

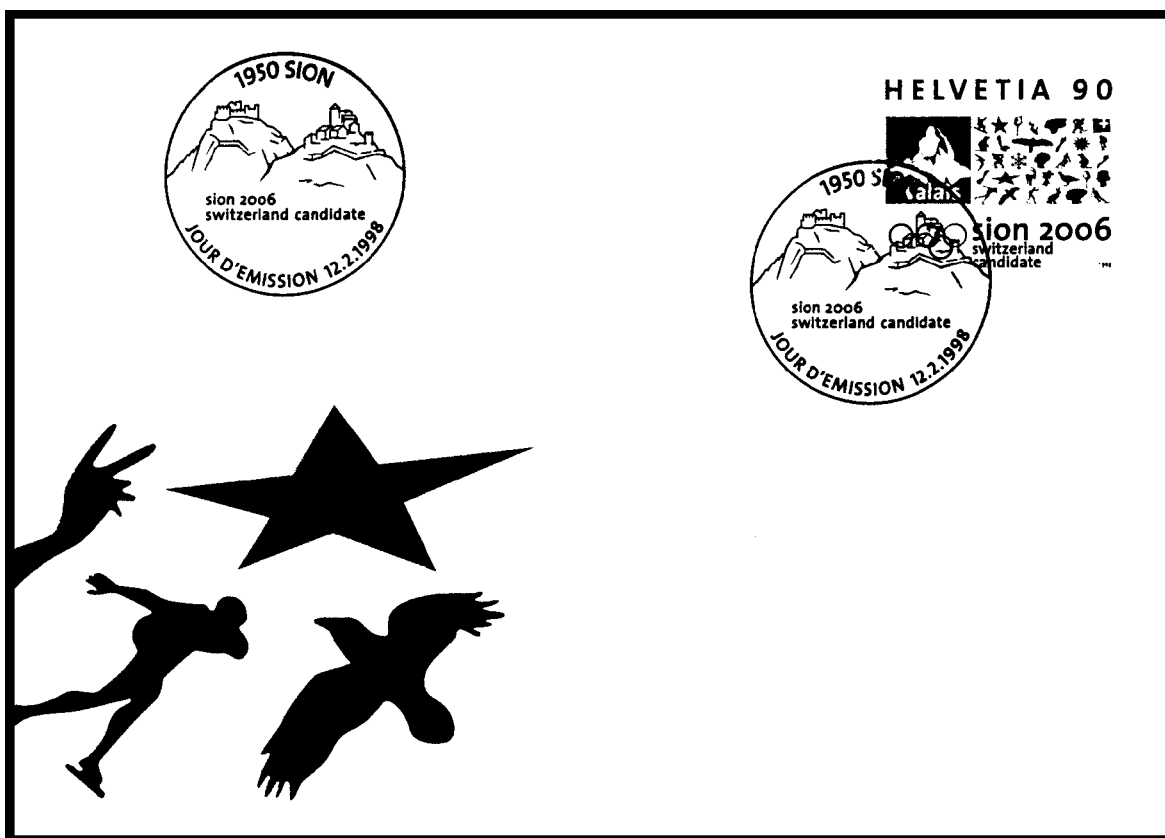
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

What do *you* think?

An organization is only as good as the quality and desirability of the services it offers its members. We, your officers and board of directors, are committed to making your membership in Sports Philatelists International an interesting and rewarding experience. But unless we receive feedback from you with your comments (both positive and negative) we can only guess at what your needs are.

In looking back through previous issues of this journal, I note it has been some time since we've received any "Letters to the Editor"! Some of you must surely have some suggestions or ideas about what you'd like to see our society doing to improve either the journal or some other aspect of our membership benefits.

I would like, therefore, to ask all of you to give some thought to ways we can improve SPI. Here are some questions you may want to ask yourselves:

1. We've not had a convention in a few years. Have you attended and enjoyed previous conventions? What kinds of activities would you like included? Would you prefer our convention be held as part of a large show such as an APS Stampshow, or under the umbrella of a medium-sized national level exhibition?

2. Do you find the Auction useful either as a means of adding to your collection or selling material? Do you find the quality of material, prices, frequency of the auction, and catalog adequate? If not, how may we improve this service.
3. How do you find our other services such as our Sales Department (first day covers and cards) and Rapid Notification Service?
4. What subjects would you like to see SPI cover in new monographs or handbooks?
5. Last, but certainly *not* least, what improvements can we make in the *Journal of Sports Philately*? Are there specific columns you'd like to see introduced or certain subjects covered?

I hope that these few questions will provoke some thought and compel you to send in your comments and suggestions to either myself or any other officer or board member. Our e-mail addresses are listed below; regular mailing addresses are on the facing page. I look forward to hearing from many of you in the next few weeks!

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The Davis Cup, the Legend

by Valeriano Genovese
translated by Richard Taglieri

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We Italians seem to have a capacity for downplaying the significance of our accomplishments particularly in recognizing the importance of making the 1976 Davis Cup finals. Our players at that time were truly some of the best so it's not surprising that in 1977 we appeared again at the finals. Unfortunately, we had to play on Australian turf and were defeated 3-1 by the "kangaroos" after a lengthy match.

There appeared in those days in the world of tennis another extraordinary personality, the American John McEnroe (Figure 1). With the arrival of that congenial left-hander, the Americans took control of the two tournaments of 1978 and 1979.

In the first of these events we made a bad showing, being eliminated at the beginning by the mediocre Hungarians. Meanwhile in the semifinals of the

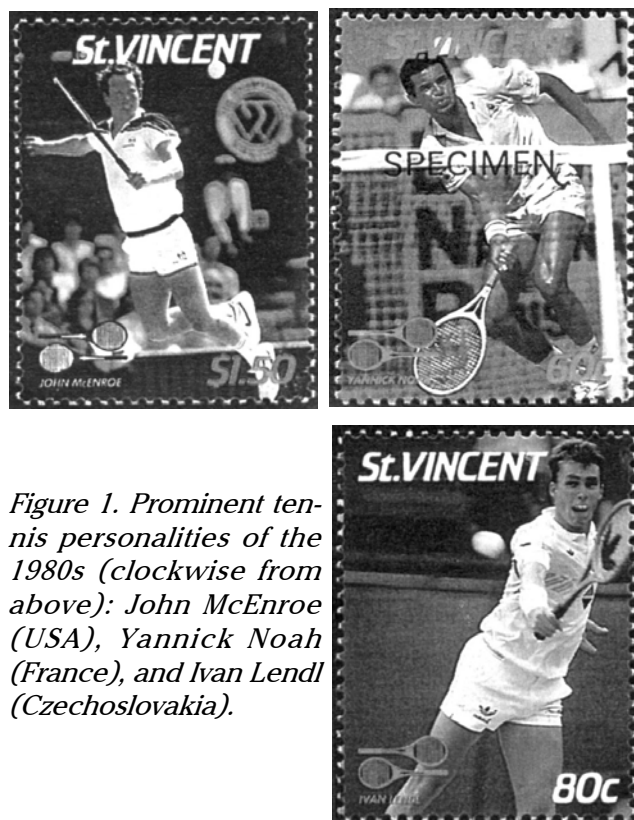


Figure 1. Prominent tennis personalities of the 1980s (clockwise from above): John McEnroe (USA), Yannick Noah (France), and Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia).

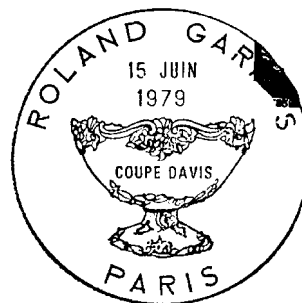
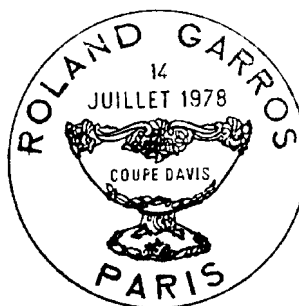


Figure 2. The French post office introduced a standard cancel depicting the Davis Cup in 1978 (left). In 1979, the French won a quarterfinal regional competition in Paris (below left), while the Italians won in Palermo.



European Region at Paris, France was beaten 3-2 by Great Britain, certainly the better team considering that the two points of Yannick Noah (Figure 1) were not enough against the performance of Mottram and the Lloyd brothers.

To commemorate this match, a hand cancel (Figure 2) depicting the Davis Cup was used at Roland Garros. This cancel was reintroduced by the French post office with meticulous regularity at later matches held in France.

The Cup finals played in the California desert at Palm Springs, in freezing weather and with few spectators, saw the USA defeat Great Britain 4-1, thanks mostly to John McEnroe, winner of the two singles, and the Lutz-Smith doubles.

In 1979, in the quarterfinals for European Region A played in Paris, the match was between France and Great Britain. This time the tables were turned and the French (Figure 2), led by the great Yannick Noah, upset Great Britain, 5-0.

The European finals saw the success of a still very great Italian team with victories over Denmark in a match in Palermo (Figure 2), Poland, Hungary and Great Britain. For no apparent reason, they fell apart in the finals against the USA in San Francisco. On that occasion, Panatta, Barazzutti, Bertolucci and Zugarelli did not succeed in winning a single point against Gerulaitis, John McEnroe, Lutz and Smith.

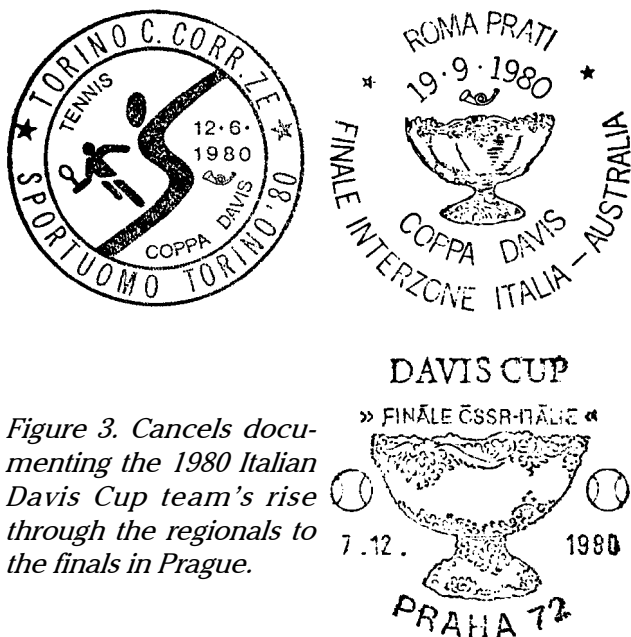


Figure 3. Cancels documenting the 1980 Italian Davis Cup team's rise through the regionals to the finals in Prague.

The year 1980 was another good one for Italian tennis. At the semifinals of Region A, Italy went up against Switzerland at Torino. In the atmosphere of the "Sportsman" celebration, a great sports show held at Torino that summer, they outclassed the Swiss, 5-0. In the interregional finals they beat Australia at Rome by 3-2, taking advantage for the umpteenth time of the great talent of Adriano Panatta who won the two singles and the doubles with Bertolucci.

For the sixth time in our history, the Blue tennis players reached the finals. Unfortunately, we had to play Czechoslovakia at Prague. During this competition the umpiring was truly shameful, with the result that Ivan Lendl (Figure 1) and Thomas Smid wiped us out by a mortifying 4-1.

By a singular coincidence three cancels (Figure 3) commemorate the course of the National Blues that, sadly, lead to the great disappointment at Prague.

In the two years that followed, the Davis Cup was again under the control of John McEnroe, a tennis player who continued to have few rivals in world competition. In 1981, the finals were played at Cincinnati. It was soon apparent that the competition, on this occasion represented by the Argentinians, Guillermo Vilas and Jose Luis Clerc, could do little against the terrible lefty who won both the singles and the doubles paired with Fleming.

The year after, the French succeeded in reaching the finals, having the advantage of playing at home. This great event took place in Grenoble from November 26 to 28, 1982. The home team put up

such weak resistance, that the outcome was 4-1, with McEnroe taking home three points.

For this occasion, too, the French post office used the usual cancel depicting the Cup (Figure 4). However, because of the importance of the event, a machine cancellation was also used (Figure 4).

There are many cancels dedicated to various preliminary competitions of the Cup during the 1980s. Due to space limitations we cannot describe and illustrate them all here.

The Italian team that won the 1976 Cup at Santiago, Chile, in our opinion, had already begun its decline. Those who followed did not prove themselves entirely capable of rising to the occasion, thus bringing us little satisfaction during the 1980s.

There are many "black" pages in Italian tennis from these years. It would be nice to forget them, but we cannot ignore those matches which have been commemorated philatelically. The first match of 1981 we lost to Great Britain, but we came back the following year beating the British in Rome. We were soon eliminated by New Zealand despite our home court advantage playing at Cervia. Figure 4 reproduces a machine cancellation advertising this event that also commemorates the 70th anniversary of the Milano Marittima Foundation.

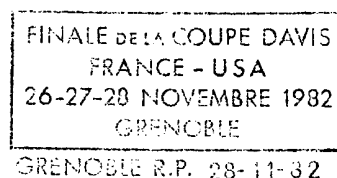
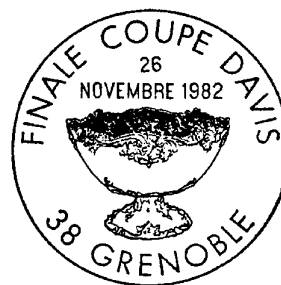


Figure 4. The 1982 French team was outclassed by McEnroe's USA team at the finals in Grenoble. A machine cancel (above) and handcancel note the event. Italy was eliminated by New Zealand in early play in Cervia, Italy (below).



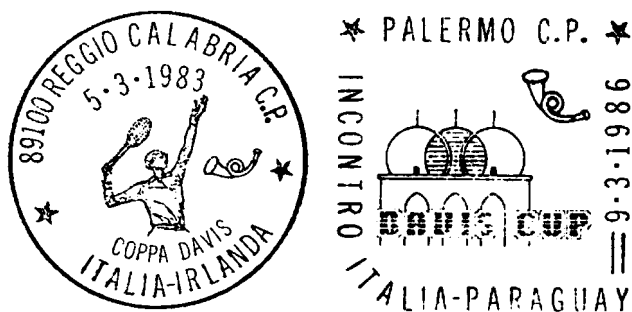


Figure 5. The Italian "Blue Team" had some successes in Davis Cup play during the 1980s by beating both Ireland and Paraguay.

In a hard-won victory at Reggio Calabria in 1983 against Ireland (Figure 5), we won by only 3-2, with two fine victories by Barazzutti and the third by our doubles team, Panatta-Bertolucci. Immediately after came the shocking loss to Argentina. In 1985 we lost to India at Calcutta by three to two in the first round. We then confronted Chile, fortunately winning. In 1986 we did a little better by beating Paraguay in Palermo. Figure 5 shows a hand cancel commemorating the event; three beautiful multicolored postcards were also printed. In the following match, we suffered another love-game, this time at the hands of Switzerland. These rather poor results, which continued until the end of the eighties, were all the more disappointing because we always had a lineup of capable, but little known, players on the international circuit. They included Claudio Panatta, Cancellotti, Ocleppo, Colombo and Nuarducci, in the beginning, and Cane, Nargiso, Camporese, Pistolesi later. Some of the latter players, brilliantly led by Panatta, an able captain, formed a "fine little team" bringing more than one success to "Blue tennis" during the 1990s.



Figure 6. Pat Cash of Australia (left) helped beat Sweden in the 1983 finals. However, in 1984, Sweden roared back to beat the USA at Goteborg.



Returning to great tennis, the finals of 1983 wound up at Melbourne where Pat Cash (Figure 6) earned the third crucial point against Nystrom, clinching the victory for Australia over Sweden, 3-2. Then in 1984, Sweden won the Davis Cup for the second time beating the United States at Göteborg, 4-1, thanks to the points gained by Sundstrom, Wilander, Edberg and Jarryd.

These finals were also commemorated by a Cup cancellation (Figure 6) showing considerable imagination by designers dedicated to tennis. It is on a par with the one used in 1975 and very similar to the French ones.

Picking from among matches with philatelic connections, we find that in the first match of 1983 played in the Olympic Hall of Timisoara, Romania easily beat Chile by 5-0 (Figure 7). Also in the first

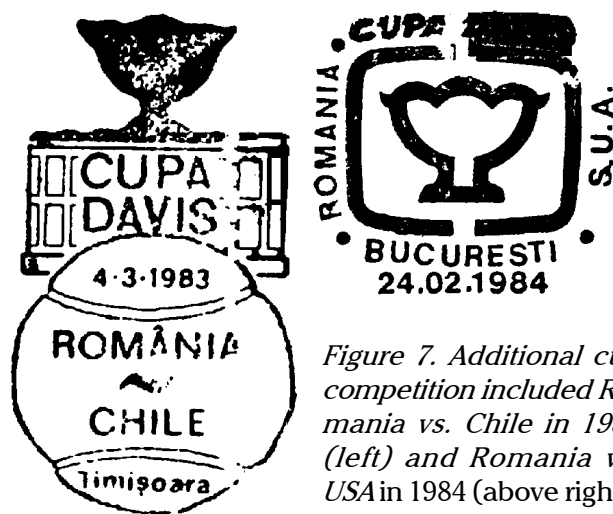


Figure 7. Additional cup competition included Romania vs. Chile in 1983 (left) and Romania vs. USA in 1984 (above right).

competitions of 1984, the USA won with a love-game against Romania at Bucharest (Figure 7).

A great battle, as the chroniclers say, was held at Olympia Halle in Munich in the finals of the 1985 Davis Cup between Germany and Sweden. A different cancel, reproducing an image of Olympic Park in Munich and the official Davis Cup emblem (Figure 8), commemorates the grand event. Despite the fine victories of Boris Becker in two singles matches, the home team was defeated, 2-3, by the Swedes. The winning team is depicted in a stamp from Paraguay showing Joachim Nystrom, Stefan Edberg, Mats Wilander and Anders Jarryd (Figure 8).

This magical period in Swedish tennis continued through successive years, even if it did not always mean winning the Davis Cup. As an example, the finals of 1986 were played at Melbourne where the defending champions, Sweden, were beaten by Australia, 3-2.



Figure 8. Sweden's Davis Cup team of Nystrom, Edberg, Wilander and Jarryd (above) were victors in 1985 in Munich against the German team.

In 1987 and 1988 Göteborg had the honor of hosting two Davis Cup finals, both commemorated by original and beautiful cancels, especially in the latter year. In 1987 (Figure 9) there was an easy triumph by Sweden, 5-0, over India, with victories by Wilander (Figure 9) and Jarryd in the singles, and by Nystrom-Wilander in the doubles. However, in 1988

the competition with Germany (Figure 9) turned out to be much stronger. Wilander was beaten by Steeb. Boris Becker won his first singles match

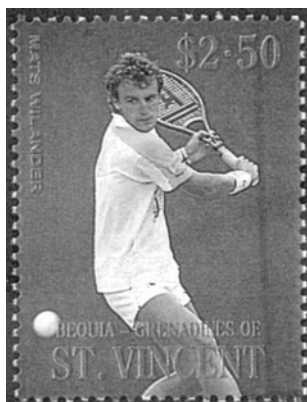
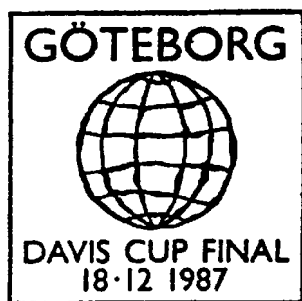


Figure 9. Mats Wilander (left) was a mainstay of the Swedish team in the 1980s, helping them to a cup victory in 1987.

and the doubles with Jelen. Germany had taken the first 3 points, winning the Cup. For the record the competition concluded with Germany winning, 4-1.

The Davis Cup finals of 1989 recorded a very well-matched competition between Germany and Sweden at Schleyer Halle in Stuttgart. The three points for the Germans came from the mythic Boris Becker in singles and in doubles with Jelen.

As might be expected in Germany, where philately is very popular, there was a cancel which brings the number of commemorations of the finals to three in a row (Figure 10).

Philately continued to follow us through other preliminary matches. When the match at Palermo between Italy and Israel took place February 5-7, 1988, we had a cancel in which a tennis ball is transformed into a Sicilian orange (Figure 10). Another cancel records the quarterfinal match played at Bucharest, May 4-6, 1990 in which Great Britain defeated Romania, 3-2 (Figure 10).



Figure 10. Other matches from the same period included: the third finals in a row between Sweden and Germany (above left); an Italy-Israel match in Palermo in 1988; and Romania vs. Great Britain in Bucharest in 1990.

The 1990 finals took place at St. Petersburg, where the Americans beat Australia, 3-2, with victories by André Agassi and Michael Chang in the singles and by Leach and Pugh in the doubles.

However, the Americans were not able to repeat their performance the following year when they went to France to play the finals. That match was held in Lyons the end of November 1991. Despite the fine performance of André Agassi, the French took the Cup, 3-1, with wins by Leconte and Forget.

The usual French “Cup” cancel commemorates these finals (Figure 11). The Cup, including its base, appears on a cancellation commemorating another match in the same tournament (Figure 11). In this earlier match at Zagreb, Yugoslavia and Sweden met. The Yugoslavs won, 4-1, thanks to the marvelous Goran Ivanisevic, winner in the two singles as well as the doubles.

Rosset’s Switzerland was quite a surprise in 1992, yet the Swiss dream ended with the doubles match in the finals. At Fort Worth, with the Cup still up for grabs, the USA with Agassi (Figure 10) and Courier in the singles and McEnroe-Sampras in the doubles beat the Swiss, 3-1, reminding everyone how difficult it is to beat the USA, at least at home.

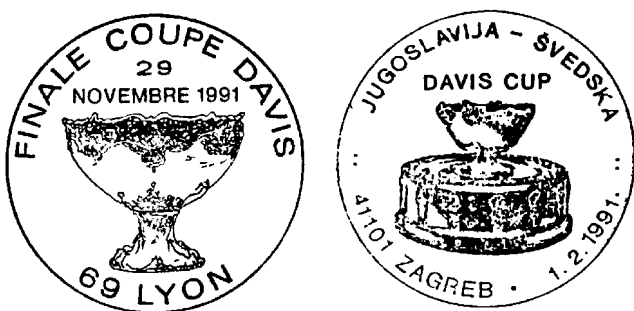


Figure 11. Davis Cup play in the early 1990s frequently featured the USA team. In 1991, the French beat the USA in Lyon. However the following year, the USA stormed back to beat Switzerland in Ft. Worth, Texas. Andre Agassi (left) contributed greatly to the team’s victory.

Now we arrive at more recent years, recalling events that seem to have occurred yesterday. One such competition took place at the Palasport of Modena from March 26-28, 1993. In this event Italy conquered Brazil, 4-1, with victories by Nargiso and Camporese in the singles and doubles (Figure 12). What we really enjoy reflecting upon is the very attractive exposition of tennis memorabilia and philately mounted in honor of the Davis Cup competition by UIFOS (Union of Italian Olympic and Sports Philatelists).

Returning again to philately, we are able to highlight important moments in the history of the Cup.

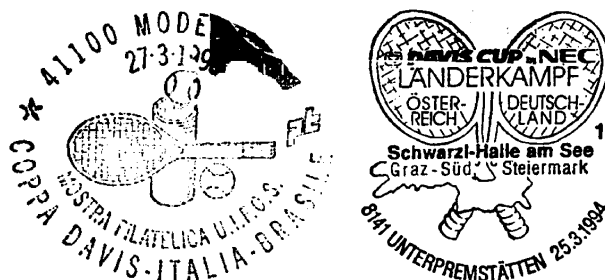


Figure 12. Italy saw some success in the 1990s beginning with the 1993 Cup where it beat Brazil (above left). Cuba entered the cup competition that year as well. In 1994, Austria met Germany, losing on their own home court at Graz.

There is, for example, a cancel commemorating the Italian success at Modena. We would also like to point out that in 1993 Cuba finally participated at the World Group level [the top 16 teams], though in the first match they had to compete at Kalmar against a very strong Swedish team that included Kulti and Edberg. The Cuban team, which won none of the matches against Sweden, included Juan Antonio Perez Pino and Mario Perez Tabares. Even if they are not remembered for their athletic abilities, they will go down in history for having taken part in the first tennis event to be commemorated by a Cuban stamp issue.

On a different level was the great Teutonic competition (Figure 12) that took place in Graz from



Figure 13. In both 1994 and 1995, Russia reached the finals, only to be defeated by Sweden and the USA respectively.

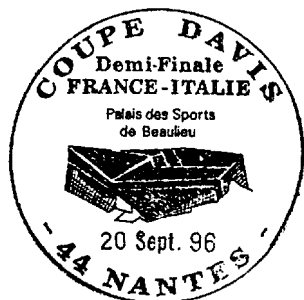
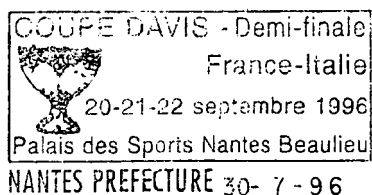


Figure 14. Davis Cup of Regret for Italy. We were eliminated by France in the semifinals after having been in the lead by 2-0. France beat the Swedes at Malmo whom we would have played at home if we had reached the finals.



March 25 through March 27, 1994. In the first round of the Davis Cup that year, Germany overcame Austria, 3-2, in spite of the two wins by the Austrian, Muster. Stich and Goellner in the singles and Stich-Kuhnen in the doubles scored three points for Germany.

Meanwhile Russia was emerging, and although beaten in the finals by Sweden, 4-1, they came back the next year to again reach the finals. This time they had the home advantage, but still had to play against a highly motivated USA team. The outcome was that the Americans conquered the Davis Cup for the 32nd time, asserting themselves in Moscow, 3-2. This left the home team empty-handed but with an attractive commemorative cancel (Figure 13).

The 1996 Cup competition took place in a subdued atmosphere as a result of the loss of the best American and German players. Nevertheless, it was a very satisfying year for our Italian tennis players who had accomplished little in the big tournaments but had handled themselves well in Cup competition. With trumpets blaring and lots of sweating we reached the semifinals where we were beaten by France, 3-2, at the Palais du Sport de Beaulieu at Nantes (Figure 14) after having been ahead, 2-0, the first day. The other semifinals (Figure 14) of the Davis Cup of 1996 took place at Prague September 20-22, resulting in a clear victory by Sweden over the Czech Republic, 4-1, thanks to victories in the singles by Edberg and Enqvist against Korda and Va-

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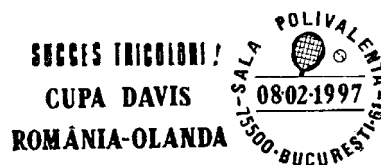
Some time later during the finals at Malmo we realized how close we had come to winning the Cup when France, led by Yannick Noah, defeated Sweden by three to two, taking home the Davis Cup for the eighth time.

The competition of 1997, besides producing the usual cancels – there are two for the qualification rounds commemorating, the close victory of Holland at Bucharest against Romania (Figure 15), and one by Brazil against New Zealand by a resounding 5-0 – also brings us the innovation of a stamp issue by a local rural post office. These stamps commemorate the great success of the Swedes who at Göteborg won the Davis Cup for the sixth time inflicting on the Americans a total shutout. Contributors to this resounding victory were Bjorkman, Larsson and Kulti captained by Carl-Axel Hageskog (Figure 15).

Yet the story of the Swedish successes was not yet finished, and, in fact, the last performance on the program related directly to us, and how it ended we have already seen. Let's console ourselves with the reflection that with this umpteenth victory, Sweden can be considered, without a doubt, the great dominator of the Davis Cup during the last twenty years.

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Figure 15. A final cancel and local stamp commemorate the 1997 Cup.



2006 Olympic Winter Games

Part II: The Bid Cities of Turin & Sion

by Thomas Lippert

In Part 1 (*Journal of Sports Philately*, November-December 1999) the philatelic aspects of the IOC Session in Seoul, Korea [at which the host of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games was selected] were discussed. One of the nicer traditions at these Olympic gatherings, a stamp exhibition, was held withing the cultural framework of the meetings. The Korean Olympic and Sports Philatelic Club (KOSPC) organized the event which was commemorated by an Olympic meter (Figure 1).

TURIN, ITALY

The selection of Turin, Italy as the host of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games came as quite a surprise to many. It seems that even the citizens of Turin couldn't quite believe the results; two days after their victory, the countdown-to-selection-day clock on their website still read "20 days to go"!

There are several cities and villages now preparing for the Games in 2006. Geographically, these venues are not closely interlinked, so we won't see compact Games. On the other hand, because the plan uses existing Olympic sports facilities, new construction is minimized. This not only saves money, but limits or eliminates facilities that will sit empty following the Olympics. The bid documents specify the following venues:

Turin: figure skating, speed skating (both short-track and long course), curling, and ice hockey

San Sicario: biathlon and alpine sports

Beaulard: bobsled and luge

Pinerolo: ice hockey

Bardonecchia: snowboarding and alpine sports

Sestriere: alpine sports

Pragelato: cross country skiing, nordic combined and ski jumping

Illustrating this bid from a strictly philatelic point of view is difficult at best. So far there has been only one meter – from the city administration of Pinerolo. It was in use beginning October 19, 1998 (Figure 2). For more general Olympic collectors, a set of four postcards will be of interest (Figure 3).



Figures 1 & 2. The KOSPC meter (above) honored the 1999 IOC Session in Seoul at which the 2006 Winter Olympics host city, Turin. A meter advertising the Turin candidacy is from the city administration office at Pinerolo (below).

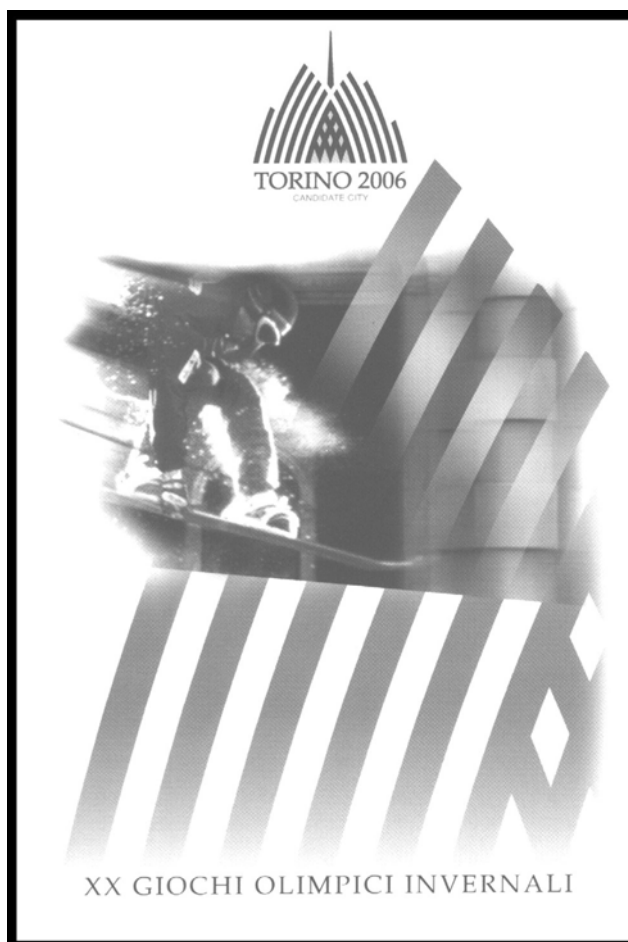


Figure 3. One of 4 postcards for the Turin bid.

SION, SWITZERLAND

The other finalist, and Turin's toughest competitor, was the Swiss city of Sion. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Evaluation Commission characterized their bid as a very good one. Many experts feel that Sion will eventually be selected as a host of an Olympic Winter Games. Learning from its unsuccessful attempt for the 2002 Games, Sion presented a very professional bid for 2006. Understandably, there was great disappointment at the loss, especially as the Swiss media had raised expectations.

Swiss Post was a sponsor of Sion's 2006 bid – just as they'd been in 2002. As a sponsor, they issued a stamp to commemorate the bid (Figure 4). This was a first in Olympic philately; never before had a stamp been issued for an Olympic *Winter Games* bid city. (Stamps were issued for Olympic *Summer Games* bid cities in 2000 and 2004.)

The first day of issue of the Sion bid stamp was February 12, 1998. A week prior to this (February 5), a set of three postal stationery items were issued on very short notice (at least when compared to Swiss Post's typically longer advance notice). One of these pieces of postal stationery honored the bid (Figure 5). The set was released just in time to be offered for sale by the Swiss Post delegation (headed by the chief of its philatelic division, Jean-Pierre Gassmann) at the philatelic exhibition in Nagano.

The postal stationery pieces were franked with a

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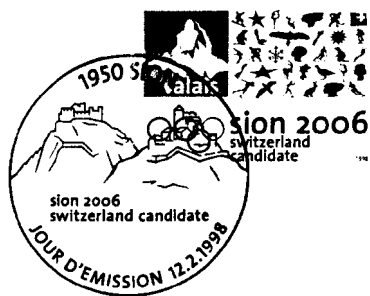


Figure 4. Sion 2006 bid stamp and first day cancel.

pre-printed IOC Jubilee stamp, but without a face value. Instead, the words "TAXE PERCUE" for worldwide delivery were printed adjacent to the stamp. A printed corner card in five lines at top left (in French, English and Japanese) explains the reason for the



Figure 6. Swiss cancel from the 1998 philatelic exhibition at Nagano. A special folder was also created for sale at NAGANOPHILEX with the Sion design on the cover. Inside were four sheetlets of the four IOC Jubilee stamps bearing the special Swiss Post exhibition postmark (Figure 6). This postmark was also used on some Swiss souvenirs sold in Nagano. This item also belongs in a collection devoted to the Nagano Olympic Games of 1998.

Two more sets of postal stationery were placed on sale by Swiss Post – both with very short notice

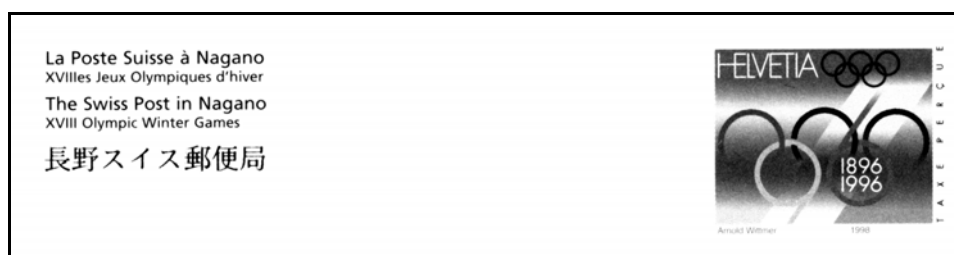
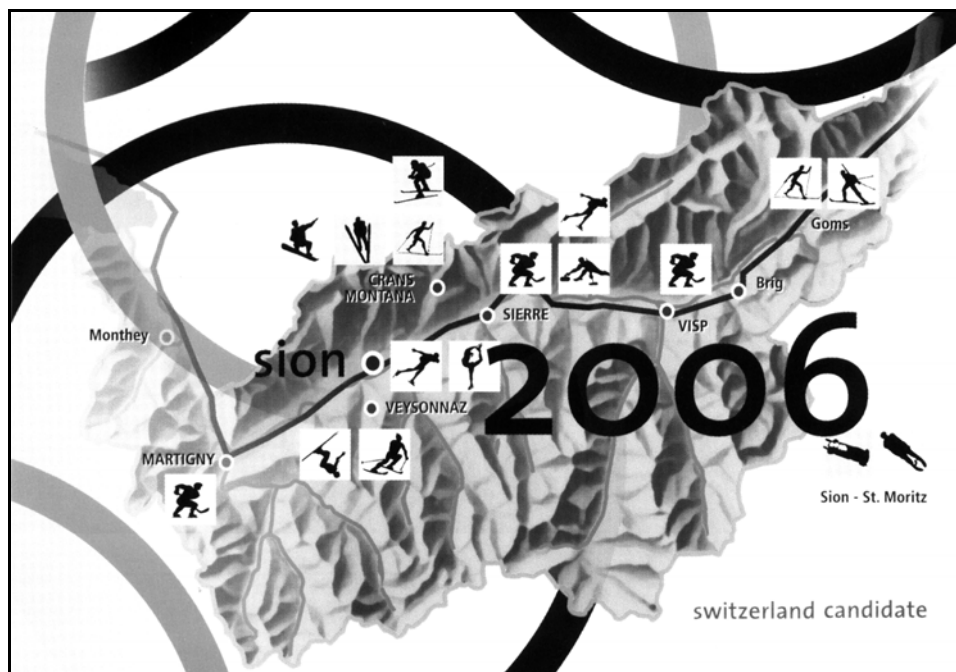
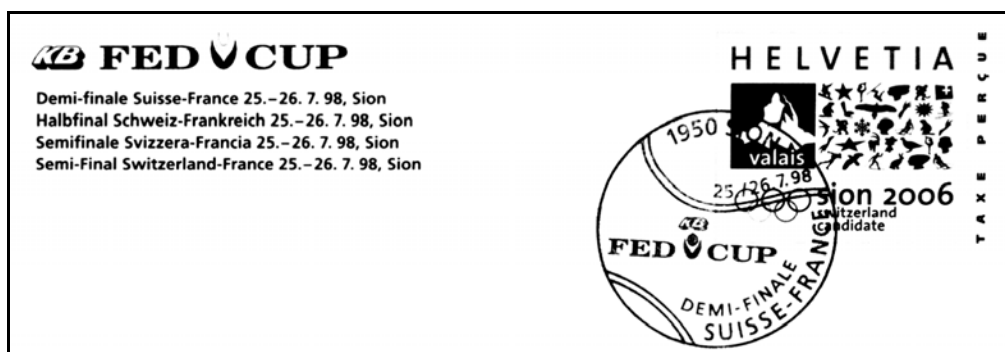
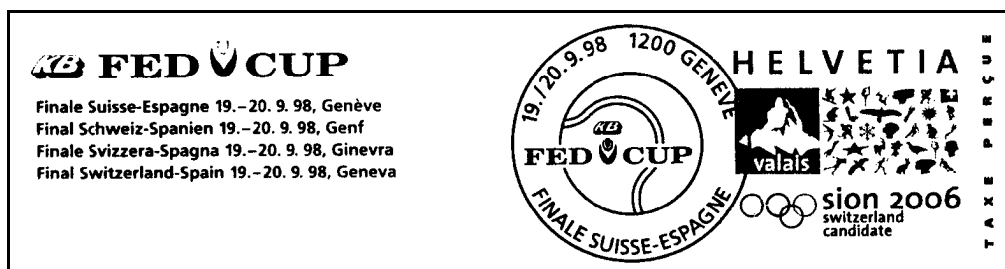


Figure 5. Three postal stationery cards, with the IOC Jubilee stamp pre-printed on the reverse, were issued in time for the Nagano Olympic Games. One card, below, promoted the Sion 2006 candidacy.





Figures 7 & 8. Postal stationery cards carrying the Sion 2006 imprinted stamp produced by Swiss Post in honor of the Federation Cup tennis events held in Switzerland. Special postmarks for each series of matches are included.



(as seems to be Swiss Post's new procedure). The postal cards are connected to the Federation Cup, a tennis competition for women similar to the men's Davis Cup matches.

The first card was issued for the semifinal matches between Switzerland and France held at Sion. Having beaten France, the Swiss team went on to play Spain in the finals at Geneva. A second card

able in the form of a maximum card. The card (shown in Figure 5) is actually one used earlier during the bid process but altered for this occasion. The revised card has a rougher finish on the picture side in the upper left corner where the stamp was affixed and cancel applied. The imprinted stamp which appeared on the original version has been removed.

was produced for the finals. Both were imprinted with the Sion bid stamp (Figures 7 & 8).

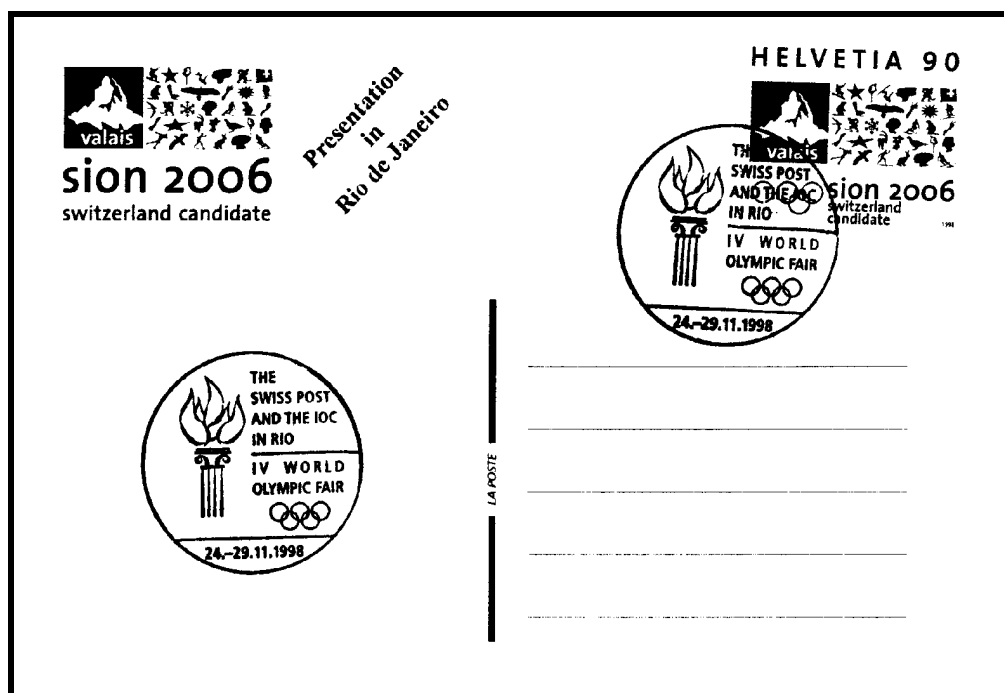
Another close connection between the Sion bid and the Swiss women's team is demonstrated by the picture on one of the cards. The photograph shows the team, a supporter of Sion's candidature, posing with the bid flag.

In the bid's chronology, one important date crops up: August 31, 1998 – the day Sion's bid documents were submitted to the IOC. A special postmark (Figure 9) honors the event. A postal souvenir was also avail-



Figure 9 (above). Special postmark used on the day Sion's bid documents were submitted to the IOC.

Figure 10 (right). Swiss Post postcard with adhesive version of the Sion bid stamp and special cancel from the Rio de Janeiro fair.



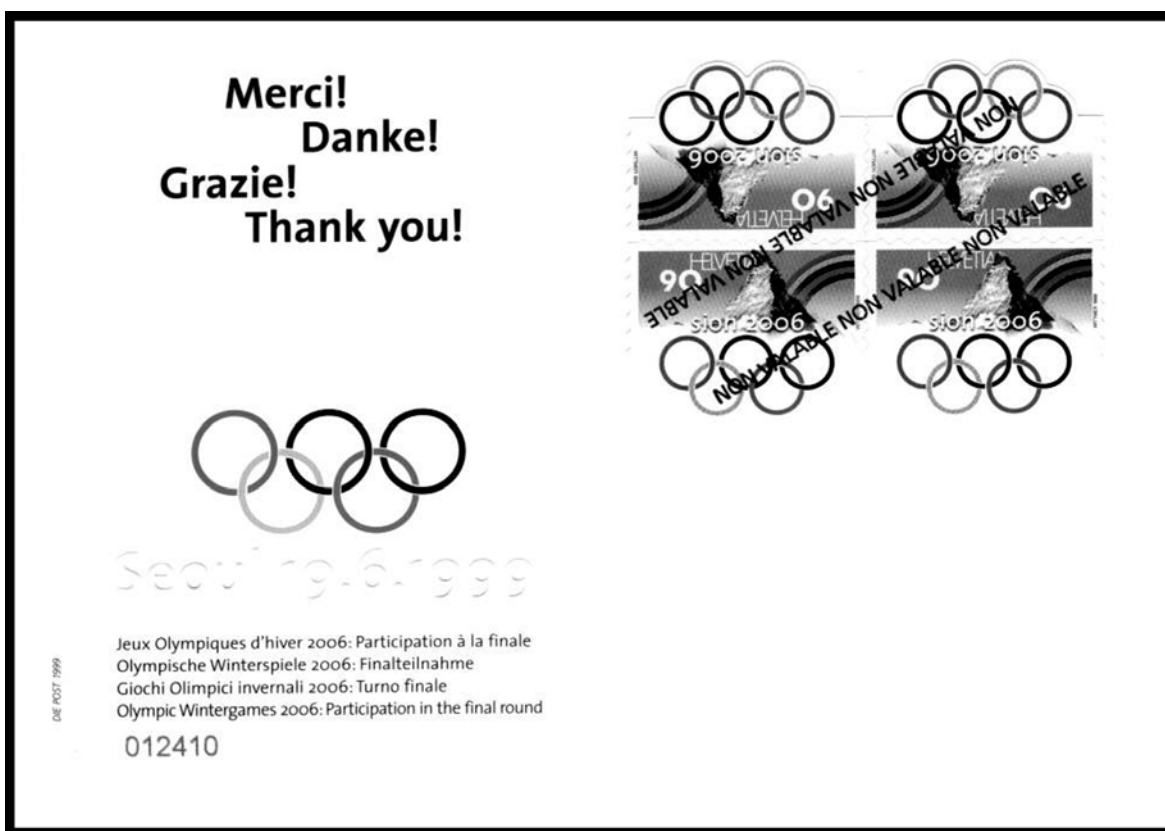


Figure 11. Cover with block of four of the self-adhesive stamps printed in honor of Sion's anticipated win of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games. Because the stamps were never issued, Swiss Post demonitized them with the text "NON VALABLE."

Let's also recall the Olympic Collectors' Fair held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in November 1998 – the first to be conducted outside of Lausanne. Not surprisingly, Swiss Post was among the postal administrations represented at the show. They brought with them a special postcard along with the Sion bid stamp and an exhibition postmark (Figure 10). The postmark's inscription reflects the new cooperation between Swiss Post and the IOC: "THE SWISS POST AND THE IOC IN RIO."

It was not much of a surprise that Swiss Post – anticipating that Sion would be selected as host – prepared a special stamp that was to have been released immediately following the announcement of Sion's win. As we know, Turin was instead selected. Some time later there was an offer made in the Swiss philatelic bulletin, *Die Lupe*. For the grand sum of 12 Swiss francs (around US\$7) a special postcard could be purchased bearing four copies of the unissued self-adhesive stamp (Figure 11). The stamp was overprinted with the words "Non Valable" (no value) to prevent their misuse. The "look" of the stamps is quite unusual. The top and side margins are rectangular in shape with the simulated

die cut perforations found on most of today's self-adhesive stamps. The bottom of the stamp's design shows the Olympic rings, with the die cuts following around the circumference of the rings (best seen on the top row of stamps)! Also, the stamps are printed tête-bêche (head-to-tail). Unfortunately we do not know in what format (i.e., booklet, pane, etc.) these stamps were originally intended to be issued.

Support of Sion's bid has also been expressed by other postal stationery items. In contrast to the previously mentioned postal cards, these postal stationery envelopes were non-philatelic in nature and used for general business activity. There are two types (Figures 12 & 13), each of which bears an imprint guaranteeing free mailing. The first type is for replies (Business Reply Mail), while the other is for mailers ("On Postal Service"). In all cases the bid logo is printed on the reverse side.

Table 1 lists the various pieces of postal stationery known to the author. It is apparent that two departments within the Swiss Post are involved: the philatelic department (BPh- Briefmarken und Philatelie) and the financial services department (PF-postbank).



Figures 12 & 13. Non-philatelic, business mail from Swiss Post comes in two varieties: Business Reply (above) and "On Postal Service" (below). In both cases, their sponsorship of the Sion 2006 candidacy is advertised on the reverse of the envelopes (shown in inset at left).

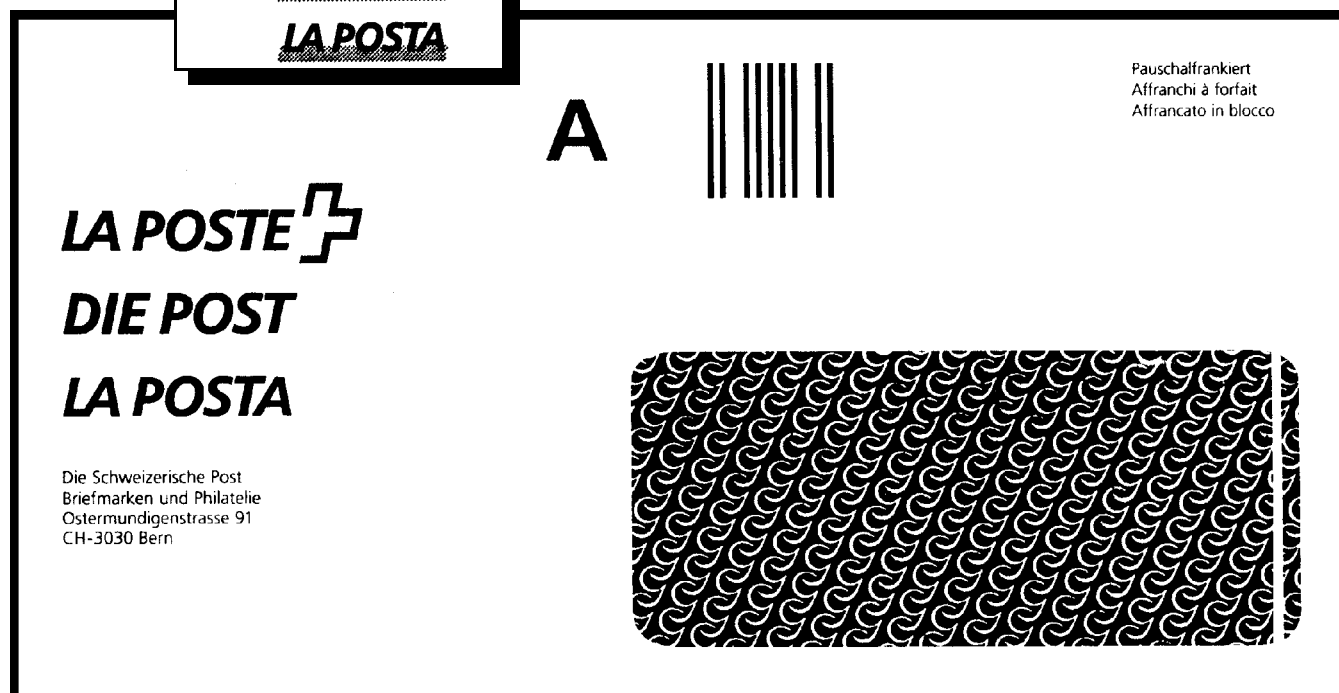


Table 1: Swiss Post Business Envelopes With Sion 2006 Sponsor Imprint			
Format	Text	Sender	Printing Details*
C5 Window Light grey recycling paper On Postal Service Envelope	Pauschalfrankiert Affranchi á forfait Affrancato in blocco 3000 Bern 1 Schanzenpost	LA POSTE DIE POST LA POSTA Briefmarken und Philatelie Kundendienst CH-3030 Bern	132.80 (104 962) 250 000 6.98 BPh 2 (printed in single line, vertically, at left)
C5 Grey recycling paper On Postal Service Envelope	Pauschalfrankiert Affranchi á forfait Affrancato in blocco 3000 Bern 1 Schanzenpost	LA POSTE DIE POST LA POSTA Die Schweizerische Post Briefmarken und Philatelie Kundendienst CH-3030 Bern	132.80 (104 962) 250 000 1.99 BPh 2 (printed in single line on reverse side at left bottom)
C5 White paper On Postal Service Envelope	Pauschalfrankiert Affranchi á forfait Affrancato in blocco A (barcode)	LA POSTE (in color) DIE POST (in color) LA POSTA (in color) Die Schweizerische Post Briefmarken und Philatelie Kundendienst CH-3030 Bern	None
C5 Grey recycling paper (See Figure 13) On Postal Service Envelope	Pauschalfrankiert (at left) Affranchi á forfait (at left) Affrancato in blocco (at left) A Prioritaire (preprinted)	LA POSTE DIE POST LA POSTA	498.17 (139 307) 1.98 PF Vermerk: 100% Recycling-Paper Fensterfolie aus Pergaminpapier dreisprachig Remark: 100% Recycling paper window "paper" made from pergamin (printed on reverse side at left bottom)
C6 Grey paper (See Figure 12) Business Reply Mail Envelope	Nicht frankieren Ne pas affranchir Non affrancare Na francar Geschäftsantwortsendung Envoi commercial-réponse Invio commerciale-riposta Spedizium commerciale da resposta Absender/Expéditeur Mittente/Expeditur	Addressee: Die Schweizerische Post Briefmarken und Philatelie Kundendienst Ostermundigenstrasse 91 3030 Bern	PTT 132.47 (104 952) 7.98 BPh2 (printed on reverse side at left bottom) 100% Recycling (printed on reverse side at right bottom)
* BPh = Briefmarken und Philatelie (philatelic service); PF = Postfinance			

In Switzerland there's another traditional part of the postal system: the postal buses and cars. Known as "Car Postal," this department within Swiss Post publishes its own small journal entitled *Mobilissimo*. As Swiss Post was a sponsor of the Sion bid, it isn't a surprise that the journal carries advertising relating to Sion's candidature. Of particular interest to philatelists is the small, but important, imprint on the cover. The two little letters "P.P." at the upper right

corner where address labels are affixed confirm this as postal stationery. The magazine cover (Figure 14), with text in French, was the only one which the author discovered during a short excursion to the bid city at the time of the 1998 Olympic Collectors' Fair in Lausanne. There are probably more examples, perhaps even in one of the other official languages of Switzerland (German or Italian). These items are frequently overlooked by collectors.



sion 2006
switzerland candidate

Les Jeux du fair-play

Candidature aux Jeux olympiques Sion 2006 Switzerland

Il faut se rendre à l'évidence: les Jeux olympiques d'hiver de 2006 commencent déjà le 19 juin 1999 à Séoul puisque c'est à cette date que sera désignée la ville organisatrice!

L'économie suisse croit fermement au succès de Sion 2006 Switzerland. Entre autre parce que nous percevons l'enthousiasme que cette candidature fait naître parmi la population du pays.

Les Jeux constituent en effet une occasion unique: celle de présenter la Suisse au monde entier, sous toutes ses facettes. Ils permettent également de donner de nouvelles impulsions dans les domaines économique et social tout en soulignant notre sens de l'hospitalité et l'esprit d'ouverture qui nous anime. Participons et gagnons tous ensemble: 157 2006*.

*Fr. 1.19/min

Nous y croyons!

LA POSTE 

P.P. 1951 Sion

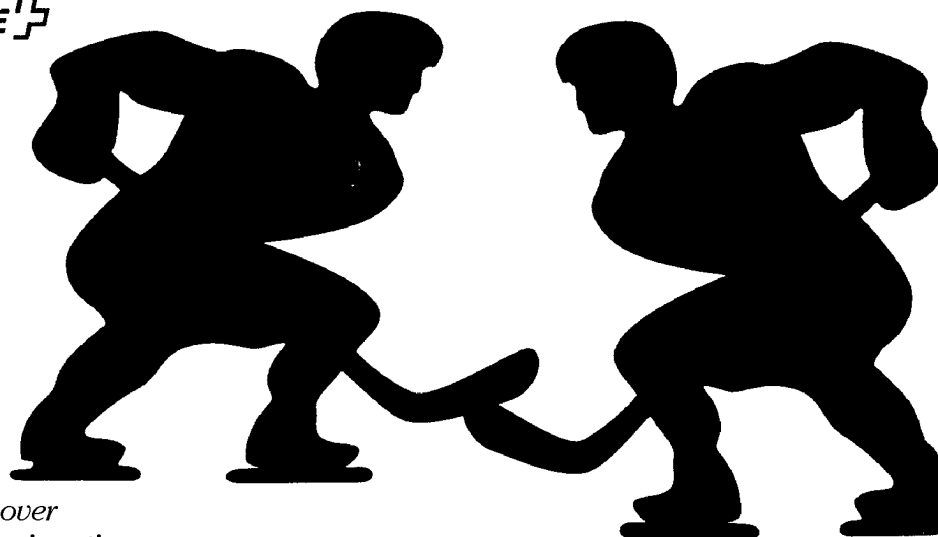


Figure 14. Magazine cover with "P.P." (prepaid) designation.

Car postal Valais romand - Haut-Léman,
Avenue de France 4, case postale 314, 1951 Sion

- ☐ Je souhaite m'abonner à Mobilissimo, le magazine gratuit de Car postal
- Veillez, s'il vous plaît, me faire parvenir le(s) nouveau(x) prospectus d'excursions de Car postal suivant(s):
- ☐ Les plus belles lignes de Car postal
- ☐ Suisse orientale, Grisons et Tessin
- ☐ Suisse occidentale, Valais et Jura
- ☐ Nord-ouest de la Suisse, Argovie, Zurich et Thurgovie
- ☐ Suisse centrale, canton de Berne, Plateau

Nom: _____

Prénom: _____

Rue: _____

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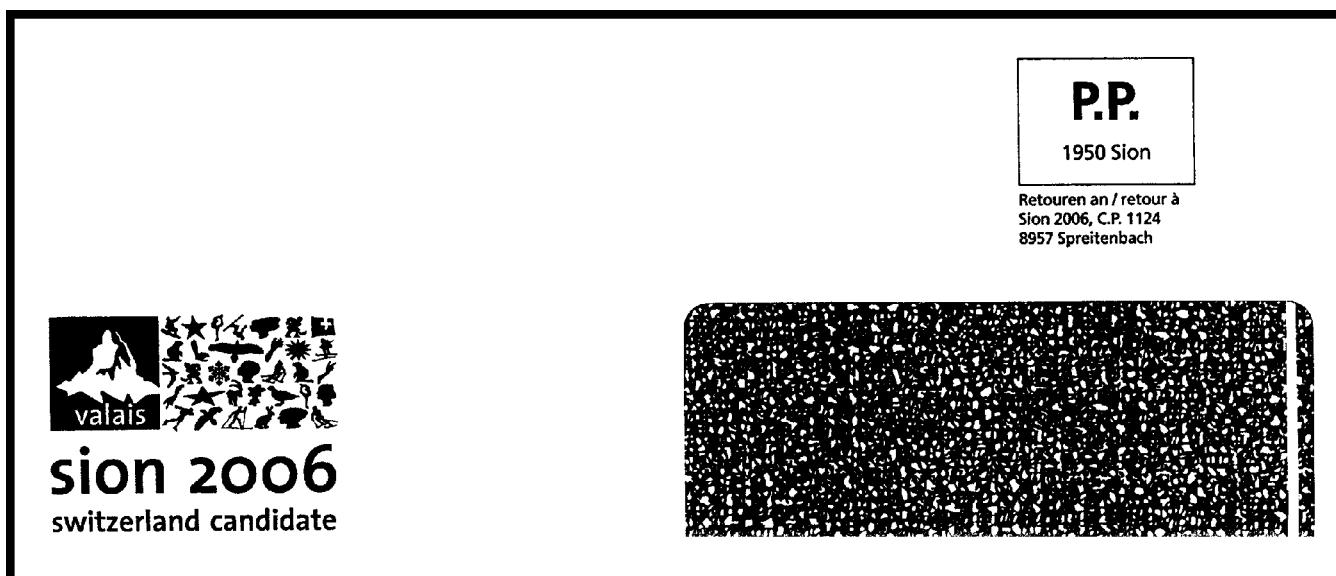


Figure 15. Top portion of envelope used by the Sion 2006 bid committee to mail bulletin of Fan Club Sion 2006. Note the prepaid indicia at top along with candidate logo at left. This is likely the only philatelically relevant type of cover to originate within the bid committee.

Swiss Post also supported the Sion bid by helping advertise the "FAN CLUB SION 2006" which had three different levels of individual sponsorship. The post office pamphlet included a special form enabling a financial contribution to be made through the postbank. There's no doubt that these pamphlets are non-philatelic postal products for the bid.

Another type of postal stationery that can be found are those bearing imprints applied by special request. Friends of the Sion bid could join, as mentioned above, FAN CLUB SION 2006. They received their club bulletins in a special envelope with postage paid imprint (Figure 15). These envelopes would appear to be the only items of philatelic relevance from the bid committee. Unlike their 2002 candidacy, Sion 2006 didn't use an advertising meter to publicize its bid.

A less-than-expected number of other items from bid sponsors have surfaced. One little folder from the wine producers around Sion was identified (Figure 16). This region is

well-known for its vineyards. This business reply mailer is a legitimate philatelic collectible.

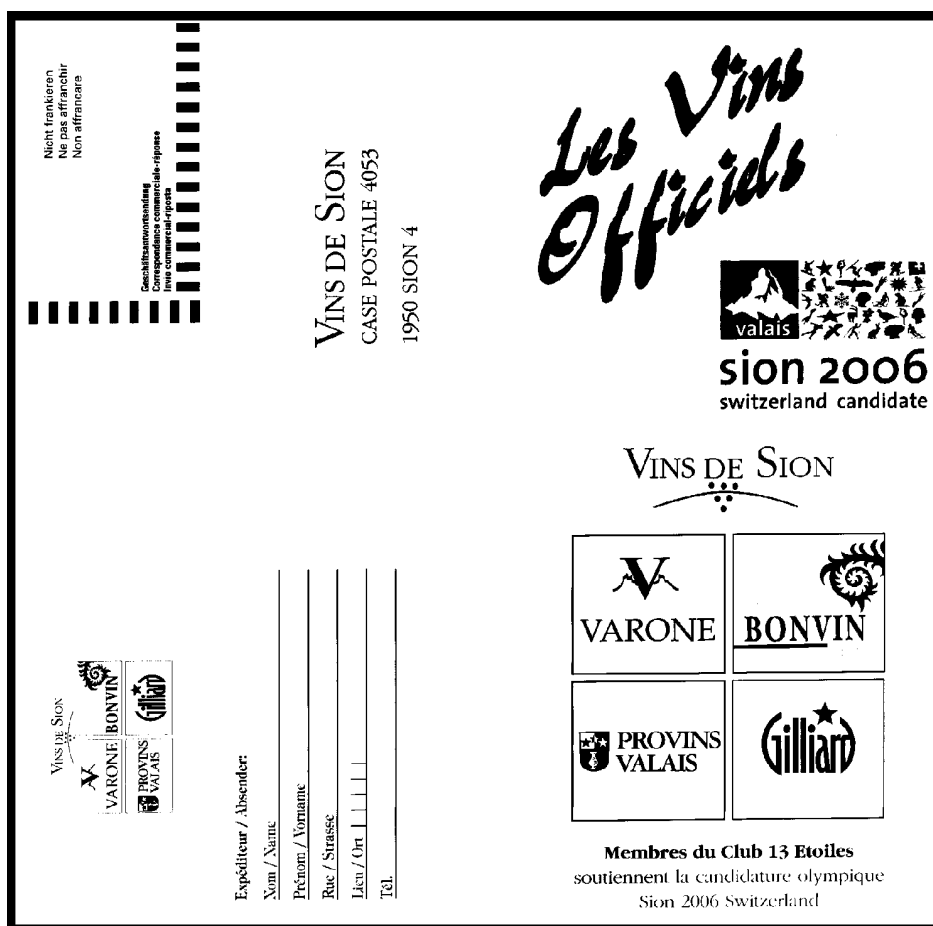


Figure 16. One the Sion sponsors was a group of wineries in the Sion region. Shown here is a free-frank business reply mailer promoting their sponsorship.

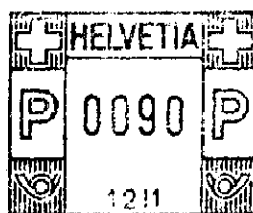


Figure 17. The only known slogan meter promoting the Sion 2006 bid comes from the Sion Office of Tourism.


One of the targeted destinations during my short stay in Sion was the Office of Tourism. In addition to the extensive amount of information available there, my visit was made even more worthwhile because of the slogan meter I found them using (Figure 17). This is the only meter I have seen promoting the Sion 2006 bid!

The Sion 2006 bid can also be discussed using other thematically-related items. In the September/October 1999 issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately* (Vol. 38, #1), I reported on the support given by the balloonists Brian Jones and Bertrand Piccard, the

special Sion 2006 coin (Fari-net), and the jubilee flight of an airship from the city.

Overseas, the Sion bid found its supporters. The large Swiss community in Uruguay celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Swiss Confederation and the 150th anniversary of the federal state with a philatelic exhibi-

tion. The Uruguayan postal administration used this occasion to issue a special miniature sheet. One of the stamps was dedicated to the Sion bid and was accompanied by a special postmark (Figure 18). This was the first time another country's bid was "supported" with a special stamp! We do know of one other example: a Bolivian issue noting Berlin's bid for the 2000 Summer Games. However, the supporting remarks were in the sheetlet's selvage rather than on the stamp itself.

In Part III, we shall discuss the other bid cities for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games. 

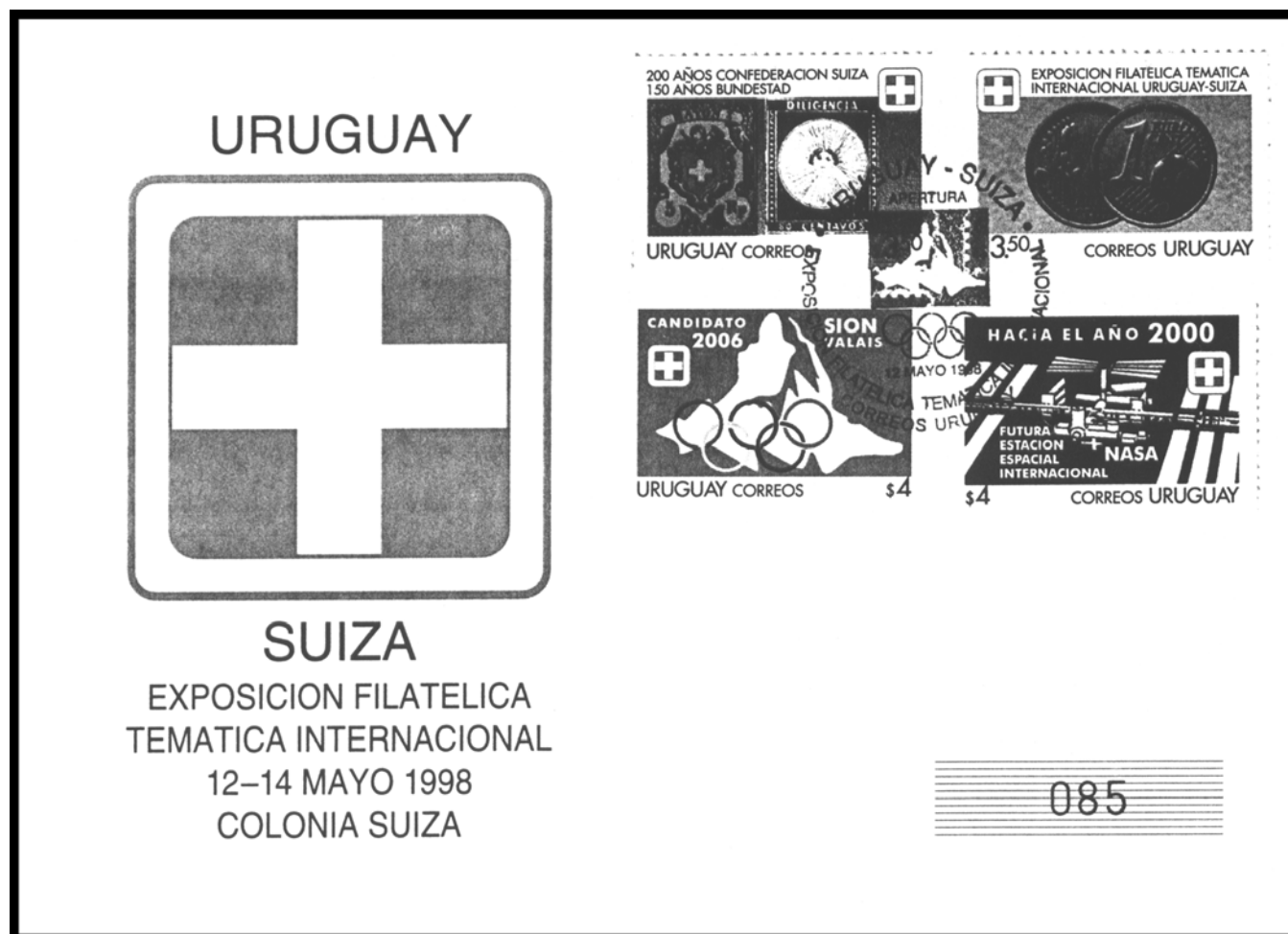


Figure 18. Uruguay honored the Sion 2006 bid with a stamp in May 1998 – the first Winter Olympic bid city to be thus commemorated by a foreign postal administration.

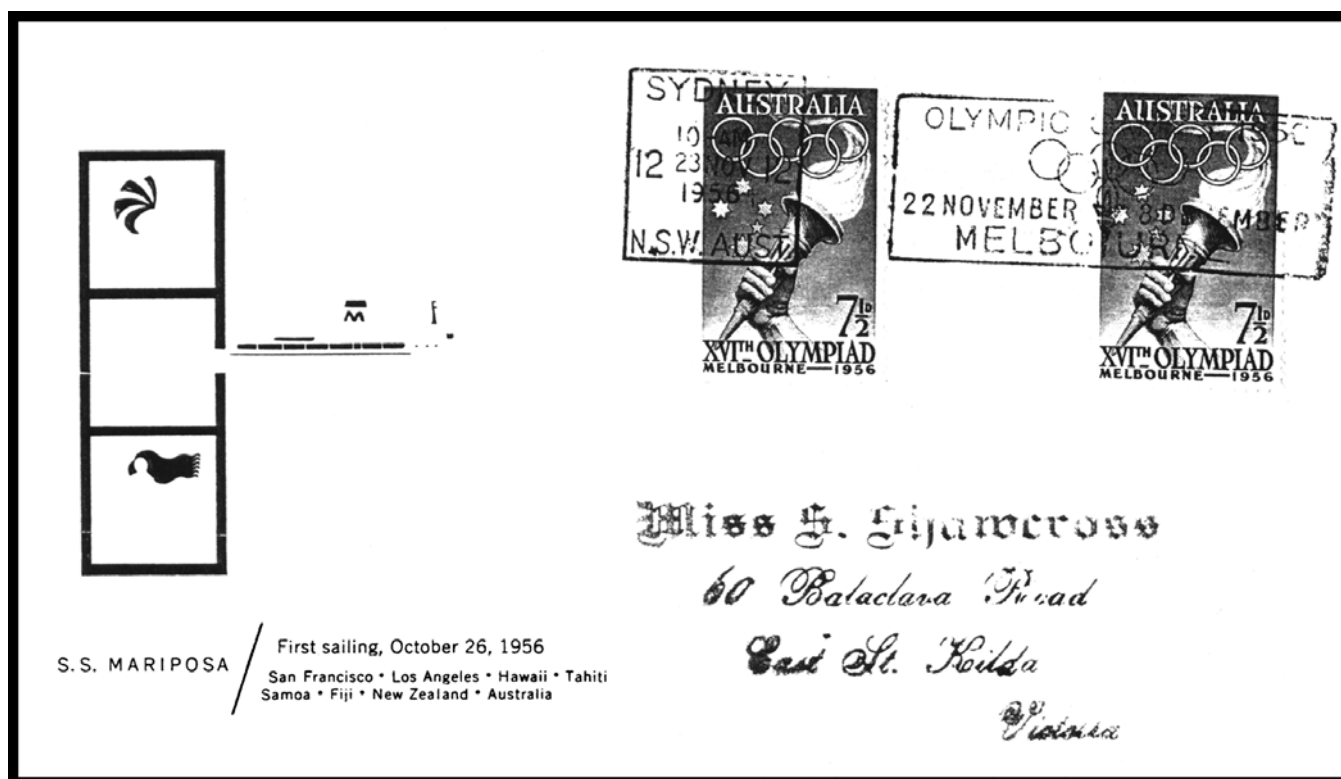


Figure 1. Return sailing of the S.S. Mariposa to the U.S.A. following the ship's westbound maiden voyage. The ship embarked Sydney on November 23, 1956 – the second day of Olympic Games taking place at Melbourne, as evidenced by the boxed Olympic machine cancel. The receiving mark at San Francisco, dated December 11, is reproduced below.

1956 Melbourne Olympic Games Boomerang Ship Covers

by Thomas D'Arcy

For some time, I have had a cover (Figure 1) to which were affixed two 7½d Olympic torch stamps from the Melbourne Games of 1956. The stamps were canceled in Sydney with the Melbourne Olympics machine slogan postmark dated November 23, 1956 (Day 2 of the Olympic Games).

The envelope's embossed cachet noted the maiden voyage of the Matson Lines' newest passenger liner, the S.S. Mariposa. The Mariposa is very well known to Australians; for years, it carried most of the surface mail between the U.S. and Australia.

This souvenir cover is not rare; I've seen at least 20 examples in the last 20 years. All have been franked with the same two Olympic stamps and postmarked the same day with this slogan cancel. While I have always considered it an attractive



cover, the Olympic slogan cancel's date has been of primary interest. And this November 23 date was perplexing for it never matched the date of the maiden voyage, as noted on the cover's cachet.

Very recently I found a similar cover (Figure 2), this time posted from San Francisco. The envelope is backstamped with the Olympic machine slogan cancel, but dated two days earlier. Checking the back of my original cover, I found a San Francisco arrival cancel. Mystery solved: what I had were two boomerang covers – with Olympic postmarks – marking the first round trip voyage of the S.S. Mariposa!

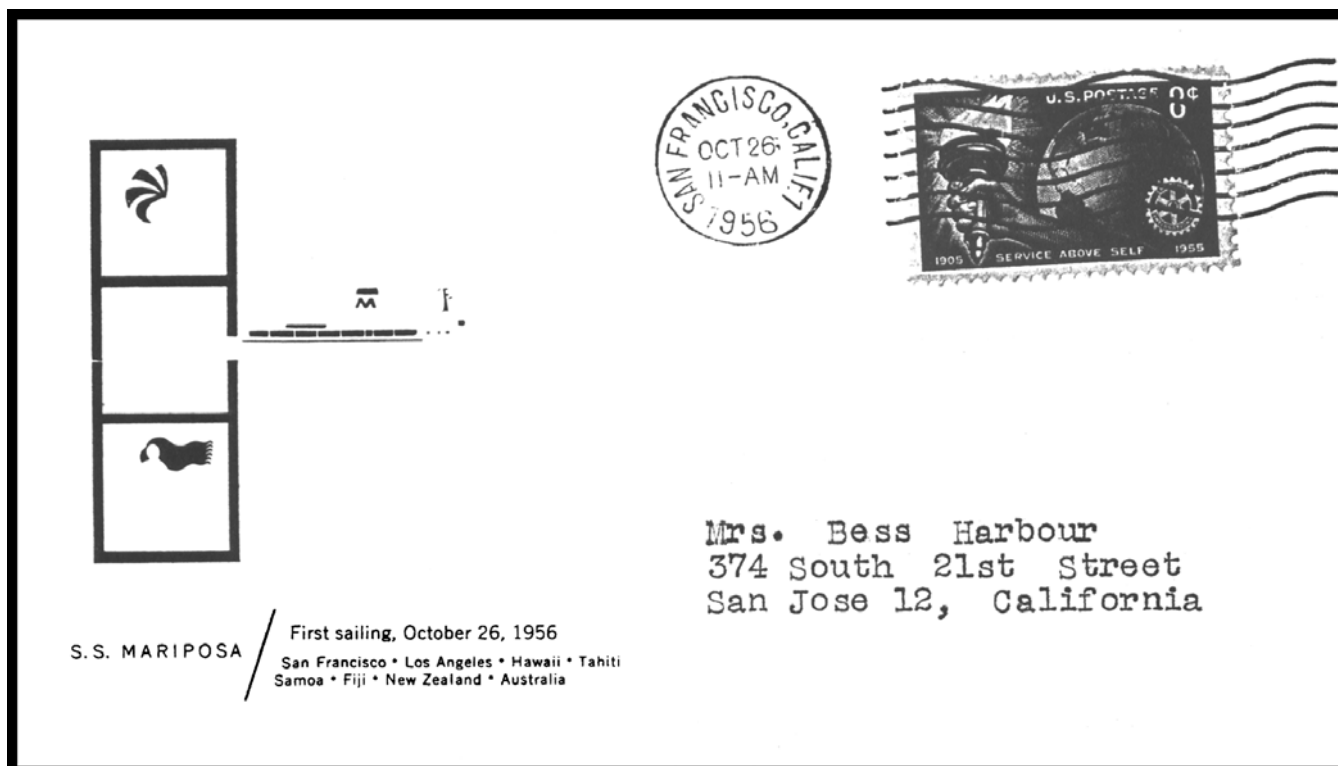
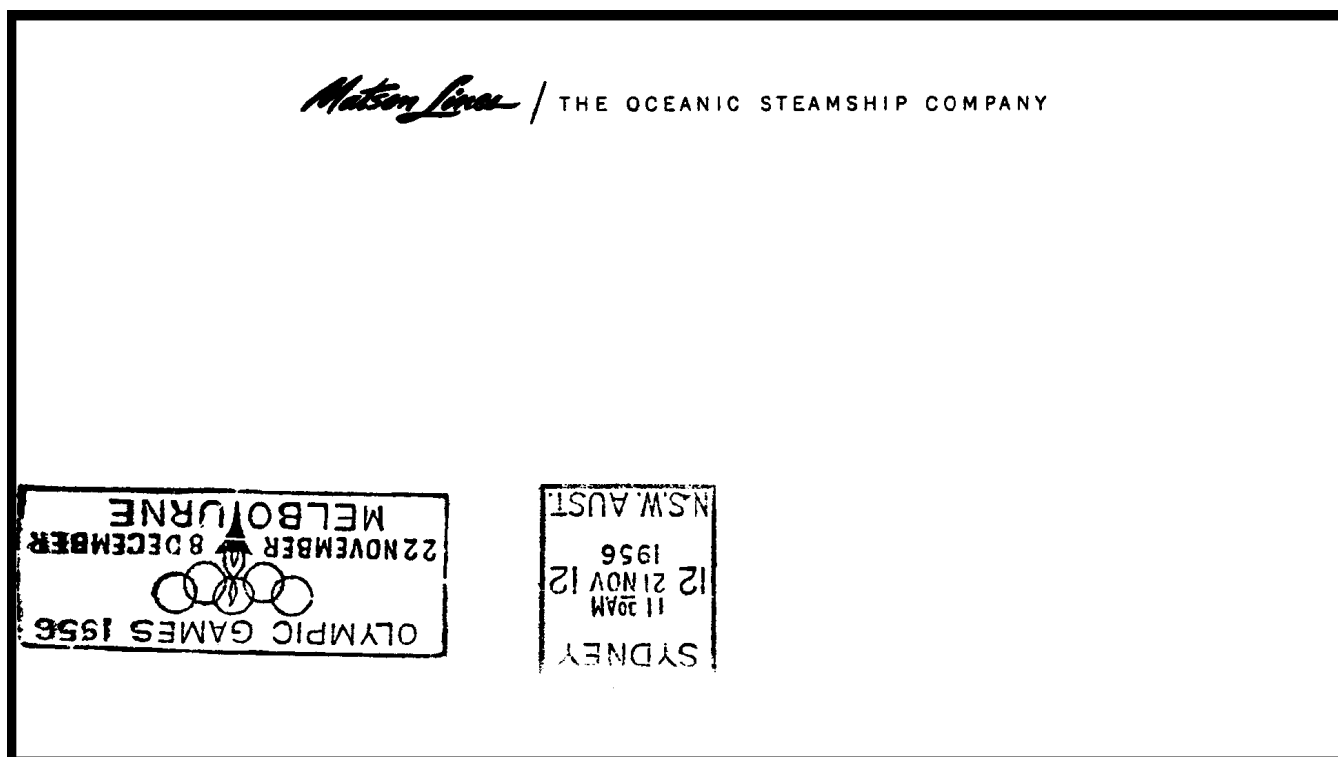


Figure 2. The first sailing of the S.S. Mariposa began in San Francisco, California on October 26, 1956. The crossing, with many intermediate stops, took 26 days, landing in Sydney, Australia on November 21, the day before the opening of the Melbourne Olympic Games. The receiving cancel in Sydney was applied on the reverse of the cover, as shown below.



1996 U.S. Olympic Discobulus Stamp: Makeshift Booklets For Vending Machines

by Mark Maestrone

While the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) decided in 1999 to discontinue production of traditional booklets of stamps, “makeshift booklets” continue to be manufactured for vending machines. The term “makeshift” refers to the manner in which the booklets are created, namely by separating a block of stamps from a pane and enclosing them in a generic cover.

Since 1996, these makeshift booklets for vending machine have been produced by Minnesota Diversified Industries (MDI) of St. Paul, Minnesota, under contract from the USPS.

The cardboard booklet cover measures approximately 6½ inches long by 1¾ inches wide. The front and back of the folded booklet cover are shown above. The front features a tilted, rectangular cut-out window through which the stamps inside are visible. The reverse provides directions on how to order stamps by phone along with text identifying the quantity and type of stamps contained within – “15-32¢ Centennial Olympics” stamps. This text is important, making the booklet eminently collectible by Olympic philatelists and exhibitors. Printing is in dark blue on the white cardboard. There is no printing on the inside of the booklet cover.

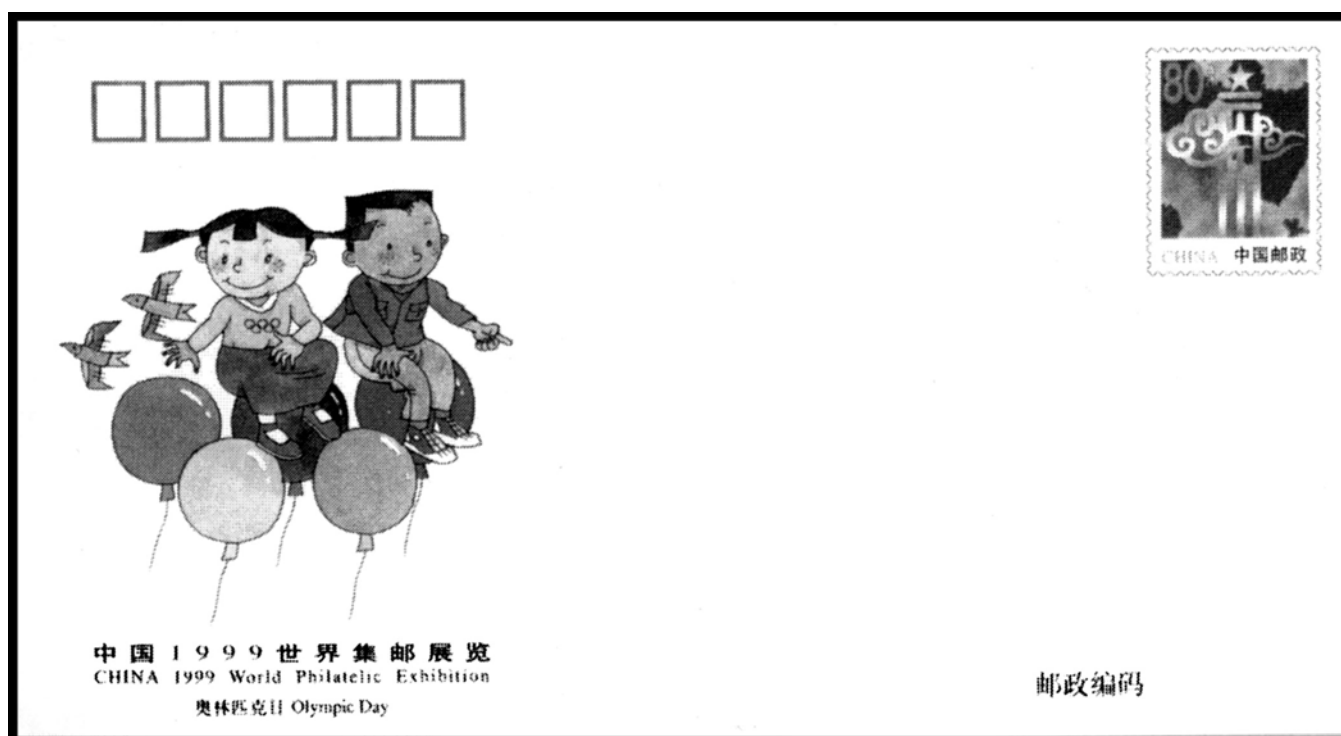
Folded inside the booklet is a corner block of 15 stamps (3 rows of 5 stamps), including the margin selvage and plate number (P1). The block is attached not by moistening the gum on the reverse



Booklet cover (enlarged) for the 32¢ 1996 Olympic Games discobulus stamp. The front is at left and reverse side, with important descriptive text, at right.

side, but with a spot of glue placed on the face of the selvage! The block is folded thus: vertically between the third and fourth columns of stamps, then horizontally between each row, accordion style, as well as between the top row and top selvage. The spot of glue is then located in roughly the middle of the top selvage and attached to the inside back cover. Folded in this manner, the stamps are visible through the window. I suspect that the stamps are manually separated from the larger pane of stamps and then folded by hand making this a very labor intensive operation.

This stamp booklet is listed in the Scott catalogue as BK252. The average retail price of the booklet is currently around \$8.00 – if you can find it! 🐶



Olympic postal stationery issued by the State Postal Bureau, People's Republic of China, at the 1999 World Philatelic Exhibition in Beijing.


New Olympic Postal Stationery From the People's Republic of China

by Kwok-Yiu Kwan

The China 1999 World Philatelic Exhibition was held in Beijing from August 21-30, 1999. In order to commemorate the exhibition, the State Postal Bureau issued ten postal stationery (pre-stamped) envelopes on the opening day.

The cachet on each envelope reflected the theme of one of the ten days of the exhibition. As August 25th was dubbed "Olympic Day," that day's envelope depicted an Olympic scene. The five overlapping balloons no doubt represent the

five interlocking Olympic rings. The color of the balloons also matches the colors of the Olympic rings.

A special pictorial cancel (not shown) was also used that day. 

Sports Stamp Journals For Sale

Complete run of *Sport Cast*, *SportStamps* and *Journal of Sports Philately* through volume 30 (1953-1992), all in binders. \$100 + shipping. John La Porta, PO Box 2286, La Grange, IL 60525. Email: album@ziplink.net.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU FOR YOUR MANY OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR YOUR GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP
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1960 Olympic Congratulatory Telegram From Senator John F. Kennedy

contributed by Conrad Klinkner

One never knows what unusual or unique items may be lurking in dark attics, musty closets, or dust-covered albums. The piece illustrated above has languished in the personal collection of a U.S. Olympian who competed in water polo at the 1960 Rome Olympics.

The telegram from Senator (but soon to be elected President) John F. Kennedy was sent to the U.S. Olympic Team at Rome on September 7, 1960. In those days, most foreign telegraph companies were still operated by the post office, as was Italy's.

In addition to a number of docketing marks and time stamps, an ITALCABLE "cancel" records the date of arrival and subsequent delivery.

By September 7, the Games, which were in their 14th day, were nearly completed. Overall, the U.S. team acquitted itself well, bringing back 34 gold, 21 silver, and 16 bronze medals for a total of 71, placing it in second place behind Russia's 103 total medals.

According to the Olympian from whom this telegram was obtained, he "rescued" it off the bulletin board at the Olympic Village in Rome at the end of the Games. It had been placed there for all members of the team to read.

2000 SYDNEY OLYMPICS

by Brian Hammond

We start with some new material from Olympic sponsors.

ANSETT AUSTRALIA POSTCARDS AND CALENDARS

In previous columns I have referred to material from Ansett which includes stickers, stationery, boarding cards and postcards. New postcards have recently been issued; full details of all known cards are provided below. Thanks to Tom D'Arcy I have seen all but card ANG 6 which, I understand, is hard to find.

A. Postcards printed by Sydney Hughes Brisbane for Ansett Australia Promotions NSW

ANG 1. Boeing 747 300 VH INJ.

ANG 6. Airbus A320 - 200

B. Postcards printed by head office of Ansett Australia with aircraft in Olympic livery and SOCOG logo.

55 5422A. Boeing 747 300. VH INJ

55 5422B. Boeing 737 300. VH CZT

55 5422C. Skystar A320 200. VH - HYB

C. Postcards printed by Australex International Melbourne. The set came to me in a sealed packet. All photographs are of the Boeing 747 300 VH INJ.

320. Two photographs and frame. Also wording "ANSETT AUSTRALIA"

321. Ditto (165 x 112mm)

322. Ditto

333. Ditto

334. Ditto

335. 2000 Millennium Calendar plus a photograph on postcard.

508. Single Photograph. No border or wording. (148 x 105mm)

509. Ditto

510. Ditto

514. Ditto

515. Ditto

1999. Pocket Calendar 2000. View as postcard

320. (95 x 70mm)

2000. Ditto. View as postcard 321

2001. Ditto. View as postcard 322

MCDONALD'S OLYMPIC GAMES BIG BOOK AND CALENDAR

A book of Olympic puzzles and games issued by McDonald's Australia plus a wall calendar for the Olympic year. Of interest to collectors is a round, multicolored, adhesive label measuring 87mm. At top are the Sydney Games and McDonald's logos. Below this are the three mascots.

FOSTERS PRODUCT LABELS

This company has taken full advantage of the fact that they are suppliers of the official beer for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. I have eight labels that use the Sydney logo or the wording "Official Beer of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games" on Fosters Lager, Fosters Extra and Fosters Light Ice. All are printed in blue with most wording in white on blue or red. Most have a gold border.

SHELL 2000 OLYMPIC MASCOTS STICKER BOOK

Shell is the official fuel and oil supplier to the 2000 Games. They promise a number of souvenirs over the nine months leading up to the Sydney Olympics. The first of these is a mascot sticker book. The Games' logo appears on the covers of the book and on each of the four sheets of stickers. There are a total of 37 stickers depicting the Olympic mascots playing the Olympic sports.

OTHER MATERIAL FROM SPONSORS

Reebok, like many Olympic sponsors, was unhappy with the way some of their business rivals, who had not paid for the privilege of being sponsors, were nevertheless being offered special deals on tickets, etc. They decided that they would withdraw their support for the Games. Nike took their place. Material from Reebok with the official logo could be difficult to come by. My collection includes a "with compliments" slip with the Sydney 2000 logo in full color above the word "Supporter" in blue.

Sydney Morning Herald distributed a bookmark with a light blue background (40mm x 190mm). It includes a view of the three mascots on a globe similar to a label referred to previously. Below the full color Sydney logo are details of what the mascots represent.

Western Star's small butter labels include the Sydney logo in white on a blue background promoting their support for the Olympic Games.

Flube, the incredible flying tube, proudly announced that they are an Olympic Games officially licensed product. They include the words "Sydney 2000" in white and the full color Sydney logo on a blue background on their product boxes.

Mascot Stickers: a number of packages of stickers of the Sydney mascots have been produced which are also officially licensed products. They are sold in wallets and packets printed in deep blue with the mascots in full color and brief wording in the form of speech captions. A mascot tie on a licensed product label in a similar design is also in use.

Other Sponsors: as the Games approach, I continue to receive material from sponsors. Recent arrivals included material from new sponsors; two items were "compliment" slips from Queensland Olympic Task Force and Traveland.

OLYMPIC STAMPS AND COVERS

The No. 32 cover in the Olympic 2000 Series was issued on September 22, 1999, and bears the Homebush States Sports Center postmark (Figure 1) for the Sydney International Challenge field hockey event for both men and woman. The competition took place from September 22-26 at the state Hockey Center. This was an Olympic trial event. The cover includes the results of the competition.

Senegal overprinted their 600 franc 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games stamp for Sydney 2000.

Uruguay issued a minisheet on July 30, 1999 for the millennium. The top right corner stamp commemorates the 2000 Games. The stamp shows the Sydney Opera House and two football players along with text, in Spanish, that translates as: "Summer Olympic Games SYDNEY 2000." The FDC has a millennium postmark.

While the Australian stamp program was announced last year, the details of special cancellations are not yet available. One Australian dealer suggests there will be 28 cancellations.

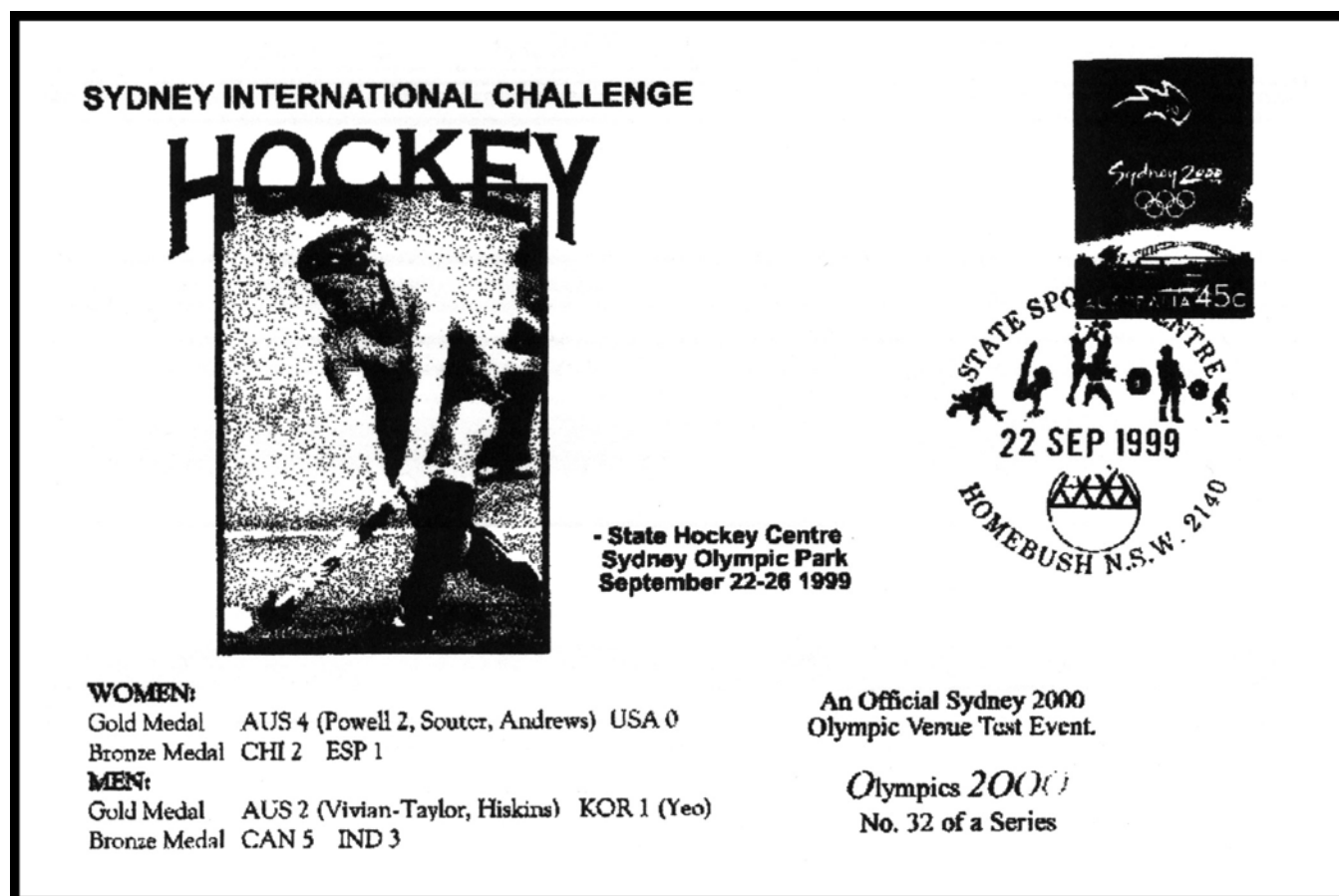


Figure 1. Official Olympic test event cover for the sport of field hockey. Olympic competition will take place at the State Hockey Centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

OLYMPIC COINS AND PINS

The fifth coin set for Sydney 2000 was issued in September. Series V includes one gold coin representing "training," two silver coins symbolizing, respectively, "reaching the world" and a koala; and four bronze coins depicting the sports of badminton, fencing, shooting, and table tennis. To date, 20 bronze sports coins have been issued with eight more due out by the time of the Games. The entire program of gold, silver and bronze coins consists of 52 pieces in all. Some of the early high value issues are sold out.

Series I was issued in October 1997, Series II in April 1998, Series III in September 1998 and Series IV in March 1999. Series VI is scheduled for February 2000 with bronze sports coins representing baseball, judo, rowing and volleyball. Series VII is slated for a May 2000 release and will show aquatic sports, boxing, equestrian sports and the modern pentathlon.

Each of the 28 bronze sports coins can be purchased in combination with a colored mascot medallion of the same sport and size as the coin. No more than 3000 sets will be sold. Also available are 5000 sets of coins with matching pins.

Ten silver coins have now been issued. Six more are planned: three show the animals represented by the mascots (platypus, echidna and kookaburra), while the remaining three illustrate the three natural elements central to harbor life (water, land, and air).

The three gold coins to be released this year commemorate the Opening Ceremony, the Olympic Torch, and acknowledge "the Crowd."

Many more official pins have been issued including a series of 21 "Welcome to Sydney" flag pins, team spirit and team Australia pins, speed pins, millennium and "Mascot on Tour" pins.

OLYMPIC MEDALS FOR SYDNEY

The International Olympic Committee has approved the design for the Olympic Victory Medals (Figure 2). The obverse will show the Sydney Opera House behind the Olympic Rings and the Torch. The traditional "seated Nike" graces the reverse. Woj-

ciech Pietranik, a Polish-born sculptor, beat out 20 other Australian artists with his winning design.

LEAFLETS FOR SYDNEY 2000

As the Games draw near, many leaflets and booklets appear carrying the Sydney Games logo. Examples from my collection include:

Amico (Olympic pins, etc): colored leaflets illustrating products but without the logo.

AMP (sponsor of the Torch Relay): leaflet giving the rules for entries and displaying the Torch Relay logo; leaflet showing the Torch Relay route through Victoria; nomination form leaflet.

Ansett Australia (official airline): Holidays, King Island; international passport (information booklet); leaflet "Your next holiday could land you here."

Brisbane, Olympic Football: "Olympic Games Football in Brisbane."

Bonds (supporter): competition entry form.

The Ink Group (Olympic postcards, etc): 1999 Olympic product leaflet.

Mistral (provider): competition entry card.

Olympic Co-Ordination Authority: series of leaflets on Olympic sites, etc., without logo.

Olympic Store Direct: mail order catalogue now in its fifth edition; store leaflets.

Sleepmaster (bedding supplier to the 2000 Australian Olympic Team): leaflet and label with Australian Olympic Committee logo.

SOCOG: "Sydney Spirit," official news of the Sydney Games (numerous issues); Sydney 2000, information (Arts Festival, etc); Sydney 2000, "Info

Sheet" (different sheets); Official Ticket Book; official ticket price guide leaflet; building up to the 2000 Olympics (Squiggles logo). Telstra: Live the Olympic Dream leaflet.

Westpac (banking services partner): leaflet, "Smart Banking"; leaflet, "The Sydney 2000 Olympic Coin Programme."

Please advise me of any new items you may encounter. You may write me at 6 Lanark Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, England IP4 3EH or e-mail me at bkcpham@aol.com.



Figure 2. The Sydney Olympic victory medal: obverse (above) and reverse (below).



2002 SALT LAKE CITY OLYMPICS

by Robert Farley

Salt Lake City 2002 Commemorative Postcards

It has been previously reported that Great Mountain West obtained the status of licensee for postcards and related items (magnets, calendars, key rings, etc.).

Following the award of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games to Salt Lake City, forty 7"x5" postcards were produced. These were printed on heavy card stock and had color printed backs including the bid logo and colored lines for the address. The postcards were accompanied by a number of greetings cards utilizing some of the postcard designs. This initial issue has been reported previously as well.

Shortly after adoption of the 2002 Games logo by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC), Great Mountain West released a second series of 37 designs. This series comprised both 6"x4" and 7"x5" format cards and was printed on a thinner "glossy" card stock with black backs featuring the new logo (Figure 1).

Many of the cards in this series made use of images from the original series with amended layouts and substituted logo.

Further issues have taken place, increasing the number of "black back" cards to 41. It should be



Figure 1. Card #220700 showing a typical "black back" with new Salt Lake City Olympic logo at top.

noted, however, that only 39 different numbered designs are included in this total; one card (#220507) has been reprinted with border color changed, and a second (#220504) has been reprinted with the view adjusted to appear much closer.

It appears that subsequent additions to this series (and reprints of issued design numbers) were then printed with color backs – the logo and address lines again appearing in color.

The most recent additions to the collectable postcards is a “mascot” series (Figure 2) which already includes 16 cards in three formats: 6"x4", 7"x5", and 9"x4". The 9"x4" is a panoramic format that had been used for recent Salt Lake and Wasatch cards. The mascot cards all feature an attractive color back.



Figure 2a. “Color back” postcards from the new mascot series. Note that address lines are now in color along with the logo. Silhouettes of mascots to the left of address lines are also in color. Text remains black.

Four further postcards were found in the racks in Salt Lake City and Part City, Utah. These do not have an identifying number, and are premium priced (over \$3.00) decal cards. Each has a number of die cut self-adhesive decals on a backing paper which is printed as a postcard back.

The following table lists all cards currently found on the racks in Utah and has been cross-checked with a retailers’ records for Great Mountain West. Some numbers in the listed sequences are missing. Either they have not (as of October 1999) been produced, or have “sold out.”

The cards with color backs will obviously present an opportunity to create attractive philatelic souvenirs in 2002!



Figure 2b. Mascot card #219008.

2002 Official Olympic Postcards by Great Mountain West

Card #	Series	Size	H/V*	Black Back	Color Back	Description
219000	Mascot	6x4	H		✓	"Rock" carvings of mascots
219001	Mascot	6x4	H		✓	Story of the SLOC mascots (text)
219002	Mascot	6x4	H		✓	Plush mascots with bobsled and skis
219003	Mascot	6x4	H		✓	Graphic mascots, skiing disciplines, light background
219004	Mascot	6x4	H		✓	Graphic mascots, skiing disciplines, dark background
219005	Mascot	6x4	H		✓	Heads of graphic mascots, pictograms
219006	Mascot	6x4	V		✓	Heads of graphic mascots
219007	Mascot	6x4	H		✓	Large heads of graphic mascots
219008	Mascot	6x4	H		✓	Small heads of graphic mascots
219009	Mascot	6x4	H		✓	Pictograms of mascots
219011	Mascot	6x4	H		✓	Graphic mascots, skiing disciplines, view background
219012	Mascot	6x4	H		✓	Downtown view over mascot pictograms and motto
219300	Mascot	7x5	H		✓	Graphic mascots, skiing disciplines, view background
219301	Mascot	7x5	H		✓	Downtown view over mascot pictograms and motto
219500	Mascot	9x4	H		✓	"Rock" carvings of mascots with story of SLOC mascots
219501	Mascot	9x4	H		✓	Large mascot heads over downtown at dusk
220101	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓		View over city at dusk, Salt Lake border
220103	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓		View over city at dusk (blue), 2002 at base
220105	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓		Aerial view at dusk, Salt Lake 2002 at base
220106	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓		Downtown at dusk, 2002 Olympic Winter Games in sky
220107	Salt Lake	7x5	H		✓	Downtown sunrise (violet), 2002 at base
220208	Wasatch	7x5	H		✓	Snow-covered mountain peaks, "Wasatch Mountains"
220213	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓		View over city to illuminated ski runs
220214	Wasatch	7x5	H		✓	Snow-covered valley and runs, "Park City, Utah"
220215	Wasatch	7x5	H		✓	View over city to ski runs, "Park City"
220216	Wasatch	7x5	H		✓	Ski runs, "XIX Olympic Winter Games/Salt Lake 2002"
220231	Wasatch	7x5	H		✓	Snowy peaks at sunset, "Salt Lake 2002"
220312	Alpine	7x5	H	✓		Off-piste skier, "Salt Lake 2002"
220400	Event	7x5	V	✓		Salt Lake 2002 flag
220401	Event	7x5	H	✓		Slalom skier
220402	Event	7x5	H	✓		Downhill skier, Park City West

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Card #	Series	Size	H/V*	Black Back	Color Back	Description
220403	Event	7x5	H	✓		Speed skater
220405	Event	7x5	H	✓		Downhill skier by Park City banner
220406	Event	7x5	H	✓		Downhill skier
220407	Event	7x5	H	✓		Short track speed skaters
220500	Salt Lake	6x4	H	✓	✓	Downtown with mountain background
220501	Salt Lake	6x4	H	✓	✓	Snow-covered mountains at dusk
220502	Salt Lake	6x4	H	✓	✓	Illuminated downtown at dusk
220503	Salt Lake	6x4	H	✓		Aerial view, mountains and city
220504	Salt Lake	6x4	H	✓		Aerial view, downtown (mid-distance)
220504	Salt Lake	6x4	H	✓		Aerial view, downtown (near distance)
220505	Salt Lake	6x4	H	✓		Aerial view over illuminated city
220506	Salt Lake	6x4	H	✓	✓	View over city to snow-covered mountains
220507	Salt Lake	6x4	H	✓		City at daybreak, black border, white text
220507	Salt Lake	6x4	H	✓	✓	City at daybreak, white border, black text
220509	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓	Downtown and mountains at sunrise
220510	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓	Delta Center
220511	Wasatch	6x4	V		✓	Salt Lake 2002 logo
220512	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓	Panoramic map of venues
220598	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓	Ski runs on mountains, three insets of skiers
220599	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓	View over city to illuminated ski runs
220600	Wasatch	6x4	H	✓	✓	View over city
220601	Wasatch	6x4	H	✓		View over illuminated city
220602	Wasatch	6x4	H	✓		View over city, balloons in sky
220603	Wasatch	6x4	H	✓		Snow-covered mountain slopes
220604	Wasatch	6x4	H	✓	✓	Cloud over snow-covered mountains
220605	Wasatch	6x4	H	✓	✓	Seven summer views and logo
220606	Wasatch	6x4	V		✓	Snow-covered mountain slopes and peak
220607	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓	Illustrated Utah map
220608	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓	Snow scene, flags of nations as borders
220609	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓	Lake with snow-covered mountains
220610	Wasatch	6x4	V		✓	Rapids through forest

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Card #	Series	Size	H/V*	Black Back	Color Back	Description
220612	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓	Seven winter views, logo
220613	Wasatch	6x4	V		✓	Flowering meadow with mountain background
220700	Event	6x4	H	✓		Ski jumper
220701	Event	6x4	H	✓		Downhill skier by Park City banner
220702	Event	6x4	H	✓		Downhill skier
220703	Event	6x4	H	✓		Downhill skier, black vest
220704	Event	6x4	H	✓		Slalom skier
220705	Event	6x4	H	✓		Bobsled
220706	Event	6x4	H	✓		Downhill, ski jump, speed skating, bobsled
220800	Alpine	6x4	V	✓		Off-piste skier
220801	Alpine	6x4	V	✓		Skier in powder
220802	Alpine	6x4	V	✓		Off-piste skier in distance
220803	Alpine	6x4	H		✓	Skier in powder
220804	Alpine	6x4	V		✓	Four views, skiing and snowboarding
220805	Alpine	6x4	H		✓	Three views off-piste skiing
220806	Alpine	6x4	H		✓	Two views, snowboarding, skiing
220807	Alpine	6x4	H		✓	Four views, skiing and snowboarding
220808	Alpine	6x4	H		✓	Three views, skiing, snowboarding, "Go for the Gold"
220810	Alpine	6x4	H		✓	Four views, skiing and snowboarding
220901	Salt Lake	9x4	H		✓	Downtown in front of mountains
220902	Wasatch	9x4	H		✓	Fourteen views (3 winter, 11 summer)
220904	Salt Lake	9x4	H		✓	Downtown panorama at dawn
220905	Wasatch	9x4	H		✓	Panoramic map and legend of venues
220929	Wasatch	9x4	H		✓	Snow-covered mountains
220950	Wasatch	9x4	H		✓	Panoramic view of ski runs over Park City
220951	Wasatch	9x4	H		✓	Illuminated Park City and ski runs at dusk
	Decals	6x4	V	✓		3 circular, 1 rectangular (black on white)
	Decals	6x4	V	✓		3 circular, 1 rectangular (white on white)
	Decals	6x4	H	✓		2 "lightening flash", 1 circular, 1 rectangular
	Decals	6x4	V	✓		3 square, 1 rectangular

* Orientation of card: H = horizontal; V = vertical

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestrone

Basketball Philatelic News **December 1999 (Vol. 13, #3)**

This issue provides a number of brief items in addition to the updates on new basketball stamps and cancels from around the world. Included are: an interesting Mexican cover with a corner card of the YMCA Basketball Team in Mexico City; a listing of Japanese basketball cancellations; post cards noting the Noshiro Technical High School's winning of the Japanese high school basketball championships; and a report on the All-Russia Philatelic Exhibition, "Pushkin Russia 99."

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Esprit: Sports et Olimpisme **December 1999 (#14)**

The December 1999 issue of the French language journal of our sister society in France, AFCOS, opens with a look, by René Christin, at the 1999 Rugby World Cup through stamps and cancels. The cup competition was held in France this past fall.

This is followed by an interesting article written by René Geslin on the sport of boxing and in particular the French heavyweight champion, Georges Carpentier.

Bernard Pajani provides a review of Olympic volleyball. The sport was admitted at the 53rd IOC Session in 1957 at Sofia, Bulgaria. The first Olympic tournament was contested at the 1964 Tokyo Games.

Additional shorter pieces in this issue focus on tennis star, André Agassi; 1999 European Basketball Championships; sports championships that occurred over the summer of 1999; various types of Olympic pins (candidate cities, official pins, sponsor pins, media pins, etc.); the candidate cities for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games; and the 1999 Davis Cup matches held in France. New cancel information and association news are also included.

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IMOS Journal **December 1999 (#104)**

The final issue of 1999 from IMOS in Germany presents Part 4 of Thomas Lippert's article on the 1998 Nagano Olympic Winter Games. Concentration in this installment is on the UPS contributions to the philately of those Games. This author's other series on candidate cities for the 2006 Winter Olympics is also continued. Horst Rosenstock examines the Thomas Cup which is given to the World Badminton Team Champion. Finally, Gerd Bethke discusses 100 years of the Deutsche Fussball-Bund.

New installments of the many catalogs printed by IMOS are included: football stamps issued in booklet format; sport and Olympic postal stationery; and new worldwide sport and Olympic cancellations and stamps.

Separate booklets cover Olympic and sports news of interest from the mainstream press, and a detailed journal of the IMOS trip to France "On the Trail of Pierre de Coubertin."

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Journal of Olympic History **January 2000 (Vol. 8, #1)**

The *Journal of Olympic History* is the thrice-yearly publication of the International Society of Olympic Historians. In this issue, Wojciech Zablocki tells the true story of the 1956 Olympic javelin competition in "Setting the Record Straight." Then, Heiner Gillmeister, Peter Lovesey and Alan Marder provide a few inches of new information on "The Memorable First Olympic Marathon." Continuing on the 1896 Games, James B. Connolly's autobiography is excerpted by Rusty Wilson in "The First Olympic Champion." A number of other subjects of interest are covered, along with the latest Olympic news. The index to Volume 7 (1999) is also provided.

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Olimpiafila **November 1999 (Vol. 2, #2)**

The journal of the Hungarian sport and Olympic philatelic society is written in Hungarian, but there are synopses in English. Primarily philatelic articles contained in this issue discuss Ancient Olympia; the first Hungarian Olympic stamp set issued to commemorate the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games; 1900 Olympic Games philately on post cards; the pentathlon world championships in Budapest; and the IOC and Hungarian Olympic Committee in philately.

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Der Olympia-Und Sport-Philatelist **Number 2, 1999**

Previously known simply as the journal of the OSPC-Berlin, this issue of the *Olympia-Und Sport-Philatelist* concentrates extensively on the sport of cycling. It begins with a review of the 1999 IMOS Congress held in Cologne, Germany at which cyclist Toni Merkens was honored on a meter and cacheted cover. The 1999 world championships in cycling road racing were held in Berlin and are discussed. Going back in time to 1952, the 5th international cycling race from Warsaw to Berlin and then on to Prague is reviewed.

Other articles discuss the sports philately of the German Democratic Republic; part 10 of the series on the philately of the 1980 Moscow Olympics examining the first day cancels; and a countdown to Sydney 2000.

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Olympsport **Vol. 32, #2a (Supplement)** **Vol. 32, #4/104**

Two separate booklets were received since the last reviews. The first is an 88-page supplement to issue #2 devoted entirely to the Peace Race, a cycling race that began in 1948 and continued through 1997. The philately of this race from Poland, Germany, the USSR, and Romania is provided in great depth.

Issue 4 of 1999 of the journal provides a continuation of Jaroslav Petrsek's discussion on thematic exhibiting – this time reviewing the importance of

showing philatelic knowledge and research. Laurentz Jonker follows with a look at the philately of the 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Games. Other topics covered in this issue relate to soccer; the 2006 Winter Olympic candidate cities; the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg; 100th anniversary of the birthplace of the Tour de France champion, N. Frantze; and additional details on rugby in Czechoslovakia. The next installment of the series on Olympic medalists in philately is also provided.

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Phila-Sport **October-December 1999 (#32)**

Mauro Gilardi launches this issue of the Italian sport and Olympic philately journal with an article on volleyball in Europe. Another ball sport, soccer, is discussed by Riccardo Belli. Moving to wheeled sports, Pasquale Polo tackles the subject of cycling, while G. Lovell looks at the Silverstone auto races. Nino Barberis, in the "Mystery of Olympic Day," examines two meters used by the Italian Olympic Committee in 1958. Riccardo Belli turns his attention to field hockey in Europe. Lastly, the tragedy that befell the football club "Grande Torino" is told.

Society information and new stamp and cancel listings round out this issue.

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Phila-Volley **December 1999 (Vol. 1, #3)**

The publisher of this private volleyball journal, Günter Pilz, informs his readers that beginning with this issue, subscribers can now specify the language their journal comes in (English, German or Spanish). The content of each version is identical.

In this issue, recent major volleyball competitions are reviewed. When possible, each is accompanied by appropriate philatelic material. Besides indoor and beach volleyball, Pilz also writes about the sport of Sepak Takraw, providing the reader with a short history and explanation of the game. An interesting article on the "Philatelic History of European Championships" is reproduced. The latter portion of this issue is devoted to updates to the author's catalogs of stamps and postal stationery.

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Torch Bearer **November 1999 (Vol. 16, #4)**

November's *Torch Bearer*, from our sister society in the U.K., begins with news from the Olympic world. The Athens 2004 organizing committee has selected the design for its logo, a wreath of olive branches. Next, Vic Manikian discusses the newest Olympic sport, the Triathlon. In his article, Manikian explains the difference between the Olympic event and the far more exhausting "Iron-man Triathlon," with its considerably longer distances.

In 1998, Visa, the official credit card of the Olympic Games, conducted a worldwide art competition among children. In addition to an all-expenses-paid trip to the Nagano Olympic Winter Games, each of the 25 winners had his or her artwork immortalized on post cards distributed by Visa. A review of the winners, along with illustrations of some of their cards, is provided.

Brian Hammond provides an entertaining and instructive journal of his "First Olympics": the 1992 Albertville Winter Olympics. Numerous postcards

and cancels help tell the story of his sojourn in the French Alps.

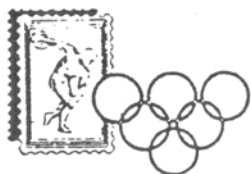
A preview of the Turin 2006 Olympic Winter Games is provided by Bob Wilcock. An overview of the venues and sports is given. The author notes that this, and much more, information is available from the IOC website with links to information elsewhere on the Internet.

Bob also talks about various items of interest relating to the 1948 London Olympics. The torch relay, Olympic Games box office, Longines (the official watch), presentation folders and cards, and registered mail are among the subjects the author touches on.

Finally, member Sohlberg Pekka provides pages from his own collection of autographs of Olympic Gold medalists, particularly from his native Finland.

This issue also provides updates on Albertville 1992 (registration from Olympic post offices); the 109th IOC Session in Seoul, Korea; and new items from Australia Post issued for the Sydney 2000 Games. In society news, Brian Hammond has taken on the role of Public Relations Officer.

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by Margaret Jones

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1071 George A. Beilke, 1532 E. 59th Place, Tulsa, OK 74105-8008 USA. *Ice Hockey, Horse Racing.*

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Exhibit Awards

CHICAGOPEX 99 (Illinois). Dan Ristau obtained a youth bronze for "Olympics."

MEMPHEX 99 (Memphis, Tennessee). Heinrich Hahn received a vermeil for "Brown Ribbon Horse Races in Germany, 1936-1944."

OMAHA STAMP SHOW (Nebraska). David R. Torre obtained the grand award and gold medal for "Classic State and Local Fish and Game Stamps."

STEPEX 99 (Horseheads, New York). Alice J. Johnson was awarded gold for "Figure Skating"; Robert Freuhauf won bronze for "Horse Stamps of Germany."

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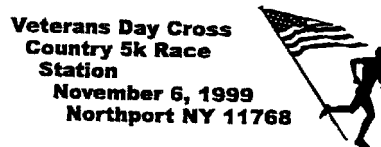
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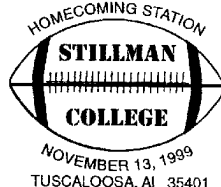
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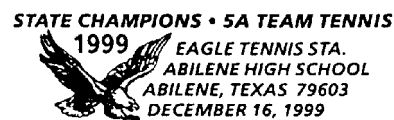
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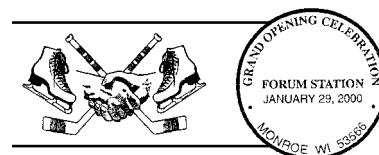
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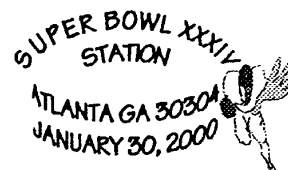
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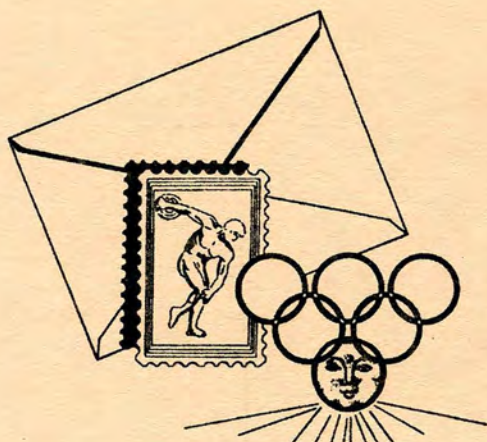
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