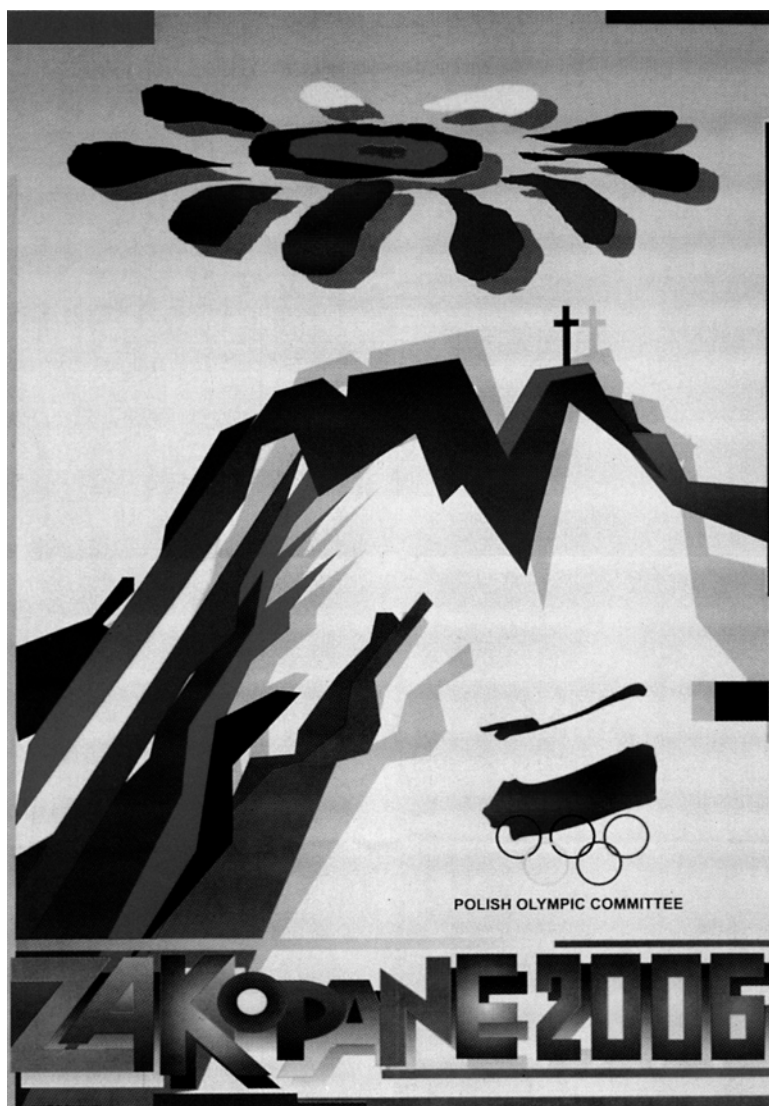


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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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by Mark Maestrone

## The 2001 SPI Convention is Just Around the Corner!

Yes, folks, our 4<sup>th</sup> SPI Convention is fast approaching. In just a few short months, we shall all be gathering in Denver for three days of sports and Olympic philately courtesy of the ROMPEX 2001 show committee and people of Colorado.

In order to make this a grand success (as all our conventions to date have, of course, been!), I'd like to ask those of you who plan on attending to communicate with me at your earliest convenience. You may drop me a post card (2824 Curie Place, San Diego, CA 92122-4110) or email me (markspi@prodigy.net), whichever is most convenient. In either case, please let me know the following:

- How many people are in your party?
- Are your plans to attend firm or only a possibility?
- Will you be exhibiting?
- Can you volunteer to help at the SPI Table?

Of course, don't forget to include your name, address and an email address if you have one.

I have a few copies of the exhibitor's prospectus and application. You may of course write directly to the show committee for these:

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The show hotel is the Holiday Inn at Denver International Airport (the convention center is immediately adjacent). We'll be providing more detailed information on the special show hotel rates in due course.

For additional information, a full-page advertisement for the ROMPEX 2001 show appears on page 2 of this issue.

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With this issue of *JSP*, we bid farewell to our longtime New Issues columnist, Dennis Dengel. Dennis has decided to pass the torch on so that he may pursue other activities. I'd like to thank Dennis for all his help and support these past few years and trust that he will remain an active SPI member!

Our publisher, John La Porta, has volunteered to take over the column. I'm sure he will welcome any information and assistance that members wish to provide. John can be reached either by snail mail (see the inside front cover for his address) or email (below).

In closing this first President's Message of 2001, let me wish all of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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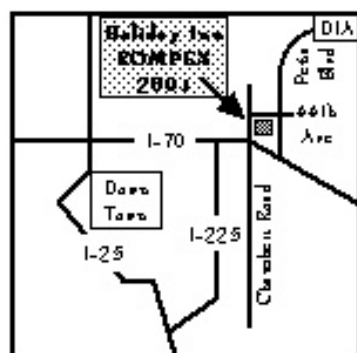
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Figure 1. Cover for the first flight of the Swissair aircraft redesignated "Sion 2006" from Zürich to New Delhi, India on October 24, 1998.

## 2006 Olympic Winter Games Part III: The "Other" Bid Cities

by Thomas Lippert

With winter's arrival, it's time we wrapped up the story of the "other" candidate cities that bid on the 2006 Olympic Winter Games. In Part I, which appeared in the November/December 1999 issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately*, I discussed the philatelic aspects of the 109<sup>th</sup> International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session in Seoul, Korea at which the host city, Turin, Italy, was selected. Part II of my report (March/April 2000) examined Turin's bid along with Sion, Switzerland, which ran a close second in the voting.

Since publication of Part II, some new information has arrived concerning the Sion bid. I'd like to briefly update readers on that before proceeding to the other candidate cities bids (including preliminary bids of cities to their respective NOC's).

### SION, SWITZERLAND

Customarily, airlines are strong supporters of Olympic bid cities in their own countries. Swissair publicized its support of the Sion bid by christening aircraft #HB-1QA, "SION 2006." This particular Airbus A330-223 plane then cruised the world as a Swiss ambassador. One philatelic document (Figure 1) notes that this aircraft made its first flight under the new Olympic designation on October 24, 1998 from Zürich to New Delhi, India.

Another item of interest is an aerogramme (Figure 2) marking a campaign to support the Sion bid. It seems that a travel agency, Lathion Voyages, organized a special trip to Seoul for those interested in bolstering the Sion 2006 delegation. The trip was promoted with the slogan "Tous à Séoul avec SION 2006" ("All to Seoul with Sion 2006"). Supporters flew to Seoul via Swissair, Lufthansa, and Korean Airlines.

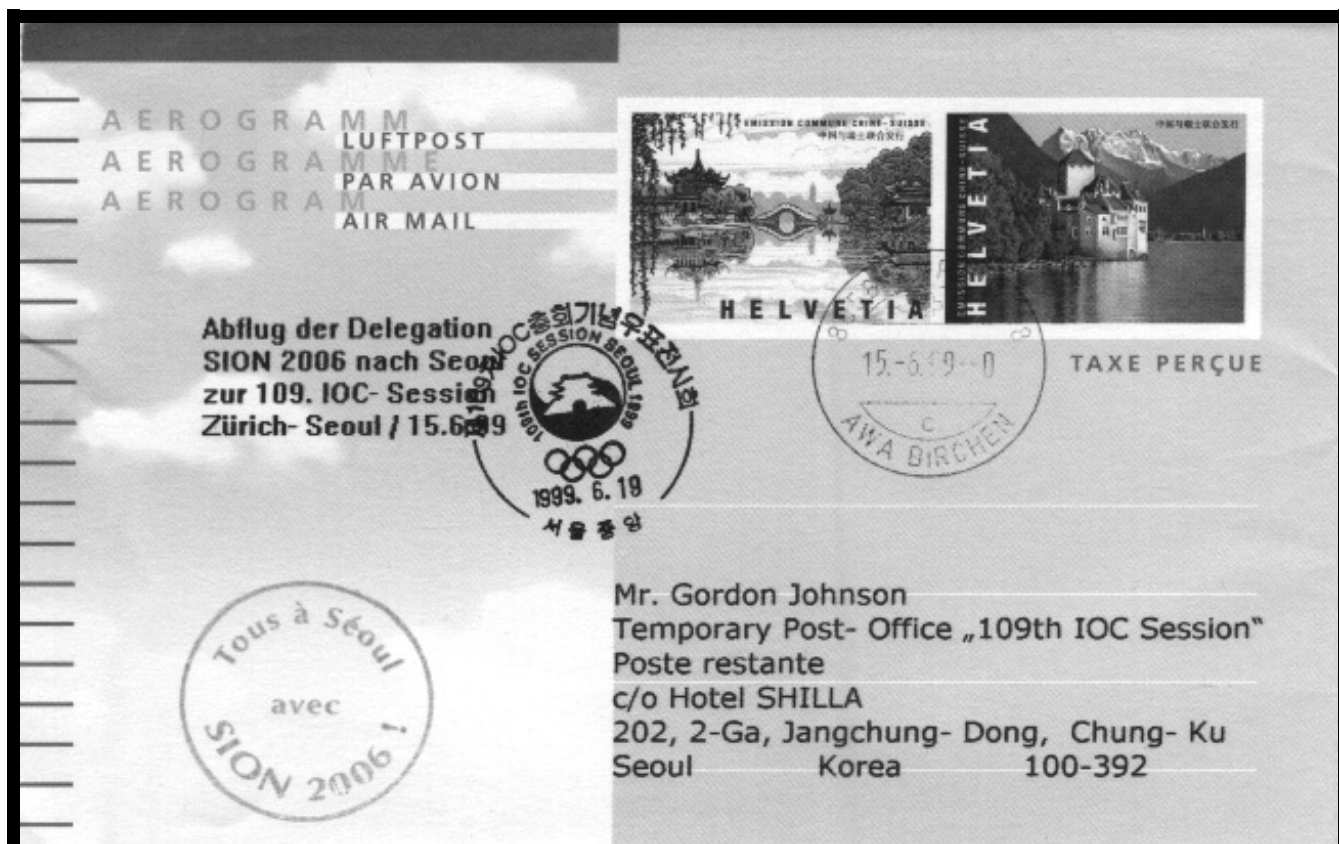


Figure 2. Aerogramme flown by Korean Air from Zurich to Seoul carrying a special delegation of Sion 2006 bid supporters. The private cachet in light blue is by the travel agency that organized the trip, Lathion Voyages.

#### KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA

Klagenfurt's motto was "Ohne Grenzen / Senza Confini / Brez Meja." The trilingual slogan exemplified this interesting bid which had, for a previous Olympics, been under the aegis of Tarvisio, Italy. On this occasion, though, the Italian National Olympic Committee (NOC) had its own plans for bidding on the Games, selecting the eventual winner, Turin.

Austria initially had more than one candidate for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games. Fortunately their bids can be documented through philatelic means.

#### *Innsbruck, Olympic City of 1964 and 1976*

The *magistrat*, or town council, of Innsbruck, created an Olympic office for the coordination of the town's bid preparation. Unfortunately the citizens of Innsbruck weren't so supportive. In a plebiscite on March 9, 1997, they voted against submitting a bid for the 2006 Games. The Olympic office was shut down on April 30, 1997 (Figure 3).

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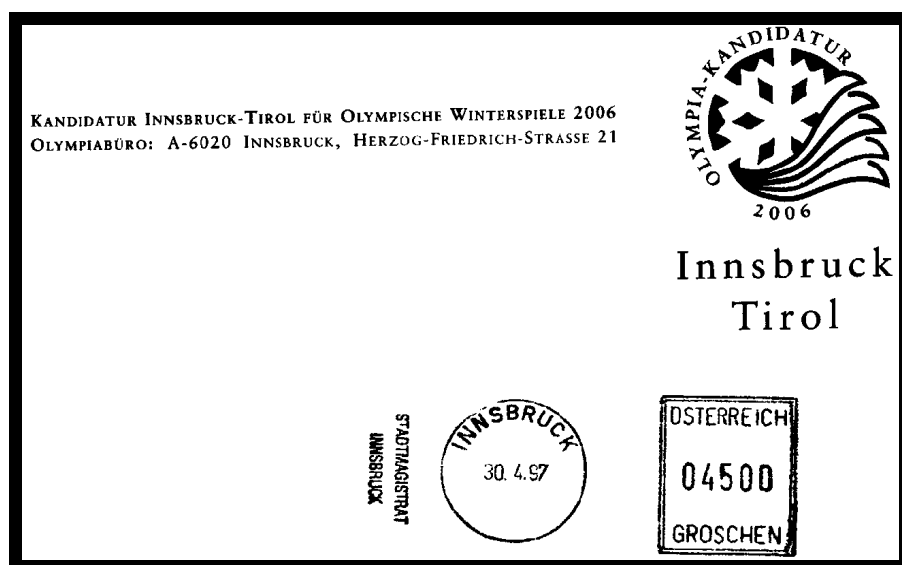


Figure 3. Portion of a cover from the Innsbruck Olympic bid office on its final day of operation as indicated by the meter imprint.

## Kitzbühel



Figure 4. Kitzbühel logo.

Kitzbühel, known for its famous alpine course called "The Streif," was the second candidate from the Tyrol (Figure 4). Had they been able to unite under a single regional bid, the towns of Tyrol might have been more successful.

While there are no directly philatelic reminders of this bid, there are items to please memorabilia collectors: labels and a nice set of postcards.

## Salzburg

Salzburg had hoped to improve its chances to be selected as the Austrian candidate city by capitalizing on its world renown as a cultural center. The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's birth in 1996 seemed to be a good occasion around which to build its bid.

In February 1997 the federal government authorized the establishment of the Salzburg Olympia 2006 organization with the task of preparing a bid for the Games (Figures 5 & 6).

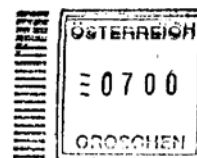


Figure 6. One of the Salzburg 2006 publicity meters used by various offices in the federal government.

Salzburg, like Innsbruck, held a plebiscite to gauge public support. The vote, which was held on October 5, 1997, supported the Olympic bid committee. A meter advertises the plebiscite (Figure 7).

Only one bid sponsor meter has been discovered, that of the Landesversicherungen Assurance Company (Figure 8).

Although not extensively mentioned in the press, Salzburg's bid was the second Austrian candidate to team with partners in another country. In this case a Salzburg Olympics would have had competitions in



Figure 7. The Salzburg Magistrat's office used a meter to publicize the plebiscite on Salzburg's candidacy for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

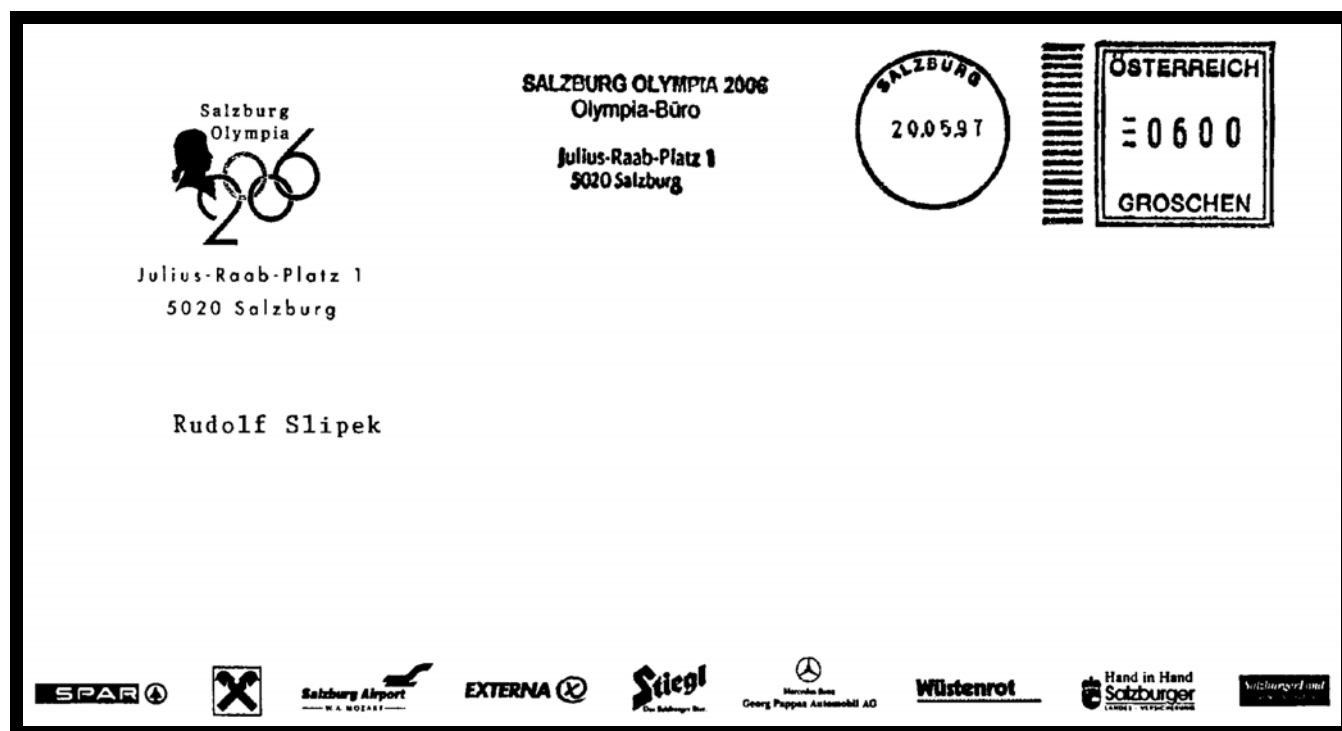


Figure 5. Cover from the Olympic bid office using its publicity meter (Olympia-Büro). The profile of favorite son, Mozart, was incorporated in the logo to emphasize the city's strong cultural aspects.

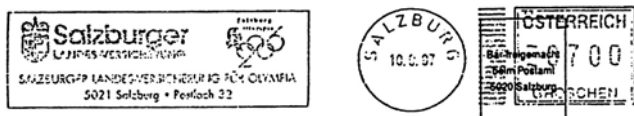


Figure 8. Among Salzburg's bid sponsors, only the Landesversicherungen Assurance Company seems to have promoted its Olympic association through a meter.

the Berchtesgaden area in Germany: bobsled and luge in Königssee, speed skating in Inzell, and biathlon in Ruhpolding.

### Klagenfurt

The decision by the Austrian NOC as to which Austrian candidate would submit a formal bid to the IOC came in the autumn of 1997. The winner was the three-abutting-country bid headed by Klagenfurt, the capital of the Austrian province of Carinthia (Figures 9 & 10).

Klagenfurt was fortunate to have the broad support of the public and private industry. Some of that support can be demonstrated by meters and envelopes with postage paid imprints. Among those using meters to publicize the bid were the Chamber of Commerce (Wirtschaftskammer), and major sponsors such as Generali Assurances (Figure 11) and the Hypo Bank (Figure 12).

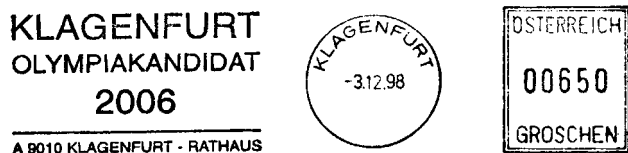


Figure 9. Olympic publicity meter from the city administration office.



Figure 10. Business envelope of the candidate city organizing committee exhibiting the bid logo.



Figures 11 & 12. Generali Assurances, a major sponsor of the Klagenfurt 2006 bid, used a special meter to promote their involvement (above). Hypo Bank, another sponsor, used an Olympic bid publicity meter in red (below).



Austrian Airlines' subsidiary airline, Tyrolean, also supported the bid. One Fokker 70 aircraft was rechristened "Stadt Klagenfurt / Candidate City 2006" on February 12, 1999. Unfortunately for collectors, no special first flight cachet was produced as had been done for the Swissair plane.

The Collectors Club of Carinthia arranged for a special postmark to be used at the main post office of Klagenfurt on February 6, 1998, the first day of the Austrian-Nagano stamp (Figure 13). As is typical in Austria, there were multiple postmarks differentiated by number (1, 2, and 3, in this case).

In neighboring Slovenia, one of the two other partners in the Klagenfurt bid, three sites were proposed for Olympic competitions: Ljubljana (ice hockey), Planica (ski jumping) and Kranjska Gora (alpine skiing events).

The Slovenian postal administration issued three postal cards, each with an imprinted stamp for one of the three venues (Figure 14). The designs were available only on the postal cards. The sport illustrated on each imprinted stamp is different, corresponding to the events proposed for that venue. While the imprinted stamps carry no indication of value, the text adjacent to the stamps specifies the intended use. The Ljubljana and Kranjska Gora cards are for domestic use, while the Planica card (inscribed "Carte postale") paid the international postcard rate. Special postmarks were designed to accompany each card.

The third, and final, partner in the Klagenfurt bid was the Italian region of Friuli-Venezia in the northeastern corner of the country. Tarvisio, right on the border of Austria and Italy, would hold the nordic combined





Figure 13. February 6, 1998 registered cover to Olympic city, Nagano, from Olympic hopeful, Klagenfurt. The special circular handcancel is identified as #1. There were three altogether.

events, while the well-known winter resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo would host such alpine events as free-style and cross-country skiing as well as bobsled and luge. Cortina, it should be remembered, was the site of the 1956 Olympic Winter Games.

Two special postmarks for philatelic exhibitions mention this portion of the bid (Figure 15). Figure 16 reproduces an airmail letter from Tarvisio to Seoul with arrival postmark from the Hotel Shilla (venue for the 109<sup>th</sup> IOC Session) where Turin was selected as host. The private cachet in green shows one of three different graphic designs for the bid logo.

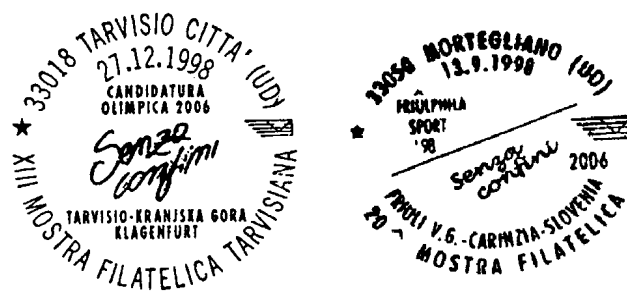


Figure 15. Philatelic exhibition cancels ("Mostra Filatelica") for the Tarvisio bid.



Figure 14. The three venues for events in Slovenia, held under the banner of the Klagenfurt bid, were publicized by three different postal cards and cancels: (left to right) hockey at Ljubljana, alpine skiing at Kranjska Gora, and ski jumping at Planica.



Figure 16. Airmail letter from Tarvisio to the IOC Session in Seoul, Korea.

One other important site to be noted is the proposed Olympic Village. The organizers wanted to use existing facilities at Velden for this purpose. A

postcard from the town's tourist office promotes this idea (Figure 17).

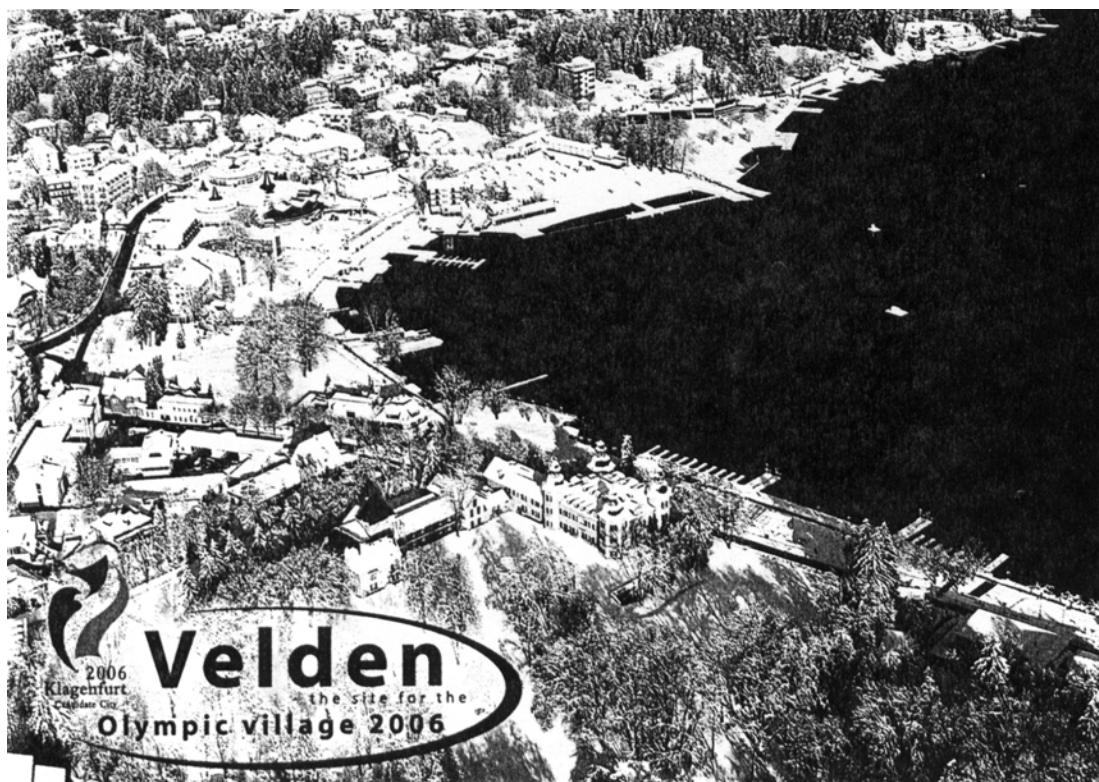


Figure 17. Postcard view of Velden, proposed site of the Klagenfurt 2006 Olympic Village.

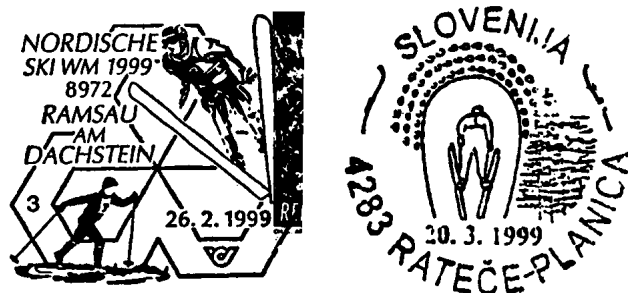


Figure 18. Special postmarks from Ramsau (left) and Planica (right) honor events during the 1998/1999 winter sports season at which the Klagenfurt 2006 bid committee participated as a sponsor.

From a thematic point of view, other items could be included in this discussion.

For example, Klagenfurt became a sponsor for various sports events thereby helping to promote its bid. One such event was the Nordic Skiing Championships held in Ramsau, Austria in February 1999.

Planica, in Slovenia, held a ski flying event in March 1999 to promote its portion of the bid (Figure 18).

## ZAKOPANE, POLAND

The High Tatras region bordering Poland and Slovakia was included in the plans of two different bid committees for the 2006 Winter Olympics.

The city of Zakopane was the center of the Polish bid, while the greater metropolitan area of Kraków figured extensively in Olympic plans as the site for the Olympic Village, curling, ice hockey, and speed and figure skating.

At the end of 1998 there was a dramatic alteration to the Polish bid. Like the other High Tatras bid from Poprad, Slovakia, the Zakopane committee decided that Jasna in Slovakia should be the site of the alpine downhill skiing events. This marked the first time that a single venue was named in two separate bids for the same Olympic Games!

To date, I have not seen business envelopes from either the primary Zakopane 2006 office in Zakopane (*Związek Międzyzgmenny "Zimowa Olimpiada 2006"*) or from the branch office in Kraków (*Biuro Strategii Olimpijskiej*). However a stamp exhibition in the spring of 1999 presented the opportunity for a special postmark (Figure 19), which was also used by the bid committee on a souvenir card.



Figure 19. Polish Olympic postal card overprinted with a cachet promoting the Zakopane 2006 bid and postmarked with a special cancel. The same cancel was also used on a souvenir card produced by the bid committee.



Figure 20. Registered cover from the visit of the evaluation commission, accompanied by a special postmark.



Figure 21. Special cover for the 109<sup>th</sup> IOC Session bearing a Slovakian postmark for the Session, as well as a cachet reproducing the candidate's logo.



Figure 22. Postcard view of Kežmarok where the Poprad bid committee had proposed ice hockey be held.

## POPRAD, SLOVAKIA

It was the second attempt for Poprad and the surrounding sites in the High Tatras following their unsuccessful bid for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games which went to Salt Lake City, Utah.

The first philatelic highlight in the bid's history was when the IOC evaluation commission visited from October 28 through November 1, 1998. A special postmark was created for the five-day visit (Figure 20).

In mid-June, the eyes of Poprad, and in fact the whole of Slovakia, were directed toward Seoul where the IOC arrived at its decision on the host for the 2006 Games (Figure 21). A set of postcards showed various proposed sites (Figure 22).

Two very important winter sports events were conducted in 1999 which strongly demonstrated the region's ability to successfully conduct major sports competitions. The events were the 4<sup>th</sup> European Youth Olympic Days (EYOD) and the 19<sup>th</sup> Winter Universiade also known as the University Games (see also "19<sup>th</sup> Winter Universiade, Poprad-Tatry, Slovakia, January 22-30, 1999" by George E. Killian in the May/June 1999 *JSP*).



Figure 23. Postal stationery card issued for the Universiade and EYOD also commemorating the 2006 Poprad candidacy.

A postal stationery card honoring the two competitions is interesting – and not only from a thematic point of view (Figure 23). It is directly connected to the Olympic Winter Games through text reading "Kandidatura ZOH 2006" ("ZOH" stands for "OWG" or "Olympic Winter Games" in the Slovak language).



Figure 24. Postcard (A5 size) showing the bid logo, printed to rally public support for the bid.

There were many sport-specific postmarks and special post offices at most of the venues, proving a veritable gold rush for sports philatelists. Rarely do we find such attention paid to philately at a Winter

Olympics, much less a non-Olympic winter sports competition.

The postmarks from the Universiade are also helpful in illustrating a discussion of the proposed venues for the 2006 Olympics, because many of the venues would have been used for the same sports.

#### HELSINKI, FINLAND

##### *Lahti*

In Finland there were two candidates: Lahti and Helsinki. The city of Lahti was the first to make its intentions known. Lahti had made bids on numerous previous occasions including 1964, 1968, and 1972.

The decision to once again try for an Olympic Winter Games was decided by the city on February 17, 1992 (Figure 24). From the start they were well aware of an important hurdle that had to be cross-

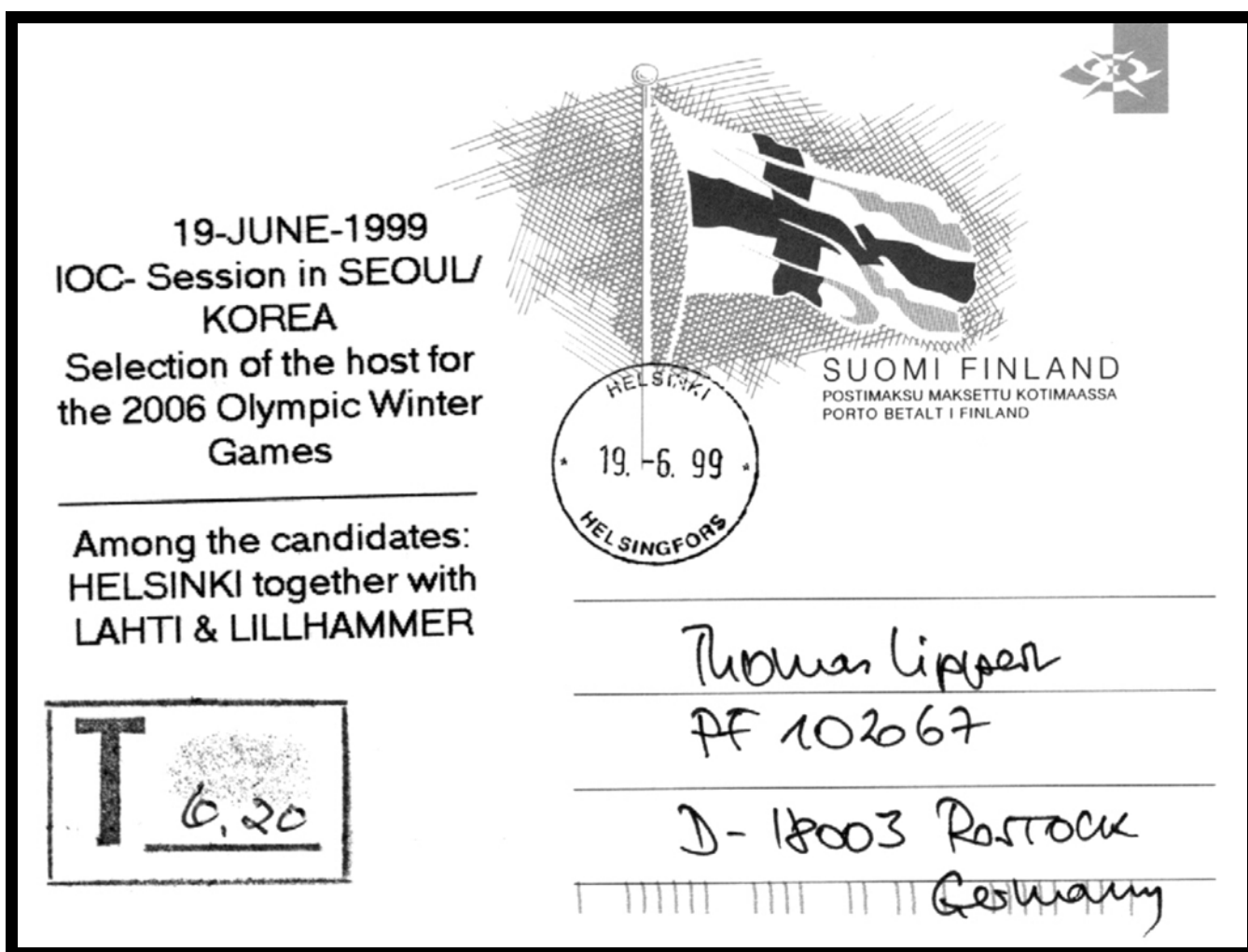


Figure 25. Card documenting the vote in Seoul as commemorated by the Helsinki postmark dated June 19, 1999. The postage due ("T") indication was applied because there had been a rate increase.

sed: finding partners to host the alpine events and competition in bobsled and luge. They made overtures to Kolari (in northern Finland), Lillehammer (Norway), Are (Sweden) and even Garmisch-Partenkirchen (Germany). Lillehammer held out the most promise as a partner. Negotiations had proceeded to a sufficiently advanced degree when, in September 1995, the Norwegian National Olympic Committee suspended talks. Consequently, Lillehammer was forced to withdraw from the proposed partnership. Lahti, itself, eventually canceled its own bid on June 17, 1996.

### Helsinki

Helsinki was the second Finnish city to put forth a bid (Figure 25). Even it wasn't able to host the Games without outside partners. In contrast to Lahti, however, Helsinki was successful in finding a partner. Coincidentally, that partner was Lillehammer. So again there was a multi-national bid, a situation made possible after the IOC changed its rules.

The Helsinki bid committee, which had its offices in the Olympic Stadium (dating from the 1952 Summer Olympics), used business envelopes with the bid logo. Most mail was franked with a meter imprint. There were a number of different meter types used at the bid office, the majority manufactured by Pitney Bowes.

There were no philatelic items commemorating Norway's role in the Helsinki bid. Nevertheless, it was possible to create one's own philatelic document from the beautiful postal cards available at the Olympic Museum in Lillehammer (Figure 26).

At the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, philatelic items were created to honor the candidate cities. For this purpose, the IOC Session meter was used on June 17, 1999 in combination with a regular Swiss stamp. In this special circum-

stance, a stamp of 0,70 Swiss francs was affixed and then canceled by the IOC meter with a nominal value of 0,20 Swiss francs. The combined postage totaling 0,90 Swiss francs covers the rate for priority mail (A) in Switzerland or B-Post (non-priority) in Europe – in theory. The local post office agreed to this interpretation of the rates provided the covers the IOC created were sold as philatelic souvenirs and not mailed. That's why no traveled covers should be encountered.

As was done during the selection of the 2004 Olympic host city, FIPO designed a special cachet for each candidate city. Covers with the special cachets were available at the Olympic Museum.

Meanwhile, the next Winter Olympic Games candidates were knocking at the doors of their National Olympic Committees. In some cases, new candidate cities were approved over past host cities. Such was the case in Canada, where Calgary wanted to host the 2010 Olympics. Instead, Whistler was selected by the Canadian NOC. This means that we'll have to miss a first in winter sports competition: Calgary had proposed the ski jump events be partially conducted inside a big hall! Their argument was that this would create fair conditions for all competitors independent of the weather.

For now, though, let's wish good luck to Project Turin 2006!

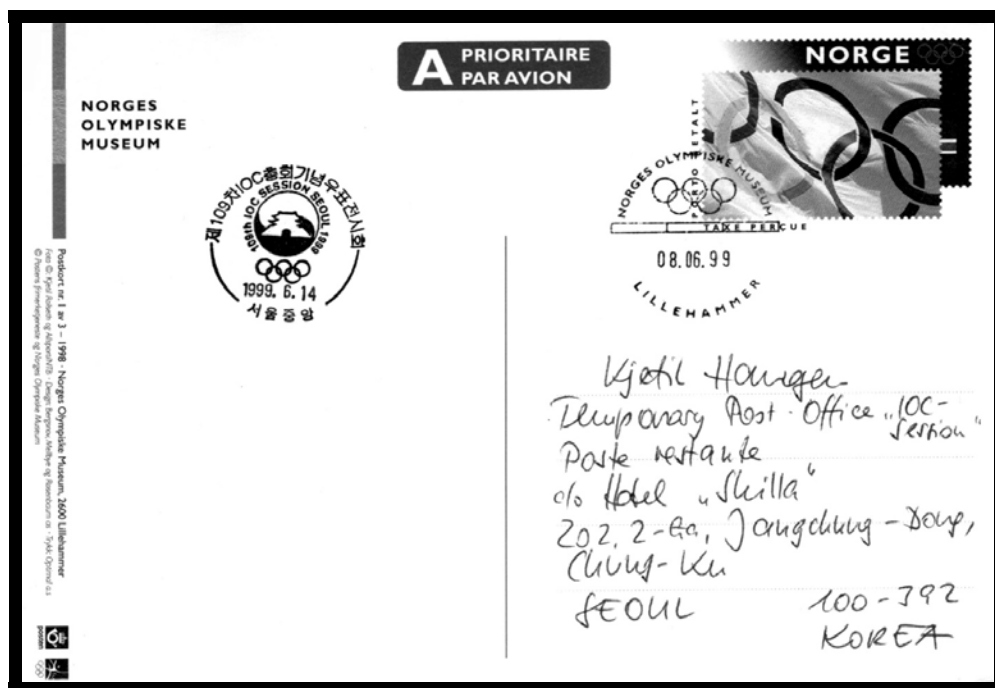


Figure 26. Norwegian Olympic postal stationery card mailed from the Olympic Museum in Lillehammer, partner city of the Helsinki bid. The receiving cancel – June 14, 1999 – is during the IOC Session in Seoul.



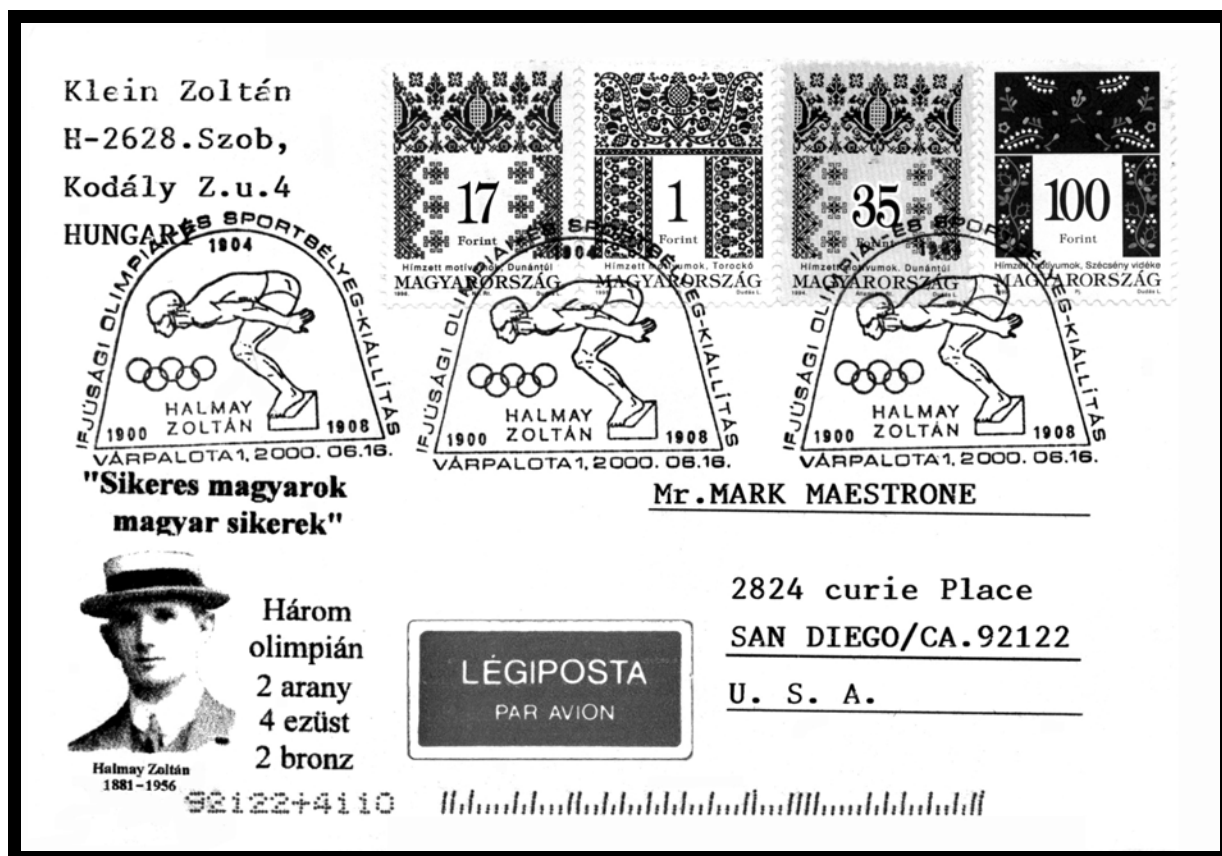


Figure 1. One of the earliest of Hungary's medalists was swimmer, Zoltán Halmay, who competed in three Olympic Games: 1900, 1904, and 1908.

## Hungarian Swimming and Athletics Gold Medalists

by Mark Maestrone  
contributed by Zoltán Klein

**H**ungary, a country that has sent a team to every Olympic Games save one (the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles), is perhaps best known for its fencers. However, a number of Hungarian athletes in other sports deserve equal praise. This past year, three of these Olympians were honored by their fellow countrymen for their accomplishments.

### ZOLTÁN HALMAY – SWIMMING

One of the most successful of Hungary's early Olympic stars was Zoltán Halmay. His swimming career spanned three Olympic Games: 1900, 1904, and 1908, plus the Intercalated Games of 1906.

In his first outing at Paris, Halmay won silvers in the 200-meter and 4,000-meter freestyle races, and a bronze in the 1,000-meter freestyle. As it turned

out this represented three of the five medals the Hungarian team took home that year (collectively they won one gold, two silvers and two bronze medals).

Four years later, Halmay traveled to St. Louis for the Games of the IIIrd Olympiad. It was here that he stunned the American team by walking away with gold medals in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events. In fact, there was quite an uproar following the finals of the 50-yard sprint when the American judge declared the U.S. entry, J. Scott Leary, the winner over Halmay despite the fact that the Hungarian had out-touched the American by a foot. An ensuing brawl, which was not quickly quelled, eventually led to a decision that Halmay and Leary had tied. In a race-off between the two swimmers – following two false starts – Halmay emerged victorious.

Hungary included a team of swimmers in their contingent competing at the Intercalated Games in Athens in 1906 that celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the modern Olympic Games. While the competit-



ions are not recognized as an official Olympic Games by the International Olympic Committee, the results are still noteworthy. Here too, Zoltán Halmay struck gold by assisting the Hungarian 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay team in their victory over Germany. To that, he added an individual silver in the 100-meter freestyle race.

At the age of 28, Halmay appeared in his final Olympic Games at London in 1908. In the 100-meter freestyle, he came in second to Charles Daniels of the U.S.A. who managed to best the Hungarian's world record of 1 minute, 5.8 seconds, by two-tenths of a second. Four days later, Halmay once again joined his countrymen in swimming the 4 x 200-meter freestyle. The accounts of the race put the Hungarian relay team comfortably ahead when during Zoltan's last 50-meter leg, he inexplicably began to lose consciousness. Although he managed to finish, he had to be dragged out of the pool before he drowned. Nevertheless, his team finished with a silver behind the team from Great Britain.

Zoltán Halmay's accomplishments were acknowledged on a pictorial handcancel for a philatelic exhibition held at Várpalota, Hungary, on June 16, 2000. Figure 1 shows a cacheted cover with the special postmark depicting a swimmer on the starter's block.

Halmay's portrait appears in the cachet at bottom with the text "successful Hungarians / Hungarian successuls" above. The text to the portrait's right reads: "In three Olympic Games / 2 gold / 4 silver / 2 bronze." The extra bronze medal refers to a 100-meter freestyle event held during the 1900 Games. This event is not considered by all Olympic historians to have been part of the Paris Olympics.

#### RUDOLF BAUER – ATHLETICS



KISKUNFÉLEGYHÁZA 1, 2000. 05. 19.

One of Zoltán Halmay's teammates at the 1900 Paris Olympic Games was Rudolf Bauer, a track & field athlete. Bauer was the first Hungarian Olympic champion in athletics, bringing home a gold medal in the discus throw. His winning distance of 36.04 meters was enough to establish a new Olympic record.

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bauer's victory was marked by a pictorial cancel from Kiskunfélegyháza, Hungary on May 19, 2000.

#### GYULA ZSIVÓTZKY – ATHLETICS

It took Hungarian hammer thrower, Gyula Zsivótzky, three Olympic Games to win his first gold medal.

In his debut at the 1960 Rome Olympics, Gyula managed to place second to Soviet thrower, Vasily Rudenkov.

Four years later, at Tokyo's 1964 Olympics, Gyula again received a silver – this time finishing behind his nemesis Romuald Klim, a Soviet hammer specialist from Belarus.

Mexico City in 1968 saw phenomenal performances in track & field. The one event etched in most Olympic fan's minds was the incredible long jump competition won by Bob Beamon with a leap that must have seemed half way to the moon to his competitors. To extend the world record by nearly two feet with one jump was unheard of.

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Zsivótzky concluded his Olympic career with one more appearance. Unfortunately his performance at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany placed him no higher than fifth. All in all, a record of two silver and one gold medal in Olympic competition was a remarkable accomplishment as attested to by a pair of postmarks on May 20 and 21, 2000 at a philatelic exhibition in Kiskunfélegyháza, Hungary.

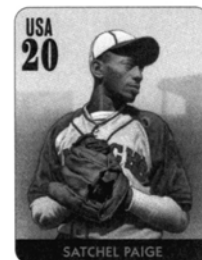


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## Baseball Legends Postal Stationery

by Mark Maestroni

**I**f you're searching for a slightly off-beat or at least less typical item for your baseball or sports collection, look no further than the current booklet of postal cards honoring the "Legends of Baseball."

The U.S. Postal Service has issued a set of 20 "Ready-to-Mail" postal cards honoring the same famous baseball players as on the sheet of stamps released last summer. I don't believe this product was particularly well-publicized as I just recently discovered its existence while at one of the local Postal Boutique stores where a wider selection of philatelic material is normally available. To date, I've not seen a card that's been through the mail.

The postal cards measure 6" wide by 4.25" high. Each of the sheet stamps is reproduced on its own card, both as a pre-printed indicium and as the design on the picture side. The value on the indicium is 20¢, the domestic postcard rate. The card for Satchel Paige is shown above.

The booklet itself is 6.7" wide by 4.25" high, and 1/4" thick. Each postal card is attached with micro-perforations to a 0.7" selvedge which is bound into the booklet.

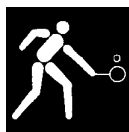
The cover of the booklet (shown below) depicts a pitcher and batter.

The USPS lists this as Item #896300. It is sold as a unit of 20 face-different cards for \$8.95, or almost 45¢ per card.

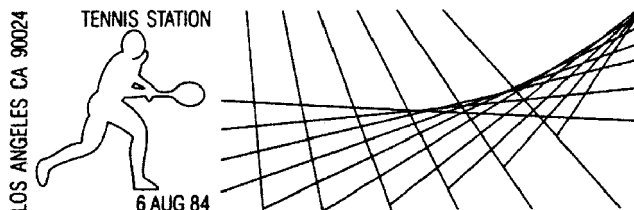


# TENNIS

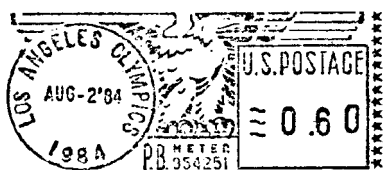
# LOS ANGELES TENNIS CENTER, UCLA



**Tennis Station**  
**Los Angeles CA 90024**  
**Open: August 6-11, 1984**  
**Distance to Coliseum: 16 miles**



Meter:  
 Pitney Bowes,  
 large "PB",  
 #954251



Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected  $\pm 13$

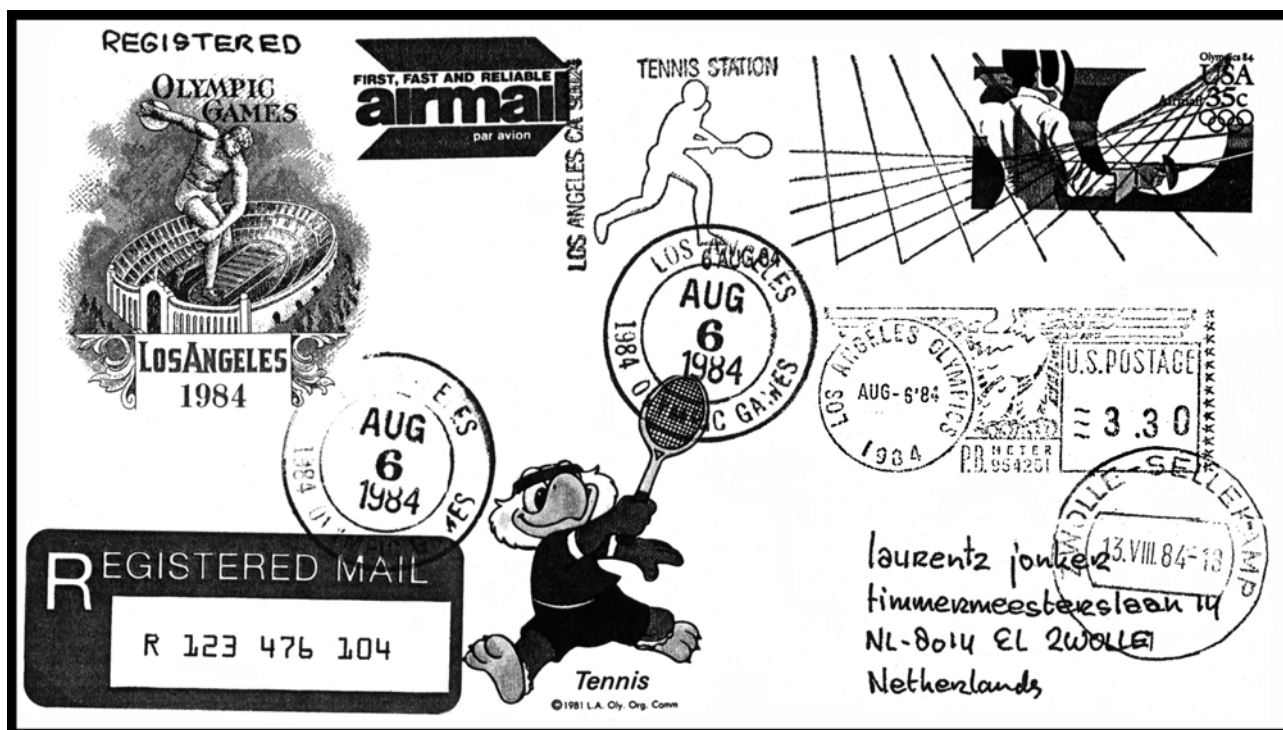
Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number  
 August 6 123 476 104  
 August 11 123 476 115 – 123 476 116

This post office at UCLA handled both gymnastics and tennis. There was an overlap between the competitions in both sports on August 9-11, so on those days it would be difficult to project how many registered labels were used for each sport.

For further details on this postal station, please consult the section on "Gymnastics" printed in the November/December 2000 issue of *JSP*.



*Tennis postcard to the Netherlands from the Olympic Tennis Station at UCLA on August 6, 1984.*



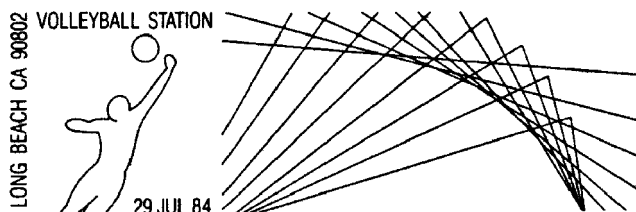
*The exact number of registered tennis-related covers from the Olympic Tennis Station is not known as this post office also processed mail for gymnastics on August 9-11. This is the only known registered cover for tennis from August 6. Postage of \$3.65 is paid by an Olympic stamp and large "PB" meter.*

# VOLLEYBALL

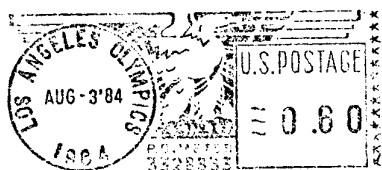
# LONG BEACH SPORTS ARENA



**Volleyball Station**  
**Long Beach CA 90802**  
**Open: July 29-31; August 1-8, 10-11 1984**  
**Distance to Coliseum: 23 miles**



**Meter:**  
**Pitney Bowes,**  
**large "PB",**  
**#3328833**



**Registered Mail:**  
**Minimum Number Expected** ±21

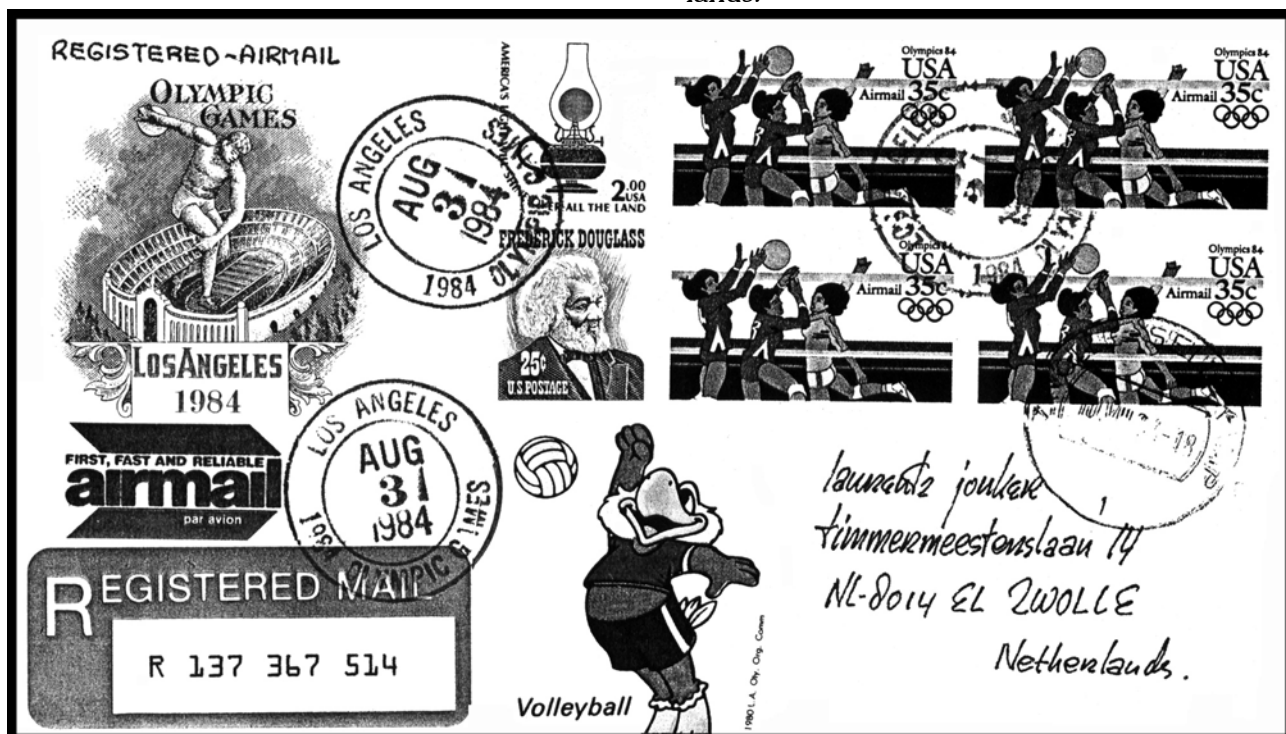
**Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number**

August 2 137 367 508 – 137 367 512  
 August 3 137 367 514 – 137 367 516  
 August 10 137 367 528

The postal station at the Long Beach Convention Center complex (which includes the Sports Arena) handled processing of mail for three venues: fencing, volleyball, and yachting. The same meter machine and the same roll of registration labels were used for all three sports. For further details, please consult the section on "Fencing" in the November/December 2000 issue of *JSP*.



*USPS maximum postcard franked with the Olympic volleyball stamp and Olympic meter tape paying correct \$2.38 Express airmail rate to the Netherlands.*



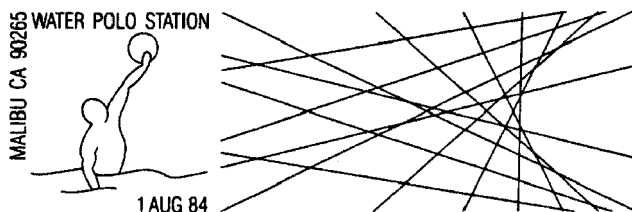
*Registered cover bearing a block of four 35c Olympic volleyball stamps in partial payment of the \$3.65 registered airmail letter fee to the Netherlands. Only the red Olympic double-ring cancel is used.*

## WATER POLO

## RALEIGH RUNNELS MEMORIAL POOL



Water Polo Station  
Malibu CA 90265  
Open: August 1-3, 6-10, 1984  
Distance to Coliseum: 32 miles



Meter:  
Pitney Bowes,  
large "PB",  
#959772



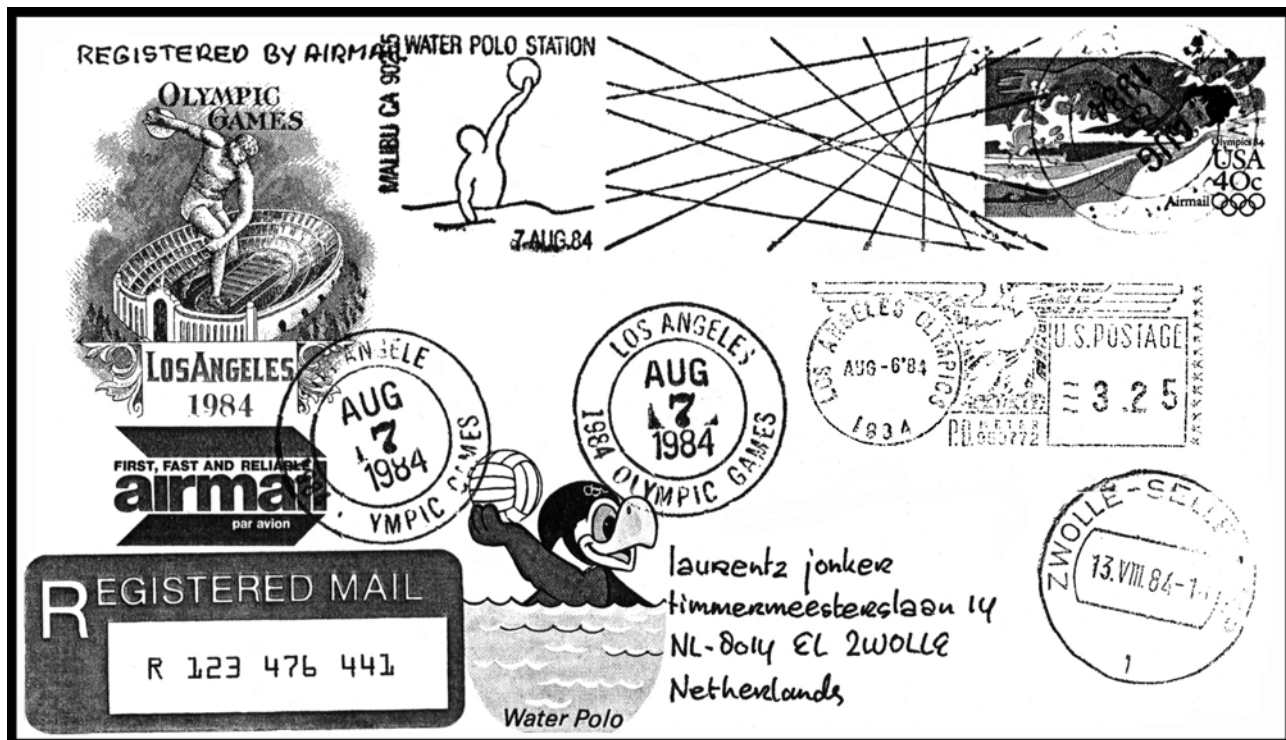
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Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number  
August 7 123 476 441  
August 10 123 476 444



The water polo competition was conducted at the Raleigh Runnels Memorial Pool on the campus of Pepperdine University in famous Malibu, California. Of all the venues for the 1984 Olympic Games, this was probably the most dramatic as the Pacific Ocean served as a backdrop for the matches.

The postal station was located adjacent to the pool area. All services were available, including registration. The meter machine in use at this facility was of the large "PB" variety manufactured by Pitney Bowes. The same variety of meter was used at the Gymnastics/Tennis postal station at UCLA.

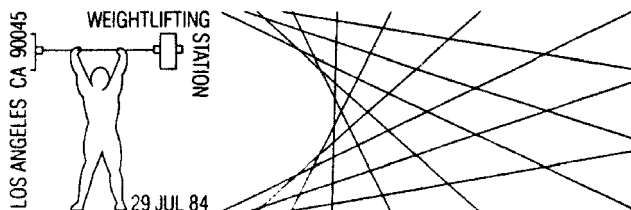


*Registered cover from the Water Polo venue at Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA.*

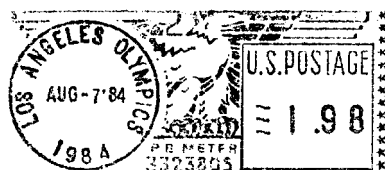
# WEIGHTLIFTING GERSTEN PAVILION, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIV.



**Weightlifting Station**  
 Los Angeles CA 90045  
 Open: July 29-31; August 1-2, 4-8, 1984  
 Distance to Coliseum: 12 miles

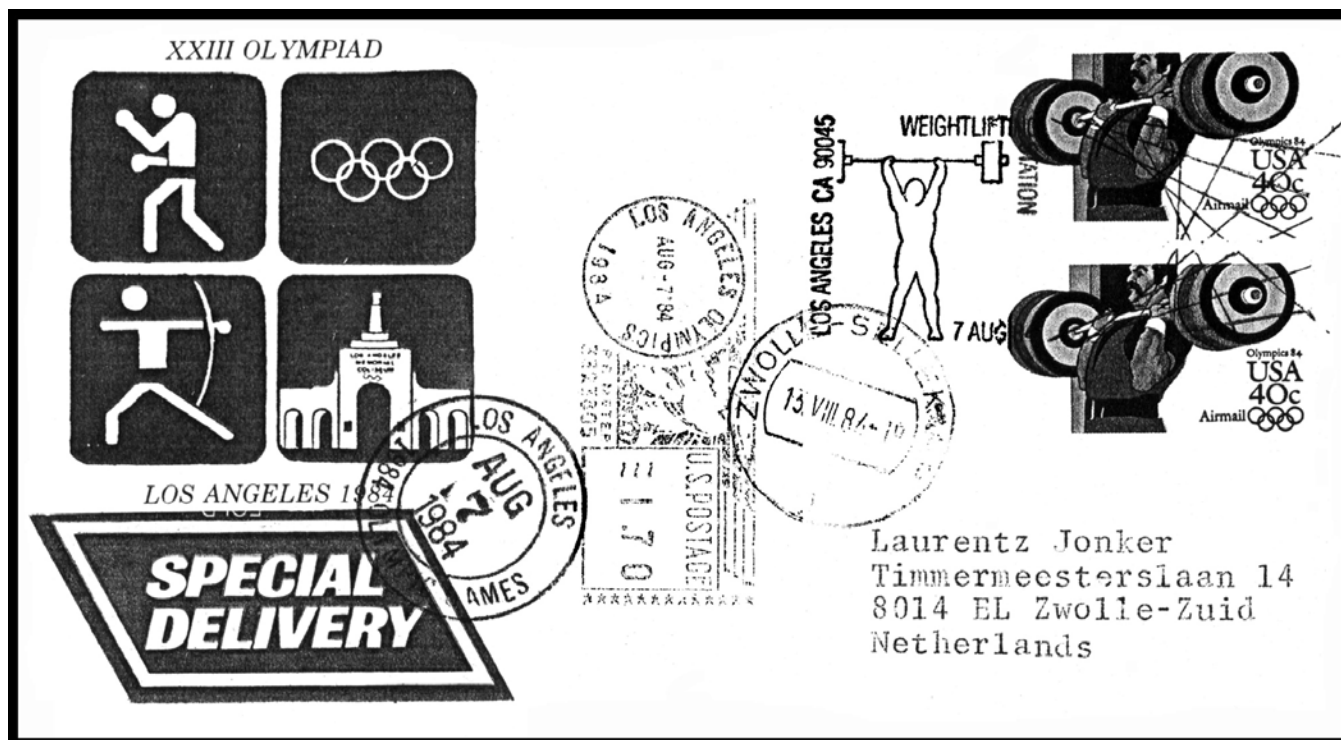


Meter:  
 Pitney Bowes,  
 small "PB",  
 #3323805



Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected 1

Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number  
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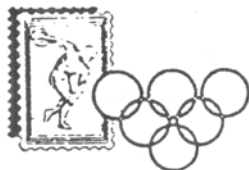
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# THE SPORTS ARENA

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by Mark Maestrone



SPI member Sherwin Podolsky contributed an interesting item he discovered in literature relating to another collecting interest of his: King George VI philately.

Murray Payne, a specialist dealer in this material, publishes a newsletter called "Sixth Sense." In Issue

29, Mr. Payne wrote about the stamp shown above:

*"Sombrero is but a tiny rock some 50 miles east of the Virgin Islands proper. Its lighthouse, an iron-framed structure some 156 feet high, is one of the most important in Central American waters. Originally the 1c definitive was bi-coloured, but the ochre vignette was accidentally inverted, 'making it look something like a shining Olympic torch,' according to the Islands' Governor of the time. The entire printing was destroyed and the stamp was reprinted in black, using a single plate."*

I must admit that the upside-down lighthouse does remind one of an Olympic torch. It's a shame that copies of the error don't exist for those of us that collect Olympic torch-related material!

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It seems that the only way U.S. athletes from the 2000 Olympic team will be commemorated philatelically in the U.S. is on pictorial cancels.

The sole Olympian from that group honored to date is Greco-Roman wrestler, Rulon Gardner, of Afton, Wyoming. On October 12, 2000, his hometown used a special cancel (below) depicting the gold medalist, arms raised in victory, with the Stars and Stripes as a backdrop.

Readers will recall that Rulon defeated triple Olympic gold medalist, Aleksandr Karelin of Russia in the Super Heavyweight (130 kg) class. The Russian's loss was a huge upset in the wrestling competition. Rulon, only 29 years old, triumphed in overtime, 1-0, more through superior stamina than by strength or guile. Nonetheless, his accomplishment was certainly worthy of philatelic commemoration.

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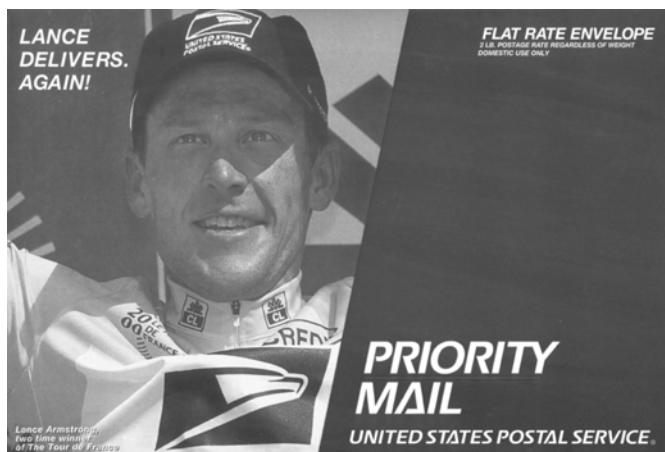
A little known fact: some three-quarters of Olympic sponsorship revenues come from U.S.-based companies. And considering that these companies pay hefty fees for the right to call themselves sponsors, it's no surprise that they take every opportunity to publicize the fact.

AT&T, the telecommunications giant, was a sponsor of the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team. A promotional mailing containing a solicitation was enclosed in a handsome window envelope (above) displaying the AT&T blue globe and the U.S.A. Olympic Team logo in full color. Although the postal permit for this prepaid envelope was registered in Hazelwood, MO, as specified in the indicium, the return address on the back of the envelope is: P.O. Box 537, Roseland, NJ 07068-0537.

When the U.S. Postal Service declined to renew

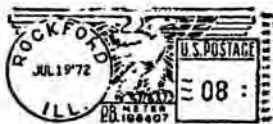
its Olympic sponsorship following the 1992 Games in Barcelona, Spain, they didn't entirely divorce themselves from the goodwill and enhanced public image that comes with involvement in sports. For the past few years, the USPS has sponsored a team of professional cyclists. As it so happens, the most visible member of the USPS Pro Cycling Team is two-time Tour de France winner, Lance Armstrong. Armstrong, a native of Texas, recently competed at the Sydney Olympic Games as well.

In celebration of Lance's victory in the 2000 Tour de France, the USPS has printed a special version of its colorful Priority Mail envelope (below). The reverse side shows Armstrong in the Tour's trademark yellow jersey. Text reads: "LANCE DELIVERS. AGAIN!" and "Lance Armstrong, two time winner of The Tour de France." The address side pictures other members of the USPS team along with acknowledgment of Visa's sponsorship.



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# 2000 SYDNEY OLYMPICS

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by Brian Hammond

Writing a series of articles on ongoing events such as the Sydney Olympic Games is always more difficult than looking back with the benefit of time. Australia Post has not always done what they said they would do and have changed plans as they saw fit. Therefore it is always good to receive updates of information from members.

## OPENING CEREMONY STAMP

News of this unannounced stamp (issued October 10, 2000) reached me just as the last issue of *JSP* went to press. It consisted of one 45c stamp showing Cathy Freeman lighting the Olympic cauldron at the Opening Ceremony of the Games. The stamps were issued as a special sheetlet of ten with a large label at the top reproducing an image of the flaming cauldron plus the Olympic rings in full color. The text, in blue, read: "SYDNEY 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES."

The stamp was designed by Janet Boschen of the Australia Post Design Studio and printed by lithography. The stamp size is 35mm square and perforated 13.86 x 14.6. It was printed by SNP Australia on paper by Tullis Russell. State capital first day postmarks were used.

The Melbourne cover's cachet depicts the flame above the Olympic rings in an oval shaped design with the text "OLYMPICS / OPENING CEREMONY" below the rings. Is this a standard design?

## GOLD MEDALLIST STAMPS

Our member, Thomas Lippert, informed me that the special cancellation illustrated in the last issue of *JSP* for the Cathy Freeman gold medallist stamp (page 25, Figure 1) could have been used for all medal winner stamps. He has this same cancel on covers dated September 17 for both Ian Thorpe and the 4 x 100m freestyle swimming team, September 20 for both the 4 x 200m freestyle and O'Neill issues, September 26 for beach volleyball, and September 30 for women's field hockey. This corrects previously printed information on the cancel which had been obtained at Olympihlex.

All copies of the limited edition first day covers issued at Olympihlex that I have seen have the

Sydney NSW postmark. I have examples of all the winners stamps issued during Olympihlex with cancels reading "Olympihlex Sydney NSW 2000" instead of the Sydney postmark. The women's field hockey stamp and the two sailing gold medallist stamps should only have the "Sydney NSW 2000" postmark as Olympihlex had closed before they were issued.

Collectors should note that in Australia first day cancellations are used up to a month after the day of issue. My collection includes a complete set of first day covers from Melbourne thanks to Tom D'Arcy. Where post offices were open on a Sunday, as was the case in Melbourne, the first day of issue was delayed until the next day (Monday). As a consequence, there are two first days of issue for the following medallist stamps: Ian Thorpe, 4 x 100m freestyle swimming, Grant Hackett, women's water polo, and the two sailing stamps.

Despite previous reports to the contrary, Australia Post are now reprinting the Gold Medallist stamps due to the overwhelming demand for them in Australia.

Initially we were told that there would be no official FDC for the Gold Medallist stamps but I gave details of the unannounced limited edition of 500 special IOC covers. Peck says that only 150 were on sale at Olympihlex (with a limit of 3 per person). Of the remaining 350, one hundred went to the Olympic Family Hotel, 150 were sent to the Olympic Village and the final 100 were sold at the General Post Office in Sydney (with a limit of 1 per person).

The special edition of the Australia Post Stamp Bulletin (#237A) gave details of the officially licensed Australian Olympic Committee covers which were offered in three configurations: 1000 boxed sets, 500 signed sets in a presentation album and 500 sets of six covers and a photo in a frame. Also on sale were 1000 each of the Replica Pin covers for these stamps.

Bulletin 257 announced that the year 2000 collection of Australian stamps would contain a special composite sheet of all the Olympic Gold Medallist stamps. This is a limited edition sheet which so far can only be obtained by purchasing one of the complete collections which are sold in Deluxe and executive editions.

## AUSTRALIAN POST POSTCARDS

Australia Post introduced Letter Link 2000 which provided special stationery for writing Olympic athletes. The stationery featured a boxing kangaroo. One could e-mail a card directly from the Internet. Special postmen delivered over 300,000 items.

I have examples of two cards in my collection featuring the yellow kangaroo on a green background. One is worded, in red, "Thunder Downunder," while the other cheers "Go Aussie Go". The cards measure 180 mm x 100 mm. I also have a second "Thunder Downunder" card a bit shorter in width (150 mm x 100 mm) with text at bottom in red bearing the Internet address instead of Letter Link 2000 and Australia Post.

Peck lists an Australia Post Letter Link envelope with the boxing kangaroo taking part in various sports on the front and Letter Link 2000 on the reverse. He also illustrates a Letter Link 2000 postal stationery card of the boxing kangaroo in action, measuring 150 mm x 100 mm.

## AUSTRALIA PARALYMPIC PERSONALIZED STAMPS

The third part of Richards Peck's book *Collect Sydney 2000* tells us that personalized stamp sheetlets for the Australian Paralympic team were issued in July 2000, with those for individual team members released in October 2000. It is therefore possible to obtain a sheet of stamps for each of the 438 members of the Australia Paralympic team.

## AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC POSTMARKS

In addition to the Regent Hotel (Olympic Family Hotel) mentioned in my last column, collectors should note four other postmarks:

1. Olymphilex 2000 at Canberra. Due to space limitations at the primary venue for Olymphilex 2000 – Centrepont Tower in Sydney – the Promotion Class exhibits were transported to Canberra for display at the Royal Australian Mint from September 13 - October 5, 2000. The special postmark used at the Mint was of the same style as the Olymphilex cancel at Sydney. In lieu of the outline of the Opera House there appeared the text "Royal Australian Mint". The designation "Canberra ACT" replaced "Sydney NSW".

2. Paralympic Games. A special postmark was in

use at the Olympic Village during the Paralympic Games. The design is similar to the Olympic Village postmark, except that "Paralympic Village" and the Paralympic logo are used instead of the Olympic rings and flag.

3. & 4. Football. Two first day pictorial postmarks were used on September 13 for competitions held outside of Sydney – one from Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide, and the other from the Melbourne Cricket Ground in Melbourne. **NOTE:** a number of varieties in the Olympic Sports cancels have been found.

## OLYMPHILEX UPDATE

In my report of special cachets used at the Olymphilex Exhibition in Sydney I listed those for each day. I understand from Richard Peck that in fact the planned cachet for September 24, 2000 (Archery Day) was lost and so was never issued.

Thomas Lippert mentioned to me that special batches of mail were to have been processed at Olymphilex on specific days. Details were outlined in the Olymphilex 2000 Catalogue (pages 21-23):

Monday, 18 September, noon, arrival of Horse Mail from the Olympic Post Office.

Tuesday, 19 September, noon, arrival of Cycle Mail from the Velodrome.

Friday, 22 September, noon, arrival of Kayak Mail via the Harbour.

Monday, 25 September, noon, Paralympian Mail arrives.

It is my understanding that in fact only the cycling mail arrived on September 19, totaling 60 covers. These were sold at the exhibition. Does anyone have additional information with examples, as I have not seen a copy?

## AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC PHONEAWAY CARDS

Telstra issued a set of international pre-paid calling cards for Sydney 2000. A special leaflet illustrating three cards was printed. Sample cards were released illustrating each of the cards that was issued. All cards include the Sydney Games logo and the Olympic rings. Tom D'Arcy suggests there should be a card for the third mascot, the Echidna.

\$10: Aquatics, Archery, Baseball, Canoe/Kayak, Cycling, Hockey, Rowing, Sailing, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling, Mascots, Kangaroos, Flag.

\$20: Athletics, Badminton, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Fencing, Football, Softball, Triathlon, Weightlifting, Platypus (Mascot), Ayers Rock.

\$50: Basketball, Gymnastics, Handball, Shooting, Taekwondo, Kookaburra (Mascot), Tasmanian Devil, Harbour Bridge.

\$100: Equestrian, Judo, Modern Pentathlon.

#### TEST EVENT COVERS AND AUSTRALIA TORCH RELAY

The final three covers for the test events series:

#63 (June 5, 2000) Water Polo: test event, Ryde Aquatic Centre. Sydney PSC cancel

#64 (June 13, 2000) Handball: test event, Sydney Super Dome, Sydney PSC cancel

#66 (September 15, 2000) Let the Games Begin: Olympic Village cancel

The following additional covers have been issued in the Havilah Torch Relay series.

Havilah Torch Relay Covers			
Day Date	Place	Torch Runner	Cancel (P) = pictorial
37 Jul 14	Adelaide	Wendy Schaffer	Adelaide Torch
41 Jul 18	Mt. Gambier	John Tremelling	Mt. Gambier
41 Jul 18	Mt. Gambier	Phillis Braloy	" (P)
43 Jul 20	Warrnambool	Greg Murphy	Warrnambool
43 Jul 20	Warrnambool	Michelle Ferris	" (P)
48 Jul 25	Echuca	Peter Grant	Echuca [retail]
48 Jul 25	Echuca		Port Echuca [P]
49 Jul 26	Rochester		Rochester
49 Jul 26	Rochester	Lady Opperman	" (P)
50 Jul 27	Bendigo		Bendigo Central
50 Jul 27	Bendigo	Jack Locket	"
51 Jul 28	Ballarat	Steve Monaghetie	Ballarat
51 Jul 28	Ballarat	Anthony Edwards	Lake Wendouree
52 Jul 29	Flemington	Bart Cummings	Melbourne Cup
53 Jul 30	MCG	Louise Dobson	MCG
53 Jul 30	MCG	Ron Clarke	MCG
54 Jul 31	Melbourne	5 Runners	Melbourne Torch
100 Sp 15	Sydney	Cathy Freeman	Opening Day

#### OLYMPIC POSTCARDS

1. Ink Group issued their final card during the Games: #6 032 293 with text in white at the top "SYDNEY 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES OPENING CEREMONY / 15 SEPTEMBER 2000, OLYMPIC STADIUM, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA". The view shows the flame at the Opening Ceremony. There appeared to be a big demand for this card during the Games and it is now sold out.

2. McDonalds. Five postcards with their own style Olympic sponsor logo. All cards had text in black that included "Enjoy the fun and games":

- Blue, Big M, "Enjoy the fun and games" (only)
- Blue, Singing + BMX cycling, "What sports should they play at the Olympic games?"
- Green, Fox chasing, "What sports should they play at the Olympic games?"
- Green, Mum and Dad, "Who are my favourite athletes?"
- Orange, Globe - Flag - children, "Where do the athletes who compete in the Olympic Games come from?"

3. Ansett Australia. A set of six new cards was issued for the Games. Five postcards include the Sydney logo in full color. The sixth card has the AMP Torch relay logo, also in full color. The cards are approximately 198 mm x 98 mm. The reverse side includes the Sydney and Ansett logos, plus the text: "Official Airline of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games".

- A-320 over Homebush
- Whitsunday Island. Australia
- Boeing 737-300 over clouds
- Boeing 747-400 Over Sydney
- Bridge and Opera House Sydney (no aircraft)
- A-320 Over Ulure (torch logo)

4. Westpac Bank. Attached strip of four cards with the Australian Olympic Committee logo on the back advertising their support for the Australian Swimming Team. All cards bear text reading: "We're with you" in red at the bottom. The cards portray: the Australia Flag; Susie O'Neil; Ian Thorpe; and Grant Hackett.

5. Australian and AMP Torch Relay. Attached strip

of five cards. All include the Torch Relay logo on the back. The card's titles are: Time to shine; Farewell Atlanta/ Now for Sydney; January 1, 2000; Home Straight; and, We Won.

6. Swatch. Two large postcards advertise them as the "Official Timekeeper to Sydney 2000" and include the logo in full colors: One card shows six views of Swatch Pro Team Members while the other depicts Nova Peris-Kneebone and a watch. Swatch produced a flik flak for children advertising their Olympic 2000 Mascot Watch Collection.
7. Worldwide Olympic Partners – Celebrate Humanity. The reverse side of these cards lists all the worldwide partners of the 2000 Games as well as the Sydney logo and rings. I have seen four cards (there could be others): Cathy Freeman with the torch and flame at the opening ceremony; Cathy Freeman winning the women's 400 meters; Steve Redgrave in boat winning his fifth gold medal in five games; Eric the Eel in the men's 100 meter freestyle.
8. Samsung. Two blue and two white postcards with the Sydney logo. One card of each color advertises the Samsung Digital Centre at the Rocks and the other two show the Olympic Rendezvous at Homebush.
9. VISA Olympic Children's Art Composition. As they've done at other recent Olympic and Winter Olympic Games, VISA conducted a children's art competition in connection with the Sydney Games. The 33 winners' artwork was on display at Darling Harbour; postcards were issued depicting each piece of art. One or two free postcards could be obtained on each visit to the show. The artists are listed by country, followed by their age and the artwork's title.

Australia: Abigail Ryan (10), Joining Hands

Bahamas: Edrin Symonette (13), Strong as a Cheeta

Barbados: Tonya Wiles (13), Power of all sorts

Bonaire: Shari Michelle Nahr (9), We are the champions

Brazil: Karina Oliveira de Souza (9), Victory of peace

Brazil: Jonas Sampaio de Freitas (13), Do you know how to dream?

Cayman Islands: Stafan McLaughlin (11), The boomerang

Canada: Marlene Blanchette (12), Swifter, Higher, Stronger

Canada: Adam Ijaz (10), A very colourful Olympics

Canada: Megham Richey (11), Dreams have no limits

Canada: Corey Isenor (13), Faster, Higher, Stronger.

China: Yinan Wang (11), 5 watching the Olympics

China: Yue Zhao (11), Hang by a thread

Curacao: Norirreessa Bryan (12), Photo dream of Sydney

Czech Republic: Maria Vorlickova (11), Battle for Victory

Finland: Milla Marika Kelehaare (9), Fair Olympic Games

Germany: Sascha Hohne (10), Water acrobatics

Germany: Sebastian Philip Berka (11), High

Hungary: Zsuzsa Medve (10), A jump to the Olympics

India: Aboli Kadam (11), Flight of glory

Japan: Keisuke Muto (10), Victory punch, Kangaroo

Korea: Sun-ik Kim (11), Racing with dolphins

New Zealand: Lili Latham (10), Space's view

Norway: Moyfrid Oust Torska (12), I'm great even if I'm small

Poland: Jakub Hubner (13), Citius, Altius, Fortius

Poland: Agata Kuczynska (12), Jump to the stars

Russia: Tamara Tjuriua (12), Create your soul celebration

Russia: Sofia Krepysheva (9), All together a friendly family

South Africa: Tanya Bosch (13), South Africa at Sydney 2000

United States: Caitlin Marie Powell (10), Reach for the stars

United States: Anguel Alexiev (11), Viva Olympiad!

United States: Tyler Olmstead (13), Citius, Altrius, Fortius in mosaic

Uruguay: Ignacio Raul Cabanas (9), I imagine it

10. Olympic Live and Arts Festival. During the Games, six Olympic live entertainment sites were set up in Sydney. A guide to the sites was issued and free postcards produced to advertise the events. I have postcards for Belmore Park, Circular Quay, Martian Place and Pymount. I understand that postcards for the other two sites at the Domain and Darling Harbour were issued. Special leaflets were available for events at the Olympic Arts Festival. Postcards were also available for some events. A number of other free advertising cards that include the Olympic logo were available from hotel information points.

## OTHER OLYMPIC POSTCARDS

1. Greenpeace. Postcard of the Rainbow warrior. Text at top in white: "COME ON BOARD," and at the base in black, "RAINBOW WARRIOR SYDNEY 2000. GIVE THE PLANET A SPORTING CHANCE."
2. Woolmark. Postcard of a sheep leaving a diving board and the Australia Olympic committee logo. Text in black: "Australian merino / the high performance fibre." Woolmark produced a label advertising their display at Homebush.
3. IBM. Set of five cards. For use as fan mail. Each shows a sportsman in action. The sports appear to be water skiing, football, swimming, water polo and volleyball. IBM also issued a label with the same design as the water skiing card (size: 65 mm x 50 mm), an Olympic screen-saver CD-ROM, and a number of advertising leaflets with the Olympic logo.
4. Fosters and Carlton & United. Dark blue card with white text showing five sportsmen in action advertising the Sydney 2000 Club website.

Doubtless there are other postcards and I would welcome details any fellow collectors may have.

## OLYMPIC STATIONERY FROM SPONSORS

1. Tafe: Window envelope, 230 mm x 110 mm, SOCOG logo.
2. Powerhouse Museum: Plain envelope, 230 mm x 110 mm, advertising the 100 years of the Olympic Games Exhibition.
3. Muswellbrook Shire Council (Official host community): Sydney 2000 / Olympic Torch Relay window envelope, 230 mm x 110 mm including the above wording.
4. Olympic Ticketing: A number of envelopes were used for distributing tickets, the souvenir

program and information for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

5. Centra: Plain envelope advertising free Olympic Travel from Bathurst City Council and a window envelope (business as usual during the Olympics).

A number of non-postal stationery items were produced. Techno Gym issued a label and letterhead with the Paralympic logo. Fairfax printed a letterhead with the Sydney logo. Sydney Airport also has a letterhead with the Sydney logo. ADT Security and Uncle Toby's both have "with compliments" slips that include the Olympic logo. Many other sponsors, suppliers and providers issued leaflets and product packets that included the Sydney Olympic logo.

## NEW AUSTRALIA POST PARALYMPIAN STAMP

Once again Australia Post have issued a stamp without telling us. I have just received a First Day Cover dated October 31, 2000, bearing a stamp in the same style as the Olympic Gold Medallist series. This issue, however, honors Siobhan Paton, a swimmer, as Australian Paralympian of the Year. The stamp is valued at 45c.

There is a special Melbourne postmark which shows part of the Paralympic logo. I do not know if other cancels were available.



*Australia Post's Letter Link 2000 program provided postal cards on which fans could communicate with Olympic athletes at the Games.*



# REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestrone

## *Der Olympia-Und Sport-Philatelist* Number 2, 2000

The Olympic and Sports Philately Club of Berlin (OSPC) celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. In honor of their birthday, Günter Sauer, President of the OSPC, reviews the past decade of Berlin sports and Olympic philately. This is followed by a presentation of Berlin sports facilities by Wolfgang Marx. Dr. Dieter Diehlmann focuses more specifically on the Berlin Olympic Stadium in another article.

With the Olympics in Australia recently completed, it comes as no surprise that there are a few articles on the Games of 1956. Volker Kluge opens the retrospective with an interview of Dr. Günter Heinze who was the Chef de Mission of the team from the German Democratic Republic that year. Günter Sauer then takes a look at the Olympic flights to Melbourne.

The 1956 Olympics will be remembered as the first (and so far only) Games to be contested in two countries: the equestrian events were all held in Stockholm, Sweden because of equine quarantine regulations in Australia. Thomas Lippert examines that European link in the 1956 Olympic chain.

Since the Berlin Games of 1936, the Olympic Torch Relay has been an integral part of every Games. Karl Rathjen traces the various aspects of that event thematically through stamps, cancels, and meters.

Last, but not least, Thomas Lippert details the Torch Relay from Greece to Sydney (see the September/October 2000 issue of *JSP* for an English version).

Contact: OSPC Berlin, Allee der Kosmonauten 151f, 12685 Berlin, Germany.

## *Phila-Sport* July-Sept. 2000 (#35)

The Italian-language journal of our sister society in Italy begins this issue with an overview of the various cancels (torch relay, sports, and gold medalist) from the Sydney Olympic Games.

Articles in this issue begin with a discussion of

Olympic philately by Bruno Cataldi Tassoni. Next, Nino Barberis examines a wonderful first day of issue cover for the 1939 U.S. baseball stamp (a block of four, mind you) which has been signed by numerous major league players including such greats as Babe Ruth, Cy Young, Connie Mack, Ty Cobb and Honus Wagner. Maurizio Tecardi provides an updated examination of the 1896-1900 Athens post office cancels.

Among other articles, junior level volleyball is discussed by Mauro Gilardi; Nino Barberis talks about collecting soccer; and Alvaro Trucchi presents part 2 of his article on World Cup events for winter sports.

As always, the journal includes updates on stamps, cancels and meters, auction reports, and reviews of recent philatelic literature.

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# NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

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by Margaret Jones

## New Members

2189 Charles E. Pugh, 3012 Overton Park W., Fort Worth, TX, 76109-1502 USA. Dr. Pugh, a dentist, volunteers to send a parachute stamp checklist to interested members. **Parachutes and Parachuting.** (Jones)

2190 John A. Weaver, 12356 Addison Street, North Hollywood, CA, 91607-3610. USA. John is a chemist. **Olympics.** (Jones)

2191 Bill M. Kyger, 2124 39th Avenue, Greeley, CO, 80634-3906 USA. Mr. Kyger is a teacher. **Basketball, Olympic Basketball.** billkyger@gatewat.net (Jones)

2192 Marvin R. Solomon, 2080 Lombardy Road, San Marino, CA, 91108-1235 USA. Marvin is in electronics. **Olympics.** (Jones)

2193 Leonardo Svarzbein, PO Box 220198, El Paso, TX, 79913-0198 USA. Dr. Svarzbein is a neurosurgeon. **Soccer.** (Jones)

2194 Mikhail V. Minaev, Michurinsy Av 25-1-119, Moscow, 117 607 Russia. Mr. Minaev is a businessman. **General Sports, Olympics.** minpor@garnet.ru

2195 Elmer Jan, 19 Mark Place, Greenbrae, CA, 94904-3024 USA. Elmer is a librarian. **Bicycling, Running, Marathon, Triathlon, Track & Field.** ejan33@earthlink.net (Jones)

2196 Corene D. Dixon, 1728 Westmoreland Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90006-5112 USA. Miss Dixon is a dispatcher. **Olympics.** (Jones)

2197 M.M. Baker, 3115 N. Fairview #186, Tucson, AZ, 85705-3745. He is retired. **General Sports, Olympics, Golf, Baseball.** (Jones)

### RENEWALS:

180C Thomas M. Grimes, 119 Krantz Court, Ashland City, TN, 37015-2600 USA A charter member, he has retired. **General Sports, Olympics.** (Jones)

942 Ray Menaster, 28 Flemings Court, Marin City, CA, 94965-4007 USA. Ray is retired. **General Sports, Olympics, American Athletics.** (Jones)

1725 Geertruida Yff, 8 Wildwood Lane, Norwalk, CT, 06850-1108 USA. Trudy is a housewife. **Tennis.** (Jones)

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### Dropped: 56

Total Membership, October 31, 2000 = 329

### Exhibit Awards

AMERICOVER (Houston, Texas). Robert F. Gould won a silver and AAPE award of honor for "Turners"; James B. Main received a silver-bronze, best novice and best topical for "Hot Air Ballooning – Fact and Fantasy."

CHAMPEX (Burlington, VT). Glenn Estus won a silver for "Olympic Machine Cancels 1912-2004."

OLYMPHILEX 2000 (Sydney, Australia). Thomas Lippert won a silver-bronze in the literature division for "Postal Activities During the XVII Winter Olympics Nagano 1998." This result was somehow omitted from the official Palmares.

PIPEX (Victoria, British Columbia). Franciska Yurich obtained a youth silver and Pacific Northwest Regional Group of BNAPS youth award for "Sports Played on Different Surfaces."

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# NEW STAMP ISSUES

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by Dennis Dengel

**Albania:** June 1, 2000. European Soccer Championships. 10 lek, 260 lek, 120 lek s/s: soccer players.

July 1, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 10 lek, basketball; 40 lek, soccer; 90 lek, running; 250 lek, cycling.

**French Andorra:** September 9, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 5 francs, hurdles.

**Spanish Andorra:** September 29, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 70 pesetas, hurdles.

**Antigua and Barbuda:** June 26, 2000. West Indies Tour and 100th International Cricket Test Match. 90 cents, Richie Richard; \$5.00, Viv Ricard.

June 26, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four \$2.00 stamps: cycling, 1904 Olympics; diving; javelin; Flaminio Olympic Stadium in Rome.

**Argentina:** September 23, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four se-tenant 75 centavos stamps: yachting, field hockey, volleyball, pole vaulting.

**Armenia:** July 11, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 10 drams, basketball; 30dr, tennis; 500dr, weightlifting.

**Australia:** August 17, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Ten se-tenant 45 cent stamps (sheet & self-adhesive booklet): water polo, field hockey, swimming, basketball, cycling, equestrian, tennis, gymnastics, track and field, rowing.

September 15, 2000. Transfer of Olympic Flag from Sydney to Athens. Joint issue with Greece. 45 cents, Parthenon; \$1.50 Sydney Opera House.

45c Australian Gold Medalist stamps in panes of 10: September 17, 2000. Ian Thorpe, Men's 400 meter freestyle swimming.

September 17, 2000. Michael Klim, Chris Fydler. Ashley Callus, Ian Thorpe, Men's 4 x 100 meter freestyle relay swimming.

September 18, 2000. Michael Diamond, Men's trap shooting.

September 20, 2000. Susie O'Neill. Women's 200 meter freestyle swimming.

September 20, 2000. Andrew Hoy, Stuart Tinney, Matthew Ryan, Phillip Dutton. Team equestrian 3-day event.

September 20, 2000 Ian Thorpe, Michael Klim, Bill Kirby, Todd Pearson, Mens 4 x 200 meter freestyle relay swimming.

September 21, 2000. Simon Fairweather. Men's individual archery.

September 22, 2000. Brett Aitken, Scott McGrory. Men's Cycling.

September 24, 2000. Grant Hackett. Men's 1500 meter freestyle swimming.

September 24, 2000. L. Weekes, Y. Higgins, G. Miller, N. Castle, B. Mayer, S. Hankin, D. Woodhouse, K. Hooper, D. Watson, T. Woods, B. Gusterson, J. fox, M. Mill. Women's water polo team.

September 26, 2000. Kerri Pottharst, Nathalie Cook. Women's beach volleyball.

September 26, 2000. Cathy Freeman. Women's 400 meter run.

September 28, 2000. Lauren Burns. Women's Taekwondo under 49kg.

September 30, 2000. R. Hawkes, A. Annan, J. Haslam, C. Maitland, J. Morris, K. Starre, K. Allen, L. Carruthers, R. Garard, N. Hudson, R. Imison, C. Mitchell-Taverner, A. Peek, K. Powell, A. Skirving, J. Towers. Women's Field Hockey.

October 1, 2000. Jenny Armstrong, Belinda Stowell. Women's sailing.

October 1, 2000. Tom King, Mark Turnbull, Men's sailing.

October 10, 2000. Souvenir sheet of ten 45c stamps: Cathy Freeman lighting the Olympic cauldron during Opening Ceremonies of Games.

**Austria:** September 1, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 9 schilling, Olympic rings.

**Azerbaijan:** September 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four 500 manats stamps: ancient Greek wrestling, weightlifting, boxing and running.

**Barbados:** May 22, 2000. West Indies Cricket Tour 2000. 45 cents, Conrad Hunt; 90c, Malcolm Marshall; \$2.00, Garfield A. Sobers; \$2.50 s/s, stadium.

**Bhutan:** July 24, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four se-tenant 40 ngultrum stamps: Jesse Owens, 1936 Olympics; kayaking; Greek broad jump; 1996 Olympic Stadium.

**Bosnia-Herzegovina:** April 10, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 1.30 marks, map of Bosnia- Herzegovina, Olympic emblem; 1.70m, map of Australia, sails. Both values in souvenir sheet.

**Bulgaria:** April 28, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 10 stotinki, judo; 18st, tennis; 20st, shooting; 60st, long jump.

**Croatia:** September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Sports balls: 5 kune, basketball, soccer ball, water polo ball, handball, tennis ball.

**Czech Republic:** August 30, 2000. Ancient Olympic Games: 9 koruny, chariot racing.

August 30, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 13kc, canoeist, Czech flag.

**Cyprus:** September 14, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 10 cents, women's archery; 15c, gymnastics; 25c, athlete; 35c, athlete.

**Dominica:** June 21, 2000. West Indies Cricket Tour 2000. \$4.00, Norbert Phillip.

June 21, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four se-tenant \$2.00 stamps. Jesse Owens, 1936 Olympics; pole vaulting; discus throw; Lenin Olympic Stadium.

**Fiji:** August 8, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 44 cents, swimming; 87c, judo; \$1.00, running; \$2.00, windsurfing.

**Estonia:** September 5, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 8 kroon, discus thrower.

**France:** September 9, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Se-tenant pair of 3 franc stamps: cycling, running; running, judo and diving.

**Finland:** January 17, 2001. FIS Nordic World Ski Championship. Two 3.50 markka, downhill skiers.

**Gambia:** August 7, 2000. European Soccer Championships. Six panes of six se-tenant 7 dal stamps. Pane 1, Czech team; Pane 2, English team; Pane 3, Norwegian team; Pane 4, Slovenian team; Pane 5, Swedish team; Pane 6, Turkish team. Six 25 dal s/s,

team trainers.

**Greece:** September 15, 2000. Transfer of the Olympic flag from Australia to Greece. Joint issue with Australia. 200 drachmae, Olympic flame, Parthenon; 650dr, Sydney Opera House.

**Grenada:** May 15, 2000. West Indies Cricket Tour 2000. 90 cents, Junior Murray; \$5.00, Rawl Lewis.

May 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four \$2.00 stamps. Archibald Hahn 1904 St Louis Olympics; horse jumping; ancient chariot racing; Italian Sports Palace for 1960 Rome Olympics.

August 8, 2000. European 2000 Soccer Tournament. Three panes of six se-tenant \$1.50 stamps. Pane 1, Belgian team; pane 2, Spanish team; Pane 3, Yugoslav team. Three \$6.00 s/s, team trainers.

August 2000. Wisden, Cricketers of the century. Two panes of eight se-tenant \$1.00 stamps honoring Australian Cricket team. Pane 1, Shane Warne; Pane 2, Donald Bradman. Three panes of four se-tenant \$2.00 stamps honoring West Indian and English cricketers. Pane 1, Vivian Richards; Pane 2, Garfield Sobers; Pane 3, Jack Hobs. Pane of five se-tenant \$2.00 stamps, one each of the above.

**Grenada-Grenadines:** May 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four \$2.00 stamps. Frantz Reichel, rugby, 1900 Paris Olympics; discus throw; Greek wrestling; Seoul Olympics Sports complex.

August 8, 2000. European 2000 Soccer Tournament. Three panes of six \$1.50 stamps. Pane 1, Danish team; Pane 2, French team; Pane 3, Netherlands team. Three \$6.00 s/s, team trainers.

**Guyana:** May 15, 2000. West Indies Cricket Tour 2000. \$100, Rohan Kanhai; \$300, Clive Lloyd.

May 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four se-tenant \$160 stamps. Henry Robert Pearce, rowing, 1932 Los Angeles Olympics; volleyball; running; Montreal's Olympic Park.

August 21, 2000. European 2000 Soccer Tournament. Two panes of eight se-tenant \$80 stamps, teams. Pane 1, Turkey, Slovenia, Yugoslavia, Sweden, Belgium, Spain, France, England; Pane 2, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Czech Republic, Norway. Two \$400 s/s, team trainers Stefan Kuntz and Jurgen Klinsmann.

**Israel:** July 25, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 2.80 shekalim, koala riding a bicycle, Olympic rings.

**Italy:** May 20, 2000. Italian Series A Championship Soccer. 800 lire, soccer player, soccer field, emblem of Lazio Sport Society.

July 8, 2000. 17th World Archery Championship. 1,500 lire, ancient and modern archers.

**Lithuania:** September 2, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 1 lita, cyclist; 3l, swimming.

**Montserrat:** May 5, 2000. Lord's Cricket 100th Anniversary. \$1.00, Alfred Valentine; \$5.00, George Headley; \$6.00 s/s, Lord's Pavilion.

**Netherlands Antilles:** August 8, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 75 cents, cycling, 225c, track and field; 225c s/s, swimming.

**Palau:** March 31, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four se-tenant 33 cent stamps. Charlotte Cooper, tennis, 1924 Olympics; women's shot put; Helsinki Olympic Stadium, 1952; Ancient Greek athletes.

**Paraguay:** July 28, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 2,500 guaranis, soccer, Barcelona Olympics; 3,000g, track and field, Munich Olympics.

**Poland:** September 1, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 70 groszy, running, track and field; 80gr, rowing, windsurfing, yachting, diving; 1.10 Zlotych, weightlifting, fencing, high jump; 1.55zl, basketball, marathon, taekwondo.

**Portugal:** September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 52 escudo, running; 85esc, equestrian events; 100esc, yachting; 140esc, diving. S/s of two: 85esc, 215 esc, fencing and water polo.

**South Korea:** September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 170 won, taekwondo, sheets of 20.

**St. Vincent and Grenadines:** June 26, 2000. West Indies Cricket Tour 2000. 20 cents, T. Michael Findley; \$1.10, Winston Davis; \$1.40, Nixon Mclean.

June 26, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four se-tenant \$2.00 stamps. Mildred "Babe" Didrikson, javelin throw, 1932 Los Angeles Olympics; vaulting; horse racing; Barcelona Olympic Stadium.

**Laos:** September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 500 kip, cycling; 900k, boxing; 2,600k, taekwondo; 3,600k, kayaking; s/s of all four. S/s perforated and imperforate.

**Romania:** June 26, 2000. European Soccer championships. Two 3,000 leu, two 10,150 leu stamps: players, flags of nations, map; s/s of all 4.

**Russia:** August 16, 2000 Sydney 2000 Olympics. 2 rubles, fencing; 3rub, synchronized swimming; 5rub, volleyball.

**Sierra Leone:** March 28, 2000. Race car driver Mario Andretti. Eight se-tenant 600 leone stamps: Andretti; 5,000l s/s, driver and friends.

**Singapore:** September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Non-denominated, swimming and high jump; 60 cents, badminton and discus throw; \$1.00, soccer and track and field; \$2.00, table tennis and gymnastics.

**Slovakia:** June 27, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 18 koruna, shooting. Sheets of 25 with label showing Sydney Opera House.

**Suriname:** August 8, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Se-tenant pair of 1,100 florin triangular stamps, runner, soccer; se-tenant pair of 3,900 fl triangular stamps, swimming, tennis.

**United States:** May 27, 2000. Youth Sports. Four 33¢: children playing basketball, football, soccer and baseball. Miniature sheet of 20.

July 6, 2000. National Baseball Hall of Fame. Miniature sheet of twenty 33¢: baseball legends Jackie Robinson, Eddie Collins, Christy Mathewson, Ty Cobb, George Sisler, Rogers Hornsby, Mickey Cochrane, Babe Ruth, Walter Johnson, Roberto Clemente, Lefty Grove, Tris Speaker, Cy Young, Jimmy Foxx, Pie Traynor, Satchel Paige, Honus Wagner, Josh Gibson, Dizzy Dean and Lou Gherig. Also issued: booklets containing 20 postal cards, each imprinted with a baseball stamp from the sheet version, but denominated 20¢ (domestic post card rate). Face side of cards duplicates stamp image. Cards sold at a premium over face value: \$8.95 for the packet of 20 (not sold individually).

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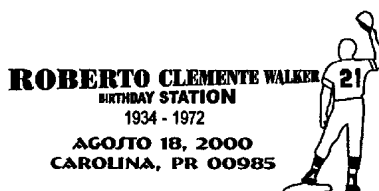
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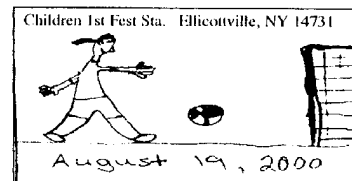
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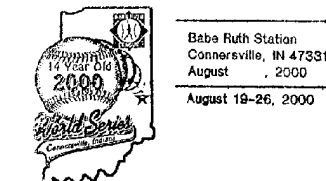
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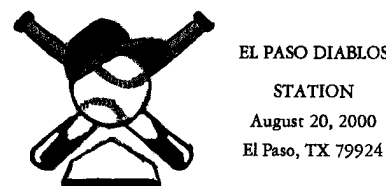
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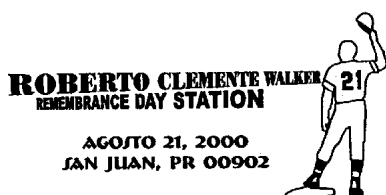
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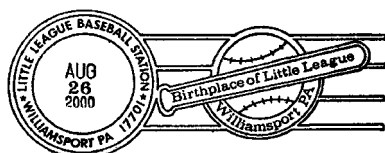
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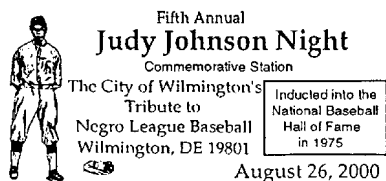
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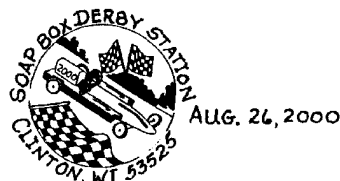
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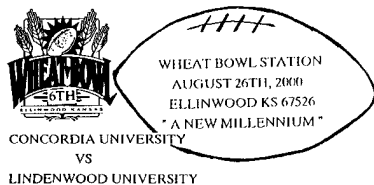
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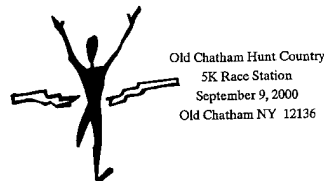
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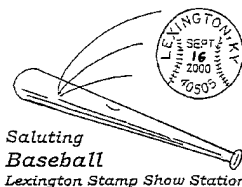
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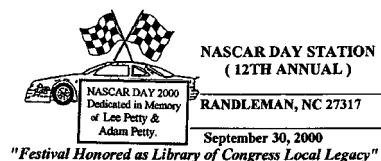
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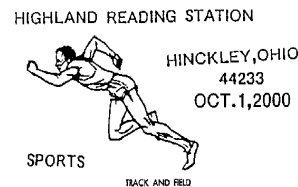
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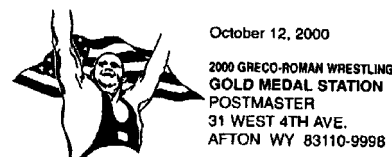
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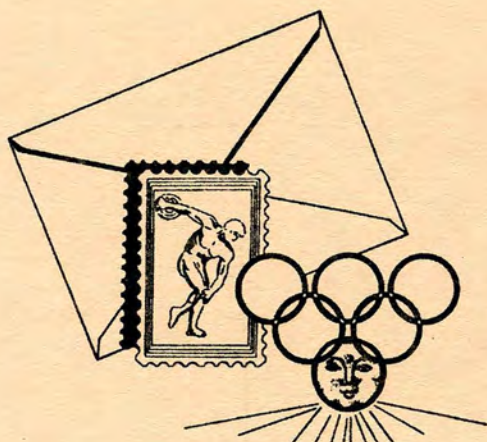
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