

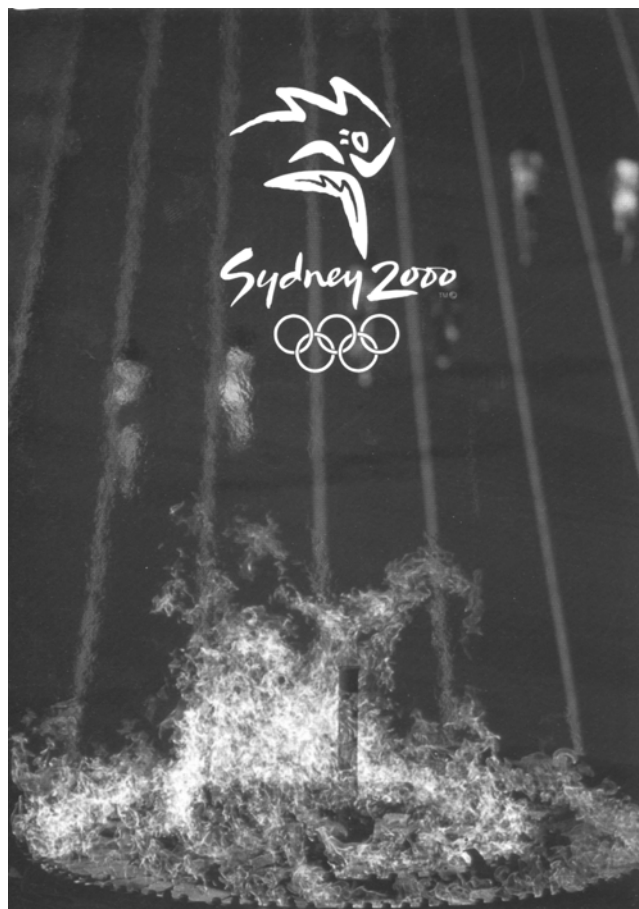
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

ROMPEX 2000 Is Fast Approaching

Our next society get-together is less than three months away. Hopefully, all of you are busy making plans to attend. To assist you, I've summarized vital information in the sidebar at right.

I also encourage those of you who plan to join us in Denver to let me know. As we refine our plans for activities and meetings, I'd like to be able to update attendees. I can only do this if I know who's coming! If you have email, drop me a quick note, otherwise a brief missive or post-card by mail will do.

Exhibit frames are still available, but don't delay submitting your application. The deadline is April 15, 2001. I have a few copies of the prospectus and application that I'd be happy to send out. Of course you may also contact the show committee directly. An email address and their homepage on the Internet are noted at right for your convenience.

On another note, I'm still searching for volunteers for important SPI positions: Webmaster, Sales Manager, Auction Manager, Convention Manager and Publicity Manager. Won't you please assist your society by helping fill one of these slots? For more information, please contact me directly.

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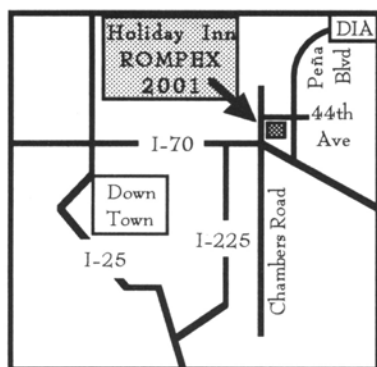


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Japan's 20th Century Museum Series: The Olympics

by Mark Maestroni

Japan's philatelic salute to the 20th and 21st Centuries has included a number of stamps honoring Japan's involvement in the Olympic Games. To date there have been 17 sheetlets issued in the 20th Century Museum Series. Each sheetlet sells for 740¥ and includes ten face different stamps (two 50¥ values and eight 80¥ values).



Japan's First Participation in the Olympic Games. Marathon runner Shizo Kanaguri (1891-1983) and sprinter Yahiko Michima (1886-1954) took part in the Olympic Games held in Stockholm, Sweden in 1912. It was the first time Japan took part in the Olympic Games. The stamp (above) shows Mishima carrying the national flag while Kanaguri holds aloft the name placard as the team marches into the stadium during the Opening Ceremonies. (Series 2; DOI 22 Sept. 1999)

Japan at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Games. On August 8, 1928, Yoshiyuki Tsuruta won the men's 200-meter breaststroke at the Games of the IXth Olympiad held in Amsterdam (bottom, left). He set a new Olympic record of 2 minutes, 48.8 seconds. Tsuruta also won the 200-meter breaststroke at the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles four years later, becoming the first Japanese athlete to win medals at two successive Olympics. Mikio Oda (bottom, second stamp from left) competed in the triple jump at Amsterdam following his participation four years earlier at the Paris Olympics. He won the finals held on August 2 with his second jump of 15.21 meters to become Japan's first gold medalist. The daily program of the Games (bottom, third stamp from left) at which 3,015 athletes and officials participated

from 46 countries. Kinue Hitomi (bottom, right) became Japan's first female medalist. She won a silver in the 800-meter race with a time of 2 minutes, 17.6 seconds. This was after losing the women's 100-meter race at which she was favored to win! (Series 5; DOI 21 Jan. 2000)



The Tokyo Olympic Games. The 18th Olympic Games were held for the first time in Asia in 1964. Japan was very successful, winning 16 gold medals, 5 silver, and 8 bronze. Shown above, official posters of the Games. The selvedge on this sheetlet shows a scene from the Opening Ceremonies. (Series 12; DOI 21 July 2000)



The Nagano Olympic Games. The 18th Olympic Winter Games were held in 1998. Japanese athletes garnered 5 gold, 1 silver, and 4 bronze medals. Shown above: the official emblem (left); the Olympic mascots "Snowlets" (middle); and the official poster of the Nagano Olympics (right). (Series 17; DOI 22 Dec. 2000)



Slindon Cricket Club—

270 Not Out

by Peter N. Street

This past summer I went to England to see my sister, play a little cricket and visit my friend Eddie.

I first met Eddie at the Sarasota (Florida) Philatelic Club. He lives most of the year in England, in West Sussex close to the Hampshire border.

Knowing of my abiding interest in cricket, we decided to visit nearby Broadhalfpenny Down, home of the famous Hambledon Cricket Club and the equally famous Bat and Ball Inn (*JSP*, September/October 1999).

As we were returning from our visit we spotted a road sign that read: "Slindon 2 miles." I immediately recalled a cover in my cricket collection with a special postmark commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Slindon Cricket Club (below). As this sign was just a few miles from Eddie's home we resolved to go to Slindon the next day.

The village of Slindon is located close to the road from London to Bognor (A29). As we approached the village we saw two men working at a building site. Upon explaining my interest in cricket and my recent visit to Hambledon I was told by one of the men that the Slindon Cricket Club preceded Hambledon and that the ground was a couple of miles down the road, away from the village.



By that time it had started to rain (after all, we *were* in England). We found the ground and I took several photographs of the rather nondescript pavilion (no sign indicated it was the home of the Slindon Cricket Club) and the ground and pitch.

It then occurred to me that if we went on into the village we might be able to find a store with some Slindon Cricket Club memorabilia.

We proceeded along the road towards the village and asked a local resident who was taking his dog for a walk in the rain (yes, we were *still* in England) the location of the village store. With a strong rural Sussex accent and much waving of arms and pointing of fingers we were on our way. After a minor detour – a car was blocking the narrow road – we pulled up in front of the appropriately named Slindon Village Store.

On entering the store we were greeted by a gentleman behind a counter at the back of the store. I again explained my interest in cricket and specifically my need for information about the local cricket club. He smiled, cautioned us to be patient, and disappeared into a back room. He reappeared several minutes later with a booklet which had been published to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the club in 1981. The gentleman turned out to be the proprietor of the store and one of the many vice-presidents of the Slindon Cricket Club.

The booklet gives an interesting and detailed account of the club from its inception. Slindon cricket dates back to the early 1700's. At that time the Duke of Richmond ran a stable of cricketers at his estate at Goodwood, near Chichester, which is about 8 miles west of the village. The first recorded match was played in 1702 when the Duke's side beat Arundel.

Slindon Cricket Club was founded in 1731 from the Duke's team when he was called by King George II to quell the Stuart uprising in Scotland. The Duke remained the patron of the club. It is interesting to note that in 1981, the patron of the club was the Earl of March, son of the current Duke.

In 1740 Slindon became so famous in English



250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NOBLE SPORT AT **SLINDON CRICKET CLUB**

cricket that they beat an All-England team composed of the best players in the rest of Sussex and in Surrey, Kent and Hampshire. The team's prowess enabled them to win 42 of 44 matches in 1742.

A commemorative cover was produced with a cachet showing the two-stump wicket and curved bat in vogue at that time. This cachet was reproduced on the cover of the booklet (above).

Thus Eddie and I were able to spend a very interesting rainy day in Slindon discovering the history of its cricket club and its associated philatelic memorabilia.



The Sport of Mountaineering

by Jordi Virgili

In the *Journal of Sports Philately*, I frequently read about such sports as rugby, soccer, baseball, skiing or golf. But there are other lesser-known sports. Mountaineering is one of them.

Most of you have probably seen images of mountain climbers on television or in magazines. Down through the centuries, man has viewed mountain summits as a home for both gods and monsters. It's no wonder, then, that legends and myths abound. Whatever their personal reasons, men and women of all ages have been attracted to mountains.

Mountaineering is a sport which was born in the 18th century when Jacques Balmat and M.G. Paccard (a village doctor from Chamonix, France), climbed Mont Blanc. The year was 1786. At 4,807 meters, Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in Europe (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Mont Blanc, the highest peak in Europe, was first conquered by Jacques Balmat and M.G. Paccard in 1786.

In 1857 a group of Englishmen from Birmingham founded the first alpine club. From 1850 to 1865 it was principally English climbing teams that conquered the unscaled peaks of Switzerland and France. One pyramid of granite on the Swiss-Italian border resisted their numerous attacks: the Matterhorn (or Cervino), one of the most beautiful mountains in the world. It was July 14, 1865 when Edward Whymper, in the company of three other English companions, a Frenchman, and two Swiss guides reached its summit (Figure 2). Whymper's conquest of this last great virgin peak in the Alps, marked the end of the heroic era of mountaineering.



Figure 2. The Matterhorn, also known as "Cervino," was the final Alpine peak to be scaled, a feat that didn't occur until 1865.

Nowadays mountain climbing and trekking are no longer the heroic endeavor they once were. No matter what type of outing, trekkers and climbers both need a good map and a rucksack (Figure 3).

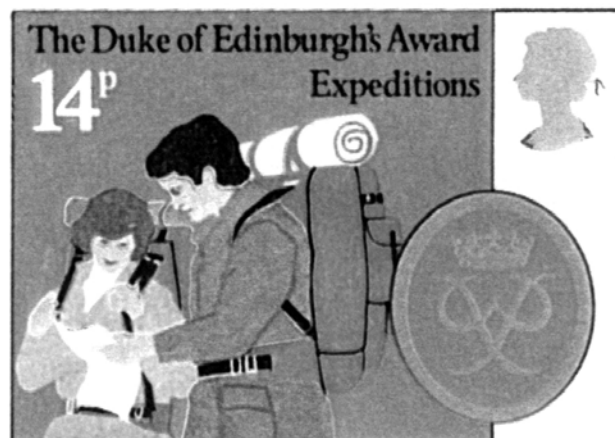


Figure 3. Two things every successful climber must have: a good map and strong rucksack!

In the 18th and 19th centuries it was difficult to travel to the highest mountains in the world. In this century, though, access to almost any place on earth is possible in a matter of hours by plane (Figure 4).

When we think about high mountains, Everest usually leaps immediately to mind since it is the highest mountain in the world (8,848 m). The south-east spur of Mt. Everest was first climbed in May 29, 1953 by Nepalese Sherpa, Tensing Norgay, and New Zealander, Sir Edmund Hillary. They climbed Everest with an English team led by Sir John Hunt. As the story goes, Edmund Hillary, who was heading the overall expedition, stopped a few meters before conquering the highest mountain in the world, allowing Tensing Norgay to reach the summit first.



Figure 4. The trek to the base of peaks is no longer the arduous task it once was as airplanes can now transport climbers to the general vicinity of most any mountain in a matter of hours.

"We are in your country," said Hillary as he gave way to the Sherpa who had previously tried to reach the summit more than once.

The Mt. Everest region is the most popular trekking area in Nepal. In 1994 New Zealand issued a stamp in commemoration of the conquest of Everest (Figure 5). Everest is certainly the most frequently depicted mountain on stamps. Countries that have honored it include Bolivia, USSR, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, India, Nepal, New Zealand, Japan, Poland, the United Nations

(Figure 6), and China. 🇨🇳

Figure 5. Mount Everest was the final, and highest, peak to be conquered. Sir Edmund Hillary and his party were the first to reach the "top of the world" on May 29, 1953.

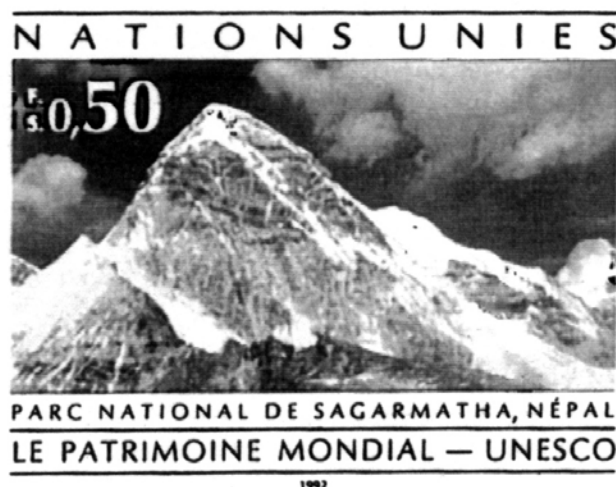


Figure 6. Mount Everest, one of the best known, and most philatelically commemorated of mountains.

Call For Articles

The Journal of Sports Philately is currently soliciting articles from the membership. Each of you can help by:

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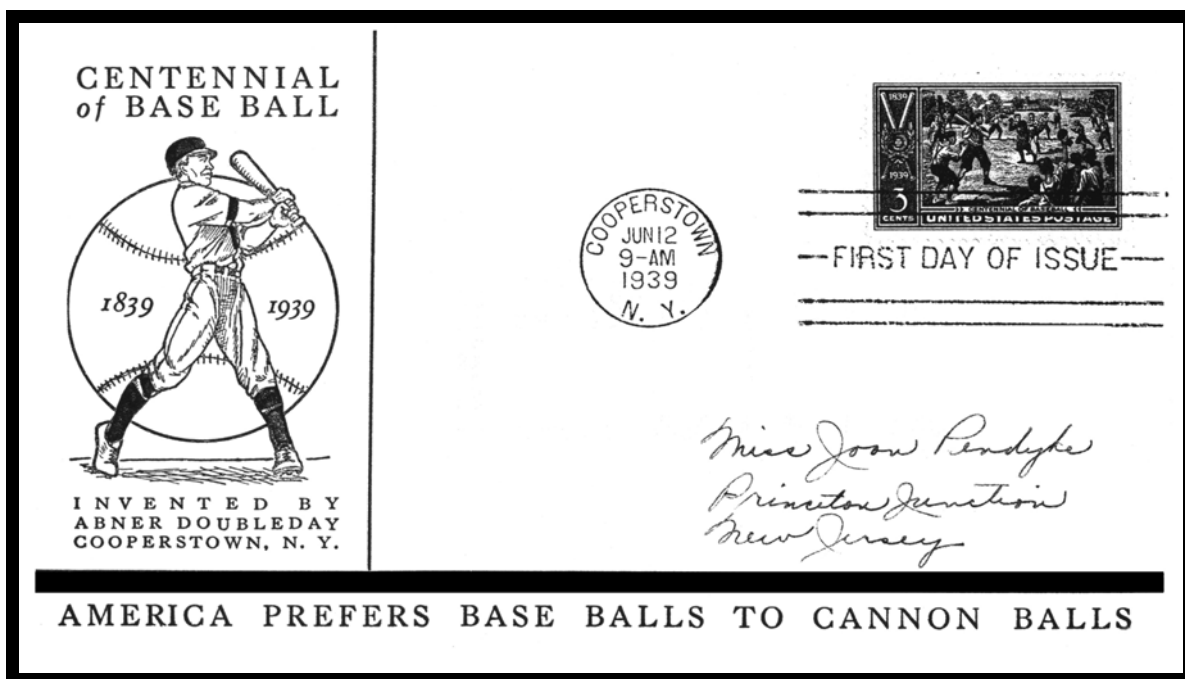


Figure 1. A pre-World War II patriotic cover with a baseball theme reflecting the non-interventionist mood of the day.

Baseball Goes To War

by Norman Rushefsky

It is said that the history of baseball is inextricably woven with that of the history of the United States. In many respects this is probably true.

During World War II the quality of baseball suffered as many of baseball's stars enlisted in the Armed Forces. From a philatelic standpoint I have noted several covers relating to baseball that parallel the feelings of the day.

In 1939 before the war began there was great anxiety throughout the world as to whether or not Hitler's actions would provoke other countries into war. In the United States this anxiety also existed despite the presence of the World's Fair in New York City and the Goldengate Exposition on the other coast in San Francisco.

At the World's Fair technological innovations were being demonstrated indicating that a very significant change for the better in people's lifestyles could be expected. In the United States a great many people were convinced that if war were to develop in Europe the United States should remain neutral. I believe this desire for peace is demon-

strated in the cachet for the FDC of the 1939 baseball stamp illustrated in Figure 1. The cachet by Linprint, patriotically rendered in red, white and blue, includes a statement at bottom reading "AMERICA PREFERS BASE BALLS TO CANNON BALLS."

After the United States entered the war, America was united in the war effort. An appropriate example is a cover postmarked in New York on the day of the opening of the 1944 World Series, dubbed the trolley series, between the St. Louis Browns and St. Louis Cardinals. The cachet advertising the series includes an American flag and the admonition to "Buy United States War Savings Bonds And Stamps." Certainly this qualifies as a patriotic cover.

During World War II there were literally thousands of covers with different designs printed by individuals and sold to the public as a way to boost morale. While many of these covers have beautiful designs, only a relative few have a sports theme; fewer, still, relate specifically to baseball. One of these was illustrated in my article in the January/February 2000 issue of *JSP*. It featured the commissioning of the new Merchant Marine Liberty Ship *Lou Gehrig*.

Illustrated in Figure 2 is a different type of patriotic cover, this time a V-mail from the Philippine Islands mailed by a sailor in the U.S. Navy Seabees (construction battalion). V-mail was recorded on microfilm enabling vast quantities of mail to be transported back to the United States using far less precious cargo space. The letter, sent May 3, 1945, illustrates Hitler swinging at a pitch while a sailor-umpire yells, "Strike 3!"

Another patriotic cover features a baseball player and title "Allies vs. Axis." Baseball scoring jargon is used to highlight the Allies wartime accomplishments. Listed beneath the baseball player are lines of text reading "Ball One," "Ball Two," and "Ball Three." Each identifies various places in the Pacific campaign such as the Philippines, Pearl Harbor, Wake, etc. Below these appear: "Strike One – Italy Surrenders," "Strike Two – Germany Surrenders," and "Strike Three – Japan Going Out."

Our final patriotic cover is illustrated in Figure 3 and features Mars, the Roman god of war, serving as an umpire and calling the batter, Hitler, "You're out." The legend at the bottom declares "The 'Mighty' Schickelgruber Fans Out." Schickelgruber, which was Hitler's father's middle name, was frequently used in a derogatory manner by English speakers to identify Hitler. In the illustration Hitler drops the bat labeled "Third Reich." This last cover was post-

marked at an Army Post Office in 1946 after the war was over.



Figure 2. World War II V-Mail from the Pacific celebrating the Allies victory over Hitler in Europe.

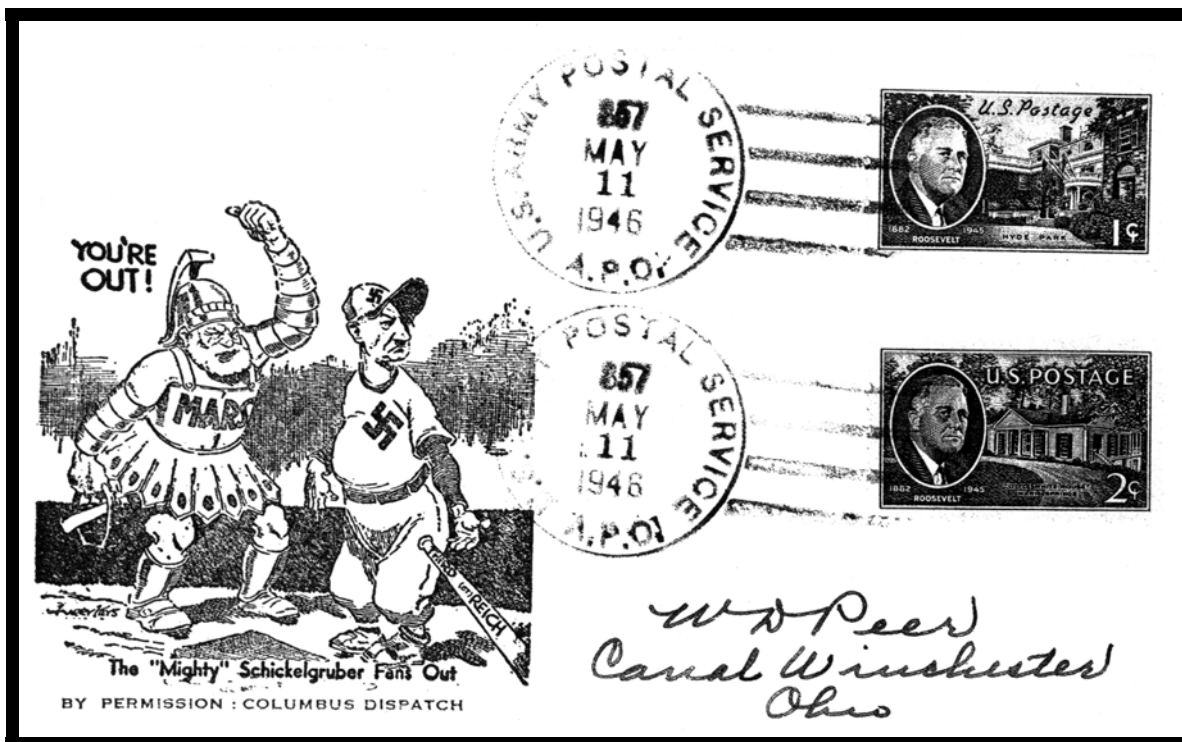
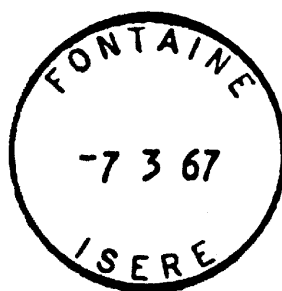


Figure 3. An example of a baseball patriotic cover using a political cartoon as a cachet. Here, the artist cleverly depicts Hitler's loss and the defeat of the Third Reich.



1968 Grenoble Olympic Winter Games: Olympic Ski Lift Manufacturer Meter

by Mark Maestroni

While rummaging through my box of recently purchased covers, I stumbled upon an interesting meter (shown above) that I surmised must have some connection with the 1968 Olympic Winter Games held in Grenoble, France. My initial guess: Jean Pomagalski S.A. was a sponsor or supplier to the Xth Olympic Winter Games. As none of my own sources dealt with this information, I decided to investigate further.

The first step was to find out more about the Pomagalski company. A bit of surfing on the web revealed much. Jean Pomagalski S.A., a part of the POMA Group, is the self-described "largest manufacturer of ski lifts and other cableway transportation in the world." Based in Grenoble, they design and build all manner of ski lifts (tows, chairlifts, and gondolas) and cableway transportation systems (inclined elevators, shuttle elevators, funiculars, and urban transportation shuttles).

The founder of the company was Jean Pomagalski who, in 1935, developed the first detachable type surface lift. Their first ski tow was installed at Alpe d'Huez, France in 1936.

With their field of expertise identified, it was a good bet that the company participated in the development of one or more of the ski venues for the Olympic Games. The Official Report of those Games discussed the relationship between the Organizing Committee and Pomagalski S.A.

In preparing for the 1968 Olympic Games, the Equipment Service division of the Organizing Committee directed that six new ski lifts would be built

at Chamrousse, venue for the Olympic Alpine skiing events. The planners decided that keeping the ground as clear as possible was of paramount importance. To comply with this requirement, all six lifts would be two-seater chairlifts (as illustrated in the meter at top) permanently fixed to the cable and capable of transporting 720 skiers per hour.

Contracts were let with three companies. S.A.C.M.I. built one lift at Gaboureaux, while Montaz & Mautino constructed two others (one at Col de la Balme and the other at Lake Robert). Pomagalski provided the other three.

The first of the Pomagalski-built lifts was installed at Vallons which served the greater part of the giant slalom (men's and women's) and the women's downhill events. The vertical drop for this lift was 380 meters. This lift was placed in service in November 1966.

The second and third lifts were built in areas that the Department of the Isère (the province or state in which Grenoble is located) wished to develop in an area adjacent to the Olympic venues. One, at Perche, was activated in November 1966, while the other, at Achard Lakes, opened in November 1967.

All six lifts were financed by the Department of the Isère, with the venue lifts partially subsidized by the French Ministry for Youth and Sport.

While the Official Report does not list Pomagalski as a sponsor, supplier, or advertiser, that did not seem to preclude the company from using the Olympic rings in its business meter. Are there other meters out there from these early Winter Games promoting corporate ties with the Olympics? 🐾

THE SPORTS ARENA

by Mark Maestrone

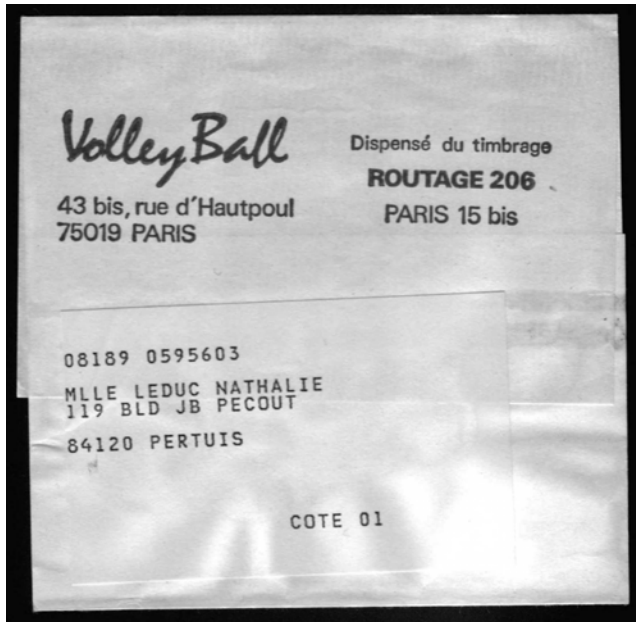


Figure 1. Wrapper with “postage paid” indicium used to mail a French volleyball magazine. Should this item be included in a thematic stamp catalog?

From SPI member and volleyball enthusiast, Gunter Pilz, we have an interesting item (courtesy of Mauro Gilardi of Italy) to begin this issue’s “Sports Arena” column.

Mauro presented Gunter with information on a paper wrapper used to mail a French volleyball magazine (Figure 1). The wrapper is not franked but rather bears a “postage paid” imprint. Gunter wonders how to classify this item and whether it should be included in his handbook of volleyball philately.

There is no question that wrappers are legitimate mailing matter. However, do we consider a “postage paid” indication sufficient to make a thematic connection? On normal business mail we generally look for the sender’s name incorporated in the indicium (in other words, a corner card by itself isn’t sufficient). Does such a rule also apply to wrappers?

Another interesting item from Mr. Gilardi is an essay for an unissued stamp from Wallis & Futuna. The stamp (Figure 2) was prepared for the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games, but was never released because of a boycott.

The question at hand: has any collector spotted a copy of this stamp that may have been accidentally released? And how would you, as a collector, categorize this item? Cinderella, perhaps?

If you have an opinion on either the volleyball wrapper or unissued essay, let’s hear from you! Send your thoughts to either your editor, or to Gunter Pilz, 444 Brickell Ave., Suite #53-3348, Miami, FL 33131, USA. (email: honguito@web.de).

I’m always on the lookout for “fun” items to add to my Olympic and gymnastics collections.

“Publibel” cards, for those who aren’t yet familiar with them, are postal advertising cards printed by the Belgian post office. The cards carry advertising for a dizzying array of products and services. I’ve seen everything from dishwashing detergent to gasoline portrayed on the lower left quadrant of the address side of the postal cards.

For thematic collectors and exhibitors, Publibel cards are a great way to introduce interesting aspects of a subject that may not be readily found



Figure 2. Essay for an unissued volleyball stamp from Wallis & Futuna commemorating the boycotted 1980 Moscow Olympic Games.



Figure 3. Belgian Publibel card advertising Levi's, a frequent Olympic and sports sponsor.

on more traditional philatelic elements such as stamps, meters or cancels.

A good example of how these advertising cards might fit into an Olympic collection is illustrated in Figure 3. In August 1981, Levi Strauss & Company partnered with the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC) as one of 35 sponsors of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. As the Games' "Official Outfitter," they were the supplier of LAOOC Staff and athlete uniforms, as well as being the licensee for most apparel items.

A good source of Publibel cards are from dealers specializing in postal stationery. Expect to pay between \$5 and \$10.

Our final item, both sides of which are shown in Figure 4, is a "Holiday Greetings" card from the USPS. The reverse illustrates the Olympic rings sponsorship logo. The USPS were Olympic sponsors from 1988 though 1992. Can anyone narrow down the year this card was used?

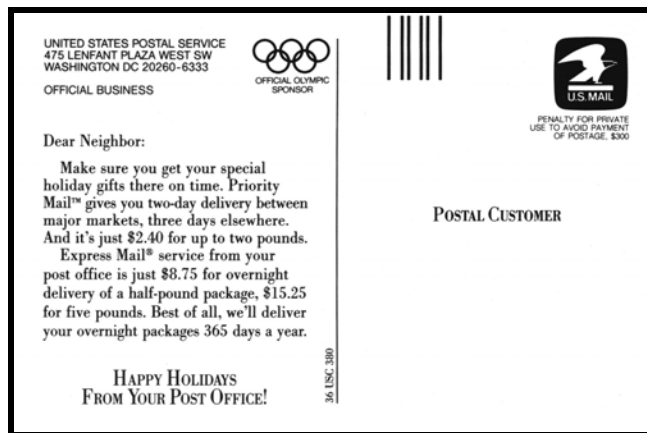


Figure 4. This "Holiday Greetings" penalty mail card from the U.S. Postal Service promoted the USPS Olympic sponsorship. Can anyone date this card?

Rome, 15th January 2001 FIPO Circular no. 1/2001

OLYMPHILEX 2000

A total of 192 collections: 109 in the FIP competition class and 85 in the promotion class, were presented; whereas the "literature" class had 26 participants. Five gold medals, 8 large vermeil, 22 normal, 16 large silver and 26 normal, 16 silver bronze and 15 bronze awarded in the competition class whereas in the promotion class the medals awarded were: no gold, 1 large vermeil and 9 normal, 9 large silver and 21 normal, 18 silver bronze and 6 bronze. Certificates of participation were also distributed.

The above are the figures of the latest edition of Olympilex. With regard to this it can be asserted that in Sydney it was possible to notice how Olympic-sport philately is always more popular and universal. Popular and universal since numerous new exhibits were present, many of which from countries relatively new from a philatelic point of view (at least in Olympic-sport). In addition, the progress of collectors from certain countries such as China and South Korea should be underlined; whereas a confirmation of the high level reached in Olympic sport philately in certain countries was given by the Italian, English, American, German and Hellenic collections.

Both in the FIP competition class and in the promotion class new and original exhibits were seen; this is of good auspices for the future of Olympic-sport philately.

The Jury of the Olympilex 2000, basing itself on the Olympic rules, applied for the first time an "additional" classification and that is among the five gold medals – 3 Italian and 2 English – it awarded, with a different vote, the gold medal to the English collection "The 1936 Olympic Games" of Franceska Rapkin, the silver medal to the Italian collection "Soccer" of Pierangelo Brivio and the bronze medal to the Italian collection "The fascinating World of Tennis" of Valeriano Genovese. This new "Olympic-sport" rule should now be used by FIP on the occasion of the forthcoming "Nation's Cup" and of the future "World Stamp Championship."

Separate considerations should be made on the local organization. In fact there proved to be many gaps both in the organization of the jury and as regards communication within the organizing committee. Unfortunately FIPO also received complaints on other shortcomings concerning: delays in returning the exhibits, prizes received broken or without name, lack of catalogues and palmares and, most of all, no information regarding diplomas!

112TH IOC SESSION IN MOSCOW

The 112th IOC Session will be held in Moscow from 13th to 16th July 2001. It will be a very important appointment for the future life of the IOC, and of the FIPO, since the new IOC President replacing H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch, will be elected. IOC members will also have to decide which city will organize the Games of the XXIXth Olympiad: Beijing, Istanbul, Osaka, Paris or Toronto.

In view of the Session, FIPO has got in touch with the Russian Society of collectors of Olympic memorabilia for the organization, always in Moscow, of a philatelic exhibition and also with the Russian Post in order to issue a commemorative stamp and a special cancellation.

INTERNATIONAL FIP EXHIBITIONS

In 2001, FIPO will participate with its own stand in the international exhibitions of Brussels "Belgica 2001" (from 9 to 15 June) and of Copenhagen "HAFNIA 2001" (from 16 to 21 October) At the stand, philatelists will find IOC official stamps, special cancellations, marks of the cancellation machines used in the various IOC offices and other philatelic-postal material.

OLYMPIC COLLECTORS FAIR, SEOUL 29 APRIL-6 MAY 2001

As already informed, there will be no Collectors Fair at the Olympic Museum in 2001, and the next edition will not take place until Spring 2002. The exact dates of this event have not been set as yet, but they will more than likely be the same as those of previous editions, that is, around Whitsun. In

accordance with the wishes of the IOC President, the Lausanne Fair will also take place every two years in the future.

As for the next "International Olympic Fair - Seoul 2001" to date the presence of philatelic, numismatic and memorabilia dealers from the following countries has been confirmed: Korea, United States, Norway, Italy, Spain, Australia, Brazil, Thailand, Taiwan, China and Switzerland.

As for the exhibition itself, the presence of nearly all the best exhibits has been confirmed.

Further information may be obtained by member Associations of FIPO at the following address : Organizing Committee for International Olympic Fair Seoul 2001 - Olympic Centre, 8 Banji-Dong, Songpa-Ku, Seoul Korea 138-749 (tel. 82 21410 1550 - fax. 82 2/410 1629 - www.2001olympicfair.org).

Maurizio Tecardi
Secretary General

Addendum: Please be informed that UIFOS (Unione Italiana Filatelisti Olimpici e Sportivi) has changed address. The new one is: UIFOS, Via dell'Alpinismo, 24, I-00194 Rome, Italy

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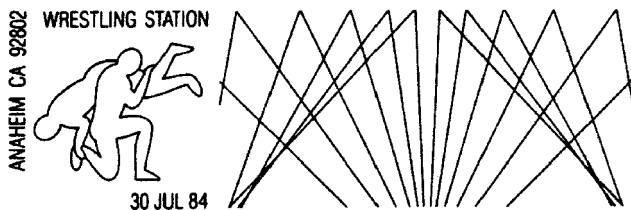


WRESTLING

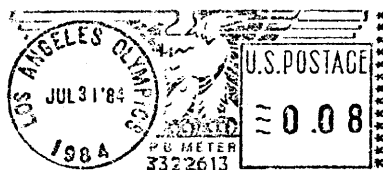
ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER



Wrestling Station
Anaheim CA 92802
Open: July 30-31; August 1-3, 7-11 1984
Distance to Coliseum: 24 miles



Meter:
 Pitney Bowes,
 small "PB",
 #3322613



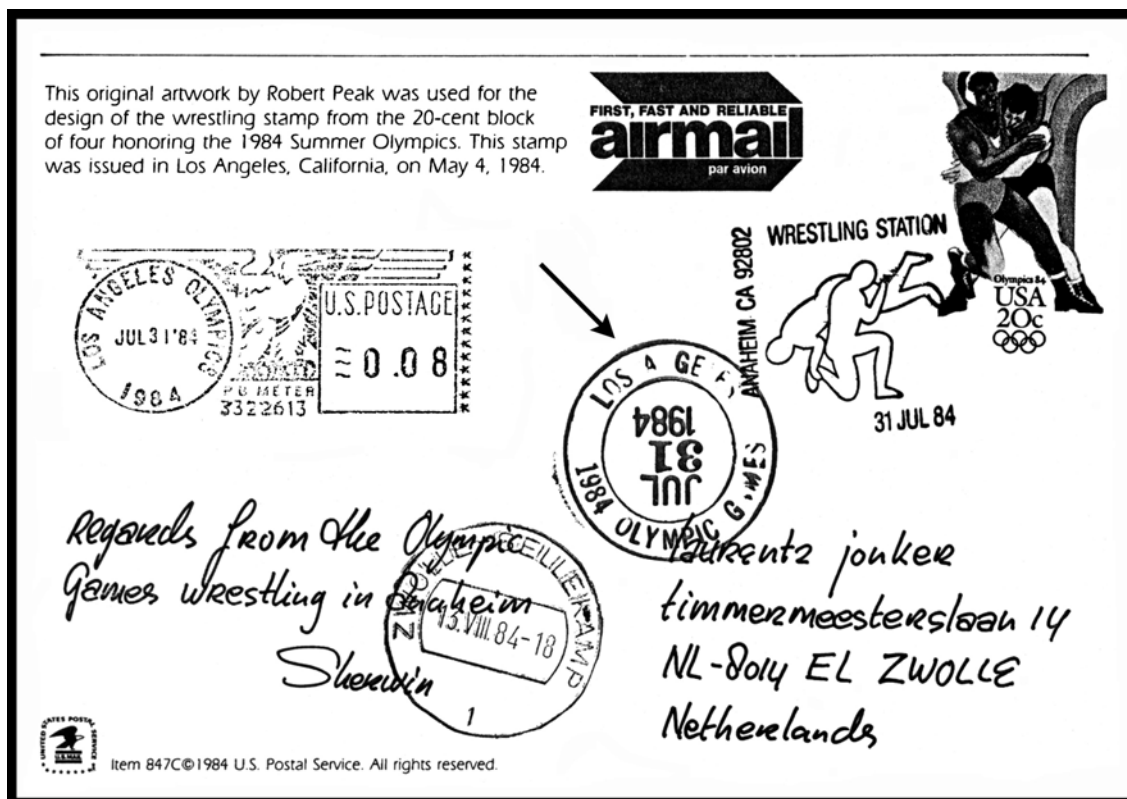
Note: One of the double ring "1984 Olympic Games" cancellation devices (more than one was in use) at the Wrestling Station post office on July 31 had the date hub (month/day/year) inverted (see illustration below). A duplicate device used that same day was



correctly set. It is not known if this error occurred on any other day.

Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected 13

Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number
 July 31 123 476 502
 August 10 123 476 514



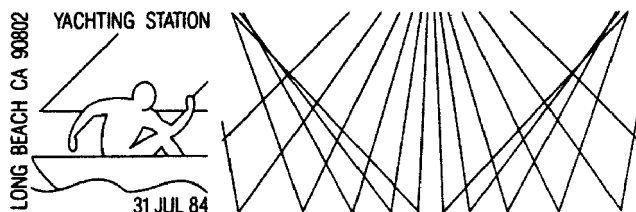
Airmail postcard to the Netherlands. Note the double ring "1984 Olympic Games" cancel has the date hub inverted. This occurred on only one of the cancel devices.

YACHTING

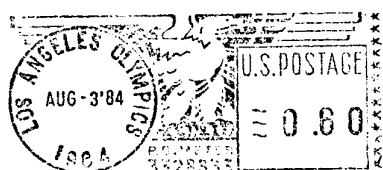
LONG BEACH DOWNTOWN SHORELINE MARINA



Yachting Station
Long Beach CA 90802
Open: July 31; August 1-3 & 6-8, 1984
Distance to Coliseum: 24 miles



Meter:
 Pitney Bowes,
 small "PB",
 #3328833



Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected ± 21

Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number

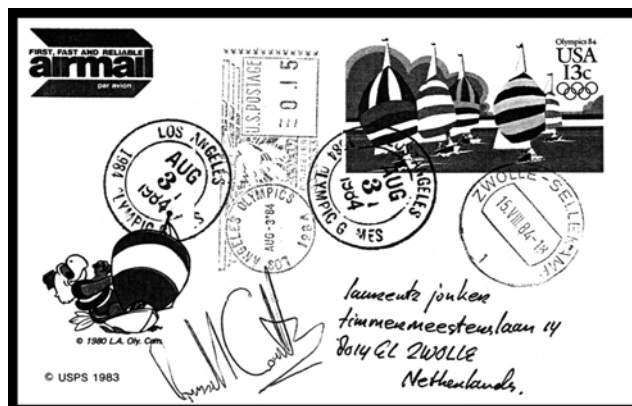
August 2 137 367 508 - 137 367 512

August 3 137 367 514 - 137 367 516

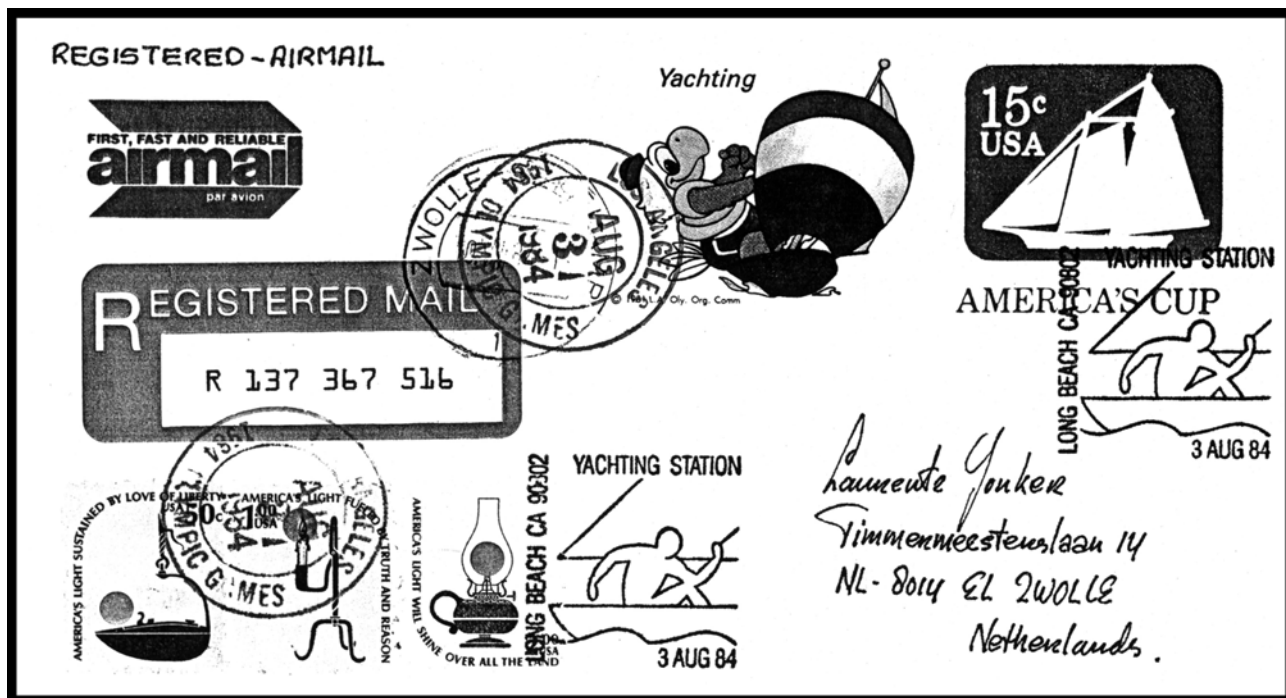
The postal station at the nearby Long Beach Convention Center complex handled processing of mail for three venues: yachting, fencing and volleyball. The same meter machine and the same roll of

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*, and the "Volleyball" section in the January/February 2001 issue.

The Olympic Boardsailing Exhibition was conducted off East Beach in Santa Barbara, California on August 10-11, 1984. There was no venue post office, nor were any special cancels created for the event.



(Above) Olympic yachting postal card with 15c meter added for mailing to the Netherlands. Autograph is of Russell Coutts of New Zealand, gold medalist in the Finn Class. (Below) Registered postal envelope to the Netherlands correctly franked with an additional \$3.50 in stamps.

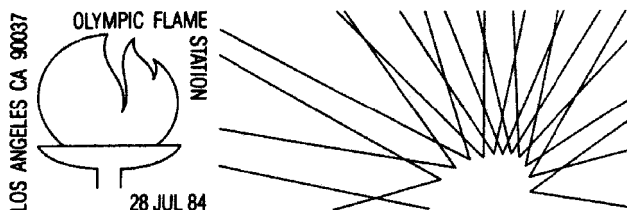


CEREMONIES

LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM



Olympic Flame Station (Opening)
Los Angeles CA 90037
Open: July 28
Distance to Coliseum: 0 miles

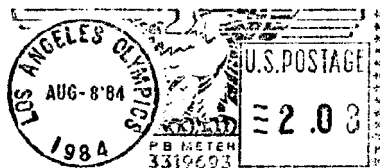


Three temporary post offices served the Coliseum for both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies (as well as for the athletics and boxing events – please see the May/June 2000 issue of *JSP* for more details on those sports). In addition to the pictorial handcancels, each post office was equipped with its own meter machine and roll of registration labels. It should be noted that although an athletics event (Men's Marathon) took place on the day of the closing ceremony, the athletics pictorial handcancels were no longer in use. The closing ceremony cancel was the only one available that day.

Only two post offices were open at any one time. On the last day of the Games, August 12, the post offices were so busy that it took four to five hours to go through the entire process of obtaining a handcancel and then registering the cover.

COLISEUM TEMPORARY POST OFFICE #1:

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

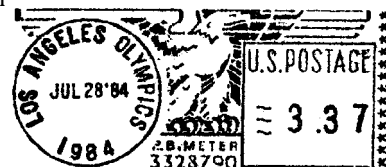


Meter Note for
#3319693: July 26, 1984 date incorrectly used on
July 28, 1984.

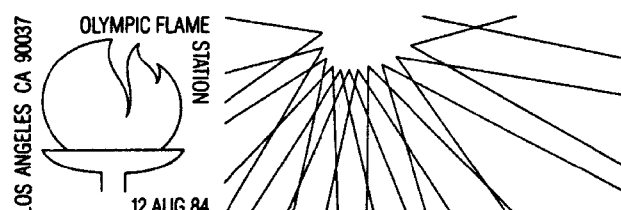
Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number
July 28 123 476 687 – 123 476 688

COLISEUM TEMPORARY POST OFFICE #2:

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



Olympic Flame Station (Closing)
Los Angeles CA 90037
Open: August 12
Distance to Coliseum: 0 miles



Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number
July 28 123 476 603 – 123 476 610
August 12 123 476 660

COLISEUM TEMPORARY POST OFFICE #3:

Meter:
Pitney Bowes,
small "PB",
#3328844



Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number
July 28 123 476 551 – 123 476 556



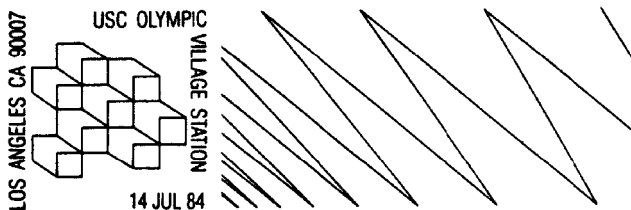
Registered Opening Ceremony cover (above) and
airmail express Closing Ceremony cover (below).



OLYMPIC VILLAGES

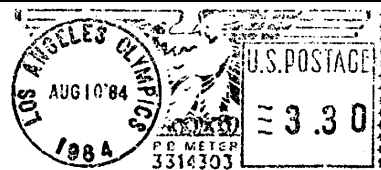


USC Olympic Village Station
University of Southern California
Los Angeles CA 90007
Open: July 14-31; August 1-15, 1984



There were numerous reports from different sources that athletes trying to send registered mail from the USC post office were politely refused. Those athletes who persisted were eventually successful as demonstrated by the numbers.

Meter:
 Pitney Bowes,
 small "PB",
 #3314303



Meter Note: On
 August 13, the meter machine was mistakenly set to
 read "July 13".

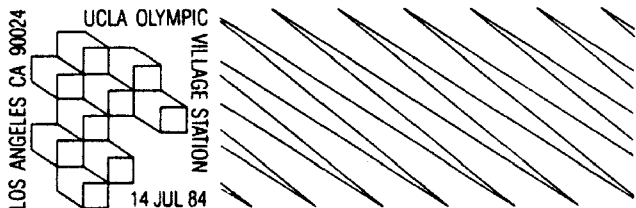
Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected 30

Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number

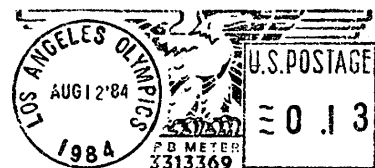
July 31	132 060 837 - 132 060 838
August 4	132 060 849
August 8	132 060 857
August 10	132 060 862
August 12	132 060 866



UCLA Olympic Village Station
University of California, Los Angeles
Los Angeles CA 90007
Open: July 14-31; August 1-15, 1984



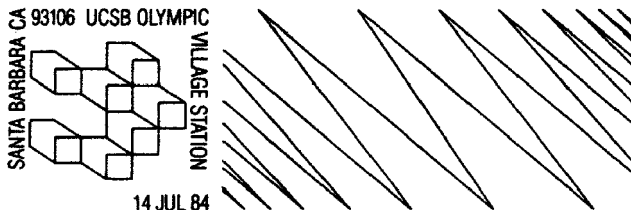
Meter:
 Pitney Bowes,
 small "PB",
 #3313369



The service at the UCLA post office was distressingly bad. There were *no* registry labels and the meter machines were typically broken. Eventually, Maurizio Tecardi was able to secure examples of the meter imprints.



UCSB Olympic Village Station
University of California, Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara CA 93106
Open: July 14-31; August 1-15, 1984



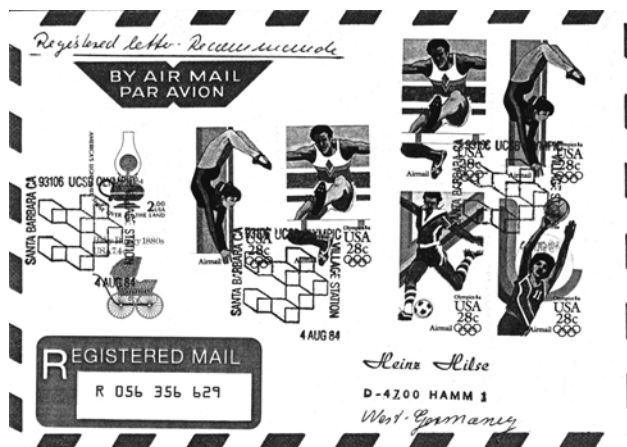
NOTES: No meter machines are known to have been used. The double ring cancel was in black.

Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number

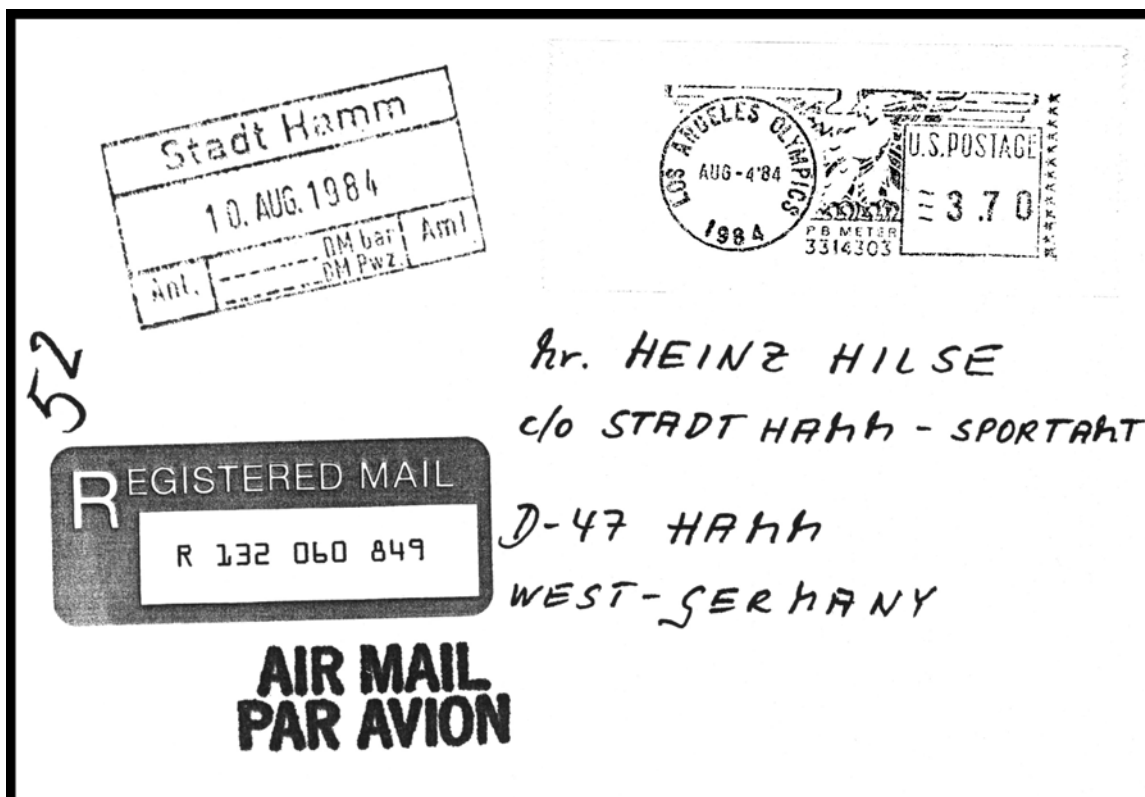
August 4	056 356 628 - 056 356 632
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For security reasons, the Olympic villages were only accessible by those holding special Olympic credentials. Since the village post offices were located inside the secure areas, it was necessary to have connections in order to mail items there.

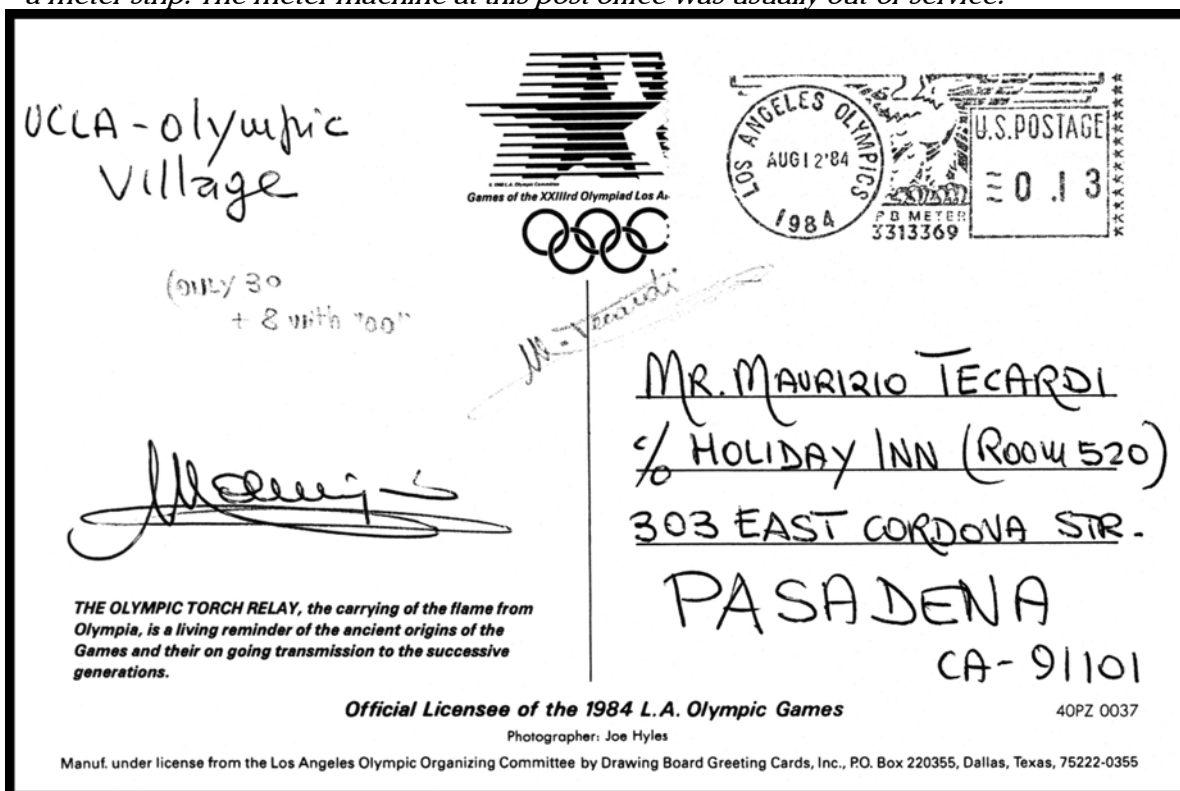
(Right) Cover mailed from the UCSB Village.




OLYMPIC VILLAGES

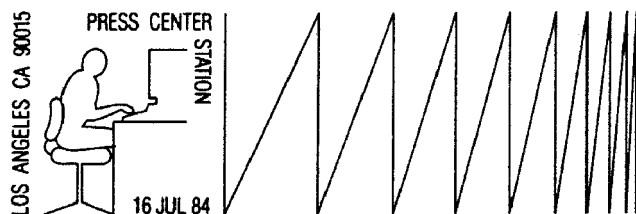


(Above) Registered letter from the USC Village to West Germany. The correct rate should be \$3.65, so the letter is overfranked by 5¢. (Below) Postcard mailed from the UCLA Village using a meter strip. The meter machine at this post office was usually out-of-service.



OLYMPIC MEDIA CENTERS

 **Press Center Station**
Los Angeles Convention Center
Los Angeles CA 90015
Open: July 16-31; August 1-12, 1984



Meter:
Pitney Bowes,
small "PB",
#3328814




Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected 14

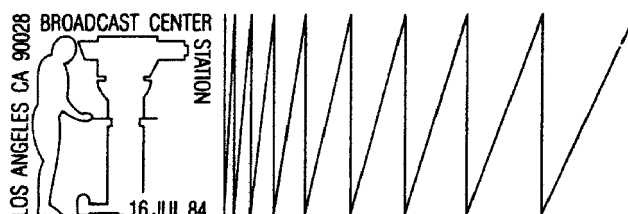
Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number

August 7 137 128 140

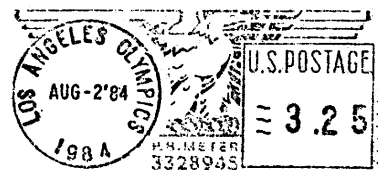
August 11 137 128 153

Journalists covering the Games from around the world were accommodated at the Main Press Center (MPC) located in the Los Angeles Convention Center. Roughly two-thirds of the mammoth facility (about 238,000 square feet) was used exclusively for the press, while the remaining 96,000 square foot North Hall was utilized for other purposes. A total of 71 agencies from 21 nations covered the Games from the MPC.

 **Broadcast Center Station**
Sunset-Gower Studios
Los Angeles CA 90028
Open: July 16-31; August 1-12, 1984



Meter:
Pitney Bowes,
small "PB",
#3328945



Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected 21

Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number

August 2 133 588 336

August 12 133 588 356

The International Broadcast Center, or IBC, was located at the Sunset-Gower Studios. ABC, as host broadcaster, operated the facility which housed the various broadcast offices and studios used by the many television companies that purchased rights to broadcast the Games in their country or region. ABC required extensive space for its own operation. For that reason it leased a separate facility, the Unilateral Broadcast Center in Hollywood.



Registered/Airmail Express cover to the Netherlands from the Main Press Center.

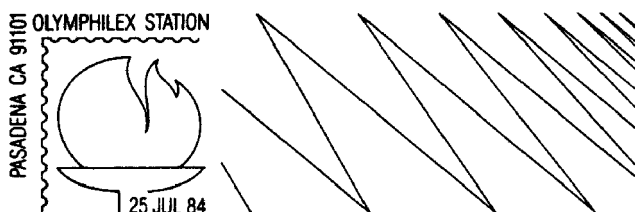


International Broadcast Center registered cover to the Netherlands. The IBC was located at the Sunset-Gower Studios (former home of Columbia Pictures) in Los Angeles.

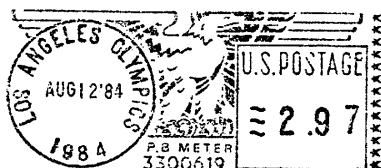
OLYMPHILEX '84 PASADENA CENTER CONFERENCE BUILDING



OLYMPHILEX Station
Pasadena CA 91101
Open: July 25-31; August 1-12, 1984
Distance to Coliseum: 12 miles



Meter:
Pitney Bowes,
small "PB",
#3300619



Note: On July 25,
the meter incorrectly read "Jun."

Registered Mail: Minimum Number Expected 41
Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number

July 25	194 811 506 - 194 811 510
July 26	194 811 515 - 194 811 517
July 27	194 811 520
August 12	194 811 543 - 194 811 546

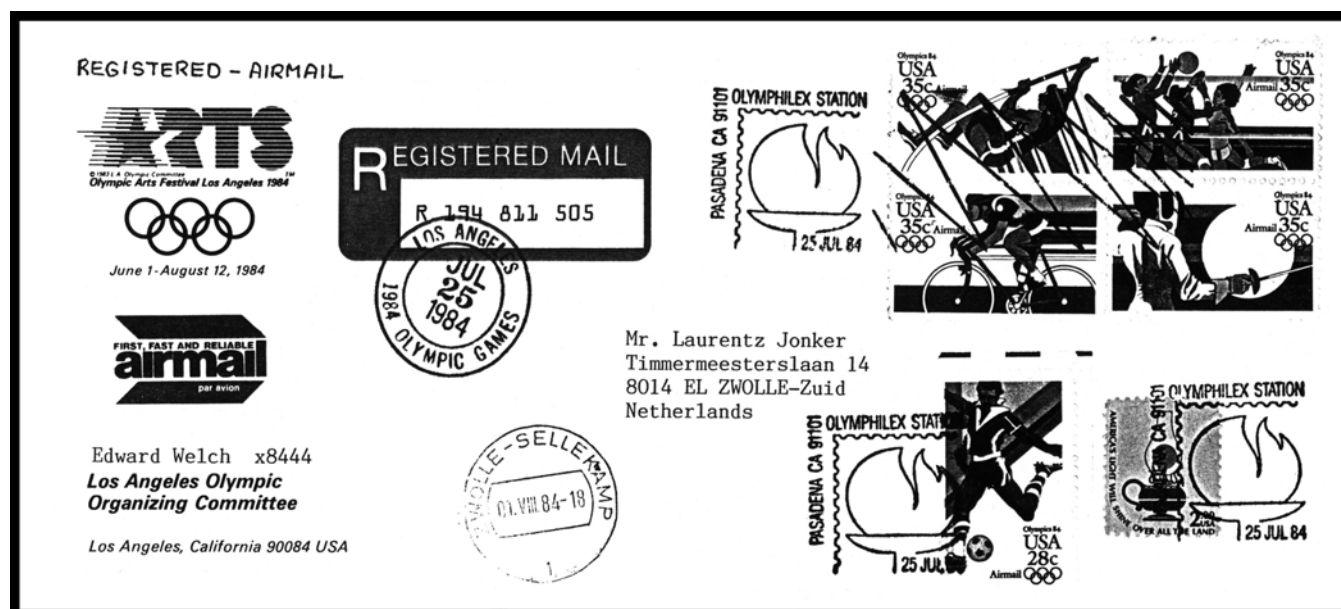
The post office at OLYMPHILEX '84 was installed in one of the two rooms of the Pasadena Center Conference Building reserved for the exhibition. Three counters were available for patrons to purchase

stamps or other services. The Olympic pictorial postmarks could be obtained at separate tables. The stamp inventory was limited to the Olympic stamps, and 20¢ Babe Ruth and Jim Thorpe stamps.

It had been decided by the USPS that each Temporary Post Office (TPO) would provide the full array of services. To accomplish this task, Al Nesland of the USPS Olympic Program based in Long Beach equipped each TPO with a meter machine for use on items requiring larger amounts of postage (e.g., registered letters, parcels, express mail, etc.).

Collectors were surprised to discover these meter machines as their use had not been announced in advance. To make the meters that much more interesting, the text inside the indicium read: "LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS 1984". Naturally, then, everyone wanted examples of the meter to use in combination with stamps on post cards and covers. For example, an airmail letter to Europe which cost 40¢ might be franked with a 28¢ Olympic stamp and a 12¢ meter. The huge demand by collectors for the meters was unanticipated by the USPS. This resulted in postal employees either trying to discourage customers from requesting meters, or simply inventing excuses for denying their use.

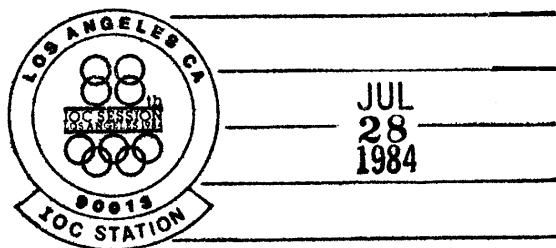
Initially, requests for meters at OLYMPHILEX were turned down. The most common pretext: the machine was broken! Eventually, the supervisor of the station was coerced into dispensing meters, but only if the value of the meter was at least \$1.00.



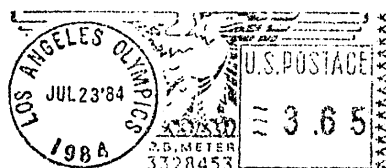
Registered Olympic Arts Festival cover mailed opening day (July 25, 1984) of the OLYMPHILEX '84 exhibition.



IOC Station
Los Angeles CA 90013
Open: July 19-31; August 1-13, 1984
Distance to Coliseum: 12 miles



Meter:
Pitney Bowes,
small "PB",
#3328453



Registered Mail:
Minimum Number Expected 30

Registered Mail: Date & Reg'd Label Number

July 23	075 209 528 - 075 209 532
July 31	130 262 918
August 3	130 262 923 - 130 262 924
August 11	130 262 939 - 130 262 940
August 12	130 262 942

The Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles hosted the members of the International Olympic Committee and other distinguished guests during the Olympic Games. From July 19-27, 1984, the Biltmore Hotel was also the venue for the 88th IOC Session.

It was a pleasant surprise for collectors to discover a special IOC Station cancel at the special post office set up in the hotel. Even more surprising was that despite tight security at virtually every Olympic venue, the hotel's lobby was easily accessible to the general public!

The temporary post office had been erected in a wide corridor in the center of the hotel. Two very kind and helpful female postal clerks complied with all customers' philatelic wishes. One of the two clerks

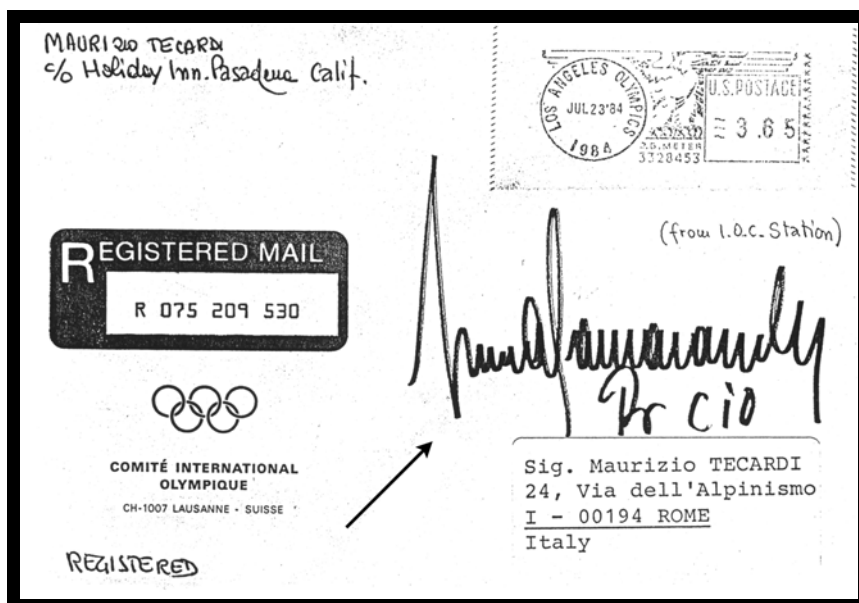
was responsible for operating the meter machine and fulfilling special requests. If she was away from the station, those desiring meters had to return at a later time.

While the special handcancel commemorated the 88th IOC Session, it was available through the Games. Unlike the meter imprints at all the other Olympic venues, the machine at the Biltmore Hotel post office used black ink rather than red. Lastly, it should be noted that sometime between July 23 and July 31, a different roll of registration labels was placed in use.

With this, we conclude our series on the Olympic post offices at the 1984 Los Angeles Games. I would like to thank all those that helped on this project, including Conrad Klinkner, Sherwin Podolsky, Pim Huurman, Johan J. Holst (†), Heinz Hilse, Anton Dachwald, Maurizio Tecardi, Edward Epstein, Morris Rosen and Ward Nichols.

Readers of this series are encouraged to contact me with any new information regarding the 1984 Olympic post offices. I would especially welcome additional registration numbers with dates and places of use.

Laurentz Jonker
Wibergstraat 20, NL-8017 GA Zwolle
The Netherlands



IOC cover mailed from the Biltmore Hotel post office during the IOC Session and signed by the IOC President, Juan Antonio Samaranch. The registration label is from the earlier roll used at the post office.

2000 SYDNEY OLYMPICS

by Brian Hammond

This is the final part of the Sydney 2000 story. I would like to thank all members who have helped by supplying me with information and especially our editor, Mark Mastrone, for his help and advice over the last four years. Should any important new material come to light I will send an update to Mark.

OLYMPIC UPDATE - MATERIAL FROM AUSTRALIA POST

Gold Medallist stamps – Thomas Lippert informed me that the Gold Medallist stamps have been printed on different types of paper. The digital sheets were actually printed as double sheets to fit an A4 format. Separation was by rouletting and according to the SOC *Torch Bearer* there are distinctive left and right sheets.

Australia Post have now published a limited edition book commemorating the Olympic Games: *Golden Heroes 2000*. Two-thousand copies were printed. Of these, 700 are reserved for corporate presentation (500 include a set of digital stamps), while the remaining 1300 were sold to the public through a lottery drawing on February 2, 2001. The book allocates two pages for each Gold Medallist stamp sheet, plus the "Paralympian of the Year"

sheet and Sports Stamps sheets (see below). The cost is AU\$245.

Olympic Sports Stamps sheets – Copies of this sheet were overprinted for the Queensland Stamp Show August 26-27, 2000 and sold at a premium. A commemorative registration label was also printed.

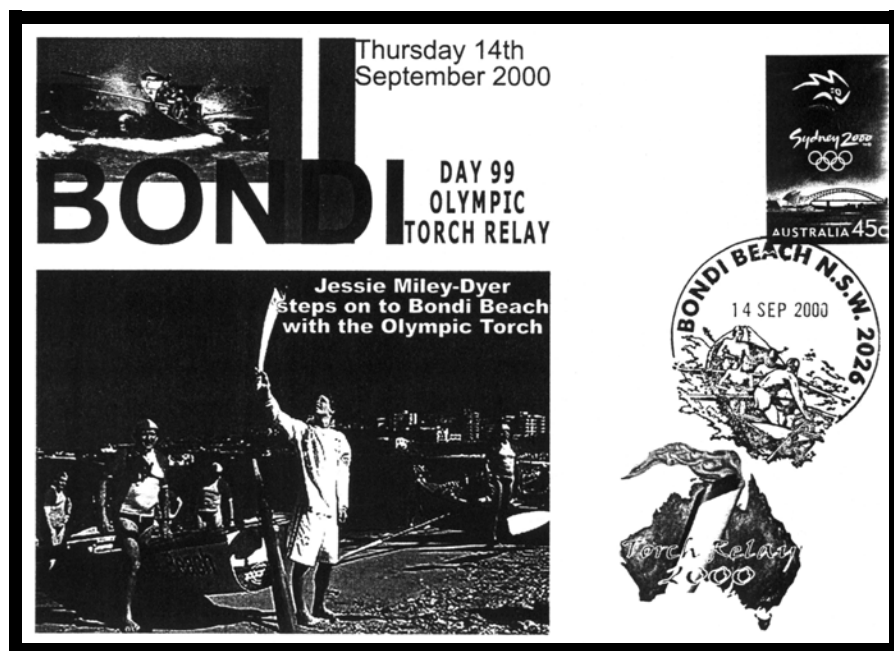
Olympic Sports Stamps booklets – *Torch Bearer* reported that the stamp booklets were printed with one of two different code numbers: 9312650148287 or 0312650203672. The last five digits denote either a booklet for general sale or for philatelic sale.

Olympic Sports postmarks – The Olympic sports postmarks have been discovered with dates in three different sizes. Ken Cook informs me that the small size is not known for the shooting, judo, hockey, canoeing or athletics postmarks. Postmarks with medium and large sized dates were used for all sports.

Cathy Freeman stamp – The special first day of issue cancellation was available for one month beginning October 10, 2000. Six special postmarks were in use, one for each state capital (Hobart, Tasmania did not have a special cancellation).

Personalized Olympic stamps – Up until now, I have refrained from providing details of these stamps as I do not include them in my collection. However, since they are philatelically related, they deserve mention. I'll leave it up to the individual to decide whether they belong in his or her collection.

Personalized stamps were available to anyone at both OLYMPHILEX 2000 and the Olympic Village. Both the 45c and the \$1.50 Sydney /Athens stamps were able to be personalized with a picture in the attached selvage.



Havilah Torch Relay cover the day before the Opening Ceremonies.

The Chinese team contracted with Australia Post to print sheets bearing their medallist's pictures. Thomas Lippert believes they should be considered because an official body ordered them.

It was also possible to obtain a sheet of stamps for each member of the Australian Paralympic team – all 438 of them! These could be ordered through all Australia Post outlets beginning October 18, 2000, the opening day of the Paralympic Games.

Of special interest are seven personalized sheets issued for the seven winners of the Australian "Paralympian of the Year" award. Like the sheets of stamps for Siobhan Paton, each was illustrated in the *Australia Post Stamp Bulletin #258* and sold by the Philatelic Bureau at AU\$9 a sheet or AU\$63 for a set. The seven honoured athletes are:

#0154250: Timothy Sullivan, Best Male Paralympian
 #0154255 Julie Higgins, Best Female Paralympian
 #0154260 Heath Francis, Best Junior Male Paralympian
 #0154265 Lisa McIntosh, Best Junior Female Paralympian
 #0154270 Tania Modra / Sarnya Parker, Best Team
 #0154275 Kevin McIntosh, Best Coach
 #0154280 Chris Young, Merit Award.

Paralympic Stamp error – Australia Post stated that an error has been discovered on the 49c shot-putter stamp issued on July 3, 2000. One of the stamps on the sheet of 50 is missing the representation of Tasmania. The stamps remain valid for postage and will not be withdrawn.

OLYMPIC POSTCARDS

Ansett Australia – Two additional sets of postcards have been issued. Set 1 contains 12 cards, size 165 x 115 mm. All cards show views of the Ansett Aircraft in Sydney 2000 Olympic livery (Boeing 747-400, Boeing 737-300 or Airbus A320-211 Skystar). This set is produced by Australex. On the reverse side of the card are mini-photos of the aircraft, and the Sydney 2000/Ansett logo.

The second set of five cards, size 115 x 105 mm, was produced by Coincat (4 cards) and J.J. postcards (1 card). These cards do not have the aircraft views or Ansett Olympic logo on the reverse. Two of the cards show aircraft with the United Parcel Service Olympic logo on a Boeing 767-334F at Cologne in 1998 or Boeing 747-212B at Hong Kong, also in 1998. The other three cards show aircraft with an Ansett logo at Hong Kong in 1997, Melbourne 1997 and Sydney 1999.

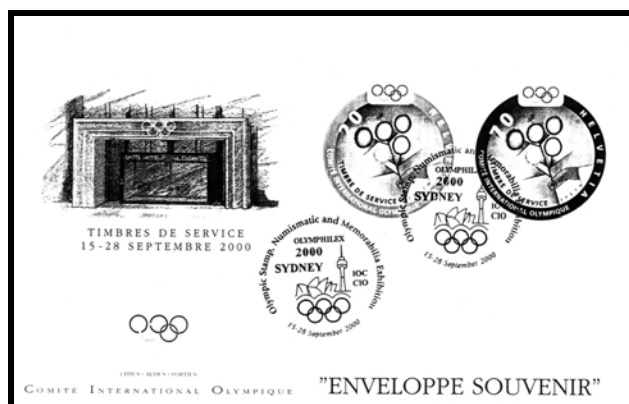
Olympic Club – In a previous article, I listed the first eight postcards from the Olympic Club. Four more cards have appeared as part of their "Moments of Time" set: 1952, Bob Mathias; 1956, Parry O'Brien; 1960, Rafer Johnson; and 1972, Mark Spitz.

Phil Grey Photography – They have issued three folded postcards, size approximately 445 x 105 mm. The reverse of these cards includes the Kodak logo in addition to the Sydney Olympic logo. The cards show the "The Opening Ceremony," "The Closing Ceremony," and "The Fireworks at Sydney Harbour on the 1st October to close the games."

Australian Diving Association – One postcard, size 150 x 105 mm, lists diving events, including the 2000 Olympic Games.

C. Roach Southampton, UK – Four "Sydney Olympic Millennium 2000" cards, size 145 x 98 mm: The medal table listing Team Great Britain and the top twelve countries; cover of the Daily showing the 11 Great Britain medal winners; five rings and sports; Steve Redgrave's five gold medals at five Olympic Games inside the Olympic rings.

Paralympic Arts Festival – A postcard, size 150 x 100 mm, with raised Brail lettering and title "Invincible Summer." The card provides details of the Arts Festival which took place October 13-19. The Paralympic Games logo appears on the back. Thanks to Tom D'Arcy for copies.



Souvenir envelope bearing the IOC's two "for official use" stamps and OLYMPILEX 2000 cancel.

Electronically Produced postcards – Thomas Lipert informed us that Germany's post office produced printed-to-private-order cards. Some sponsors of the Sydney Games also made e-mail postcards available through their websites. Thomas also has another card from Greenpeace which he obtained at the Sydney Media Centre in August. His efforts to send prepared cards to the Greenpeace ship, *Rainbow Warrior*, failed because Australia Post could not locate the ship in Sydney Harbour.

OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY 2000

Winternheimer Torch Relay Covers – Ken Cook has supplied me with photocopies of a set of cacheted covers issued for the Oceania stages of the torch relay from Greece to Australia.

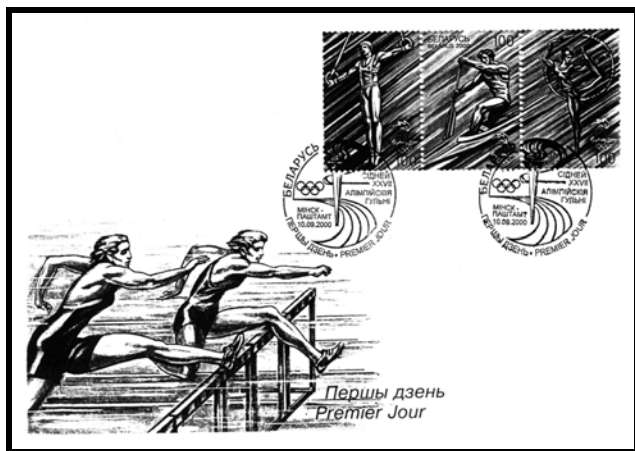
2000 Torch Relay Covers		
Date	Stage Details	Postmark
37031	Athens to Guam flight	Greece Sydney Olympic
37032	Agana/Guam	Barricada GU MPO USPS
37036	Honiara/Solomon	Solomon islands torch
37040	Pago Pago/American Samoa	Pago Pago USPA std.
37046	New Zealand Christchurch	Christchurch std
37046	New Zealand Queenstown	Queenstown pictorial
37047	New Zealand Wellington	Standard
37048	New Zealand Auckland	Downtown std.

Society of Olympic Collectors – The special postcard produced for the Sydney Games includes the names of the athletes who have lit the Olympic flame since 1936, plus reproductions of four torch stamps. A few postcards were serviced in Canberra with the Cathy Freeman stamp and the special October 10, 2000, Opening Ceremony postmark.

Havilah Torch Relay Covers – In addition to the Torch Relay covers listed below, Havilah also issued a one-day-to-go cover showing the bridge, Opera House and Keren Perkins. It has the Olympic village postmark.

Havilah Torch Relay Covers			
Day	Date	Place	Torch Runner
			Cancel [P] = pictorial
54	Jul 31	Devonport	Lynette Grey
54	Jul 31	Devonport	Spirit of Tasmania (P)
56	Aug 2	Hobart	Hobart
56	Aug 2	Hobart	Hobart TR
58	Aug 4	Launceston	Tracey Bailey

58	Aug 4	Launceston	Chris Barrell	Launceston (P)
64	Aug 10	Healesville	Lionel Rose	Healesville Sanctuary (P)
64	Aug 10	Healesville	Bob Skilton	Healesville
65	Aug 11	Seymour	Len Hillbrick	Seymour
65	Aug 11	Seymour		Seymour (P)
69	Aug 15	Albury	Sandy Hollway	Albury (P)
69	Aug 15	Albury	Damian Clark	Albury
70	Aug 16	Wagga Wagga	Darran Light	S.P.S.O.2 Retail PO
70	Aug 16	Wagga Wagga	Australian Sportsmen	City of Wagga Wagga (P)
71	Aug 17	Cootamundra	Manton & White	Cootamundra
71	Aug 17	Cootamundra		Cootamundra FD issue
73	Aug 19	Broken Hill	Nathan Harrington	Broken Hill
73	Aug 19	Mildura	Aircraft Pilot	Mildura Arts Centre (P)
74	Aug 20	Bourke	Cameron Liddell	Bourke (P)
75	Aug 21	Armidale	Jack Brabham	Armidale
75	Aug 21	Armidale		Armidale (P)
78	Aug 24	Coffs Harbour	Kevin Welsh	Coffs Harb. our (P)
78	Aug 24	Coffs Harbour		Coffs Harbour
82	Aug 28	Newcastle	Bernie Fitzpatrick	Newcastle (P)
82	Aug 28	Newcastle		Newcastle
83	Aug 29	Gosford		Gosford
83	Aug 29	Gosford	Trevor Fisher	Gosford
86	Sep 01	Dubbo		Dubbo
86	Sep 01	Dubbo	Nathan Peckham	Dubbo (P)
87	Sep 02	Bathurst		Bathurst
87	Sep 02	Bathurst	Motor racing stars	Bathurst (P)
89	Sep 04	Penrith	Marjorie Jackson	Penrith (P)
89	Sep 04	Penrith	Kane Towns	Penrith Business centre
90	Sep 05	Canberra	Sir William Dean	Canberra torch relay
90	Sep 05	Canberra	Martin Roberts	Canberra torch relay
92	Sep 07	Thredbo	Jenny Altermatt	Thredbo village std
92	Sep 07	Thredbo	Stuart Diver	Thredbo village std
93	Sep 08	Eden	Chris Thomas	Eden (P)
93	Sep 08	Eden	Nathan Langenbaker	Eden
96	Sep 11	Cronulla	Michelle Timms	Cronulla
96	Sep 11	Cronulla	Tom Carroll	Cronulla std
97	Sep 12	Sydney	Pat Rafter/Olivia Newton-John	Sydney torch relay
98	Sep 13	Sydney	Steve Waugh & John Newcombe	Blacktown (P)
99	Sep 14	Bondi	Jessie Miley-Dyer	Bondi Beach (P)
99	Sep 14	Sydney	Gary Ella	GPO Sydney (P)
100	Sep 15	Sydney	Greg Norman	Philatelic sales centre (P)
100	Sep 15	Sydney	Zali Steggall	Centenary woman
100	Sep 15	Sydney	Cathy Freeman	Opening Day
100	Sep 15	Sydney	Cathy Freeman Two	Opening Day



First Day Cover from Belarus

WORLDWIDE OLYMPIC GAMES 2000 PHILATELY

In the November 2000 issue of *JSP*, Dennis Dengal listed Olympic stamps for Sydney in his "New Issues" column, including date of issue. While not wishing to repeat details, I have listed the number of stamps per country and additional information about postmarks etc. This information is not complete.

In addition to Australia, Dennis provided information on 2000 Olympic stamps from Ireland (4 plus a special postmark), Liechtenstein (4 plus a postmark), Malta (4 plus a postmark), Mauritius (4 plus a postmark), Monaco (3), San Marino (4), Sweden (4 stamps were also issued in a stamp booklet with 4 air mail labels). Switzerland (5 including two for the IOC. These stamps were issued in two stamp booklets; three postmarks for Sydney and OLYMPHILEX 2000 were used).

JSP's January 2000 "New Issues" column carried Olympic information for: Albania (4), French Andorra (1), Spanish Andorra (1), Argentina (4), Armenia (3), Austria (1), Azerbaijan (4 stamps plus a postmark), Bosnia-Herzegovina (2 as part of special sheet), Bulgaria (4), Croatia (5), Czech Republic (2), Cyprus (4 stamps, postmark and Olympihlex postcard), Fiji (4 stamps and a postmark), Estonia (1), France (2 stamps, proofs, maximum cards, special sheet and two postmarks), Greece (2 stamps and a postmark as part of the joint issue with Sydney), Israel (1 stamp and a postmark), Lithuania (2), Laos (4), Netherlands Antilles (2), Paraguay (2), Poland (4), Portugal (6 including two special sheets), South Korea (1), Russia (3 stamps plus two postmarks from Sydney and OLYMPHILEX 2000), Singapore (4 stamps and a postmark), Slovakia (1), and Suriname (4).

Other countries issuing items for the Sydney Olympics (to be reported in a future "New Issues" column): Albania (4), Bahamas (4 plus a postmark), Belarus (strip of 3 stamps, sheet, and a postmark), Belgium (4 plus OLYMPHILEX 2000 postmark), Bulgaria (2 plus a postmark), Cape Verde (4), China (1 plus a postmark), Dominican Republic (3), El Salvador (10), Estonia (1 plus a postmark), Hong Kong (4 plus maximum cards and postmark), India (4 plus a postmark), Italy (2 plus maximum cards and postmark), Jamaica (4), Lithuania (2), Nepal (1), Nauru (4 plus postmark), New Caledonia (4 plus two postmarks for Sydney and OLYMPHILEX 2000), New Zealand (6 sports stamps with Olympic postmark), Nigeria (4), Norfolk Island (1), Pakistan (4 plus postmark), Papua New Guinea (5), Polynesia (2 plus postmark and OLYMPHILEX 2000 covers), Romania (6), Slovenia (2), Sri Lanka (5), Tanzania (5), Tonga (5), Turkey (4), Ukraine (4), Vanuatu (4 plus postmark), Yemen (5), Yugoslavia (7 plus a postmark), Uruguay (special postmark).

Fifteen countries combined to produce a series of miniature sheets containing four stamps, plus a large label of a torch runner outside the Sydney Opera House. The four stamps show an Olympic sport, Olympian, Olympic stadium and Greek sporting event. All stamps include the Sydney 2000 Logo.

In Great Britain, Benham are producing special covers for the British medal winners. The production of these covers has been delayed pending the arrival of postmarked covers from Australia Post.

Olympic Omnibus Issue			
Country	Value	Person	Sport
Antigua etc	\$2	Hurley	Diving
Bhutan	20nu	Owens	Cannoning
Dominica	\$2	Owens	Pole Vault
Gambia	D6	Nuria	Basketball
Ghana	C1300		Long Jump
Grenada	\$2	Hahn	Equestrian
Grenada etc	\$2	Reichel	Discus
Guyana	\$160	Pearce	Volleyball
Lesotho	M6	Nadi	Swimming
Maldives	Rf10	Lenglen	Fencing
Nevis	\$2	Mauermeyer	Gymnastics
Palau	33c	Cooper	Shot Put
Sierra Leone	Le1500	Smithson	Soccer
St Vincent	\$2	Didrikson	Gymnastics
Turks /Caicos	50	Oxensteerna	Javelin
Note: Both Guyana and Sierra Leone issued stamps in memory of the Israeli athletes killed at the 1972 Olympic Games.			

2002 SALT LAKE CITY OLYMPICS

by Mark Maestrone

On December 4, 2000, precisely 1 year before the Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games Torch Relay kicks off, Mitt Romney, President and CEO of the Salt Lake City Organizing Committee for the Olympic Winter Games (SLOC) announced the route of the relay.

For a period of 65 days, the torch, which will be lit at Ancient Olympia, Greece, and flown to the United States on board Delta Air Lines' "Soaring Spirit" aircraft, will travel through 46 states, including, for the first time, Alaska! Some 11,500 torchbearers are to shepherd the Olympic flame over more than 13,500 miles. Modes of transport are to include automobile, airplane, train, ship, dog sled, on skis, horse-drawn sleigh, snowmobile, by ice skaters, and prairie schooner. The map, below, shows the route as presently configured.



The relay will begin its U.S. travels in Atlanta, Georgia where the Olympic flame last burned during the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. Each city which has played host to past Olympic Games (both Summer and Winter) will be visited by the torch relay. Accompanying this article is the provisional day-by-day schedule. Two major celebrations are planned for each day of the relay.

The only contiguous U.S. states not to be visited by the torch are South and North Dakota and Minnesota.

Coca-Cola and Chevrolet are "presenting partners" of the relay. Their individual corporate logos are incorporated into the design of the 2002 Olympic Torch Relay emblem (above).

The design of the Olympic Torch is to be unveiled sometime in the first quarter of 2001.



2002 Olympic Torch Relay Route¹

DAY	DATE	PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES
1	12/4/01	Atlanta & Athens, GA; Greenville, SC
2	12/5/01	Charlotte, NC
3	12/6/01	Columbia & Charleston, SC
4	12/7/01	Jacksonville, St. Augustine & Orlando, FL
5	12/8/01	Ft. Lauderdale & Miami, FL
6	12/9/01	Mobile, AL; Biloxi, MS; New Orleans & Baton Rouge, LA
7	12/10/01	Houston, TX
8	12/11/01	San Antonio & Austin, TX
9	12/12/01	Ft. Worth, Arlington & Dallas, TX
10	12/13/01	Little Rock, AR
11	12/14/01	Memphis, TN
12	12/15/01	Jackson & Nashville, TN
13	12/16/01	Bowling Green & Louisville, KY
14	12/17/01	Lexington, KY; Cincinnati, OH
15	12/18/01	Huntington & Charleston, WV
16	12/19/01	Morgantown, WV; Pittsburgh, PA
17	12/20/01	Cumberland, MD; Martinsburg, WV
18	12/21/01	Alexandria, VA; Washington, DC
19	12/22/01	Baltimore, MD; Wilmington, DE; Philadelphia, PA
20	12/23/01	Princeton, NJ; New York, NY
12/24-25/01 Rest days in New York, NY ²		
21	12/26/01	New Haven & Hartford, CT; Providence, RI
22	12/27/01	Boston, MA
23	12/28/01	Kittery, ME; Lebanon, NH
24	12/29/01	Burlington, VT; Lake Placid, NY
25	12/30/01	Albany & Syracuse, NY
26	12/31/01	Rochester & Buffalo, NY
27	1/1/02	Erie, PA; Cleveland, OH
28	1/2/02	Columbus, OH
29	1/3/02	Dayton, OH; Fort Wayne, IN
30	1/4/02	Gary, IN; Chicago, IL
31	1/5/02	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
32	1/6/02	Lansing, Flint & Detroit, MI

33	1/7/02	Indianapolis, IN
34	1/8/02	Terre Haute, IN; St. Louis, MO
35	1/9/02	Kansas City, MO
36	1/10/02	Council Bluffs, IA; Omaha, NE
37	1/11/02	Wichita, KS; Oklahoma City, OK
38	1/12/02	Amarillo, TX; Santa Fe & Albuquerque, NM
39	1/13/02	Tucson & Phoenix, AZ
40	1/14/02	Chula Vista & San Diego, CA
41	1/15/02	Los Angeles, CA
42	1/16/02	Santa Barbara & San Luis Obispo, CA
43	1/17/02	Monterey, CA
44	1/18/02	San Jose, Oakland & San Francisco, CA
45	1/19/02	Sacramento, CA
46	1/20/02	Squaw Valley & South Lake Tahoe, CA
47	1/21/02	Reno, NV
48	1/22/02	Klamath Falls, Eugene, Salem & Portland, OR
49	1/23/02	Olympia, Tacoma & Seattle, WA
50	1/24/02	Alaska ³ ; Spokane, WA
51	1/25/02	Kennewick, WA; Boise, ID
52	1/26/02	Twin Falls, Pocatello & Idaho Falls, ID
53	1/27/02	Bozeman, MT
54	1/28/02	Billings, MT
55	1/29/02	Casper & Cheyenne, WY
56	1/30/02	Ft. Collins, Boulder & Denver, CO
57	1/31/02	Colorado Springs, CO
58	2/1/02	Vail, CO
59	2/2/02	Glenwood Springs & Grand Junction, CO
60	2/3/02	Weather Contingency Day
61-65	2/4-8/02	Utah ⁴

NOTES

1. Final routing will be updated and determined by timing and weather.
2. Rest days are not counted in the 65 days of the relay.
3. Relay route in Alaska not designated.
4. Relay route in Utah not designated.

Test & Training Event Schedule at Salt Lake Olympic Venues 2000 - 2001 Season

DISCIPLINE	EVENT	GENDER	EVENT DATES	VENUE	TYPE
Short Track	World Cup	M & W	27-29 Oct 00	The Peaks Ice Arena	Training
Ice Hockey	Five Nation's Cup	M	05-10 Nov 00	E Center	Test
Ice Hockey	Five Nation's Cup	W	07-11 Nov 00	The Peaks Ice Arena	Test
Giant Slalom / Slalom	World Cup	M & W	16-19 Nov 00	Park City Mountain Resort	Training
Bobsleigh	America's Cup	M	28 Nov-03 Dec 00	Utah Olympic Park	Training
Nordic Combined	World Cup - B	M	10-11 Dec 00	Utah Olympic Park / Soldier Hollow	Training
Bobsleigh / Skeleton	U.S. Nationals	M & W	01-07 Jan 01	Utah Olympic Park	Training
Speed Skating	U.S. Nationals	M & W	06-07 Jan 01	Utah Olympic Oval	Training
Freestyle	World Cup	M & W	05-07 Jan 01	Deer Valley	Test
Cross-Country	World Cup	M & W	10-14 Jan 01	Soldier Hollow	Test
Ski Jumping	World Cup	M	19-20 Jan 01	Utah Olympic Park	Test
Nordic Combined	World Cup	M	19-21 Jan 01	Utah Olympic Park / Soldier Hollow	Test
Figure Skating	Four Continents	M & W	07-10 Feb 01	Salt Lake Ice Center / Steiner Center	Test
Luge	World Cup	M & W	10 -11Feb 01	Utah Olympic Park	Test
Downhill / Super G	North American Cup	M	10-12 Feb 01	Snowbasin	Training
Bobsleigh	World Cup	W	16 Feb 01	Utah Olympic Park	Test
Skeleton	World Cup	M & W	17 Feb 01	Utah Olympic Park	Test
Bobsleigh	World Cup	M	24-25 Feb 01	Utah Olympic Park	Test
Downhill / Super G	World Cup	M	24-25 Feb 01	Snowbasin	Test
Biathlon	World Cup	M & W	28 Feb-03 Mar 01	Soldier Hollow	Test
Paralympic Alpine	Disabled Alpine WC	M & W	01-04 Mar 01	Snowbasin	Test
Snowboarding	World Cup	M & W	02-04 Mar 01	Park City Mountain Resort	Test
Paralympic Nordic	Paralympic Nordic WC	M & W	07-11 Mar 01	Soldier Hollow	Test
Speed Skating	World Single Distance	M & W	09-11 Mar 01	Utah Olympic Oval	Test
Curling	World Junior Ch.	M & W	15-25 Mar 01	The Ice Sheet at Ogden	Test
Downhill / Super G	North American Cup	W	17-18 Mar 01	Snowbasin	Training

Numerous test and training events were scheduled for the various Salt Lake Olympic venues during the 2000-2001 season. The table, above, outlines those events. This columnist is not aware of any special cancels or postmarks having been made available. Nevertheless, it is possible that some may exist. Readers are asked to let me know if any cancels have been sighted. Foreign sports post

marks, especially European, should also be examined as one or more of the World Cup or World Championship events may have been honored.

Your editor welcomes any and all reports on Salt Lake City's preparations for the Olympic Games, including philatelic items, postcards, and memorabilia.

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestrone

Esprit: Sports et Olimpisme September 2000 (#17) December 2000 (#18)

Two issues of the French language journal from our sister society, AFCOS, arrived nearly simultaneously. The September issue opens with a story on golf in the Olympics by Georges Jeanneau. Brief overviews of the competitions in 1900 and 1904 are given along with a description of attempts to include golf in the Games in subsequent years. Other articles in this issue discuss the Sydney Games; water sports at the Olympics; French all-around track and field athlete, Géo Andre; the origins of the "Daguin" cachet used at the 1924 Paris Olympics; and Henri Didon, father of the Olympic motto who was recently honored on a French sheetlet's label.

The December issue begins with, quite naturally, a review of Olympic philately at Sydney. This is followed by an extensive and well-illustrated article on the sport of handball by René Christin. Also covered is so-called "ready to mail" postal stationery from the 1998 World Cup held in France.

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Filabasket Review December 2000 (#3)

This issue of the *Filabasket Review* introduces a little-known competition that includes basketball skills as one of the events: International Military Aeronautical Pentathlon. While piloting an aircraft is obviously a primary part of the sport, competitors are also tested in shooting, fencing, swimming, running and basketball.

The longest article in this issue, "The 'Philatelic' World of the NBA," is a review of all the stamps, seals and meters relating to the NBA.

A detailed article on Ecuador #379, the third basketball stamp issued, examines original documentation including pre-production material, die proofs, etc.

Contact: Luciano Calenda, PO Box 17126 - Grottarossa, 00189 Rome, Italy.

IMOS Journal December 2000 (#108)

The German-language *IMOS Journal* concentrates on updating its many catalogs of sport and Olympic material with this issue. These include: sports postal stationery (1997); football booklets; the latest Olympic and sports stamps and cancels; and the continuation of the series on the European Championships of Table Tennis.

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Olimpiafila December 2000 (Vol. 3, #2)

This post-Olympic issue of the Hungarian sports and Olympic philately journal reviews the many successes of the 2000 Hungarian Olympic team as well as the philately of the Sydney Games. The deltology (picture postcards) of the 1904 St. Louis Olympics are reviewed, along with a look at the medal winners of the 1900 Paris Olympic Games. While the journal's articles are in Hungarian, synopses in English are provided.

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Phila-Volley November 2000 (Vol. 2, #5)

In addition to the publisher's supplements to his Phila-Volleyball Catalog, a number of articles are included in this English language periodical. Piet van den Berg discusses "Balloonpost and Volleyball." Mauro Gilardi follows with an article on the "European Junior Championships for Men." California was the site for "Volleyball Festival 2000" as reported by Ned de Groot. American volleyball great, Flo Hyman, is discussed along with the memorial award named for her. Lastly, José Fotia discusses "Female Volleyball in Argentina" followed by Werner Klaus' look at "Yugoslavian Rarities."

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Torch Bearer
November 2000 (Vol. 17, #4)

The final issue of 2000 is quite a smorgasbord of Olympic details. *Torch Bearer's* editor, Bob Farley, begins with his always enjoyable first person review of the Games, this time concentrating on OLYMPILEX 2000. Last year (2000) also marked the centennial of Father Henri Didon's death. Didon is renowned for coining the Olympic motto "Citius, Altius, Fortius." Bob Wilcock covers the French tribute to Didon along with a review of philately related to him.

A roundup of Australia Post's Olympic program is provided concentrating on the Gold Medallist stamps, Opening Ceremony sheetlet and miscellaneous other items. The Swiss IOC stamps are also discussed and illustrated.

Short pieces on other subjects include: the first stamp issued by Greece for the Athens 2004 Games; a candidature cover and cancel for Beijing's bid to hold the 2008 Olympics; a postal card noting Osaka's bid to hold those same Games.

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NEW STAMP ISSUES

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Alderney: October 19, 2000. Garrison Island part 4. Se-tenant pair, 21p stamps: boxing match; end of a race.

Australia: October 18, 2000. Sydney 2000 Paralympics. Two 45 cent stamps: Paralympic Games logo; vision-impaired relay runner with torch.

October 31, 2000. Sydney 2000 Paralympics. 45c Siobhan Paton, Paralympian of the Year. Issued in panes of 10. 45c Earth design, issued in sheets of 20 with labels depicting: Tim Sullivan (best male, track and field); Julie Higgins (best female, equestrian); Heath Francis (best male junior, track and field); Keven Macintosh (best coach, cycling); Sarnya Parker and Tania Modra, (best team women's tandem cycling); Chris Nunn (merit award, track and field); Lisa Macintosh (best female junior, track and field).

Austria: December 7, 2000. Ski World Championship 2001, St. Anton am Arlberg. 7 schilling skier.

Barbuda: October 12, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Sheetlet of four \$2 stamps of Antigua overprinted "Barbuda Mail."

Bhutan: September 18, 2000. Twentieth Century Olympic Milestones. Sheetlet of six 25 ngultrum: Baron de Coubertin, Athens 1896, Jesse Owens, 1972 Munich Massacre, Sydney landmarks, 2004 Athens.

Bolivia: 2000. Double Copacabana Bicycle Race, 1b, 2b, 5b, 7b, various views of racers.

Bosnia & Herzegovina (Serb): September 6, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four 0.50 dinar stamps: basketball, soccer, track, fencing. Issued in sheets of eight plus center label: 2 dinar s/s, map of Australia.

Brazil: June 1, 2000. Radical Sports, self-adhesives. 27 centavos; hang gliding; 40c, rock climbing.

July 1, 2000. Radical Sports, self-adhesive. 40c skateboarding.

August 1, 2000. Radical Sports, self-adhesives. 27c surfing.

September 23, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Two panes of 20 se-tenant, 40c. Pane 1: pommel horse,

weightlifting, discus throw, rings, track and field, javelin throw, artistic gymnastics, field hockey, volleyball, synchronized swimming, judo, wrestling, cycling, rowing, bars, equestrian endurance, pole vaulting, fencing, shooting, taekwondo. Pane 2: archery, beach volleyball, boxing, soccer, canoeing, handball, diving, rhythmic gymnastics, badminton, swimming, race with obstacles, pentathlon, basketball, tennis, marathon, high jump, triathlon, sailing, long jump, triple jump.

October 12, 2000. Auto Racing. 1.30r Chico Landi; 1.45r Ayrton Senna.

Cape Verde: 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 10e, gymnastics; 40e, taekwondo; 50e, track; 100e, s/s same designs as stamps.

China: September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. S/s with 8 yuan stamp, Olympic rings.

Costa Rica: August 31, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Se-tenant blocks of four: 60c fencing, cycling, soccer, swimming; 70c track, boxing, tennis, gymnastics.

Costa Rica: August 31, 2000. Summer Olympics. Four se-tenant 60 colon stamps: taekwondo, cycling, swimming, soccer; four se-tenant 70c stamps: running, boxing, gymnastic rings, tennis.

Cuba: 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 5c, runners; 15c, soccer; 65c, baseball; 75c cycling.

2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Olympilex s/s with 1 peso stamp: runner with torch, map of Australia.

Dominican Republic: April 22, 2000. 12th National Games, La Romana. 2p, baseball and glove; 3p, boxing; 5p, mascot with torch.

Ecuador: August 25, 2000. Guayaquit Tennis Club 90th anniversary. 84c, emblem.

Egypt: September 9, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 20p, kangaroo and logo.

September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 125p, airmail, women with streamers.

El Salvador. July 20, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 10

se-tenant 1 col stamps: runners, gymnast on rings, high jumper, weightlifter, fencer, cyclist, swimmer, shooter, archer, judo.

Finland: January 17, 2001. World Skiing Championships. Se-tenant pair of 3.50 markka stamps: ski jumper, Janne Ahonen; skier, Mika Myllyla.

France: January 20, 2001. World Handball Championship. 3fr/0.46e symbolic handball player.

Greece: November 7, 2000. Athens 2004 Olympics. 10 drachmae, 50dr, 130dr, 180dr, 200dr, 765dr: olive branch wreath, emblem of the 2004 Summer Games.

Grenada: September 5, 2000. Auto Racing and Sports Car Legacy of Ferrari. 20c, 500 Mondial, 1953; 45c, 166 Inter, 1948; 75c, 340 MM, 1953; 90c, 500 Superfast, 1964; \$1, 166 MM, 1948; \$1.50, 250 S, 1952; \$2, 250 California, 1957; \$3, 365 California, 1966.

Hong Kong: August 27, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. \$1.30 cycling, badminton; \$2.50 ping pong, track; \$3.10 judo, rowing; \$5 swimming, windsurfing.

India: September 17, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 3 rupees, discus thrower; 6re tennis; 10re field hockey; 15re weightlifting.

Indonesia: July 1, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Se-tenant pairs: 500p boxing, judo; 1,000r badminton, weightlifting; 2,000r swimming, running; 5,000r s/s weightlifting.

Italy: July 31, 2000. World Junior Cycling Championships. 800-lira/0.41 euros, cyclist, emblem.

September 1, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 800-lira/0.41euros, athlete in different colors, Australia's Olympic Stadium; 1,000-lira/0.52e statue of discus thrower, Sydney Opera House.

October 2, 2000. Paralympics. 1,500l/0.77e, wheelchair basketball.

Ivory Coast: 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 180fr + 20fr, 400fr, 600fr, 700fr.

Japan: May 23, 2000. 20th Century National Museum Series #10. Two 50 yen: swimmer Furuhashi Hiro-noshi; Championship Trophy.

June 23, 2000. 20th Century National Museum Series #11. Two 50 yen: sumo wrestler Rikidozan.

July 21, 2000. 20th Century National Museum Series

#12. Two 50 yen: swimmer on poster from 1964 Tokyo Olympics; torch runner logo 1964 Olympics.

September 22, 2000. 20th Century Museum Series #14. Two 50 yen: Oh Sadaharu and Nagashima Shiegeo's great achievements in baseball games.

November 22, 2000. 20th Century Museum Series #16. Two 80 yen: Opening of The J-League Soccer Games.

Korea, South: November 24, 2000. Korea/Japan World Soccer Cup 2002. Ten 170w stamps: Seoul Stadium, Busan Sports Complex main stadium, Daegu Sports Complex Stadium, Incheon Munhak Stadium, Gwangju Stadium, Daejeon Stadium, Ulsan Munsu Football Stadium, Suwon Stadium, Jeonju Stadium, Jeju Stadium. Five s/s of two 170w stamps.

Korea, North: July 7, 2000. World Stamp Expo. 0.80w, ping pong; 1w, basketball; 1.20w, baseball; 7.40w, booklet of same stamps.

Kuwait: 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 25 fils, taekwondo; 50f, shooting; 150f, swimming; 200f, weightlifting; 250f, track; 350f, soccer; 1 dinar s/s, pictograms.

Kyrgyzstan: September 23, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 1s, wrestling; 3s, running; 6s, boxing; 10s, weightlifting.

Lithuania: December 9, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Lithuanian sportsmen in Sydney. S/s with circular 4 lita stamp: gold medals in trap shooting, discus throwing; bronze medals in cycling and rowing.

Macedonia: 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 25d, martial arts; 1.80d, wrestling; 5d, weightlifting.

Malaysia: June 24, 2000. Children's Traditional Games. Strip of five se-tenant 30 sen: hopscotch; pulling child on homemade sled; flying kites; playing marbles; playing with stick and hoop.

September 16, 2000. Children's Traditional Games. Two 20s stamps: baling tin; gasing. Two 30s stamps: sepak raga; let-up, let-up.

Maldiv Islands: September 13, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Sheetlet of four 10rf: S. Lenglen; fencing; ancient long jump; 1964 Tokyo Stadium.

Mexico: August 24, 2000. 18th Mexico City Marathon. 4.20p: runners, crowd, victory statue.

September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 4.20p: hurdlers jumping over Sydney Opera House.

Moldova: September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 25b, judo; 1.80 lei, wrestling; 5 lei, weightlifting.

Mozambique: 2000. Tennis and ping pong. Sheetlet of six 14,000mt and 35.000mt s/s: ping pong.

2000. Sports. Sheetlet of six 6,500mt: cycling; volleyball; boxing; weightlifting; fencing; judo.

New Caledonia: September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 10fr, archery; 30fr, boxing; 80fr, cycling; 100fr, fencing.

Nigeria: September 7, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 10 naira, boxing; 20m, weightlifting; 30n, women's soccer; 40n, men's soccer; 150n, s/s of same stamps.

Norfolk Island: September 15, 2000. Olymphillex. S/s with \$3 stamp: Malcolm Eadie, New Zealand's first gold medal winner.

Pakistan: September 20, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Se-tenant block of four: 4r, running; field hockey; weightlifting; cycling.

Papua New Guinea: July 12, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 25t, track; 50t, swimming; 65t, boxing; 1k, weightlifting; 3.50k, sheetlet.

Romania: September 7, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 1,700, boxing; 2,200, high jump; 3,900, weightlifting; 6,200, gymnastics; 11,300 s/s, running.

September 8, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Olymphillex 14,100 s/s, runner Gabriela Szabo, Romanian flag.

Senegal: July 16, 2000. Sports. 200 francs, Formula 1 racing champion Ayrton Senna; 300fr, equestrian Ludger Beerbaum; 400fr, tennis player Pete Sampras. Nine se-tenant 200fr stamps of Formula 1 Racing champions: Juan Manuel Fangio; Alberto Ascari; Graham Hill; Jim Clark; Jack Brabham; Jackie Stewart; Niki Lauda; Ayrton Senna; Alain Prost. ; Nine se-tenant 300fr stamps featuring equestrians: Martin Schaudt; Klaus Balkenhol; Nadine Capellman-Biffar; Willi Melliger; Ludger Beerbaum; Ulrich Kirchhoff; Sally Clark; Bettina Overesch-Boker; Karen O'Conner. Pane of nine 400fr stamps featuring tennis and table tennis players: Liu Guoliang; Martina Hingis; Deng Yaping; Andre Agassi; Jean-Philippe Gatin; Anna Kournikova; Mikael Appelgren; Peter Sampras; Jan-Ove Waldner. S/s of 1,500fr stamps: German equestrian jumping team. Two s/s of 2,000fr stamps: Ayrton Senna; table tennis players Vladimir Samsonov, Deng Yaping, Jorg Roskopf.

Slovenia: October 16, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Gold Medalists, two 21 tolar stamps: double scullers Iztok Cop and Luka Spik; shooter, Rajmond Debevec.

Spain: October 6, 2000. Espana/Sport. Two s/s of 200pta/1.20e round stamp: soccer ball and Raul Gonzalez; symbolic design and cyclist Miguel Indurain.

Sri Lanka: September 7, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Se-tenant strip of four 10r: logo; running and shooting; flame; hurdling and swimming. 40r s/s, same stamps.

Tanzania: September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 150sh, soccer players; 350sh, basketball; 400sh, women's 1500 meters race; 800sh, boxing; 500sh s/s, award ceremony.

Tonga: September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Se-tenant strip of five 80s stamps: hurdling; boxing; carrying Olympic Torch; paralympics; discus.

Tunisia: 2000. Mediterranean Games. 500m, 1,500d, s/s.

United Arab Emirates: September 16, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Olympic logo and symbolic athletes: 50 fils, swimming; 2d, swimming; 3.50d, shooting.

Uruguay: September 11, 200. Se-tenant pair of 9 peso stamps, Gonzalo "Gonchi" Rodriguez and race car.

Vietnam: September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 400d, running; 600d, shooting; 7,000d, taekwondo.

Yugoslavia: October 23, 2000. Medalists at Sydney 2000 Olympics. Two 20-dinar stamps: air pistol silver medalist Jasna Sekaric; bronze medal for the water polo team. S/s 30d, gold medal for the volleyball team.

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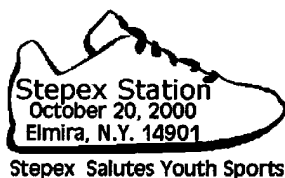
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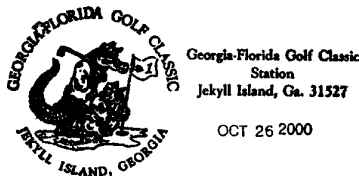
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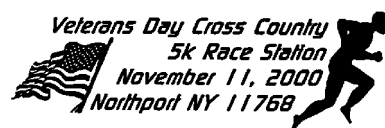
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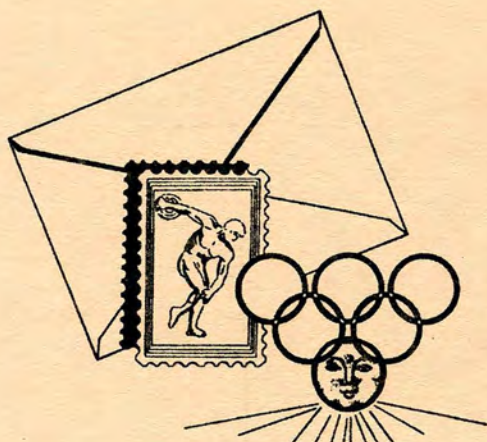
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