

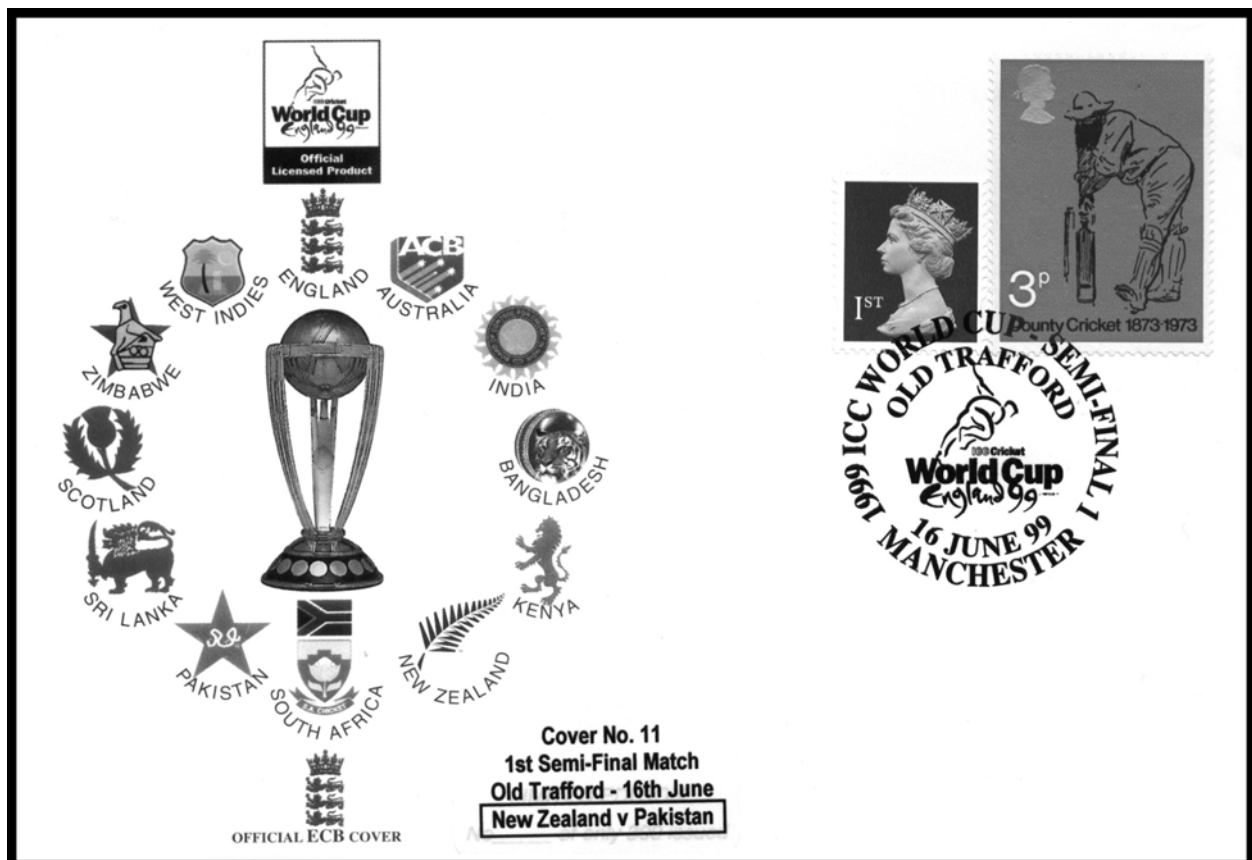
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

Proposed Joint SPI-SOC Sales Circuit

In my last President's Message, I reported on issues recently voted upon by the board of directors. I'd like to follow up with a presentation of some interesting proposals that are currently under discussion.

One of these is an idea for a sales circuit of sport and Olympic material to be operated jointly by SPI and our sister society in Great Britain, the Society of Olympic Collectors (SOC). Those of you who are members of that organization have perhaps already learned of this proposal which was outlined in a recent issue of their journal, *Torch Bearer*.

The circuit would operate something like this. Members would submit items for sale directly to the circuit manager in either the U.S. or Great Britain. The items would be photocopied or scanned and printed out, and then enclosed in a loose-leaf folder for circulation to members on the circuit. A circuit member interested in a specific item would remove that page and purchase the item through the mail from one of the two circuit managers.

All members, regardless of location, would be able to buy and sell. Ideally, members on both sides of the Atlantic would benefit by having access to material from the other side of the globe.

The beauty of this system is that no actual material is circulated through the mails (therefore

no insurance is needed) and yet members are able to see the actual item being sold. This is an advantage over both our societies' respective auctions, as those lots are generally unillustrated and carry minimal descriptions. The circuit would not hurt auction proceeds; SOC's previous experience indicates that circuits are generally composed of unsold auction lots or, simply, duplicate material.

There are options as to how the societies might benefit in a financial sense. A flat charge could be made for each item included in the circuit (a listing or lotting fee), or a percentage of the sale price could be charged to the seller. Postage charges for forwarding circuits would be at the participant's expense.

The key to this proposed joint effort will be finding willing circuit managers in both countries. The managers' tasks will include: receiving and -holding material while it's being circulated; maintenance of the circuit books; delineation of circuit routes; mailing out purchased material; and keeping account of sales.

If any SPI member resident in the United States would be interested in applying for the job of circuit manager and would like more information, please contact your president, Mark Maestrone at my email address (below) or by regular mail at 2824 Curie Place, San Diego, CA 92122-4110.

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FIPO NEWS

by Maurizio Tecardi

A May 2, 2000, report from Maurizio Tecardi, Secretary General of FIPO, is summarized below.

OLYMPHILEX 2000

The number of applications received by the Organizing committee by 15th March was much higher than expected. 1,100 frames have been reserved for a total of around 18,000 album pages. The Olympilex 2000 Organizing Committee will provide a wide range of prizes for the international jury to award to exhibitors and, in addition, three special medals (gold, silver and bronze) will be minted for the best three entries. Olympilex will be officially opened at 11am, 15th September in the presence of the President of the IOC and FIPO, H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch.

All of the trading stalls have also been reserved by postal administrations and dealers in stamps, coins and memorabilia. Commemorative postmarks dedicated to the various Olympic disciplines on the program, which Australia Post is planning to release to celebrate the Games of the XXVII Olympiad, will only be available at Olympilex. There will be no post offices on the Olympic sites except for those at the Olympic family hotel, the Olympic Village and maybe the Press Center.

In order to help philatelists wishing to stay in Sydney, the Organizing Committee has contacted the travel agency: Traveland Olympic Reservation Office, 431 Glebe Point Road, Glebe NSW 2037, Australia (tel. +61-2-95579000; fax +61-2-95521652). Anybody interested should contact this agency mentioning Olympilex 2000.

The Olympilex 2000 Organizing Committee has set up the Olympilex 2000 Supporters Club for those intending to visit the exhibition. The club will be restricted to 750 members. Benefits include a season pass to Olympilex 2000; an Australia Post Olympic Legends Stamp Booklet, overprinted with the Olympilex 2000 logo (only 750 overprinted); a specially packaged Royal Australian Mint product, exclusive to the Supporters Club; an Olympilex 2000 pin, an exclusive Olympilex AMP Tower overprinted postcard as well as other benefits and exclusive offers available only to supporters Club members. Supporters Club members will also be given first

option to purchase other general. Membership of the above Olympilex 2000 Supporters Club is on a strictly "first come, first served basis" at the special price of \$A 100. Applications together with payment (cheques in Australian dollars or Mastercard and Visa credit cards accepted) to Olympilex 2000 Supporters Club, PO Box Q2000, Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230, Australia.

IOC OFFICIAL STAMPS

The final designs of the new official stamps, to be used on correspondence sent from the various IOC offices in Lausanne (Vidy, Museum, etc), will be officially published in Lausanne on 23rd June, Olympic Day. There will be between two and four different designs, depending on the Swiss postal rates which are currently being modified, and they are due to be released on 15th September this year. Official ceremonies will be held on the first days of issue in Berne (Post Office headquarters), Lausanne (Olympic Museum), and Sydney (venue of Olympilex 2000). These stamps, which open a new chapter in Olympic philately, will be available from the International Olympic Committee Philately Department, Villa du Centenaire, Av. de l'Elysée 28, 1006 Lausanne, Switzerland. It should be noted that stamps ordered through the FIPO National Associations will be sold at face value.

6TH WORLD OLYMPIC COLLECTORS FAIR

The annual Olympic Collectors Fair will be held at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, June 9-10. As well as the trading tables, there will be a post office selling a commemorative postmark. There are plans to issue a limited number of special pins (500).

2001 WORLD FAIR IN SEOUL

Next year the Lausanne event will be held in Seoul, Korea, by the Seoul Olympic Sports Promotion Foundation (SOSFO). The International Olympic Fair Seoul 2001 will be held from 28th April to 6th May at the Olympic Park in Seoul.

The Berlin 2000 Meters

Philatelic remarks on Berlin's bid to host the Olympics (Part 3)

by Dieter Diehlmann
translated by Thomas Lippert

Part 1 of this article appeared in the January/February 2000 issue of the Journal of Sports Philately. Part 2 was featured in the May/June 2000 issue.

2.6.9. District Office of Marzahn. There is only one meter type with the four-digit postal code. A mechanical defect prevented the conversion to the new five-digit code before September 23, 1993.



Meter #2.6.9.x

2.6.9.1. B66/7723, Berlin/1140

2.6.9.2. B66/7723, Berlin (no post code)

2.6.10. District Office of Neukölln

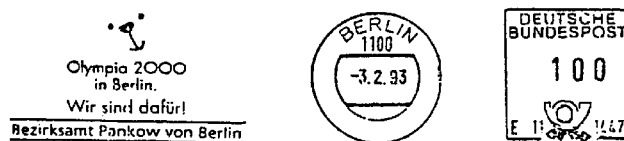


Meter #2.6.10.x

2.6.10.1. F68/4973, Berlin 44/1000

2.6.10.2. F68/4973, Berlin/12040

2.6.11. District Office of Pankow. The introduction of the meter with the five-digit postal code didn't officially occur until after September 23, 1993, and yet we find a number of covers with this new code dating back to around June and July. How did this happen? It's likely that the new meter die hub with five-digit postal code arrived well before September. And since collectors had already submitted their covers with payment for the new meter variety, the postal clerk decided to process the mail with the new die hub rather than waiting until after September 23.



Meter #2.6.11.x

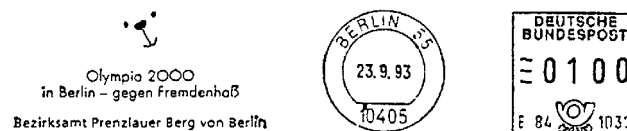
2.6.11.1. E11/1447, Berlin 1100

2.6.11.2. E11/1447, Berlin-Pankow 1/1317

2.6.12. District Office of Prenzlauer. This office was equipped with 2 meter machines but only one Olympic publicity die hub. While it was rotated between both meters, it saw primary use in E84/1032. Another surprise: the Senate's postal bureau had recommended that a special publicity slogan be introduced against the hatred of foreigners. This slogan was to have been installed in the meters after the decision in Monte Carlo for the 2000 Olympics. Unfortunately, the production order was misunderstood, and the anti-hatred slogan was combined with the Olympic slogan (#2.6.12.4)! The District Office in Prenzlauer Berg realized the error almost immediately. This slogan could only have been in use a very few days. The slogan was mailed from Pitney Bowes on Thursday, September 16 and could have arrived no earlier than September 17. Most likely, the incorrect publicity slogan was only used from Monday, September 20 to 23.



Meter #2.6.12.1. - 2.6.12.3.



Meter #1.6.12.4.

2.6.12.1. E84/1032, Berlin 1055

2.6.12.2. E84/1032 Berlin 55/10405

2.6.12.3. E11/2922, Berlin 55/10405

2.6.12.4. E84/1032, Berlin 55/10405

2.6.13. District Office of Reinickendorf



Meter #2.6.13.x

2.6.13.1. F68/4824, Berlin 26/1000

2.6.13.2. F68/4824, Berlin 26/13437

2.6.14. District Office of Spandau. Viva La Deutsche Bundespost Berlin! Although this district office deleted the word "BERLIN" from its meter at an early date, it reappeared following the introduction of the new postal code (#2.6.14.2.).



Meter #2.6.14.x

2.6.14.1. B66/0873, Berlin 20/1000

2.6.14.2. B66/4087, Berlin 20/13581

2.6.15. District Office of Steglitz.



Meter #2.6.15.x

2.6.15.1. B66/7269, Berlin 41/1000

2.6.15.2. B66/7269, Berlin 441/12169

2.6.16. District Office of Tempelhof. The variations occurred when: (1) the incorrect post office box number (420845) was included in the meter; and (2) there was a delay in using the new postal code. In the first case, the post office box number had to be corrected to read 420865.



Meter #2.6.16.1.

2.6.16.1. F66/1181, Berlin 42/1000

2.6.16.2. F66/1181, Berlin 42/1000 (wrong POB)

2.6.16.3. F66/1181, Berlin 42/12099 (wrong POB)



Meter #2.6.16.2. & #2.6.16.3.

2.6.16.4. F66/1181, Berlin 42/12099 (correct POB)



Meter #2.6.16.4.

2.6.17. District Office of Tiergarten. This was the only bureau to continue using the old description "Deutsche Bundespost Berlin" in the meter indicium until



Meter #2.6.17.x

September 23, 1993.

2.6.17.1. E11/0099, Berlin 21/1000

2.6.17.2. E11/0099, Berlin 21/10559

2.6.18. District Office of Treptow.

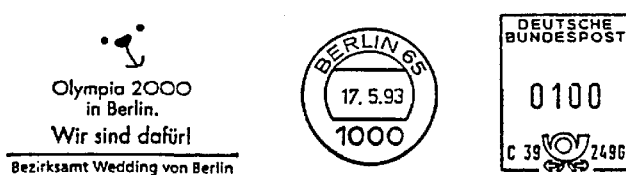


Meter #2.6.18.x

2.6.18.1. E11/2551, Berlin/1183

2.6.18.2. E11/2551, Berlin-Treptow/12435

2.6.19. District Office of Wedding.



Meter #2.6.19.x

- 2.6.19.1. C39/249G, Berlin65/1000
 2.6.19.2. C39/249G, Berlin 65/13347

2.6.20. District Office of Weißensee.



Meter #2.6.20.x

- 2.6.20.1. F68/8116, Berlin/1120
 2.6.20.2. F68/8116, Berlin Weissensee 1/13086

2.6.21. District Office of Wilmersdorf.



Meter #2.6.21.x

- 2.6.21.1. F68/7834, Berlin 31/1000
 2.6.21.2. F68/7834, Berlin 31/10717

2.6.22. District Office of Zehlendorf. It's remarkable that they were using such an old postal code designation ("1") in their first meter.



Meter #2.6.22.x

- 2.6.22.1. No number, Berlin 37/1
 2.6.22.2. E11/4494, Berlin 37/14163

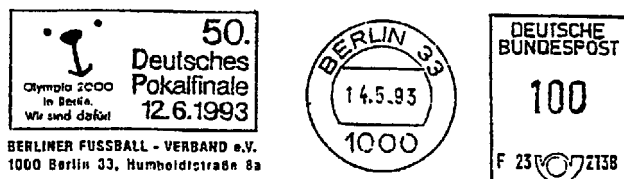
3. SPORTS PHILATELY METERS

3.1. Berliner Fußball-Verband e.V. (Berlin Soccer Association). This publicity slogan was intended for use before the 50th Pokal Final at the Berlin Olympic Stadium. A silly error occurred in the text of the address in the first meter slogan: instead of "Humboldtstraße" (with a "t"), the great man's name was misspelled "Humbold." The error was discovered, and the correction made, before the competition. The final marked the last day of the meter's use.

- 3.1.1. F23/2138, Berlin 33/1000 (address error)
 3.1.2. F23/2138, Berlin 33/1000 (address corrected)

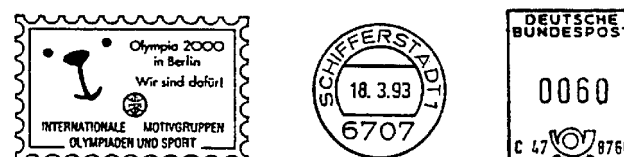


Meter #3.1.1.



Meter #3.1.2.

3.2. IMOS (Internationale Motivgruppen Olympiaden Und Sport).



Meter #3.2.x

- 3.2.1. C47/876C, Schifferstadt 1/6707
 3.2.2. C47/876C, Schifferstadt/67105

3.3. OSB Sportstättenbau GmbH. This meter was not used until February/ March 1994, roughly half a year after the decision to award the Games to Sydney. In October 1994, the text of the slogan was modified a bit, but the logo remained unchanged. This Berlin-based organization was responsible for building both the Max Schmeling Hall and the velodrome that hosted the 1999 Cycling World Championships.

3.3.1. F83/9502, Berlin 33/14199



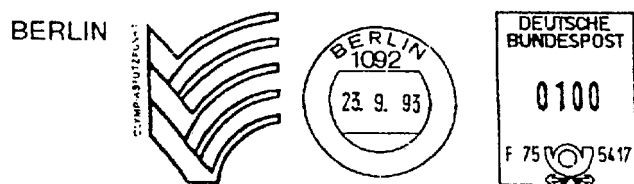
Meter #3.3.1.

3.3.2. F83/9502, Berlin 33/14199 (modified slogan)



Meter #3.3.2.

3.4. Olympiastützpunkt Berlin (Olympic Training Facility). While this publicity slogan doesn't specifically reference the Olympic bid, it was introduced during the bid period and should therefore be considered part of this meter program at least for dates up to September 23.



Meter #3.4.

3.4. F75/5417, Berlin/1092

4. COMMERCIAL METERS

4.1 Coca-Cola Erfrischungsgetränke GmbH. Identical slogans were used at two different Coca-Cola offices in different districts of the town.



Meter #4.1.x

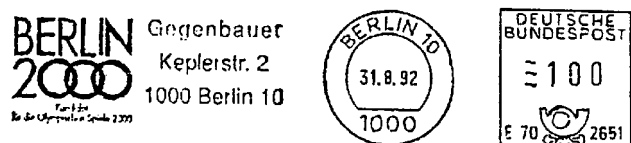
4.1.1.1. F68/8484, Berlin 45/1000

4.1.1.2. F68/8484, Berlin 453/12209

4.1.2. F68/4330, Berlin-Hohenschönhausen 3/13061

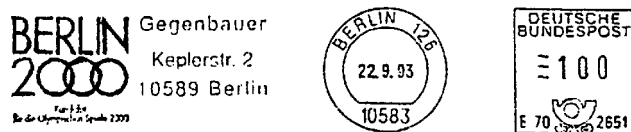
4.2. Gegenbauer GmbH & Co. KG. Gegenbauer GmbH & Co. KG offers services for buildings. Berliner Gebäudereinigung GmbH (#4.2.2.) is a janitorial services company whose parent company is Gegenbauer GmbH & Co. KG. The meter expressing Olympic support came into use in mid-May 1993.

4.2.1.1. E70/2651, Berlin 10/1000



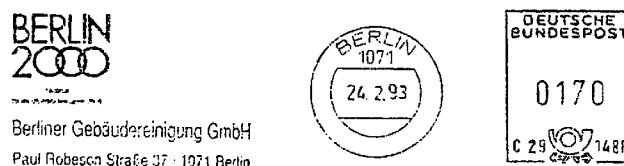
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4.2.1.2. E70/2651, Berlin 126/10583



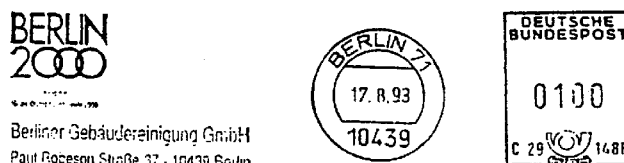
Meter #4.2.1.2.

4.2.2.1. C29/148F, Berlin 1071



Meter #4.2.2.1.

4.2.2.2. C29/148F, Berlin 71/10439



Meter #4.2.2.2.

4.3. Herlitz.



Meter #4.3.

4.3. F68/3950, Berlin 27/13507

4.4. Hotels

4.4.1. Hotel Inter-Continental.



Meter #4.4.1.x

4.4.1.1. F66/7204, Berlin 30/1000

4.4.1.2. F66/7204, Berlin 30/10777

4.4.2. Hotel Palace Berlin. The hotel used the five-digit postal code in its meter long before its official introduction. After the official start of the new code system, the hotel's district designation was changed from 10789 to 10777 (beginning mid-May 1993).



Meter #4.4.2.x

4.4.2.1. F83/5662, Berlin 30/10789

4.4.2.2. F83/5662, Berlin 30/10777

4.4.3. Schweizerhof Inter-Continental.



Meter #4.4.3.x

4.4.3.1. F66/7577, Berlin 30/1000

4.4.3.2. F66/7577, Berlin 301/1079

4.5. Hundert, 6. This is a private regional radio.



Meter #4.5.x

4.5.1. F68/8089, Berlin 33/1000

4.5.2. F68/8089, Berlin 30/10777

4.6. Industrie- und Handelskammer, IHK (Chamber of Commerce). Coincident with the introduction of the new postal code, the IHK bought a new meter machine and used the Olympic publicity slogan "Berlin 2000." At the same time, there also were other machines equipped with the usual IHK logo. When the non-Olympic meters were used on outgoing mail, a special Olympic label was added. The Olympic publicity slogan was also used by another department within the Chamber of Commerce: the BAO or Berliner Absatz Organisation (Berlin Marketing Organization).

4.6.1. C22/440F, Berlin 12/1000

4.6.2. C68/583G, Berlin 12/10623



Meters #4.6.1. & 4.6.2.

4.6.3. C56/140G, Berlin 12/10623



Meter #4.6.3.

4.7. LAT Fernmelde-Montagen und Tiefbaugesellschaft mbH; LAT Kabel-Anschluß-Verwaltungs-gesellschaft mbH; LAT Kabel-Anschluß-Verwal-tungs-gesellschaft mbH; LAT Strecken-und Gleisbau GmbH. These companies were engaged in different aspects of the construction industry, but used a common postal bureau. The bureau used two meter machines with the same Olympic publicity slogan, but with text in differing type sizes. According to the postal staff, the dies were never switched between machines.

4.7.1.1. F68/8094, Berlin 20/1000

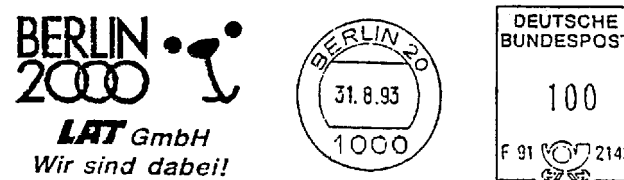
4.7.1.2. F68/8094, Berlin 20/13581



Meter #4.7.1.x

4.7.2.1. F91/2143, Berlin 20/1000

4.7.2.2. F91/2143, Berlin 20/13581



Meter #4.7.2.x

4.8. Autohaus Opel Hetzer.



Meter #4.8.x

4.8.1. E23/1482, Berlin 19/1000

4.8.2. E23/1482, Berlin 19/14050

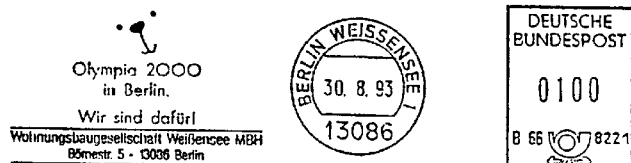
4.9. Wohnungsbaugesellschaft Weißensee MBH (Flat Building Company) The new postal code was reflected in both the circular date portion of the meter, as well as in the address portion of the publicity slogan.

4.9.1. B66/8221, Berlin/1120



Meter #4.9.1.

4.9.2. B66/8221, Berlin Weissensee 1/13086



Meter #4.9.2.

EPILOGUE BY THOMAS LIPPERT

This report considers only the Berlin 2000 publicity slogan meters. While the author has placed into perspective the many varieties that at times seemed to overwhelm collectors, I would like to make some further remarks.

Staying in the “meter corner,” it’s worth remembering that Berlin wasn’t the only city in Germany where the officials strongly considered bidding for the Olympic Games. One of Berlin’s opponents was the city of Frankfurt. A bid committee was even established with two different collectible meters for us Olympic philatelists.

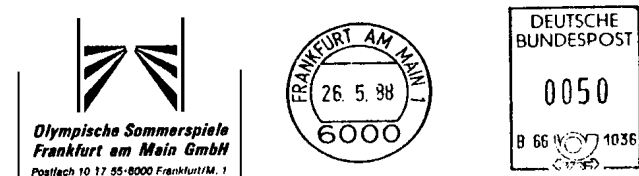


Figure 1. The Frankfurt 2000 meter.

The first meter (Figure 1) is a Francotype meter machine with meter number B66/1036. The code “B66” indicates this is a Model EFS 3000 machine.



Figure 2. Later version of Frankfurt 2000 meter with special book rate designation diagonally at left.

The second machine (Figure 2) is numbered B25/1724. This particular meter includes a mail class designation, Büchersendung (reduced book rate), providing yet another collectible variety.

As a citizen of Rostock on the Baltic Sea coast, I *must* add that the only secondary site outside of Berlin identified during the bid process was my own city. On December 11, 1992, it was selected from among several other candidates, among them Kiel and Lübeck, by the German national Olympic committee as the site for the Berlin 2000 yachting events. A special Olympic office was established by the city. For roughly six months, the office used the standard city administration meter. Of interest to Olympic collectors, however, are two different covers from the office, one of which is shown in Figure 3.

Other cities a named secondary sites. These would include sites for soccer preliminaries and white-water canoeing. Augsburg, which hoped to again be the white-water site (it hosted the 1972 Olympic white-water competition), had a formal mascot for their bid, but unfortunately no items of postal or philatelic interest.

Berlin provided us with a vast philatelic legacy contributing greatly to the pre-history of the 2000 Olympic Games!



Figure 3. Envelope from Rostock’s Olympic bid offices with a corner card depicting an early version of their Olympic logo. The meter is from the city administrative offices.

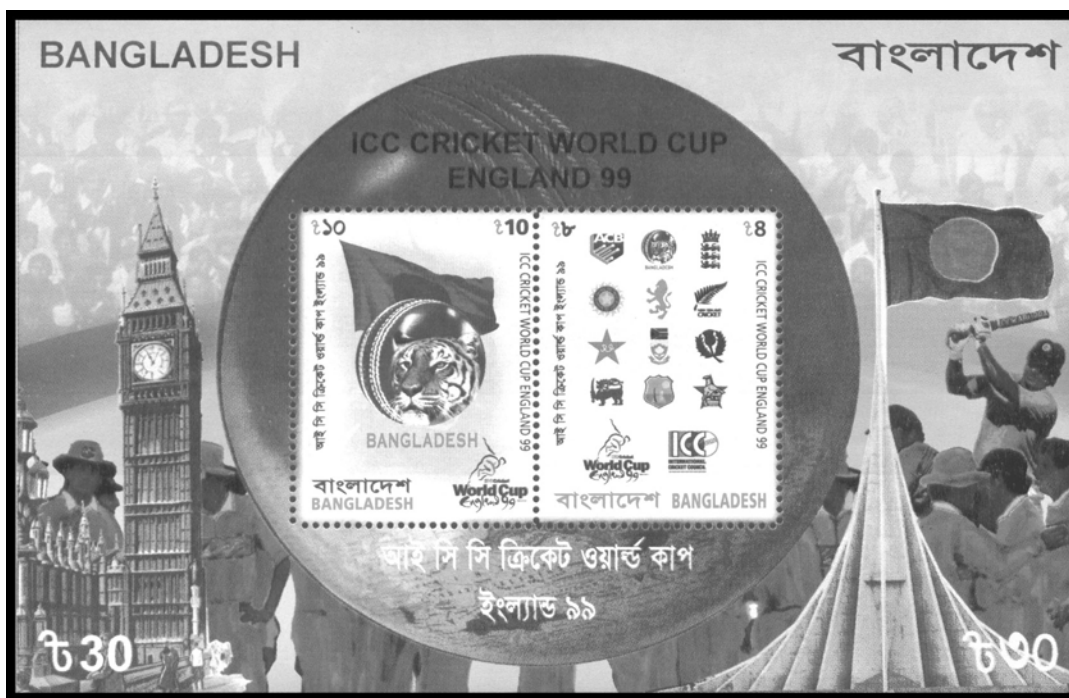


Figure 1. Bangladesh commemorated its participation in the Seventh Cricket World Cup with a souvenir sheet of two stamps showing the flag of Bangladesh and the badges of the twelve participating nations.

Cricket & Philately

The Seventh Cricket World Cup

by Peter N. Street

The Cricket World Cup returned to England after a gap of sixteen years. The single innings, fifty overs competition was played between Friday, May 14 and Sunday, June 20, 1999, with the final contested at Lord's Cricket Ground in London. Twelve nations participated: the Test nations (Australia, England, India, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, West Indies and Zimbabwe), plus the top three teams from the ICC (International Cricket Council) Trophy matches (Bangladesh, Kenya and Scotland).

A CARNIVAL OF CRICKET

The organizers of the competition, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) presented the event as a "Carnival of Cricket" with an estimated global television audience of two billion. (The ECB later reported that 2.3 billion people in 129 countries had watched the Cup.) Their goal was to reflect the

cosmopolitan nature of cricket while emphasizing the color, vibrancy and excitement of the one-day game. The ECB also aimed to raise the awareness of the game in the United Kingdom, especially among women and the young, with a general theme of "introducing new faces and people to cricket." The competition was to be one of contrasting cultures, the mystery of the East, the intensity of the Anglo-Saxon nations, and the flair of the Caribbean.

Television coverage was by both BBC and Sky with cameras at all matches for overseas telecasts and highlight packages. In addition, most matches were covered by BBC radio. A cricket-themed concert was held at London's Royal Albert Hall. The resulting album was played on BBC and Sky as well as over sound systems at the match grounds.

Another idea was to use cricket-loving celebrities as goodwill ambassadors, including John Cleese (of "Monty Python's Flying Circus" and "Fawlty Towers" fame) and Stephen Fry ("Jeeves and Wooster" and "Oscar Wilde").

It was hoped that the games would be played in a carnival atmosphere. The grounds would include cheerleaders, choirs, bands, and musical groups. The County Cricket committees were to work with local authorities to have multi-cultural events, civic receptions for the teams and cricket clinics.

Many of the smaller grounds provided extra seating by constructing temporary stands and 50,000 children were given free tickets for the warm-up matches.

The ECB, in an attempt to lose its somewhat stuffy image, lifted its "banner, musical instrument and chanting" ban although banners were carefully vetted to avoid offensive comments in a foreign language or a politically incendiary message. New crowd control policies were intended to make the crowds younger, more multi-ethnic, and appealing to women and families.

SPONSORS

Previous Cricket World Cups had a single sponsor. The Seventh Cup had no less than four main sponsors: Vodafone (whose chairman had recently been described on BBC World News as flamboyant and cricket-loving), NatWest, Pepsi Cola, and Emirates Airlines.

HOSTING

Each of the twelve competing nations was "hosted" by an English County Cricket team as follows:

Australia, hosted by Glamorgan
Bangladesh, hosted by Essex
England, hosted by Kent
India, hosted by Leicestershire
Kenya, hosted by Somerset
New Zealand, hosted by Hampshire
Pakistan, hosted by Derbyshire
Scotland, hosted by Durham
South Africa, hosted by Sussex
Sri Lanka, hosted by Northamptonshire
West Indies, hosted by Gloucestershire
Zimbabwe, hosted by Worcestershire

The ECB claimed to have used "ethnicity" in its decisions on the selection although Somerset claims few Kenyans and perhaps Worcestershire was chosen to host Zimbabwe because its favorite son, Graeme Hick, a player on the English team was born and raised in that country (Figure 2).

In addition to the host County Cricket grounds, matches were played at the Test venues of Edgbaston (Birmingham, Warwickshire), Trent Bridge (Leeds, Yorkshire), Old Trafford (Manchester, Lancashire) and Lord's and the Oval in London.

In an attempt to widen the interest in the competition, matches were also played in Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Dublin, Ireland; and Edinburgh, Scotland.

A series of warm-up matches was organized by the ECB in early May prior to the tournament proper. It was supposed to help foreign players, many of whom had come from much warmer climes, to get used to English weather and pitches. English spring weather showed its variability and several matches were rained out or abandoned during the games. The games that were played followed form with the stronger teams beating English County teams and County teams beating the weaker nations.

EQUIPMENT

The white Duke cricket ball, manufactured by British Cricket Balls Ltd., was used during the tournament despite the claims that it swings much more than the traditional red one and breaks bats. The proponents of the ball say that it is superior in that it retains its shine longer (which should make the fast bowlers happy) and deteriorates much more slowly. It would also be easier to see against the players' colored clothing and the black sidescreens used at the tournament grounds. In general it was supposed to give greatest visibility in the sometimes overcast English weather. As in previous World Cups, the players wore colored clothing. This time the shirts featured designs from national flags or cricket board emblems.

THE 1997 ICC TROPHY

The Sixth ICC Trophy, also a 50 overs, single innings competition, was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in March and April 1997 to determine which three teams would play in the Seventh Cricket World Cup.



Figure 2. Zimbabwe-born cricket player, Graeme Hick, was on England's World Cup team.



Figure 3. Current Bangladeshi coach and former West Indies opening batsman, Gordon Greenidge.

The 22 teams from the second tier cricket nations, or “minnows” as they are affectionately known by the press, were divided into four groups with the top two teams from each group advancing to the next round. Each team played the other teams in its groups once.

Readers may recall from my article on the Sixth World Cup (*Journal of Sports Philately*, September/October 1997) that one of the problems with the previous ICC competition was the question of residency qualifications. The winner of the 1994 ICC Trophy was the United Arab Emirates (UAE) who fielded but one citizen of the Emirates on its team, the rest of the players being from the Indian sub-continent.

The new residency regulations stipulated that each side must contain at least seven players who are native born or residing citizens of the country concerned.

Although this rule change primarily affected the UAE, it also had a bearing on teams from the USA and Canada whose teams are dominated by players from the West Indies, India and Pakistan.

With the 1999 World Cup being played in England, it was hoped that Ireland and Scotland would do well in the ICC Trophy so that they could host some of the World Cup matches.

The top two placing teams in each group of the qualifying rounds were as follows:

- Group A Kenya and Ireland
- Group B Bangladesh and Denmark
- Group C The Netherlands and Canada
- Group D Scotland and Hong Kong



Figure 4. Malaysia commemorated the 1997 ICC Trophy with a set of three stamps

The USA team came in third in Group A with three wins in five matches. On a personal note, the USA team captain, former West Indian Test batsman, Faoud Bacchus, played in my Florida Cricket Club's Thanksgiving Six-a-Side Festival in both 1998 and 1999.

In the next round, Kenya, Scotland, Denmark, and Canada formed Group E; Bangladesh, Ireland, the Netherlands and Hong Kong made up Group F.

Each member of the two groups played each other with the top two moving forward to the semi-finals. The results of this phase were:

- Group E Kenya and Scotland
- Group F Bangladesh and Ireland

Unfortunately the weather played a role in this phase and several games were abandoned or rain-shortened. There was even the spectacle of former West Indian opening batsman and current Bangladeshi coach, Gordon Greenidge helping with mopping up operations.

Greenidge is featured on the \$3.50 value of the Diamond Jubilee of West Indian cricket issue of 1988 by the Grenadines of St. Vincent (Figure 3).

To some, it was a strange decision to stage the tournament in Malaysia's rainy season and to allow only one day for the second-stage matches.

Rain also played a part in the semifinals. Kenya beat Ireland by 7 runs and Bangladesh won over Scotland by 72 runs. Both games were forced into a second day by bad weather.

As three teams were to go to the World Cup a third-place playoff was held between the two semi-final losers. Rain delayed the start and the match was reduced to 45 overs. Scotland won by a faster scoring rate and claimed the final World Cup place.

The final was also affected by the weather being forced into a second day with Bangladesh being the eventual winner.

The host nation, Malaysia, commemorated the occasion by issuing stamps showing cricket players in action (Figure 4).

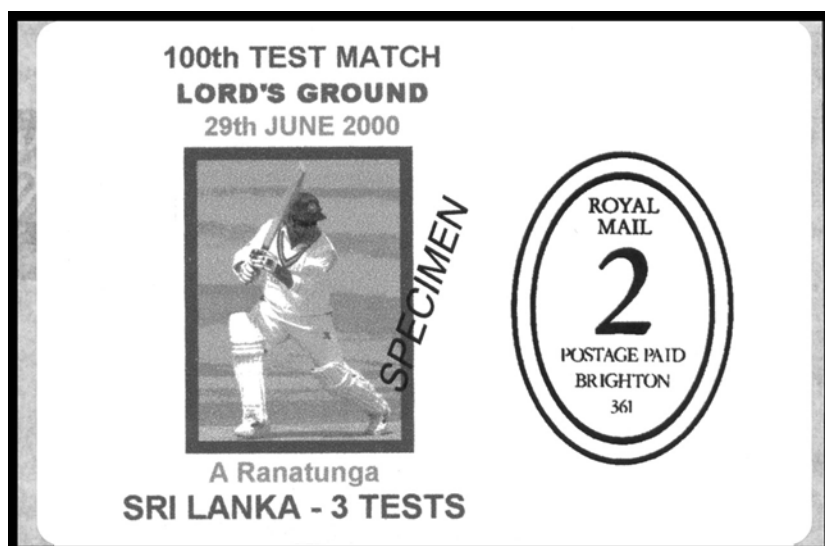


Figure 5. Arjuna Ranatunga of Sri Lanka. These postage paid labels were produced by Stamp Publicity Ltd. in commemoration of the 100th Test Match played at Lord's Cricket Ground in London. Lord's was the venue for the World Cup final. The labels are printed on Avery self-adhesive paper. The backing paper is visible on the left and right sides of the label.

THE WORLD CUP FORMAT

Each match consisted of one innings of 50 overs with any one bowler limited to ten overs.

The twelve teams were divided into two equal groups. Group A consisted of England, India, Kenya, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. Group B had Australia, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Pakistan, Scotland and the West Indies.

Stamp Publicity (Worthing) Ltd., a prominent stamp dealer in England specializing in cricket, issued a series of labels to commemorate the hundredth Test Match at Lord's Cricket Ground in London which was also the venue for the final of the Seventh Cricket World Cup. These labels are Postal Paid Impressions (PPI) used by the company for their contract mailings. They feature some of the World Cricket Cup national captains, specifically: Steve Waugh, Australia; Mohammed Azharuddin, India; Stephen Fleming, New Zealand; Wasim Akram, Pakistan; Arjuna Ranatunga, Sri Lanka (Figure 5); Hansie Cronje, South Africa; and Alistair Campbell, Zimbabwe.

In the previous World Cup, on which I reported in the September/October 1997 issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately*, the format was criticized as being too favorable to the major cricketing nations.

In the 1999 Cup's new format, each team played the other teams in its group. The top three teams in each group progressed to the next phase – the so-

called "Super Six." The Super Six competition determined the semifinalists. In this phase the Group A teams played the teams from Group B. Teams from the same qualifying group did not play each other again but the results from the time when they did play each other were carried forward.

South Africa was installed as the favorite to win the World Cup Trophy at 3:1 odds based on its previous single-day international record and its recent win of the Wills International Cup in Dhaka, Bangladesh in October-November 1998. Australia was South Africa's closest competitor with odds of 7:2. England, with its seeming home field advantage, were at 5:1, while current cup holders, Sri Lanka, were rated 7:1. Best long shots to win the Cup were Pakistan and India.

GROUP A MATCHES

Captain Alec Stewart started England's quest for its first World Cup victory in fine fashion by winning its first match against defending champions, Sri Lanka.

In 1995, several British West Indian nations produced an omnibus issue to commemorate 100 years of tours by cricket teams from England. Alec Stewart was featured on the \$2 value from Grenada (Figure 6).

South Africa showed that its status as tournament favorite was well justified when it beat India before a packed ground at Hove in Sussex. This match produced some early excitement when South Africa's coach, Bob Woolmer, attempted to communicate with his players by using a transmitter broadcasting from the pavilion to players' ear plug receivers. When discovered, this piece of modern technology was promptly disallowed by the umpires.

England's second match against Kenya suffered spells of intermittent rain, but the hosts won by nine wickets.



Figure 6. Alec Stewart, captain of England's World Cup team.

South Africa, in its second match, prevailed over Sri Lanka after a bad start with a hard hitting innings from Lance Klusener.

The first surprise of the tournament was when Zimbabwe beat India by 3 runs. It should be noted however that India was without its star batsman, Sachin Tendulkar, who had to fly back to Bombay due to the death of his father from a heart attack.

South Africa again lived up to its favored status by decisively beating England by 122 runs at the Oval. Tendulkar returned from his father's funeral and was declared "Man of the Match" when India beat Kenya by 94 runs. England beat Zimbabwe in its fourth match by 7 wickets.

India made the huge score of 373 runs in its 50 overs to convincingly beat Sri Lanka who could only muster 216 in reply. South Africa had no trouble beating Kenya.

England's last match in their group play was against India and they needed a win to guarantee a place in the Super Sixes. However they could only muster 169 runs to India's 232. In the meantime Zimbabwe produced the upset of the tournament by beating the seemingly invincible South Africans by 48 runs.

The Group A final standings were as follows:

Group A Final Standings				
<i>Nation</i>	<i>Games Won</i>	<i>Games Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Net Run Rate</i>
South Africa	4	1	8	0.88
India	3	2	6	1.28
Zimbabwe	3	2	6	0.02
England	3	2	6	-0.33
Sri Lanka	2	3	4	-0.81
Kenya	0	5	0	-1.20

England's failure to advance to the Super Six level of the competition was due to the team's inability to score quickly when faced with modest totals from its opponents. This resulted in an inferior net run rate as shown in the above table. It would seem appropriate at this stage to explain how this net run rate is calculated.

The net run rate for the group matches was based on a combination of batting and bowling rates. Batting run rate was based on runs scored divided by overs received. For example, if 1000 runs



Figure 7. West Indies team captain, Brian Lara.

are scored in the five group matches in 250 overs, then the batting run rate is 4.0. Similarly, the bowling run rate is the number of runs given up divided by the number of overs bowled. Thus if a team gives up 750 runs in 250 overs bowled, then the bowling run rate is 3.0. The difference between the batting and bowling run rates (4.0 - 3.0) is the net run rate – in this case, 1.0.

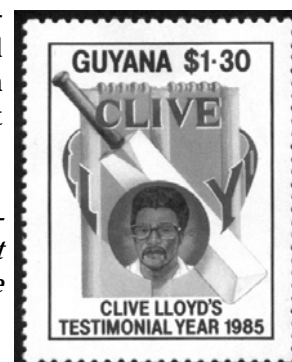
GROUP B MATCHES

Australia, one of the early favorites, experienced more trouble than expected from minnow Scotland who played admirably in its first venture into full international cricket. Australia eventually prevailed by 6 wickets after Scotland had made a very respectable 181 runs against one of the best bowling sides in the competition. One of the Scottish players who participated in a mid-innings rally was Yorkshire player, Gavin Hamilton, who at one time was being considered for the English team.

Pakistan's first outing was against the West Indies before a sell-out crowd at Bristol. Brian Lara, the captain of the West Indies team, has been featured on a number of stamps issued by his home country, Trinidad and Tobago (Figure 7).

This was the match in which Shoaib Akhtar, Pakistan's new fast bowler, was introduced to the world scene. Pakistan won comfortably by 27 runs. New Zealand had not trouble beating Bangladesh and somewhat unexpectedly also beat Australia. Dublin's Clontarf Club game between West Indies and Bangladesh was played in a cold blustery wind and West Indies manager and former World Cup captain, Clive Lloyd (Figure 8), was spied swathed in blankets. However, form prevailed and the West Indies won by 7 wickets.

Figure 8. West Indies manager and former Cricket World Cup captain, Clive Lloyd.



Australia's biggest test was to be against Pakistan. Their thrilling match was won by Pakistan in the final over. West Indies regained some of its past glory when it defeated New Zealand by 7 wickets. Bangladesh won one of its two matches by beating fellow minnow, Scotland. Australia at last began to strike form by beating Bangladesh and West Indies in successive matches. Some of the later matches in this group involved run rates as the better teams concentrated on making it to the next stage. Probably the biggest upset in this group was Bangladesh's triumph over Pakistan by 62 runs. Naturally this caused widespread jubilation in Bangladesh and further strengthened its claim to full Test status.

Bangladesh issued two stamps and souvenir sheet on May 13, 1999 to celebrate its participation in the Cricket World Cup (Figure 1). One of the stamps (8t) shows the badges of the twelve participating nations and the other (10t) shows the flag of Bangladesh and a red cricket ball (even though a white ball was used in the tournament). The background of the souvenir sheet features members of the Bangladesh team in their World Cup uniforms.

The Group B final positions were as follows:

Group B Final Standings				
Nation	Games Won	Games Lost	Points	Net Run Rate
Pakistan	4	1	8	0.51
Australia	3	2	6	0.73
New Zealand	3	2	6	0.58
West Indies	3	2	6	0.50
Bangladesh	2	3	4	-0.52
Scotland	0	5	0	-1.93

SUPER SIX STAGE

As mentioned, wins against teams in the same group counted towards the initial Super Six standings which are shown in the table that follows. Thus, Zimbabwe owed its lofty position to its wins over India and South Africa. Australia's lowly status was due to its losses to New Zealand and Pakistan during group play.

Australia started its campaign to reach the semi-finals with a convincing win over India by 77 runs. South Africa's game against Pakistan showed that the one-day game is not necessarily inferior as the

Initial Super Six Standings				
Nation	Group Played In	Games Won	Games Lost	Points Carried Forward
Pakistan	B	2	0	4
Zimbabwe	A	2	0	4
South Africa	A	1	1	2
New Zealand	B	1	1	2
India	A	0	2	0
Australia	B	0	2	0

purists would have us believe. South Africa eventually won by 3 wickets despite fast bowling heroics by Shoaib Akhtar.

Zimbabwe, overjoyed at being a Super Sixer, played New Zealand at Headingley in Leeds, Yorkshire. Unfortunately the weather intervened and even the second day was rained out and thus each team was awarded one point.

India and Pakistan's match was played against the backdrop of conflict in Kashmir. Fortunately the game was not marred by political overtones. However Pakistan could only muster 180 runs against India's total of 227 for 6 and thus lost by 47 runs.

Zimbabwe started very well and after 28 overs were 128 for 1 wicket but its middle order collapsed and their final score was 259 for 6 wickets. In reply, Australia batted steadily and reached 302 for 4 including Mark Waugh's fourth World Cup century and thus Australia won by 44 runs.

An opening partnership of 176 runs by Kirsten and Gibbs insured that South Africa had little problem with New Zealand and won by 74 runs. Zimbabwe's semifinal hopes were dashed when they were convincingly beaten by Pakistan by 148 runs. New Zealand showed great determination in their match with India and gained a place in the semi-finals with a solid 5 wicket win.

The last Super Six match between South Africa and Australia was crucial to both teams in their quest for a semifinal berth. South Africa batted first and made 271 for 7 in its 50 overs. Australia started badly and at one stage were 48 runs for 3 wickets. The fall of the third wicket allowed captain Steve Waugh to come to the crease. He proceeded to show the crowd why he is one of the world's great batsmen scoring 120 not out and enabling Australia to win with two balls to spare.

The final Super Six Standings were as follows:

Final Super Six Standings				
Nation	Games Won	Games Lost	Net Runs	Net Run Rate
Pakistan	3	2	0	0.65
Australia	3	2	0	0.36
South Africa	3	2	0	0.17
New Zealand	2	2	1	-0.52
Zimbabwe	2	2	1	-0.79
India	1	4	0	-0.15

SEMIFINALS AND FINALS

Pakistan swept into the finals with a fine display of determined cricket. New Zealand batted first and every time they seemed to be settling in for a big score, Pakistan's exciting fast bowler, Shoaib Akhtar would break the partnership with a wicket shattering yorker. Eventually New Zealand scored 241 for 7 wickets in their 50 overs. Pakistan insured victory with an opening stand of 194 runs, a World cup record, and secured victory in the forty-seventh over.

The second semifinal between Australia and South Africa was one of the most exciting one-day matches ever played. Australia batted first and made a reasonable 213 runs. When their final wicket fell with four balls left in the last over.

South Africa were within nine runs of victory when Lance Klusener faced Fleming for the last over with Donald, the last over, as the non-striker. Accompanied by tumultuous crowd noise, Klusener hit the first two balls for four. One run to win and four balls to go. The third ball was blocked. Klusener hit the fourth ball slowly past the bowler and called for a run. Donald, deafened by the spectator noise never heard the call and was run out by ten yards. Match tied and Australia goes into the final due to its higher position in the Super Six table.

The final between Australia and Pakistan was something of an anticlimax after the thrilling semifinal win by Australia several days before.

The start of the match was delayed by rain. Pakistan, coming in as slight favorites, batted first. They were playing comfortably within themselves and had reached 69 for 3 from twenty-two overs when spinner Shane Warne came on to bowl with devastating results. Aply supported by Glen McGrath (match analysis 2 for 13) and some excellent field-

ing, Warne finished with four wickets and Pakistan were dismissed for 132 runs in 39 overs, the lowest total in a World Cup final.

Australia began its innings with due deliberation and although Shoaib Akhtar bowled the fastest ball of the game (96 m.p.h.) he and captain Wasim Akram were unable to make the all-important initial breakthrough.

Opener Adam Gilchrist was particularly aggressive and reached his half century in 33 balls and Australia were 42 runs after six overs. The Australian batsmen continued their onslaught on the Pakistani bowlers and although they lost Gilchrist and Ricky Ponting by the end of the twentieth over, they were poised for victory. On the first ball of the twenty-first over victory was secured and Australia were the winners of the Seventh Cricket World Cup.

The ECB issued a series of covers with special postmarks. The cachet shows the Cup and the badges of the twelve participating nations. The postmarks for the two semifinals, New Zealand vs. Pakistan and Australia vs. South Africa (Figure 9) show the Cup logo. The postmark for the final, Australia vs. Pakistan, shows the Cup itself (Figure 10).

RETROSPECTIVE

Whether or not the 1999 Cricket World Cup was a success depends on one's point of view. The Indian sub-continent with its four representatives in the tournament (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh) and thousands of British-based supporters, probably thought they had a winner. After all, two of them, India and Pakistan, made the Super Six level and Pakistan was a finalist.

For England's team followers the reverse would be true as their heroes did not even reach the Super Six.

The organizers also came in for their share of criticism. One complaint was that the competition



Figure 9. Commemorative cancels for the two semifinal matches.

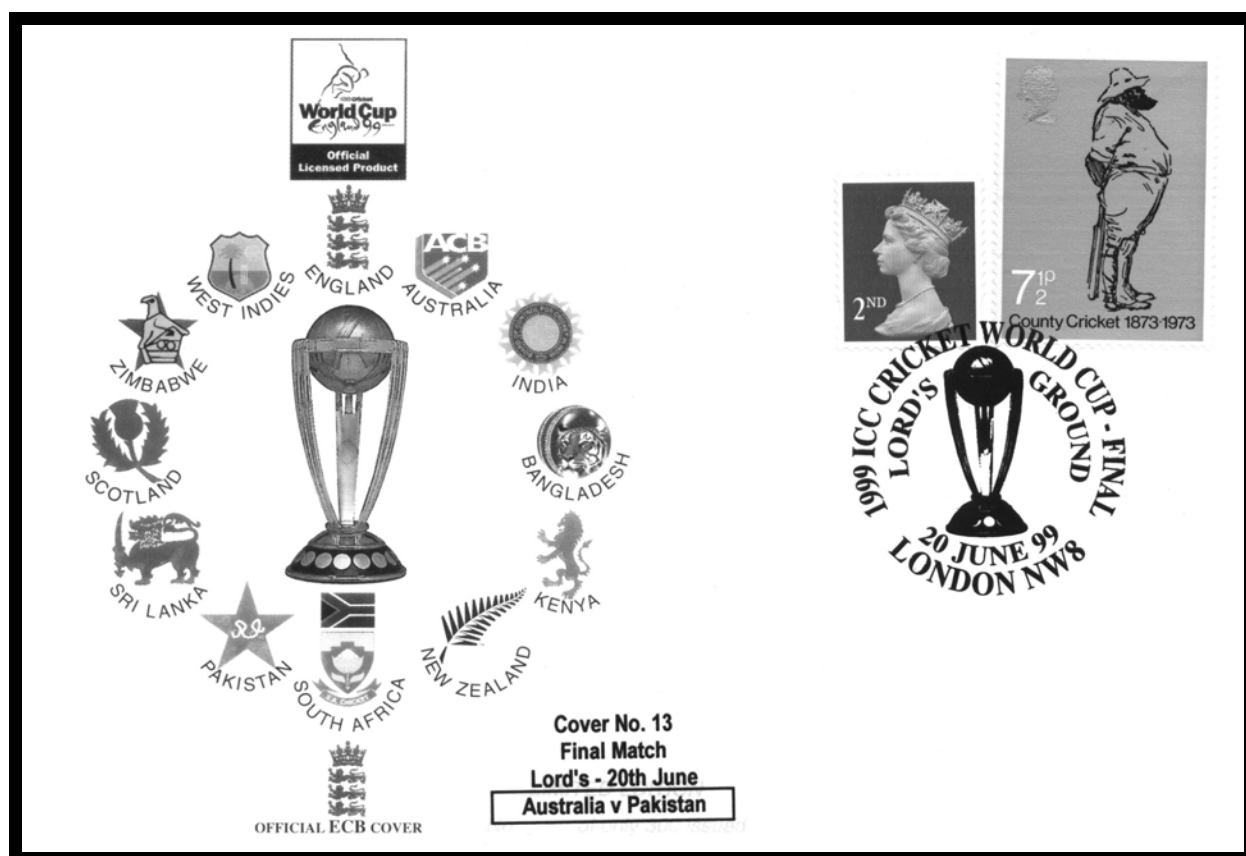


Figure 10. Cover commemorating the World Cup final match between Australia and Pakistan.

was played too early in the cricket season. The end of May and the beginning of June can be quite cool and often rainy. In addition, the English football (soccer) season was still in full swing. Manchester United won an amazing triple crown on May 26 when they beat Germany's Bayern Munich to win the European Champions Cup having previously won the English Premier League and the Football Association Cup. This Cup, the crown jewel of English football, had been played in London's Wembley Stadium on May 22 and coincided with the English cricket team's most important group match against South Africa at the Oval (also in London). Although the cricket match was a sellout, it must have put quite a strain on the loyalty of English sports fans.

The matches being played in May and June also meant that children, the cricket players and fans of the future, were still in school and thus unable to attend the games or watch them live on television.

Another complaint was that some of the grounds were too small. While additional seating was installed at many grounds, some of the more important matches were played at very small venues. For instance, India and South Africa played on Sussex's Hove ground to a crowd of only 6,400 fans.

Immediately after the final there was, as expected, completely different reactions from the followers of the two finalists. Australia's victorious World Cup cricketers were received enthusiastically when they returned home. They were treated to parades, cavalcades, presentations, cocktail parties and radio and television interviews. These appearances took place in three cities, involved several hundred thousand people and ended in a show at Parliament House in the nation's capital, Canberra.

In contrast, Pakistani supporters were far from happy. Five hundred angry protesters turned up at Karachi airport and pelted the players with rotten eggs and, even worse, epithets. Urdu newspapers sported headlines like "Hang Akram" and "Shoot the Traitors" and alleged match fixing. A court subsequently cleared Wasim Akram, Ijaz Ahmed, and Salim Malik of these charges but all three were suspended from the national team.

Although crowds gathered outside Wasim Akram's home in Lahore burning effigies of the Pakistani captain, he wisely perhaps did not return home but went directly to the English Midlands where he had been hired by the Birmingham League cricket team of Smethwick.

Yet another of Pakistan's leading players, Inzamam-ul-Haq, had his home in Mustan stormed by a stone-throwing crowd who also burned tires in the streets.

Wholesale changes were made in some of the other teams due to the Cup results. The English authorities at last realized that for Alec Stewart to captain, keep wicket and open the batting was too much responsibility. Nasser Hussain was made captain for the next Test series against New Zealand. Eight teams changed coaches, five teams changed managers and several teams changed captains, the most notable being England, India (new captain, Sachin Tendulkar) and Pakistan (Moin Khan). Arjuna Ranatunga and Aravinda de Silva were fired as Sri Lanka's captain and vice captain respectively. They were blamed for Sri Lanka's poor performance in the World Cup and general decline in one-day matches.

EPILOGUE

On a personal note, my wife and I made an extended trip north (we live in Florida) to visit our children and grandchildren during the group match-

es stage of the Cup. Fortunately they all have computers and I was able to follow the progress of the group matches via the World Wide Web. In addition, the match scores were also published in *USA Today*.

I returned home in time for the Super Six and was able to watch most of the matches via satellite hookup. Our cricket club president owns the local Holiday Inn and the matches were relayed into one of the rooms courtesy of Kelly Broadcasting Systems, Inc.

Also, my sister, who lives in England, knowing I was to write this article, sent me cuttings from the English newspapers, *The Independent*, *The Observer* and *The Sun*. ☺

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by Norman Jacobs

For the past 10 years I have tried to persuade the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association (ALTA) to use an advertising meter slug on their mail, to no avail. The only ALTA item I can even consider including in my tennis exhibit would be the indicium used on their newsletter mailings. They send their first-class mail with a meter, but no slug. Since ALTA has over 70,000 active playing members, it may be the largest city-based amateur league in the world, and would merit mention in the exhibit. So perhaps I can be excused for taking the easy way out.

Neopost, the mailroom equipment supplier and meter machine specialists, chose Stamp Show 2000 in London to demonstrate the new portable Neopost Autostamp. Using this device the Neopost representative was able to take a digital photograph, use a computer to compose a meter including the photograph and a personalized message, and print the envelope, all within a few minutes. As you can see from the



illustration, I couldn't resist the chance to create ALTA postal history. The personnel at the Neopost stand did not ask me if I had permission to use the name of the association, so I wonder what other unusual meter messages were created. The meter message did see postal use, with the correct 45 pence rate for overseas airmail, and was mailed in a protective sleeve with a Royal Mail corner marking. Each machine is individually numbered as are the traditional meter machines.

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My Favorite Stamp

by Paul Tissington

Every collector has a favorite stamp and as an SPI member my favorite – and probably yours too – is a sports stamp. Having been born in the Great White North, as Canada is sometimes jokingly (or lovingly) called, you won't be surprised to learn that my #1 favorite is a 5¢ hockey stamp, Scott #359, issued January 23, 1956.

How much do I like it? Well, I've got more than 17,000 mint, never hinged copies; approximately 91,000 used copies and 120 covers including 80 first day covers. My collection also has a dramatic "freak separation" where the corner of a sheet was folded over before being perforated (Figure 1). The fold in the paper is evident.

As a busy teenager in 1956, I didn't have time for stamps, which I'd dabbled with in my pre-teen years. I don't even recall being aware of the hockey stamp when it was issued. And in 1956 I'd just given up my ambitions for a career in hockey – too slow! – for one in basketball. Unfortunately, I wasn't tal-

ented enough to pursue that dream beyond high school, either!

Turning forward to 1970: two children born and a third on the way, with visions of a home-based hobby such as stamp collecting flashing in my mind. As a fan of almost everything athletic, sports stamps were the obvious first choice, along with Canadian stamps and, thanks to an Australian-born wife, stamps from Down Under. It didn't take long to find #359, the blue and white engraved stamp showing two players in the foreground and a goalie in front of his net. Some still mistake this as Canada's first sports stamp, but that honor goes to #158, the Bluenose stamp issued in 1929, featuring a sleek fishing boat that won most of its East Coast races against New England competitors between 1921 and 1938.

Still, #359 is Canada's second sports stamp and, to my amazement in the early 1970's, the only hockey stamp ever issued by Canada. Considering that the Great White North lays claim as the birthplace of ice hockey, it seemed a surprising oversight. How

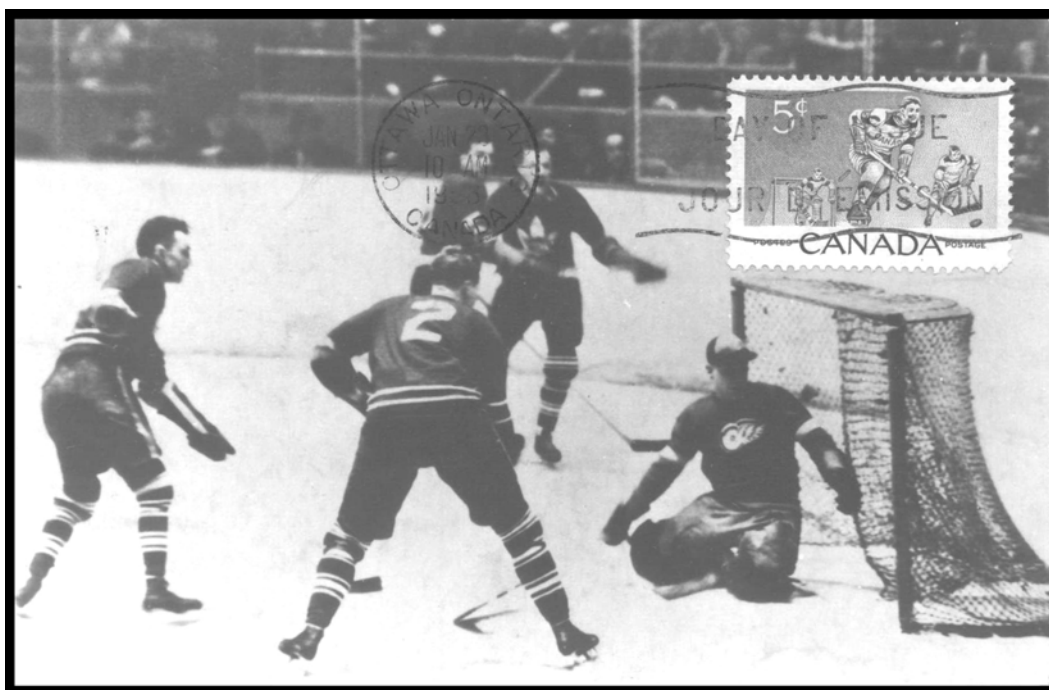


Figure 2. Postcard showing picture of Toronto Maple Leafs and Detroit Red Wings in action with a First Day Ottawa cancel.

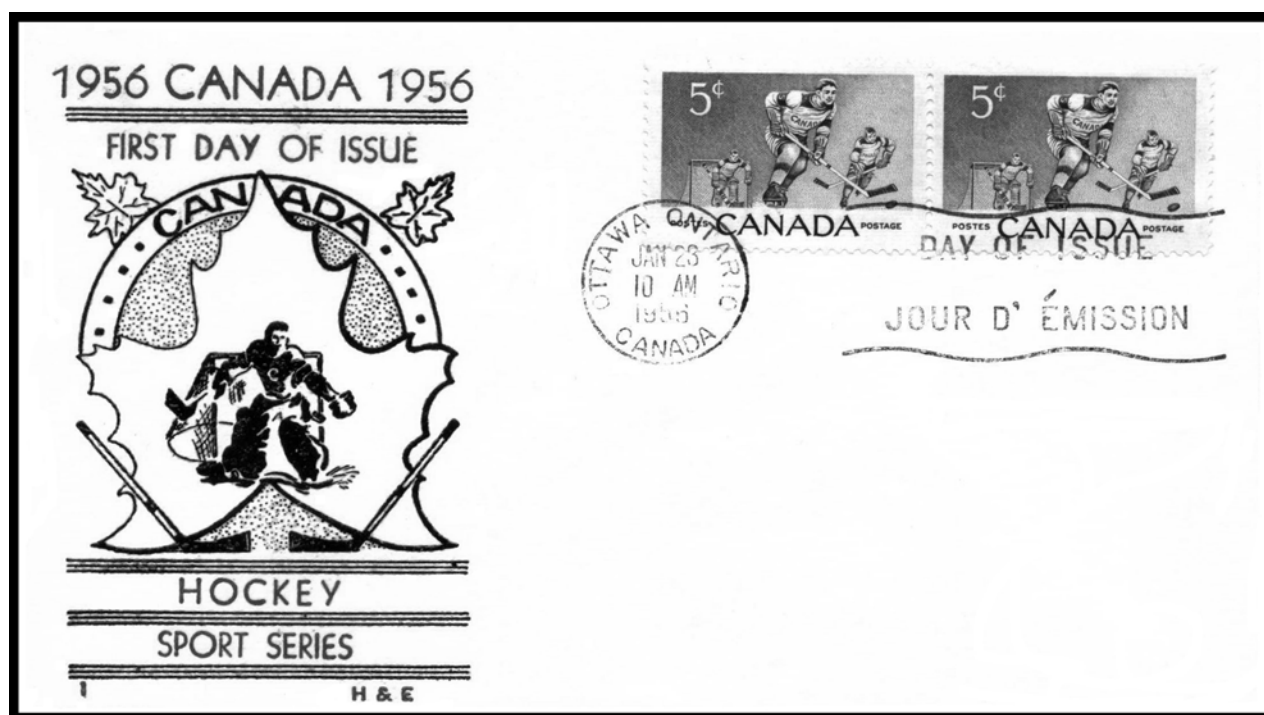


Figure 3. H & E hockey cachet on official Ottawa First Day cover.

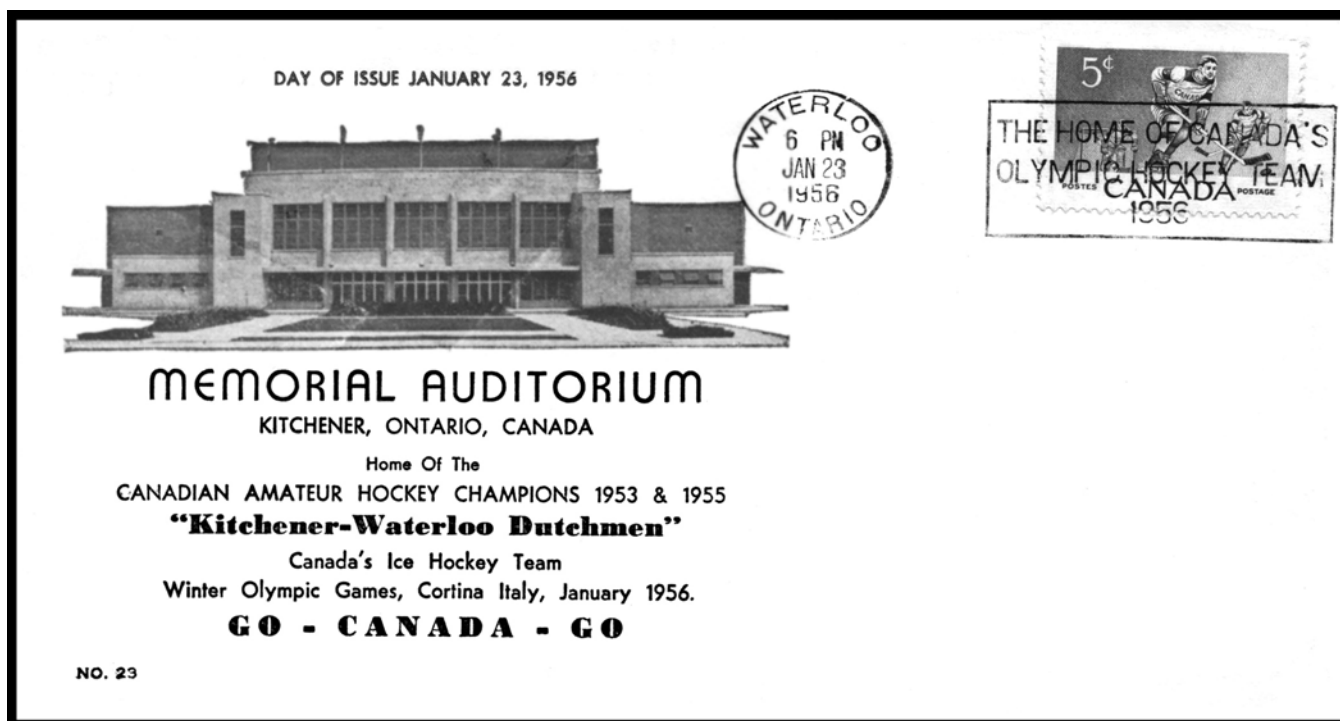


Figure 4. Cover with special Kitchener-Waterloo (adjacent cities) arena and Olympic team cachet with a Waterloo FD cancel.

ever, starting in 1986 when Canada issued a hockey stamp for the 1988 Winter Olympics at Calgary, that oversight has been corrected. There are now 17 Canadian hockey stamps! But, as attractive as most of them are, none have the simple charm of my #359.

In 30 years, my three basic collections have grown, which is a major understatement! And I've added Tall Ships and Jazz stamps to my collecting interests. My three kids all dabbled in stamps as youngsters and still have their small collections. And when their children are born and they are spending much of their off-work time at home, well, maybe they'll have stamp collecting visions as I did 30 years ago.

These days, I'm still hunting for the rest of those 30 million-issued #359 survivors that I don't have! By buying in quantity from dealers, I've acquired most of my mints at double face value, or 10 cents each, occasionally a bit more for plate blocks. Used copies in bundles of 100 range in price from \$1.00 to \$1.50. And the covers have cost anywhere from 50 cents to \$5.00 (all prices are in Canadian dollars).

My favorite FDC is actually a sepia-colored Elite Company, New York, postcard showing several Toronto Maple Leafs and Detroit Red Wings in front of the Detroit goal with an Ottawa FD cancel on the stamp in the upper right corner. It was a bargain at \$7.00 (Figure 2). Two additional first day covers are

illustrated in Figures 3 and 4.

It's been great fun sorting the used copies by towns and cities from all over Canada, slogan cancels and dates. I even found a good outlet for the damaged ones, using them to decoupage a small hockey stick and several hockey pucks, transforming them into paperweights, including one for each of my kids, all hockey fans, of course. (So far, I've been able to resist the temptation to use the damaged stamps as wallpaper!)

In 1995 when Canada Post issued peel-and-stick Greetings stamps with blank centers, to be filled with official stickers or anything else one desired, it seemed natural to cut up some damaged hockey stamps and mail the results to myself.

Earlier this year I sorted all my #359 covers and created a database for them on my computer. Each entry includes cancel, cachet style, whether addressed or not, condition, where purchased and the cost. It was enlightening as I hadn't realized I had 13 different hockey cachets.

So, what's your favorite sports stamp? Sounds like we have the potential for a long-running series and one to which all SPI members could easily contribute. 🐾

(If anyone reading this article has #359 stamps in quantity for sale, please contact me by email: patiss@home.com)

VISA Olympic Advertising on Business Mail

by Mark Maestroni

Courtesy of John La Porta, we have an addition to the quite limited selection of U.S. advertising covers promoting the upcoming Sydney Olympic Games. This lack of material is quite unusual when one considers that the vast majority of Worldwide Olympic Partners are companies based in the United States.

The cover shown below advertises VISA, the official credit card of the Olympic Games. The envelope contained a sweepstakes offer from a VISA institution, Capital One Financial Corporation, based in Chicago. The mailing, as is apparent from the return address, was from Capital One's offices in Richmond, VA. Text in the indicium confirms this as "Presorted / First-Class Mail / U.S. Postage / Paid / Capital One".

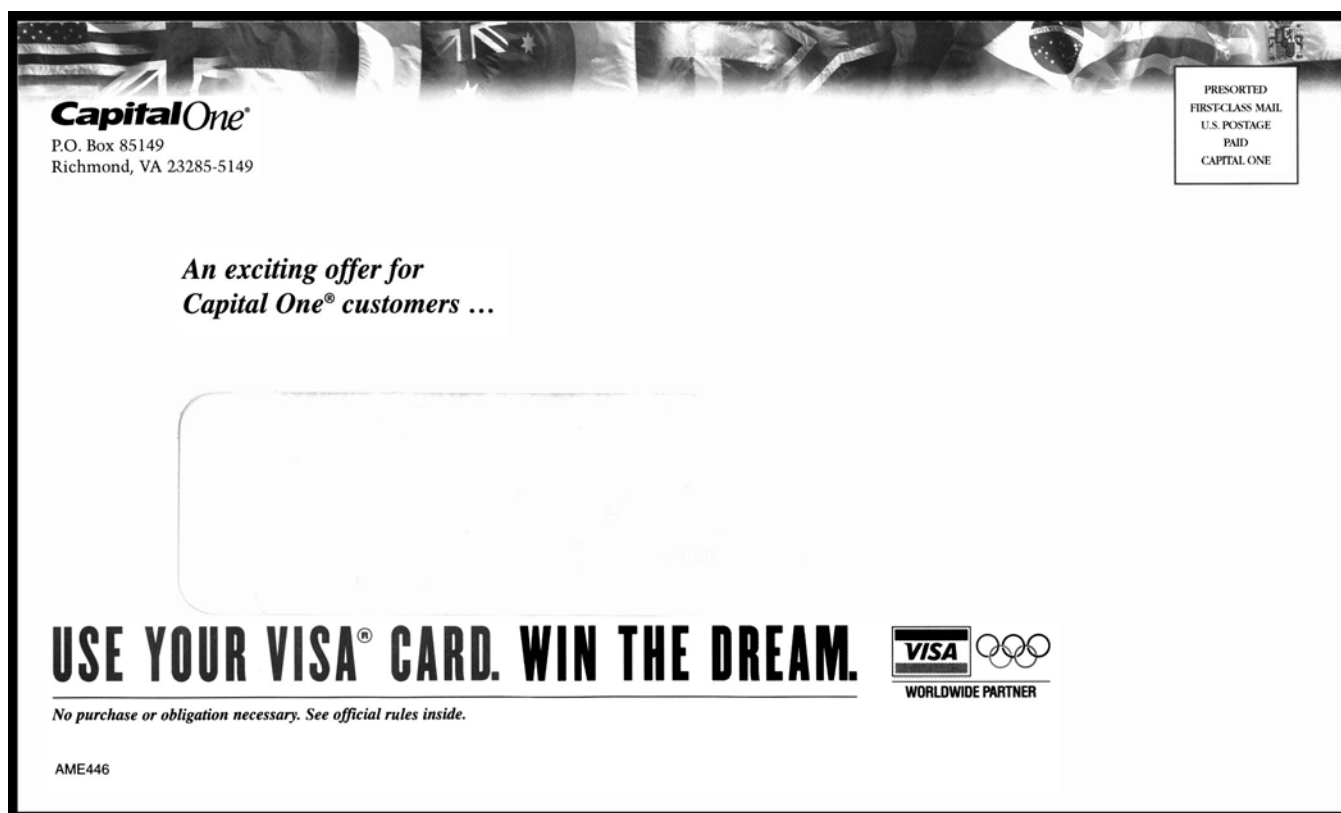
The VISA "Win The Dream" sweepstakes encourages Capital One VISA card holders to use their cards for purchases between March 1 and May 31, 2000 for automatic entry. Two Grand Prizes are to

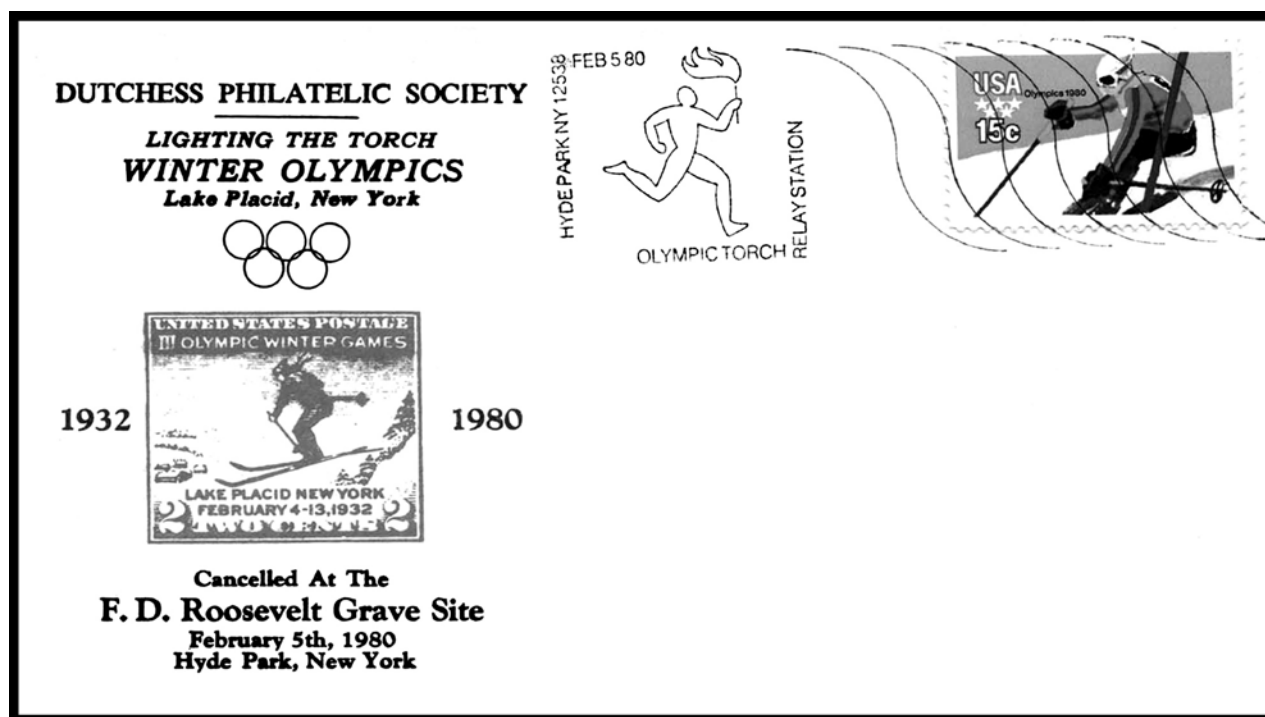
be awarded, each consisting of a 4-day, all expenses paid trip for two to the Olympic Games in Sydney. The fine print clarifies this sweepstakes to be in addition to other Olympic contests that VISA is running concurrently.

This is certainly one of those instances when black and white printing just doesn't do justice to an illustrated item. Both sides of the envelope are extremely colorful with the flags of a dozen nations waving across the top margin on front and back. The text is printed in black, blue, and green, with the Olympic rings appearing in their true colors. Similar text and the VISA Olympic logo appear on the reverse along with "36 USC 380."

The envelope is 9.15" wide by 5.3" high and is printed on slick, glossy paper with a clear glassine window.

Readers are encouraged to keep a careful eye on their mail over the next few months as we get nearer the Olympic Games. Please submit any items of interest to your editor for publication. 🐣





The 1980 Winter Olympic Games Torch Relay Visits Franklin D. Roosevelt's Grave Site

by Joseph Lacko

On February 4, 1932, Governor (soon to be elected President) Franklin Delano Roosevelt of New York, presided over the opening of the Third Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid, NY. Nearly a half century later, on February 5, 1980, relay runners bearing the Olympic flame honored the 32nd President of the United States by lighting a special flame at his grave.

The Olympic Torch Relay in 1980 began at Jamestown, Virginia, site of the first permanent English settlement in America. From there, the relay followed the 1976 Bicentennial Trail up the eastern coast of the U.S. Major cities through which it traveled included Washington, DC; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; New York, New York; and Albany, New York.

Upon arriving at the Roosevelt home at Hyde Park, NY, the torch bearer lit the torch of the next runner. Together, both runners lit a special flame at the President's grave site. The flame remained lit throughout the period of the Olympic Games which concluded on February 23.

The Roosevelt Museum held a philatelic exhibit of Roosevelt and Olympic material to coincide with the arrival of the Olympic flame. The Dutchess Philatelic Society printed a special cacheted cover honoring the event (shown above).

As part of the official series of Olympic pictorial postal cancellations, the U.S. Postal Service created a torch relay cancel used in 9 cities and towns:

Yorktown, Virginia 23690	January 31
Washington, DC 20013	February 1
Wilmington, Delaware 19850	February 2
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104	February 3
New York, New York 10001	February 4
Hyde Park, New York 12538	February 5
Albany, New York 12207	February 6
Speculator, New York 12164	February 7
Lake Placid, New York 12946	February 8

For its 8-day, 1000-mile relay, the flame was carried by just 52 runners! From its arrival in Lake Placid on February 8 until the Opening Ceremonies on February 13, the Olympic flame was housed at the Lake Placid Club.





First day cancel and Budapest 4 pictorial postmark on the 1999 Modern Pentathlon souvenir sheet.

Modern Pentathlon World Championships, Budapest, Hungary

by Zoltán Klein

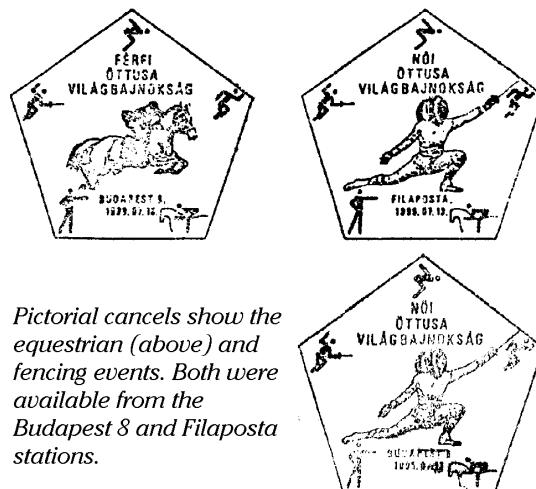
The Modern Pentathlon World Championships for men and women was held in Budapest, Hungary from July 12-18, 1999. This was the fifth time the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Federation organized this event. Previous occasions were 1954, 1969, 1979 and 1989.

To celebrate this event, the Hungarian Post Office offered three types of postmarks. Each day the cancels differed. Two post offices (Budapest 8 and Filaposta) served philatelists. The Women's Singles World Champion was Susan Vörös of Hungary (5319 points). Jelizaveta Szuvorova, Russia (5256 points) was second and Kim Raisner, Germany (5210 points) was third.

Competing were 111 men and 61 women including 23 men's and 10 women's teams. Men's Singles World Champion was Gábor Balogh, Hungary (5561 points); Capalini Libor, Czech Rep (5510) second; and Dmitrij Szvatkovszkij, Russia (5432) third. Men's team champions included Hungary 16020 points, Lithuania 15590 points and Belorussia 15466 points. Women's team champions included Russia 15404 points, Great Britain 15220 points and Italy 15078 points.



Logo cancels: Budapest 8 and Filaposta stations.



Pictorial cancels show the equestrian (above) and fencing events. Both were available from the Budapest 8 and Filaposta stations.

2000 SYDNEY OLYMPICS

by Brian Hammond

THE OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

The Olympic flame for the 2000 Games was lit on May 10, 2000, at Ancient Olympia, Greece. A special cancellation was used that day at Olympia by the Greek post office. The oval cancel depicts the flame lighting site beneath the Sydney 2000 logo. Each day of the relay in Greece a special postmark of a similar design was used (Figure 1), but with different illustrations accompanying the logo. The town name and date appear around the perimeter:

May 10, 2000	Ancient Olympia
May 10, 2000	Tripoli
May 11, 2000	Patras
May 12, 2000	Ioannina
May 13, 2000	Kastoria
May 14, 2000	Thessaloniki
May 15, 2000	Kavala
May 16, 2000	Alexandroupoli
May 17, 2000	Mytilini
May 18, 2000	Vathi
May 19, 2000	Ermoupolis
May 20, 2000	Athens

On May 8 the Greek National Olympic Committee issued a special medal showing two torch

runners carrying a torch on the face and Greek text on the reverse side. AMP the official sponsors of the torch relay have produced an attractive "Postage Paid Australia" envelope size 220x110mm showing the torch logo in full color at the top left and a man pointing to the words "a dream invitation" in blue at the bottom right hand corner.

On May 21 the Olympic flame departed Greece aboard a plane bound for Guam. Before reaching Australia on June 8, the torch will visit the 13 other Oceania member states and territories. An evening celebration will be held in every capital city. The route, which will take 17 days, is as follows:

May 22, 2000	Guam
May 23, 2000	Palau
May 24, 2000	Federated state of Micronesia
May 25, 2000	Nauru
May 26, 2000	Solomon Islands
May 27, 2000	Papua New Guinea
May 29, 2000	Vanuatu
May 29, 2000	Samoa
May 30, 2000	American Samoa
May 31, 2000	Cook Islands
June 2, 2000	Tonga
June 3, 2000	Fiji
June 5-7, 2000	New Zealand



Figure 1. Cancels for the Greek portion of the 2000 Olympic Torch Relay: (left to right, top row) Ancient Olympia, Tripoli, Patras, Ioannina, Kastoria, Thessaloniki, (bottom row) Kavala, Alexandroupoli, Mytilini, Vathi, Ermoupolis, Athens.

"COLLECT SYDNEY 2000"

Written by Richard Peck, this is a three-part work illustrating material associated with the 2000 Olympic Games. Part 1 covers the period from 1993 through 1996, while Part 2 records material from 1997 through 1999. Part 3, to be published next year, will comprise all items from 2000. The books are full of black and white illustrations with little text. Each part comes with a full color cover. Of special interest are details of the United Parcel Service (UPS) role at the 2000 Games (contained in Part 1), and the countdown auctions and Olympic ticketing discussed in Part 2.

Copies of this publication are available from the author for AU\$15 post paid for each part (AU\$45 for all three parts). Please address your requests to: Richard Peck, PO Box 199, Drummoyne 1470, Australia.

OLYMPIC STAMP BOOKLETS FROM APTA

The final (year 2000) special limited edition stamp booklet produced by the Australian Philatelic

Traders Association (APTA) has arrived (Figure 2). It is the Australian Legends 2000 booklet containing 10 x 45c self-adhesive stamps. The cover is imprinted with the APTA logo and text, in silver, reading: "2000 / 'Countdown to 2000' / Sydney Olympic Games / Booklet Series".

NEW OLYMPIC POSTCARDS

As reported last time more postcards have been issued for the 2000 Games. So far, 17 new cards are available with another 32 promised before the Games in September. A sales tax comes into force in July and the other cards may not be issued until after the tax is introduced. Ink Group is also produc-

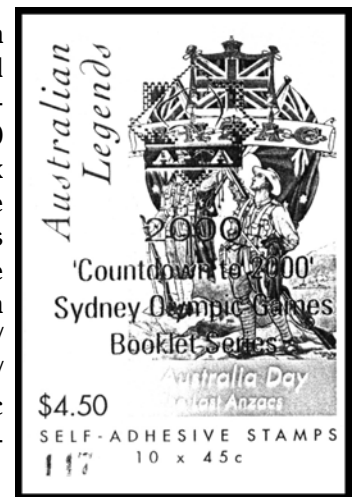


Figure 2. Final "Countdown to 2000" privately-over-printed booklet from APTA.

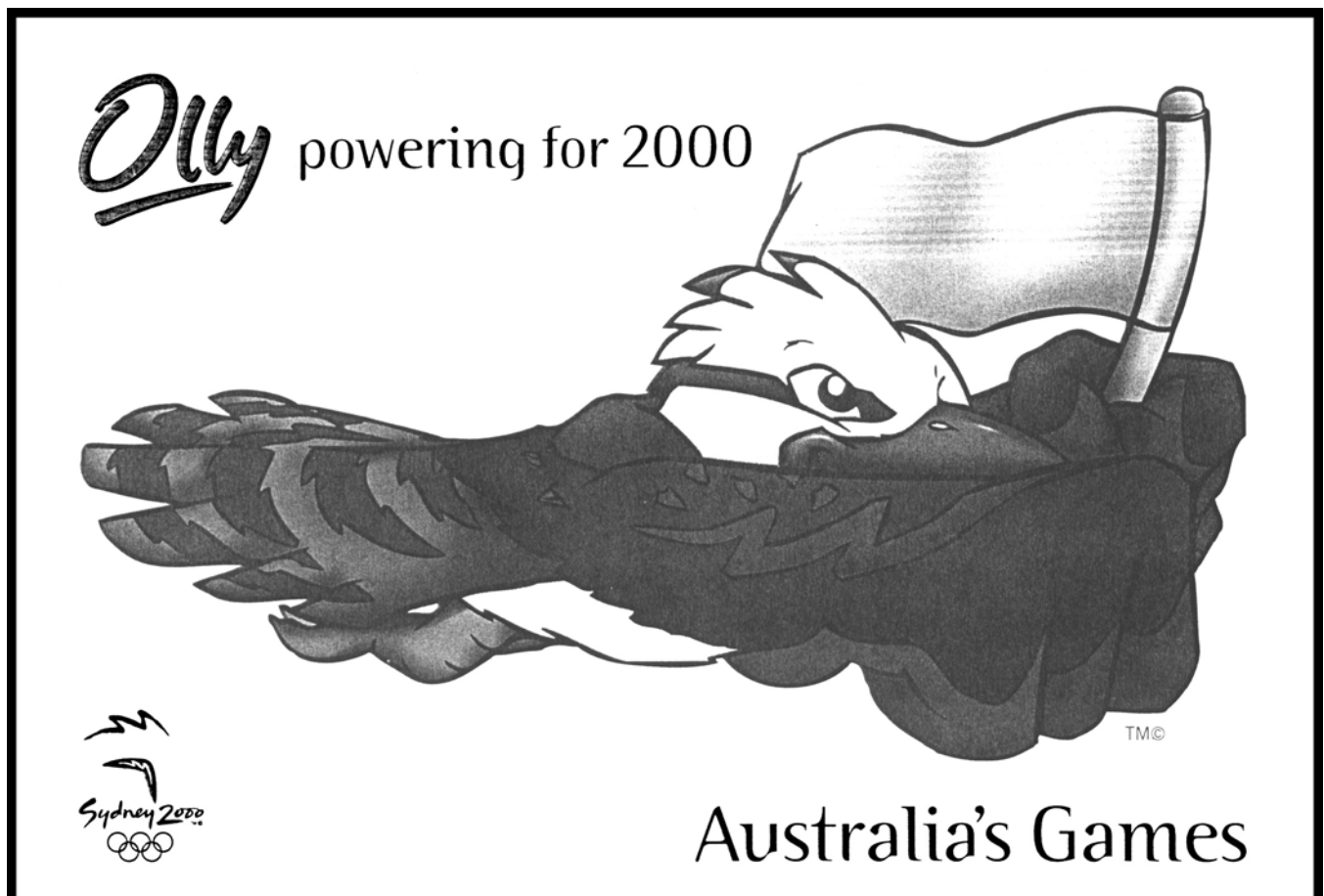


Figure 3. "Olly" the kookaburra appears on this new Ink Group postcard from Series 6 (#6 032 165 6/5).

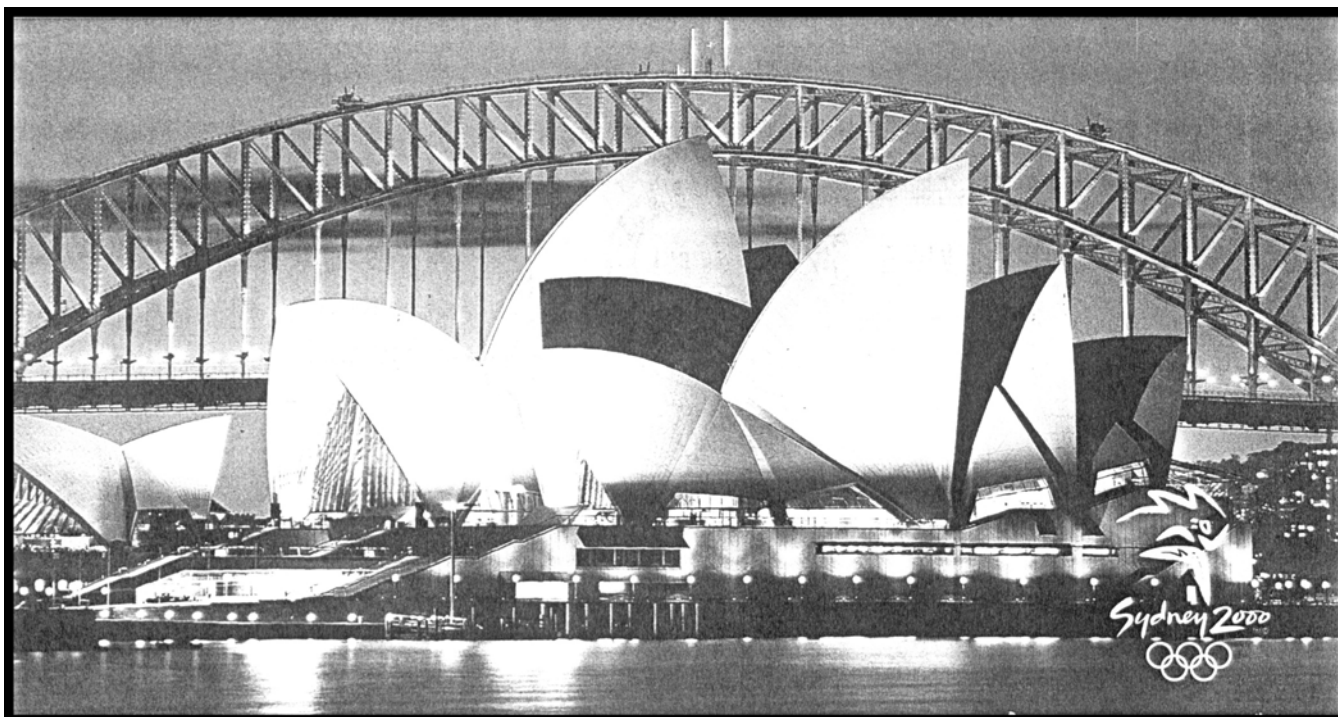


Figure 4. From Series 12 of Ink Group's official post card series, a view of the famed Sydney Opera House and bridge (#6 032 203 12/8).

ing a number of Olympic posters and calendars. The new postcards are:

Series 6: 10 Mascot Cards.

- 6 032 162 6/2 Gearing up for the Australian Games
- 6 032 165 6/5 Australia's Games – Olly powering for 2000 (Figure 3)
- 6 032 166 6/6 Australia's Games – Syd building for 2000
- 6 032 167 6/7 Australia's Games – Millie stretching for 2000
- 6 032 168 6/8 Australia's Games – Olly powering for 2000
- 6 032 169 6/9 Australia's Games – Hello, G`day, - Olly, Syd, Millie
- 6 032 170 6/10 Let the Games begin – Syd, Millie, Olly

Series C3: Children's Art Cards (series 3). 6 032 171 C3/1 Children's Art Cards – Share the Spirit

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- 6 032 197 12/2 Sydney Harbour Bridge and Skyline at Dusk
- 6 032 198 12/3 Sydney Opera House with Tall Ships
- 6 032 199 12/4 City Skyline from Kirribilli Sydney
- 6 032 200 12/5 Bronte Sea Baths, Sydney
- 6 032 203 12/8 View Bridge and Opera House at night (Figure 4)
- 6 032 205 12/10 The Rocks, Sydney

Tom D'Arcy who supplies me with much of the information for this column, has been informed by Australux that they have designed more cards for Ansett showing their aircraft. Between 15 and 20 designs have been sent to Ansett for approval.

NEW COVERS FOR THE OLYMPIC TEST EVENTS

- #39, 02/12/99 Judo Test Event Pyrmont Bridge DH
- #40, 05/12/99 Teakwondo Test Event State Sports Center HB
- #41, 08/12/99 Boxing Test Event Pyrmont Bridge DH (Figure 5)
- #42, 10/12/99 Track Cycling Test Event State Sports Center HB
- #43, 16/12/99 Road Cycling Test Event Philatelic Sales Center
- #44 [2], 07/01/20 Tennis Test Event Philatelic Sales Center

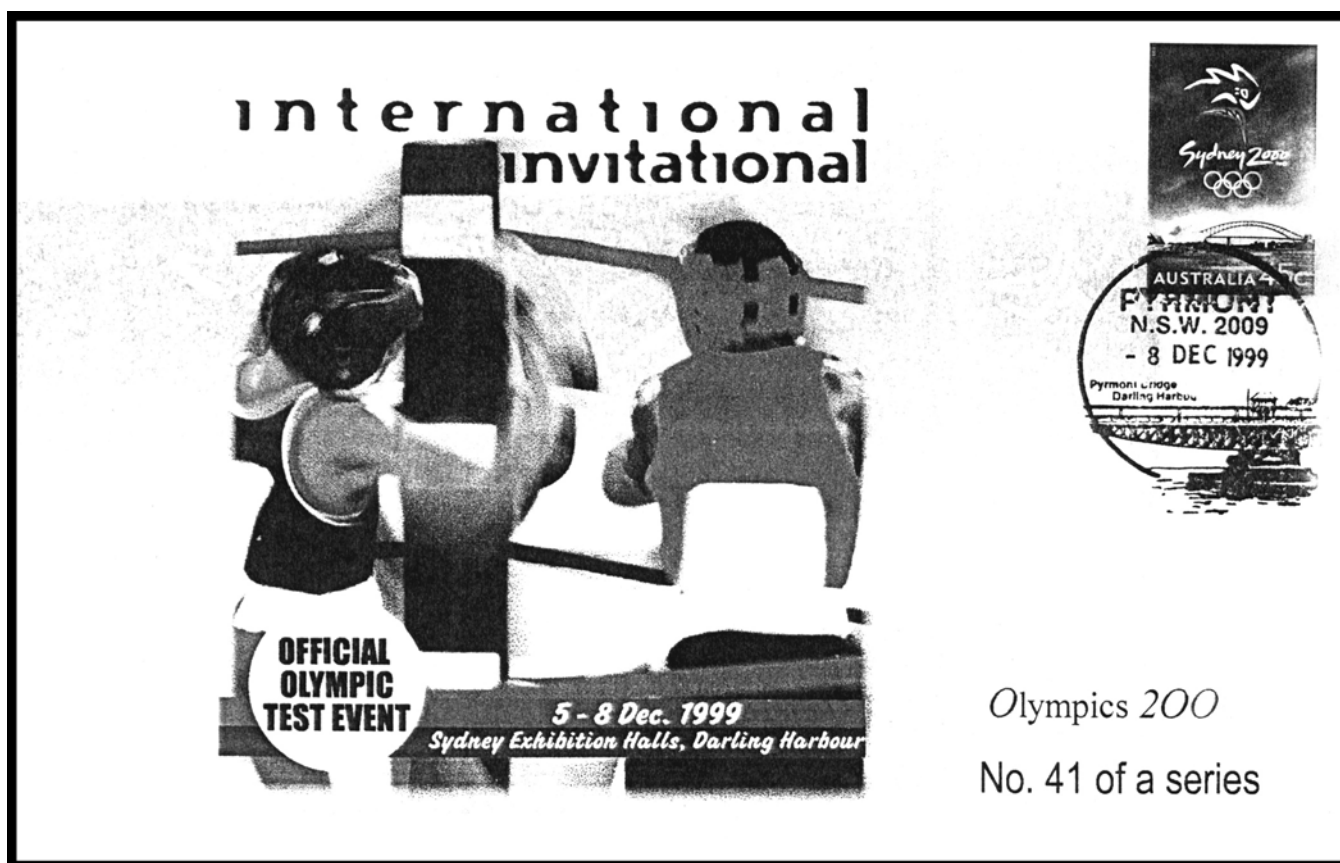


Figure 5. Test event cover #41 for boxing held at the Sydney Exhibition Hall.

- #45 13/01/20 Table Tennis Test Event Philatelic Sales Center
- #46, 21/01/20 Softball Test Event Philatelic Sales Center
- #47, 13/01/20 Swimming World Cup Hobart
- #50, 28/12/20 Diving Test Event Philatelic Sales Center
- #51, 05/02/20 Beach Volleyball Test Manley pictorial
- #52, 05/02/20 Triathlon Test Event Manley pictorial
- #53 [2], 24/02/20 Gymnastics Test Event Homebush West
- #54 [2], 24/02/20 Athletics Test Event Homebush South
- 300 Days, 20/11/99 300 days cachet in Red State Sports Center

NEW ITEMS FROM OLYMPIC SPONSORS

1. Shell Australia: Bumper sticker on a blue background, size 238 x 48 mm. The removable portion of the sticker measures 230 x 40 mm, with rounded corners. At left, in white, is the Australian Olympic Committee logo and word "Supporter." To the right: GO (red) WELL (yellow) AUSTRALIA (white) / Shell Australia Official Fuel and Oils Supplier of the 2000 Australia Olympic Team (white). To the far right is

the Shell logo (red, yellow and white) / Official/Fuel& Oils / Supplier (white). They have now produced a series of Olympic books for children, plus a third series of Olympic pins.

2. AMINCO Paralympic Pins: A series of pins has been issued for the Australian 2000 Paralympic Team featuring Lizzie the mascot.

3. Australian Numismatic Dealers Association (ANDA): They have sponsored three coin fairs in Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane. The card advertising the event shows the Sydney logo on both sides, the mascots, a logo flag on the front, and a Sydney coin on the reverse.

4. Cadbury: They are offering a set of collector's cards of the Olympic mascots involved in the Olympic sporting events. The reverse of each card gives information on the sport shown on the front. I understand that the set contains a total of 26 cards plus a win card. There are 22 types of special Olympic packets of Cadbury products (including Cadbury Cherry Ripe and Cadbury Clairs). A note on the packets reads: "Every purchase will help support the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and the Australian

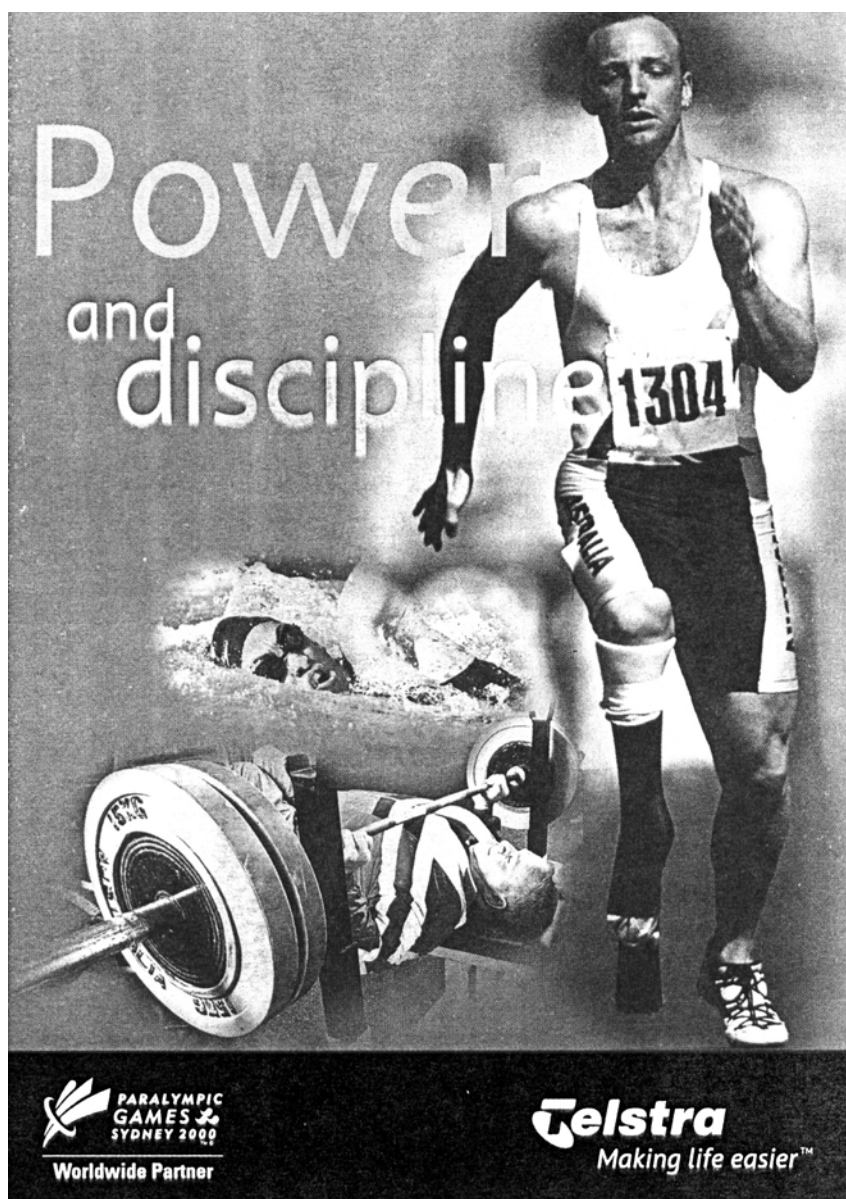


Figure 6. Telstra, a Worldwide Olympic Partner, honors the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games with this post card.

Olympic team.” Only the “fun packs” contain the mascot cards. Tom reports seeing five types of these, but only four of them had the cards (e.g. Dairy Milk, Crunchie).

5. Coca-Cola: The company is sponsoring an Olympic Games Party competition. The entry form includes the Sydney logo in White and the mascots in color.

6. Dunlop Tyres: Their letterhead shows the Sydney Games logo in full color. They have also issued an Olympic pin.

7. SOCOG Coin and Medallion Collection: I have received four leaflets illustrating the various ways that the Olympic collection can be obtained. New items include a set of 24 Olympic emblems (one from each Summer Games, including Sydney) and an Olympic Torch Relay booklet available with a medallion alone, or accompanied by a pin.

8. Telstra: They have issued a color postcard with a light blue background for the 2000 Paralympic Games featuring running, swimming and weightlifting (Figure 6).

BRAD DALTON MACHINE CANCELLATION

The Brad Dalton Olympic meter imprint from machine #01852 has been in use since August 16, 1993 (Figure 7). Both black and blue ink have been used. The slogan “Sydney2000” appears above four views of basketball. The text “Brad Dalton” is in a box below which is “PO Box 585 Nth Narrabeen NSW 2101.” “Date Posted” appears in place of a town name in the circular date portion of the meter.

FINAL OLYMPIC VENUE OPENED

Woman’s water polo will be an Olympic sport for the first time at Sydney. As this was a late addition to the Olympic program a new venue was required. The Ryde Aquatic Leisure Center opened on April 27. The cost of the facility was A\$25 million. It will be used for both men’s and woman’s preliminary matches. Ryde is the last Olympic venue to be built apart from the temporary site at Bondi Beach for beach volleyball.

STICKERS AND BOOK LABELS

1. Puffer Stickers: Ten stickers of the Olympic mascots taking part in various Olympic sports.

2. Prismatic Stickers: Seven stickers for the Paralympic Games featuring their mascot.

3. Book Labels: 24 school book labels (4 each of six

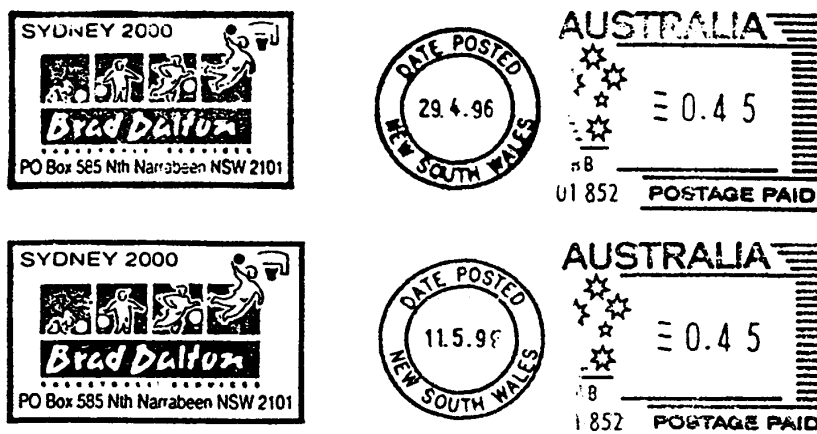


Figure 7. Olympic slogan used in Brad Dalton meter machines. The meter at top was applied in black ink, while the meter below it was printed in blue. The pictorial portion of the meter illustrates four basketball scenes.

designs) showing the Olympic mascots taking part in some Olympic sports.

4. Fun Stickers: 9 sports stickers. 3 of Olly on blue background, 3 of Syd on a red background, and 3 of Millie on a yellow background.

CHINA BID POSTAL STATIONERY CARD

To support their bid for the 2000 Games, a postal stationery card was issued for Olympic Day 1993.

The card was imprinted with a stamp with the same design as the bid labels mentioned previously. The value of the card was 15 yuan (Figure 8).

AUSTRALIA OLYMPIC STAMP PROGRAM

Tom D'Arcy has received additional information on Australia Post's plans for the 2000 Olympic Games. The June stamp bulletin lists four new stamps. Two of these are a 50c and a \$1.50 stamp showing the SOCOG logo. Separate from these four stamps, Australia Post plans two stamps: one will honor Australia and Greece and the other the Paralympic Games. Finally, a sheetlet of ten sports stamps will be issued on

August 17.

Australia Post will produce an envelope for the Torch Relay along with nine postmarks (one for Uluru, plus one for each of the capital cities of the six states and two territories). The illustration will remain constant, but the date and place name will change. During the Games, there will be 28 Olympic sports cancels, but these will only be available at Olympihlex 2000. There are no cancels planned for the preliminary football matches taking place outside of Sydney.

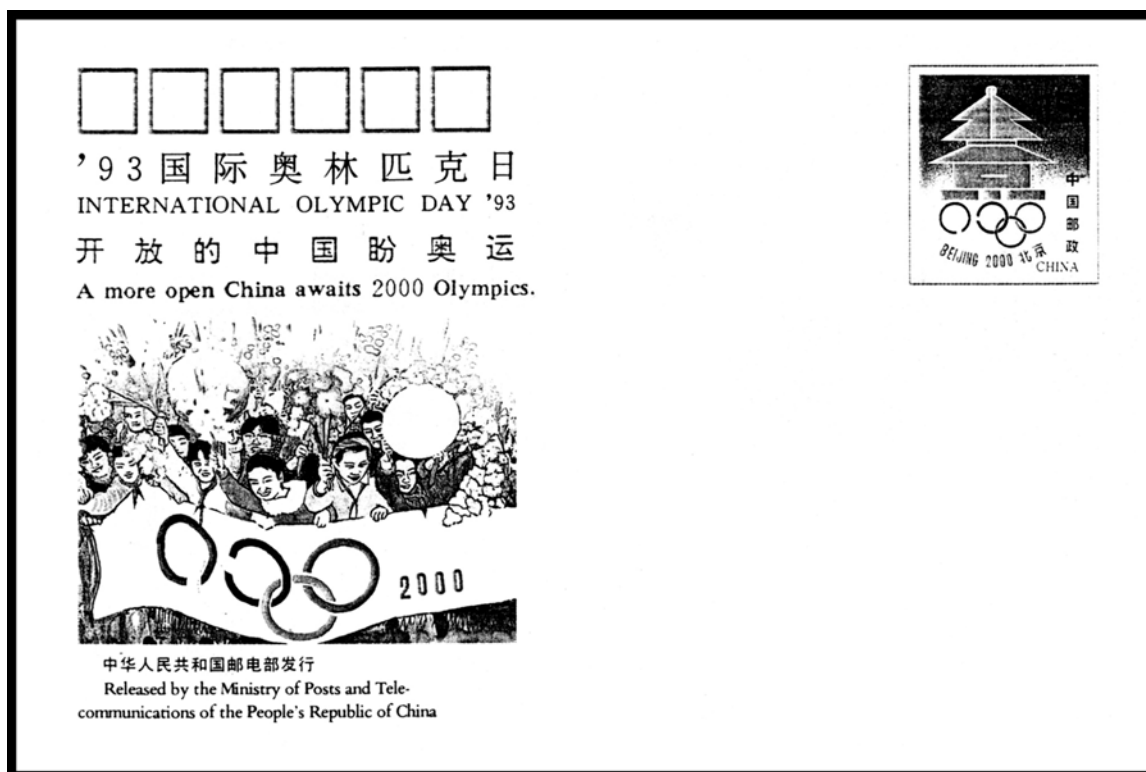


Figure 8. Postal stationery card from the PRC supporting their bid to hold the 2000 Games.

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REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestrone

IMOS Journal May 2000 (#106)

This year's annual IMOS Congress took place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, in May. Taking advantage of the historical Olympic philately aspects of the venue, this issue of their journal focused on the 4th Olympic Winter Games which occurred there in 1936.

Manfred Winterheimer opens this issue with a philatelic review of medalists in those Games including the incomparable Sonja Henie of Norway and Germany Alpine skiers, Christl Cranz, Käthe Grasegger, and Franz Pfnür. Charly Biernat discusses an interesting period in German meters, the "Bürgermeister Garmisch-Partenkirchen" meters of 1936 and 1956. An overview of the German post office arrangements for the 1936 Winter Olympics is provided by Dieter Germann, while Konrad Wärtgen examines, in depth, the stamps, postal stationery and cancels from those Games. Lastly, Werner Eismar and Kurt Hahn record the memorabilia of the Games, from posters to event tickets and pins.

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Olympsport Vol. 33, #1/105

This issue of the Czech-language journal, *Olympsport*, reports on a variety of topics including: American Olympian Jim Thorpe, new meters used by Telecom (a partner of the Czech Olympic team to Sydney 2000), the continuation of a series on Olympic medalists, the 1999 World Rugby Championships in France, and the first installment of a series on stadia (this first article discusses the Olympic Stadium in Rome).

Information on new issues, especially those from the Czech Republic, are reported. The president of *Olympsport* writes on "Conditions, Rarity and Presentation" in exhibiting.

Contact: Jaroslav Petrasek, POB 13, 282 23 Cesky Brod, Czech Republic.

Phila-Volley May 2000 (Vol. 2, #4)

Günter Pilz, the editor of this publication, provides updated information on volleyball sports (indoor and beach) as well as the related sport of sepak takraw. An illustrated review of Olympic Volleyball Tickets begins with the 1968 Games in Mexico City and continues through the Centennial Olympic Games of 1996 in Atlanta. A lengthy article on Japanese telephone cards attempts to classify these popular collectibles. New and updated information to the Volleyball World Catalogue is provided.

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Exhibit Awards

ARIPEX (Phoenix, Arizona). Michael Jafee won a gold, APS post-1980 and research medals, Mexico-Elmhurst Philatelic Society International silver for "The Resurgence of Hunting and Fishing on Indian

Reservations"; Kyrie Laken Wolfe obtained a youth silver for "Summer Olympics."

FRESPEX 2000 (Fresno, California). Kyrie Wolfe received a youth reserve grand and gold for "Summer Olympics."

LINPEX (Lincoln, Nebraska). Bruce Pesch won display class gold for "The Golden Age of Cycling."

SARASOTA NATIONAL (Florida). Peter Street received a bronze for "Seven Decades of English Cricket."

VAPEX 1999 (Virginia Beach, Virginia). Clyde Jennings, obtained a display class bronze for "Ya Gotta Have Balls."

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Andorra, French: March 17, 2000. Snowboarding. 4.50 francs, snowboarder.

Angola: July 29, 1999. African Men's Basketball Championship. Four se-tenant 1,500,00 kwanzas: basketball hoop, basketball; 2,500,000k s/s basketball hoop.

Argentina: November 13, 1999. Soccer. Two 75 centavo stamps: Boca Juniors and River Plate teams. Two self-adhesive booklets, one per team: 25c, 50c, 75c and 1.50 pesos, soccer scenes.

Austria: February 18, 2000. Austrian Soccer Champions. 7 schilling, Tirol soccer club and emblem.

Belgium: March 25, 2000. European Soccer Championship. Joint issue with the Netherlands. Se-tenant pair of 17 franc stamps, soccer scene; 21fr, soccer ball; booklet of 10 non-denom. stamps, soccer.

Benin: October 15, 1999. Manchester United Soccer Championship. Six se-tenant stamps: 135, 200, 300 francs, soccer scenes; 400fr, soccer stadium; 500fr, soccer trophy; 1000fr, player holding trophy.

Bulgaria: October 10, 1999. Bulgarian Olympic Sports. 10 stotinki, boxing; 20st, high jump; 30st, weightlifting, 60st, wrestling.

Canada: February 5, 2000. 50th NHL All-Star Game. S/s of six 46 cent stamps, 6 labels: NHL hockey stars.

Columbia: July 23, 1999. Pan-American Games. 12 se-tenant 1,200 peso stamps: Olympic rings, Columbian flag and various athletes in action.

Finland: March 3, 2000. Tommi Makinen Champion Finish Rallye Driver. Souvenir sheet with two 3.50 Markka stamps: Tommi Makinen, his co-driver Risto Mannisenmaki, plus views of their car.

Germany: January 13, 2000. German Football Assoc. 100th Ann. 1.10 DM (round), soccer ball, emblem

Italy: February 5, 2000. Six nation Rugby Tournament. 800 lire, rugby scene plus emblems of Wales, Scotland, England, Ireland, France and Italy.

Japan: October 22, 1999. Central Pacific Leagues of Professional Baseball Clubs of Japan. Pane with twelve 80 yen stamps, team mascots of the following teams: Yokohama Bay Stars, Chunichi Dragons, Yomiuri Giants, Yakult Swallows, Hiroshima Toyo Carp, Hanshin Tigers, Seibu Lions, Nippon Ham Fighters, Orix Blue Wave, Fukuoka Daiei Hawks, Kintetsu Buffaloes, Chiba Lotte Marines.

Liberia: March 15, 2000. U.S. Women's Soccer Team. S/s of nine \$15.00, team members in action.

Mexico: August 11, 1999. Mexico City Marathon. 4.20 pesos, runners.

Malaysia: October 17, 1999. Formula 1 Racing. 20, 30, 50, 100 sen: Formula 1 cars.

Monaco: May 9, 2000. Monaco Historic Grand Prix. 4.40 francs, race scene.

Nepal: September 30, 1999. South Asian Sports Fed. Games. 10 rupees, snow leopard mascot, emblem.

North Korea: September 20, 1999. Jong Song Ok, gold medalist 7th IAAF Championships. 40 chon, Jong and running scene, North Korean flag; 2 won s/s, runner.

Romania: November 10, 1999. New Oly. Sports. 1,600 lei, snowboarding; 1,700l, softball; 7,950l, taekwondo.

Russia: 1999. Russian Soccer Championship Team, Spartak-Alaniya. 2 ruble, team members, team emblem and Russian Soccer Federation flag.

Senegal: July 16, 1999. 4 s/s: 1,000 & 2,000 fr, Mohammed Ali; 1,500 & 2,000 fr, Jackie Robinson.

Slovakia: February 15, 2000. Euro League Women's Basketball, Ruzomberok. 4 koruna, basketball scene and Ruzomberok coat of arms.

South Korea: December 31, 1999. 2002 FIFA Korea-Japan World Cup Soccer. Four 170 won stamps, s/s of 4: various scenes.

United States: May 5, 2000. Summer Sports. 33 cents, 3 runners.

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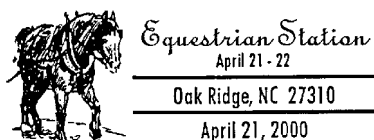
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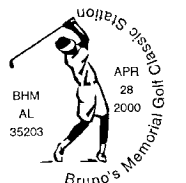
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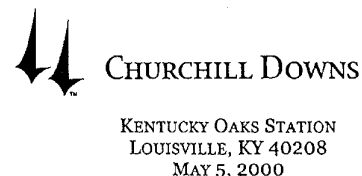
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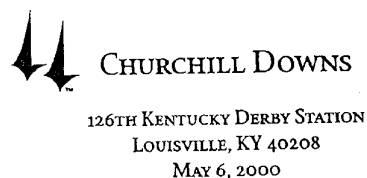
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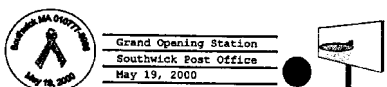
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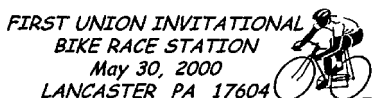
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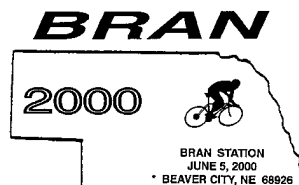
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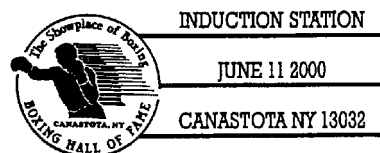
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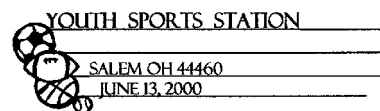
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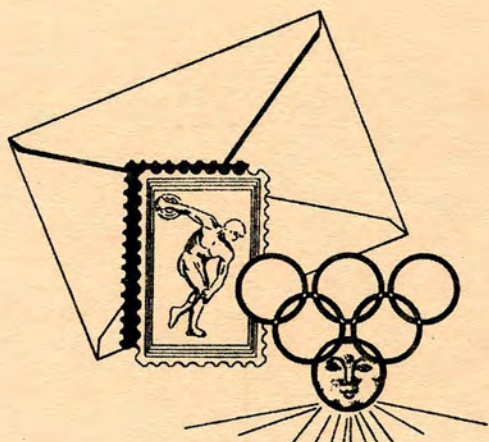
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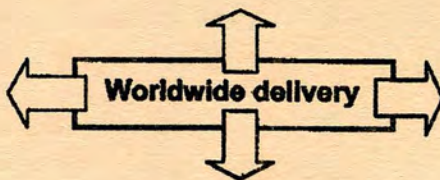
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