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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

FIPO News

For the first time in its history, the next World Olympic Fair is to be held outside Lausanne, Switzerland. The host for the fourth edition of this popular Olympic collectors event is Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

From November 24 through 29, 1998, the Hotel Sofitel Rio Palace will buzz with Olympic philatelists and pin and memorabilia collectors. The Brazilian Olympic Committee, in association with the International Olympic Committee, is planning the following activities:

- ❖ Exhibition of Olympic philatelic and numismatic collections from the Olympic Museum and Brazilian collectors;
- ❖ Olympic memorabilia fair of pins, mascots, Olympic victory and commemorative medals, trophies, torches, uniforms, posters, diplomas, tickets, etc.;
- ❖ Olympic Auction of memorabilia;
- ❖ Lectures on Olympic-related themes: Olympic Philately and Numismatics, the organization of an Olympic Museum and Olympic Memorabilia counterfeits;
- ❖ Sports activities for children 10-14; sports clinics and exhibitions of beach volleyball and handball, beach soccer and footvolley.

The exhibition, fair, and sports activities are open to the general public at the Hotel Sofitel Rio Palace, Av. Atlantica, 4240 - Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Hotel space has been set aside at two locations: Luxor Regente Hotel (price range: US\$92-124 single; US\$103-138 double); Miramar Palace Hotel (price range: US\$73-180 single; US\$85-180 double). Both hotels are within walking distance of the exhibition venue.

The official tour operator is Tamoyo Internacional. For more information, they can be reached via email at tamoyo@tamoyo.com or visit their web site as www.tamoyo.com.br. Their telephone number in Rio de Janeiro is 533-3870, or you may fax them at (021) 262-0882.

The deadline on reserving space was September 15, 1998 (this information was received about 1 week prior to the deadline). However, I would guess that interested persons may still make plans for this event if they hurry.

Readers will note that this issue of *your* journal is only 32 pages long. Yes, folks, once again your editor has run out of articles! I hope that with fall weather setting in around the country, many of you will sit down and write something on your favorite collecting topic. Remember: we can't print it if we don't receive it!

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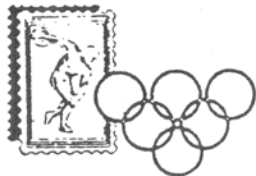
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World Cup Soccer, France 1998

by Bob Wilcock

The party is over. France has won the World Cup. La Poste, the French postal administration, was a major sponsor of the event. Their extensive World Cup '98 philatelic program built on experiences learned from their involvement in the 1992 Albertville Olympic Winter Games. This article explains and expands upon the complete listing of all the stamps and philatelic products issued by La Poste.

To order, quote the product number in the left hand column and the description of the items you want. All prices are in French francs (FRF). Note that in some cases, quantity discounts for as few as two units of one item are available. The easiest method of payment from overseas is by credit card (Visa or MasterCard, only). There is a handling charge of 6 FRF for orders under 250 FRF, or 15 FRF for registration for orders under 600 FRF. Larger orders are sent registered at no charge. Orders should be sent to Service Philatélique de la Poste, 18 rue François-Bonvin, F-75758 Paris CEDEX 15, France. They have a web site at <http://www.laposte.fr>

TIMBRES-POSTE: STAMPS

Order #	Description	Price	Date
11 96 010	Lens	*3.00	03.06.96
11 96 011	Montpellier	*3.00	03.06.96
11 96 012	St. Etienne	*3.00	03.06.96
11 96 013	Toulouse	*3.00	03.06.96
11 97 002	Lyon	*3.00	02.06.97
11 97 003	Marseille	*3.00	02.06.97
11 97 004	Nantes	*3.00	02.06.97
11 97 005	Paris	*3.00	02.06.97
11 98 005	Bordeaux	*3.00	26.01.98
11 98 006	St. Denis	*3.00	26.01.98
11 98 007	Round stamp, gummed	**3.00	03.03.98
11 98 035	"Winners" round stamp	**3.00	13.07.98

*Single mint stamp. Sheet of 40 = 120 FRF
 ** Single mint stamp. Sheet of 30 = 90 FRF.

Ten different stamps mark the cities and towns in France where matches were played. Each stamp was issued separately in post office panes of 40. A round stamp showing a soccer ball was printed in panes of 30. The selva surrounding the round stamp is perforated square for easy separation.

La Poste's listing omits two stamps. Firstly, there was a stamp issued on 14 December 1995, announcing the tournament (referred to as the "Annonce" stamp on the order form). This is sold out as mint singles, but is available in the *Pochette Thématique*. First day covers, Philatelic Documents, First Day Notices and First Day Folders are still available.

Secondly, to commemorate France winning the World Cup, a second round stamp was rushed out on 13 July 1998. This bears additional text: "Champion du Monde - France." The product number is 11 98 035. It is only available mint, and is not included in any of the other philatelic products. A "Winners" postal card is referred to below.

Not available through the Philatelic Bureau are imperforate stamps (about 500 of each issue are released), and deluxe proofs (usually 250 are issued). These, and sometimes artist proofs, eventually turn up on the philatelic market.

BLOC ET CARNET: MINIATURE SHEET AND BOOKLET

Order #	Description	Price	Date
11 98 081	Mini-sheet of 10 city stamps, plus vignette of Stade de France	30.00	26.01.98
11 98 480	Booklet of 10 round stamps, self-adhesive	30.00	03.03.98

The miniature sheet (Figure 1) unites the ten city and town stamps into a single pane. At center is a double-sized vignette of the Stade de France constructed especially for the tournament at St. Denis just north of Paris. The stamps are identical to the sheet stamps, but there is a small two-color strip of selva between each stamp. Where this selva is left on, it enables the collector to identify used stamps from the miniature sheet.

The booklet contains ten copies of the round stamp. These, however, are self-adhesive, whereas the sheet stamps have water-activated gum. Mock perforations on the booklet stamps make it difficult to differentiate used copies from the pane stamps.

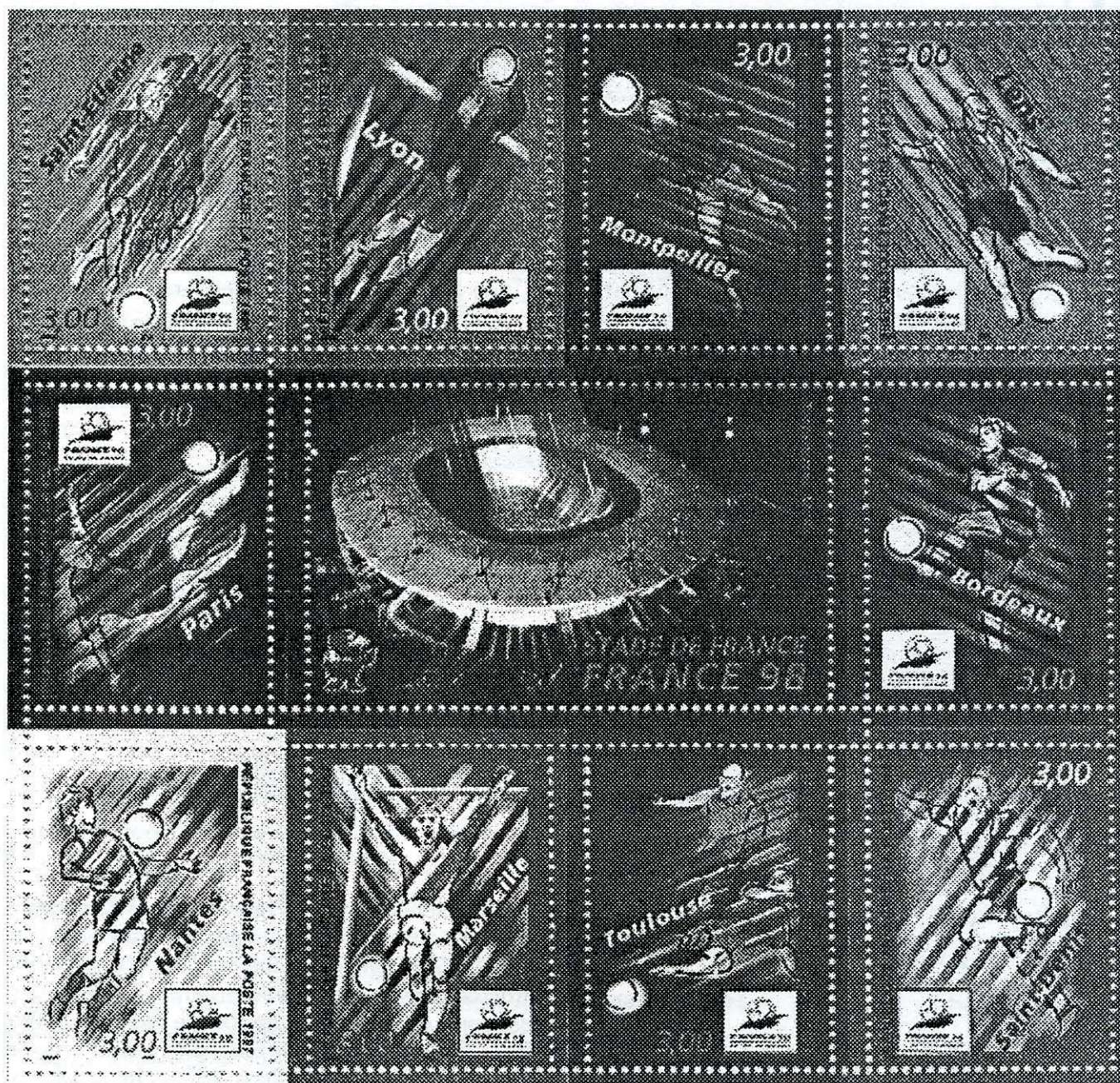


Figure 1. Miniature sheet of 10 city and town stamps, plus double-width label honoring the Stade de France.

**CARTES POSTALES PRETIMBRÉES:
PRE-STAMPED POSTCARDS**

Order #	Description	Price	Date
11 98 550	Maxicard France 98: with round stamp canceled on front and imprinted on reverse	10.00	03.03.98
11 98 551	Maxicard Philfoot 98: with round stamp canceled on front and imprinted on reverse	10.00	25.05.98

There are two official maximum cards. Both have an impression of the round stamp on the reverse (non-denominated) paying the world wide postcard rate. The first card has an enlarged illustration of the round stamp. The second card is for PHILFOOT, the philatelic exhibition of the tournament, and depicts Footix, the official mascot, dressed as a postman. Both have the round stamp affixed to the face and canceled with a special postmark. (The PHILFOOT card was available at the exhibition without the stamp on the face).

POCHETTE THÉMATIQUE: THEMATIC FOLDER

Order #	Description	Price	Date
21 98 705	Folder containing 12 stamps and minisheet	66.00	03.03.98

This is a folder containing the twelve mint stamps (ten city/town stamps, "Annonce" stamp, and round stamp), plus the miniature sheet.

**DOCUMENT PHILATÉLIQUE OFFICIEL DE LA POSTE:
OFFICIAL PHILATELIC DOCUMENTS OF LA POSTE**

Order #	Description	Price*	Date
21 95 548	Annonce	27.00	13.12.95
21 96 522	Lens, Montpellier, St. Etienne, Toulouse	32.00	03.06.96
21 97 508	Lyon, Marseille, Nantes, Paris	32.00	02.06.97
21 98 515	Bordeaux, St. Denis	27.00	26.01.98
21 98 544	Minisheet of 10	50.00	26.01.98
21 98 539	Round stamp	27.00	03.03.98

* price includes 20.6% TVA (applies to EC orders, only)

These are single-sided or double A4 (210 x 297 mm) sheets with a canceled copy of the relevant

stamp(s) plus an engraving in a different color. The tax-free prices for orders from outside the EEC are 22.39 FRF (27 FRF inside the EEC), 26.53 FRF (32 FRF), and 41.46 FRF (50 FRF).

NOTICES PREMIER JOUR: FIRST DAY NOTICES

Order #	Description	Price*	Date
21 95 846	Annonce	10.00	14.12.95
21 96 829	Lens, Montpellier, St. Etienne, Toulouse	20.00	03.06.96
21 97 816	Lyon, Marseille, Nantes, Paris	20.00	02.06.97
21 98 823	Bordeaux, St. Denis	13.00	26.01.98
21 98 825	Round stamp	10.00	03.03.98

* price includes 20.6% TVA (applies to EC orders, only)

These are A5 size (148 x 210) and bear a canceled copy of each stamp. Again there are tax-free prices: 8.29 FRF (10 FRF), 10.78 FRF (13 FRF), and 16.58 FRF (20 FRF).

ENVELOPPES PREMIER JOUR: FIRST DAY COVERS

Order #	Description	Price*	Date
21 95 400	Annonce	15.00	14.12.95
21 96 400	Lens	15.00	03.06.96
21 96 401	Montpellier	15.00	03.06.96
21 96 402	St. Etienne	15.00	03.06.96
21 96 403	Toulouse	15.00	03.06.96
21 97 400	Lyon	15.00	02.06.97
21 97 401	Marseille	15.00	02.06.97
21 97 402	Nantes	15.00	02.06.97
21 97 403	Paris	15.00	02.06.97
21 98 400	Bordeaux	15.00	26.01.98
21 98 401	St. Denis	15.00	26.01.98
21 98 402	Round stamp	15.00	03.03.98

* price includes 20.6% TVA (applies to EC orders, only)

Official first day covers are offered for each of the stamps, except the World Cup Winners stamp. A first day cover for the miniature sheet is not offered either. Tax-free prices are 12.44 FRF. There are, of course, numerous unofficial FD covers for each issue, including, no doubt, the Winners stamp.

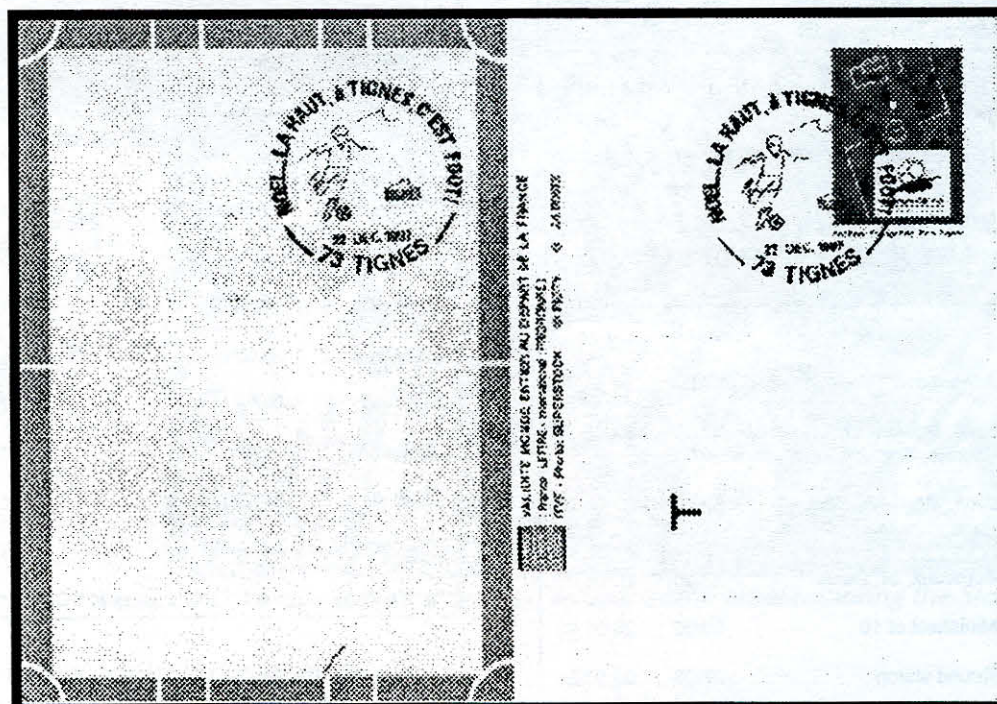
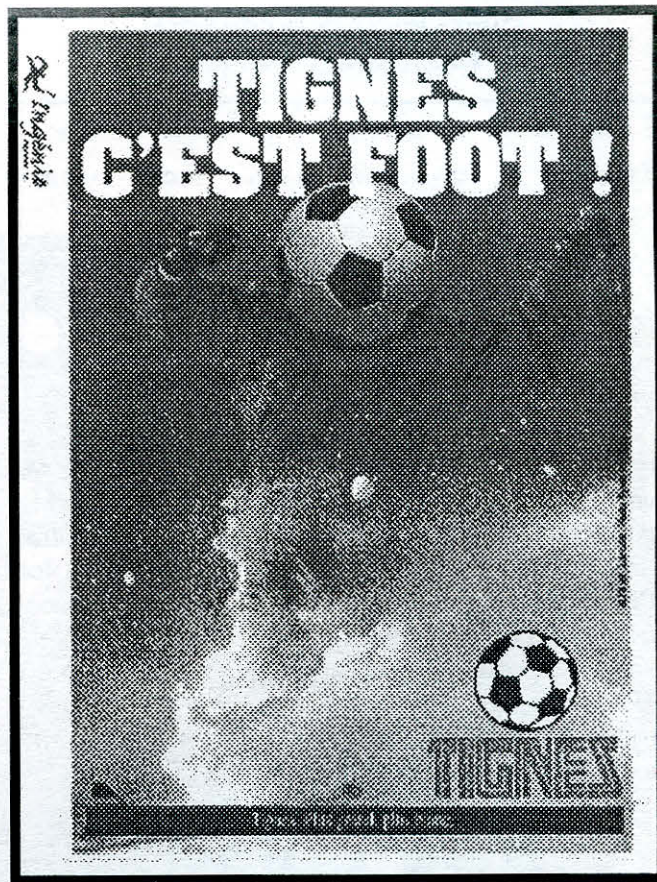
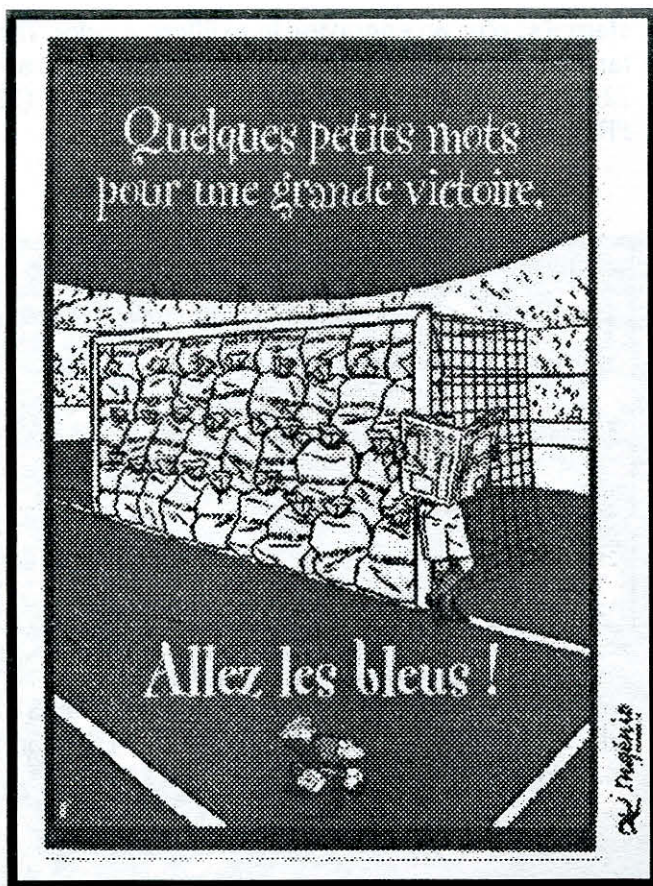


Figure 2. Two "Ingenio" cards, and the standard back, with postmark from a Christmas-time soccer tournament.

ENCARTS: FOLDERS

Order #	Description	Price*	Date
21 95 450	Annonce	30.00	14.12.95
21 96 450	Lens	30.00	03.06.96
21 96 451	Montpellier	30.00	03.06.96
21 96 452	St. Etienne	30.00	03.06.96
21 96 453	Toulouse	30.00	03.06.96
21 97 450	Lyon	30.00	02.06.97
21 97 451	Marseille	30.00	02.06.97
21 97 452	Nantes	30.00	02.06.97
21 97 453	Paris	30.00	02.06.97
21 98 450	Bordeaux	30.00	26.01.98
21 98 451	St. Denis	30.00	26.01.98
21 98 452	Round stamp	30.00	03.03.98

* price includes 20.6% TVA (applies to EC orders, only)

Numbered, illustrated folders, A5 size, with block of four stamps canceled with first day postmark. Tax-free price is 24.88 FRF.

MAXITIMBRÉS

Order #	Description	Price*	Date
15 98 099	Sheet of 7 Footix vignettes and one round stamp, self-adhesive	10.00	03.03.98

* price includes 20.6% TVA (applies to EC orders, only)

Sheet of 7 different Footix vignettes, and one self-adhesive round stamp. Tax-free price is 8.29 FRF.

SOUVENIR PHILATÉLIQUE: PHILATELIC SOUVENIRS

Order #	Description	Price*	Date
21 98 453	Folder with minisheet, Annonce stamp, and round stamp with cancel	100.00	03.03.98

* price includes 20.6% TVA (applies to EC orders, only)

This is an attractive folder containing the miniature sheet, "Annonce" stamp, and round stamp. The latter is postmarked with a special cancel. Tax-free price is 82.92 FRF.

EDITION: THE OFFICIAL PHILATELIC BOOK

Order #	Description	Price*	Date
21 98 699	Book with 12 stamps and minisheet	170.00	31.03.98

* price includes 5.5% TVA (applies to EC orders, only)

"Memories of Footix" contains mint copies of the twelve stamps (not the Winners stamp) and the miniature sheet. The book (in French) tells the story of the 70-year history of the World Cup. Tax-free price is 161.14. FRF.

PRET-A-POSTER: POSTAL CARDS

Order #	Description	Price	Date
11 96 559	Pack of 4: Lens, Montpellier, Toulouse, St. Etienne	¹ 20.00	03.06.96
11 96 558	Lens	5.00	03.06.96
11 96 557	Montpellier	5.00	03.06.96
11 96 556	Toulouse	5.00	03.06.96
11 96 555	St. Etienne	5.00	03.06.96
15 97 508	Pack of 4: Lyon, Nantes, Marseille, Paris	¹ 20.00	02.06.97
15 97 509	Lyon	5.00	02.06.97
15 97 510	Marseille	5.00	02.06.97
15 97 511	Nantes	5.00	02.06.97
15 97 512	Paris	5.00	02.06.97
15 98 500	Bordeaux	5.00	26.01.98
15 98 501	St. Denis	5.00	26.01.98
15 98 505	Pack of 10 city cards	² 50.00	26.01.98
15 98 509	Pack of 4 Footix cards, round stamp imprinted	¹ 20.00	03.03.98
15 97 558	Pack of 2 "Ingenio" cards, Annonce stamp	³ 14.00	08.12.97
15 98 538	Champions card, winners round stamp imprinted	5.00	20.07.98
¹ Quantity Discount	2-9 packs of 4, each 10+ packs of 4, each	18.00 17.00	
² Quantity Discount	2-9 packs of 10, each 10+ packs of 10, each	45.00 42.50	
³ Quantity Discount	2-9 packs of 2, each 10+ packs of 2, each	13.00 12.50	

The order form begins with a series of ten postal cards (sold either individually or in packs of four or ten different) featuring the ten participating cities and towns, with the matching stamp imprinted. All the imprinted stamps on the postal stationery cards are without a denomination, but designated for world wide use.

"Footix en délire" is a set of four cards of the mascot, franked with an imprint of the round stamp, and aimed at children – cards are designed to be colored and cut out.

"Ingenio France 98" is a pack of two postal cards with an imprint of the "Annonce" stamp, and include a plain peelable and resealable face so that you can make your own personal postcards. Two examples are illustrated here (Figure 2). The one from the Olympic resort of Tignes marks a Christmas soccer tournament in which the French World Cup squad participated.

"France 98: l'Equipe de France, Championne du Monde" is the title of a card issued on 20 July 1998. On the face (Figure 3) is a photo of the winning French team, and the imprinted stamp is the World Champions stamp (without denomination). The product number is 15 98 538, and the price is 5 FRF for one card; 4.50 FRF each for 2 to 9 cards; 4.25 FRF each for ten or more cards.

PRET-A-POSTER: CACHETED POSTAL ENVELOPES

There are several series of pre-stamped, illustrated envelopes, all size DL (110 x 220 mm), and containing a matching filler card. The first, bearing an imprint of the "Annonce" stamp, is sold only in packs of six. The pack was re-issued in 1998 to include a free sticker (item 15 98 514). Those for the participating cities and towns may be purchased individually or in mixed packs.

There are also three sets of five different envelopes, each having an imprint of the round stamp:

1. "Pour l'humour du Foot" (Football Humor) has illustrations by renowned artists, Walinski, Brétécher, Binet, Blachon, and Serre.
2. "Enfants de la balle autour du monde" (Soccer children around the world) bears illustrations of children from the five continents playing ball.
3. "Footix joue et gagne" (Footix plays and wins) is a set of five envelopes reproducing pictures of Footix playing soccer.

One interesting private overprint of the Lens city envelope has come to light (cover illustration). Teams playing matches in Lens, in northern France (including, for example, England), stayed at the four-star Hôtel Château Tilques at St. Omer. The hotel

Order #	Description	Price	Date
11 95 594	Pack of 6 identical Annonce envelopes	¹ 36.00	14.12.95
11 96 596	Pack of 4: Lens, Montpellier, Toulouse, St. Etienne	² 24.00	03.06.96
11 96 595	Lens	6.00	03.06.96
11 96 594	Montpellier	6.00	03.06.96
11 96 593	Toulouse	6.00	03.06.96
11 96 592	St. Etienne	6.00	03.06.96
11 97 591	Pack of 4: Lyon, Nantes, Marseille, Paris	² 24.00	02.06.97
11 97 590	Lyon	6.00	02.06.97
11 97 589	Marseille	6.00	02.06.97
11 97 588	Nantes	6.00	02.06.97
11 97 587	Paris	6.00	02.06.97
15 98 502	Bordeaux	6.00	26.01.98
15 98 503	St. Denis	6.00	26.01.98
15 98 504	Pack of 10 city envelopes	⁴ 60.00	26.01.98
15 98 506	Pack of 5 soccer humor	³ 30.00	03.03.98
15 98 507	Pack of 5 children	³ 30.00	03.03.98
15 98 508	Pack of 5 Footix	³ 30.00	03.03.98
15 98 514	6 Annonce #11 95 594 env.reissued, w/ sticker	¹ 36.00	1998
15 98 538	Champions card, winners round stamp imprinted	5.00	20.07.98
¹ Quantity Discount	2-9 packs of 6, each 10+ packs of 6, each	33.00 31.00	
² Quantity Discount	2-9 packs of 4, each 10+ packs of 4, each	22.00 21.00	
³ Quantity Discount	2-9 packs of 5, each 10+ packs of 5, each	27.50 26.25	
⁴ Quantity Discount	2-9 packs of 10, each 10+ packs of 10, each	55.00 52.50	

privately overprinted the Lens envelope in orange, the same color as the stamp. The cachet shows a drawing of the hotel and principal text "HÔTEL CHÂTEAU TILQUES accueille La Coupe du Monde" (Hôtel Château Tilques welcomes the World Cup). The filler card has a larger drawing of the hotel, in green, with similar text. (A copy of this envelope is in the SPI auction. It was sent from the hotel in August 1998, with St. Omer postmark).



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Figure 3. The "Champions of the World" postal stationery card, with the imprinted stamp overprinted "France."

It should also be mentioned that there is an envelope showing Footix as a postman. This was not on sale to the general public, but was used throughout France for post office mail.

PRET-A-POSTER: PLAIN POSTAL ENVELOPES

Order #	Description	Price	Date
15 98 512	C6 envelope, round stamp imprint	4.00	30.03.98
15 98 513	Pack of 10, C6 envelope, round stamp imprint	33.00	30.03.98
15 98 510	DL envelope, round stamp imprint	4.00	30.03.98
15 98 511	Pack of 10, DL envelope, round stamp imprint	33.00	30.03.98

Finally, two plain envelopes were issued, available individually or in packs, each bearing an imprint of the round stamp. One is size C6 (114 x 162 mm) and the other DL (110 x 220 mm). Neither has a filler card.

The larger envelope has been widely overprinted for a variety of purposes. For example, post offices and shops in the Basque country in southwest France were, in August 1998, selling the envelopes privately overprinted with half a dozen different views of Basque resorts.

ROUND STAMP ENGRAVINGS

The Philatelic Bureau ran a promotion from 1 February to 31 July 1998 for its subscription customers. For every 100 FRF spent on World Cup products during that period (other than stamps or booklets), customers were entitled to a free engraving of the round stamp on an oblong card. Ten different engraved cards, each in a different color, were produced. The only way to get all ten was to spend 1,000 FRF. The engravings are not being offered for sale (but will no doubt appear gradually on the philatelic market—dealers most certainly qualified!).

If you are a soccer fanatic, then now is your opportunity to complete a basic French collection while stocks last. Do not delay!

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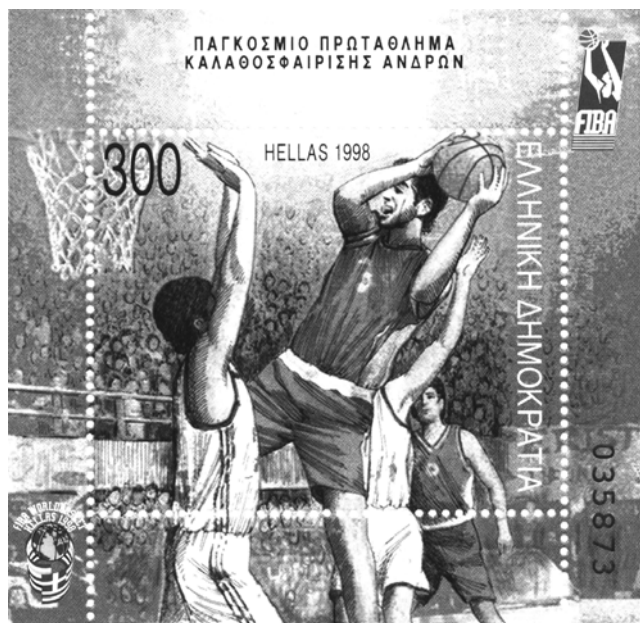
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13th World Basketball Championship for Men & FILABASKET Athens 98

by George Killian



Greek miniature sheet containing a single 300 drachmas stamp honoring the 13th World Basketball Championship for Men. Issued 15 June 1998 in a quantity of 300,000 individually number pieces.

The 13th World Basketball Championship For Men was held in Athens, Greece, from July 29 - August 9, 1998. It was an exciting, inspiring and suspenseful competition between 16 of the world's finest national basketball teams. The championship was contested in two first class arenas: Peace & Friendship Stadium in Piraeus and Olympic Stadium in Athens (home of the Olympic basketball event at the upcoming 2004 Olympic Games).

On July 25, 1998, the Greek postal authorities used the first of three cancellations commemorating the competition (Figure 1). This cancel celebrates FIBA (the international governing body of basketball), and was available at the Athens Hilton Hotel.

The second cancellation (Figure 2) for the championship was made available by the postal authorities on July 29, 1998 at Piraeus' Peace & Friendship Stadium. Both arenas were used for this first round of play with the 16 teams divided into four groups of four teams. The results were as follows:



Figure 1. Special cancel and cover commemorating FIBA and applied at their hotel, the Athens Hilton.

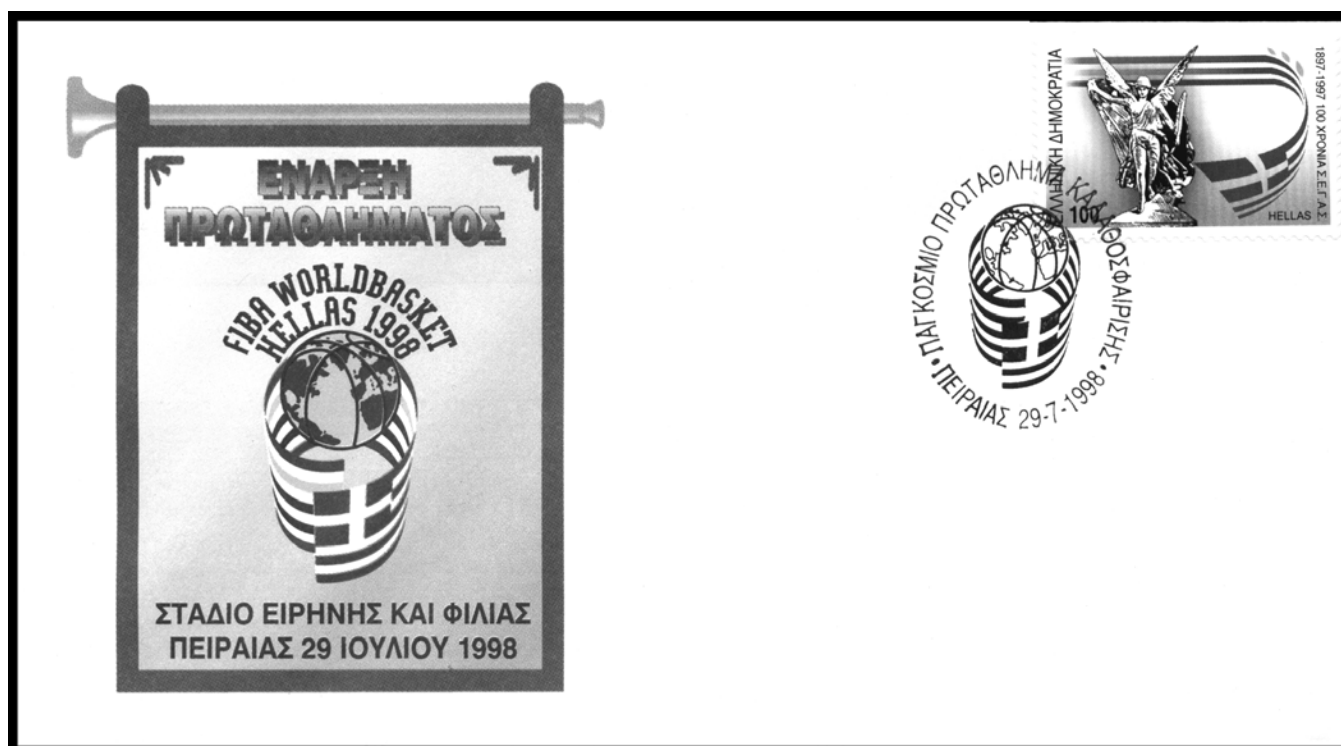


Figure 2. Opening day of competition cancel at the Peace & Friendship Stadium at Piraeus.

PRELIMINARY ROUND (JULY 29 - 31):

<u>Group A</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>W-L</u>
Greece	3-0	Yugoslavia	3-0
Italy	2-1	Russia	2-1
Canada	1-2	Puerto Rico	2-1
Senegal	0-3	Japan	0-3
<u>Group C</u>		<u>Group D</u>	
Lithuania	3-0	Spain	3-0
USA	2-1	Argentina	2-1
Brazil	1-2	Australia	1-2
S. Korea	0-3	Nigeria	0-3

SECOND (MEDAL) ROUND (AUGUST 2 - 4): The top three teams from each preliminary round group qualified for the medal second round. Each team's record from preliminary play carried over to the second round.

<u>Group E</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Group F</u>	<u>W-L</u>
Yugoslavia	5-1	USA	5-1
Russia	4-2	Spain	5-1
Greece	4-2	Lithuania	4-2
Italy	4-2	Argentina	3-3
Puerto Rico	2-4	Australia	3-3
Canada	1-5	Brazil	1-5

QUARTER-FINALS (FRIDAY, AUGUST 7): The top four teams from each group in second medal round competition qualified for the quarter-finals round.)

Russia 82 - Lithuania 67
USA 80 - Italy 77
Yugoslavia 70 - Argentina 62
Greece 69 - Spain 62

SEMI-FINALS (SATURDAY, AUGUST 8):

Italy 76 - Lithuania 71
Spain 77 - Argentina 64
Russia 66 - USA 64
Yugoslavia 78 - Greece 73 (in overtime)

On Sunday, August 9, the final cancellation was obtainable at a post office set up at the entrance to the Olympic Swimming complex, next to the Olympic Stadium (Figure 3).

FINALS (SUNDAY, AUGUST 9):

7/8th Place Game: Lithuania 77 - Argentina 76
5/6th Place Game: Spain 64 - Italy 61
Bronze Medal Game: USA 84 - Greece 61
Gold Medal Game: Yugoslavia 64 - Russia 62



Figure 3. In the final, Yugoslavia beat Russia, 64-62. This closing day cancel was used at the Olympic Stadium.

Final Order of Finish:

1. Yugoslavia	8-1	9. Australia	5-3
2. Russia	7-2	10. Brazil	2-6
3. USA	7-2	11. Puerto Rico	3-5
4. Greece	5-4	12. Canada	1-7
5. Spain	7-2	13. Nigeria	2-3
6. Italy	5-4	14. Japan	1-4
7. Lithuania	5-4	15. Senegal	1-4
8. Argentina	3-6	16. S. Korea	0-5

In collaboration with the organizers of the 13th World Basketball Championship, an outstanding stamp exhibition was organized. FILABASKET Athens 98, under the direction of Mr. Thrassyvoulos Mitsidis and Mr. Petros Linardos, Secretary-General of the Hellenic Basketball Federation, was held at the Municipality of Athens Cultural Center.

To celebrate the opening of FILABASKET Athens 98 on August 1, a special commemorative cancellation was offered by the postal authorities of Greece at the exhibition (Figure 4). Thirty-one exhibits were shown, all with a basketball theme, in four different categories. The gold medal winner in the Competition Category was Pere Magrane of Reus, Spain for his "A Philatelic Dream Team." Thrassyvoulos Mitsidis took the gold medal in the Promotion Category, while Alexej Davydov from Moscow, Russia (in

his first try at exhibiting) took top honors in the Youth Category for "Basketball: Landmarks, Personalities, Future." The Pedro Ferrandiz Foundation of Madrid, Spain collected the gold in the Memorabilia Category ("Autographs of Personalities").

The exhibition was well-attended and earned significant media attention during its eight-day run.



Figure 4. Cancel for the opening day of FILABASKET Athens 98, a competitive exhibition of basketball philately and memorabilia.

Lake Placid Cancels, New and Old

by Glenn Estus

Even though Lake Placid last hosted the Olympic Winter Games almost 20 years ago, the community still promotes itself as an Olympic village and winter sports paradise.

The United States Olympic Committee established one of its national training facilities at Lake Placid. Many of the venues used for the 1980 Olympic Winter Games continue to be used as training facilities today.

In July 1998, the United States Postal Service (USPS) announced a special pictorial cancel commemorating the annual Parade of Athletes held during Independence Day celebrations on July 4. The poster cancel reproduced in Figure 1 was publicized in Lake Placid area post offices and illustrated in the "Postmark Pursuit" column in *Linn's Stamp News*.

Lake Placid cancellations fit in two of my collecting interests: Olympic Winter Games and postal history of my home county of Essex, New York, which is also the county in which the village of Lake Placid is located.

Accordingly, I submitted a request for cancels to the Lake Placid post office. On Friday, July 10, I received my covers – uncanceled – accompanied by a letter of explanation from the Lake Placid postmaster, Dennis King. In essence, the announced cancel would not be used. If, however, I still wished my covers canceled with the alternative postmark, I could resubmit my envelopes at USPS expense.

So what happened? According to an article in the Plattsburgh *Press-Republican*, the local regional newspaper, the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) notified the parade organizers the day before the cancel was to be used that the word

"Olympic" as well as the Olympic Rings logo had not been approved for use in the postmark. The *Press-Republican* article also mentioned that the USPS was not a sponsor of the Olympic Games (United Parcel Service [UPS] are the Worldwide Sponsors in the category of expedited mail and package delivery). Therefore, the cancel could not be used.

I returned my uncanceled covers to the Lake Placid post office in the penalty mail envelope provided. A few days later they were returned with the alternative postmark applied (Figure 2). The Lake Placid postmaster, Dennis King, reported the revised postmark was made within 14 hours and available at the July 4th event.

While on the subject of Lake Placid Olympic cancels, let's move back in time from 1998 to 1932.

Check your collection of first day covers of the 2¢ IIIrd Olympic Winter Games stamp issued on January 25, 1932 and you will probably notice all are postmarked 10:30 a.m. (Figure 3).

Over the past 25 years I have built a large collection of first day covers of this stamp concentrating on cachets and cachet varieties. At the current time, I have almost 100 cacheted examples of the first day cover. However, on five of these first day covers, the time cancel is different. Figures 4-6 show three other time cancels: 11:30 a.m., 7 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. I have no explanation for the 11:30 a.m. cancel. However, the 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. time cancels can be explained.

I have seen these cancels on covers which seemingly had gone through the cancellation machine earlier in the day and for some reason the cancel had missed the stamps. I believe that, for the most part, the late time cancels appear on these "skipped" covers.



Figures 1 & 2. The original Lake Placid design for the annual Athletes Parade (above) included the word "Olympic" and the Olympic Rings. The revised design (below) replaced these unapproved elements with the word "Athletes" and acronym "USA."





Figure 3. Most common first day cancel on the 2¢ 1932 Lake Placid Olympic Games stamp. Note the time: 10:30 a.m.



Figure 4. FD cancel with unusual 11:30 a.m. time stamp. No explanation is readily apparent for this aberration.



Figure 7. FD cancel at 10 a.m. This date hub with letters closer together leads is similar to others found on non-Olympic covers before and after the days. Possibly, a new machine was brought in to service first day cancels and this particular example went through one of the older cancel machines by accident.

The most unusual first day cancel I've come across is reproduced in Figure 7. Notice that the time is 10:00 a.m. and that the spacing of the type in the dial is completely different from that found on most first day covers. The letters in "Lake Placid" and "N.Y." are squeezed more closely together.

A similar machine cancel type is known on ordinary Lake Placid covers both before and after



Figure 5. FD cancel with 7 p.m. date stamp. This was most likely a cover that was put through the cancel machine a second time because it missed being canceled on the first attempt at 10:30 a.m.



Figure 6. FD cancel with time stamp of 7:30 p.m. Again, like the cancel in Figure 5, it may have been a "skip" and was reprocessed at this later time of day.

the Olympic Games. It is my belief that the cancellation dial (10:30 a.m.) usually found on first day covers was a new machine placed in use for the Olympics.

If anyone has other Lake Placid time cancels, please contact the author at P.O. Box 451 Westport, NY 12993, or by e-mail at: gestus@westelcom.com.



Figure 1. Special registered cover and souvenir sheet issued for the World Youth Games. The rectangular cancel (see arrow) was one of three commemorative cancels for the games. The post office designation (E-187) identifies the cover as having been mailed at the Hotel Ismaylovo, where the athletes were lodged.

1998 World Youth Games, Moscow

reported by Sergei Tropin
written by Mark Maestrone

A new multi-sport competition for youth was recently inaugurated in Moscow, Russia. The World Youth Games (WYG) serve as a showcase for athletes 17 years of age and under. While the Opening Ceremonies did not take place until July 13, competition actually began with preliminary soccer matches on July 8. Other sports events began in earnest on July 11 and continued through July 19, the date of the Closing Ceremonies.

March 15, 1996, the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Juan Antonio Samaranch, informed the president of the Russian Olympic Committee that Moscow would host these first Games which are conducted under the auspices of the IOC. The organizing committee for the WYG was the Moscow City Sports Association.

The organizers made a conscious effort to control costs by utilizing many of the sports venues constructed for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. Fourteen sports, plus one demonstration sport

(bowling) were scheduled, with 4,676 athletes from 125 nations competing.

The Russian postal administration created a modest philatelic program. In addition to the single stamp shown on the cover in Figure 1, there were four pieces of postal stationery – three covers and one postal card (Figures 2-3). Three post offices were equipped with special cancels depicting the Games' emblem. Moscow's Central Post Office used a round postmark. The Olympic Village post office (B-508) and Hotel Ismaylovo post office (E-187) both had rectangular cancels (below). Registration was available at all locations.

Due to the success of this sporting event, there is a good possibility that we will eventually see the reincarnation of the World Youth Games as the Youth Olympic Games.



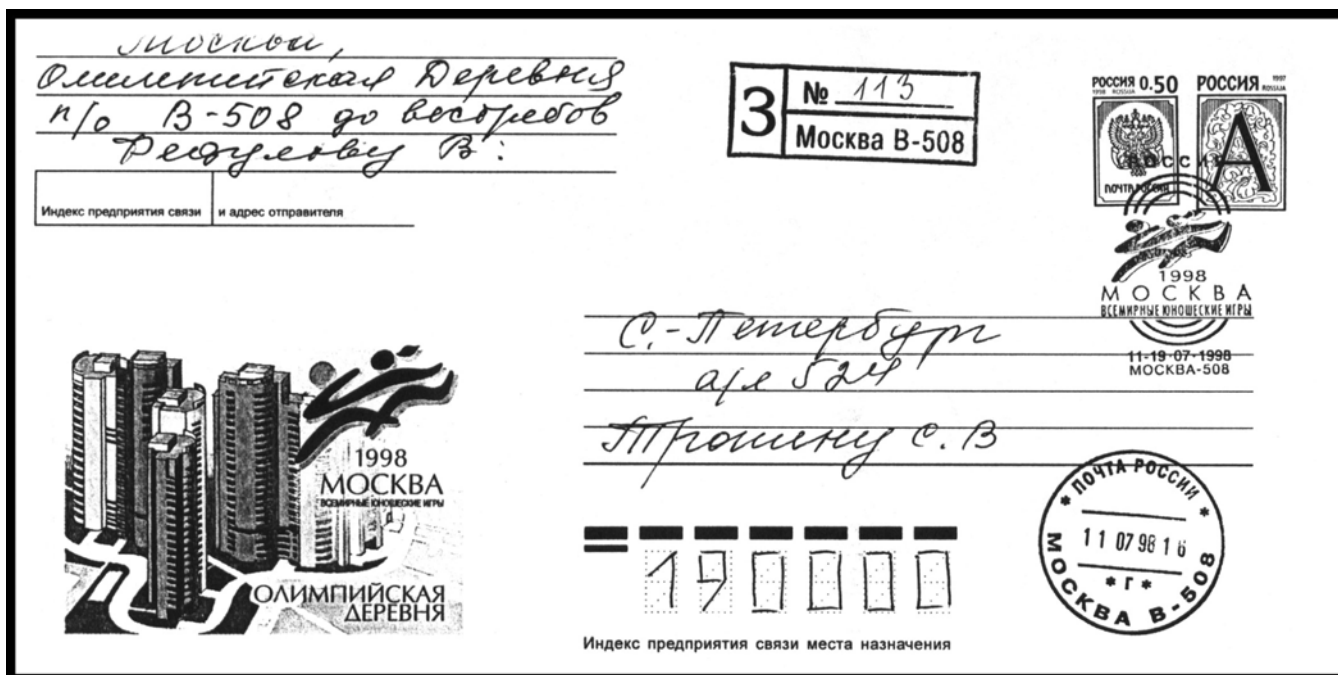


Figure 2. The postal stationery envelopes printed for the WYG bear imprinted "A" stamps corresponding to the inland postage rate. Presumably, the additional 0.50r stamp pays the registration fee. The cachets on all three covers relate to the Games. Figure 2 (above) shows the 1980 Olympic Village and is appropriately canceled with the Olympic Village WYG cancel. The other two cacheted covers depict two female runners and the Game's emblem, respectively.



Figure 3. Postal stationery card, registered at the Moscow Central Post Office. The imprinted stamp differs from the adhesive variety shown in Figure 1, but still reproduces the emblem of the WYG. The mascot, Mishutka the bear, appears in the cachet at left.

“Classic Olympia” Greece 1896: Only One Post Office in Athens

by Maurizio Tecardi

At the beginning of the years 1950, the few Olympic sport philatelists of the time began to realize that in addition to stamps they could enrich their collections with other postal historic documents such as envelopes, postal stationery and post cards with stamps of the “Greece 1896” Olympic issue canceled with various post marks of different post offices, mobile rail and maritime post offices, etc. In fact the first attempts of certain collectors in this field, pushed, helped and encouraged by the first specialized catalogue, published in Milan by Giulio Landmans in 1952 which included not only stamps but also many special cancellations, go back to these years. From the first slow attempts to increase knowledge in this field finally at the beginning of the 60s and I repeat with great difficulty since nothing precise or official was known about the existence of such material – the first “studies” and publications appeared. And it is to one of these that I want to refer with regard to the object of these notes. In 1964 a small volume of 48 pages was published in Rome by Aldo d’Urso “La Filatelia Ellenica nel Regno Olimpico” (Hellenic

Philately in the Olympic Reign) which brought to the knowledge of the few (but good!) Olympic philatelists of the time the findings of an old researcher: Spiro Raftopoulos. In addition to the very useful information published it also contained a detailed and illustrated list of the various postal cancellations of Athens which could be found on stamps of the Olympic issue of Greece in 1896. Raftopoulos clearly said that these cancellations came from just as many post offices (Figure 1).

On the basis of this “information” the most committed Olympic philatelists began to dedicate their time to the research and the study of these cancellations. As years went by, especially in Italy and Greece, some good “studies” on this research began to appear in thematic collections. But the first doubts also appeared as to existence of these various post offices. In fact there was an abundance of marks from some of these – relatively speaking since it was (and still is) not easy to find material on this issue – whereas for others hardly anything existed.

However, for many years Raftopoulos’ thesis and that of other Hellenic philatelists, was accepted and in the “Olympic” collections, at the chapter on the postal use of the first Olympic stamps the various cancellations of Athens were always mentioned as coming from just as many post offices.

With regard to this I wish to underline that many fell into the error of indicating 11 of them, instead of 10, since they also presented cancellation “ATHENS 9.” In fact this cancellation at the beginning of 1900 and consequently the Olympic stamps – and not only these – with the cancellation from 1896 to 1899 are “cancellations to order” done afterwards!

This is what I also specified in my collection on the basis of what I had seen, after rapid research carried out on the scarce documentation of the time.

At the beginning of the 90s a few

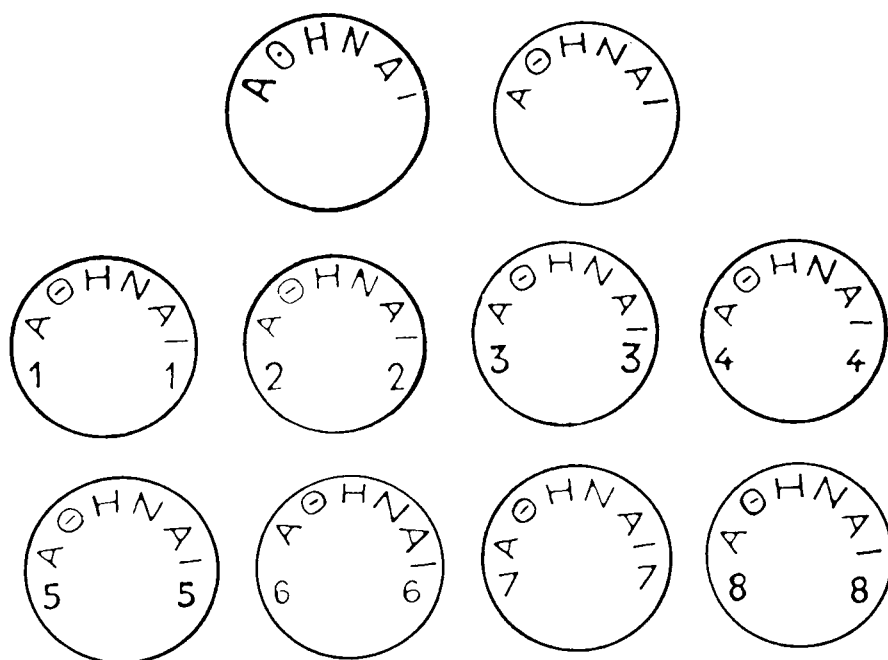


Figure 1. Ten Athens cancels found on the 1896 Greek Olympic issues and originally identified by Spiro Raftopoulos as distinct Athens post offices.

Hellenic philatelists – both “Olympic” and “postal historic” – began to have doubts as to the existence of these various Athenians post offices while others even tried to give them a territorial location. But unfortunately these remained suppositions since nothing official, such as decrees, regulations or publications of the time, was known of.

And now, thanks to the research started by an Olympic philatelist from Ukraine, the mystery seems to have been solved.

Here is the communication from our friend Vsevolod Furman from Odessa, who sent me an avant-premiere of a very interesting draft document on the genesis and philatelic-postal history of the first Olympic issue:

“The expected arrival of many foreigners, and supposed increase of the stream of correspondence, putting the series of commemorative stamps into circulation, etc., impelled the Athenian postmasters to publish a special guide-book (Figure 2). It contains detailed information about postal rates and rules, the list of services offered, the order of the working day at the city post office (in spite of the accepted opinion among most collectors, investigators, and experts that at that time there were 9 post offices in Athens, the ‘Guide-book’ distinctly says that there existed only one post office in Athens) which was located – since 1888 – at the corner of Lykavitou and Stadium Street, and which was open from 5 a.m. till 10 p.m. on weekdays. The so-called main (central) post-box was in this office, and the mail was collected out of it each hour from 5:30 a.m. till 7:30 p.m. On Sundays they took out the last mail at 3 p.m.

In the Athens post office the following windows were in operation:

- *for sending printed matter, books and newspapers (from 6 a.m. till 6 p.m.);*
- *for sale of stamps and sorting letters (from 8 a.m. till 7 p.m.);*
- *for Poste Restante mail (from 8 a.m. till 12 a.m. and from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m.);*
- *for registered mail (from 8 a.m. till 12 a.m. and from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m.);*
- *for remittances (from 9 a.m. till 12 a.m. and from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m.);*
- *for sending parcels (from 9 a.m. till 12 a.m. and from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m.).*

On Sundays money orders were neither remitted, nor paid. Postmen delivered the mail three times a day (from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m.). But if it was necessary, they delivered it till 8 p.m.



Figure 2. Cover of the “Guide-Book” published by the post office in Athens in 1896 in which it is startlingly revealed that there was actually only a single post office in Athens at the time of the Games.

According to the data published by the well known investigator of Greek postal history M. Constantinis, there were 10 metallic post boxes in Athens during the period from 1884 till 1899 (in the streets and squares of the city) and 22 wooden ones (in various pharmacies and small shops).

Metallic post boxes were located in the following places (see the map in Figure 3):

- *in Constitution (Sintagma) Square;*
- *in Kolonaki Square;*
- *at the corner of Pinakotou and Anonimou Str.;*
- *in Patissiou Avenue (now it is the continuation Eolou Street) near the Art school;*
- *in Omonia Square;*
- *in the Square of Heroes;*
- *at the corner of Ermou and Kapnikarea Streets;*
- *near the Eolou Temple;*
- *in the Square next to Kydatheneion Street.*

Among the oldest “postal points” of the city we should mention some private pharmacies where they had boxes for the mail and in addition sold



Figure 3. Map of Athens showing the location of the city post office from 1888-1900 (designated by the postal horn at center), metallic post boxes (1884-1899) indicated by a ■, and some of the oldest wooden post boxes (1888-1900) shown with a ▲.

postage stamps:

- Leonidis pharmacy in Ermou Street;
- Athinadi pharmacy in Ermou Street;
- Smirnistopoulos pharmacy in Kolokotroni Street;
- Petrohilou pharmacy in the Street of Athenians;
- Cerahi pharmacy in Solonos Street;
- Arvatinos pharmacy in Museum Street;
- Nikolaidi pharmacy in Omonia Square

Post officers took the mail out of the boxes four times a day and delivered it in coaches to the post office.

We should note that in 1902 the number of metallic post boxes in the city increased by 24. Some of them were installed in hotels (e.g., in 'Grande Bretagne,' 'England,' 'Paggion'); others [were] in shops, coffee bars, pharmacies. But there was only one post office in Athens at that time, which in 1900

moved to the building in Loudovikou Square (now it is Kodzia Square), belonging to Vasileiou Melos. The movement of the post office was carried out according to the agreement of December 3, 1899, ratified by the law ... of March 27, 1900."

Further confirmation of the "findings" of Furman is given by the discovery in my archives of the reproduction of two beautiful envelopes (Figure 4) with Olympic stamps canceled on 25th March 1896 – the day of issue (and also the first day of the Games of the First Olympiad of the Modern Era). Both have an unmistakable heading: "BUREAU DE POSTES/ATHÈNES" (POSTOFFICE/ATHENS)!

Most probably they are "service" envelopes at the disposal of the above mentioned office.

At this point one thing appears clear and final: in 1896, Athens had only one post office with 6 windows for the users of the various services. This leads to the necessity of completely re-writing the chapter "offices and cancellations" of the postal history of the first Olympic issue of Greece "Athens 1896." This new "status" will have to be taken into account especially by exhibiting philatelists; in fact as of now also the "Jury members" will be aware of this "novelty" and will have to take it into consideration in their evaluations.

But why did this post office have so many different cancellations? I will talk about this in the near future. However I am convinced that the results of my deep research consequent to this "discovery" will be even more interesting and revolutionary! ☺

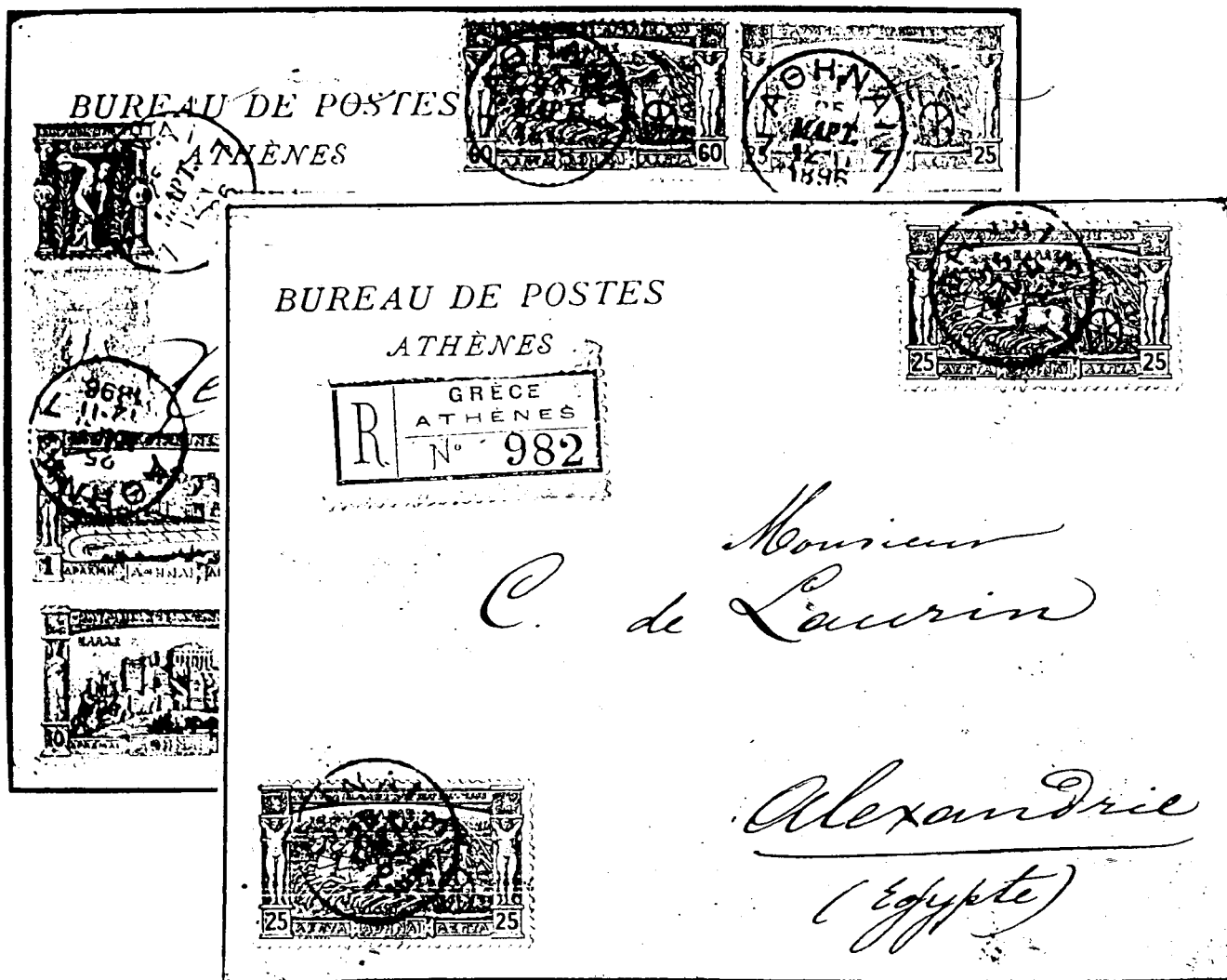


Figure 4. Two covers reproduced in the author's archives proving that the various cancels were all assigned to the single post office in Athens.

Glenn S. "Pop" Warner

submitted by Tom Collins

Until Bear Bryant came along, only Amos Alonzo Stagg had won more football games than Glenn Scobey Warner, known to the football world as "Pop." In coaching assignments at Georgia, Cornell, Carlisle, Pittsburgh, Stanford, and Temple, he compiled a record of 313 victories against 106 losses and 32 ties.

Like Stagg, Warner is known as one of the great innovators of the game. He introduced the single wing and double wing formations, the spiral punt, rolling body blocks, numbers on players' jerseys, and blocking dummies. In his career of nearly half a century, he coached a total of 47 consensus All-Americans, including two of football's greatest athletes, Jim Thorpe at Carlisle and Ernie Nevers at Stanford.

Also like Stagg, Warner was a stickler for good sportsmanship. "You cannot play two kinds of football at once, dirty and good," he once said. Red Smith described him as a "gruff old gent, kind of forthright and obstinate and honest." Warner was also spectacularly successful. Between 1915 and 1918, his teams at Pittsburgh went undefeated for four consecutive seasons. By the early 1920s his nationwide reputation attracted considerable interest, even on the West coast, where Stanford officials started courting his services.

Accepting the Stanford head coaching position prior to the 1923 season, Warner insisted on honoring the remaining two years of his contract at Pittsburgh. In the interim he sent assistants Andy Rerr and Tiny Thornhill to Stanford to begin implementing his system.

Once he arrived at Stanford, Warner coached some of his greatest players and engaged in one of

college football's all-time great rivalries. His finest athlete was All-American Ernie Nevers, still regarded as the greatest player to ever wear a Stanford uniform. Comparing Nevers to Thorpe, Warner gave the overall edge in performance to Nevers. Thorpe, he felt, did not always give his best effort. "If their skill is about the same," he once said, "I'll take the all-outter over the in-and-outer every time."

The historic rivalry with the University of Southern California began in 1925, Coach Howard Jones' first season at USC. Warner won the first two meetings and then tied the third. But beginning with the fourth contest, USC took five straight games from Stanford.

Depressed and disgusted by his inability to defeat Southern California, Pop Warner resigned at the end of the 1932 season. In a move he later described as "The worst mistake of my life," he became the head coach at Temple, where

his teams never achieved glory. But his legacy at Stanford, directed by Tiny Thornhill, thrived with the famed vow boys, who pledged never to be defeated by USC.

Despite his lackluster years at Temple, Warner is regarded as one of the most influential collegiate coaches of all time. Grantland Rice once wrote that it would be difficult to determine whether Pop Warner or Knute Rockne had the greatest overall effect on the game of college football. Warner retired in 1938 at age 67, ending a brilliant 44-year career.

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Pop Warner commemorated on the "Legendary Football Coaches" sheetlet of stamps issued by the USPS in 1997.

2000 SYDNEY OLYMPICS

by Brian Hammond

THE OLYMPIC SITES

Homebush Bay

The primary site for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games is Homebush Bay. Until the 1860s, the area was tidal wetlands and thick woodlands that were cleared for use as, variously, a racecourse, brickworks and armaments depot. In the 1960s, parts of the site were used for uncontrolled dumping of both household and industrial waste. New development in the 1980s as a business park necessitated a cleaning-up of the site. The area supports a number of important and different types of habitats so environmental issues are an important part of all work. Planned Olympic venues at Homebush Bay include the Bicentennial Park, the State Sports Center, the Sydney Aquatic and Athletic Centers, a new Millennium Park, the Royal Sydney Showground, plus the 110,000-seat Olympic Stadium due to be completed in 1999. A new rail link is now open to supplement current bus and ferry transportation.

New sports on the program include taekwondo, triathlon and trampoline. A number of new events for women are included in the 2000 Games schedule. These include waterpolo and weightlifting.

The main Olympic Stadium will host both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and athletics competitions. Including the two Marathons, a total of 47 event athletic events are to be contested here. The finals and third/fourth place soccer matches will also be featured events in the stadium.

The Olympic Village housing 15,000 athletes and officials is on-site. Following the Games, 6,000 people will live in the converted Village.

The State Sports Center is the venue for fencing (10 events) and wrestling (16 events). Olympic tennis takes place at the Tennis Center (4 events). The Aquatic Center is home for all swimming, diving, synchronized swimming and waterpolo competition (40 events), while volleyball matches are held in the Royal Sydney Showground Halls (2 events). Other sports scheduled for the Homebush Bay site include archery (4), badminton (5), base-

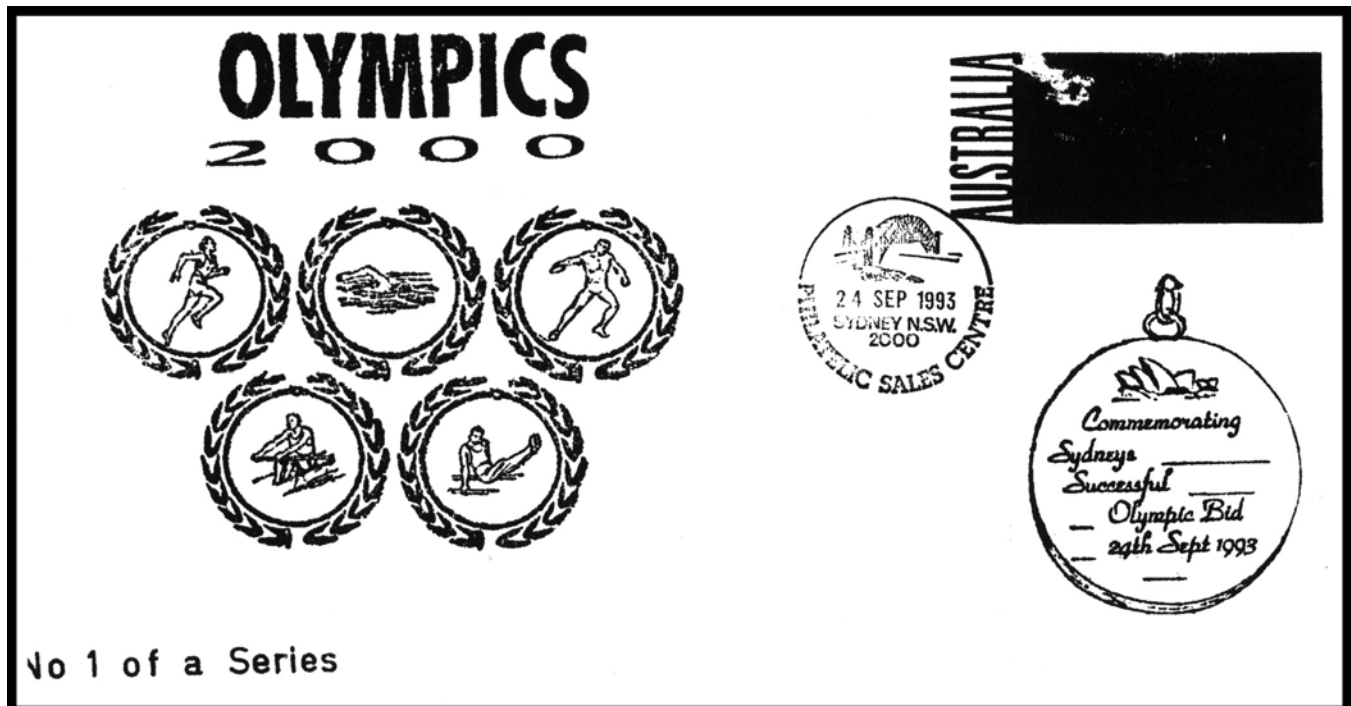


Figure 1. Number 1 in the Olympic 2000 Series of special covers and cancels. Sydney's successful bid for the 2000 Games is commemorated by this cover.

ball (1), gymnastics and trampoline (18), handball (2), field hockey (2), and modern pentathlon (1). The Athletic Center also contains training facilities for the athletes.

Darling Harbor Zone

The second major Olympic site is home to eight Olympic sports: basketball (2 events), boxing (12), judo (14), table tennis (4), weightlifting (15), plus the new Olympic sports of triathlon (2) and taekwondo (8). Ten sailing events are to be contested in nearby Sydney Harbor.

Horsley Park

The appropriately-named Horsley Park is the venue for the equestrian events (6). Mountain bike competitions (2 events) are at Fairfield City Farm not far away.

Penrith Lakes

All canoeing and rowing events (30), including the white water slalom, are at Penrith Lakes. Following the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, debate raged as to whether the 2000 Olympics would include this slalom for white water canoers. However, Sydney offered to build a state-of-the-art white water facility at Penrith Lakes costing \$6.5 million. The course is located on the northern bank of the warm-up lake at the Sydney International Regatta Center. It will comprise a 300 meter, U-shaped channel with moveable obstructions.

Bankstown

Track cycling takes place at Bankstown, while road races and time trials are scheduled around Sydney (18).

Other Venues

Blacktown is host for the softball event, while shooting events (17) are at Holsworthy. The venue for the two beach volleyball events has yet to be finalized as of the time of writing. Soccer matches venture further afield with competition at Melbourne (home of the 1956 Olympic Games), Adelaide, Brisbane and Canberra. Sydney will also play host to some matches.

All the venues, except Penrith Lakes, which is about 40 km. from Sydney, are within a 20 km.

radius of the city center. Special packages of Olympic tickets are available in Australia. In the UK, as in other countries, tickets must be obtained from the official agents, many of whom are, or soon will be, taking preliminary bookings.

OLYMPIC 2000 SERIES

The Olympic 2000 series of covers and cancellations (*see table below*) mark important events in the period stretching from Sydney's successful bid up to the opening of the Games (Figures 1-3). Many commemorate test events held before the Games to familiarize competitors and officials with the venues and conditions.

Olympic 2000 Cover/Cancel Series			
#	Date	Event	Color
1	24/09/93	Sydney's Successful Olympic Bid	Orange
2	13/01/94	World Gym. Ch.	Red
3	03/02/94	1994 Winter Oly.	Blue
4	14/04/94	Women's World Basketball Champ.	Green/Brown
5	29/05/94	Victory in Victoria Supreme, Sydney	Green
6	13/07/95	World Cup Cycling	Black
7	07/09/95	State Sports Center	Black/Green
8	06/04/96	IOC Centenary	Black
9	06/06/96	Atlanta 96 (set of 6 winners)	Green
10	22/07/96	Atlanta/Sydney ("")	Red
11	27/02/97	Athletics Australia Centenary	Black
12	01/08/97	World Athletics Ch.	Black
13	01/02/97	World Cup Freestyle Aerials	Black
14	09/08/97	World B-Ball Ch. For men under 23	Black
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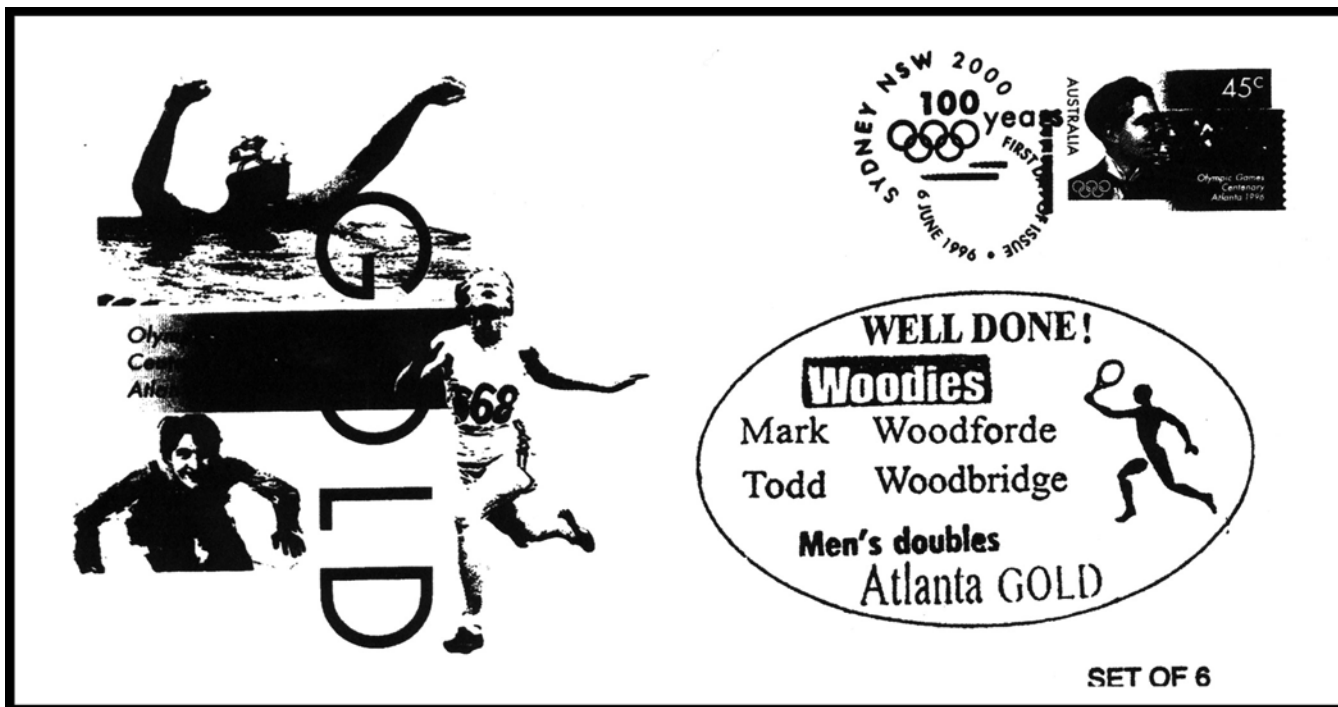


Figure 2. Olympic 2000 Series, #9. One of six covers commemorating Australian winners at the Atlanta Olympic Games. The Aussie men's tennis doubles team one the gold medal.



Figure 3. Olympic 2000 Series, #16. Perth hosted the 1998 World Swimming Championships.

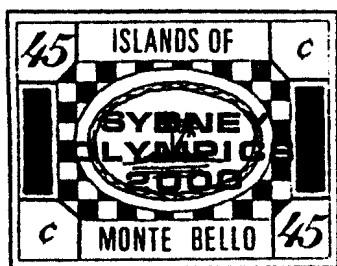


Figure 4. Label purportedly issued by the Monte Bello Islands commemorating the 2000 Games in Sydney.

SYDNEY 2000 LABEL

A special label designed and produced by Tim Bolotnikoff and issued by the Monte Bello Islands, was reported on in *Torch Bearer* (Vol. 12, #4). The article notes Bolotnikoff's claim that he set up the Monte Bello Philatelic Bureau. The label is printed in red ink on pale blue paper with an overprint in black: "Sydney Olympics 2000." The Monte Bello Islands are off the western coast of Australia and were used for a series of atomic bomb tests by Great Britain during 1951/2. A set of three bogus labels was produced at that time, probably in London. Another was issued in New Zealand in 1993.

BRASILIA 2000

In previous issues of *JSP*, I have mentioned both the IOC Session in Monaco where the vote for the 2000 Olympic Games host city was taken by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and shown examples of material from the five bid cities. One bid city, Brasilia, produced a "with compliments" card. Their bid was short-lived, having been withdrawn before the actual vote was taken in Monaco. The Brasilia 2000 bid committee also produced some other materials including a 122-page book (in four languages including English) to support their candidature.

CORRECTIONS & UPDATE

The following corrections are to my column in the July-August 1998 issue (Volume 36, Number 6) of *JSP*. The illustrations of the "Australia Post Part of the Olympic Games" machine cancel Types 1 and 2 were transposed. Type 2 "Freelong" should read "Geelong 3221," while "North Gate" should be "Northgate." "Adelaide MC 5000" needs to be added

to the Type 2 list. "South west Subs 2169 MC" should also be marked "Leightonfield MC 2169," as shown in the illustration. Typographical errors resulted in the misspelling of "Hobart" and "Cairns."

The Channel 7 slogan is apparently still in use, according to SPI member, Tom D'Arcy, who has helped with this update. He received two letters bearing the slogan and dated 19/7/98.

The use of slogans for commercial purposes is supposed to be controlled very tightly in Australia, with slugs destroyed after use. However in practice the operator grabs what he can. Canberra is in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), rather than New South Wales (NSW). With reference to the slug manufactured incorrectly for Eastern MC 3110, this was never used as the mistake was noticed by a technician before it went into service. As the slug was due to be used only for a short time it was not reworked.

Any information on the 2000 Games is always welcome and I will update this series as new information comes to light. Next time I will include some more news of early material from Olympic sponsors and additional postal material issued to date in connection with the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

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REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestrone

Basketball Philatelic News **June 1998 (Vol. 12, #1)** **September 1998 (Vol. 12, #2)**

"A Basketball History in Barcelona" is the cover story in the June 1998 issue in which the editor, George Killian, provides a personal account of his trip to the 30th European Basketball Championships for Men in 1997. Various cancels, stamps and meters from around the world are also provided.

The lead story in issue 2 details the philatelic aspects of the recent 13th World Championships for Men in Athens, Greece, along with information on the accompanying philatelic exhibition. On the women's side, Bertrand Grosjean examines this year's championships in Germany with an enumeration of the various postal stationery cards and meters issued for the event. Information on games for the handicapped, and new basketball cancels, meters and stamps are also provided for collectors.

Contact: George E. Killian, P.O. Box 7305, Colorado Springs, CO 80933-7305.

IMOS Journal **May 1998 (#98)**

This issue of the German-language journal provides a bumper crop of exceptional articles on a variety of topics. Included are: a philatelic examination of the life of F.L. Jahn, the father of gymnastics; 100 years of athletics in Germany; new information on the philately (including the stamps, cancels, telegrams, meters and Olympic flights) of the Berlin and Garmisch 1936 Olympics and the canceled 1940 Garmisch Winter Olympics; a review of 1896 Olympic Marathon winner, Spiridon Louis' life; women in Olympic sports; and cancellation information on the 1998 Nagano Olympic Winter Games. An overview of past and present IMOS Congresses is given along with a compilation of recent German press coverage of Olympic and sports items of interest.

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Olympsport **Vol. 31, #3/98** **Supplement #1a/98**

Primary articles in this issue of the Czech-language Olympic and sports philately journal include the conclusion of an article on the 1948 Olympic Games in London, and the beginning of a new series on the history of cycling. Short reports review the candidate cities for the 2004 Olympics; the judo postmark used at the 1996 Atlanta Games (which doesn't depict judo, but rather a taekwondo or karate move!); and a story on the celebrated Olympic fencer, Aladar Gerevich. Coverage continues on Olympic champions in philately, along with organizational information of interest to members.

A special 48-page supplement (#1a) on football clubs in Europe and Uruguay is included. Illustrations of covers, meters, stamps and cancels abound. For a soccer collector/exhibitor, it would be worthwhile checking out this latter resource.

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Podium **June 1998 (#22)**

Capitalizing on the interest in soccer generated by this year's World Cup in Paris, the Argentine sports thematic group devotes a good portion of this issue to the subject. Included are stamps and cancels for the event from Argentina and the host country, France, along with brief mention of emissions from other countries. An article on Brazil's participation in the Olympic Games is continued in part 2, along with one-page briefs on aspects of the sports of tennis, auto racing, and handball.

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Torch Bearer
May 1998 (Vol. 15, #2)
August 1998 (Vol. 15, #3)

The May issue opens with an examination of the Moscow 1980 Olympic Games and the U.S. boycott. This is followed by SPI member Thomas Lippert's discussion of the UPS involvement in the Nagano 1998 Olympic Winter Games. Editor, Bob Farley looks at possible modern forgeries of the 1988 Calgary Olympic postmarks ostensibly generated by a subscription service that has yet to be positively identified. Along similar lines, Karl Heimann provides a detailed story of the "Gscheidle Error" – the German 1980 Olympic stamp that was not issued but nevertheless found its way into collectors' hands.

The August issue jumps into the future with illustrations of the pictograms that will be in use at Sydney in 2000. Extensive updates on philatelic items for these Games (meters, postage paid impressions, and postcards from the pre-Ink Group period – the current licensee for postcards) are outlined.

Various philatelic exhibitions and events are reviewed in a number of articles. Bob Farley relates his trip to the IMOS Congress in May, while Franceska Rapkin discusses the Israel '98 exhibition at which Olympic and sports exhibits were well-represented. John Murray talks about his experiences in Paris at Philfoot '98 and his wonderful soccer prize obtained at the FIPO Assembly auction. Details of the assembly are also provided elsewhere in this issue.

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2128 Kenneth J. Gelms, 3586 Seafarer Drive, Ocean-side, CA 92054-4778, USA. Mr. Gelms is retired. *Olympic Host Countries, only.* (Jones)

2129 Donald Katzman, 555 East 10th Avenue., Apt. #4, Denver, CO 80203-3243 USA. He is an accountant. *Olympics.* (Jones)

2130 Wu Qiang, Chung King Hotel, 41 Xin Hua Road, Chong Qing 400011 China. Mr. Qiang is willing to help with publicity. *Ice Skating, Ice Dancing, Ice Hockey, Sportsmen.* (Jones)

2131 Barry K. Hambleton, 705 Franklin Drive, West Chester, PA 19382-7742 USA. Barry is an accountant. *Ice Hockey, Winter Olympics, Baseball, American Football, Auto Racing.* (Estus)

2132 William O. Chesser, 4301 N. 35th Street, Phoenix AZ 85018 USA. *General Sports and Olympics.* (Jones)

2133 Hideo Hioki, 680, Umedo, Daian-cho, Inabe-gun, MIE 511-0284 Japan. Mr. Hioki is an engineer. *Olympics.* (Jones)

2134 Kon W. Sokolyk, 50 Delaware Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M6H 2S7. He is a government

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Exhibit Awards

PHILATELIC SHOW 98 (Boxborough, MA). Charles J. Ekstrom III won gold and ARA gold for "Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps."

STAMPSHOW 98 (Santa Clara, CA). Conrad Klinkner won a silver for "Games of the Xth Olympiad, Los Angeles 1932." Juan Carlos Santacruz's exhibit, "Soccer World Cup Jules Rimet," received a silver-bronze award.

Special Note: *International Stamp and Exhibition News*, published by Stanley Gibbons, has been renamed by the company's new owners. The new title is *International Stamp News* and will be published as a bimonthly.

NEW STAMP ISSUES

by Dennis Dengel

Albania: June 10, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. Se-tenant pair 60 & 100 lek, soccer players; 120 lek s/s, mascot and soccer ball.

July 5, 1998. European Greco-Roman Wrestling Championship. Se-tenant pair 30 & 60 lek, modern & ancient wrestlers.

Argentina: May 30, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. Block of four se-tenant 75 centavo, various teams.

Bulgaria: March 30, 1998. 75th anniv. of Bulgarian Olympic Committee. 120 leva, torch and runner.

April 29, 1998. Ekaterina Dafovskaja Biathlon Gold Medal Nagano Olympic Games. 120 leva, athlete and Olympics rings.

Cape Verde: April 1998. World Cup Soccer Champ., France. 10 escudos, players in action; 30 es, soccer ball; 45 es, player; 50 es globe, ball & trophy.

Central African Rep.: June 2, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship France. Various players: four 300 franc, eight se-tenant 250 fr, two 1,500 fr s/s.

Chile: May 23, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 250 pesos, soccer crowd; 350p, trophy; 500p, map; 700p, flag.

Costa Rica: Feb 27, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 50 colones, soccer ball.

Estonia: August 4, 1998. Junior World Yachting Championship. 5.50 kroon, 470 class sailboat.

Guinea: April 30, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 200, 250, 300, 400, 450, 500 franc stamps plus 1,000 fr s/s, various soccer scenes.

Guyana: April 8, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. Thirty-two 30 cents, team photos.

Hungary: June 5, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. Se-tenant pair 300 & 110 florint showing various soccer scenes.

Indonesia: June 1, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 300 rupiah, children playing soccer; 700, 1,000, 2,500, 2,500 rp s/s, soccer scenes.

Italy: July 21, 1998. 33rd World Baseball Cup. 900 Lire, two players and a diamond.

Lithuania: June 23, 1998. 2nd National Olympic Games of Lithuania & 6th World Lithuanian Sport Games. 1.35 litas, athlete in motion.

Malta: June 10, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. S/s of 3 stamps (6, 16, 22 cents) soccer scenes plus flags of participating countries.

Monaco: May 20, 1998. Monaco Gran Prix Formula 3000 Race. 3 Francs, race car.

August 3, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 15 francs, soccer player, map.

August 14, 1998. 100th Anniversary of Enzo Ferrari. 7 Francs, portrait of Ferrari and Ferrari automobile.

Netherlands: May 19, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 80 cents, cartoon goalie.

May 19, 1998. Royal Netherlands Hockey Federation. 80 cents, soccer field.

Palau: July 31, 1998. Fourth Micronesian Games. Nine se-tenant 32 c, sports and logo of games.

Poland: Jan 5, 1998. Nagano Winter Olympics. 1.40 Zloty, ski jumper.

French Polynesia: June 10, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 85 francs boy & soccer ball.

Romania: June 10, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. Se-tenant block of 4 (800, 1,050, 1,850, 4,150 lei), various soccer scenes.

Uruguay: Nov. 26, 1997. Uruguayan Olympic Athletes. Strip of 5 se-tenant 6 pesos.

Wallis & Futuna: June 10, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 80 francs, soccer scene.

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by Mark Maestrone

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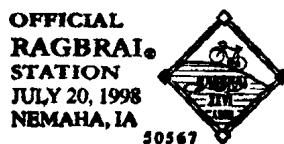
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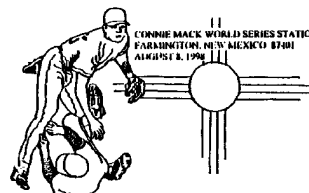
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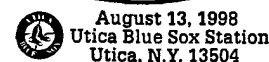
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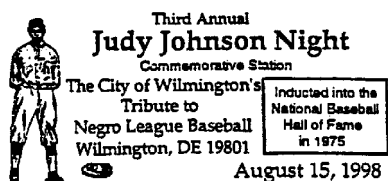
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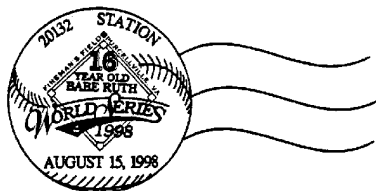
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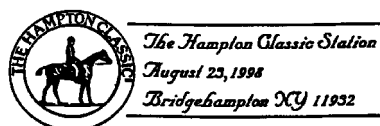
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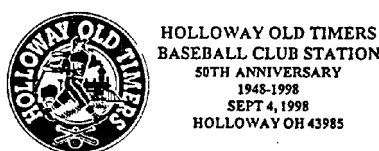
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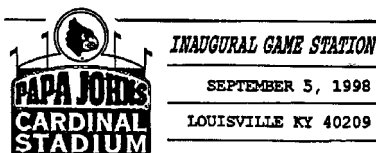
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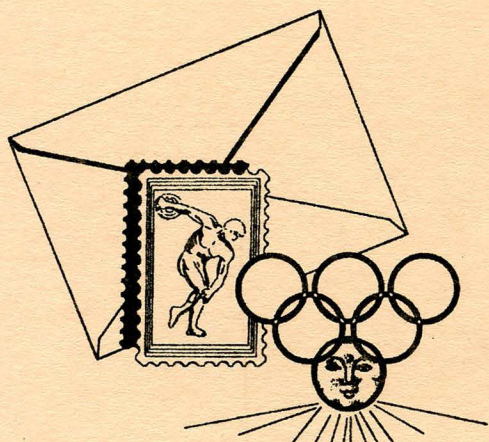
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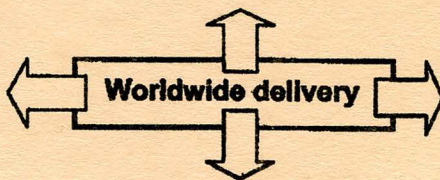
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