

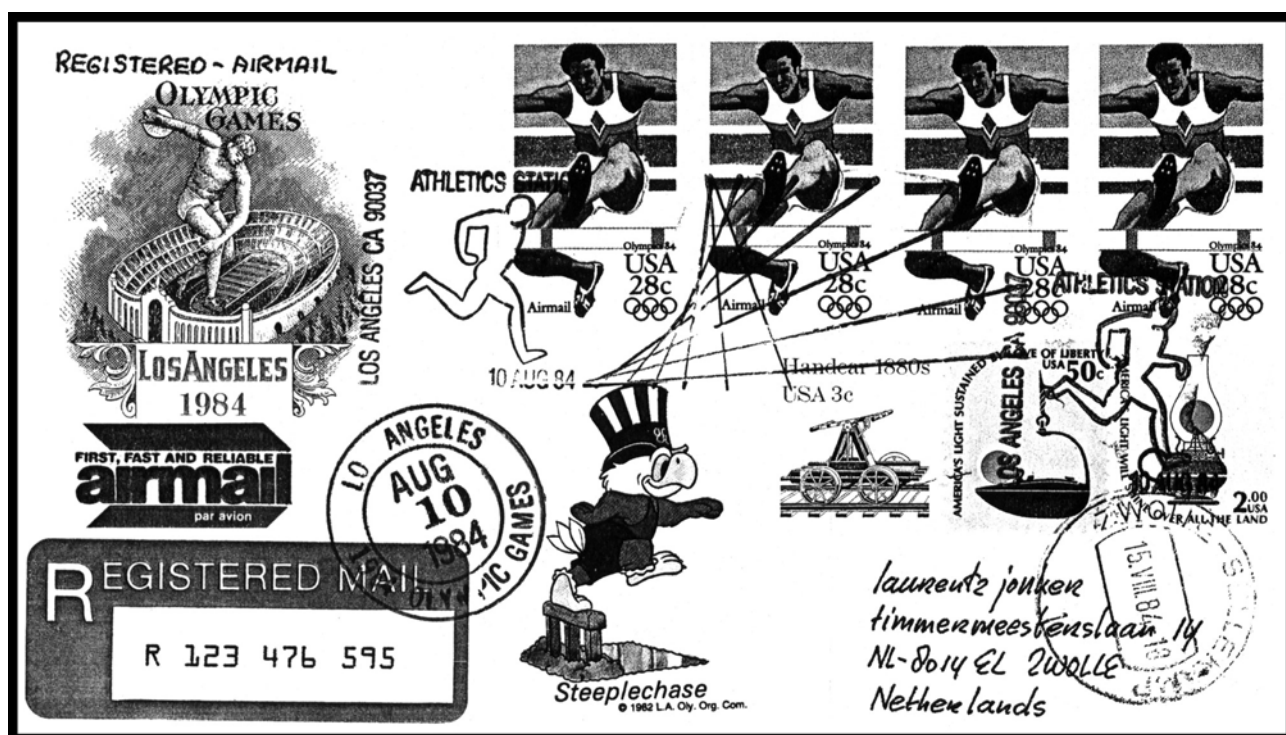
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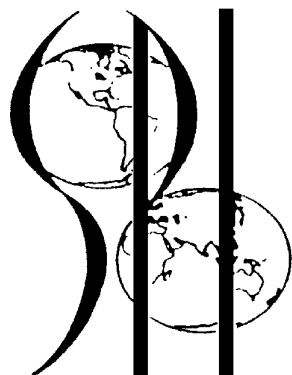
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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by Mark Maestrone

## Time for Elections & Dues Renewal

Once again, fellow SPI members, it's time to cast your ballots for society officers and members of the board of directors. While all current office holders and board members are running unopposed for reelection, this doesn't mean that we don't welcome, and appreciate, a vote of confidence. So, please do take the time to mark and mail your ballots.

You will also notice that dues envelopes are included with this issue for those needing to renew their memberships. Unfortunately, the board was forced to raise dues – *for the first time in 6 years*. This was prompted by a number of factors.

First, our printer/publisher, John La Porta, has been forced to abandon use of non-profit bulk mail rates for mailing our journal to U.S.-resident members. We have already, in fact, switched to using first class mail for all domestic mailings.

Second, to streamline the mailing process for overseas members, we have decided to abandon surface mail as an option. From this point, all members outside of the U.S. will receive their subscriptions via airmail. Not only will this be faster, but it will improve the reliability of delivery to all countries, thus reducing the need for replacement copies to be sent out.

Third, the USPS expects domestic mail rates to rise in the near future, followed almost surely by an international mail rate increase.

From an examination of other philatelic society dues, our new annual membership fees of \$20 U.S. and Canada, and \$30 overseas is equal to *or less*

*than* societies with comparably-sized publications. I am also sure you will agree with the board of directors that the dues must *at least* cover the cost of printing plus postage!

In other business, the board of directors has voted unanimously to name George Kobylka an honorary life member of Sports Philatelists International. George, now in his mid-70's, is the last of the original founders of SPI. Bob Bruce and he went to Cleveland back in 1961 to fight against the American Topical Association's requirement that all members of an affiliate must also be members of ATA. Back then, the ATA wouldn't give in, so SPI was formed as an independent organization. George was also instrumental in the preparation of the journal; he did the printing and mailing of *JSP* for a number of years before John took over. I am sure all of you will join me in sending our heartiest congratulations to George!

I am also proud to announce that SPI will hold its 2001 convention at the national level ROMPEX (Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibitions) show. The exhibition is scheduled for May 18-20, in Denver, Colorado at the Trade Center. The show hotel, the Holiday Inn – Denver International Airport, is attached to the Trade Center.

We are planning a number of special events which I'll be telling you about over the next few months. This will also be the first time SPI has held a convention in the Rocky Mountain region, so we hope all members within striking distance will come join the celebration. Mark your calendars NOW!

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# The Berlin 2000 Meters

## Philatelic remarks on Berlin's bid to host the Olympics (Part 2)

by Dieter Diehlmann  
translated by Thomas Lippert

*Part 1 of this article appeared in the January/February issue of JSP.*

### POSTAL CONDITIONS IN 1993

The large number of meters was a result of the previously mentioned political changes taking place in Germany. Unification also meant that three (or let's say 2½) different postal administrations had to work in concert. In addition to the Deutsche Bundespost (West) and the Deutsche Post (East) there was the special status Deutsche Bundespost Berlin which oversaw postal operations in West Berlin. In many cases, meter machines or the slogan die hubs in them could not be readily exchanged.

To further complicate matters, a new system of postal codes for the whole of Germany was developed. The new plan began operation on July 1, 1993, just in time to add another interesting twist to Olympic bid philately. There was a period of overlap in which the old and new postal codes were in use at the same time. This is why we sometimes find different postal codes in combination with the Olympic meter advertising, while in other cases it didn't appear until September 23, 1993. In some cases, especially with sponsors' machines, the introduction began even earlier (Coca-Cola Erfrischungsgetränke GmbH, Berlin-Hohen-schönhausen / 13051 ; Herlitz, Berlin 27 / 13507 ; Hotel Palace Berlin, Berlin 30 / 10789 and Hotel Palace Berlin, Berlin 30 / 10777 ).

### REMARKS ON THE METERS

1.1. BERLIN 2000 Olympia GmbH: This was the first bid-related meter, introduced on October 24, 1991. The adoption of a new postal code system in Germany resulted in changed text in the circular date stamp around July 1993. The bid committee was officially disbanded on December 31, 1993, however the office on Breite Strasse 35 remained open until March 30, 1994, the final date the meter was used.



#1.1.x

1.1.1. C15/688F, Berlin 1020

1.1.2. C15/688F, Berlin 2/10178

1.2. BERLIN 2000 Marketing GmbH: This meter was the first to display the Berlin bid logo composed of a bear's face. The meter remained in use until late 1993. The marketing group maintained offices in the same building as the bid committee. Like the committee, the marketing group was officially terminated on December 31, 1993.



#1.2.

2.1. Öffentlicher Dienst Regierender Bürgermeister



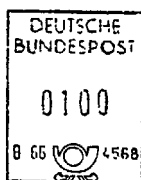
#2.1.x

2.1.1 F66/0249, Berlin 1020

2.1.2 F66/0249, Berlin 2/10178

2.2.1. Berlin Senate: Their postal bureau was the central office for all incoming and outgoing mail of the Berlin Senate. The office was equipped with three meter machines, however only two were outfitted with Olympic slogans. The old postal administration designation "Berlin" was dropped from the meter when the new postal codes were added.





#2.2.1.x & 2.2.2.x

- 2.2.1.1. B66/4568, Berlin 31/1000
- 2.2.1.2. B66/4568, Berlin 31/10717
- 2.2.2.1. C23/2923, Berlin 31/1000
- 2.2.2.2. C23/2923, Berlin 31/10717

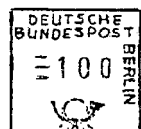
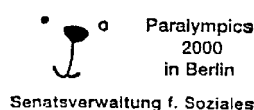
2.2.3. & 2.2.4. Senate's Administrative Office for Internal Affairs, Office of Technical Information (LIT-Landeamt für Informationstechnik). There were two meter machines, however the publicity slogans were identical.



#2.2.3.x & 2.2.4.x

- 2.2.3.1. C67/875G, Berlin 31/1000
- 2.2.3.2. C67/875G, Berlin 31/10717
- 2.2.4.1. C67/876G, Berlin 31/1000
- 2.2.4.2. C67/876G, Berlin 31/10717

2.2.5. Senate's Administrative Office for Social Affairs (Soziales) and 2.2.6. Senate's Administrative Office for Traffic and Factories (Verkehr und Betriebe). Both offices were located in adjacent buildings and therefore used the same postal bureau equipped with one meter machine. The meter could be customized to serve either administrative office! It is interesting that the Social Affairs office promoted the Paralympics in the publicity slogan – note how one of the bear's eyes in the slogan meter is not filled in (symbolizing a blind athlete). In keeping with current practice, the Olympic host city also hosts the Paralympic Games. While the latter is organized under a separate department and different auspices from the Olympics, these meters may be considered within the area of Olympic philately.



#2.2.5.x

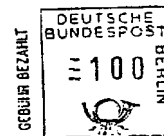
- 2.2.5.1. No number, Berlin 30/1000
- 2.2.5.2. E10/9476, Berlin 30/1000
- 2.2.5.3. E11/4446, Berlin 30/10777



#2.2.6.x

- 2.2.6.1. No number, Berlin 30/1000
- 2.2.6.2. E10/9476, Berlin 30/1000
- 2.2.6.3. E11/4446, Berlin 30/10777

2.3.1. House of Representatives of Berlin, The President. The president of Berlin's House of Representatives, Mrs. Dr. Hanna-Renate Laurin, was, through 1992, located in the Schöneberg District. The president's offices were officially relocated to the Prussian Landtag (in the Mitte District) on April 1, 1993. The change to a new postal code was not reflected in the meter until after September 23, 1993.



#2.3.1.

2.3.2. House of Representatives of Berlin, Offices of the SPD Party. The SPD Party offices were also relocated. The change to a new postal code was not reflected in the meter until after September 23, 1993.



#2.3.2.

2.3.3. House of Representatives of Berlin, Offices of the CDU Party.

(At right) #2.3.3.



2.4.1.-2.4.4. Citizen Registration Offices (Landeseinwohneramt Berlin). The four meters from the Landeseinwohneramt Berlin were used at the following locations:

- #2.4.1. Landeseinwohneramt Berlin, Friedrichstr. 219, 1000 Berlin 61 Personal und Verwaltung. The



#2.4.x

word "BERLIN" was deleted from the indicium in #2.4.1.1. when the new postal code was introduced, resulting in #2.4.1.2.. Meanwhile, probably because of a defect, another machine was leased with a different user identification number (#3034). Later, a new machine was installed; this one also had a new identification number (#5877).

- 2.4.1.1. F68/7315, Berlin 61/1000
- 2.4.1.2. F68/7315, Berlin 61/10961
- 2.4.1.3. F68/3034, Berlin 61/10961
- 2.4.1.4. F68/5877, Berlin 61/10961

#2.4.2. Landeseinwohneramt Berlin, Hans-Beimler-Str. 27, O-1020 Berlin Kraftfahrzeugzulassung für das ehemalige Berlin-Ost (main entrance in Keibelstr.). Office for vehicle registration for former East Berlin.

- 2.4.2.1. H02/1904, Berlin/1020
- 2.4.2.2. H02/1904, Berlin 2/10178

#2.4.3. Landeseinwohneramt Berlin, Jüterbogger Str. 3, 1000 Berlin 61. Office for vehicle registration for former West Berlin.

- 2.4.3.1. H02/2015, Berlin 61/1000
- 2.4.3.2. H02/2015, Berlin 613/10961

#2.4.4. Landeseinwohneramt Berlin, Friedrich-Krause-Ufer 24, 1000 Berlin 65. Office for foreigners (Ausländerbehörde). The word "BERLIN" was deleted from the indicium in #2.4.4.1., giving us an additional variety of the same meter imprint (#2.4.4.2.).

- 2.4.4.1. A05/9447, Berlin 65/1000
- 2.4.4.2. A05/9447, Berlin 65/1000
- 2.4.4.3. A05/9447, Berlin 652/13363

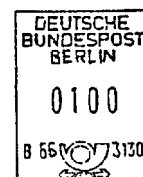
## 2.5. Berlin District Offices



#2.5.x

- 2.5.1.1. F66/7470, Berlin 19/1000
- 2.5.1.2. F66/7470, Berlin 19/14050
- 2.5.2.1. F66/7480, Berlin 19/1000
- 2.5.2.2. F66/7480, Berlin 19/14050

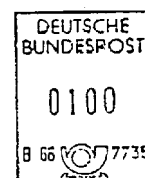
## 2.6.1. District Office of Charlottenburg



#2.6.1.x

- 2.6.1.1. B66/3130, Berlin 10/1000
- 2.6.1.2. B66/3130, Berlin 10/10585

## 2.6.2. District Office of Friedrichshain



#2.6.2.x

- 2.6.2.1. B66/7735, Berlin/1034
- 2.6.2.2. B66/7735, Berlin 34/10245

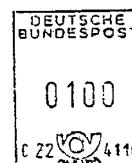
## 2.6.3. District Office of Hellersdorf



#2.6.3.x

- 2.6.3.1. E11/2550, Berlin/1140
- 2.6.3.2. E11/2550, Berlin/12619

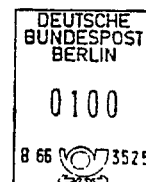
## 2.6.4. District Office of Hohenschönhausen



#2.6.4.x

- 2.6.4.1. C22/411F, Berlin/1092
- 2.6.4.2. C22/411F, Berlin-Hohenschönhausen 2/13055
- 2.6.5. and 2.6.6. District Office of Köpenick. There were two Hasler meter machines. The publicity

slogan was identical in each.



#2.6.5.x & 2.6.6.x

#2.6.7.x

2.6.5.1. C80/078D, Berlin-Köpenick/1170

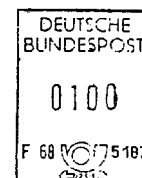
2.6.5.2. C80/078D, Berlin-Köpenick/12555

2.6.6.1. C86/193D, Berlin-Köpenick/1170

2.6.6.2. C86/193D, Berlin-Köpenick/12555

2.6.7. District Office of Kreuzberg. This office was mentioned previously as the first to use a Berlin 2000 meter. In March 1994, their publicity slogan was used in another machine (identification #4087) borrowed from Spandau. This meter machine was only used for 2 to 3 days.

2.6.8. District Office of Lichtenberg. This postal bureau was originally located in the town (postal code 1156). In March 1993, it was relocated 500 m away, placing it in a new postal district zone (1130).



#2.6.8.x

2.6.7.1. B66/3525, Berlin 61/1000

2.6.7.2. B66/3525, Berlin 61/10961

2.6.7.3. B66/4087, Berlin 61/10961

2.6.8.1. F68/5187, Berlin/1130

2.6.8.2. F68/5187, Berlin/1156

2.6.8.3. Berlin-Lichtenberg 1/10365

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## Delta Air Lines 2002 Olympic Sponsorship

by Mark Maestroni

**D**elta Air Lines was a major sponsor of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Until recently, I was not aware that their sponsorship of the Olympic Games continues as the "Official Airline Sponsor of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games" in Salt Lake City, Utah.

According to Delta's website, they've been involved in an official capacity since 1998. Following the Closing Ceremonies in Nagano, Japan, Delta Air Lines flew the official Olympic flag to Salt Lake City. This was reported by Leslie Gailey in his "2002 Salt Lake City Olympics" column published in the September/October 1998 issue of *JSP*. Delta Air Lines' Olympic sponsorship program can be accessed on the web at: [www.delta-air.com/](http://www.delta-air.com/)

The cover shown at top was used to mail my quarterly frequent flyer statement. While the front gives no clue as to the airlines' sponsorship arrangement, their Olympic logo (shown at right) is prominently displayed on the reverse.

The front cover is multi-colored. Text is in black with the words "Now Delta's ... world." in light blue. The logo at upper left is in red and two shades of blue. The prepaid indicium at upper right is in black.



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The official logo on the reverse side reproduces the Salt Lake 2002 logo in full color. Text is in black except for the "Delta Air Lines" symbol at bottom which duplicates the same red and two shades of blue as on the front. The overall "delta" shape of the Olympic logo is both clever and attractive. 



## Tennis: André Agassi at the Top

by Pascal Bedenes

With his victory at Roland Garros in 1999, the American player, André Agassi, born in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1970, achieved the masterstroke of winning all four Grand Slam tournaments: Roland Garros (French Open), Wimbledon, U.S. Open and Australian Open.



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Early in his career, André Agassi first lost three Grand Slam tournament finals: at Roland Garros in 1990 and 1991, and at the U.S. Open in 1990. He then, unexpectedly, prevailed at Center Court at Wimbledon in 1992. This was a repeat of Swedish player Bjorn Borg's achievement in the 1970's.

After suffering several injuries, including a serious one to the wrist, Agassi rose to the top. Though unseeded, he won the 1994 U.S. Open and the Australian International Tournament in early 1995. These wins helped propel him into first place in the world ranking.



Agassi endured another severe defeat in the final of the 1995 U.S. Open, this time against fellow American, Pete Sampras. From there, Agassi sank into the depths of the world rankings despite winning the gold medal at the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996.

Finally in 1999, when it was least expected, he won the French Open at Roland Garros.



At the age of 29, André Agassi had won all four Grand Slam tournaments during his career. Only four others have achieved this: the Englishman, Fred Perry (above right), and American, Donald Budge (left), in the 1930's, and the Australians, Rod Laver and Roy Emerson, in the 1960's (below).



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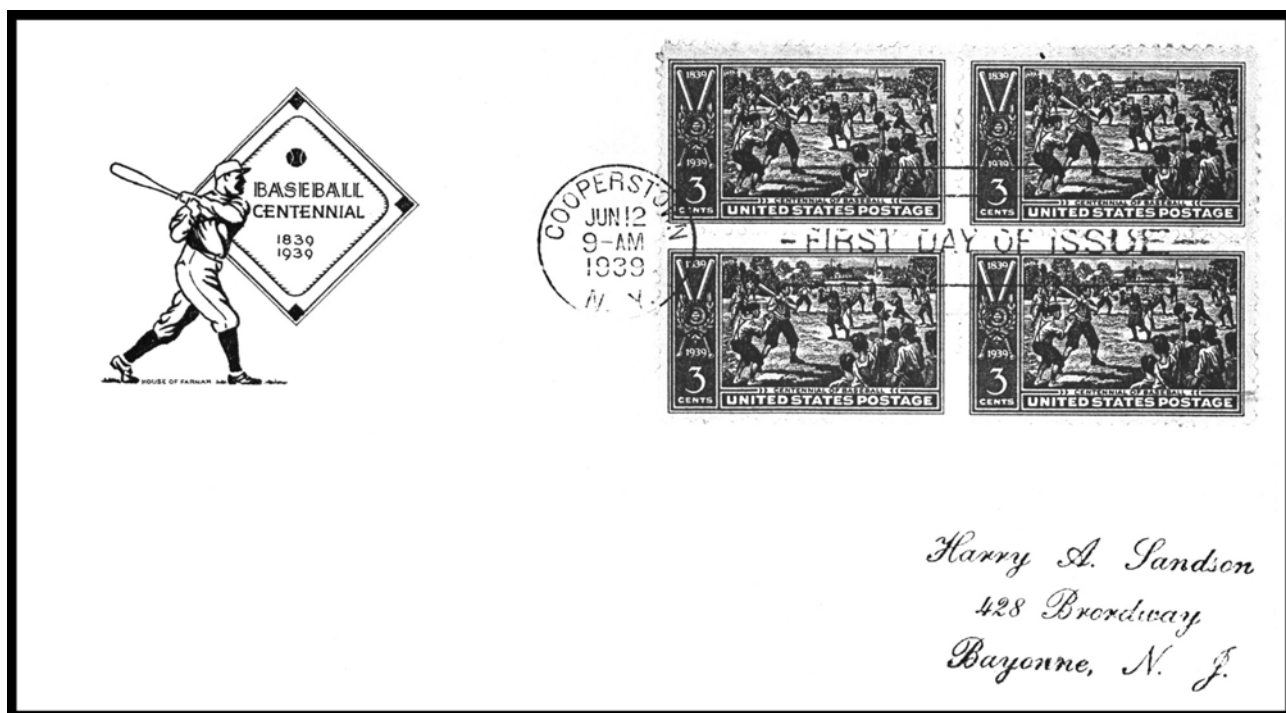


Figure 1. House of Farnam cacheted First Day Cover bearing a block of four of the 1939 Baseball Centennial stamps. Baseball first day covers have become a popular sports collecting specialty.

## The 1939 U.S. Baseball Centennial Stamp: First (and Second) Day Covers

by Norman Rushefsky

To collectors of first day covers (FDC's) a postmark on the day of issue at the city of issue is the object. FDC collectors may also collect different cachets specially prepared for the particular stamp with the first day of issue postmark.

Philately in the U.S. during the depression years of the 1930's was quite active and the collecting of FDC's was growing. In 1936 the U.S. Post Office began to encourage this collecting by providing a postmark that read "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE"; this postmark continues to be used today. For the commemoratives issued in 1939 one sees a significant increase in recorded FDC's, especially for the 3¢ stamps honoring the centennial of baseball, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington, and the New York World's Fair.

The recorded number of FDC's for the baseball stamp issued at Cooperstown, NY is 398,199. Hundreds of different cachet designs were prepared for

the first day of issue and most are illustrated in the book *"Baseball... Stamps... Autographs"* by Elten Schiller. Current values for FDC's of the stamp are based on the cachet. Figure 1 illustrates a FDC with a cachet made by House of Farnam known for its line of elegant but simple engraved designs.

Early FDC collecting differed from today's in that back then the post office required that a cover be at the post office in the first day of issue city on or before the issue date in order for that stamp to receive the coveted cancellation. The number of covers so presented may have taken the post office more than one day to postmark, but at least the covers were on the post office premises.

Today, grace periods of 30-60 days are usually provided with the expectation that the stamp is to be purchased first and then attached to the cover and mailed to the first day of issue city. Covers from cachet manufacturers may even be canceled with the correct first day of issue cancel applied in a different unidentified city capable of handling bulk orders.



Figure 2. Second day cancel from Washington, D.C. Note that this cachet from Farnam differs from that shown in Figure 1 – it includes the text “First Day Cover” beneath the batter.

A procedure for ordering FDC’s of this baseball stamp by school age children is detailed in a flyer from the Chicago Postmaster. The unusual feature of these instructions was the allowance made by the Postmaster to have a pre-addressed envelope provided to any postal station in Chicago and the Chicago Post Office would then send the collected envelopes to Cooperstown for postmarking.

The 1939 baseball stamp was issued in Cooperstown to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the invention or development of the game at Cooperstown by Abner Doubleday, and to commemorate the opening of the new Baseball Hall of Fame. On June 12 baseball greats Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Grover Cleveland Alexander, Honus Wagner, Tris Speaker, George Sisler, Eddie Collins and Cy Young were inducted into the new Hall of Fame.

While the inducted players remain true sports legends, the legend of Abner Doubleday and the founding of baseball by him are considered myth.

In acquiring FDC’s of this stamp the collector should beware that uncacheted FDC’s are presently being modified with printed “add-on” cachets. Some resemble vintage baseball artwork of the 1930’s and thus appear legitimate, yet uncatalogued, original cachets. There are also people that are providing hand-painted “add on” cachets that are beautiful artwork and sell for significant premiums.

The artist needs a supply of clean, uncacheted FDC’s on which to print or paint the new artwork. The market for such covers is such that a clean uncacheted first day cover (including neatly addressed ones) may go for a higher price than a FDC with a common original cachet.

As noted earlier, the collection of different FDC cachets of the baseball stamp is quite popular today. Certain cachets sell for hundreds of dollars while the more common cachets can be obtained for about \$10 to \$20.

Another collectible item are FDC’s postmarked at unofficial cities. Back in 1939 air passenger travel was in its infancy and transportation was predominantly by bus, train and car. To create an unofficial FDC one had to first purchase the stamps at Cooperstown and then travel to another city to obtain a postmark on June 12, 1939. So one can draw a circle about Cooperstown of 300-400 miles in radius and expect to find unofficial FDC’s from

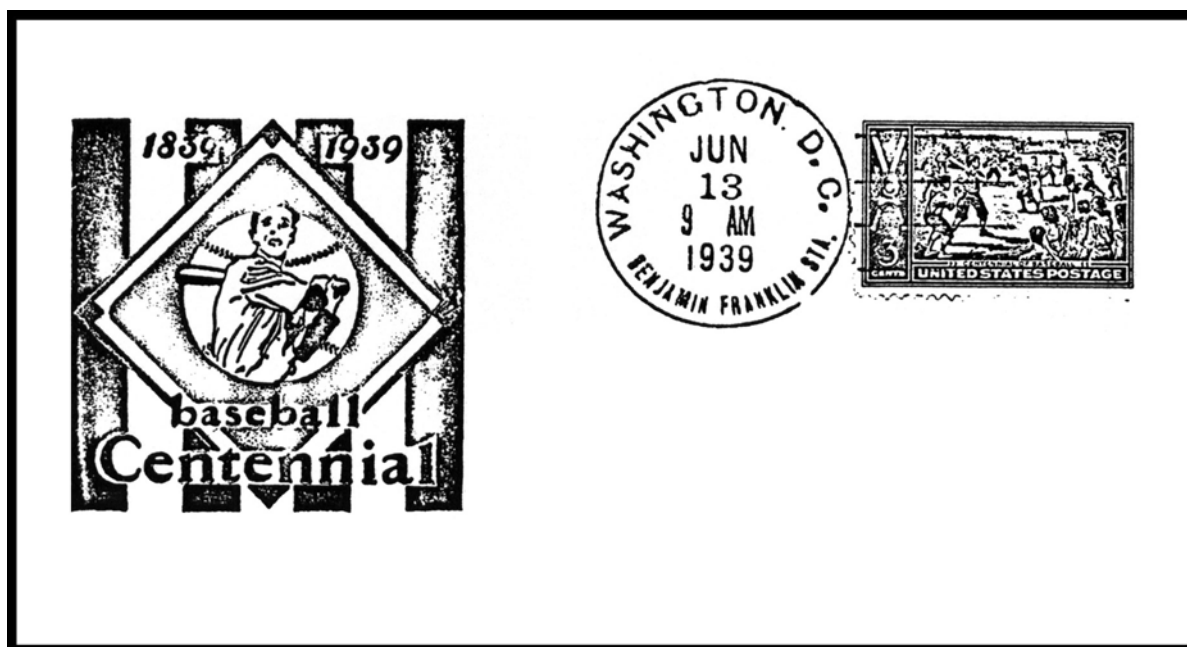


Figure 3. Another second day cover with postmark from the Benjamin Franklin Station branch in Washington, D.C. The cachet reproduces the tri-colored patch worn by all 16 major league teams.



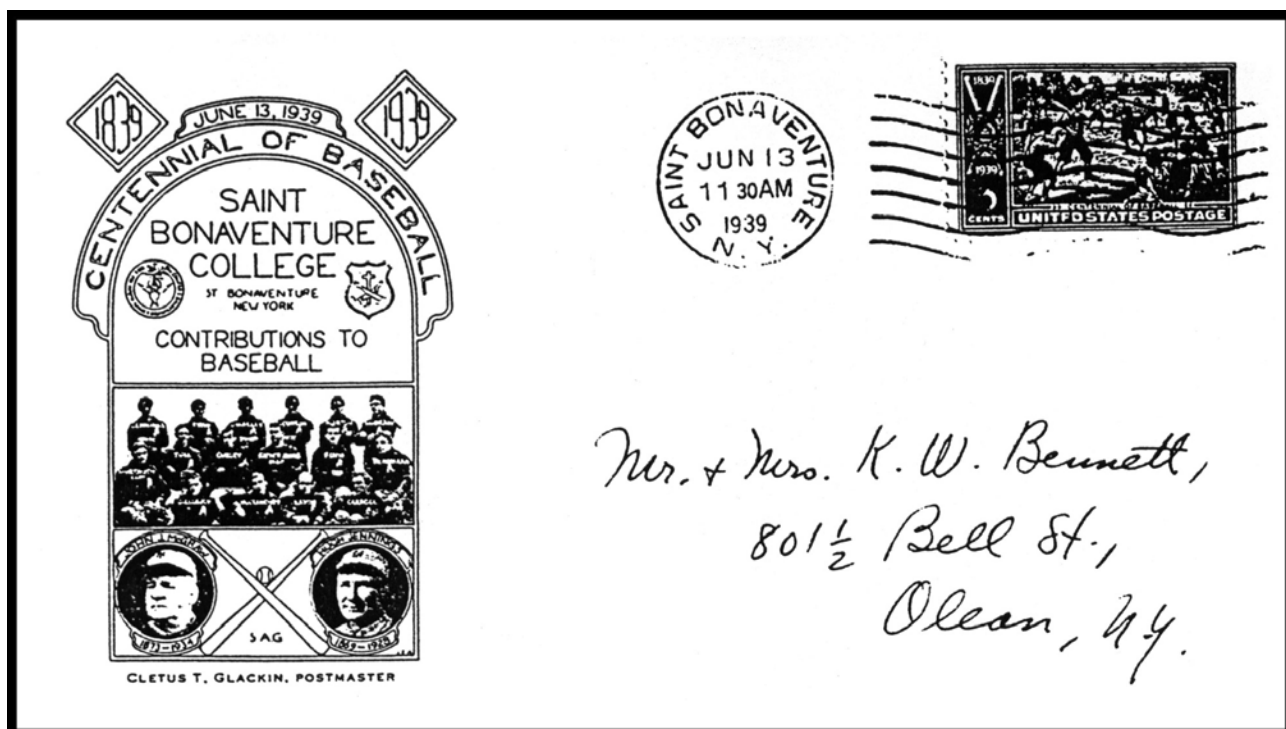


Figure 4. St. Bonaventure College, alma mater of two famous baseball players (John McGraw and Hugh Jennings), sold second day covers of the baseball stamp postmarked from the town's post office.

some cities or towns within that circle. Actually, Schiller notes postmarks in several small towns in New York State as well as Ohio, Maine, Kentucky and relatively distant Baltimore. I illustrated an unofficial FDC from Baltimore postmarked at 11:30 p.m. in my article on Babe Ruth in the July-August 1999 issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately*. I've also seen unofficial FDC's from various New England towns which appear to be the result of one man's journey to acquire postmarks from various unofficial towns as he headed back home from Cooperstown. One of the more frequently seen unofficial FDC's is postmarked at Balston Spa, NY the birthplace of Abner Doubleday.

What I find intriguing is the interest being shown in collecting covers postmarked on the second day of issue, June 13, 1939. On this second day, the stamp was on sale to collectors at post offices across the country. Collectors in towns having baseball related names ("Pitcher" and "Umpire," for example) sought collectibles by having the baseball stamp postmarked at the local post office.

Washington, D.C., the home of the Philatelic Agency, surprisingly saw quite a few cachets prepared for postmarking with the second day postmark. One example of a Farnam cover postmarked with the usual Washington, D.C. hand cancel in on the second day is illustrated in Figure 2. The astute

observer will note that this cover is different from the one shown in Figure 1: the words "First Day Cover" have been added beneath the cachet. During this period Farnam prepared cachets both with and without these words. Those without the words "First Day Cover" are more difficult to find.

Another second day cover from Washington is depicted in Figure 3. This is postmarked at the Benjamin Franklin Station. The cachet on the envelope reproduces in color the red, white and blue patch worn by all sixteen major league team's players on their uniforms for the 1939 season. Various cacheted second day covers are also seen with the standard Washington, D.C. machine postmark.

A sought after second day cover is illustrated in Figure 4. This cover is post



Figure 5. Cachet used on a second day cover honoring the Milwaukee Brewers minor league team.

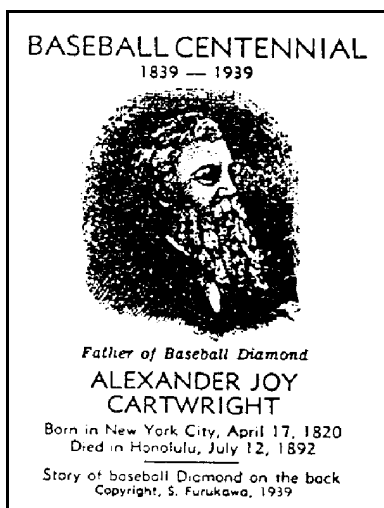


Figure 6. A second day cacheted cover honors the "true" developer of baseball—Alexander Cartwright.

purchaser of the cover and a promotional piece for the college.

Another highly sought after second day cover was postmarked at Milwaukee. The cachet promotes the Milwaukee Brewers minor league baseball team (Figure 5).

Alexander Cartwright is given credit as the true developer of the game of baseball. Cartwright died in Honolulu on July 12, 1892. S. Furukawa printed cacheted envelopes featuring Cartwright with

marked at Saint Bonaventure, NY, the location of Saint Bonaventure College. The cachet features individual photos of two famous baseball alumni of the college: John J. McGraw and Hugh Jennings. The cachet also features a photo of the two players and their college teammates. Enclosed with the envelope was a note of appreciation to the

second-day postmarks from Honolulu (Figure 6).

In 1939, while the world teetered on the brink of war, the New York area readied itself for the World's Fair with exhibits promising new technologies to change the way one lived. The three baseball teams resi-

dent in New York City (Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Yankees and New York Giants) wore special uniform patches featuring the symbols of the World's Fair, the Tylon and Perisphere (Figure 7).

The 1939 baseball stamp is known to have FDCs unofficially machine postmarked (June 12, 1939) at the New York World's Fair Station. A second day cover (Figure 8) postmarked at the New York World's Fair Railway Post Office exhibit with a train related cachet provides a nice tie-in of the two great events of that year: the opening of the new Baseball Hall of Fame and the New York World's Fair.

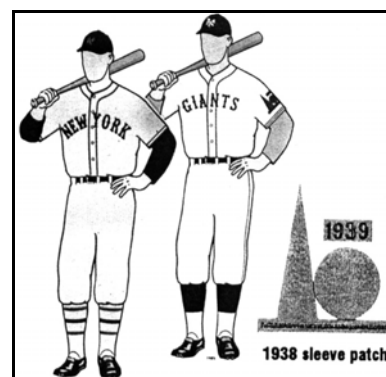


Figure 7. Uniform patches honoring the 1939 NY World's Fair worn by all three area teams.

RAILROADS at the  
New York World's Fair 1939

*Railroads on Parade*

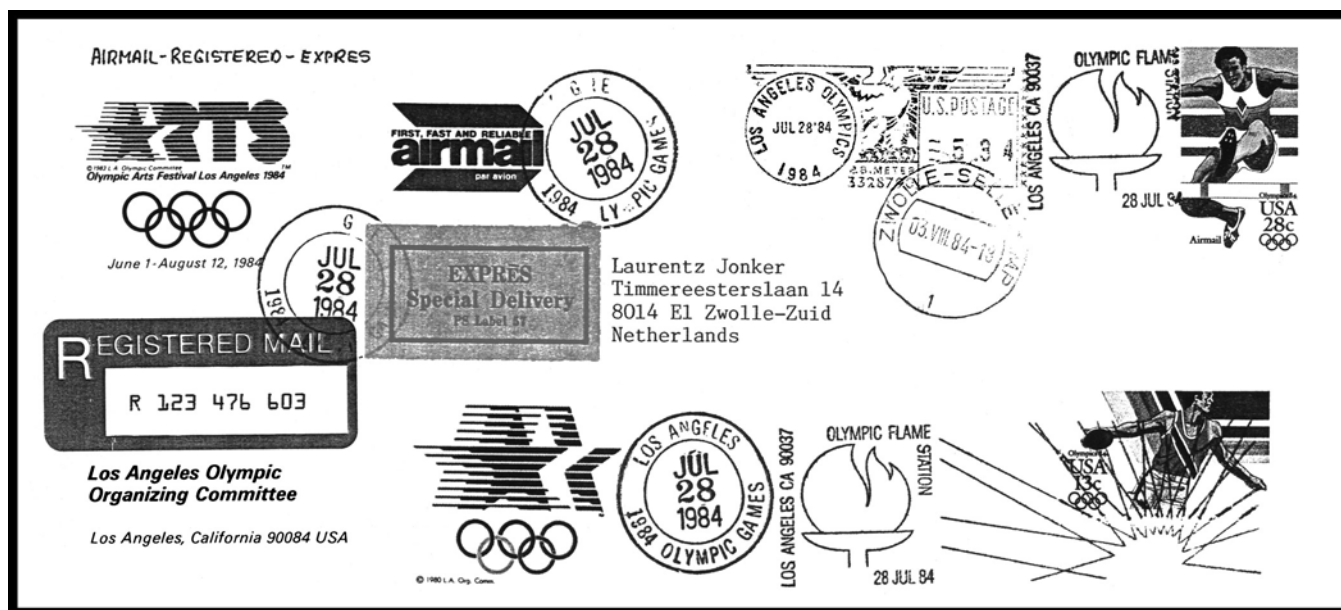
*Railroads at Work*

*Railroads in Building*



Walter H. Russell  
Barrington Hill Farm  
Great Barrington  
Mass.

Figure 8. 1939 NY World's Fair cover, canceled on the second day of the baseball centennial stamp.



*The Opening Ceremonies of the Games of the XXIII<sup>d</sup> Olympiad took place on July 28, 1984 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The U.S. Postal Service, a sponsor of the Games, erected temporary post offices on the grounds outside the Olympic Stadium, as well as at each sports venue. Olympic meter imprints, and registration services were also available. Shown is a registered express airmail cover to The Netherlands franked with \$5.75 in postage – the correct charge. The cover is canceled with the commemorative Olympic Flame Station black handcancel and the red double-circle Olympic circular date stamp.*

## Olympic Post Offices at the 1984 Los Angeles Games: Function, Registered Mail & Meter Cancellations

*The following article, originally entitled "Los Angeles, Olympische Einschreiben Briefe 1984 mit Randgebieten," first appeared in the German-language IMOS journal in 1984-1985. The original article is translated into English and modified/updated by the author with the assistance of the editor. It will be serialized over a number of issues of this journal.*

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edited by Mark Maestrone

The focus of this article is on the Olympic Temporary Post Offices (TPO) that were installed by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) at 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games venues. With the cooperation of many philatelic friends around the world, I was able to assemble a small, but detailed, study of these facilities. In particular I'll be discussing the function of each post office along with the registered mail and meter cancellations

specific to each.

Before beginning, I would like to make some general remarks. Following inquiries with the USPS and my colleagues in California, it is clear that no specially created Olympic registration labels were used at any TPO. Through comparison of notes between collectors, an attempt has been made to identify and record the earliest and latest known registry numbers on covers from each TPO. This, in turn, yields the approximate number of registered pieces actually mailed, thus providing a relative indication of rarity of registered mail from each post office.

The experiences I encountered in my visits to the TPO's was varied. While employees at many post offices were very helpful, those at some other facilities refused any cooperation. It was generally the busier TPO's that fell into the latter category.

After analyzing the data, I must conclude that registered mail from the 1984 Games is rare. Some of the reasons for this are:

1. There were no special Olympic registration labels.
2. Some post office employees reserved their supplies of labels.
3. The process of creating and then registering one's Olympic covers was complicated and time-consuming. One had to first purchase Olympic stamps, create the cover, then obtain one or both special TPO/venue cancels (there were two versions – with and without killer bars) at one window or outdoor table. In order to register that same cover, one had to then stand in a second line inside the postal facility. Initially, no one realized that Olympic meters were available at the TPO's. Since the highest value Olympic stamp was 40 cents, at least nine Olympic stamps had to be used to cover the cost of registration (\$3.25) and postage. Although one could certainly use high value non-Olympic stamps of \$1, \$2, or \$3, the Olympic post offices frequently did not have them for sale at their counters!
4. Registration, at \$3.25, was expensive. To this was added the postage: 20 cents for a cover weighing up to one ounce mailed to a U.S. destination, or 40 cents for a half-ounce airmail cover to most overseas locations. *(Please see table.)*
5. The sports venues at the Los Angeles Olympic Games were spread out over a wide geographic region. Transportation between venues was expensive and time-consuming. It is therefore logical that registered mail is more rare from venues farther afield. For example, only a handful of registered covers are known from the rowing/canoeing venue post office at Lake Casitas (85 miles from the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum). To further illustrate how rare registered covers from the 1984 Olympic Games are, we have only to look at the post office at OLYMPHILEX in Pasadena. This TPO, in service from July 27 through August 12 (only the Olympic Villages and media facilities post offices were open longer) catered specifically to philatelists, and yet only around 41 registered covers are thought to exist!

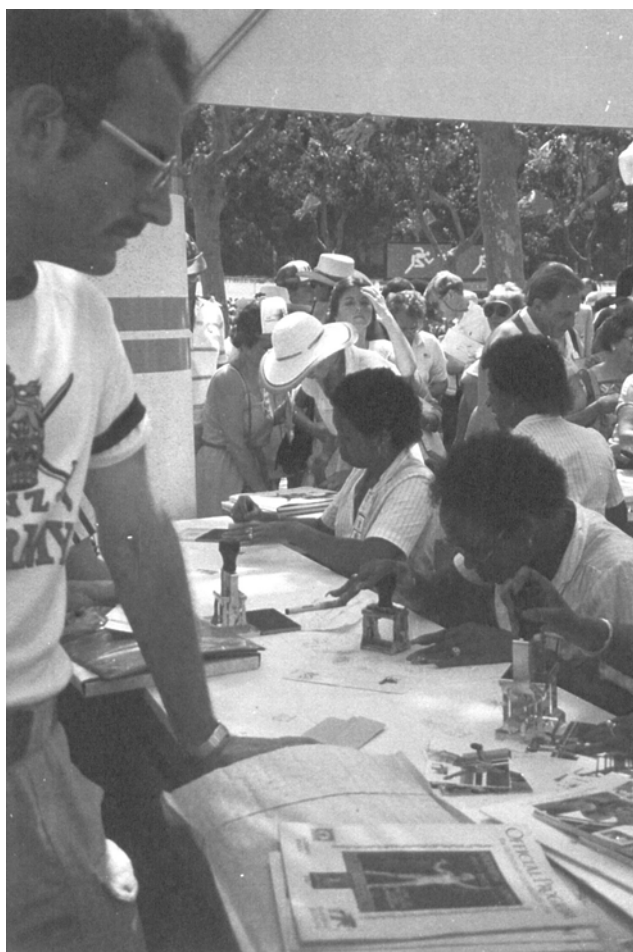
An important thing to remember is that once a cover was handed in for registration, there was no turning back. I made the mistake of forgetting to first

obtain the "Boxing Station" cancel on a cover. Having realized my mistake, I tried to take my now-registered cover over to another table for the special Olympic cancel, but without success. As the postal employee said, "Once a cover is delivered for registration, it stays delivered!"

In this, and future, installments, each TPO will be examined beginning with the sports venues (in alphabetical order), followed by post offices at the Olympic Villages, Media Centers and OLYMPHILEX.

### 1984 U.S. Postal Rates

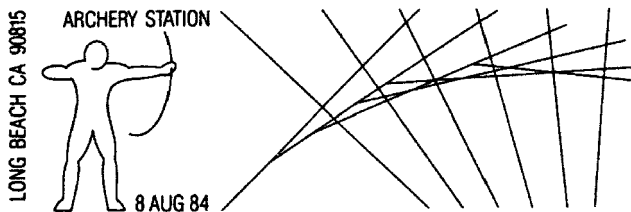
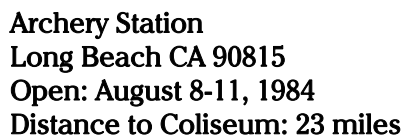
First Class Letter (domestic) - 1 <sup>st</sup> ounce	.20
First Class Letter (domestic) - each added ounce	.17
Airmail Letter (international) - ½ ounce	.40
Post Card (domestic)	.13
Airmail Post Card (international)	.28
Certified Mail Fee (domestic only)	.75
Express/Special Delivery Fee	\$2.10
Registration Fee	\$3.25



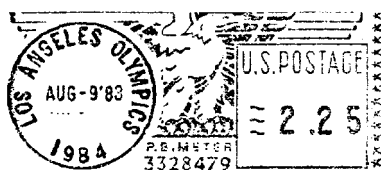
*Opening Ceremonies Day at the Olympic Flame Station outside the Coliseum. The postal clerks would cancel any item, including a 1932 Olympic program, as long as it had a first class stamp on it.*

# ARCHERY

# EL DORADO PARK



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Pitney Bowes,  
small "PB",  
#3328479



**Meter Note:** All known imprints show the incorrect year “83”, rather than “84”, in the date line.

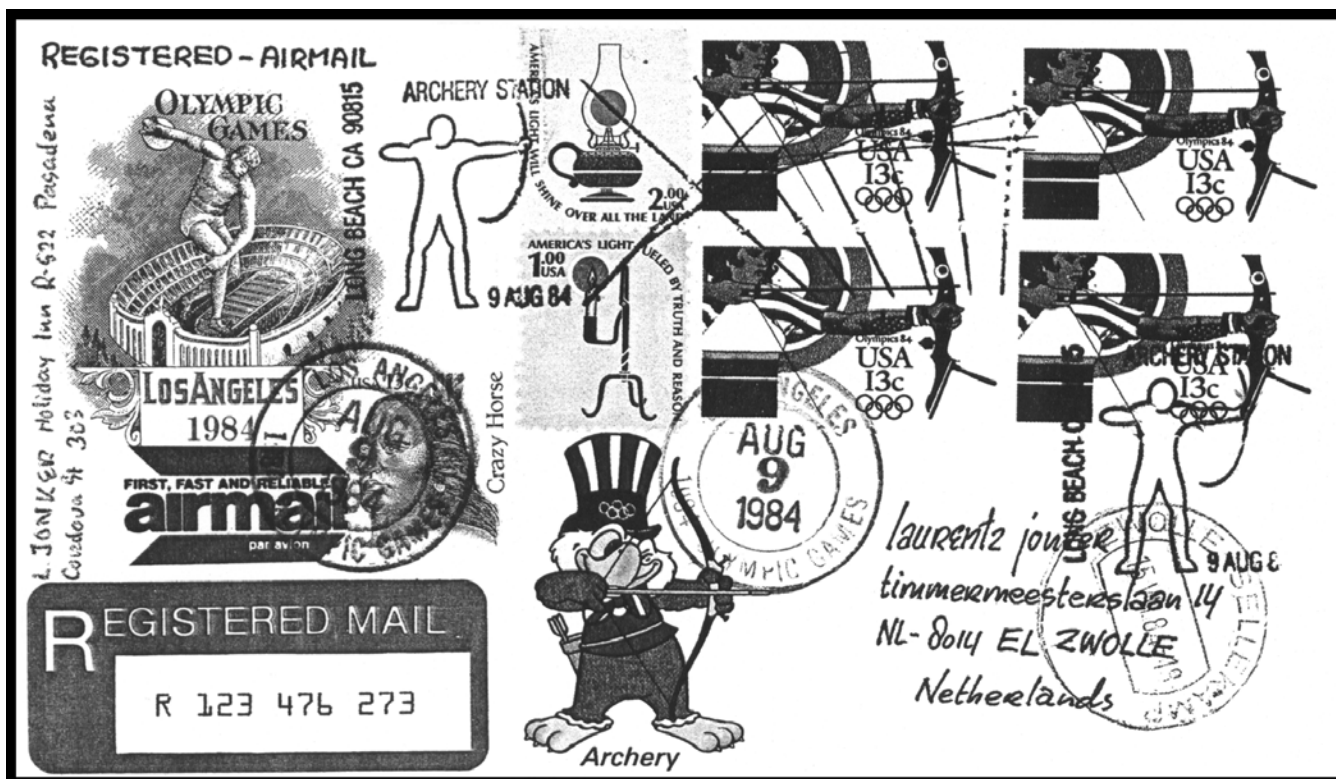
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Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number

August 9	123 476 273
August 10	123 476 276

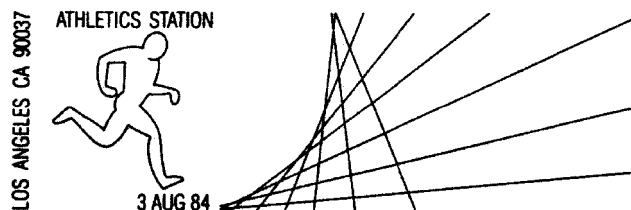


This temporary post office building was first used at the cycling venue at the California State University, Dominguez Hills campus from July 29 through August 3. After the conclusion of that competition, the structure was moved to El Dorado Park for the archery events. The last recorded registered label used from the Cycling Station was 123 476 266. The same roll of registration labels appears to have been used at the Archery Station. This being the case, the first registration label used there could not have been numbered lower than 123 476 267.





**Athletics Station**  
**Los Angeles CA 90037**  
**Open: August 3-6 and 8-11, 1984**  
**Distance to Coliseum: 0 miles**



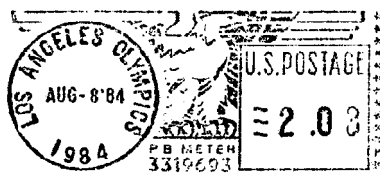
Three temporary post offices served the Coliseum for both athletic events and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Cancels for boxing, held at the nearby Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena, were also available at these three TPO's. In addition to the four different pictorial handcancels, each post office was equipped with its own meter machine and roll of registration labels.

Only two post offices were open at any one time. As happened, one might be standing in line at one post office when it closed down. The only recourse was then to join the end of the line at the other opened post office. On the last day of the Games, August 12, the post offices were so busy that it took four to five hours to go through the entire process of obtaining a sports handcancel outside and then registering the cover inside the post office.

Sherwin Podolsky reported that on August 4, 1984, he was refused meter imprints at one of the TPO's by the postal employee whose job it was to operate the meter machine.

## COLISEUM TEMPORARY POST OFFICE #1:

Meter:  
 Pitney Bowes,  
 small "PB",  
 #3319693



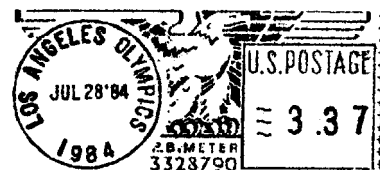
Meter Note for #3319693: August 6, 1984 date used incorrectly on August 8, 1984.

Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected 21  
 Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number  
 July 28 123 476 687 – 123 476 688  
 July 30 123 476 693 – 123 476 696  
 August 6 123 476 704 – 123 476 707



## COLISEUM TEMPORARY POST OFFICE #2:

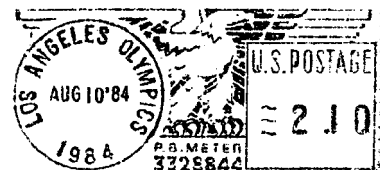
Meter:  
 Pitney Bowes,  
 small "PB",  
 #3328790



Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected 58  
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 July 28 123 476 603 – 123 476 610  
 August 11 123 476 648  
 August 12 123 476 660

## COLISEUM TEMPORARY POST OFFICE #3:

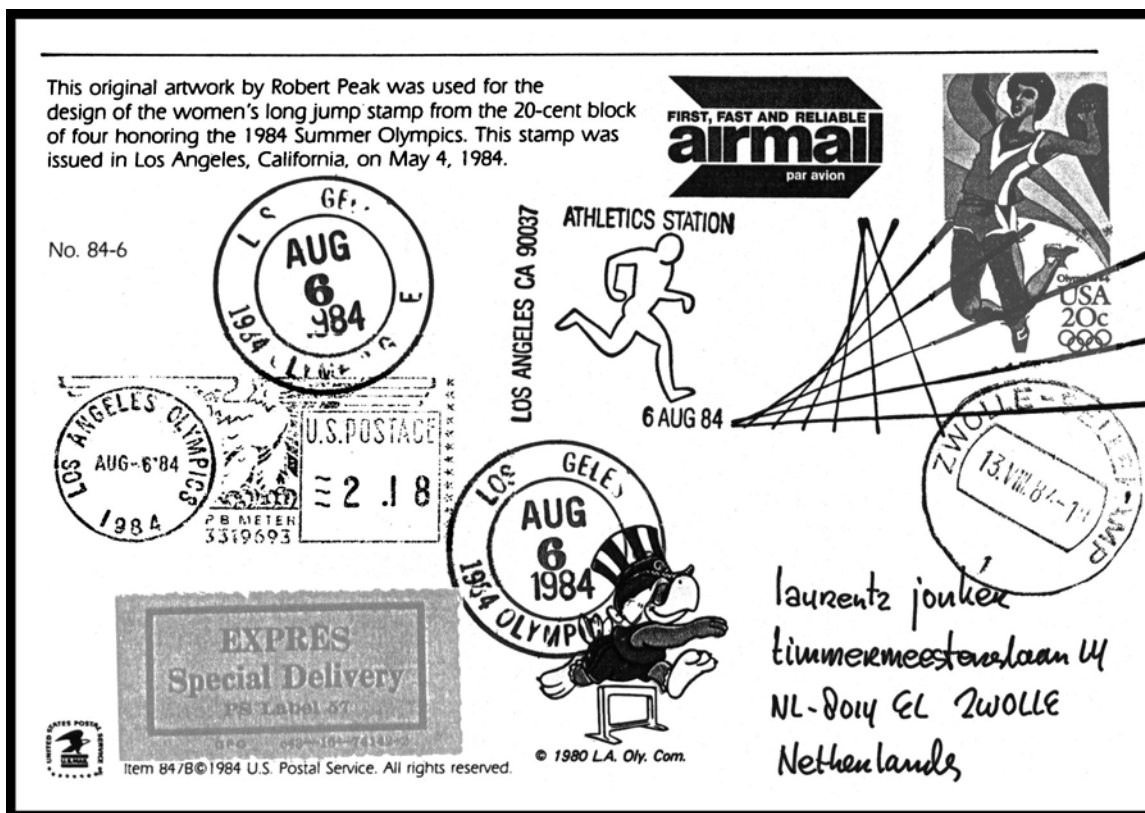
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 #3328844



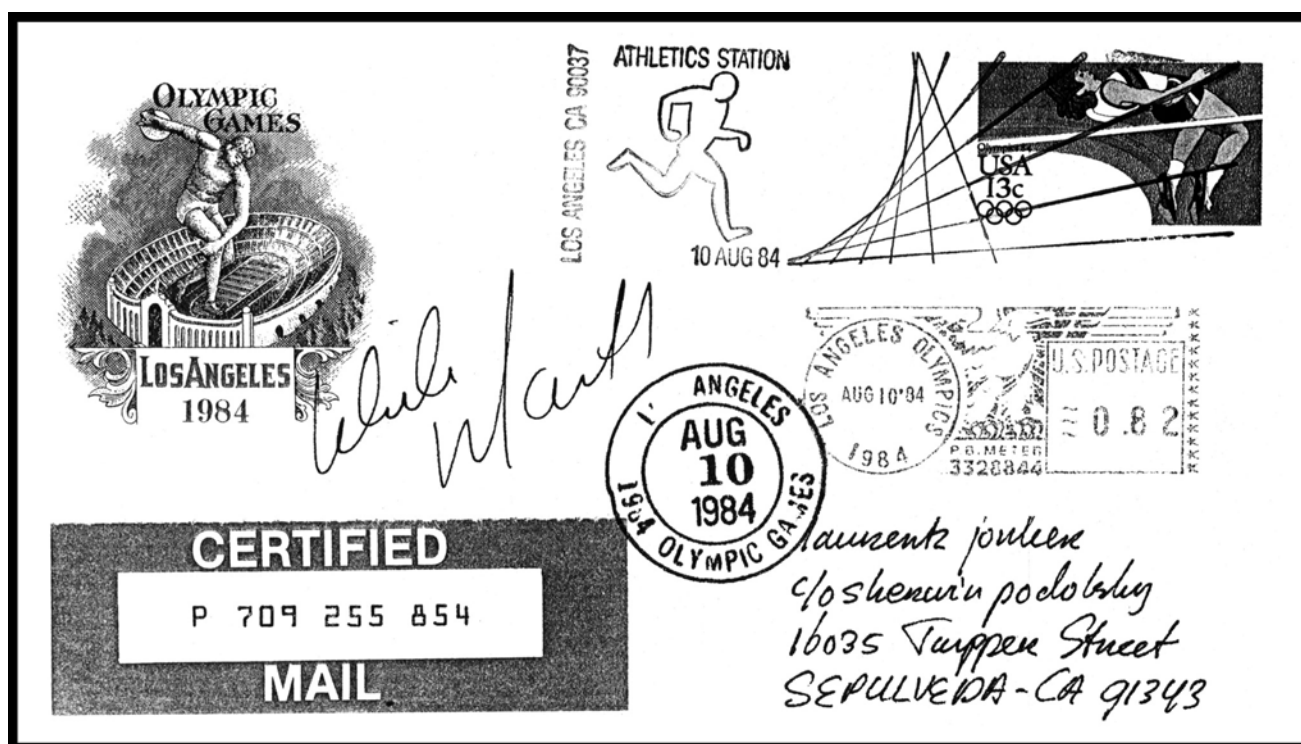
Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected 45  
 Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number  
 July 28 123 476 551 – 123 476 556  
 August 5 123 476 569 – 123 476 571  
 August 8 123 476 576  
 August 9 123 476 579  
 August 10 123 476 591 – 123 476 595

Collectors obviously frequented these three post offices over the course of the Olympics. Even so, the count of registered mail labels reveals that a minimum of 124, and possibly only around 150 pieces of registered mail were collectively posted from here.





(Above) Post card mailed from the Coliseum TPO #1 to The Netherlands via Express Special Delivery. The correct postage rate of \$2.38 is covered by a single 20¢ Olympic stamp, plus an Olympic tape. (Below) Cover bearing Ulrike Meyfarth's autograph, winner of the 1984 Women's High Jump.



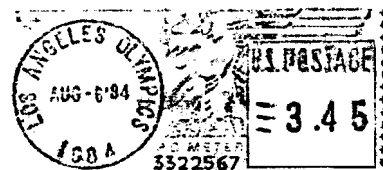
# BASEBALL

# DODGER STADIUM



**Baseball Station**  
**Los Angeles CA 90012**  
**Open: July 31 – August 7, 1984**  
**Distance to Coliseum: 3 miles**

**Meter:**  
**Pitney Bowes,**  
**small "PB",**  
**#3322567**



**Meter Note:** The imprints from this meter were consistently a very pale red.

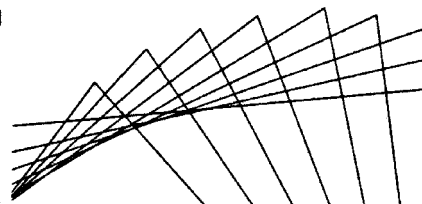
**Registered Mail:** Date & Reg'd Label Number  
 August 6 123 476 313 (This is the only known piece of registered mail from this TPO.)

LOS ANGELES CA 90012

BASEBALL STATION

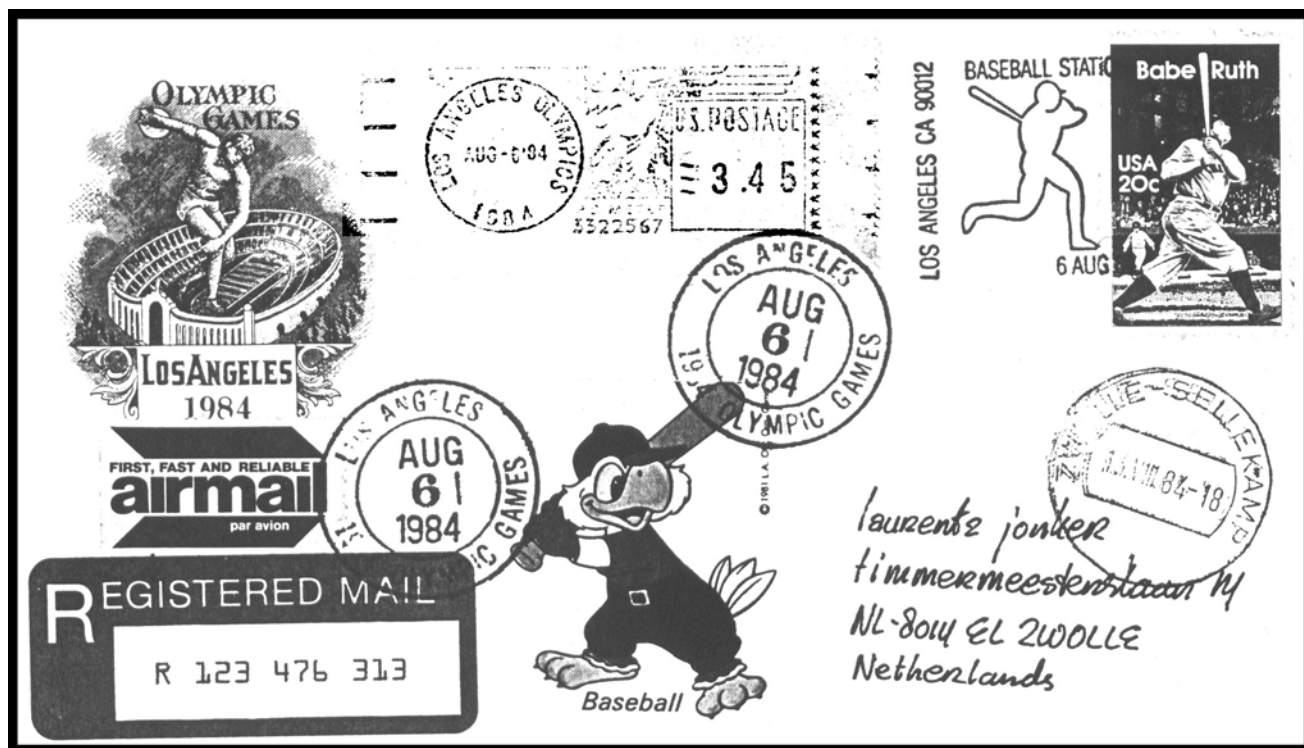


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*(Left) Metered post card from the next to last day of the baseball competition. The correct 28¢ postage for an airmail post card to The Netherlands is paid by the 20¢ Babe Ruth baseball stamp from 1983, and an 8¢ meter tape.*

*(Below) The only known piece of registered mail from the Baseball Station during the Olympic Games. Dated August 6, 1984, the cover's destination is The Netherlands and is therefore franked with \$3.65 in postage (a combination of a stamp and a meter tape).*



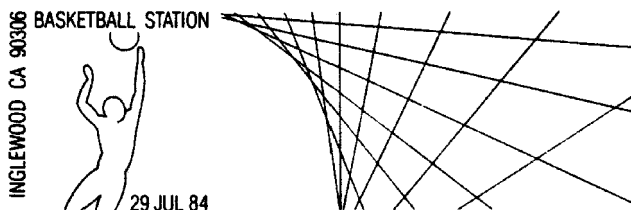


# BASKETBALL

# THE FORUM



**Basketball Station**  
**Inglewood CA 90306**  
**Open: July 29 – August 10, 1984**  
**Distance to Coliseum: 10 miles**



Meter:  
 Pitney Bowes,  
 small "PB",  
 #3300254

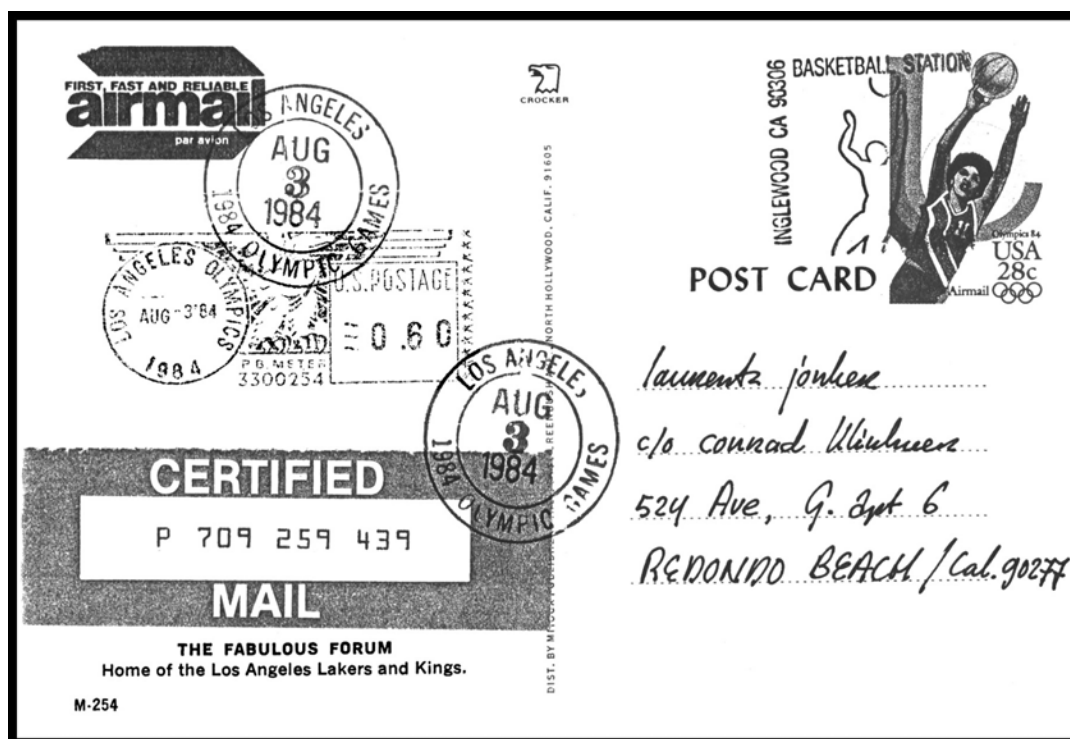
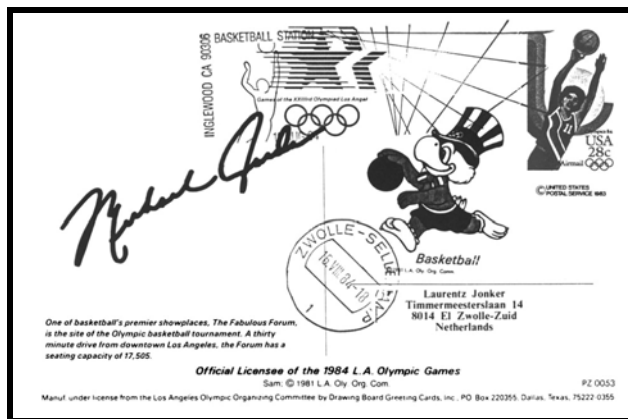


Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected 26

Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number

August 3	123 476 002
August 8	123 476 008
August 10	123 476 011 – 123 476 017
August 11	123 476 027

*(Right) Post card canceled at the Basketball Station TPO and autographed by U.S. star, Michael Jordan.*  
*(Below) Certified postcard franked with 88¢ postage – 75¢ for certification and 13¢ post card rate.*



# BOXING

# LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL SPORTS ARENA



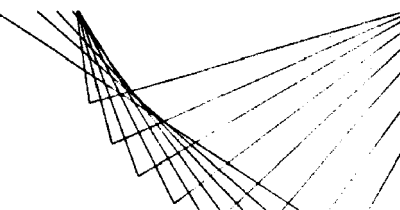
**Boxing Station**  
**Inglewood CA 90037**  
**Open: July 29 – August 9 & 11, 1984**  
**Distance to Coliseum: 0 miles**

LOS ANGELES CA 90037

BOXING STATION



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Cancels for boxing, athletics (track & field) and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies were available from three temporary post offices outside the Olympic Stadium (Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum). For more information on these TPO's, and the meters and registration labels available from each, please refer to the section on "Athletics" at the beginning of this installment.

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*In amateur boxing, the main intent and goal of each boxer is to outpoint his opponent. The definition of Olympic-style boxing, set down by the Marquis of Queensberry in the late 1880s, describes boxing as the perfect combination of offense and defense.*

Boxing

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**REGISTERED MAIL**

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## CANOEING & ROWING

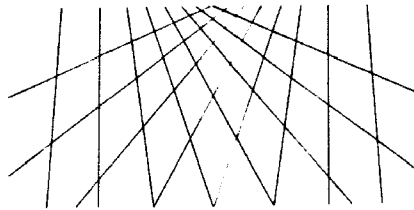
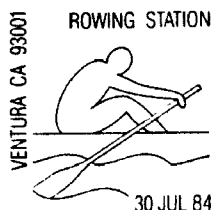
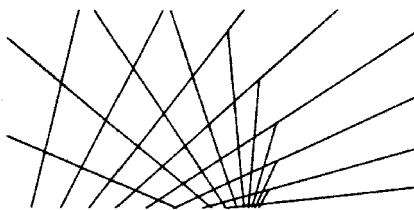
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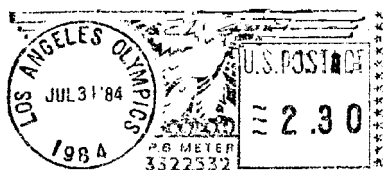
**Canoeing Station**  
Ventura CA 93001  
Open: August 6-11, 1984  
Distance to Coliseum: 85 miles



**Rowing Station**  
Ventura CA 93001  
Open: July 30 – August 5, 1984  
Distance to Coliseum: 85 miles



Meter:  
Pitney Bowes,  
small "PB",  
#3322532

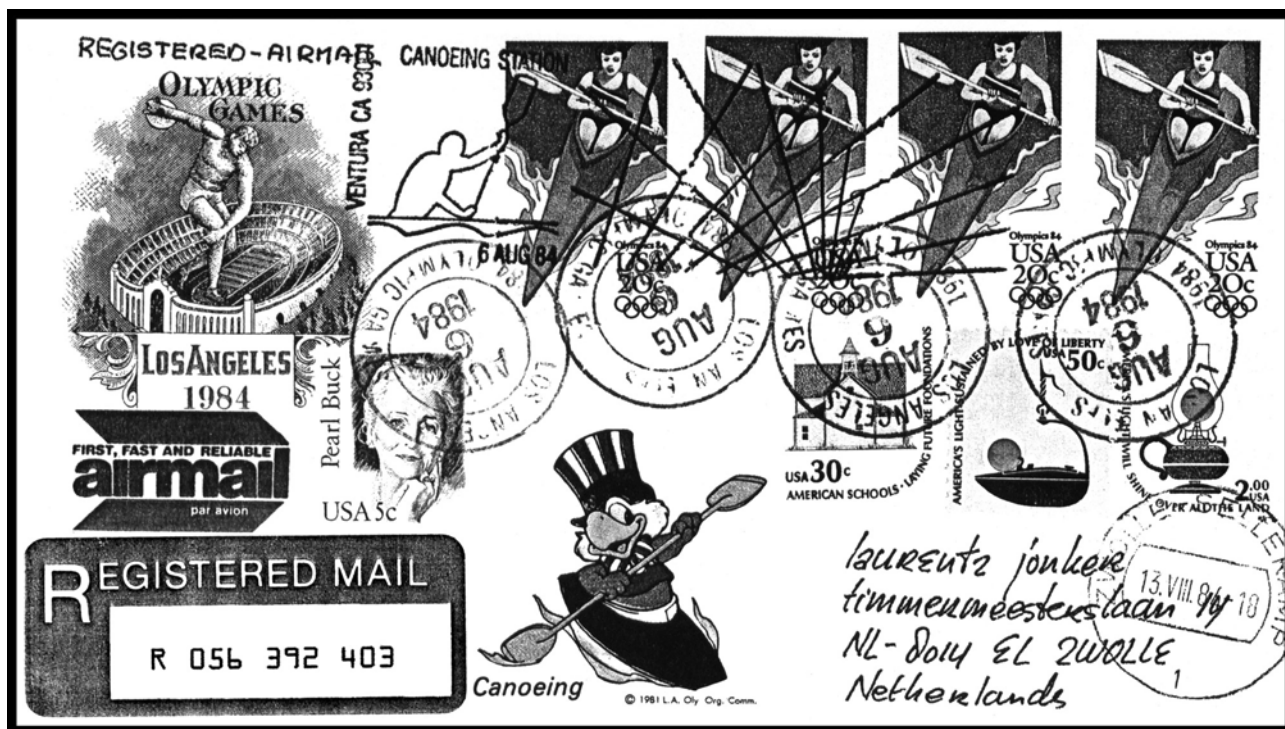
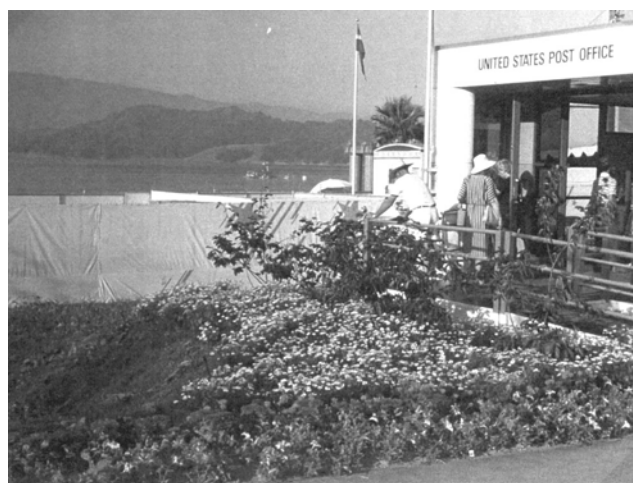


Meter Note: This single meter machine was used during both canoeing and rowing events.

Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected 9

Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number

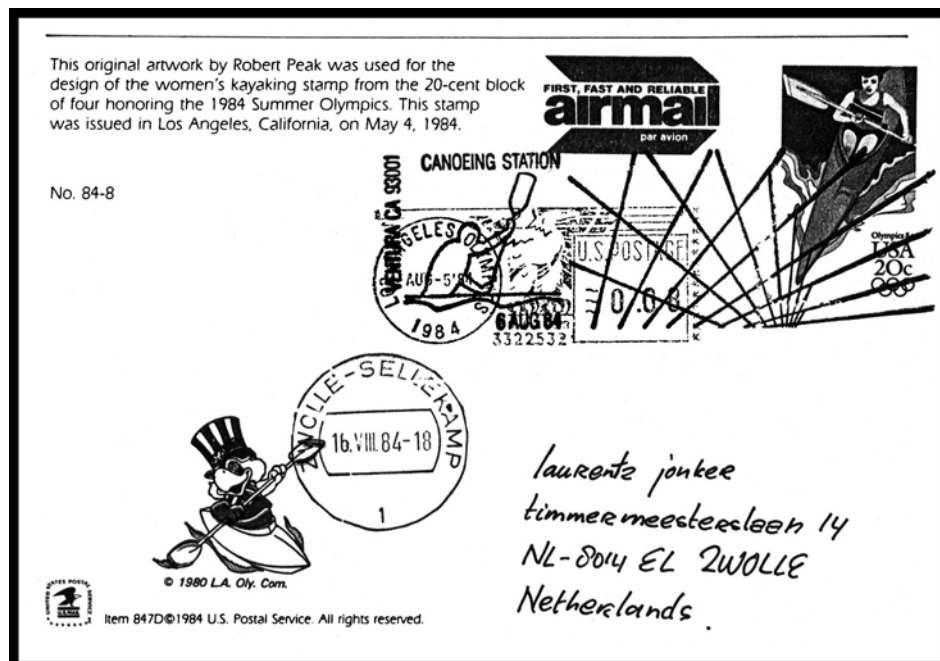
July 31	056 392 401
July 31	056 392 601
August 5	056 392 603 – 056 392 605
August 6	056 392 403
August 11	056 392 404





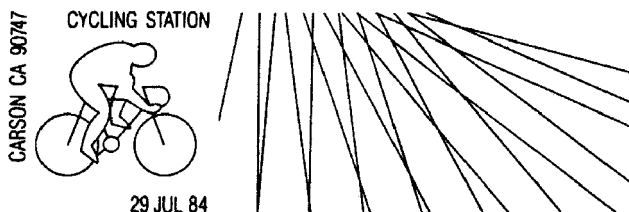
It seems that this TPO was supplied with 2 rolls of registration labels which were used concurrently. This was proven when, on July 31, Conrad Klinkner and I were assisted at the same time by two different employees, each of us receiving the first registration label from a different roll!

To properly appreciate what fanatic Olympic philatelists go through to obtain their prizes, I must relate the following story. Conrad and I traveled to the rowing events in his car. The early start time for the rowing competition was designed to beat the summer heat of mid-day. Conrad started out from his home at 3:45 a.m. in order to pick me up in Pasadena by 5:00 a.m. – a distance of some 40 miles. Then we were off to Lake Casitas in Ventura, a drive of another 90 miles through farm country northwest of Los Angeles. Over dusty agricultural roads we eventually reached the venue, or more precisely, the line for venue parking. After paying our \$5 parking fee and trekking the mile to the rowing stadium, we found ourselves already late for the matches even though it was only 7:45 a.m.! Nevertheless, we enjoyed the competition, obtained our philatelic souvenirs – and then traveled another 100 miles to Anaheim to start the whole process over again.

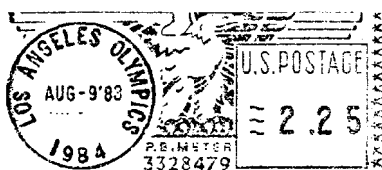




Cycling Station  
Carson CA 90747  
Open: July 29 – August 3, 1984  
Distance to Coliseum: 16 miles



Meter:  
Pitney Bowes,  
small "PB",  
#3328479



Meter Note: All known imprints show the incorrect year "83", rather than "84", in the date line. This meter machine was also used at the Archery Station.

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Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number  
August 5 123 476 265 – 123 476 266

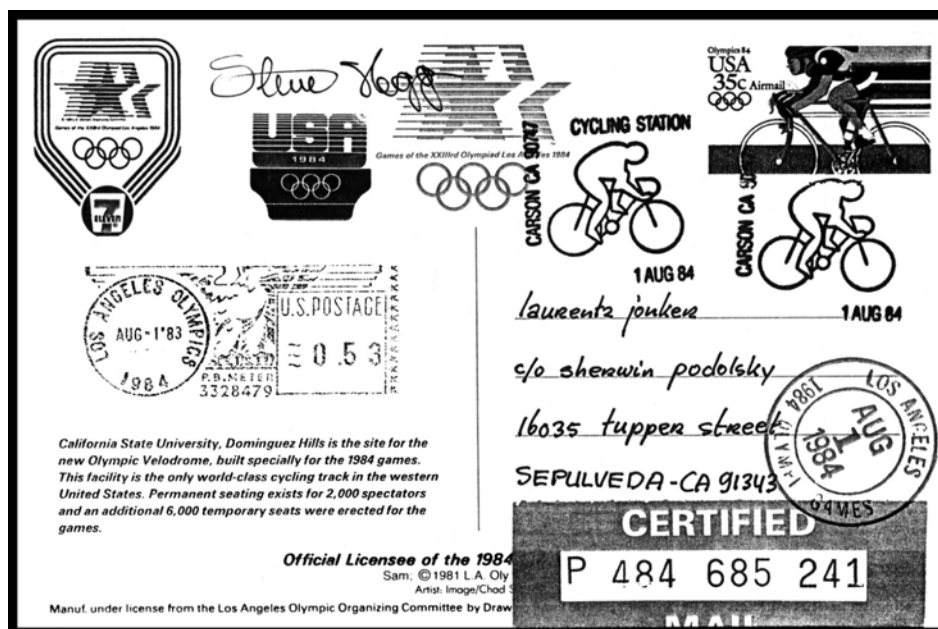
The Cycling Velodrome, construction of which was entirely funded by the Southland Corporation (owners of the 7-Eleven chain of convenience stores), was located on the campus of California State University, Dominguez Hills, in Carson, California.

The temporary post office erected adjacent to the velodrome was in use from July 29 through August 3. Following the cycling competition, the building was moved to El Dorado Park to serve as the TPO at the archery venue. All equipment and supplies, including the meter machine, circular date cancels, and registration labels were also transferred to the Archery Station.

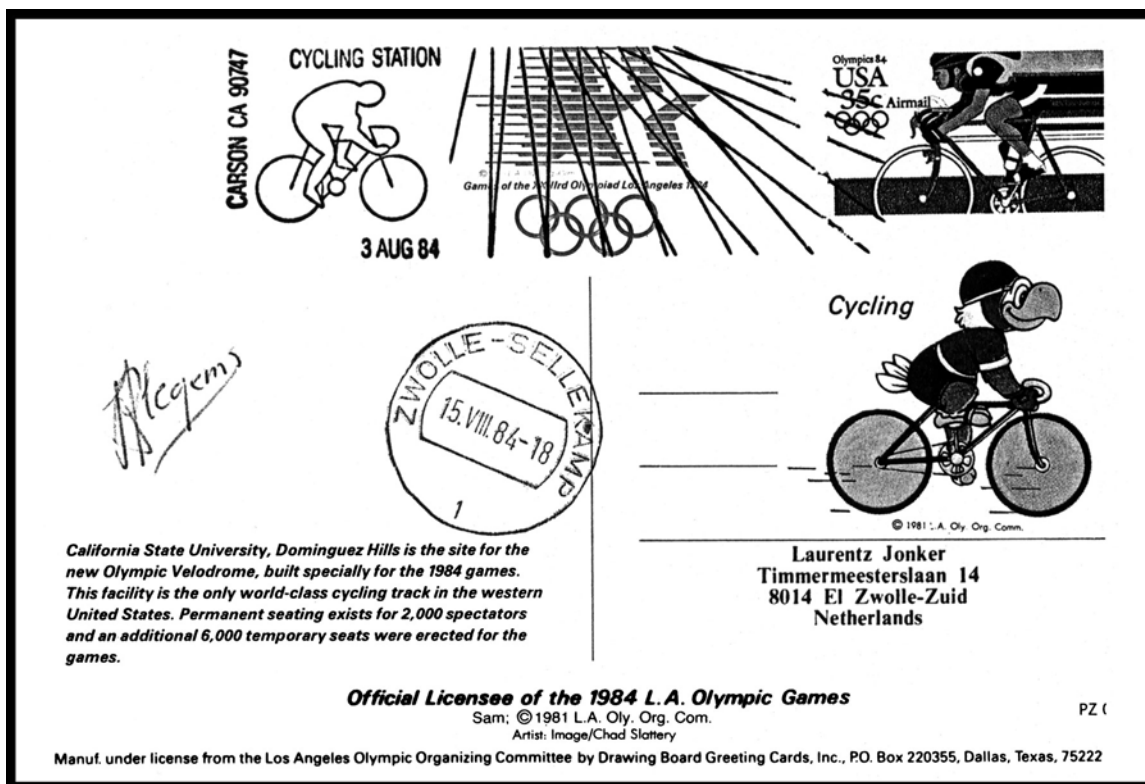


The supervisor of this Olympic post office station wasn't an easy person with whom to deal. Unlike most other clerks at the Olympic TPO's, this one was a stickler for following exact procedure. For example, he would not allow any registered mail to be processed unless the sender's name and address appeared on the front of the item being registered. Also, he was adamant that the red circular date cancel could only be used on the reverse side of covers. After a phone call to the head office, we had better luck with him.

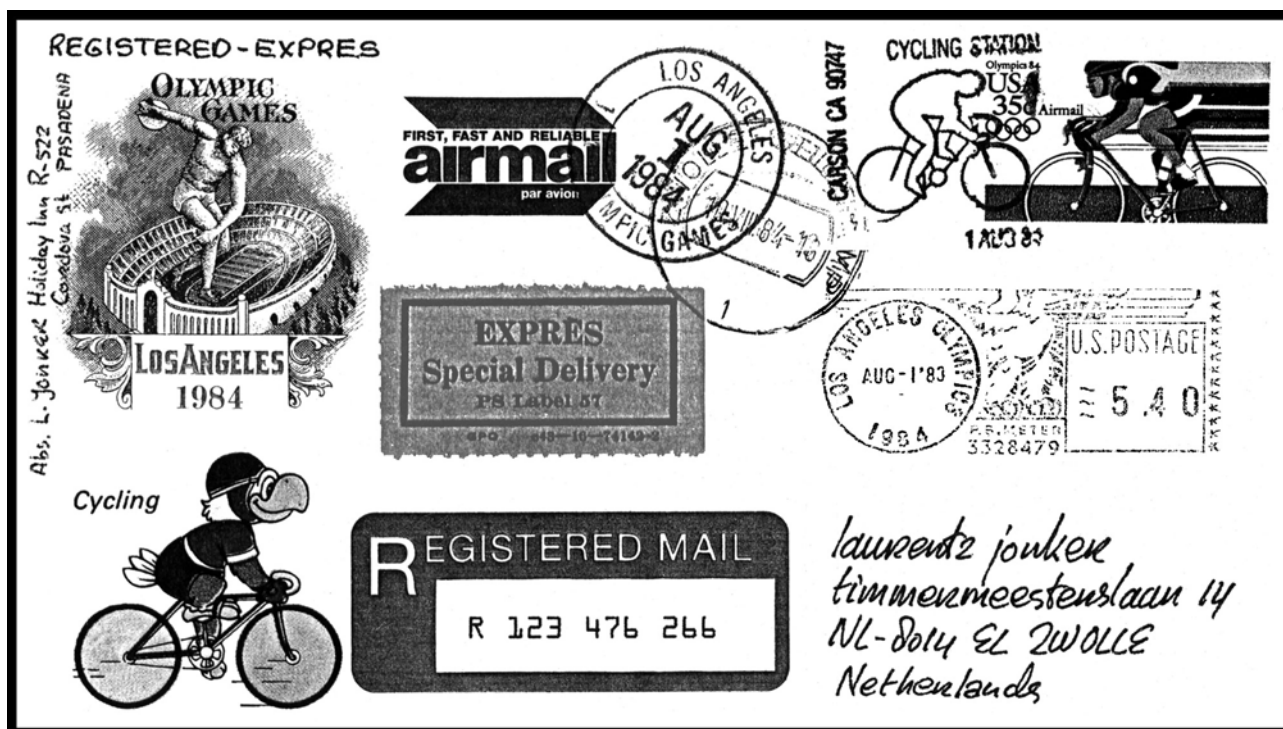
It should also be noted that there were no special postal services for the cycling road races on July 29 and August 5.



Post card autographed by Steve Hegg (USA), gold medal winner in the 4,000 meter individual pursuit.



(Above) Cycling post card with respective handcancel and autograph of gold medal cyclist, Roger Ilegems, of Belgium who won the Individual Points Race. (Below) Express-Registered cover to The Netherlands with correct postage of \$5.75. Note sender's address at left as required by the postal station's supervisor!





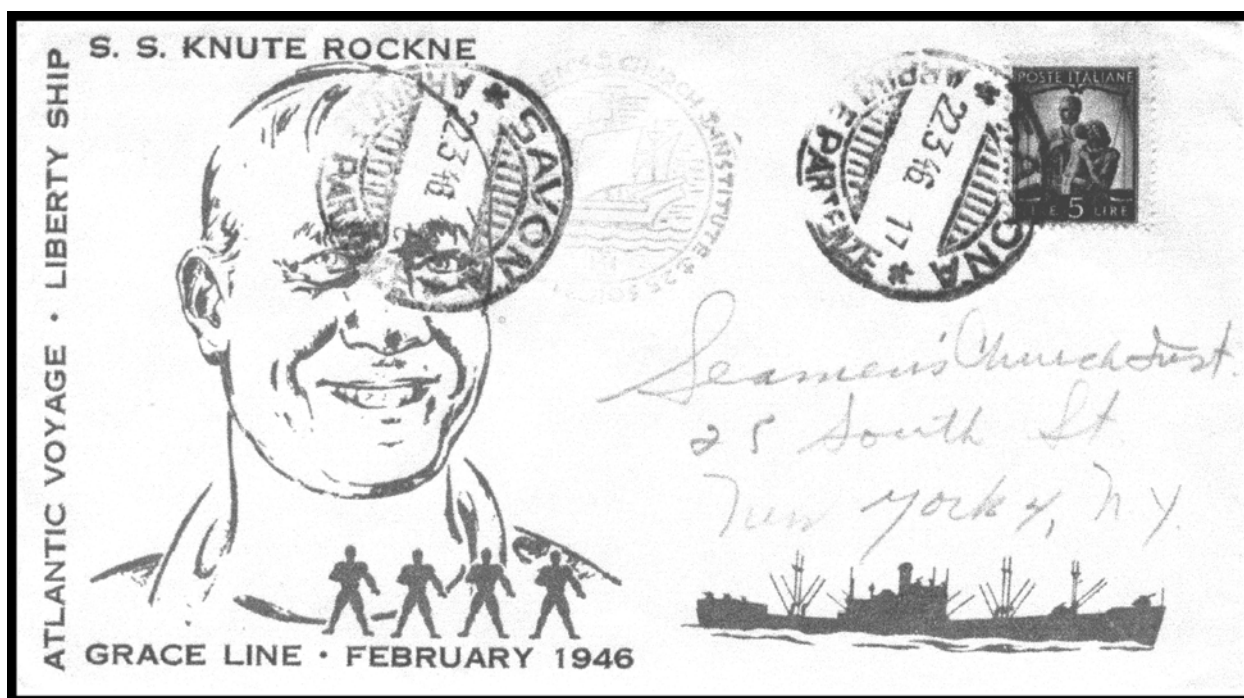


Figure 1. The S.S. Knute Rockne, a Liberty-type vessel used during World War II to transport military supplies to the European and Mediterranean theaters of war, was named after the famous Notre Dame football coach. This cacheted cover was canceled in Italy in 1946 suggesting that the ship survived the war.

## Liberty Ships With Sports Themes

by Joe Lacko

With regard to the article entitled “Lou Gehrig, the Iron Horse” (January-February 2000 issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately*), a correction is in order. The article features a liberty ship cover with a cachet reading:

“Merchant Marine Liberty Ship Lou Gehrig, Launched Jan. 17, 1943. Named in the memory of Americas, baseball star and hero of Brooklyn fans.”

There is no question of Lou being both a star and a hero – but I doubt he was the latter to Brooklyn fans, in particular, as the text implies.

Lou Gehrig played for the New York Yankees in the American League. The stadium is located in the Bronx. The

Brooklyn Dodgers were the National League team located in Brooklyn. Their fans were extremely loyal, with no love for the Yanks or the Giants, the other two major league clubs in the New York City area. Thus, the cachet text is misleading from the point of view of Brooklyn fans!

There is another liberty ship with a sports association, this time with football. The S.S. Knute Rockne was christened in honor of the famous Notre Dame University football coach.

This liberty ship survived World War II. Figure 1 shows a cover postmarked from Savona, Italy on March 22, 1946. As noted in the informational sheet shown in Figure 2 on the facing page, the ship was primarily used for transporting war matériel to the European and Mediterranean theaters.

Coach Rockne was honored on a 22¢ stamp on March 9, 1988. He is shown, ball in hand, standing on a football field.

Is there other Knute Rockne philatelic material out there?



# GRACE LINE

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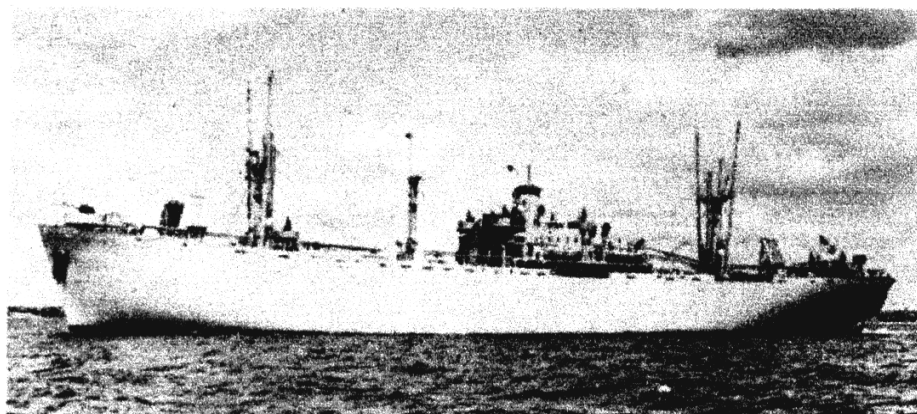
NEW YORK 5

## S.S. KNUTE ROCKNE

The KNUTE ROCKNE is a Liberty-type vessel—one link in the bridge of ships that contributed so heavily to an Allied victory. Designed by the U. S. Maritime Commission and built by the Permanente Metal Corporation in Richmond, California, she was delivered to Grace Line Inc., acting as agent for War Shipping Administration, May 18, 1943.

Between her delivery date and June 1944, the KNUTE ROCKNE completed four voyages to the United Kingdom and Mediterranean theaters of war—transporting military supplies. The balance of her ten wartime voyages were made in Grace Line's service from New York to the west coast of South America. By returning with cargoes from Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Panama, the KNUTE ROCKNE was instrumental in supplying thousands of tons of metals, ores, and other strategic raw materials to the U. S. war machine.

During the KNUTE ROCKNE'S second voyage, the crew painted and mounted forward of the flying bridge, an emblem which she carried throughout the war. It depicted a plunging football player carrying the ball. A green shamrock formed the background against the blue and gold of Notre Dame.



U. S. Maritime Commission Photo

Length	442 feet	Displacement Tonnage	14245
Beam	57 feet	Cruising Radius	17500 miles
Gross Tonnage	7176	Speed	11 knots

Figure 2. Informational sheet on the S.S. Knute Rockne built for the Grace Line and used as a Liberty Ship during World War II.



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# 2000 SYDNEY OLYMPICS

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by Brian Hammond

## SYDNEY 2000 – POSTMARKS

It is now confirmed that there will be 28 event postmarks issued by Australian Post for the 2000 Games. They will be available for the duration of the Games with changing date cliché. There is to be a special postmark for the OLYMPHILEX 2000 exhibition at Centrepont with a variety of covers for special days. There may be some specific cachets. Australia Post will be at the show.

## SYDNEY 2000 – LABELS

In my January column, I provided some details on the OLYMPHILEX labels. There are, in fact, two varieties of the round label. Type A, on which I previously reported, has a white background. The Type B round label has a clear background.

A new adhesive label (Figure 1) issued for licensed Sydney Olympic merchandise is in use with text in black on a cream/white background. The label measures 80x42mm. The text reads: "SYDNEY 2000 OFFICIAL LICENSED MERCHANDISE" at top, while at the bottom appears "SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK, AUSTRALIA." Between the two lines of wording are two boxes. The box on the left contains the Sydney 2000 logo. The three Mascots are reproduced in the box on the right.



Figure 1. New self-adhesive sticker used on licensed merchandise.

## SYDNEY 2000 – TELEPHONE CARDS

From my visit to last year's Olympic Collectors Fair I discovered how popular collecting Olympic phone cards has become. For the Sydney 2000

Games, Telstra (Australia), an Olympic Sponsor, has produced a number of cards. Unless otherwise stated the cards were sold individually and available throughout Australia. All cards are illustrated in an article in *Torch Bearer* (Vol. 16, #3) published by The Society of Olympic Collectors. (Single issues of the journal are available for £2.75 from John Miller, 258 Torrisholme Road, Lancaster, LA1 2TU, Great Britain)

### **Series 1: Mascots**

- AU\$5 - Syd (also available as a pin)
- AU\$5 - Millie (also available as a pin)
- AU\$5 - Olly (also available as a pin)
- AU\$2 - All three (Only sold as part of a presentation folder with series 1 cards; 3300 individually numbered sets.)

### **Series 2: Mascots in Training**

- AU\$5 - Syd Weightlifting
- AU\$5 - Millie Gymnastics
- AU\$5 - Olly Badminton
- AU\$2 - All three (Only sold as part of a folder with series 2 cards; 5000 produced.)

### **Series 3: Water Sports Mascots**

- AU\$5 - Syd Water Polo
- AU\$5 - Millie Swimming
- AU\$5 - Olly Rowing
- AU\$2 - All three with oars (Only sold as part of a folder with series 3 cards; 3000 produced.)

### **Special Countdown Cards**

- AU\$20 - Logo, 1000 days to go (issued December 20, 1997; limited edition of 2000)
- AU\$20 - Logo, 500 days to go (issued May 4, 1999; limited edition of 2000)

This "countdown" series should include cards released at the 400, 300, 200, and 100 days-to-go marks.

China issued a set of nine phone cards in support of their bid for the 2000 Games. The cards have different illustrations and values (10Y, 15Y, 20Y, 25Y, 50Y, 100Y, and 200Y). There is more than one design of the 10Y card.

British Telecom also issued phone cards of 5 units in support of the Manchester 2000 bid. These cards in red, blue, black and white include the bid logo and text "Bidding for Britain" around the logo along with "Manchester International Telephone Fair." The cards were issued on September 13, 1992.

Telecom Australia issued a card on the June 4, 1993, with a value of AU\$5 and a printing of 200,000. These cards include the "squiggles" bid logo and the words "Sydney 2000 / Gold supporter / of the Sydney 2000 bid."

#### SYDNEY – A NEW PROVIDER

Cadbury Australia has signed up as the Official Provider of confectionery to the Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games. They supported the Australian Team in 1996. I have a set of four dairy milk wrappers showing the Australian Team mascot, Willy, and including the Australian flag and rings.

#### SYDNEY – POST PAID ENVELOPE

The following envelope should be added to the list published in the January 2000 of *JSP*.

ORT (Olympic Roads and Transport Authority), 220 x 110mm, plain envelope, "Postage Paid Australia" in box.

#### SYDNEY – TWO NEW TRACK CYCLING EVENTS

**Kierin:** Approximately six cyclists take part in each race. They follow a small motorcycle called a "durney" round the track without overtaking it, yet jostling for a good position behind it. With roughly one-and-one-half laps to go, the durney leaves the track and the cyclists go hell for leather for the finish line. The first cyclist across the line is the winner.

**Madison:** The cyclists race in teams of two. While one team member races around the lower section of the track, the other circles the track at the top of the bank. As teammates pass one another, they switch positions. The team completing the specified distance in the fastest time wins the race.

#### SYDNEY TEST EVENTS COVERS

A "400 DAYS TO GO COUNTDOWN TO OLYMPIC" postal stationery envelope was issued on August 12, 1999, by Australian Post. The envelope is imprinted with a 45c laughing kookaburra stamp. The cachet depicting a bird dressed in an Australian flag is by Havilah who also arranged for the cancellation.

More covers have been produced for the Olympic test events as part of the "Olympics 2000" series. Note that there are two different covers designated

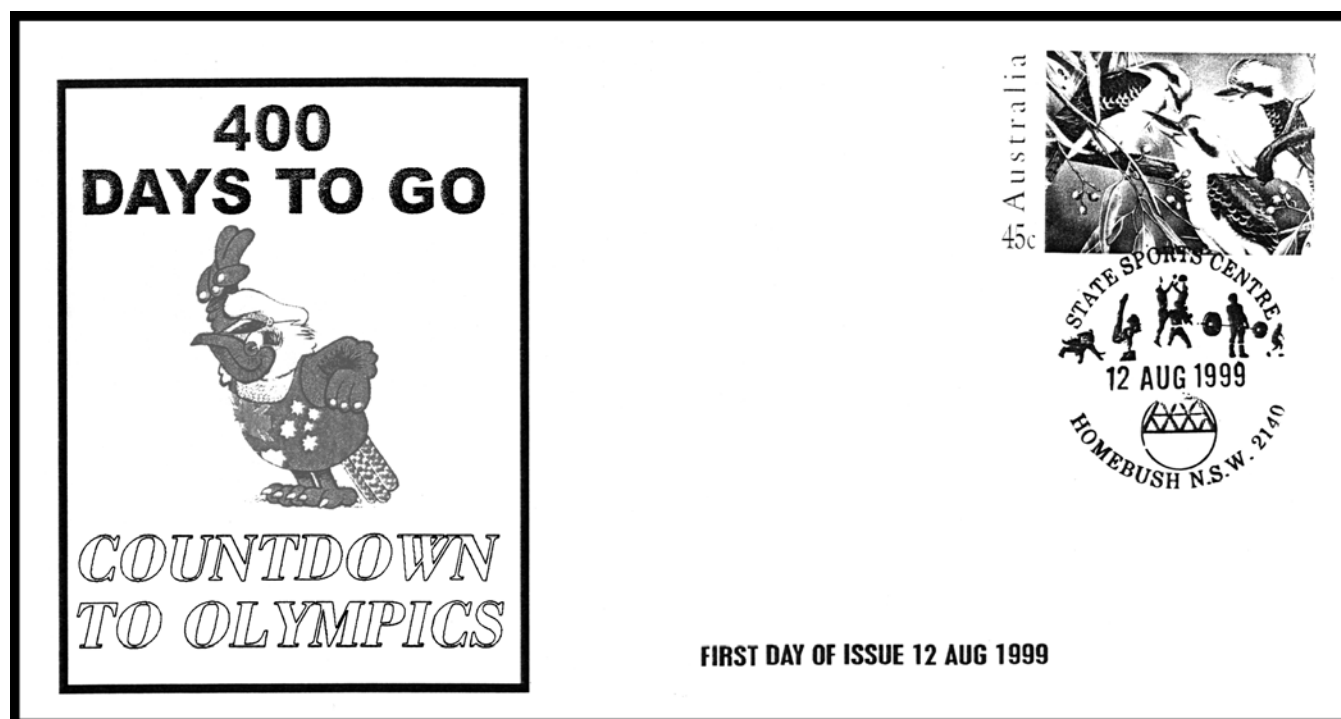


Figure 2. Australian postal stationery envelope with special cachet noting "400 Days To Go" until the 2000 Olympics. The special cancel is from the State Sports Centre at Homebush.

# IBM SYDNEY HARBOUR Regatta

Sailing Marina, Rushcutters Bay. September 16-26 1999



OLYMPICS 2000  
No. 28 of a Series

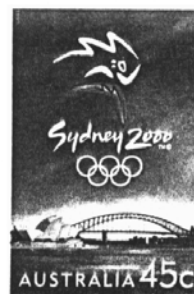


Figure 3. IBM sponsored a sailing test event on September 16-26, 1999. The first day coincided with the one year (365 days to go) countdown to the Games as noted on the handstamped circular cachet.

with the number 32. Tom D'Arcy informed me that the first #32 cover should have been #27. He adds that the missing numbers will be filled in.

No. 28. IBM Sydney Harbor Regatta, September 16, 1999. Postmark: CYC Australia map & flag (365 days to go). *See Figure 3.*

No. 29. Golden Arrow (archery), September 20-26, 1999. Postmark: State sports center.

No. 30. Pacific Rim Rowing, September 22-24, 1999. Postmark: Penrith & Rowers. *See Figure 4.*

No. 31. Australian International (badminton), September 1-5, 1999. Postmark: Sydney Showground.

No. 32. Southern Cross (handball), September 7-12, 1999. Postmark: Sydney Showground.

No. 34. UIPM World Cup (Modern Pentathlon), September 25-26, 1999. Postmark: State Sports Center.

No. 35. ICF World Cup (canoeing – sprint/slalom), September 26 - October 3, 1999. Postmark: Philatelic Sales Center.

No. 36. FINA Mens Water Polo Cup, September 28 - October 3, 1999. Postmark: State Sports Center.

No. 37. IBA Intercontinental (baseball), November 3-14, 1999. Postmark: State Sports Center.

No. 38. Olympic Club of Victoria Celebration 100 years of Australians at Olympic Games, Nov. 23, 1999. Postmark: Melbourne Cricket Ground.

There are three other covers in the Olympic series that are not official test events:

No. 47. 2000 Qantas Swimming World Cup, January 13, 2000. Postmark: Hobart.

No. 51. Summer Sports Festival Beach Volleyball, February 5, 2000. Special postmark: Manly, NSW.

No. 52. Same as No. 51, but for the Triathlon.

The Olympic shooting venue at Liverpool has been completed and will stage the ISSF World Cup test event from March 24 to 31, 2000.

#### SYDNEY 2000 – A NEW COLORED POSTCARD

Ken Cook reports that a man who collected postcards of fireworks recently contacted him with a copy of a postcard of the Olympic Stadium on its opening day (Figure 6). The card failed to give details of who issued it. I passed the information along to Tom D'Arcy, our Australian correspondent. After contacting all the known producers of postcards for the Sydney Games, he finally found the card showing fireworks above a packed stadium.

The only wording on the back of the card is "Fireworks at the first event at Stadium Australia – March 6, 1999." Tom was informed that the Olympic Coordination Authority, the builders and, as of very recently, operators of many of the Olympic facilities, produced the cards.

#### SYDNEY 2000 MERIT STICKERS

A set of ten merit stickers has been produced promoting the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games (Figure 5). The goal of the stickers is to introduce some messages that cross both sporting and academic boundaries. The stickers are 30mm in size and printed on a white background. They are supplied in packets of 60 stickers. The cost in Australia is AU\$2.99 per pack, including sales tax. The stickers are organized in the accompanying table.

#### SYDNEY OLYMPIC STORE DIRECT, 6<sup>TH</sup> ISSUE

Many new Olympic collectibles are listed. These include the Australian Olympic Heroes Medallion

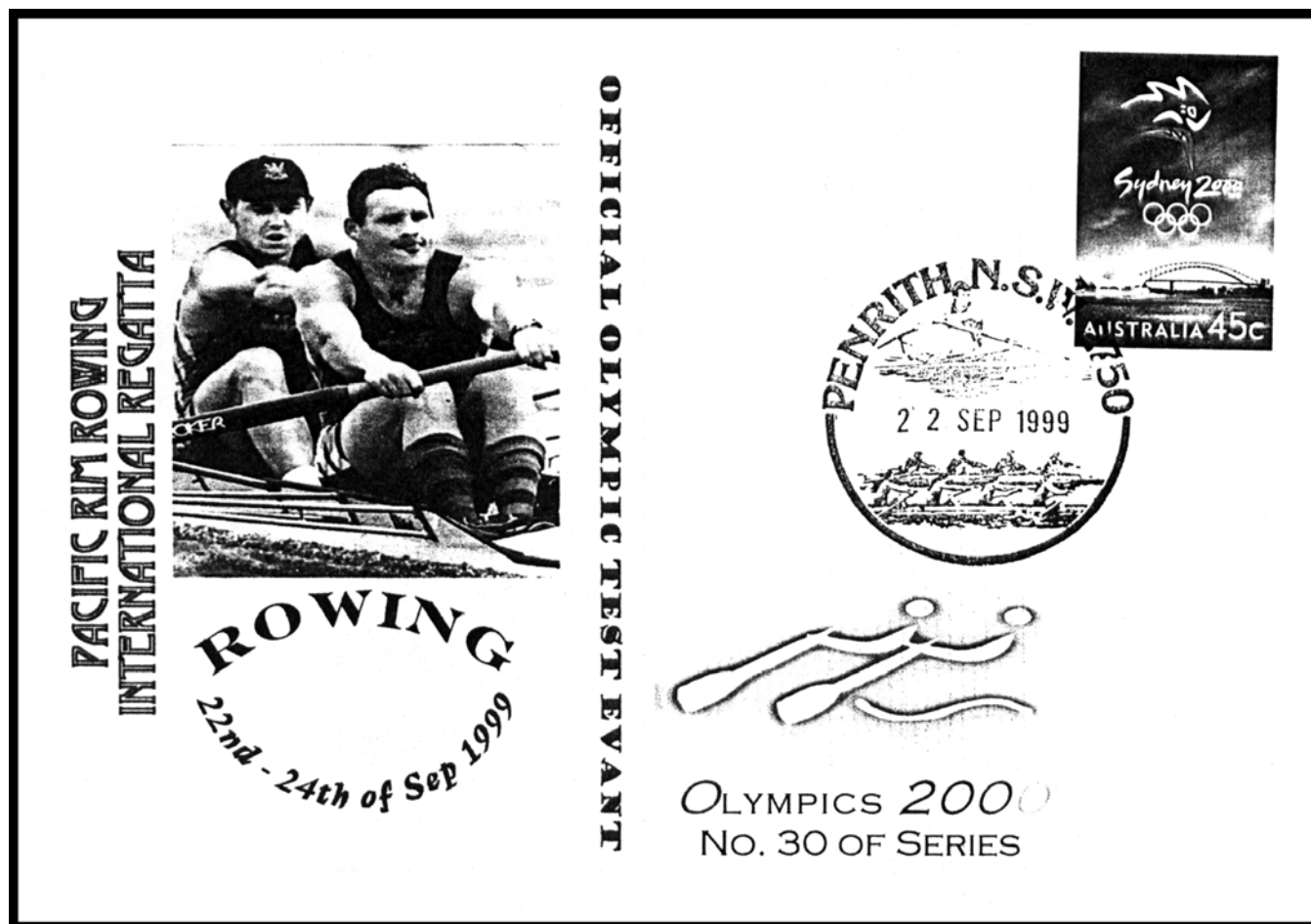


Figure 4. Another event in the series of Olympic Trials leading up to the Games was a rowing regatta at the Olympic rowing and canoeing venue at Penrith in September 1999.

Sydney 2000 Merit Stickers			
No.	Color	Illustration	Text as Printed
RIC-2142	Light Green	Three mascots	GREAT EFFORT
RIC-2143	Purple	Millie reading	CLEVER
RIC-2144	Dark Pink	Millie with bow and arrow	Accurate Work
RIC-2145	Dark Yellow	Ollie	Enthusiastic Worker
RIC-2146	Orange	Ollie	you're fun to have around
RIC-2147	Light Green	Syd running	CHAMPION EFFORT
RIC-2148	Light Blue	Syd pointing	You're a Winner
RIC-2149	Dark Blue	Sydney 2000 logo	WORKING TOGETHER
RIC-2150	White	Australian flag and rings	Inspirational
RIC-2151	Dark Green	Lizzie	WELL DONE



Figure 5. Ten Olympic merit. Adjacent table provides each sticker's product number, color and description.

Collection, limited to 10,000 sets of 12. It comes in a colorful display folder accompanied by a fact page describing each of the heroes. The last of the 53

coins for Sydney has been released. It is made from 1kg of pure silver and measures 10cm being the largest of the set.



Figure 6. Newly discovered fireworks-over-the-stadium post card.

Once again there are many additional pins, including a "250 days to go" pin. Pin collectors will need the list to appreciate the full range. Also listed is a Sydney 2000 edition of Dorling Kindersley's Olympic Book.

#### SYDNEY – NEW POSTCARDS FROM THE INK GROUP

Tom D'Arcy has news of a series of six different mascot cards from series #6 (6-032-165 to 170).

Ink Group are issuing more postcards and other items between now and the Games. Full details next time.

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# REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

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by Mark Maestroni

## *Basketball Philatelic News* March 2000 (Vol. 14, #1)

Apart from reporting new stamp and cancel information on the sport of basketball, this issue of BPN presents some surprising discoveries.

Luciano Calenda reports on an Iraqi postal stationery aerogramme overprinted for the 1967 World Basketball Championships for the Army, held in that country. According to Italian collector, Ciro Civelli, who discovered this cover, the circular logo of the competition was overprinted on the front side above the address area.

The aerogramme was used by a member of the French team writing home with a report on his trip. While Messrs. Calenda and Civelli guess that these overprinted aerogrammes were provided free to participants, they are certainly collectible and remain the only philatelic souvenir from those championships.

Crossing over to the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, basketball collector (and SPI member) Alesha Davidov brings to light a variation on the Australian Olympic machine cancels advertising the Games. To Alesha's surprise, he discovered that the date on the cancel sometimes appears in English fashion (month-day-year) rather than the standard European day-month-year sequence. His English version cancel is dated Nov 22, 1956, the opening day of the Games.

In checking his own, and other collectors', machine cancels, Luciano Calenda determined that in a small sample consisting of seven examples, only two displayed the English version date format. Of these two, one was on the opening day (the same as Alesha's), while the other was used on Dec 5, 1956.

It would be interesting to determine how prevalent the English version cancels are.

Additional brief articles in this issue: 6<sup>th</sup> World Championships for Junior Men held in Portugal in 1999, and 54<sup>th</sup> National Athletics Meets in Kazuo, Kobayashi, Japan, in 1999.

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

## *Esprit: Sports et Olimpisme* March 2000 (#15)

The French-language journal AFCOS begins this issue with a brief biography of Père Didon written by François Pons. Père Didon, a Dominican priest (1840-1900), is credited with the coining the Olympic motto "Citius, Altius, Fortius" (Faster, Higher, Stronger).

René Christin discusses the many "prêts-à-poster" (ready to mail) envelopes and postal cards issued for the World Cup 1998 competitions in France.

In a column entitled "Olympic Legends and Stories," Henri Deparis examines the Olympic victories of the great Finnish athlete, Paavo Nurmi, at the 1924 Paris Games.

Contact: Mr. Bernard-Marie Pajani, 24, chemin de Pré la Dame, 74210 Favrges, France.

## *IMOS Journal* March 2000 (#105)

Günter Pilz's article on handicapped volleyball, including sitting and standing versions, kicks off this issue of the *IMOS Journal* from Germany. Included are tables showing country participation organized into Paralympic Games, World Championships, and European Championships in both disciplines.

Manfred Winterheimer looks at the 1999 Rugby World Championships, while Manfred Kirsch discusses the European Championships in table tennis. Mascot collectors will be interested in a review prepared by Kurt Hahn of "Waldi" the dachshund mascot of the 1976 Munich Olympic Games. Finally, Kurt Hoffmeister examines the life of Konrad Koch, a pioneer in the sport of football.

Updates and additions to existing catalogs include: Sport Postal Stationery (Japan-Czech Republic); Olympic, World and European Championship Meters; Football Booklet Stamps; and of course new sport and Olympic stamps and cancels.

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

***Phila-Sport***  
**January-March 2000 (#33)**

The first journal issue of 2000 for our Italian sister society begins, appropriately enough, with a report on the results of the 1999 Italian Sports Philately Championships in Verona. Pasquale Polo follows with a look at rugby competition, while Alvaro Trucchi plunges down the luge course in a review of that sport. Changing gears, Pasquale Polo discusses cycling and Fausto Coppi, an Italian champion. A discussion of the recent Feldman Olympic auction by Bruno Cataldi Tassoni rounds out this issue.

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***Torch Bearer***  
**February 2000 (Vol. 17, #1)**

Featured in this issue of *Torch Bearer* are two primary articles. The first, by Bob Farley, enumerates and briefly discusses the various postcards that have been issued for the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics by the official licensee, Great Mountain West.

The second article is by Bob Wilcock and reviews the philatelic issues of Yugoslavia for the 1984 Olympic Winter Games held in Sarajevo. Bob adds information on the status of various venues damaged during the war in Bosnia, including the rebuilding and rededication of the Zetra Ice Stadium.

In addition to these articles, Kwan Kwok-Yu writes about Olympic postal stationery from China and reviews Hong Kong sports issues. News on philatelic items relating to the Athens 2004 Olympic Games rounds out this issue.

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# NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

by Margaret Jones

## New Members

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2179 Alain L. Hebert, Lower Canada College, 4090 Royal Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H4A 2M5. Mr. Hebert is a teacher; and he volunteers to translate articles from French. *Ice Hockey.* E-mail: ahebert@lcc.ca (Jones)

2180 Mehmet Edip Agaogullari, Edirne Yag Sanayive Tic.A.S., Ataturk Bulvari, T-22100 Edirne, Turkey He is a professional manager and volunteers to translate articles from Turkish. *Summer Olympics, Soccer, Wrestling.* (Jones)

2181 Stefano Garbarino, Via S. Maria 56/12, I-16035 Rapallo (GE), Italy. Mr. Garbarino is a lawyer and volunteers to translate articles from Italian. *Summer and Winter Olympics, Olympians.* (La Porta)

2182 David C. Wills, 5136 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93111-1204 USA. David is a doctoral student and volunteers to write for the journal. *1984 Olympics, other USA Games, Host Countries.* E-mail: dcw3p@virginia.edu (Laimins WWW)

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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, February 29, 2000 = 375

REMINDER that renewal notices are included with this issue. Your membership expires August 31, so

please renew early. Your final issue will be the July/August 2000 issue; no further issues will be sent without payment. Please remit payment promptly to avoid missed issues.

## Exhibit Awards

FLOREX 99 (Orlando, Florida). Clyde Jennings, obtained a silver in the display class for "Ya Gotta Have Balls."

PEACH STATE STAMP SHOW 99 (Athens, Georgia). Charles B. Wallace received a silver for "The 1936 Olympics"; Devin Luster won in the Youth World Series of Philately, as well as the Ralph Herdenberg and ATA Youth awards for "Basketball."

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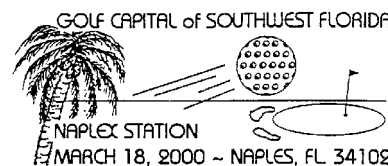
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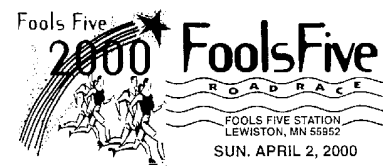
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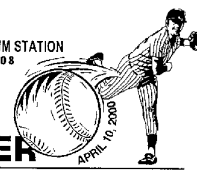
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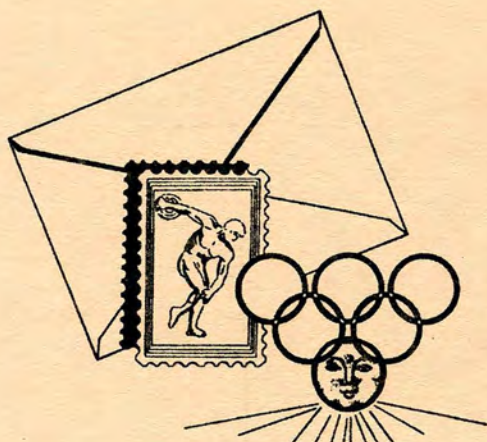
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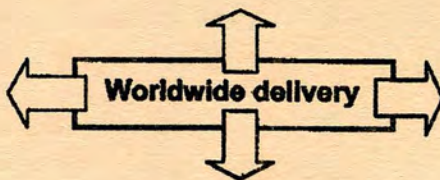
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