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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

Olympics in the News & OLYMPHILEX 2000

These days it seems nearly impossible to open the newspaper or turn on the television without being mercilessly clobbered over the head with the latest scandal. For the better part of a year, the various peccadilloes of White House denizens have occupied the media. In the later part of 1998, however, attention was suddenly focused on an institution much closer to home: the Olympics. Unfortunately the spotlight lit up some pretty dark and unappealing corners!

Like many of you, I too have my own personal viewpoints on the twin subjects of the Olympic bid city bribery issue and drugs-in-sports debacle. Being a philatelic journal, however, my opinions on these two topics don't belong here. So, you may ask, why bring them up at all? The answer is simple really: these are both noteworthy, if not watershed, events in the Olympic and sporting world. If we are to represent these aspects in a philatelic exhibit or collection, then we must be on the lookout for useful material *right now*.

Some philatelic items are obviously thematically related. These would include Salt Lake City bid committee covers and 104th IOC Session cancels from Budapest where Salt Lake City was chosen. In the realm of drugs-in-sports, postal documentation might embrace a cancel from last year's Tour de France cycling race which focused so much attention on the doping of virtually an entire team.

Not so obvious are covers with postmarks critical to telling these stories. A cover from the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee on the day the story broke would be a particularly important piece.

The thing to remember is that much of this material is very ephemeral in nature and must be saved and preserved before it becomes so much fodder for the recycling bin.

While on the subject of Olympics and philately, I have just received a communication from Manfred Bergman of the Olympic Collectibles Commission in Switzerland informing me that there will indeed be an Olympilex 2000. The exhibition is to be held for "the duration of the Games" and will include a competitive stamp exhibition and display of coins and memorabilia. The venue for this event is to be the Centrepoin in Sydney. As further details become available, you will certainly learn of them here.

Following my plea for articles that accompanied the Membership Handbook, I have had very few responses. Some members have written to say that they will write something as soon as they can. A couple of readers sent short pieces, which I of course greatly appreciated!

The bottom line, friends, is that this journal doesn't write itself. It needs contributions from *YOU*. Here is a thought for our overseas members – is there an article in a foreign language that you think would be worthwhile translating into English? If so, please send the original to me along with permission from the author/publisher to reprint it. We'll take care of the translation!

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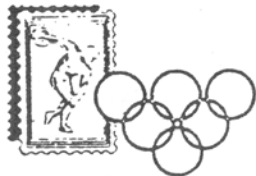
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The U.S. Men's Gymnastics Team at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Games

by Mark Maestroni

Amsterdam's Olympic Games of 1928 occurred during an idyllic period in history. Memories of the horrors of the Great War were slowly receding, while the twin catastrophes of worldwide financial collapse and a second world war were all but invisible on the horizon.

The Games had achieved their own notoriety by this time drawing significant public and athletic interest solely on their own merit. No longer were they tethered to a World's Fair. These would be the first Olympics presided over by the third President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Count Henri de Baillet-Latour of Belgium, Pierre de Coubertin having retired in 1925. Germany, for the first time since 1912, would once again be sending athletes to the Games. Women would also see an expansion of their Olympic opportunities with the addition of track and field and gymnastics events. And despite its million dollar expenditure on these Olympic Games, the organizing committee man-

aged to turn a profit! This, then, was the stage upon which the U.S. men's Olympic gymnastics team competed.

FROM THE BEGINNING

Back in these less hectic days, gymnastics in the United States was still a sport practiced, for the most part, in private clubs. These might be athletic clubs, such as the Los Angeles Athletic Club, or ethnic social/sports clubs brought over from the "old country" by emigrants from Europe. The largest of these, the Turners from Germany and Sokols from Czechoslovakia, were the nurseries for the men's national gymnastics program in the U.S.

In the summer of 1928, just weeks before the Olympic Games commenced, the best male gymnasts from across the country assembled in the Swiss Turn Verein Hall at Union City, New Jersey for the Olympic Trials. The lengthy competition was conducted outdoors (standard practice for the sport

Table 1
Top 8 Finishers in the 1928 U.S. Olympic Men's Gymnastics Trials

Competitor (Club)	Horizontal Bar	Pommel Horse	Parallel Bars	Rings	Vault	All-Around Total
1. Alfred Jochim (Swiss Turn Verein)	52.400	49.750	55.100	52.300	23.650	233.200
2. Frank Haubold (Swiss Turn Verein)	45.750	49.900	53.600	48.800	21.825	219.875
3. Paul W. Krempel (Los Angeles AC)	33.400	46.100	47.900	47.950	17.850	193.200
4. Herman Witzig, Jr. (Swiss Turn Verein)	41.300	45.400	46.100	34.200	21.750	188.750
5. Frank J. Kriz (Bohemian Gym. AC)	43.150	42.700	30.250	33.200	24.275	173.575
6. John B. Pearson (U.S. Navy)	39.100	41.950	35.700	35.950	18.350	171.050
7. Harold G. Newhart (U.S. Marine Corps)	45.650	37.850	25.350	37.900	23.825	170.575
8. Glenn H. Berry (Los Angeles AC)	35.250	24.650	36.600	39.400	22.075	157.975

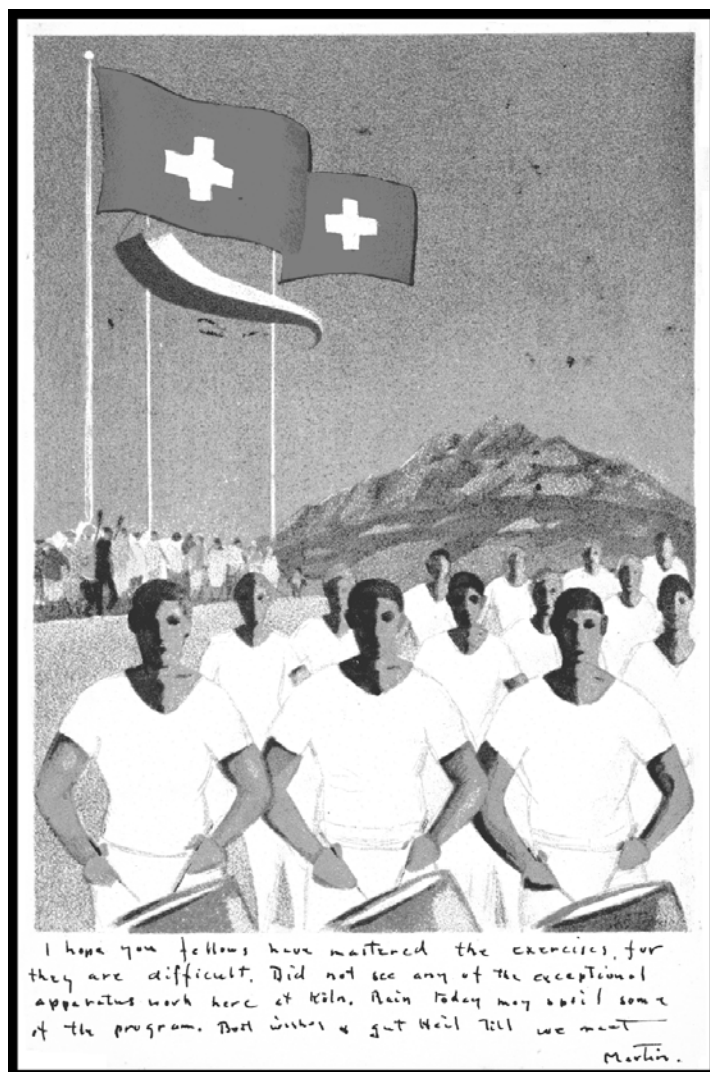
Köln - 7/28. [1928]

Wanted to mail this from Luzern but failed. Saw the Olympic finals there – 12 men reduced to 8 – every one good, especially Haenggi [Hermann Hänggi], Mack (1st) [Eugen Mack], Guedicci? They also have a free ex. Drill something like yours. This Fest was very good, highly interesting. The German Fest is immense – most too large & too much to see – imagine 5 stadiums & 4 fields. Tomorrow are the Mens Ex. and exhibitions [sic] – The final day – Leave here Monday – will arrive in Amsterdam about a week later. Please see that Moore has quarters for Jo & her sister.

[message continued on front of card] I hope you fellows have mastered the exercises, for they are difficult. Did not see any of the exceptional apparatus work here at Köln. Rain today may spoil some of the program. Best wishes & gut Heil till we meet.

Martin. [M.H. Trieb]

Figure 1. Above, the text of the message from Martin Trieb to U.S. Olympic gymnastics team member, Paul Krempel, on board the S.S. President Roosevelt docked in Amsterdam. At right, the picture side of the official 59th Swiss National Gymnastics Championships post card shown in Figure 2.



at that time) until a violent lightening and thunder storm drove the competitors and spectators inside. By the end of the day, the winner was none other than the Swiss Turn Verein's own Alfred Jochim with a total score of 233.20 points. Following close behind was his teammate, Frank Haubold. Paul Krempel from the Los Angeles Athletic Club was third. The top eight gymnasts made the U.S. Olympic Men's Gymnastics Team that day (Table 1).

The results were not all that surprising considering that Jochim had just won his fourth consecutive AAU National All-Around Championship title in May. And he was still only 22 years of age!

A SPY IN THE SWISS CAMP?

Jochim proved, at both the national championships and Olympic Trials, that he was one of the best gymnasts in the world. The big question of

course was how he would measure up to the European gymnastic powers of the day – Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia. After all, gymnastics in the U.S. was still very much isolated from the rest of the world with few international opportunities for competition beyond the Olympic Games. It was felt that if Jochim was to have an even chance at the Amsterdam Games, it would be beneficial for him to train with and compete against some of his potential rivals. Sometime during the summer of 1928, Al Jochim set off for Switzerland. There he trained with the likes of Eugen Mack, Georges Miez, and Hermann Hänggi.

A fascinating post card written, I believe, by Martin Trieb to the Olympic Team at Amsterdam tells of the European competitions in preparation for the Games (Figures 1 & 2). Trieb, an early proponent of the sport in California, was one of four U.S. judges selected to serve at the 1928 Olympic com-

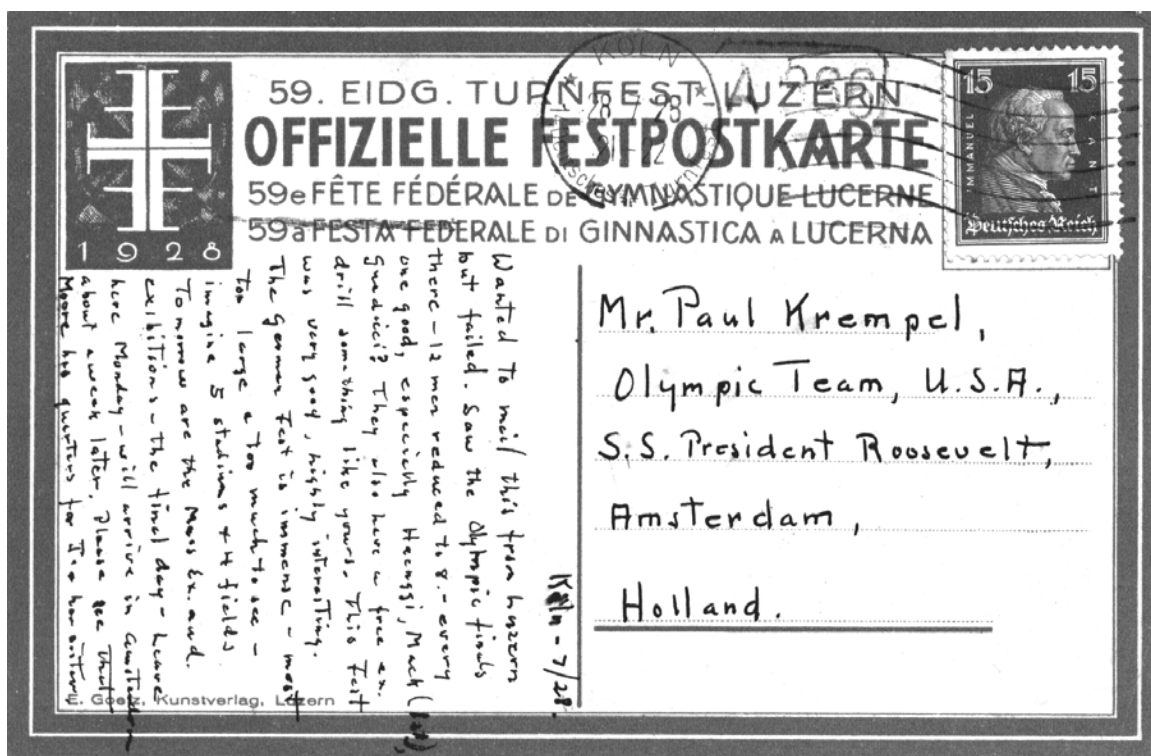


Figure 2. Post card shown in Figure 1. As the writer notes, he had wanted to mail the card from Lucerne, but instead mailed it from the German National Championships in Cologne. The Turnfest machine cancel is dated July 28, 1928.

petition. Although I have no confirmation of this, it is quite possible that he and Al Jochim traveled together during this pre-Olympic period.

The Swiss held their own annual national championships, which in 1928 also served as their Olympic Trials, less than three weeks before the start of the Olympic gymnastics competition. The 59th Fête Fédérale de Gymnastique was held in Lucerne, Switzerland (Figure 3). As Jochim had been training with the Swiss gymnasts, he was allowed to compete in the national championships. The results were not unexpected with the top Swiss men placing well ahead of the U.S. national champion:

1. Eugen Mack	256.750
2. Georges Miez	250.125
3. Edi Steinemann	246.500
Melchior Wezel	246.500
4. Hermann Hänggi	245.125
5. Hans Grieder	242.125
Gottlieb Stauer	242.125
15. Alfred Joachim	90.50

In all fairness to Joachim, he most likely competed in only one phase of the competition which consisted of both compulsory and optional exercises. Certainly his exposure to the Swiss team was of

invaluable assistance. And he could also pass along his "insider" information to his teammates in Amsterdam! Martin Trieb foreshadowed the European's expertise in his post card to Paul Krempel aboard the S.S. President Roosevelt, writing: "I hope you fellows have mastered the exercises, for they are difficult."

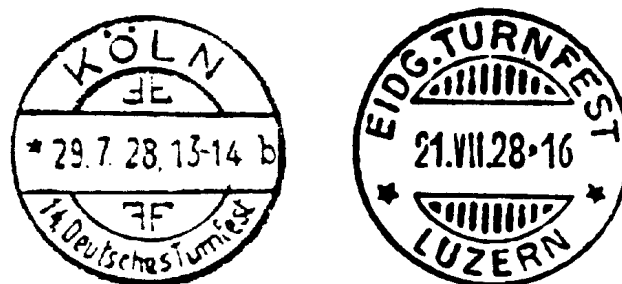


Figure 3. Handcancel for the 1928 German Turnfest (above left) was used at three post offices: b, c and e. A Swiss Turnfest handcancel (above right) and machine cancel (below) were used at Lucerne.

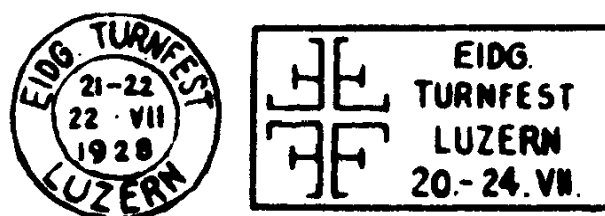




Figure 4. Post card showing the S.S. President Roosevelt all decked out for the “American Olympic Team.” The ship was not only a means of transportation for the team, but also became a floating hotel for the athletes during their stay in Amsterdam.

Following the Swiss championships, Trieb (and possibly Jochim) journeyed north to the German city of Köln (Cologne) for the German National Gymnastics Championships – 14th Deutsches Turnfest. These were held from July 19-30. A turnfest was a major sporting event which included more than just gymnastics as evidenced by this comment by Trieb: “The German Fest is immense ... imagine 5 stadiums & 4 fields.” According to the card, Trieb planned to leave on Monday, July 30 bound for Amsterdam and the Games.

The slogan machine cancel used during the turnfest was applied to the post card in Figure 2. A handcancel used during the competition from three post offices in Cologne is reproduced in Figure 3.

HIGH JINKS ON THE HIGH SEAS

While Al Jochim was practicing with the Swiss, his teammates, and in fact the entire U.S. Olympic Team, were headed for Amsterdam aboard the S.S. President Roosevelt of the United States Lines. Emblazoned with the words “American Olympic Team” in white on its side (Figure 4), the ship set sail from New York on Wednesday, July 11 at noon. Some 2,000 persons were on hand at Pier 86 to send the team off in style with flags waving and whistles

blowing. As Amsterdam had no Olympic Village (an innovation introduced at Paris in 1924 and firmly established at Los Angeles in 1932), the ship was “home” to some 268 athletes for the next six weeks.

The nine-day journey, with stops in Plymouth, England and Cherbourg, France, was long enough that the athletes had to practice or risk getting out of shape. The shipping lines cooperated in providing makeshift facilities on board. A linoleum running track was installed on deck, and jumping pits provided for track and field athletes. A specially constructed swimming pool was installed on the fore-deck for the aquatic competitors. No doubt in off hours, the rest of the team enjoyed the pool as well. As for the gymnasts, they had their own equipment placed on deck and were thus able to practice. Fortunately no one vaulted overboard by mistake!

Of course no cruise would be complete without some sort of intrigue. Not 24 hours into the journey, three stowaways were found on board: Frank Hussey, a former U.S. national sprint champion; Hugo Leistner, a hurdler from the Olympic Club of San Francisco; and Clyde Blanchard, also a hurdler, from the University of Arizona. All three had hoped that they might be able to somehow get onto the U.S. team. Hussey, who had won a gold medal in the 4 x 100 meter relay at the 1924 Paris Olympics, man-

aged to avoid discovery by staying in a bathtub of cool water in Joe Tierney's stateroom. (Tierney, from the New York Athletic Club, would compete in the 400 meter race.) All three stowaways were initially tossed into the ship's brig. Hussey was bailed out when his friends on the track and field team raised the \$130 to cover his passage.

At 2 p.m. on Friday, July 20, the U.S. Olympic Team arrived in Amsterdam. The S.S. President Roosevelt took up position mid-stream in the IJ River. Special launches brought over on the ship served as a taxi service for athletes quartered on board. Curfew was at 9:30 every night during the Games!

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

With 19 days until the beginning of the gymnastics competition at the Olympic Stadium (Figure 5), the U.S. team was able to regain their land legs and otherwise acclimate themselves to their surroundings. As was typical of the day, each gymnastics team brought their own apparatus with them. Not only did they train on this equipment (the dimensions of which had to conform to specific regulations outlined by the International Gymnastics Federation), but each team competed on its own apparatus during the Games. The Narragansett Machine Company of Providence, Rhode Island, very kindly loaned all the equipment to the U.S. Gymnastics

Team for their use beginning with the Olympic Trials. At Amsterdam, the equipment was installed on the grounds of a "modern school house" provided by the Organizing Committee. As long as the weather was clement, the team could practice.

Olympic gymnastics was still evolving at the time of the 1928 Games. Of the six events contested by the men, five are easily recognizable by today's spectators: horizontal bar, parallel bars, pommel horse, rings, and long horse vault (which used a springboard for the first time!). The sixth event was a different type of vault – this time over the side of the horse using the pommels for assistance. There was no tumbling event. Floor exercise routines were not introduced to the Games until 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles.

The team competition included an optional drill performed "... for 10 to 12 minutes (in which) each nation is quite free in its choice of these exercises which are to consist of marches, turns and preliminary exercises with or without hand apparatus ..."

There were both compulsory and optional exercises on the four apparatus events (horizontal bar, parallel bars, pommel horse and rings); a compulsory side horse vault; and an optional long horse vault. The all-around winner and winners of each individual event were calculated from performances during the team competition. A complete outline of the event schedule is shown in Table 2.

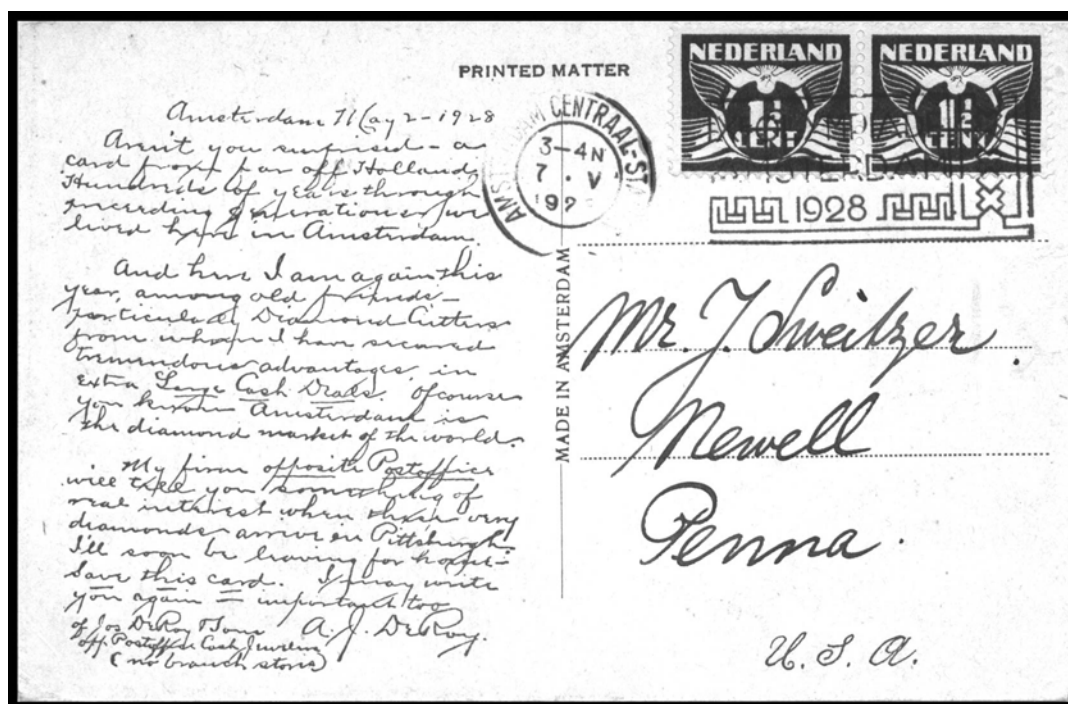


Figure 5. The Amsterdam Olympic Games were extensively publicized through the use of machine cancels duplicating the handsome, artistic Art Nouveau motif of the period.

Table 2 Schedule of Competition for Men's Olympic Gymnastics Olympic Stadium, Amsterdam		
Competition Date	Morning	Afternoon
Wednesday, August 8	Session 1: 9:00 - 13:00 Pommel Horse (compulsory & optional) Rings (compulsory & optional)	Session 2: 14:00 - 18:00 Pommel Horse (compulsory & optional) Rings (compulsory & optional)
Thursday, August 9	Session 1: 9:00- 13:00 Horizontal Bar (compulsory & optional) Parallel Bars (compulsory & optional)	Session 2: 14:00 - 18:00 Horizontal Bar (compulsory & optional) Parallel Bars (compulsory & optional)
Friday, August 10	9:00-13:20 General Exercises (Team Drill)	14:00 - 17:00 Side Horse Vault (compulsory) Long Horse Vault (optional)

The U.S. Team was assigned Session 2 on the first two days of competition. The team trainer, Herbert G. Forsell, reported that, "in many instances [the U.S. gymnasts] were decidedly handicapped by the unfavorable [late afternoon] winds which swept across the Stadium, making balance movements practically impossible."

While the U.S. Gymnastics Team did not walk away with any medals, they acquitted themselves well. They were even recognized as the team having made the most improvement since the 1924 Paris Olympic Games.

The Swiss team ruled the awards podium at these Games. Georges Miez led the Swiss men (Figure 6). To accompany his team gold medal (1718.625), Miez added the all-around gold, a gold on the horizontal bar, and a silver pommel horse medal. Miez's first Olympics were in 1924 at Paris where he shared in his team's bronze medal. He competed again at the Berlin Games of 1936, winning the gold medal on the floor exercise and the silver team medal.

Czechoslovakia came in second (1712.250) in the team competition at Amsterdam. The team's leading scorer was Ladislav Vácha (Figure 7). His silver team medal went well with his silver rings medal. No doubt the pride of his medal collection from Amsterdam was the gold medal he won on parallel bars. Vácha's teammate, Bedřich Supčík, was the first Czech Olympic champion having won a bronze all-around medal four years earlier at the Paris Olympic Games (Figure 8).

The bronze medal winner of the team competition was Yugoslavia with 1648.750 points. Their leading scorer was Leon Štukelj (Figure 9). His bronze all-around medal was augmented by a gold



Figure 6. Georges Miez was the leading scorer on the winning Swiss team at the 1928 Games, as well as the gold medalist in the All-Around event.

in rings. In 1924 at Paris, Štukelj won gold in both the all-around and horizontal bar. At Berlin, he finished his Olympic career with a rings silver medal. In 1996, Leon Štukelj attended the Centennial Games in Atlanta as a guest of the Organizing Committee. A very spry 98, the oldest living Olympian participated in the Opening Ceremonies of the Games and even put in a visit at the Olympihlex philatelic exhibition to sign autographs!

Fifth place in the team competition, with 1609.25 points, was Finland. This was the first Olympic Games for their team's leading scorer, Heikki Savolainen (Figure 10). His best finish was a bronze medal in the pommel horse. Savolainen's Olympic career would eventually span five consecutive Games: 1928, 1932 Los Angeles, 1936 Berlin, 1948 London, and 1952 at Helsinki in his native Finland. In those 24 years, Heikki Savolainen would win two golds, one silver, and six bronze medals!

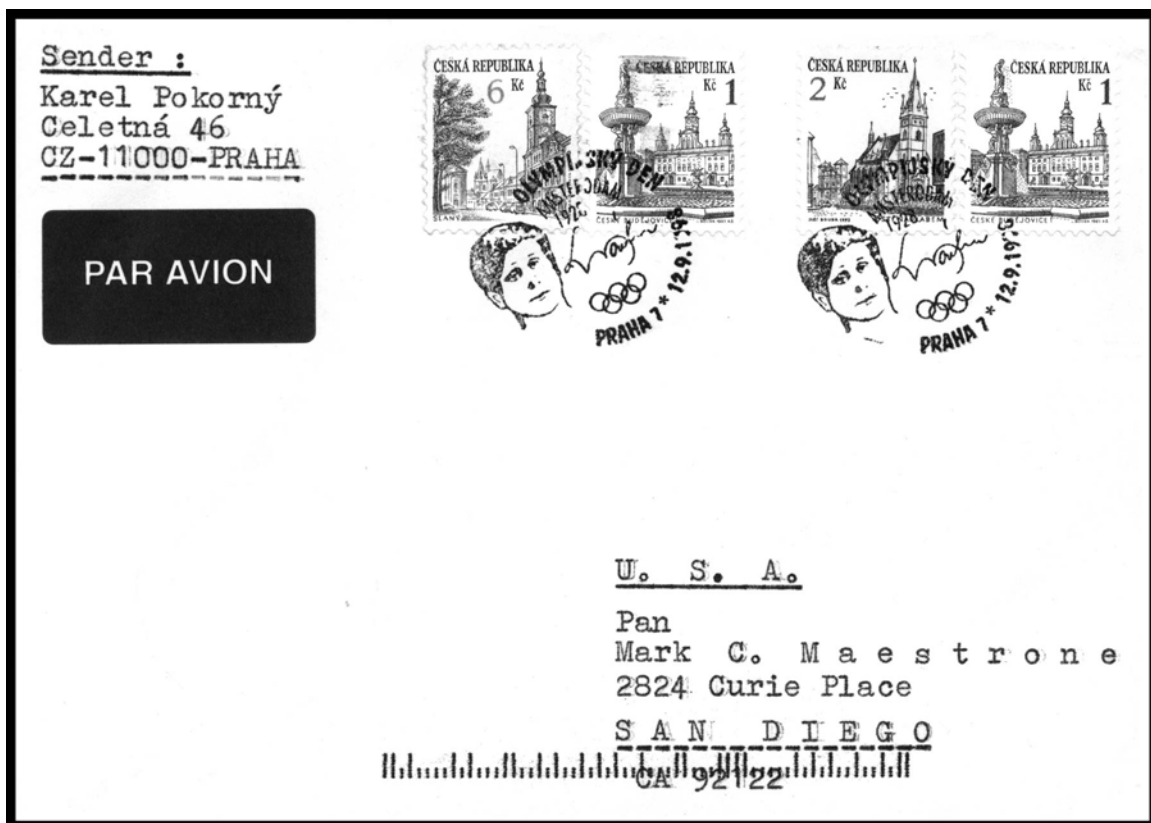


Figure 7. Ladislav Vácha, commemorated on this pictorial hand cancel, was certainly the standout Czech gymnast at the 1928 Olympics taking home a gold medal and two silvers.

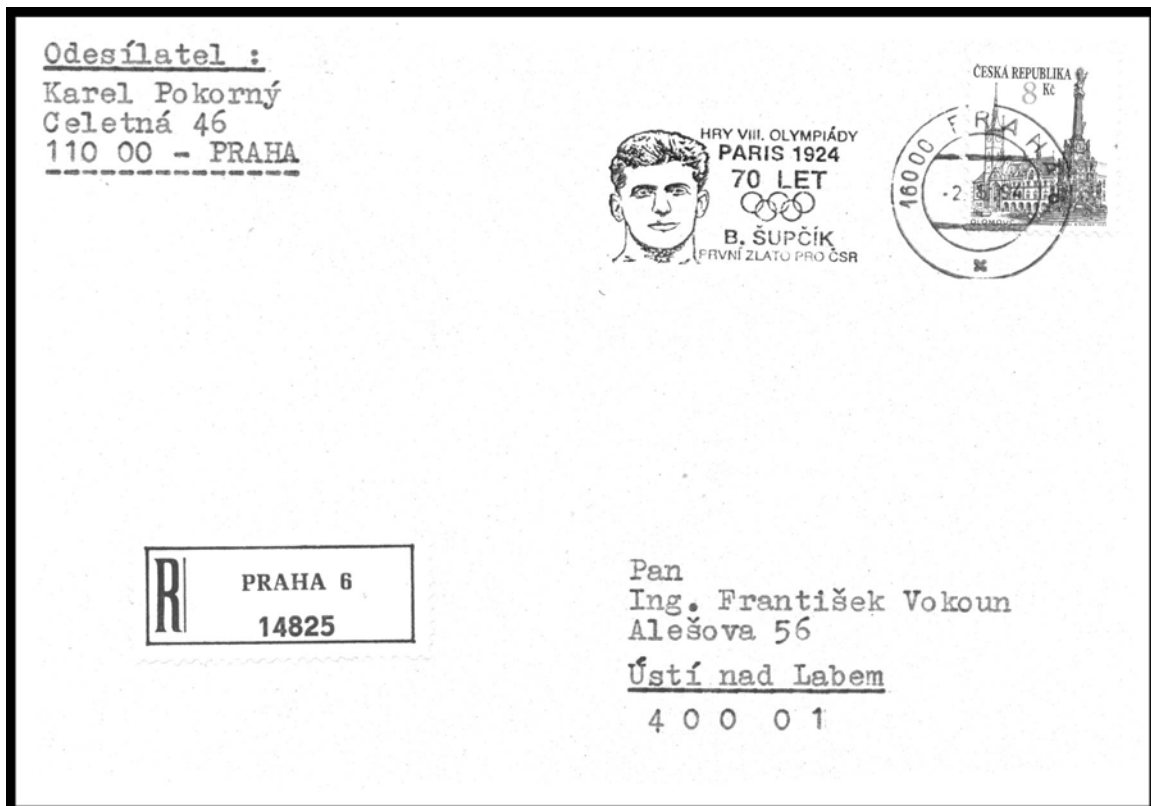


Figure 8. Bedřich Šupčík not only participated on the silver medal Czech team at Amsterdam, but is perhaps best remembered by his countrymen for having brought home their first ever gold medal from the 1924 Paris Olympics!



Figure 9. Leon Štukelj of Slovenia was in the middle of his Olympic gymnastics career at the Amsterdam Games, winning the rings competition and receiving an All-Around bronze medal. Štukelj was honored at the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games at Atlanta as the oldest living Olympian at the age of 98.



Figure 10. Heikki Savolainen of Finland competed in his first of five Olympic Games at Amsterdam, winning a bronze medal on the pommel horse.

Finishing just ahead of the U.S. team was Italy with 1599.125 points. Romeo Neri, who also competed on the 1932 gold-medal winning team at Los Angeles, was high scorer for the Italians (Figure 11). At Amsterdam he won a silver on the horizontal bar.

Table 3 on the facing page provides a break down of the U.S. Men's Gymnastics Team's performances at the Games. As a team, the men finished in seventh place (a drop of two places from 1924). The top all-around finisher for the U.S. was Jochim

in 36th place. Berry finished in 40th place following closely by Kriz in 44th.

The Games concluded August 12, with the U.S. Olympic Team setting sail the following day. For the U.S. men, it had been a humbling, yet instructive and exhilarating experience!



Figure 11. Romeo Neri of Italy received a silver on the horizontal bar at Amsterdam.

Table 3
Results of the 1928 U.S. Olympic Men's Gymnastics Team

Competitor (Club)		Pommel Horse	Rings	Horizontal Bar	Parallel Bars	Vaults	All-Around Total
1. Alfred Jochim (Swiss Turn Verein)	C O	19.75 26.00	25.00 27.75	17.75 26.25	24.50 25.75	25.500	218.250 (36)
2. Glenn H. Berry (Los Angeles AC)	C O	21.25 23.25	23.50 24.25	20.75 26.75	24.00 22.50	26.500	212.750 (40)
3. Frank J. Kriz (Bohemian Gym. AC)	C O	21.75 25.75	16.00 23.25	26.25 26.75	20.25 22.25	27.375	211.625 (44)
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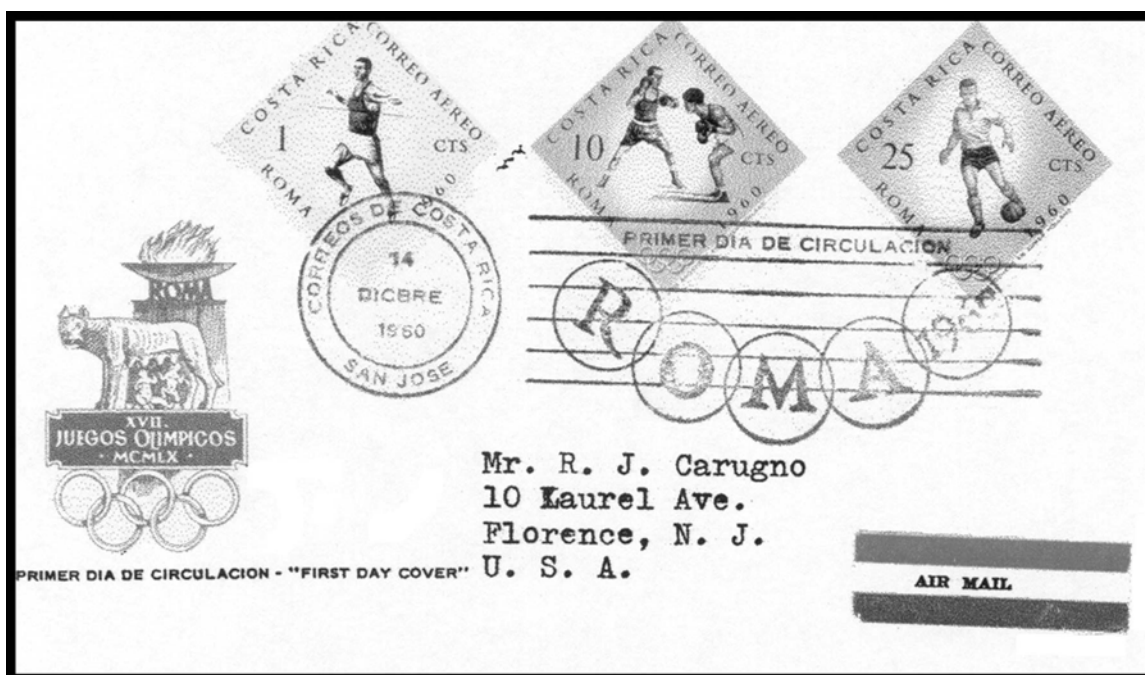


Figure 1. A seemingly unassuming First Day Cover of 1960 Olympic stamps from Costa Rica turned out to be quite a nice surprise for the author when he turned the cover over to reveal ... (see Figure 2).

A Philatelic Surprise

by Omar Gutierrez

The following is an anecdote that, in my view, is not only interesting but amazing and I wish to share it with our readers.

I have been living in the U.S. for thirty-four years, and have been a philatelist since my high school days in Costa Rica. In some years the collecting bug has been very active, but in other years it has gone into hibernation – in other words, become totally inactive.

About seven or eight years ago, the bug again woke up, but with a different twist. It was the time when the classifying games for the soccer World Cup USA '94 were starting all over the world (in other words, around 1991 or 1992). Thus, I said to myself, "I am going to collect First Day Covers (FDCs) of

soccer stamps." I had been a collector of FDCs since my days in Costa Rica, so I was familiar with the procedures and logistics of the system. What I did not realize at that time was the size of the universe of this area of philately. My thinking was that it could be between small and medium sized. Was I wrong! I have since found out that the world-wide availability of this kind of material is huge!

My search for soccer FDCs (in addition to trades that I do with colleagues overseas) began once more. This search took me to stamp shows in the Michigan area where I now live.

At the beginning of February at one of these shows, I asked the stamp dealer if he had any soccer FDCs. His answer (which had been the standard answer I had gotten be-

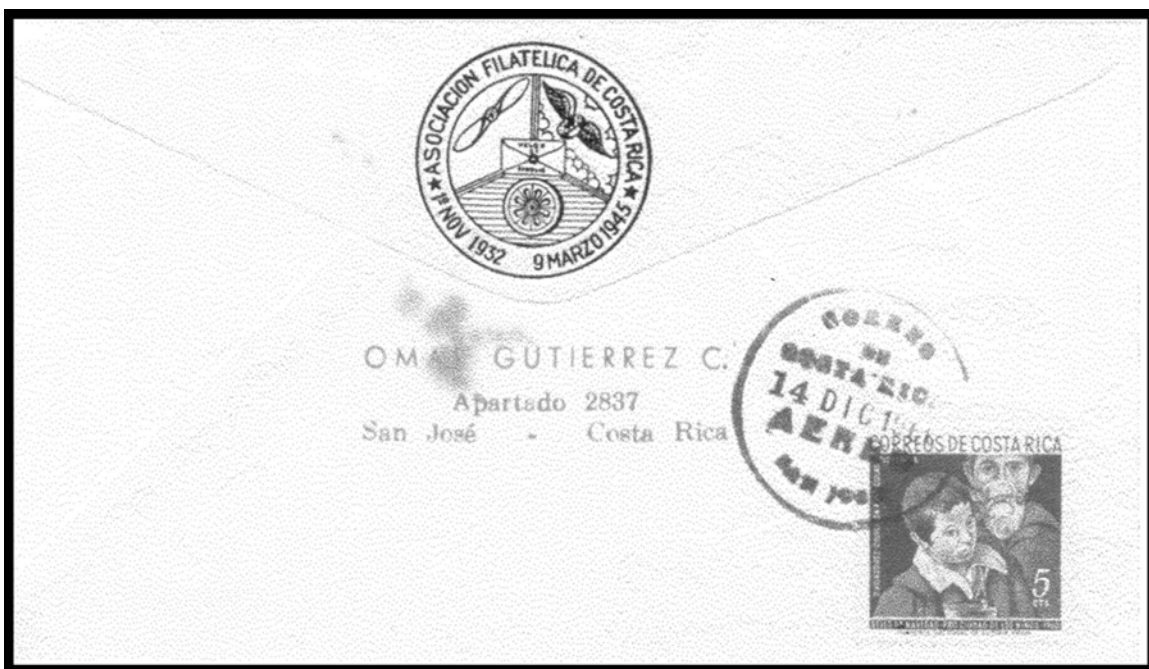


Figure 2 ... that he himself had mailed the cover to a philatelic friend over 40 years previously!

fore) was, "I do not know, but look in this tray and see if you can find anything of interest to you." These trays contained hundreds of covers that one had to patiently look through. Usually, I returned home with three or four FDCs of some interest which I added to my collection.

During my last visit I found three FDCs. One in particular was from Costa Rica franked with stamps of the December 14, 1960 issue commemorating the 1960 Rome Olympic Games (Figure 1). This was almost 40 years ago! Three dollars was the cost. I bought it mainly for sentimental reasons since it had been issued in my home country and also bore a soccer stamp of the same issue.

I did not give this cover a second thought until about a week later when I began to put this particular FDC into my album. Imagine my utter surprise when I looked at the reverse side of this FDC from Costa Rica (Figure 2). To my amazement, there was *my name as the sender!* I had sent this particular FDC to a

colleague in the New Jersey with whom I had obviously been conducting some sort of philatelic exchange or trade. How it got from New Jersey to Michigan is still a mystery. Nevertheless, here it is 1999, almost 40 years later, and by a quirk of fate it is once again in my possession! The odds that I would find this FDC, had I been searching for it, are practically nil.

For any other philatelist, \$3 for this FDC would have probably been considered too expensive. But to me this \$3 investment has turned out to be priceless! 🐶

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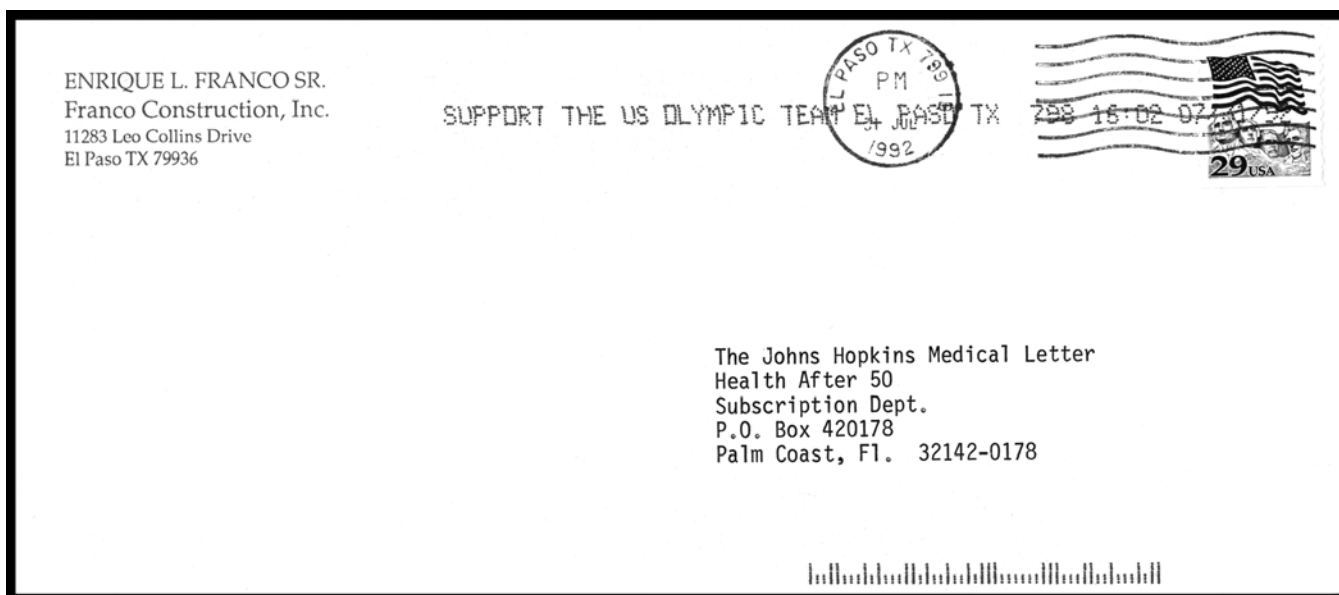


Figure 1. 1992 Olympic spray marking from El Paso, Texas. The USPS was a major sponsor of the Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain that year.

Olympic Spray Markings

by Glenn Estus

In the last decade postal officials in many countries have experimented with, and eventually placed into operation, a new type of machine cancel know as a “spray marking.” These cancels are not applied in the usual manner (i.e., by pressing an inked die against a surface). Rather, ink is sprayed through a special printer head onto the envelope or card.

In my collection I have four different examples of such cancels used in the last few years which mention the Olympics. The first of these, used in July and August of 1992, is from the United States. Spray markings are quite common in the U.S. and are used at a number of postal centers. The text runs the gamut from commemorating holidays to just an arbitrary series of letters. Usually, they are entered into the canceling machines by the technicians running the machines.

My earliest example is from EL Paso, Texas (Figure 1) and declares: “SUPPORT THE US OLYMPIC TEAM EL PASO TX 798 (DATE).”

“798” is one of the postal codes assigned to this west Texas city. The slogan was used during the 1992 United States Postal Service's (USPS) Olympic sponsorship era, specifically during the Barcelona Games.

The next occurrence of Olympic spray cancels publicizes the Manchester, England bid for the 2000 Olympics which were eventually awarded to Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. The spray cancel reads: “ROYAL MAIL SUPPORT THE BRITISH/OLYMPIC BID MANCHESTER 2000.” The cancel, shown in Figure 2, was used in mid-1983.

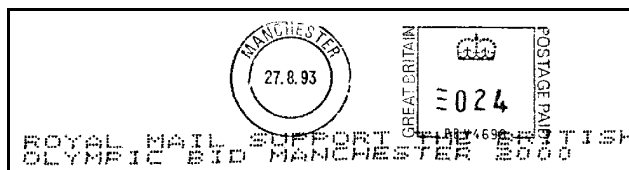


Figure 2. Royal Mail's slogan supporting Manchester's bid to host the 2000 Summer Olympics.

Australia Post was a sponsor of the 1996 Australian Olympic Team and proclaimed the fact on its spray marking from Canberra (Figure 3): “AUST POST PART OF THE OLYMPIC TEAM.”

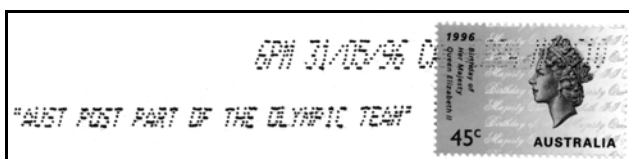
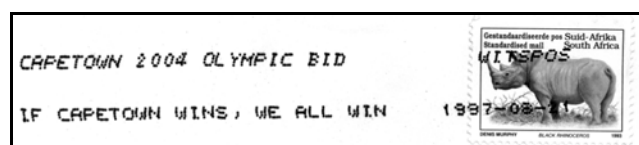


Figure 3. Australia Post spray cancel from Canberra MC 2610.

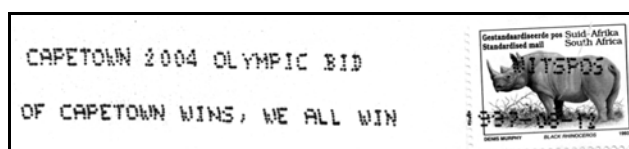
A number of cities in 1997 were vying for the honor to host the 2004 Olympics. Athens, Greece was awarded the Games.

In South Africa, the post offices used spray cancels to encourage national support for Cape-town's bid. During August 1997, at least three postal centers in South Africa used such markings. One of the spray markings had a typographical error substituting the word "OF" for "IF." Another variation occurs with the word "Capetown" sometimes spelt as one word, and other times as two. Some of these are illustrated below.

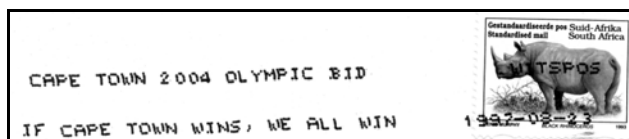
Information concerning earliest and latest use of any of cancels discussed in this article would be most appreciated as well as any unreported spray cancels from other cities or countries. Reports may be directed to Glenn A. Estus, PO Box 451, West port, NY 12993



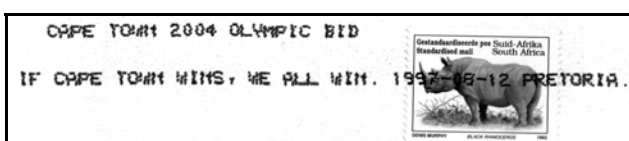
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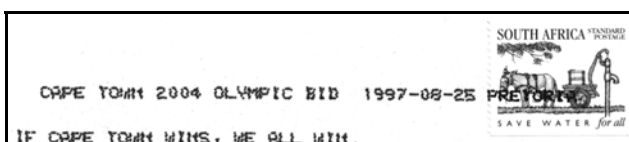
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Winter Universiade '97

by Luciano Calenda

In the September/October 1997 issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately*, George Killian discussed his trip to the Winter Universiade held in Muju-Chonju, South Korea from January 24 through February 2, 1997. At the same time, he briefly touched upon the philatelic emissions of those Games. In this article, I would like to further examine and illustrate the postal and philatelic items issued by South Korea on that occasion.

The first set of stamps issued for these Games was released on July 1, 1996. It was a two-stamp set depicting the Game's logo and speed skating, respectively. Two special handcancels in black were in use on the first day of issue in Seoul (Figure 1). These same two cancels, also in black, were used on a different date, July 3, in a different town (Figure 2). The town designation appears to be Busan. Might these same two cancels have been used in other towns? These two initial stamps were also issued in ten-stamp booklets (Figure 3).

On January 24, 1997, the Korean postal administration followed up with another two-stamp set. As with the previous set, these two stamps were separately available in ten-stamp booklets which repro-



Figure 1. First day cancels on the 1996 Winter Universiade stamps of Korea. These two black cancels bear the designation "Seoul Central" post office.

duced the stamp on the front cover (Figure 3). This time, there were also two souvenir sheets containing two copies of each stamp (Figure 4).

A special cancellation (Figure 5) was used, again in Seoul, on the first day of issue as well as on all competition days. This same logo postmark was also used in Busan (Figure 6).

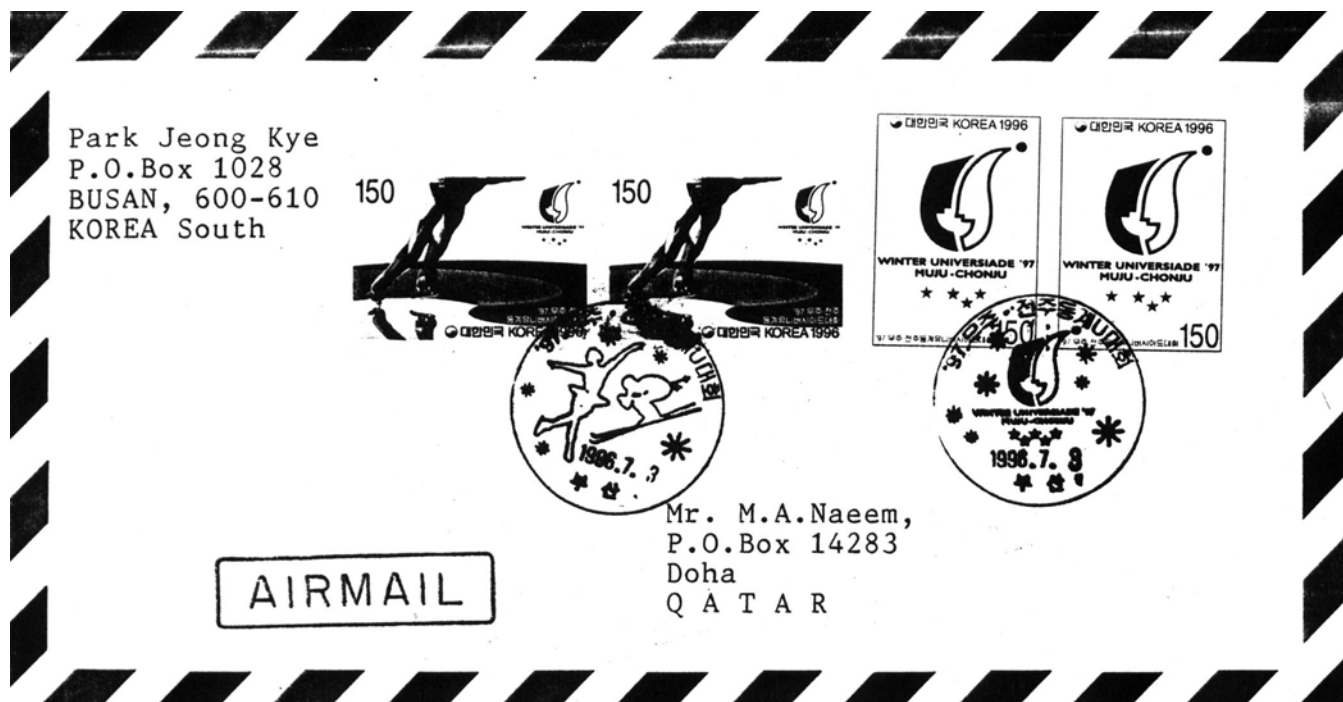


Figure 2. First day cancels for the first Universiade issue used two days later from Busan. Have these same two cancels been used from other cities?



Figure 3. Each of the four Universiade stamps was available in booklets of ten stamps. The first pair of stamps, issued in 1996, appeared in booklets bearing photographs of skiing and speed skating on the cover (left). The booklet covers for the 1997 stamps (right) reproduced the stamps themselves.



Figure 4. The two stamps issued in 1997 for the Winter Universiade were also made available in small souvenir sheets containing two copies of each stamp.

The cancellation in Figure 5 is pale blue rather than black as in the other postmarks. It is possible, then, that one or more cancels (or all!) may exist in both colors.

In addition to the logo cancel, eight other postmarks were used at the venues around Muju-Chonju where the competitions took place. The cancel illustrations (Figure 7) are self-explanatory, depicting the Games' mascot engaging in each sports discipline. It is likely that all these cancels were used in other towns.



Figure 5. First day cancel for the second set of Universiade stamps was printed in pale blue.

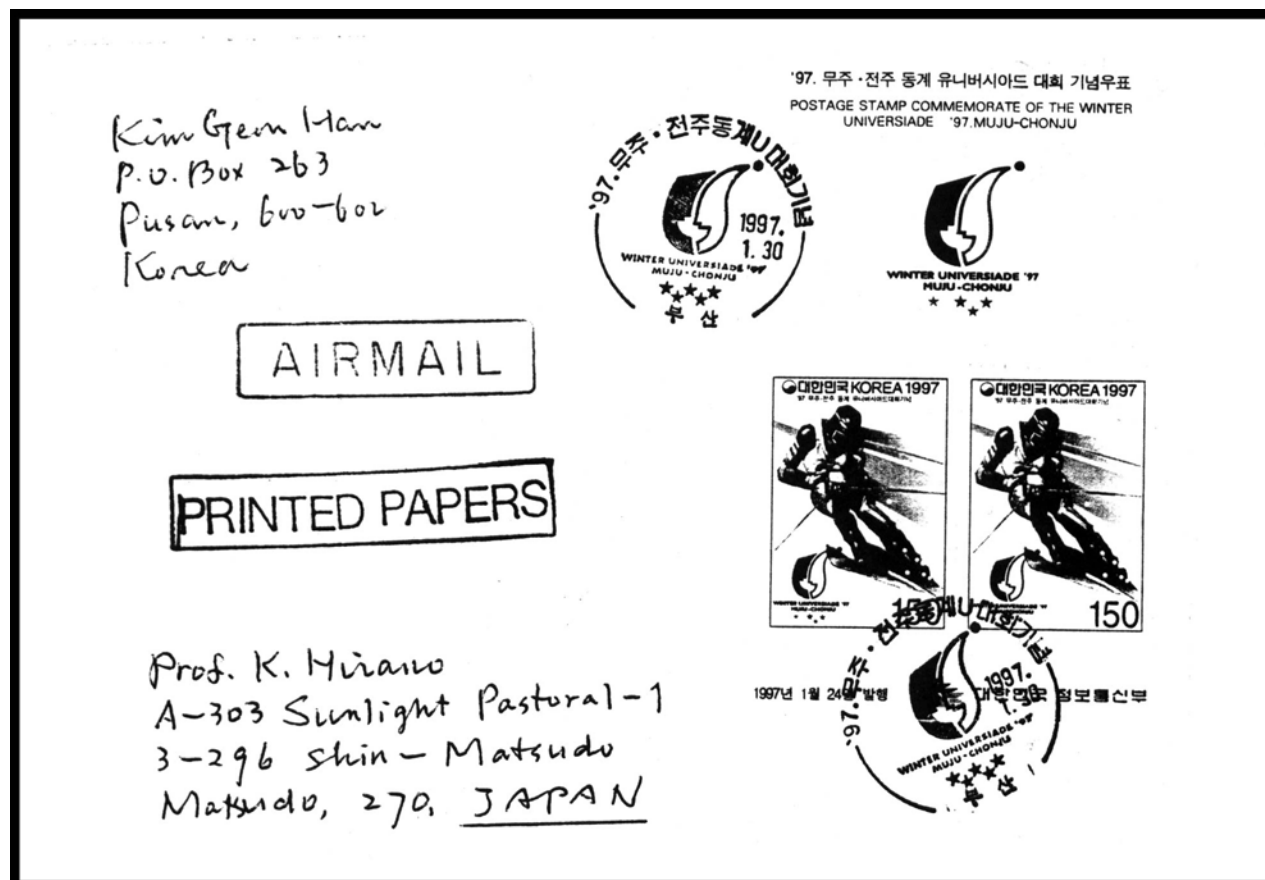


Figure 6. Logo cancel in black used during the course of the competition. Example shown is from Busan.



Figure 7. Venue cancels depicting the mascot of the Games.

The South Korean postal administration issued two more items which are new to Winter Universiade philately. The first, shown in Figure 8, is a special postal stationery card imprinted with a 120 won stamp showing the Games' mascot. The front of the card depicts the sports of ice hockey, downhill skiing, figure skating, cross country skiing, and speed skating. The Games' logo is also shown.

The second "new" item is a commemorative slogan meter. Figure 9 shows the meter used from the Jeon-Ju post office. We know it was also available at the Seoul Central Post Office. The meter depicts a short-track speed skater rounding a curve.

Coming up this year are both the 1999 Winter Universiade in Poprad-Tatry, Slovak Republic, and Summer Universiade in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Readers may therefore expect at least two more articles down the road. In the meantime, I would be pleased to receive any additional information on the Universiades from other collectors. I may be contacted at PO Box 17126 - Grottarossa, 00189 Rome, Italy.

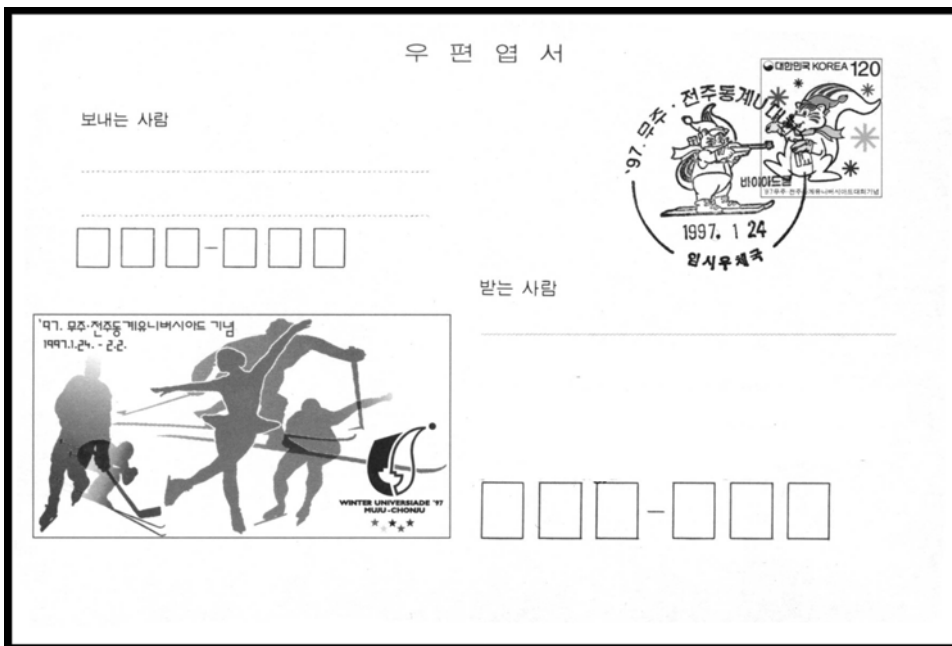


Figure 8. Postal stationery card issued for the Winter Universiade in Korea.

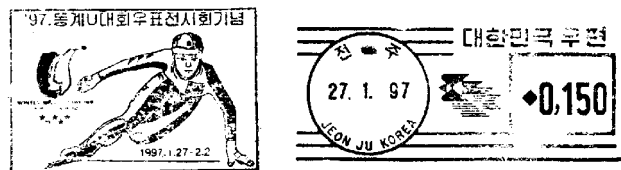


Figure 9. For the first time at a Winter Universiade, a commemorative slogan meter was in use.

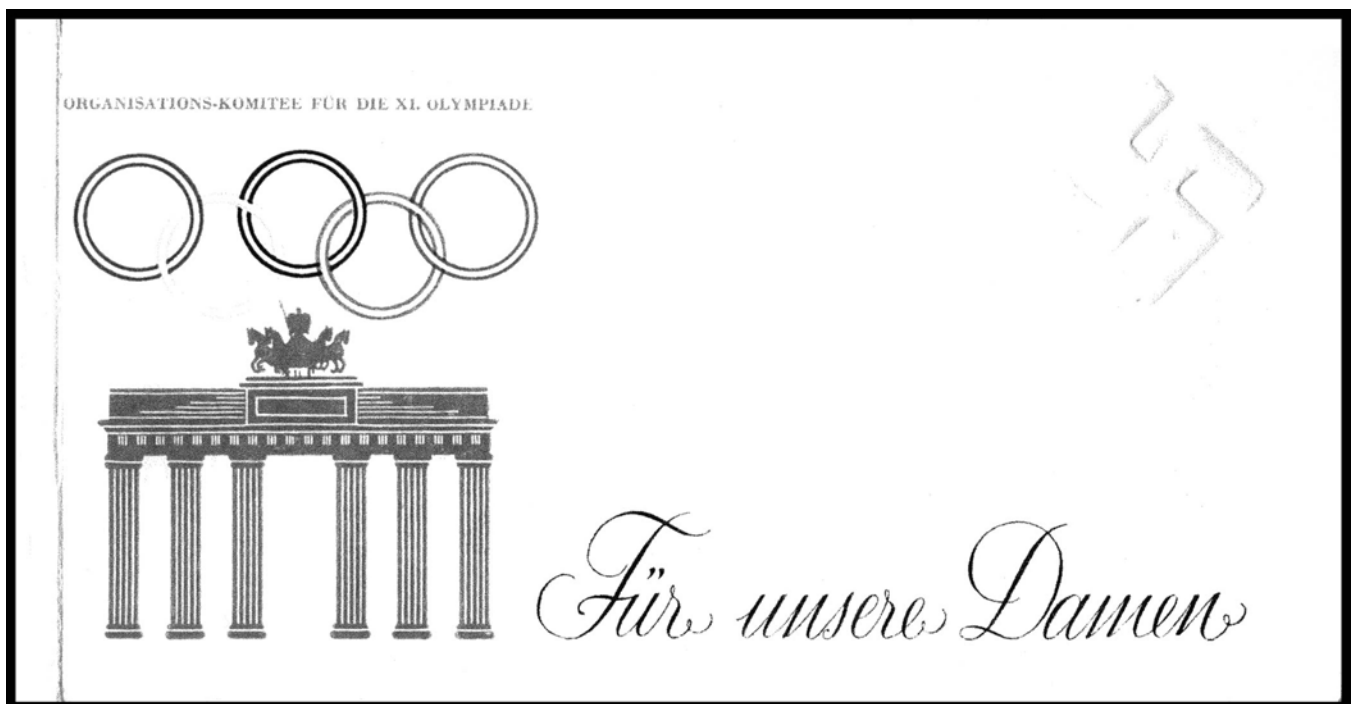


Figure 1. Cover of booklet containing invitations and reply cards to various Olympic cultural events and non-sporting activities. Booklets were quite likely distributed to wives of IOC members and other members of the Olympic Family attending the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games.

1936 Olympic Arts Festival Invitation Booklet and Reply Post Cards

by J. Michael Berry

Our firm recently purchased the item discussed in this article and we felt it of significant enough interest that SPI members might wish to learn more about it. The item is a 1936 Olympic "booklet" containing invitations and stamped reply postcards.

This booklet, purchased in 1998, was shown to a number of IMOS members in Berlin at their annual general meeting. These leading collectors of the 1936 Games had neither seen nor heard about this item before – either as a unit, or as separate pieces.

The booklet, as indicated in red script on the cover (Figure 1), was intended "Für unsere Damen" (For Our Ladies). It was issued by the Ladies Committee. The cream colored cover bears the Olympic rings in their correct colors over the Brandenburg Gate. The Nazi swastika appears at upper right embossed into the paper. At upper left is the inscription "Organisations-Komitee Für Die XI. Olympiade".

Bound into the booklet are 21 blue and seven red illustrated invitations to various non-sports functions taking place in conjunction with the Olympic Games. Also included are detachable, perforated reply post cards printed specifically for each event. All are stamped with the Olympic 3 + 2pf gymnastic value (Figures 2 & 3).

Included among the many and varied planned events were visits to the opening of the Olympic Art Exhibition on July 31 (Figure 4), performances of Wagner's "Meistersinger von Nurnberg" and "Die Walküre" (The Valkyrie) at the German Opera House, as well as chamber music at the Charlottenburg Palace. There were also opportunities to attend garden parties given by "Generaloberst Goring and Frau Emmy Goring" at their villa in Berlin - Dahlen, and another hosted by "Dr. Goebbels & Frau Magda Goebbels". The final page in the booklet advertises the Lyceum Club Berlin which "... will gladly receive the Women members of the I.O.C. ..." (the International Olympic Committee). 🐾

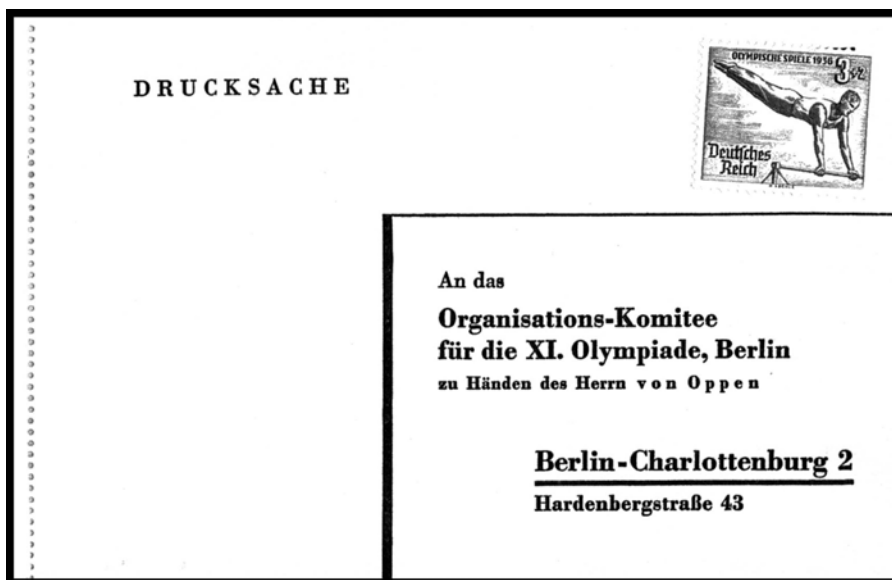


Figure 2. Post cards were supplied within the booklet to allow the Olympic guest to reply to each invitation. The reply post cards were franked with a single 3+2 pf Olympic stamp showing a male gymnast on the horizontal bar.

Figure 3. The reverse of each reply post card was customized for the specific event with text in the three official languages for these Games: German (the host country language), plus English and French (the two official languages of the IOC).

<p>An der Festaufführung der Oper „Die Walküre“ am 12. August 1936 nehme ich teil</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Adresse</p>	<p>At the performance of "The Valkyrie", August 12th, 1936, I shall be present</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Address</p>	<p>A la représentation solennelle de «La Valkyrie» le 12 août 1936 j'assisterai</p> <p>Nom</p> <p>Adresse</p>
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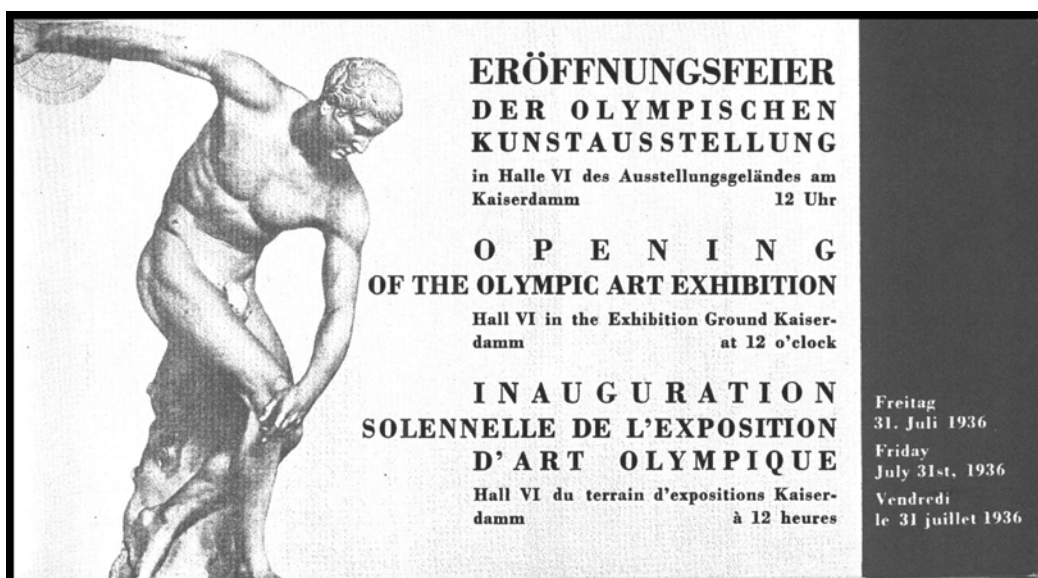


Figure 4. Invitation to the Opening of the Olympic Art Exhibition in Hall VI. The printing is in blue.



Type 2 machine cancel (one of 4 types) used in various South African post offices to advertise the post office's involvement with the South African Olympic Team at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games.

South Africa 1992 Olympic Machine Cancels

by Glenn Estus

Naomi Beinart in her article "South African Philately of the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games" (*JSP*, September/October 1995, pp. 17-19) mentioned that four cities throughout South Africa used a special Olympic machine cancellation from June 21 to August 1, 1992.

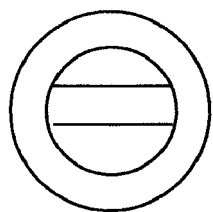
After three years of contacting South African philatelists I can report additional information. This cancellation seems to be very difficult to find. Most collectors in South Africa are not interested in this modern postal history and had no idea that such cancels were used in 1992.

Type 1 shows the Logo of the South Africa Olympic Committee at the top left with the logo of the South Africa Post Office at the top right. At bottom, in English, is the wording: "Official facilitator/of mail to and / from BARCELONA." The Afrikaans version reads: "Amptelike fasilliteerder / van pos na en van / BARCELONA."

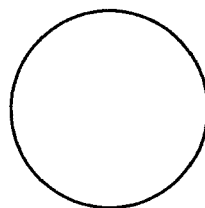
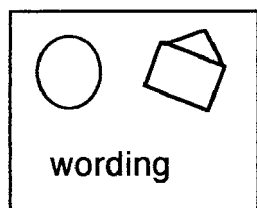
Type 1 has two varieties differentiated by the style of the town dial. Type 1A has a double-ringed circle with a "bridge" across the center. Type 1B has the town name in a single circle.

Type 2, which is similar to Type 1A but with the slogan on the left, is found used at two post offices:

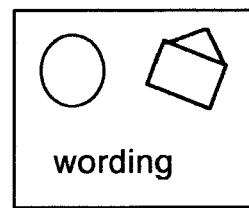
Type 3 has the South African Olympic Committee logo to the left of the wording in a rectangle with the

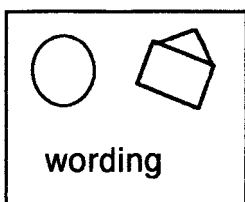


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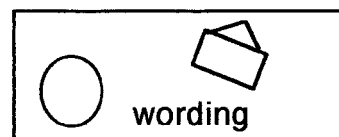
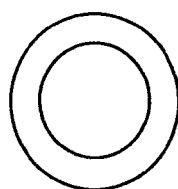
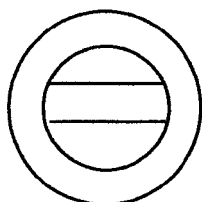


Type 1B





Type 2



Type 3

South Africa Post Office logo at the upper right. The town circle in the Durban cancels is also flattened on the left and right sides.

Finally, the accompanying table provides an alphabetic listing of post offices using this cancel

along with the cancel type and dates that the author currently has in his collection.


Further information about these cancels is welcome and may be sent to the author: Glenn A. Estus, PO Box 451, Westport, NY 12993, USA. 

Table 1 South Africa Post Office 1992 Olympic Machine Cancels			
Post Office	Cancel Language	Cancel Type	Dates of Use
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Bloemfontein "C"	Afrikaans	Type 1A	June 30, July 7, 23
Bloemfontein "?"	English	Type 1A	June 29
Durban	Afrikaans	Type 3	July 1
Durban	English	Type 3	June 26, July 1, 6
Johannesburg "A"	English	Type 1B	July 7, 8
Johannesburg "F"	Afrikaans	Type 1B	June 20, 30, July 10
Kaapstad/Capetown "A"	Afrikaans	Type 1B	July 7, 23
Kaapstad/Capetown "C"	English	Type 1B	July 2, 8, 7
Kimberley	Afrikaans	Type 3	July 1, 24
Pretoria "B"	English	Type 2	June 25, 27
Pretoria "D"	English	Type 1A	July 28

1996 Australian “Olympic Booklet”

by Mark Maestrone

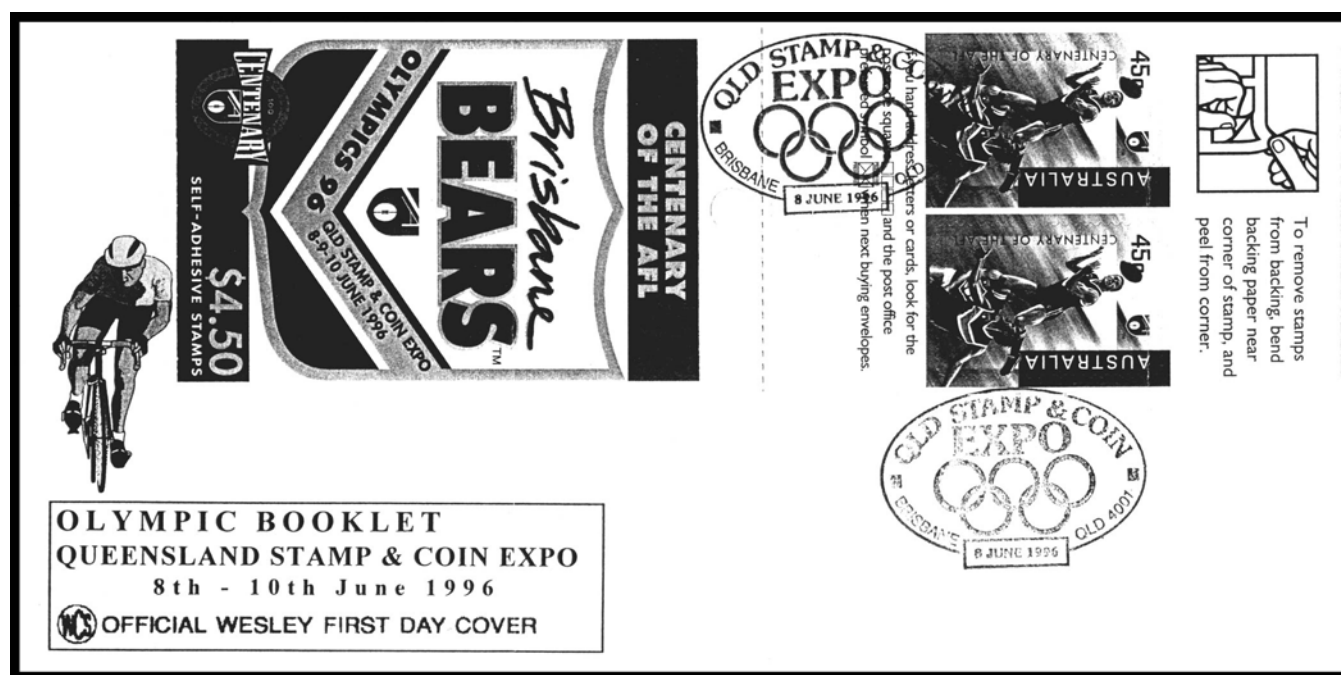
In my article on the 1996 Olympic Frama labels from Australia (September/October 1998), I mentioned the Queensland Stamp & Coin Expo in Brisbane at which these Framas were dispensed. It seems that another Olympic-related item was also available at this show.

Tom D’Arcy writes that he ordered a FDC with a booklet of stamps attached. The stamps commemorate the Centenary of the Australian Football League (AFL). The booklet cover notes the Brisbane Bears which, at that time, were a Queensland football team playing in the AFL. The team was merged with the Fitzroy Lions from Melbourne in 1997, and are now known as the Brisbane Lions.

Of interest to Olympic collectors, however, is the notation “Olympics 96” overprinted on the booklet cover (shown below). The official first day cover also refers to this as an “Olympic Booklet.” The stamps in the booklet pane of ten are not overprinted. The original booklet of stamps without overprinting was issued on April 23, 1996.

In addition to the designation “Olympics 96,” the booklet cover also advertises the “Qld. [Queensland] Stamp & Coin Expo” which ran “8 - 9 - 10 June 1996.”

This booklet makes an interesting collectible for both 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games philatelists. For further information about Australian soccer philately, I would recommend consulting SPI member Paul Davies’ very informative web site: www.ozemail.com.au/~pgdavies.



Stamp booklet noting both the Brisbane Bears football team and 1996 Olympic Games. The Brisbane Bears are members of the Australian Football League which, like the Olympic Games, celebrated its centennial in 1996. The First Day Cover of the so-called Olympic Booklet is shown here.

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2000 SYDNEY OLYMPICS

by Brian Hammond

Postcards

The Olympic Club of Australia is planning to print a set of six postcards, available to club members, illustrating Time Magazine covers from past Games. The cost is \$6.95 per set. More details to follow at a later date. The Olympic Club is using a postage paid envelope with a corner card displaying the Sydney logo and wording in black.

The IOC Vote for Sydney

As stated in *JSP* Volume 36, Number 6 (page 30), Sydney was selected at the 101st IOC Session in Monaco. In addition to the special stamps and booklets which were previously discussed, three cancellations are noteworthy. The first is the special postmark used on the First Day of Issue of the stamps (Figure 1). A meter cancel from IOC Headquarters in Lausanne, notes the upcoming 101st IOC Session in Monaco (Figure 2). This cancel was used

at least between the 1st and 24th of September 1993 and may have been in use for a longer period. The cover illustrated in Figure 3 reproduces a machine cancellation, also from Monaco, used at the time of the Session. The Olympic flight cancel from Berlin, one of Sydney's rivals, congratulates the winner.



Figure 1 (left) is the FD cancel for Monaco's stamps celebrating the 101st IOC Session. Figure 2 (above) reproduces a meter used in Lausanne at IOC Headquarters advertising the IOC Session in Monaco.

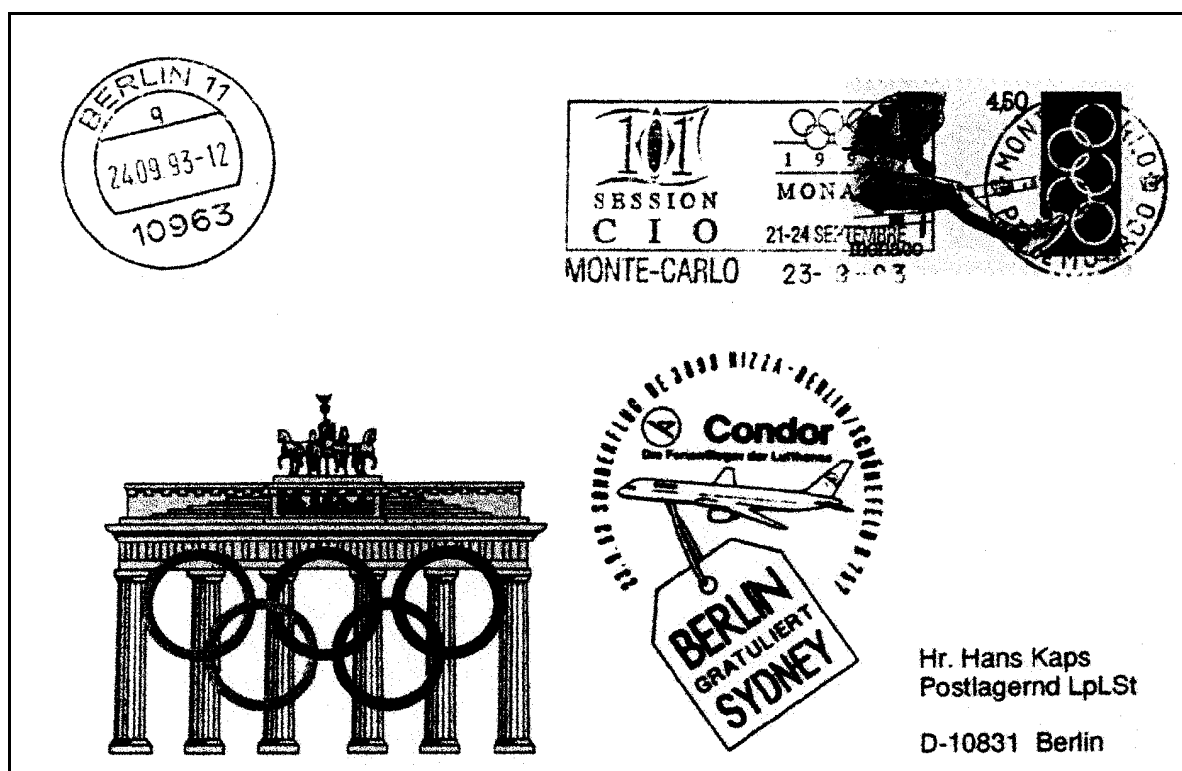


Figure 3. Olympic flight cover from Berlin congratulating Sydney on winning the 2000 Olympics.



Sydney 2000 Bid Logo Meter

Olympic host cities typically create a new Olympic logo differing substantially from that used during the bid process. Sydney was no exception. Figure 4 (above) illustrates the Sydney 2000 bid logo, a “squiggle,” as part of a red meter imprint. This particular example is from Lidcombe NSW 2141 and dated 22.12.95. Below the logo are the words “SYDNEY 2000” also in red. Note the “26 12 95 POSTAGE PAID 2781” ink jet sprayed marking in black. I am aware of four different types of bid logo meters.

Type 1: Southern Cross, single ring CDS without arcs.

1. Chatswood/NSW 2067 PBM 40075
2. Lidcombe/NSW 2141 PB 105941
3. Newcastle/NSW 2300 PB 68837
4. North Ryde/NSW 2113 PBM 40089
5. Queanbeyan/NSW 2620 PB 79260
6. Wallsend/NSW 2287 PB 33283

Type 2: Southern Cross, single ring CDS with arcs.

1. Broken Hill/NSW 2880 PB 45587

Type 3: Map of Australia, aircraft and surfer, single ring CDS

1. Sydney/NSW 2000 PBF1107

Type 4: Map of Australia, aircraft and surfer, double ring CDS

1. Date Posted/New South Wales PB 54559D
2. Crows Nest/ NSW 2065 PB 12118D

These meter cancellations appear to have been used over a long period. Examples I have seen are dated between 1993 and 1997. I would be glad to receive information about dates used and other post offices that used them as the list above may not be complete. I will update these listings as new information becomes available.

Richard Peck in *Stamp News* (November 1996) suggests that about a dozen Pitney Bowes machines used the bid logo. A similar version was used by supporters of the Sydney bid on their envelopes including Clark, Commonwealth Bank, GP Food Services and Australia Post.

The Society of Olympic Collectors' journal, *Torch Bearer* (Volume 15, Number 3) noted the following users of the various meters:

- Type 1, #1, AMF Bowling Centers
- Type 1, #5, Barrie Cole Transport
- Type 1, #6, Barnsley Joinery Works
- Type 2, PO Box 454, Broken Hill return address
- Type 3, Commonwealth Bank

“Australia for Sydney 2000” Slogan

Australia Post's head office advised that all Mail Centers (MC) would be using the slogan, but only 18 did so (not counting Gold Coast MC). The slogan was used from 1 August 1993 to 25 September 1993, the day following the “decision day,” (Australia time). Thanks to Tom D'Arcy, I can now give readers information on the dies used for this slogan which were as follows:

ACT Canberra 2610 (1,3,10)

NSW Eastern Suburbs MC 2004 (1,5,6,9,10)

NSW [Rushcutters Bay] (6)

NSW Northern Suburbs MC 2058

(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)

NSW Leightonfield MC 2169 (Paid,2,3,4,5,6)

NSW Southern Suburbs MC 2215 (1,2,3,4)

NSW [Turrella] (1)

NSW Seven Hills MC 2781 (1,2,3)

Queensland Northgate MC 4013

Queensland Underwood MC 4119

Queensland Sunshine Coast 4560

South Australia Adelaide 5000 (1,2,2A,3,3A,4)

Tasmania Hobart 7000 (1,2)

Victoria Melbourne City MC 3000

Victoria Western MC 3012

Victoria Northern MC 3072

Victoria Eastern MC 3110

Victoria Southern MC 3169

Victoria Southeastern MC 3176

Western Australia Perth 6000, 6000, WA 6000,
W.AUST 6000, W.A. AUST

(1) Underwood MC stopped using their automatic machine before 30 August 1993 and the manual machine on 1 September 1993.

(2) Canberra MC used the slogan on 10 September 1995 and probably at other times after 25 September 1993.

(3) Numbered dies were used as follows:

Canberra: 1 automatic machine (dies 1 & 3) and one manual machine (die 10).

Eastern Suburbs: 2 automatic machines (LPLs), one type 85 and one type 42 (dies 1,5,6,9)

Northern Suburbs: Two LPLs and 2 manual machines (GGs). Dies 1 through 10 rotated daily.

Seven Hills: 1 LPL and 2 GGs. Five dies (1-5) used, usually 1 and 2 on the LPL and 3 and 4 on the GGs

Southern Suburbs [Turrella]: 2 LPLs and 2 Ggs using 6 dies. Normally one GG is not in use and thus only 5 dies are in use at any one time.

Leightonfield: 1 LPL (dies 1 & 2). Probably a "Post Paid" cancel was also available

Adelaide: 3 LPLs and 1 GG. The machines are numbered 1,2 and 3 and the heads 1&1, 2&2, 2&2A, 3&3, 3&3A, on the LPLs and 4&4 on the GG. The GG shows no postcode.

Hobart: 1 LPL (dies 1 & 2).

(4) All Victoria cancellations are similar, the only exception being the Southern MC which has the year 1993 in the bottom line whereas all other Victoria MCs have the year 1993 in the top line.

(5) Perth MC uses 4 dies with variations in the bottom line of the time/date block as listed.

(6) All slogan slugs were to be destroyed on 26 September 1993. It is clear this did not happen as the Canberra slogan was in use until at least September 1995.

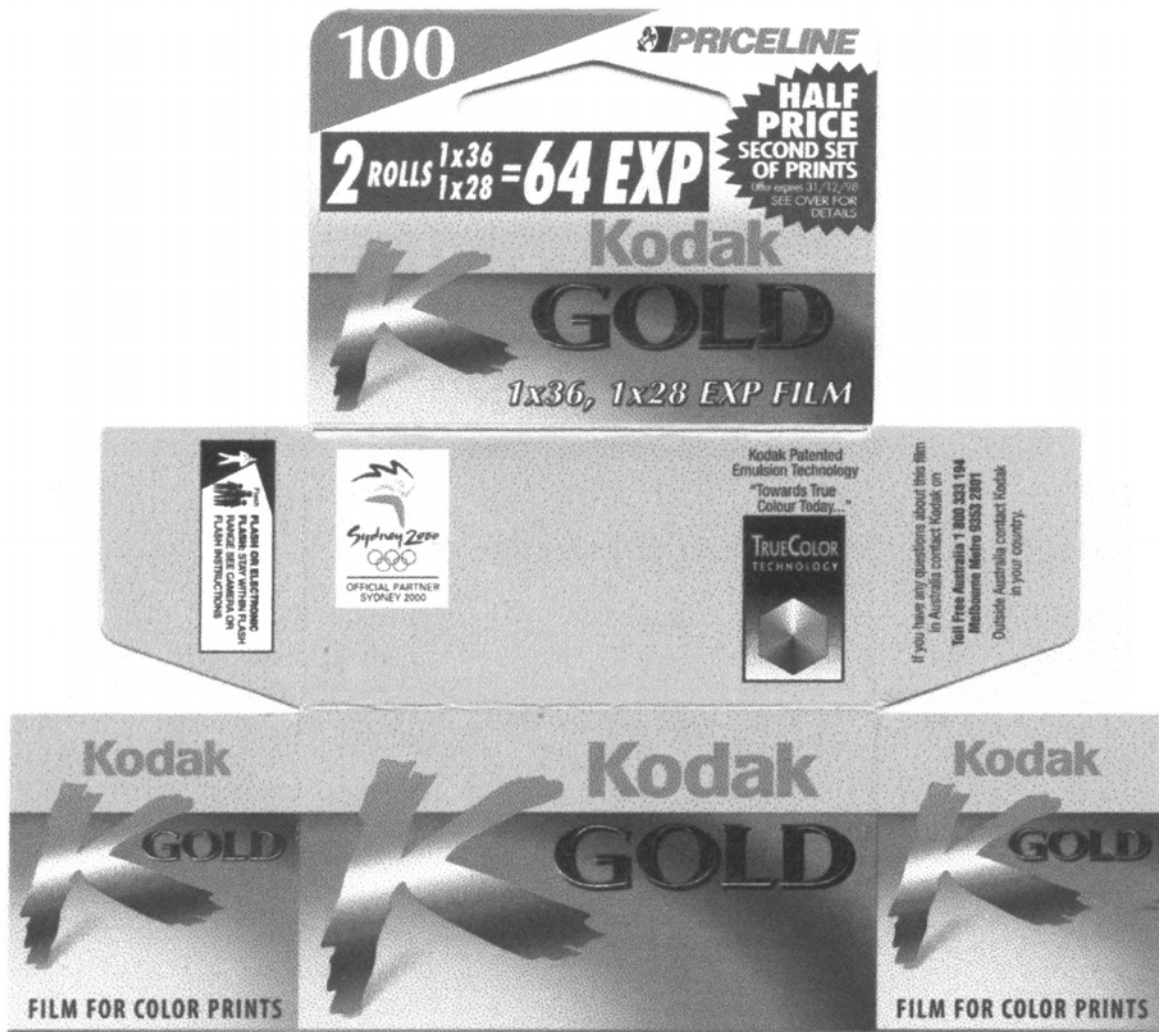


Figure 5. Kodak, the official film of the 2000 Sydney Olympics, is already using new packaging bearing the official logo of the Games and noting their Worldwide Sponsorship.

Olympic Legends Stamps Update

It has been discovered that there are two different peel-and-stick folders, each showing a different bar code. Also there are supposed to be two types of sheetlets, one with a blue tinge to the gum and one that is supposedly pinkish. Has any reader seen the pinkish variety? Tom has noticed that the Legends stamp for Shirley Strickland was illustrated in the second issue of the magazine for the Olympic Club which is part of the SOCOG organization. Bearing in mind that SOCOG is supporting UPS and won't allow stamps for the 2000 Games, this seems a bit unusual.

Material from Olympic Sponsors

At the time of writing, little is available and sponsors are not very forthcoming in providing information. Ansett Australia, the official airline of the 2000 Olympic Games, have used the Sydney 2000 logo on their envelopes, letterheads and compliments cards. The airline uses the logo on its boarding pass (as Qantas did for Atlanta) and they have also painted an aircraft to advertise their involvement with the Sydney Games.

BHP uses the logo in its adverts and has three pins available for executives. Carlton & United, which brews the official beer for the Games, uses the logo on its bottle labeling. McDonald's are a worldwide partner and promote this fact on busi-

ness cards and envelopes. Kodak another partner are using the logo on their Kodak Gold film packets (Figure 5). Westpac Bank, a SOCOG supporter, uses the logo on their leaflets advertising smart banking. Adecco uses the logo on their envelopes. Reebok is an official supporter of the 2000 Games and uses the logo in full color on its "with compliments" slips. United Parcel Service once again have the parcel/packet mail contract for the 2000 Games as they did in 1996. Their "with compliments" slips proudly display the Sydney logo in full color and the words "Team Millennium Olympic Partner" in black.

Swatch have produced a colorful label including the logo and Swiss flag with wording in black: "Official timekeeper to Sydney 2000." It is believed that Reebok, Panasonic and Samsung have pins for sale to the public.

The Commonwealth Bank used the bid logo and "SYDNEY 2000 - PROUD SUPPORTER OF THE SYDNEY 2000 BID" on its postage paid window envelopes. Type A (Figure 6) is 190 x 111mm with text reading "if not delivered please return to /capital city of state of address). Type B is 190 x 114 mm and is similar to Type A, but a line of text is inserted between lines 1 and 2 reading "PO BOX 9823." Sydney Electricity used a similar window envelope size 234 x 119 mm, but "Postage Paid Australia" is on a blue background. Text is on the back flap of the envelope. As the Games approach, no doubt more items will be available for collectors.

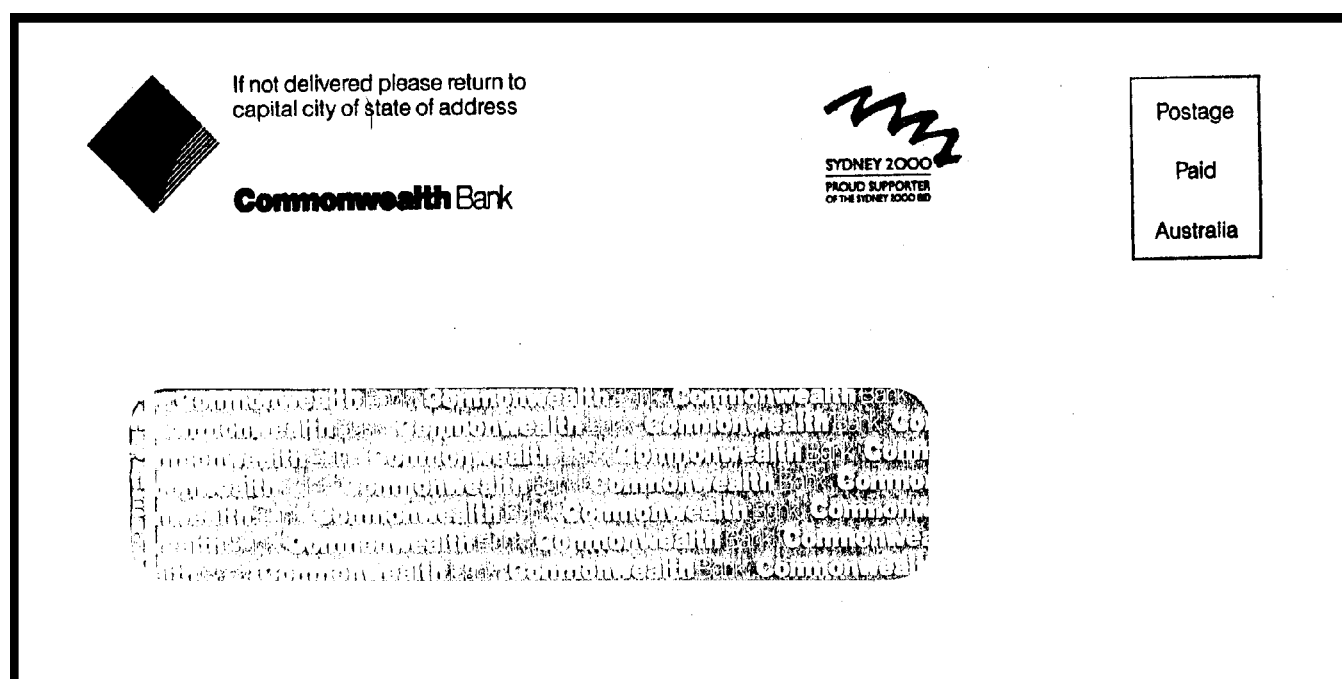


Figure 6. Commonwealth Bank incorporated Sydney's 2000 Bid Logo into the design of its postage paid envelopes.

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestroni

Basketball Philatelic News November 1998 (Vol. 12, #3)

Considering the popularity of the sport of basketball and the number of philatelists who collect it, it isn't surprising that a move is afoot to create an international society devoted to both interests. The International Filabasket Society (IFLS), as the group will be known, will also cater to collectors of basketball numismatics and memorabilia. The "Articles of Association" for the new group are included, and all potential members are invited to vote on them.

Articles in this issue include a look at the Oye-Plage Basketball Club in France which has been commemorated on various hand and machine cancels; a recent Swiss self-adhesive basketball stamp; the 2nd World Basketball Championship for Men held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1952; and finally the 4th All-Japan Handicapped Peoples Athletic Games of 1968. The customary notices of recent stamps, cancels, and meters are noted.

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

Esprit: Sports et Olimpisme June 1998 (#9) October 1998 (#10)

Issue 9, published to coincide with the 1998 World Cup of Football in France, naturally enough concentrates on that sports event. Winners of the youth philately competition (Philfoot France 98 Jeunes) are noted along with a report on the exhibition. Louis Briat, designer of the 21 stamps issued by France for the Cup is interviewed. France's participation in World Cup competitions is reviewed by Rene Christin, and extensively illustrated with material from Andre Deal and Jean-Claude Delavis.

Issue 10 follows up with more philatelic details on World Cup. Other topics covered: "Flying Sports," 1998 Tour de France, and swimming. Member news and announcements of recent cancels are provided.

Contact: Mr. Pierre Berle, Rue Georges Clemenceau, 82370 Reynies, France.

IMOS Journal September 1998 (#99) December 1998 (#100)

Issue #99 of the Germany-language journal of IMOS features a lengthy article on the "Olympic Muse" glider from the 1940 Olympic Games. A piece on Czech contributions to the philately of the 1998 Nagano Olympic Winter Games is also presented. This issue reports on recent sport and Olympic cancellations from around the world, as well as providing the 1994 annual update to the IMOS Sport Postal Stationery Catalog. Also included with this issue was the annual IMOS Membership Directory, 1998 IMOS/OSPC Auction #2, and various society announcements.

The feature article of Issue #100 is a discussion by Robert Wilcock (Society of Olympic Collectors) of Royal Mail's stamp booklets for the 1996 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Atlanta. Manfred Schindewolf begins a series reviewing important dates in the growth of German sports organizations up to 1934. Manfred Winternheimer reports on new Olympic postal stationery items, while Kurt Hahn looks at the 1936 Olympic Torch Relay from Greece to Berlin. New worldwide Olympic and sports cancellation information is provided. A retrospective of the 1998 IMOS trip to Italy, recent reports in the German press on Olympics and sports, and society news are also provided.

Contact: Dieter Germann, Postbox 1128, D-63534 Grosskrotzenburg, Germany.

Malaysian Sporting Philately Dec. 1997/June 1998 (#8/9)

This combined issue of the Malaysian Olympic and Sports Philately Group concentrates on news relating to the XVIth Commonwealth Games held in September of last year. The remainder of the journal presents new issue information on stamps and cancels from around the world.

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Olimpiafila

**August 1998 (Vol. 1, #2)
November 1998 (Vol. 1, #3)**

Our Hungarian sister society publishes a very handsome slick periodical. The August issue of the journal served as the show catalog for Olimpiafila Budapest '98 held in conjunction with the 1998 European Athletic Championships in Budapest. The majority of the issue is taken up by greetings from officials to those attending Olimpiafila '98. A few articles in Hungarian are provided along with brief summaries of each in English. The articles cover the topics of Hungarian athletes at the 1948 Olympics in London; "Olympic Games, Sports, Arts" which looks at the 1896 Greek Olympic issues; athletic competitions at the Ancient Olympics; and part 1 of an article on Olympic air mail.

Issue #3 reviews Olimpiafila '98 and looks at Hungarian Olympic successes over the past 50 years. Other articles explore the Hungarian water polo team at the 1948 London Olympics, and sport and Olympic Games in Hungarian philately.

Contact: Sandor Kurdics, MOSFIT, P.O.B. 4, H-1387 Budapest, Hungary.

Phila-Sport

July-September 1998 (#27)

The biggest sporting event this past year was World Cup in France. It is to be expected that this journal of the Italian sports and Olympic group would begin by reviewing the philatelic record for these soccer championships. And as if to pay tribute to "America's favorite pastime," Cesare Ravaldi and Leon Vanverre continue with part 2 on baseball. Angelo Giumanini examines the World Veterans' Athletic Championships, a competition I've never heard of before but which celebrated their 10th games in 1993 in Japan. Pasquale Polo presents part 2 of his series on Olympic Torch Relays, this time covering the Olympic Winter Games from 1976 through 1994. Jaroslav Petrsek reports on Czech Olympic participation at the Nagano Olympic Winter Games in 1998, focusing on the ice hockey triumph of the Czech team.

New issues of stamps and cancels, society information, and reviews of other philatelic society publications round out this issue.

Contact: UIFOS, Via dei Monti Tiburtini, 600, 00157 Rome, Italy.

Podium

**October 1998 (#24)
December 1998 (#25)**

The bulletin of the Argentine sport and Olympic philatelic group reports on a wide variety of new issues, cancels, and meters from around the world. Topics in the October issue cover the sports of shooting, soccer, cycling, basketball, rugby, and baseball. Candidates for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games are cited and philatelic items identified.

The December issue is equally varied with brief looks at tennis, basketball, soccer, and volleyball.

Contact: Jorge A. Casalia, C.C. 30 Suc. 19, C.P. 1419, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Tee Time

December 1998 (Vol. 4, #4)

Tee Time, journal of the International Philatelic Golf Society, reports in this issue on Japanese Echo Cards dating between 1995 and 1997. All are illustrated. Additionally, "Cancel Corner" reports on recent U.S. commemorative postmarks. New golf stamp issues are noted and reproduced along with society news.

Contact: Kevin Hadlock, 447 Skyline Dr., Orange, CT 06477, U.S.A.

Torch Bearer

November 1998 (Vol. 15, #4)

This issue of our British sister society's journal is packed with the usual variety of information about past, present and upcoming Olympic Games. Major articles include a look at Australian Olympic meters from 1956 through the 2000 Sydney Games by Bob Wilcock. The article is liberally illustrated and uses tables to lay out the extensive information. It was also reported that Bob has been elected Vice Chairman of the society – congratulations, Bob!

A second article, by Vic Manikian, tells the story of American, Jim Thorpe. Various handsome cacheted covers and cancels help document the life of this truly outstanding all-around athlete!

This issue also announces that Part 5 of SOC's series on the 1992 Albertville Olympic Winter Games is complete and available for sale.

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NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

by Margaret Jones

New Members

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2136 Carlo Morselli, Via Matteotti No 49, I-40013 Castel Maggiore, Bologna, Italy. *General Sports, Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, USA Summer Olympics, Pan American Games, Soccer.* (Jones)

2137 Terrence H. Burns, 2556 Midvale Forest Drive, Tucker, GA 30084-0451 USA. Terrence is in marketing. *1936 Olympics, German Olympic stamps.*

2138 Pascal Bedenes, 3, Rue des Violettes, F-31140 Saint-Alban, France. *General Sports, Olympics, Tennis.*

2139 Florin Constantinesco, 60-22 Gates Avenue, Apt. #2, Ridgewood, NY 11385 USA. *General Sports, Olympics, Soccer.* (Jones)

2140 Jinming Li, 109 Rolling Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096 USA. He is a software engineer and volunteered to translate articles from Chinese or Japanese. *Summer/Winter Olympics, Univ. Games, Asia Games, Table Tennis, China Sports.* (Jones)

2141 Albert J. Keister Jr., 327 S. Front Street, Steelton, PA 17113 USA. Albert is a construction mechanic/carpenter. *Olympics only.* (Estus)

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2144 Arthur J. Berger, 415 River Avenue, West Aliquippa, PA 15001-2427 USA. Arthur is a philatelic dealer. *Olympics, World Cup Soccer.* (Estus)

2145 Dinesh Chandra Sharma, C1 Philatelic Bureau, Republic of Nauru, Central Pacific. He is an adviser to the Nauru Philatelic Bureau and a philatelic dealer. *Summer Olympics, General Sports, Cricket.* (Jones)

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EXHIBIT AWARDS

APEX 98 (Aurora, Colorado). Don Beuthel obtained an ATA second for "Sledding" and ATA third for "Ping Pong Philately."

HUNTSPEX 98 (Huntsville, Alabama). Heinrich Hahn won an ATA certificate for "Olympic Games-Germany 1936."

ITALIA 98 (Milan). Conrad Klinkner won a vermeil for "Games of the Xth Olympiad, Los Angeles 1932." Brian Sole of Great Britain received a vermeil for "Go By Cycle"; the *Journal of Sports Philately*, Mark Maestrone, editor, garnered a large silver; Joan Bleakley and Mark Maestrone obtained a silver literature award for *Olympians on Stamps, 1896-1994*; Vic Manikian was awarded silver for "The Olympic Movement & Summer Olympics 1894-1948"; Phairot Jiraprasertkun of Thailand won bronze for "History of Sport Games"; Francheska Rapkin of United Kingdom participated in the non-competitive, invited category with "The 1936 Olympic Games."

MINNESOTA STAMP EXPO (Minneapolis). Daniel S. Rethmeier won a bronze for "Olympiade 1936."

OMAHA STAMP SHOW 98 (Nebraska). Charles J. Ekstrom III was awarded gold for "Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps."

NAPEX 98 (McLean, VA). Devin S. Luster won silver, AAPE youth grand, JPA blue ribbon and ATA youth award and ribbon for "Basketball"; Juan Carlos Santacruz was awarded silver, ATA second and ribbon for "Soccer World Cup Jules Rimet"; Gloria Rocio Ospina received silver-bronze, ATA third and ribbon for "Falconiformes-Aves Rapaces" ("Birds of Prey"); Angelica Puentes won silver-bronze for "The Olympic Games - An Event in the World."

NATIONAL TOPICAL SHOW (Falls Church VA). Gorufu received gold for "The Sport of Golf"; Holly and Gary Gibson won vermeil for "The Dimensions of Gymnastics"; Alice J. Johnson obtained silver for "Figure Skating"; Joachim Hosang received silver for "Hunting in Our Time"; Juan Carlos Santacruz won silver-bronze for "Soccer World Cup Jules Rimet"; Devin S. Luster received youth vermeil and JPA blue ribbon for "Basketball."

STAMPSHOW 98 (Santa Clara, California). Michael

Jaffe received a vermeil, AAPE award of honor, APS post-1980 medal and American Revenue Association second for "The Resurgence of Hunting and Fishing on Indian Reservations"; Charles J. Ekstrom III was awarded vermeil and American Revenue Association first for "Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps"; Joachim Hosang won a silver and American Revenue Association third for "Jagdfiskalmarken von Ungarn (Hunting Revenues of Hungary)"; Conrad Klinkner received a silver for "Games of the Xth Olympiad, Los Angeles 1932"; Joachim Hosang won a silver-bronze for "Die Jagd in unserer Zeit (Hunting in Our Time)"; Juan Carlos Santacruz was awarded silver-bronze for "Soccer World Cup Jules Rimet."

WESTPEX 1998 (San Francisco CA). James Bowman received second for "1936 Olympische Spiele."

YOUTH CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS (Toronto, Canada). Devin S. Luster (aged 11) won the SPI certificate for "Basketball." He lives at 43496 Whetstone Court, Ashburn, VA 20147. (Members are urged to congratulate this young man.)

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by Dennis Dengel

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Bangladesh: June 10, 1998. World Cup Soccer Champ., France. 6 and 8 takas: trophy and player.

Bulgaria: June 10, 1998. World Cup Soccer Champ., France. 60, 80, 120, 600 leva: soccer scenes.

Croatia: June 10, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 4 kune, soccer scene.

El Salvador: 1998. Sixth Central American Championship Games. Four 1.50 colon stamps, sports.

Finland: January 15, 1999. Mika Hakkinen Formula One World Champion. 3.00 markka s/s: Hakkinen, car, race course.

Germany: Sept. 10, 1998. German Soccer Champions 1998. 1.10 DM, FC Kaiserslautern team.

India: August 20, 1998. Tribute to Gostha Paul, Indian soccer player. 3.00 rupee: Gostha Paul.

Iraq: June 18, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. Two 250 dinar: soccer scenes.

Italy: October 2, 1998. Italian Sports/World Equestrian Championships. 4,000 lire, horse and rider.

Ivory Coast: June 5, 1998. World Cup Soccer Ch., France. 180, 280, 400, 500 franc: soccer scenes.

Fiji: Sept. 11, 1998. 16th Commonwealth Games, Kuala Lumpur. 44 cents, track and field; 63c, lawn bowls; 81c javelin; \$1.12, weightlifting; \$2.00 s/s.

Madagascar: July 10, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. Four se-tenant stamps of each value: 1,350 FR; 1,700; 2,500; 3,000; 3,500; 5,000 players in action.

Mexico: April 20, 1998. World Cup Soccer, France. Part 1. 2.30 peso, soccer player and Eiffel Tower.

May 11, 1998, World Cup Soccer, France. Part 2. 2.30 peso, mascot, goal, and Eiffel Tower.

May 25, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. Part 3. S/s, 6.20 and 8.60 peso stamps: parts one and two designs. Border: Mexican team.

Mongolia: 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 1,000 tugirks s/s, two soccer players.

Namibia: July 1, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. \$5.00 s/s, soccer scene.

Nauru: 1998. 1998 Commonwealth, Oceania and South Pacific Weightlifting Championship. Four se-tenant 40, 60, 80 cent and \$1.20: weightlifting.

Pakistan: 1998. 27th National Games, Peshawar. 7 rupees, flame and symbols of various Games.

Russia: June 25, 1998. World Youth Olympic Games. 3 ruble s/s, symbolic representation of the games.

Senegal: 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 25 Francs, players; 50Fr, soccer ball; 150Fr, mascot; 300Fr, national flags.

Syria: 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 10 pound stamp, 25 pound s/s: players.

Togo: 1998. Nagano Winter Olympics. pane of 6 se-tenant 250 franc stamps, hockey; speed skating; pairs skating; luge; curling; bobsledding. Another pane of six 300 fr stamps: types of skiing.

July 19, 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. Six 370FR; eight 220; eight 330; seven 325; three 1,500 s/s: players.

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus: July 31, 1998. World Cup Soccer, France. 75,000 liras, championship team; 175,000 liras, championship trophy.

Vietnam: 1998. World Cup Soccer Championship, France. 40, 500 & 7,000 dong: soccer scenes.

Yemen: June 10, 1998, World Cup Soccer Champ., France. 10, 15, 35, 65, 75 rials: soccer scenes.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP CANCELS

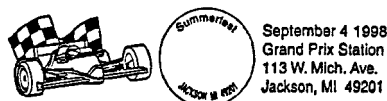
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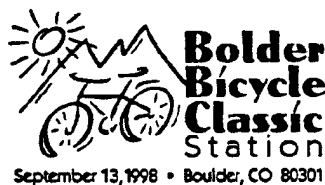
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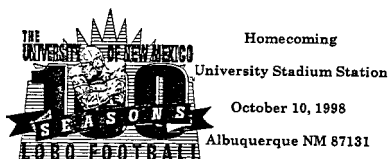
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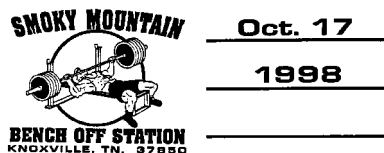
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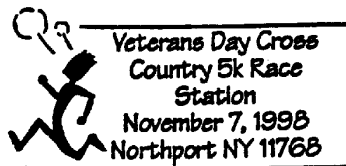
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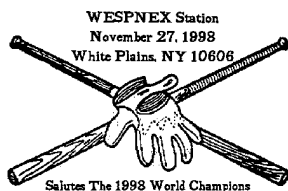
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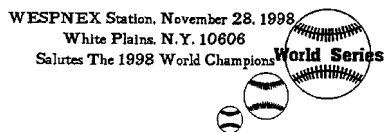
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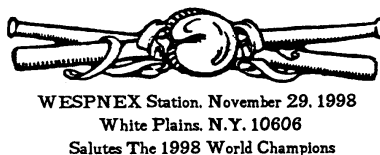
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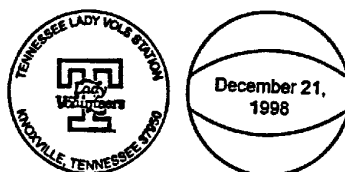
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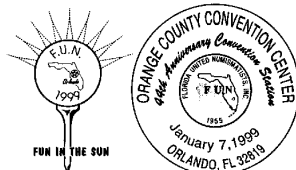
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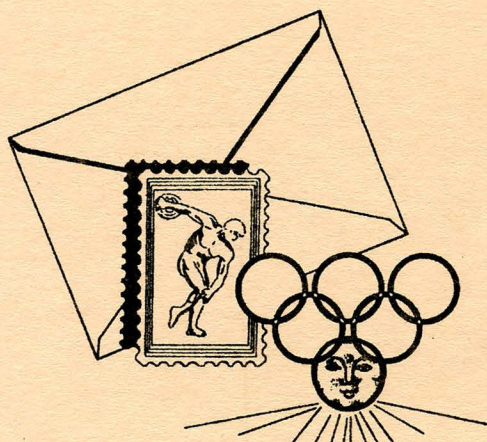
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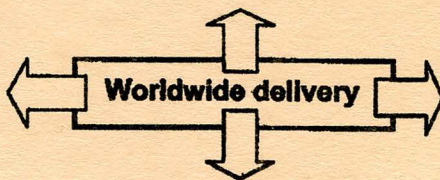
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