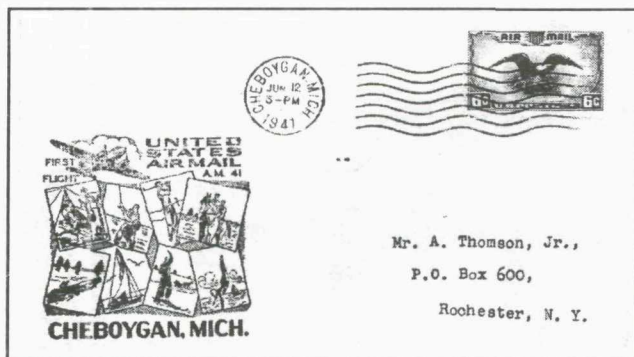


Figure 2. Cachets with multiple recreational themes were a favorite on first flight covers. This example is dated June 12, 1941, and is for an air mail flight originating in Cheboygan, Michigan.

camping, fishing, golf, horseback riding, canoeing, sailing, cross-country skiing, and diving.

One relatively common first flight cover dated June 19, 1947 is illustrated in Figure 3 and is for a flight from New York to Helsinki, Finland. The cachet features summer and winter sport activities. The illustrations for the sport activities are taken from designs on Finland's sports stamp issues of 1938 and 1945. The cachet may be a promotion for Finland's selection as host country for the 1952 Olympic Games. Finland was to host the Olympics in 1940 but the Games were not held due to World War II. Finland did host the 1952 summer Olympic Games.

As a baseball topicalist, I have scoured the boxes of dealers' offerings at stamp shows in search of first flight cachets with a baseball theme. To date, I have found only three baseball related items. The earliest dated June 20, 1949, shown in Figure 4, is from New York City and illustrates general sports scenes: basketball, baseball, tennis,

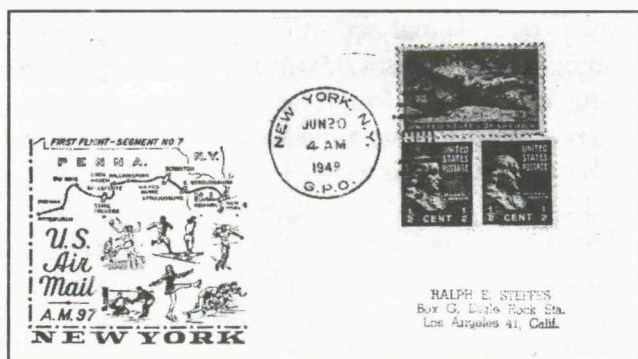


Figure 4. The earliest example found by the author of baseball commemorated on a first flight cover.

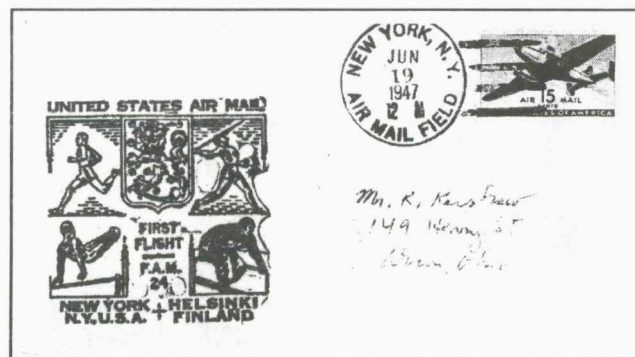


Figure 3. This 1947 first flight cover from New York to Helsinki may have promoted Helsinki's bid to host the 1952 Olympic Games (which it eventually won).

hockey, figure skating, and track.

Another typically American ball sport, football, is shown in Figure 5. It is dated September 28, 1958, and notes a flight from Los Angeles to Melbourne, Australia. A companion cover to this, which shows baseball and track, is for a Pan American flight from San Francisco to Melbourne three days earlier (September 28, 1958).

There are numerous first flight cachets for the sports topicalist to pursue. These include not only U.S. covers, as illustrated in this article, but those of other countries as well. However, cachets illustrating a sport involving a ball are the rare exception. Fortunately, the covers themselves are not expensive.

If this article has piqued your interest in these cachets, remember to check out dealers having boxes of first flight covers at stamp shows and bourses. The cachet designs are interesting and a very few may just relate to your topical collecting specialty.



Figure 5. American football, as well as tennis, were featured on this 1958 first flight to Melbourne.

1992 Olympic USPS Slogan Machine Cancels Update #3

by Glenn Estus

In the late 1980s, the United States Postal Service (USPS) became a major sponsor of the 1992 Olympic Games. At the end of December, 1989, the USPS began using a slogan machine cancellation at many of its major urban postal sorting centers. Previously in the *Journal of Sports Philately*, I presented a comprehensive listing and update of these usages (May/June, 1991 and May/June, 1992).

The listing which follows is a major revision of the previous listings, now comprising both the earliest and latest dates that I have seen or have had reported to me in the five years since the last update.

The earliest dates that I have seen are Cleveland, OH 441 and Dayton, OH 454. Both were postmarked December 26, 1989. It would seem that this slogan was introduced after the Christmas rush of 1989. Most post offices began using the slogan in December 1989 and January 1990. Even though the USPS Olympic sponsorship expired at the end of 1992, we still find post offices using the cancel throughout 1992 and into 1993. The latest use that I have seen is from Green Bay, WI (January 3, 1995).

I have assumed that different types of machines were used from cities such as Akron, OH.

This has lead to two listings for Akron: one with a comma, one without a comma.

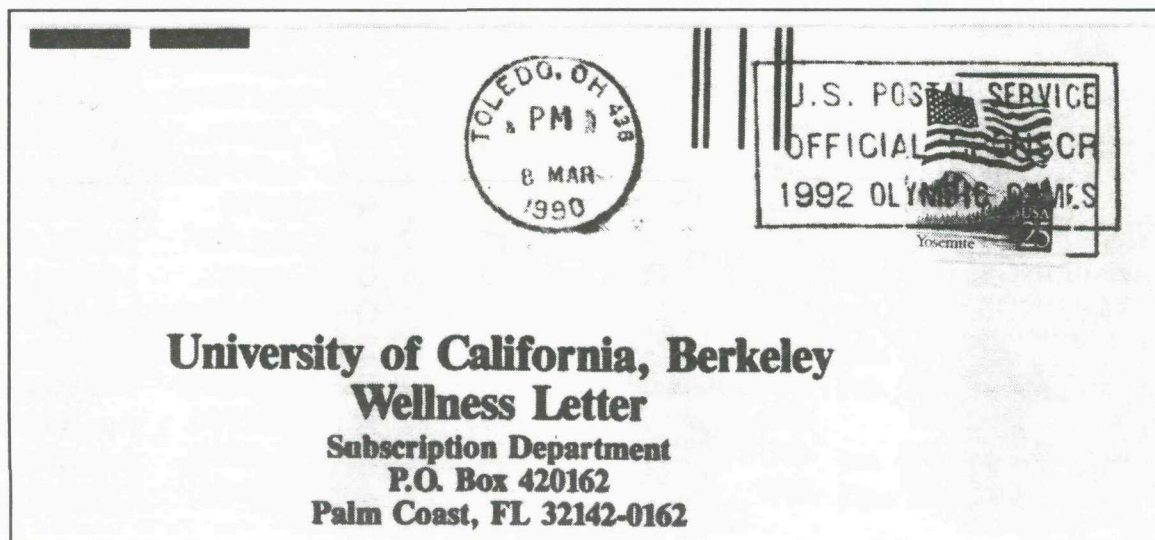
Two types of spacing were used on the Austin, TX cancellations. I have arbitrarily assigned Type numbers to them. These were illustrated in the May/June issue of *JSP* on page 11.

One of the Buffalo listings includes the wording "SAY NO TO DRUGS" in the city dial.

A word of explanation about the column titles. The "ZIP" column lists the ZIP code exactly as it appears in the cancellation dial. The "NUM" column refers to any numbers or other wording other than the city and state name, as well as the ZIP code that appears in the cancellation dial. The "POS." (Position) column refers to the location of the number or wording in the dial. "12" means at the top of the dial, "6" means at the bottom of the dial, etc.

Unlisted cities, and earlier or later dates may be reported to me at P.O. Box 451, Westport, NY 12993, U.S.A.. These will be presented in *JSP* at a later date.

This study of the 1992 Olympic machine slogan cancels would not have been possible without the help of many SPI members as well as the invaluable services of Earl Elliot of Lawrenceville, GA, who in 1989-1993 had access to literally tens of thousands of covers mailed to a major publisher's subscription house.



NAME	STATE	ZIP	NUM	Pos	EARLIEST	LATEST
AKRON	OH	443			Feb. 6, 1990	Sept. 30, 1991
AKRON,	OH	443			Jan. 3, 1990	Oct. 1, 1990
ALBANY,	NY	122			Aug. 1, 1990	Dec. 20, 1990
ALBUQUERQUE,	NM	87101			Jan. 10, 1990	Feb. 7, 1992
ALBUQUERQUE,	NM	871			Jan. 2, 1992	Aug. 17, 1992
ANAHEIM	CA	928	2A	3.5	Oct. 19, 1992	Oct. 19, 1992
ANAHEIM,	CA	928	2A	3.5	Feb. 6, 1990	Oct. 16, 1992
ANCHORAGE	AK	995			Jan. 3, 1990	Jul. 23, 1990
ANCHORAGE,	AK	995			Jul. 23, 1990	Feb. 28, 1991
ATLANTA,	GA	303			Dec. 28, 1989	Apr. 16, 1990
AUSTIN (Type 1)	TX	787			Dec. 27, 1989	Apr. 12, 1991
AUSTIN (Type 2)	TX	787			Feb. 20, 1991	Apr. 17, 1992
BAKERSFIELD	CA	933			Jan. 4, 1990	Aug. 18, 1992
BALTIMORE	MD	212			Feb. 9, 1990	Feb. 9, 1990
BALTIMORE,	MD	212	6A	8	Feb. 13, 1991	Feb. 27, 1991
BALTIMORE,	MD	212	5	8	Jan. 2, 1990	
BATON ROUGE	LA	708			Dec. 27, 1989	Apr. 16, 1992
BATON ROUGE,	LA	708			Apr. 13, 1991	June 11, 1991
BILLINGS,	MT	591			Jan. 2, 1990	Aug. 29, 1991
BIRMINGHAM,	AL	352			Jan. 2, 1990	May 20, 1992
BLOOMINGTON,	IL	617			Jan. 3, 1990	Oct. 3, 1990
BOISE	ID	837	2A	9.5	Mar. 26, 1993	Jul. 31, 1993
BOISE,	ID	837			Jan. 5, 1990	Feb. 20, 1993
BOSTON	MA	021	1	3	Mar. 31, 1990	Mar. 31, 1990
BOSTON,	MA	021	1	3	Jan. 4, 1990	Aug. 9, 1990
BOSTON,	MA	021	8A	3	Sept. 27, 1990	Nov. 28, 1990
BOSTON,	MA	021	8B	3	Dec. 27, 1990	Dec. 27, 1990
BOSTON,	MA	021	13A	3	May 14, 1991	Nov. 19, 1991
BRONX,	NY	104			Feb. 5, 1990	June 8, 1992
BROOKLYN,	NY	112			Jan. 12, 1990	Mar. 23, 1990
BUFFALO	NY	142	"Say No"	12	Dec. 27, 1989	Dec. 27, 1989
BUFFALO	NY				Dec. 29, 1989	Feb. 5, 1990
BUFFALO,	NY	142			Feb. 5, 1990	Aug. 23, 1990
CHARLESTON,	SC	294			Dec. 28, 1989	Oct. 29, 1990
CHARLESTON,	WV	253			Dec. 28, 1989	Jul. 25, 1991
CHATTANOOGA,	TN	374			Dec. 28, 1989	Aug. 14, 1992
CHICAGO	IL	606			Jan. 5, 1990	Feb. 25, 1992
CHICAGO,	IL	606			Mar. 5, 1990	Jan. 23, 1992
CINCINNATI,	OH	452			Jan. 2, 1990	Jul. 25, 1990
CLEVELAND,	OH	441			Dec. 26, 1989	Jul. 20, 1992
COLORADO SPRINGS,	CO	809	2A	4	Jan. 6, 1990	May 31, 1991
COLORADO SPRINGS,	CO	809	2B	4	Oct. 4, 1990	Jul. 10, 1992
COLUMBIA,	SC	292			Jan. 9, 1990	Mar. 29, 1990
COLUMBUS	OH	430			Feb. 9, 1990	Feb. 9, 1990
COLUMBUS,	OH	430	4B	8.5	Mar. 19, 1990	Apr. 14, 1990
COLUMBUS,	OH	430	2A	8.5	May 17, 1991	Aug. 17, 1991
COLUMBUS,	OH	430	5A	8.5	Apr. 23, 1991	Oct. 15, 1991

NAME	STATE	ZIP	NUM	Pos	EARLIEST	LATEST
COLUMBUS,	OH	430	1A	8.5	Oct. 23, 1991	Oct. 23, 1991
COLUMBUS,	OH	430	4A	8.5	Jan. 3, 1990	Nov. 30, 1991
CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	784			Dec. 29, 1989	Aug. 9, 1990
DALLAS,	TX	752			Feb. 10, 1990	Aug. 30, 1991
DAYTON	OH	454			Apr. 5, 1991	Apr. 15, 1991
DAYTON,	OH	454			Dec. 26, 1989	Dec. 13, 1993
DENVER,	CO	802			Jan. 5, 1990	May 7, 1991
DES MOINES	IA	503			Jan. 2, 1990	Jan. 3, 1992
DETROIT,	MI	481			Sept. 10, 1990	Oct. 24, 1990
DURHAM,	NC	27701			Dec. 2, 1991	Dec. 2, 1991
EUGENE	OR	974	2A	12	Jan. 22, 1990	May 14, 1992
EVERETT,	WA	982	1A	3.5	Jan. 5, 1990	Jan. 12, 1990
EVERETT,	WA	982	3	C	Dec. 10, 1990	Dec. 10, 1990
EVERETT,	WA	982			Feb. 21, 1990	June 13, 1991
EVERETT,	WA	982	1A	C	June 19, 1991	May 22, 1992
EVERETT,	WA	982	1B	C	Sept. 23, 1991	Jul. 29, 1992
EVERETT,	WA	982	1	C	Jul. 27, 1990	Aug. 10, 1992
FAIRBANKS	AK	99701			Feb. 27, 1991	Oct. 7, 1991
FAIRBANKS,	AK	99701			Mar. 5, 1990	Oct. 10, 1990
FORT LAUDERDALE,	FL	333			Jan. 8, 1990	May 10, 1991
FORT MYERS,	FL	339			Dec. 28, 1989	June 1, 1992
FORT WAYNE,	IN	468			Jan. 2, 1990	Aug. 7, 1992
FORT WORTH,	TX	761	7A	4	Jan. 20, 1990	Mar. 5, 1992
FORT WORTH,	TX	761	4	4	Apr. 3, 1992	Sept. 16, 1992
FRESNO	CA	937			Jan. 5, 1990	Feb. 5, 1990
GARY	IN	464			Mar. 31, 1992	Aug. 19, 1992
GARY,	IN	464			Jan. 4, 1990	Mar. 26, 1992
GMF-STAMFORD,	CT	069	21A	4	Dec. 29, 1989	Aug. 2, 1990
GMF-STAMFORD,	CT	069	21B	4	Oct. 24, 1990	Feb. 14, 1991
GRAND RAPIDS,	MI	493			Jan. 9, 1990	Mar. 29, 1990
GREEN BAY,	WI	543			Dec. 29, 1989	Jan. 3, 1995
GREENSBORO,	NC	274			Mar. 10, 1990	Mar. 17, 1990
GREENSBORO,	NC	27420			Jan. 8, 1990	June 19, 1990
HACKENSACK	NJ	076			Jan. 23, 1990	Jan. 23, 1990
HACKENSACK,	NJ	076			Jan. 10, 1990	Jul. 25, 1991
HAMPTON ROADS	VA	233	1A	4	Jan. 1, 1990	Jul. 22, 1991
HARRISBURG	PA	171			Jul. 22, 1991	Jul. 22, 1991
HARRISBURG,	PA	171			Jan. 10, 1990	Aug. 28, 1991
HARTFORD,	CT	061	1A	2	Jan. 30, 1990	Apr. 26, 1990
HONOLULU	HI	968			Jan. 8, 1990	Nov. 6, 1992
HONOLULU,	HI	968			Mar. 27, 1991	Jul. 10, 1992
HOUSTON,	TX	770			Jan. 4, 1990	Jul. 23, 1990
INDIANAPOLIS,	IN	462			Jan. 24, 1990	Nov. 9, 1992
INDUSTRY,	CA	917	2A	3.5	Feb. 23, 1990	Jul. 23, 1990
INDUSTRY,	CA	917	2B	3.5		
JACKSON,	MS	392			Jan. 4, 1990	Apr. 18, 1990
JACKSONVILLE,	FL	322			Dec. 30, 1989	Feb. 15, 1990

NAME	STATE	ZIP	NUM	POS	EARLIEST	LATEST
KALAMAZOO,	MI	490			Jan. 4, 1990	Jul. 10, 1990
KALAMAZOO,	MI	49001			Dec. 20, 1990	Aug. 22, 1992
KANSAS CITY,	MO	641			Jan. 3, 1990	Aug. 12, 1991
KNOXVILLE,	TN	379			Jan. 6, 1990	Apr. 16, 1992
LANSING,	MI	489			Jan. 6, 1990	Mar. 8, 1990
LAS VEGAS	NV	890	4B	4	Aug. 17, 1990	Sept. 13, 1990
LAS VEGAS	NV	890	1A	4	Jan. 4, 1990	Feb. 28, 1991
LAS VEGAS	NV	890	2A	4	Mar. 14, 1991	Mar. 20, 1991
LAS VEGAS	NV	890	4A	4	Jan. 2, 1992	Apr. 15, 1992
LEXINGTON,	KY	405			Dec. 28, 1989	Dec. 11, 1991
LINCOLN	NE	685			Jan. 28, 1990	Jan. 4, 1991
LINCOLN,	NE	685			Jan. 30, 1991	Mar. 11, 1991
LITTLE ROCK	AR	722			Jan. 4, 1990	Jul. 7, 1990
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BOOK REVIEWS

by Sherwin Podolsky

Olympic Torch Relays 1936-1944 by Walter Borgers. Under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee. Edited by Carl and Liselott Diem-Archives, Olympic Research Institute of the German Sport University, Cologne, Germany. 1996. Published by AGON Sportverlag, D-34121 Kassel, Germany. English translation by Eleanor and Heinrich Latz. Hardbound, 200 numbered pages, black and white illustrations. Price about 70 DM, plus shipping. Visa credit cards accepted.

This book is an excellent in-depth reference of great interest to Olympic collectors and exhibitors. It tells how the idea of the torch and torch relay developed into a regular ceremony during the Olympic Games.

Although the first Olympic torch relay took place at the opening ceremonies of the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, the torch has its roots in ancient Greek mythology.

Prometheus brought a spark of heavenly fire to earth for man, thus making him the ruler of elements. He was punished by being chained to the Caucasian mountains. However, the great step forward into civilization had been taken by means of a giant torch made of fennel stalk and lit by the fiery chariot of the sun. The fire brought down from heaven became a representation of reason and enlightenment, of freedom and human creativity. These representations and symbolism influenced the Olympic ceremonies.

The handing over of the torch in ancient races symbolized the chain of life and death and succession of generations. Although Coubertin is credited as the "re-igniter" of the Olympic Fire, it is not clear whose idea it was to have an Olympic Fire during the Games. The fire burned first at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics in the opening ceremony as a symbol of moral purity.

Pierre de Coubertin referred to the ancient torch theme in his speeches and writings. His maxim "May the Olympic Torch follow its course throughout the ages, for the good of a humanity

ever more ardent, courageous and pure" appeared on the scoreboard as a final tableau in Los Angeles in 1932.

The passing of the sacred flame from hand to hand in ancient times inspired Carl Diem. He conceived the idea of a "Course of the Sacred Torch." Coubertin and then-IOC President Baillet-Latour approved the concept; plans were made for the first torch relay from Greece to Germany in 1936.

The Olympic torches were made of Krupp steel manufactured by Krupp AG. The design of the Olympic torch was based on ideas of Diem and Lewald, president and secretary, respectively, of the 1936 Berlin Olympic Organizing Committee.

For four hundred years, the Krupp dynasty armed Germany in three major wars. Their cannons won the Franco-Prussian War in 1870 at Sedan. This war, in which the French were defeated, was a major influence on Coubertin's discovering the Olympic ideals which included the suspension of hostilities during the Games.

William Manchester, in his book *The Arms of Krupp*, tells that Hjalmar Schacht, the Reich Commissioner for National Currency, made certain that all foreign currency spent by visitors to the Olympic Games were blocked and frozen. "The Central Bank has the German mark funds of foreigners under its control almost exclusively invested in rearmament bills. Our armaments are thus partly financed from the deposits of our political enemies." (In a letter by Schacht dated June 6, 1936.)


The first 42 pages of Borgers' book give the history of the torch and the development of the torch relay in the Olympic Games. The succeeding chapters detail the history of the torch relay for each Olympiad including the XIIth Olympic Games to have been held at Tokyo/Helsinki. (Tokyo had originally been selected as the host city. Following the outbreak of WWII, the Games were transferred to Helsinki.)

There is a separate chapter dealing with "The Torch Relays at the Winter Olympic Games" from 1940-1994.


The information given is highly detailed and profusely illustrated. For example, the following details were included for London 1948: date and time of the start of the relay, duration, countries traversed, identified stops, description of the route, special stages (such as at the sailing competitions at Torquay), special means of transport and handling of the fire (by ships), length of the route, distance run (1665 km), distance by other means of transport (about 700 km by ship), average distance per runner, number of runners by country, names of first and last runners, method of choosing runners, sport organizations taking part, responsible organizers, escort for the flame, special symbolic acts or services, dress of the runners, description of the torch, special torches, torch manufacturer, torch designer, number of torches used or produced, sponsors, memorabilia, torch relay philately. Also, there is a map of the torch route. Similar information is given for every Olympiad. The type of fuel is often identified.

The Torch Relay has been a subject of exhibits at Olympihex for many years. Now collectors and exhibitors have a single reference on this subject.


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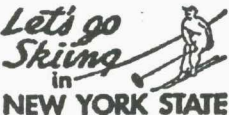
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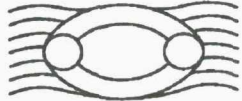



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AUCTION NEWS

by Sherwin Podolsky

David Feldman SA, 175 route de Chancy, CH-1213 Onex, Geneva, Switzerland held its 1996 autumn auction series from November 3-8, 1996 in Zurich. Feldman's auction catalogs regularly include a section devoted to Olympics and sports. Prices are in Swiss Francs (about 75¢ US per Sfr.). The buyer's commission of 15% is not included.

Below are some results from this auction which are notable for a few prize lots that did not sell:

Lot 31325. 1896 Athens Olympics. Original artist's designs for the 1896 issue, painted by hand, aquarelle on card sepia color. Unique combination presentation proofs. 2 x 10 drachma (different size cards), 1 drachma, 2 x 2 drachma (different size cards). This item comprising the five proofs mounted together on a 16 x 16.8 cm card was the frontispiece of the collection of the late Dr. Caruso. "It is, in our opinion, the most valuable Olympic item known in philately. An outstanding museum and top exhibition item."

Minimum start of Sfr. 100,000 Did not sell

Lot 31326. 1896 Athens Olympics. 5 drachma green and 10 drachma brown. Final proof on perforated ungummed paper from a special printing made at the same time as the large format proofs. Extremely rare, Calves certificate. "Note. The proofs in the issued colors were found in the archives of Mr. Deilakis, a Greek expert living in Paris. When first discovered, these proofs were not known to the experts of the time. However, a recent study by Calves and Brun of the Mouchon archives have proved the existence of the ungummed perforated proofs and this is all confirmed in a certificate signed by both Calves and Brun."

Estimate Sfr. 12,000 Did not sell

Lot 31332. 1906 Athens Intercalated Games. "The original artist's handpainted design in pen and ink, gold and black with cut-outs and mounted on card,

depicting Zeus, etc. as chosen final design for the 5 drachma stamp ... From the unique set once housed and exhibited in the famous Dr. Caruso collection."

Estimate Sfr. 25,000

Did not sell

The following lots are reported with prices realized in Sfr., to which 15% buyer's commission should be added:

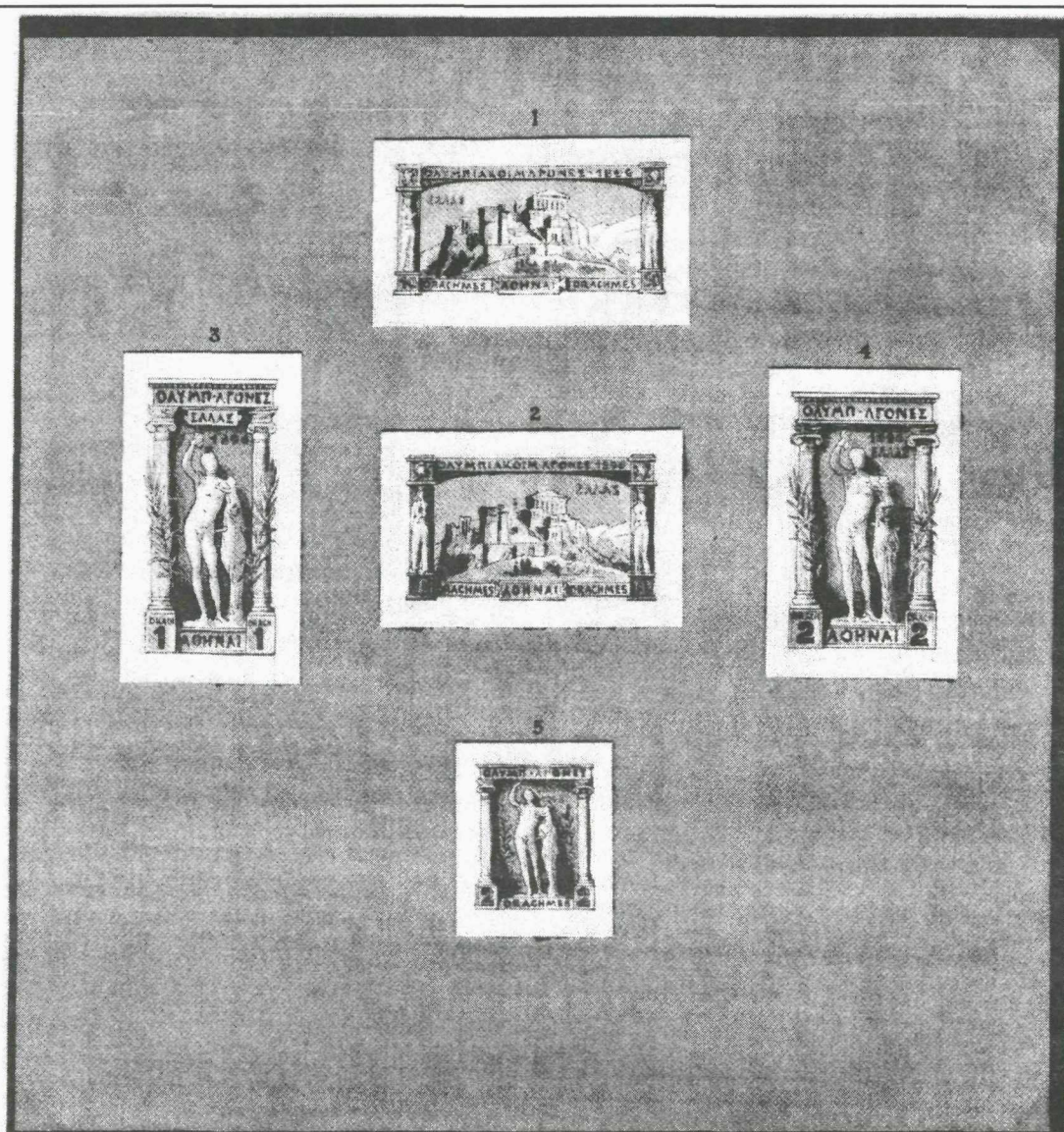
Lot 31328. 1896 Athens Olympics. 1 lepta brown. Sheet of 25 with all selvage, on exhibit page.
Estimate Sfr. 500 Realized Sfr. 600

Lot 31338. Sweden. 1912. 2 picture postcards with the continuous publicity machine cancel used on 18th and 19th of July. (Olympic events took place on these days.) Very fine.
Estimate Sfr. 300 Realized Sfr. 300

Lot 31344. France 1924. Complete mint set of eight 15¢ Pasteur Olympic postal cards with original folder. Minor corner wrinkles. Accompanied by original registered envelope in which cards were sent to USA, franked 30c Olympic and 2F. Merson. Very fine.
Estimate Sfr. 1500 Realized Sfr. 1600

Lot 31346. Czechoslovakia 1925 Olympic Congress. Complete set of three semi-postals tied to the special postal stationery card of the Olympic Congress with blue imprint. With Olympic hand-cancel dated 29.V.25, opening day of the Congress, and date Coubertin resigned as IOC president. Addressee's name crossed out, otherwise very fine.
Estimate Sfr. 240 Realized Sfr. 320

Lot 31347. Czechoslovakia 1925 Olympic Congress. Complete set of postal cards with commemorative imprints in all five colors on the 50H Masaryk green.
Estimate Sfr. 400 Realized Sfr. 130



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This item comprising the five proofs mounted altogether on 16 x 16.8cm card was the frontespiece of the pioneer and most famous Dr. Caruso collection.

It is, in our opinion, the most valuable Olympic item known in philately. Outstanding Museum and top exhibition item.

(Note: Similar proofs, but different designs, from the same Caruso collection have fetched SFr.20'000 to SFr.25'000 each at previous auctions. We do not want to break up this item, considered by the late Dr. Caruso as his most valuable and so offer the five-proof combination to single buyer at the minimum starting estimate of SFr.100'000.)
(See also lot 31332)

Lot 31348. Netherlands 1928. Huygens advertising postal card, mint. (8 lines of text between Greek columns). VF.

Estimate Sfr. 340

Realized Sfr. 400

Lot 31357. Germany 1936. Telegram for the Summer Games, unused, bearing on inside and 3 extra pages all the cancels used at the Summer Games.

Estimate Sfr. 1500

Realized Sfr. 1700

Lot 31360. Finland 1940. Essay sheetlet of seven designs in brown. Rare.

Estimate Sfr. 2000

Realized Sfr. 2200

Lot 31363. Haiti 1940 Coubertin airmail semi-postals. Set of (imperforate) proofs in marginal blocks of six as submitted to the Haitian Ministry of Post, signed and dated by an official, gummed and bearing invalidating hole. Very fine.

Estimate Sfr. 500

Realized Sfr. 800

Lot 31364. London 1948. Peru's participation set complete mint and without the red AERO overprint. Proofs with usual punching holes. Also FDC to New York.

Estimate Sfr. 200

Realized Sfr. 220

Lot 31370. Los Angeles 1984. Czechoslovakia. Never issued 1 Kcs. With same design as 1 Kc of the 1984 "Olympic Idea" issue, but with additional inscription at upper left: "HRY XXIII OLYMPIADY LOS ANGELES 1984." Design of 1 Kc "Olympic Idea" issue is slightly different with Olympic rings framed in black. Rare and nearly unknown adhesive with issued set to compare.

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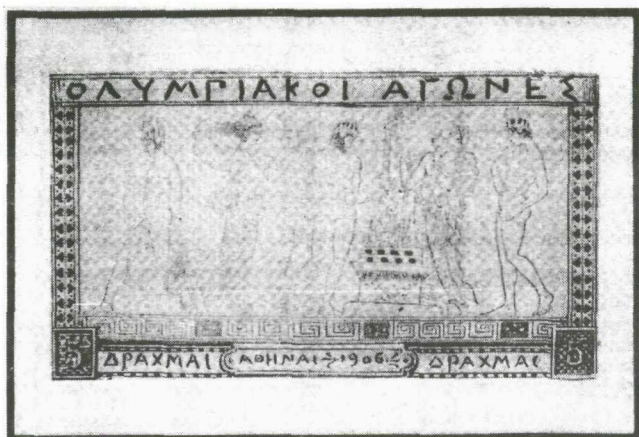
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Lot 31326 (above and below). Final proofs in issued colors of the Greek 1896 Olympic stamps (5Dr green and 10Dr brown values, only); perforated and ungummed paper. Certificate signed by Calves and Brun.



Lot 31332 (left). Original artist's hand-painted design for the 5Dr value of the 1906 Greek Olympic Games issue. Mounted on card.



REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Dorothy Crockett & Mark Maestroni

Basketball Philatelic News Vol. 10, No. 3

The December, 1996, issue of the basketball collectors' periodical is full of reproductions of new basketball stamps and postmarks, many Olympic-related. A cover addressed to the editor, George Killian, from Vilnius, Lithuania is reproduced in this issue. George, as president of FIBA, had the honor of presenting the bronze medals at the Atlanta Olympic Games to the Lithuanian team.

The lead article in this issue is an explanation of how to make a basketball maximum card – an explanation which should be helpful to the novice, but with some details over which experts in maximaphily might quibble.

This basketball group seems to have members in a great many countries and they are most helpful in sending in reproductions of the new basketball material originating in their country. However, it would be helpful to non-linguists if cancellations in relatively obscure languages (e.g., Serbo-Croatian) were translated into English.

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Olympsport Vol. 29, No. 4

The primary article in this issue of *Olympsport*, the Czech-language sport and Olympic philatelic journal, discusses and illustrates philatelic material related to the canceled 1916 Olympic Games in Berlin. Additional articles discuss Spiridon Louis; the 45th anniversary of the 1956 Melbourne and Cortina Games; a new Czech meter for Eva Bosakov; George Patton and 1912 Olympic Games; and Alojz Szokol and the 1896 Games. New cancels from around the world are also illustrated.

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Tee Time Vol. 3, No. 1

The December, 1996, issue of the International Philatelic Golf Society's quarterly periodical contains a checklist of golf stamps providing both Scott and Stanley Gibbons catalog numbers. Several new golf stamps and cancellations are illustrated. There is a short article on a probably unique golf item – the use of a strip of four of the 1981 Babe Zaharias stamp on a 1981 postage due bill from Norfolk, Virginia. The organization's second auction of the year is enclosed with this issue of the periodical. The closing date is February 14, 1997. *Tee Time* still awaits a volunteer for the post of editor and, as the president states, members willing to write in-depth articles for the publication – a plea which nearly every philatelic organization is forced to make from time to time.

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Torch Bearer Vol. 13, No. 4

The November, 1996, issue of *Torch Bearer* features long articles on the Vth Olympic Winter Games at St. Moritz (1948); QSL cards, Atlanta Olympic Games special hand cancels; and on British Olympic sponsors. Fourteen pages are devoted to new Olympic postmarks, compiled by Manfred Winternheimer, first published by IMOS and reprinted with permission.

Shorter articles deal with Australia Post Slogans for 1996; a review of Mark Maestroni and Joan Bleakley's new book, *Olympians on Stamps*; and on Estonia's first Olympic stamps.

Torch Bearer is an important English-language publication for collectors of Olympic philatelic material – and always an interesting read as well.

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NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

by Margaret Jones & Dorothy Crockett

New Members

2095R Gunter J. Pilz, Apdo. 128, Managua, Nicaragua, Central America. He is a teacher and is willing to translate articles from Spanish and German into English. *Volleyball*. (Jones)

REINSTATED

1340R George Howie, 901 Timberline Route W., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 USA. Mr. Howie is semi-retired. *General Sports; Winter and Summer Olympics; Soccer*.

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Late Renewals: 7

Total Membership, December 31, 1996 = 416.

Exhibition Awards

NATIONAL SHOWS

PEACH STATE STAMP SHOW '96, held in Georgia, celebrated its first year as a national show. Three sports exhibits received awards. Norman F. Jacobs, Jr. received a silver for his exhibit entitled "Tennis," along with the ATA third place award. A silver and the novice award went to Charles B. Wallace for "The 1936 Olympics." The Youth Grand award, a youth silver and the AAPE award went to Nicholas Palmer for "Sports on Stamps."

OMAHA STAMP SHOW, sponsored by the Omaha Philatelic Society, held in August in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Youth Grand award went to Jason Vulgamiett for "Kings of the Diamond." He also received a youth silver, the Junior Philatelists of America H.E. Harris medal, the AAPE youth exhibit championship award and the Boys' Town youth exhibit award.

BALPEX '96, held in Baltimore from August 30 - September 2, 1996. Morris Rosen received a gold for his "Olympic Games: 1896-1932." He also received the Baltimore Philatelic Society plaque and Buchness and Cassidy award.

FLOREX '96, held in Orlando, FL this past November and sponsored by the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs. In the North American Youth Stamp Exhibition Championship, a gold medal went to Joyce V. Adams for "The Olympic Games - Swift-er, Higher, STRonger."

CHICAGOPEX '96, held in Chicago this past November. In the literature class, Mark Maestroni and Joan Bleakley received a vermeil for *Olympians On Stamps*. The *Journal of Sports Philately*, which was entered as well, garnered a silver medal.

MINNESOTA STAMP EXPO '96, now beginning the qualifying process to become a national show, was held in Minneapolis, November 30-December 1. A vermeil award went to Daniel S. Rethmeier's "Olympiade 1936." He also received the AAPE award of honor. In the 8-page youth exhibit category, Michael Clark received a silver-bronze award for "Sports."

ARIPEX '97, sponsored by the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs, and held in Tucson, AZ, January 24-26. Holly and Gary Gibson received a silver award for "The Dimension of Gymnastics." Youth exhibitor, Mark Klell, received a silver bronze for "Love of Tennis."

REGIONAL SHOWS

STEPEX '96, sponsored by the Elmira Stamp Club in Horseheads, NY, October 18-19. David Bauer was awarded a silver for "Hockey Hockey Hockey." In the youth class, Zachre Simonetti received a gold for "World of Sports." A bronze went to Samantha Reed for "Traveling to the Olympics."

SPRING-FORD STAMP CLUB, sponsored by the stamp club of the same, was held in Royersford, PA, last October. Helen Arot received a bronze ribbon for "Olympics as Portrayed on U.S. Stamps." A certificate of participation went to Youth Exhibitor, Matthew Clark for "Sports."

AAPEX '96, sponsored by the Ann Arbor, Michigan, Stamp Club, took place in Ann Arbor last November. In the Clothesline Exhibit category, Jeffrey Carey took third place for "Olympic Commemorative Stamps."

MID-CITIES STAMP EXPO, sponsored by the Elmira

Stamp Club, was held in Horseheads, NY in October. David Bauer won a silver award for "Hockey Hockey Hockey." In the youth category, a gold went to Zachre Simonetti for "World of Sports," and a bronze to Samantha Reed for "Traveling to the Olympics."

Needed: Yvert & Tellier Soccer Catalog. Please write with details to: Roberto Gluckmann, 3141 W. La Vida Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277-7104, U.S.A.

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NEW STAMP ISSUES

by Dennis Dengel

Azerbaijan: 22 July 1996. European Soccer Championships. Six stamps 100m, 150m, 200m, 250m, 300m, 400m, 500m souvenir sheet.

Belgium: 1 July 1996. Centenary of Spa Auto Racing track. Four 16fr stamps: Germain 6CV; Alfa Romeo; Mercedes Benz; Ferrari.

Benin: 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 40 francs, diving; 50fr, tennis; 75fr, running; 100fr, gymnastics; 130fr, weightlifting; 200fr, shooting; 200fr s/s shooting.

Bolivia: 1996. Provisional issue overprints. 60c on 1,400,000b, 1986 World Cup Soccer; 1b on 2,500,000b, 1986 World Cup Soccer; 3.50b on 6.50b, 1979 Southern Cross Sports Games.

Bulgaria: 4 July 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 5 leva, wrestling; 8l, boxing; 10l, women's shot put; 25l, two-man rowing; 15l s/s, Pierre de Coubertin.

Burkina Faso: 1996. African Soccer Championships. 150fr + 25fr, soccer ball; 250fr + 25fr, map of Africa.

20 October 1996. 1998 World Soccer Cup. Four stamps: 50fr, 150fr, 250fr, 450fr all showing players in action.

Cape Verde: 9 October 1996. Water sports. 2.50e, fishing; 10.00e, wind surfing; 22.00e, jet boating; 100.00e surfing; 100e s/s, scuba diving.

Central African Republic: 19 July 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. Second set. 235fr, Alvin Kraenzlein, 1900 Paris Olympics; 300fr, Paris Stadium; 385fr, Irvin Baxter; 430fr, British Soccer Team. Pane of nine 200fr stamps of past Olympic medalists. Two 1,000fr s/s showing runner Betty Cuthbert on one and javelin thrower Gerhard Stock on the other.

1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 170fr, Atlanta Fulton County Stadium; 300fr, Martin Luther King Memorial; 350fr, The Alexander H. Stephs Monument; 600fr, High Museum of Art.

1996. Famous Sports Figures. 400fr, Andre Agassi; 500fr, Boris Becker; 700fr, Ayrton Senna; 800fr, Michael Schumacher.

October 1996. 1998 World Soccer Cup. Two m/s of four: 375fr and 425fr, past winners. Two s/s: 200fr and 1500fr showing past winners.

Chad: October 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. M/s of four 259fr: tennis, equestrian, soccer and boxing. M/s of four 300fr: wrestling, track, cycling and tennis. 1500fr s/s, running.

Congo: 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 90fr, fencing; 150fr, archery; 250fr, basketball; 300fr, baseball; 400fr, volleyball; 500fr, two-man kayak; 1,000fr s/s, judo.

Croatia: 4 July 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 3.60k, symbolic Olympic design.

Gabon: 18 July 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 225fr, boxing; 500fr, relay race.

Gambia: 18 July 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. Four stamps: 1 dalasy, 2dal, 5dal, 1dal: scenes from 1912 Stockholm Olympics. Two panes of nine 3dal stamps: medalists from previous Olympics. Two 25dal s/s: swimmer Michael Gross, high jumper Ulrike Meyfarth.

Georgia: 16 August 1996. 100th Anniversary of the Olympics. 10 values honoring past Olympic Games: 1 ruble, Helsinki Games; 2r, Melbourne Games; 3r, Rome Games; 4r, Tokyo Games; 5r, Mexico City Games; 6r, Munich Games; 7r, Montreal Games; 8r, Moscow Games; 9r, Seoul Games; 10r Barcelona Games.

Grenada: 8 May 1996. 100th Anniversary of the Modern Olympics. 36 cents, 1896 gold medal; 75c, Olympic Stadium, Greece; \$2.00, ancient Greek runners; \$3.00, Spiridon Louis 1896 marathon.

Haiti: 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 3 gourdes, hurdler; 10g, athlete.

1996. 100th Anniversary of Volleyball. Pane of four stamps: 50 centimes, 75c, 1g, 2g, 15g s/s: players in action.

Hungary: 22 October 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 1996 Hungarian medalists: 150 forint s/s: gold, silver and bronze medals, coat of arms of Hungarian Olympic Committee, view of Atlanta.

Japan: 6 September 1996. 51st National Athletic Meet. 50 yen, archery.

Lesotho: 1 August 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 1m, 1936 U.S. basketball team; 1.50m, Berlin Olympic Stadium and Brandenburg Gate; 2m, Jenne Woens; 3m, boating. Pane of 9 se-tenant 1.50 stamps: former Olympic medalists. Two s/s with 8m stamp: swimmer Michael Gross, swimmer Kornelia Ender.

Malaysia: 19 December 1996. Commonwealth Games. Two 30 cent values: runner, hurdler. Two 50 cent values: high jumper, javelin thrower.

Moldova: 30 March 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 10b, weightlifting; 2b+5b, judo; 45b+10b, running; 2.40leu+30b, canoeing; s/s.

Mongolia: 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 60t, women's shooting; 80t, weightlifting; 100t, boxing; 120t, women's archery; 150t, rhythmic gymnastics; 200t, hurdles; 300t, cycling; 350t, equestrian event; 400t, wrestling.

Nevis: 28 May 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. Pane of nine \$1.00 stamps: gold medalists from past Olympics. Two \$5.00 s/s: silver medalists Willi Holdor and Hans-Joachim Wlade.

Saudia Arabia: 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 2 riyals, emblem of the games and symbolic athletes.

Togo: October 1996. 100th Anniversary of the International Olympic Committee. Three 300fr stamps: Pierre de Coubertin, original members of the IOC and the Olympic flame. 900fr s/s, Pierre de Coubertin.

1996. 1996 World Cup Soccer. 100fr, 150fr, 200fr, 300fr, 400fr, 500fr 1,000fr s/s: soccer scenes.

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus: 31 October 1996. European Soccer Championships. 15,000 liras, soccer balls; 35l, soccer ball and flags of participating countries. S/s: one of each value.

United Arab Emirates: 15 September 1996. 11th Asian Soccer Championship. 1 dirham, two soccer players and large emblem of the games. 2.5d one player and small emblem of the games.

Uzbekistan: June 1996. 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. 6s, soccer; 10.00s, equestrian; 15.00, boxing; 20.00, cycling.

Yugoslavia: 31 August 1996. Ljubucevo Horse Games. 1.50 dinars, jockey on a horse; 2.50d, horses racing.

17 October 1996. Medalists at the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. Four 2.50d stamps: shooting/gold medal; shooting/bronze medal; basketball/silver medal; volleyball/bronze medal.

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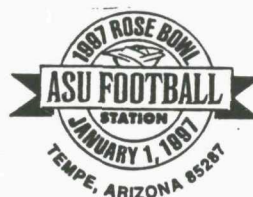
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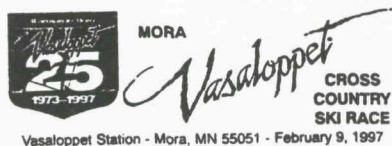
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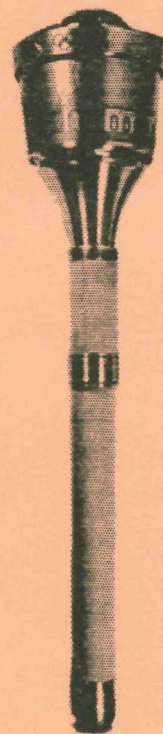
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