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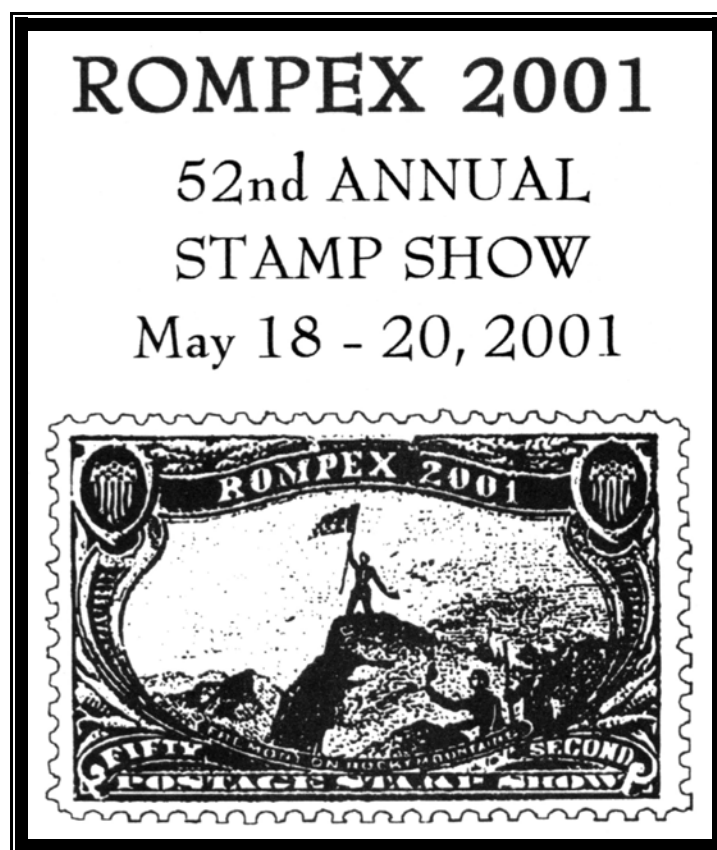


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

Frank Shorter to Participate at ROMPEX 2001

By the time you receive this issue of *JSP*, the SPI Convention at ROMPEX 2001 in Denver, Colorado will be nearly upon us. I am looking forward to seeing some old faces and meeting some new ones too!

The schedule of events (as of April 20 when we went to press) is reproduced at right.

On Friday evening after the close of the show, all of SPI's members are invited to a get-together at the home of Gary Gibson and his wife, Holly. The Gibson's are long-time members of SPI as well as exhibitors. Those of you with cars are asked to help shuttle folks to and from the show hotel to the Gibson's (about a 20-minute drive).

Saturday is our big day! The International Golf Society and SPI will hold their meetings back-to-back. This will be followed at 3 p.m. with a presentation and autograph signing by U.S. Olympic medalist, Frank Shorter. At the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, Frank stunned the racing establishment by winning the Marathon! Four years later at Montreal, he took the silver. SPI and ROMPEX 2001 are co-sponsoring Mr. Shorter's participation.

Saturday evening at the Awards Banquet, the SPI Trophy will be given to the best sport or Olympic exhibit – good luck to all of you!

[See page 19 to order pictorial postmarks]

SPI Schedule of Events ROMPEX 2001 John Q. Hammons Trade Center Denver, Colorado

Friday, May 18, 2001

Show Opens	10:00 a.m.
Show Closes	6:00 p.m.
SPI Get-Together at the Gibsons	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19, 2001

Show Opens	10:00 a.m.
International Golf Society Meeting	11:00 a.m.
SPI Meeting	12:00 noon
Frank Shorter Presentation	2:00 p.m.
Frank Shorter Autograph Signing	3:00-5:00 p.m.
Jury Critique	4:00 p.m.
Show Closes	6:00 p.m.
Awards Banquet* – Cocktails	6:00 p.m.
– Dinner	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 20, 2001

Sunday Society Breakfast**	8:15 a.m.
Show Opens	10:00 a.m.
Show Closes	4:00 p.m.

* Awards Banquet – \$35.00 per person by 5/1

** Sunday Breakfast – \$12.00 per person by 5/1

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Figure 1. Still not quite believing it, the author is shown in the “P” stamp on this card holding the Olympic torch just after it finished its leg in August 2000. Since the author couldn’t attend OLYMPHILEX 2000, a friend took the photograph to the Australia Post booth where it was made into “P” stamps (Type 7). Without the selvage, however, the type cannot be determined just by looking at the stamp and tab (it could be either Type 5 or 7).

Sydney 2000 Philately: the Saga Continues With “P” Stamps

by **Thomas Lippert**
with **Mark Maestrone**

Brian Hammond mentioned “P” (Personalized) Stamps in his very useful columns on the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Introduced a few years ago, “P” stamps use instant printing technology to reproduce a photograph on a blank label attached to a stamp (Figure 1). A full sheet of stamps is customized at one time. The popularity of “P” stamps has soared, especially as very “personal” souvenirs at large international philatelic shows and events.

While Brian indicated that he did not include them in his own collection, it's up to each collector, of course, to decide whether or not to consider them. As for myself, I find they add a personal touch to an Olympic collection.

It was personally reported to me – and confirmed by official sources – that the demand for “P” stamps in the Olympic Village was high. Many athletes and officials availed themselves of the opportunity to have “P” stamps created with their own likenesses.

[Editors Note: on September 19, just four days into the Games, Stephanie Ridel, manager of the Olympic Village Post Office reported that they had already processed nearly 800 “P” stamp orders.] Down the road, as the athletes’ souvenirs reach the philatelic marketplace, they will certainly add color to our Olympic collections!

The accompanying table lists all the various types of Sydney 2000 Olympic “P” stamps. The Australia/Greece Joint Issue (two values), released by Australia Post on September 15, 2000, were the only stamps that could be used for this purpose.

“P” Stamp Sheet Varieties Printed on the Australia/Greece Olympic Joint Issue (Issued September 15, 2000)

Type	Description (Tab & Selvage Types)	Format & Stamp Face Value	Cost (A\$)
1	Title tab, normal selvage	sheet of 20 x 45c	9.00
2	Title tab, normal selvage	sheet of 20 x \$1.50	30.00
3	Title tab, decorative selvage	sheet of 20 x 45c	9.00
4	Title tab, decorative selvage	sheet of 20 x \$1.50	30.00
5	Individual photo tab, decorative selvage (*initially available through December 31, 2000)	sheet of 20 x 45c	26.00
6	Individual photo tab, decorative selvage (*initially available through December 31, 2000)	sheet of 20 x \$1.50	47.00
7	Individual photo tab, decorative selvage: OLYMPHILEX 2000, SES	sheet of 20 x 45c	26.00
8	Individual photo tab, decorative selvage: OLYMPHILEX 2000, SES	sheet of 20 x \$1.50	47.00
9	Standard photo tab, decorative selvage: OLYMPHILEX 2000, after event SES	sheet of 20 x 45c	26.00
10	Standard photo tab, decorative selvage: OLYMPHILEX 2000, after event SES	sheet of 20 x \$1.50	47.00
11	Individual photo tab, decorative selvage: Bangkok's Collection World 2000, SES	sheet of 20 x 45c	26.00
12	Standard photo tab, decorative selvage: Bangkok's Collection World 2000, after event SES	sheet of 20 x 45c	26.00

* The March-June 2001 issue of Australia Post's *Stamp Bulletin* announced that the order deadline for the \$1.50 value “P” stamps would be extended from December 31, 2000 until the end of June 2001. No doubt this was due to the popularity of the product.

The Australia/Greece issue comprised two values – a 45c value featuring the Parthenon in Athens, and a \$1.50 value depicting the Sydney Opera House. Each value was printed in sheets of 20 stamps. A tab was attached to the right side of each stamp and came in two versions: a “title” tab or a blank tab. The title tabs (Figure 2) matched the colors of the stamps. The text “Sydney/Athens” was featured on the Athens stamp’s tab, while the Sydney title tab reads “International POST.” The stamps with title tabs came in two versions as well: with a normal blank selvage surrounding the stamps and tabs, or with a decorative selvage. It is not necessary to collect the stamps with normal selvage as

indicated in #1 and #2 in the table. One should not, however, ignore those sheets of title-tabbed stamps with the decorative selvage (#3 and #4).



Figure 2. Australia/Greece Joint Issue stamps with “title” tabs, and first day canceled.

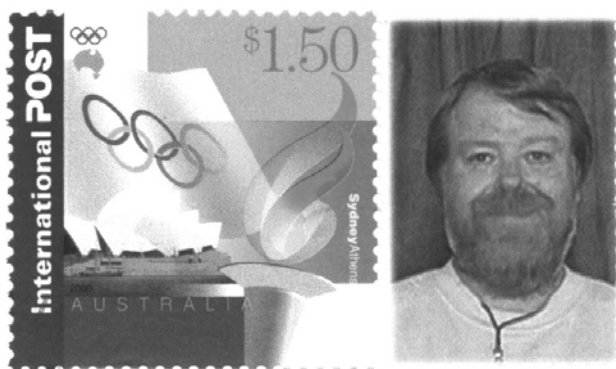


Figure 3. SPI-member and SOC Chairman, Bob Farley, immortalized on a \$1.50 “P” stamp created at OLYMPHILEX 2000.

The sheets of stamps issued with blank tabs were meant to be personalized with photographic images – “P” stamps, in other words (Figure 3). Only sheets with decorative selvage were used for this purpose. Here, too, there were variations!

For a limited time, individuals could order by mail sets of “P” stamps with their own images (#5 and #6).

The 45c and \$1.50 stamp sheets with decorative selvage were customized for use at OLYMPHILEX 2000 (Figure 4). These are known as “SES” or Special Event Souvenir sheets and were only available for the duration of the exhibition from September 15-28 (#7 and #8). These SES sheets are easily differentiated from the regular version (#5 and #6) by inscriptions overprinted in the selvage and the OLYMPHILEX 2000 logo.

As already noted, athletes and officials with access to the Olympic Village Post Office (OVPO) were able to obtain “P” stamps. The equipment necessary for printing the “P” stamps was late in being installed in the OVPO, since several collectors who visited there reported that there was no production facility on site.. To the best of our knowledge, all the “P” stamp sheets printed at the OVPO



Figure 4. Decorative \$1.50 (Type 8) OLYMPHILEX 2000 SES sheet personalized with the author's picture. This complete sheet received a number of additional imprints: the OLYMPHILEX 2000 logo and the vertical inscriptions along the right side of the sheet.

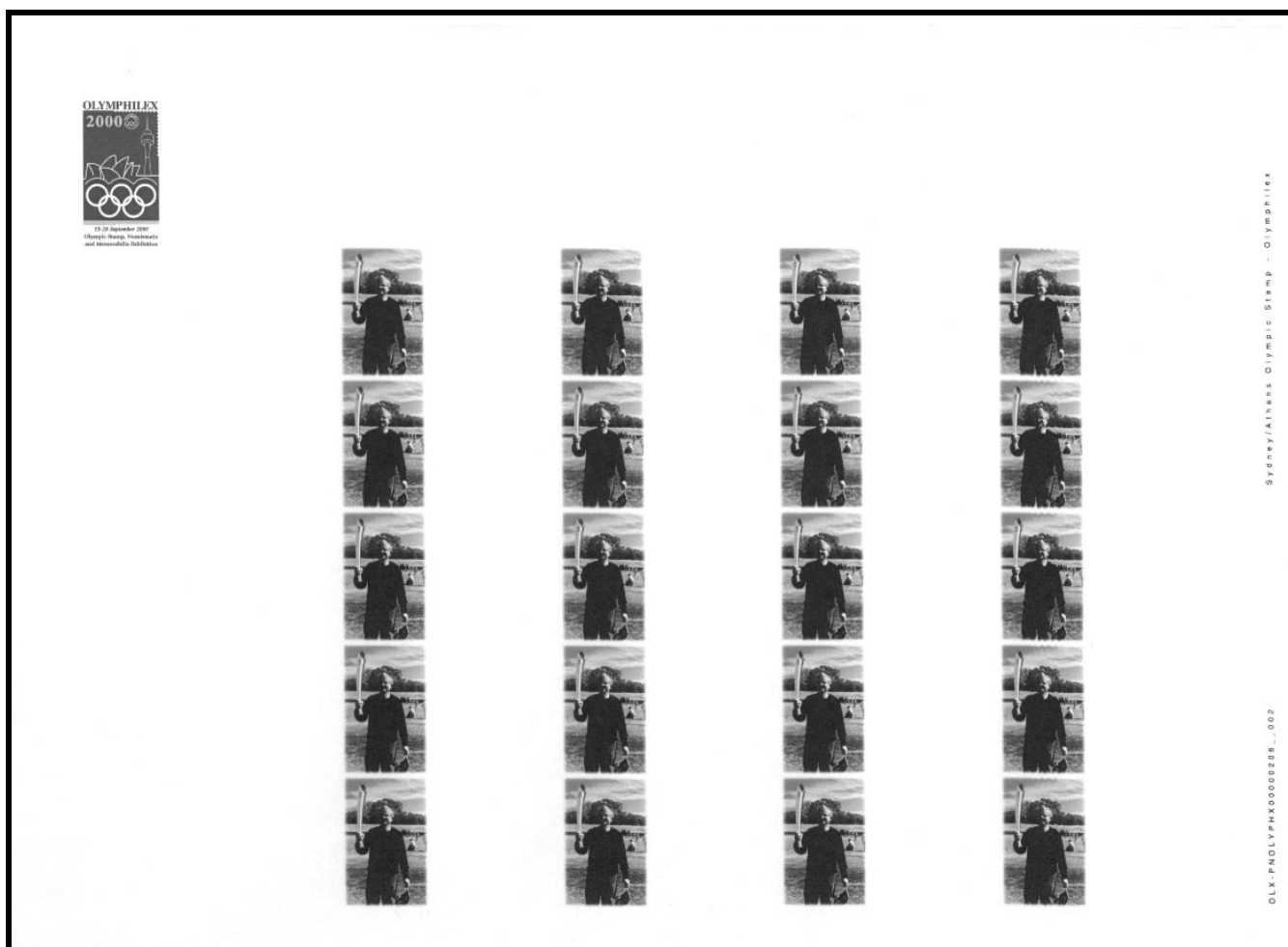


Figure 5. When “P” stamps were ordered at OLYMPHILEX, a second sheet was included, reflecting a step in the production of the stamps. As seen here, the intermediate sheet includes those images and text that are added to the already printed stamps with blank tabs. The inscriptions at right are enlarged below. From them, we know that this intermediate sheet was produced for the 45c stamps. The \$1.50 stamps (International Post) bear text reading “Sydney/Athens Olympic International Stamp - Olympihlex”.



bore the same OLYMPHILEX 2000 logo and text as those produced at OLYMPHILEX 2000 itself. No one has reported the existence of any sheets inscribed “Olympic Village.”

Since the OLYMPHILEX 2000 SES sheets could only be obtained on-site (sheets with blank tabs were *never* sold without first being “personalized”), Australia Post continued the practice of supplying “generic” versions of the “P” stamps to mail order customers after the exhibition closed (#9 and #10). Naturally enough, Australia Post refers to these as “after event SES” sheets.

The tabs of all “after event” SES sheets are printed with a photo of Angela Thoms, a postal clerk in

the Australia Post philatelic service office. No doubt, she has become the most famous employee at Australia Post with her picture appearing on millions of stamp tabs (Figure 6)!

“P” stamp versions #11 and #12 commemorate Australia Post’s participation at the COLLECTION WORLD 2000 fair in Bangkok, Thailand. The fair opened the same day as the Olympic Games in Sydney. Only the 45c stamp sheets with decorative selvage were personalized at the event. An “after event SES” was also available by mail order. The special postmark/exhibition cachet can be considered a first day postmark for this SES sheet (Figure 7).

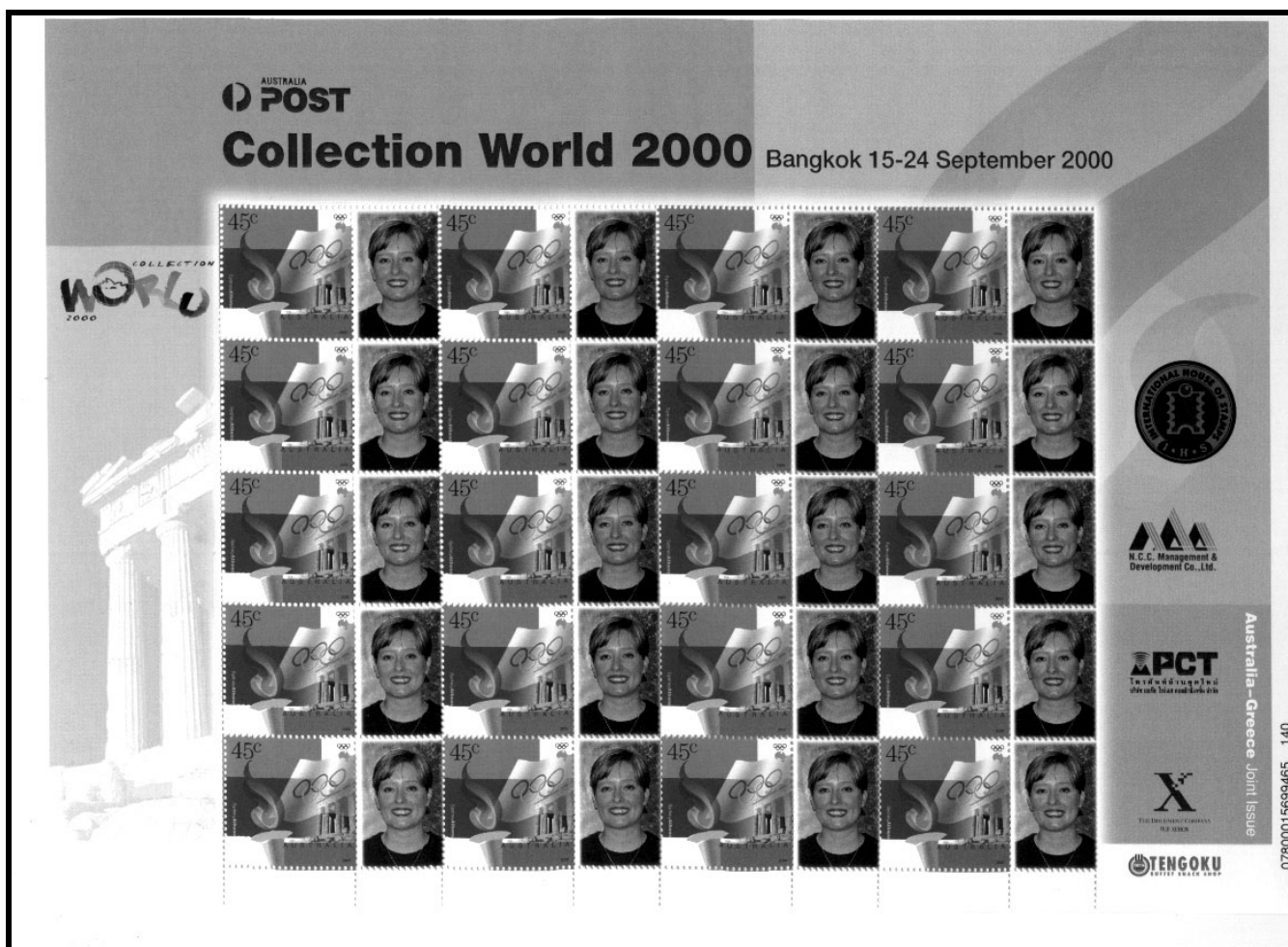


Figure 6 (above). A so-called “after event” SES sheet for Bangkok featuring the standard photo of Australia Post employee, Angela Thoms.

It’s worth noting that there is a difference on the picture tabs between the SES sheets generated at the COLLECTION WORLD 2000 fair in Bangkok and those created at OLYMPHILEX 2000. On the Bangkok sheets, a standard text was applied beneath the photograph: *Collection/ World 2000/ BANGKOK*. No text was applied beneath photographs on the “P” stamps from OLYMPHILEX. The after event SES sheets from Bangkok do not carry text beneath the standard photograph of Angela Thoms.

With that, we finish covering the variations of the Australia/Greece “P” stamp sheets. But we’re not done yet! An additional white sheet of paper was included with the delivery of orders to the purchaser (Figure 5). On it were digitally reproduced 20 identical copies of the photograph taken of the purchaser (or the photograph presented for reproduction). The images were “positives” and



Figure 7. Even without the decorative selvage, it is immediately evident that this “P” stamp comes from an SES sheet printed at the Collection World 2000 show at Bangkok. The postmark/cachet was used as a first day cancel on souvenir covers. Emma, the young lady pictured on the label, is the niece of an Australian stamp dealer.

positioned in such a way so as to correspond with the blank labels on the pre-printed “P” stamp sheets. Additional text (order number, issue description, and word “Olympihlex”) was included on this sheet along with the OLYMPHILEX 2000 logo.

CHINESE MEDALIST “P” STAMPS

So far, so good. In late 2000, the Australian philatelic review, *Stamp News*, surprised its readers with an announcement that a special deal for “P” stamps had been concluded between Australia Post and the Chinese National Philatelic Service (China’s official philatelic agency). Under the agreement, Australia Post produced for the Chinese market “P” stamps showing both past and present Chinese Olympic gold medalists.

Normally this wouldn’t merit more than a philatelic footnote if hadn’t been for a departure from normal procedures. In this case, text was added to each label naming the pictured medalist! To this point, Australia Post had not made the inclusion of text with a picture an option. Obviously this circumvention of regulations could only have been accomplished by special commercial arrangement with Australia Post.

The “P” stamps for China’s gold medalists at Sydney have been offered in both mint condition

and on postmarked FDC’s (Figure 8) – in both cases for very high prices. As yet, there have not been any reports of full sheetlets being offered for sale. The OLYMPHILEX 2000 postal booth was, apparently, involved in the production of these stamps.

[Editor’s Note: Bob Farley of the SOC confirms that each gold medalist from Sydney was portrayed on his or her own “P” stamp sheet of twenty \$1.50 value stamps.]

Even more surprising was a composite “P” stamp sheet honoring twenty past Chinese gold medalists (see table). Printed on the 45c value Australia/Greece stamps, a sheet was included with a special album entitled *Cast Glory*. The few examples which have found their way back to Australia have been priced at a whopping A\$350 (roughly US\$175). This is the first case we know of where all twenty “P” stamp labels are face different!

Adding to the unusual nature of all these Chinese medalist “P” stamps is the fact that an Olympic host country’s postal administration created a special product for a foreign philatelic agency and market! These philatelic items were initially sold at a philatelic and numismatic exhibition in the autumn of 2000 in Guangzhou, China. Their sale was accompanied by many pieces of postal stationery honoring the Chinese winners and imprinted with a special stamp promoting the Beijing 2008 bid.



Figure 8. FDC of the pair of “P” stamps commemorating the Chinese men’s gymnastics team’s victory in finals of the team competition at Sydney. The finals were on September 18, as with the Olympic Games pictorial cancel (top, center).

Figure 9 shows page one of the booklet containing the 29 mint “P” stamps of the Sydney winners bears the first four Chinese gold medalists of the 2000 Olympics: Tao Luna (17.9.2000 / shooting), Yang Xiao (18.9.2000 / weight lifting), Cai Yalin (18.9.2000 / shooting), and three of the six members of the Chinese men’s gymnastics team which won the team gold (Yang Wei, Li Xiaopeng, and Zheng Lihui / 18.9.2000). The team members’ portrait, taken at the awards ceremony, was divided in two so that each gymnast would be more recognizable. This also allowed room for the gymnasts’ names. The remaining three members of the team were included on a second label – but this time on a 45c value stamp! A FDC is franked with both “halves” of the team, thus completing the “set” of men’s gymnastics “P” stamps (Figure 8).

While Australia Post’s Olympic Philatelic Program at Sydney introduced a lot of color into our hobby, there remains some doubt whether this was the right way to improve the image of the Olympic philately. The relatively recent restrictions on non-host country Olympic stamps introduced by the IOC/FIPO that were designed to reduce the number of unauthorized issues were a step into the right direction. The avalanche of Gold Medallist and “P” stamps issued by Australia Post could undue the good accomplished by the new policies. Let’s wait and see how collectors react!



Figure 9. Page 1 of the booklet holding the 29 “P” stamps honoring China’s Olympic gold medalists at Sydney.

Composite 45c “P” Stamp Sheet of Chinese Gold Medalists (1984-1996 Summer Olympic Games)

<u>*Xu Haifeng (Shooting)</u> 1984: M. Free Pistol	<u>Wang Yifu (Shooting)</u> 1992: M. Air Pistol	<u>Zhang Shan (Shooting)</u> 1992: W. Skeet	<u>Zhan Xugang (Weightlifting)</u> 1996: M. 70kg.
<u>Wu Shude (Weightlifting)</u> 1984: M. 56kg.	<u>Wang Junxia (Athletics)</u> 1996: W. 5,000m	<u>Chen Yueling (Athletics)</u> 1992: W. 10,000m Walk	<u>Gao Min (Diving)</u> 1988: W. Springboard 1992: W. Springboard
<u>Fu Mingxia (Diving)</u> 1992: W. Platform 1996: W. Springboard 1996: W. Platform	<u>Xiong Ni (Diving)</u> 1996: M. Springboard	<u>Deng Yaping (Table Tennis)</u> 1992: W. Singles 1992: W. Doubles 1996: W. Singles 1996: W. Doubles	<u>Liu Guoliang (Table Tennis)</u> 1996: M. Singles 1996: M. Doubles
<u>Ge Fei, Gu Jun (Badminton)</u> 1996: W. Doubles	<u>Luan Jujie (Fencing)</u> 1984: W. Foil	<u>Li Ning (Gymnastics)</u> 1984: M. Floor Exercise 1984: M. Pommel Horse 1984: M. Rings	<u>Li Xiaoshuang (Gymnastics)</u> 1992: M. Floor Exercise 1996: M. All-Around
<u>Ma Yanhong (Gymnastics)</u> 1984: W. Uneven Bars	<u>Lang Ping (Volleyball)</u> 1984: W. Team (captain)	<u>Sun Fuming (Judo)</u> 1996: W. Heavyweight	<u>Zhuang Yong (Swimming)</u> 1992: W. 100m Freestyle

* Athletes are arranged in the order in which their images appear on the labels of the composite sheet (5 rows of 4 stamps+labels). The only text appearing on each label is the athlete’s name(s). The sport, year, and events in which athletes won gold medals are provided for the convenience of the reader.

Individual “P” Stamp Sheets for Chinese Gold Medalists (2000 Sydney Olympic Games)

<i>Athlete(s)</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Gold Medal Event</i>	<i>Value</i>
Tao Luna	Shooting	Women's Air Pistol	\$1.50
Kai Yalin	Shooting	Men's 10-meter Air Rifle	\$1.50
Yang Xia	Weightlifting	Women's 53 kg.	\$1.50
Yang Wei, Li Xiaopeng, Zheng Lihui	Gymnastics	Men's Team	\$1.50
Xing Aowei, Xiao Junfeng, Huang Xu	Gymnastics	Men's Team	\$0.45
Chen Xiaomin	Weightlifting	Women's 63 kg.	\$1.50
Lin Weining	Weightlifting	Women's 69 kg.	\$1.50
Zhang Jun, Gao Ling	Badminton	Mixed Doubles	\$1.50
Tang Lin	Judo	Women's 78 kg.	\$1.50
Yang Ling	Shooting	Men's 10-meter Running Target	\$1.50
Ding Meiyuan	Weightlifting	Women's 75 kg. - Plus	\$1.50
Zhan Xugang	Weightlifting	Men's 77 kg.	\$1.50
Yuan Hua	Judo	Women's 78 kg. - Plus	\$1.50
Wang Nan, Li Ju	Table Tennis	Women's Doubles	\$1.50
Gong Zhichao	Badminton	Women's Singles	\$1.50
Ge Fei, Gu Jun	Badminton	Women's Doubles	\$1.50
Ji Xinpeng	Badminton	Men's Singles	\$1.50
Wang Liqin, Yan Sen	Table Tennis	Men's Doubles	\$1.50
Wang Nan	Table Tennis	Women's Singles	\$1.50
Liu Xuan	Gymnastics	Women's Balance Beam	\$1.50
Li Xiaopeng	Gymnastics	Men's Parallel Bars	\$1.50
Kong Linghui	Table Tennis	Men's Singles	\$1.50
Xiong Ni	Diving	Men's Springboard	\$1.50
Li Na, Sang Xue	Diving	Women's Synchronized Platform	\$1.50
Wang Liping	Athletics	Women's 20-km. Walk	\$1.50
Xiao Hailiang, Xiong Ni	Diving	Men's Synchronized Springboard	\$1.50
Fu Mingxia	Diving	Women's Springboard	\$1.50
Chen Zhong	Taekwondo	Women's 67 kg. - Plus	\$1.50
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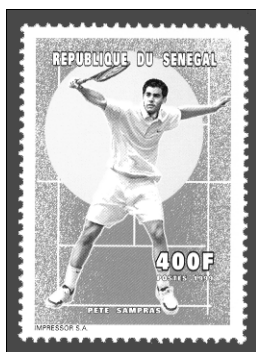
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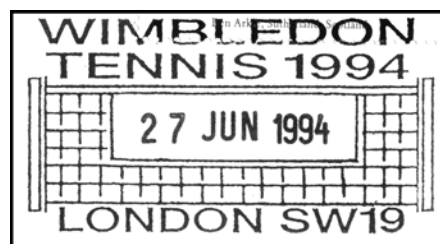
Pete Sampras



& His Two Records of the Century

by
Pascal Bedenes

The surprise winner of the 1990 U.S. Open, in which his final three adversaries were Ivan Lendl, John McEnroe and André Agassi, was Pete Sampras. Only 19, Sampras became the youngest player ever to triumph in that tournament. However, it took Sampras a further two years to really demonstrate his talent.

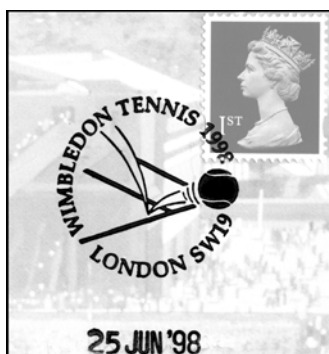


The Sampras legend did not really begin to take off until 1993. That year he took his second major title – Wimbledon. During the three prior years, fame weighed heavily on him, and he wondered whether he was capable of repeating his feat at Flushing Meadow. The turning point of his career came at Flushing Meadow in 1992, when he lost in the final of the U.S. Open to Stefan Edberg. That day, he felt frustrated and he had the impression that he had not played well. Since that Sunday in 1992, Sampras has played in 14 other finals of Grand Slam tournaments, winning 12 of them.



THE KING OF CENTRE COURT

It was at Wimbledon, where he became the only man of the century to win 7 times, following Bjorn Borg's five consecutive successes, that his game was at its most brilliant. After his victory against Jim Courier in 1993, only one man caused him to stumble on the courts of the All England Club: Richard Krajicek in 1996.



Apart from his seven Wimbledon triumphs (1993-95, 1997-2000), Sampras won the U.S. Open four times (1990, 1993, 1995, 1996) and the Australian Open twice (1994, 1997). With a record of 13 victories in Grand Slam tournaments, Sampras beat the record of Australian, Roy Emerson (12 titles).



On the technical side, the 29-year-old Californian is a "complete" tennis player in spite of a physical handicap due to a lack of iron in his body, that causes problems during certain very long matches. Nevertheless, Pete Sampras has been incapable of adapting his game to the clay of Roland Garros, where movements are different with respect to the fast surfaces on which many American players have been trained.

PETE SAMPRAS AND THE DAVIS CUP



During a difficult first selection against France in the 1991 final, Pete Sampras lost his two singles matches. He made up for it the following year with probably the greatest team in Davis Cup history. This "dream team" was composed of Jim Courier, André Agassi, John McEnroe and Pete Sampras.

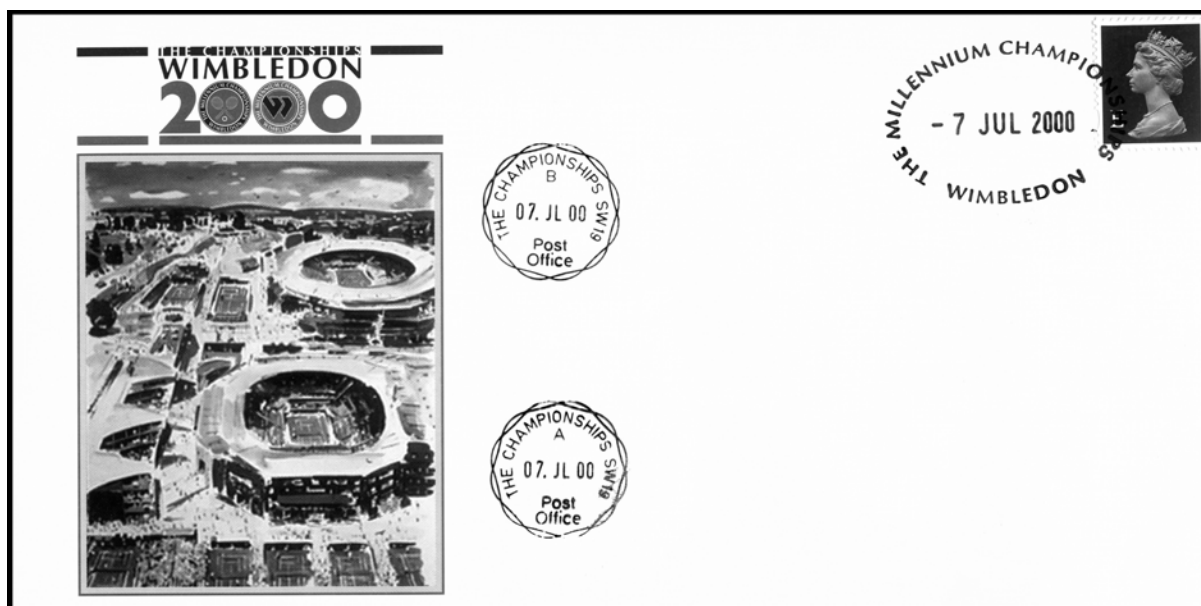
These four players had all been ranked #1 in the world. The USA won the Davis Cup without difficulty.

But it was in the 1995 final in Moscow that Sampras had one of his greatest triumphs. He won his two singles matches and the doubles on clay, a surface with which he has great difficulty. The USA took back the Davis Cup thanks entirely to him.



In the US press, his exploits went largely unnoticed. Disappointed, Sampras rarely played again in the Davis Cup, much to the regret of McEnroe, the captain of the American Davis Cup 2000 team.

Another regret: although he finished each year from 1993 to 1998 ranked #1 in the world – the only player to have achieved this record – the American media failed to give him his due. ☹



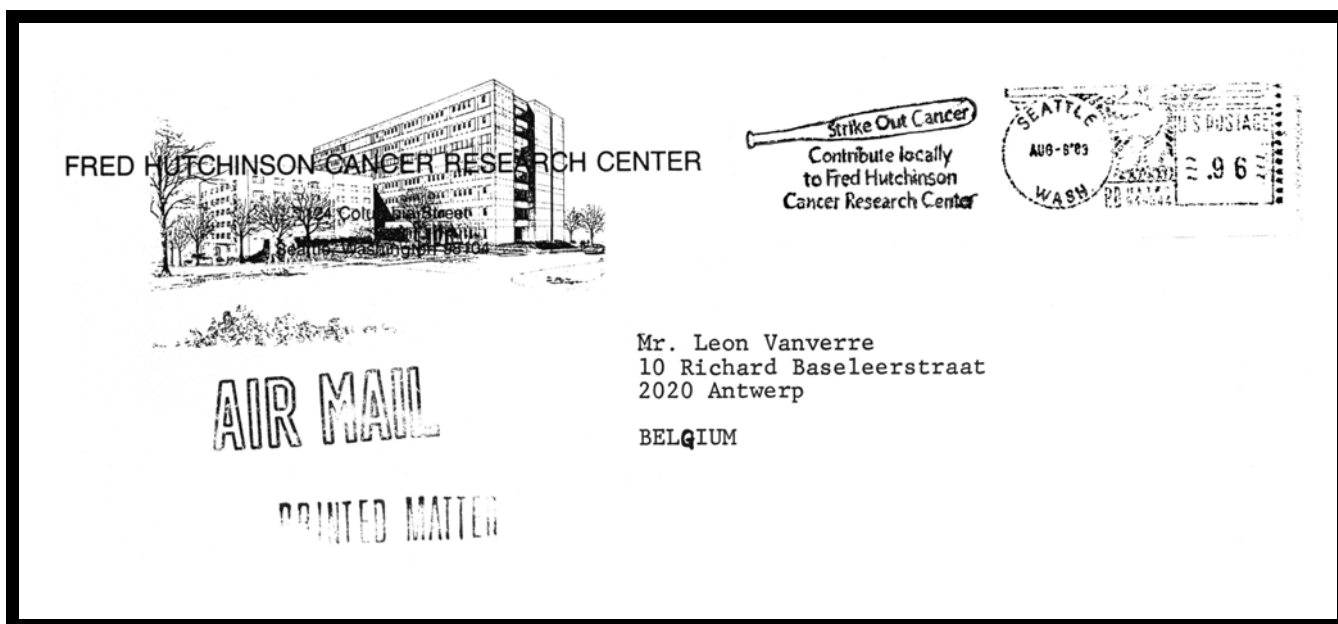


Figure 1. Baseball themes are frequently used in medical contexts. The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center's slogan meter depicted on this cover encourages contributions to help "Strike Out Cancer."

Baseball Goes To Bat

by Norman Rushefsky

In the field of topical sports collecting baseball is one of the most popular. Another topical field of collecting is medical related philatelic items. This article deals with the intersection of these two collecting specialties.

The popularity of baseball in American culture has resulted in numerous baseball terms being used in quite different non-sports contexts. Figure 1 illustrates a cover from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington. Their meter slogan features a baseball bat labeled "Strike Out Cancer." The Center is named for the popular baseball player and manager who died in 1964 at the age of 45 of lung cancer. The center is today one of the most highly regarded cancer research institutes in the world.

Baseball great, Lou Gehrig, had both his career and life cut short by illness. Gehrig was so popular that the relatively rare disease he contracted was eventually named after him – Lou Gehrig's Disease (the medical term is amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS). A postmark used at Candlestick Park, home of the San Francisco Giants, reads "Giants Strike Out ALS" (Figure 2).

The U.S. Postal Service currently sells a non-denominated first-class stamp – the first semi-postal stamp issued in this country – in support of Breast Cancer research. Figure 3 illustrates a postmark from Elkland, PA which exclaims, "Pitching Together / ... to Beat Cancer." The postmark cancels the Breast Cancer Research semi-postal stamp.

The Boston Red Sox cover in Figure 4 bears a meter slogan that reads: "Support / JIMMY FUND / Boston 16, Mass.". The Jimmy Fund was begun in 1948 when the Variety Club of New England and the Boston Braves baseball team joined forces to help a 12-year-old cancer patient named "Jimmy." On a national radio broadcast, millions heard the boy

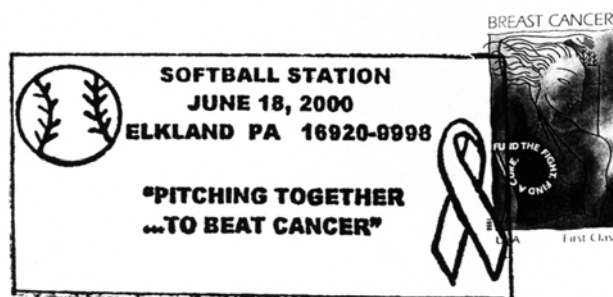


Figure 3. The fight against Breast Cancer was echoed on this softball-related cancel.

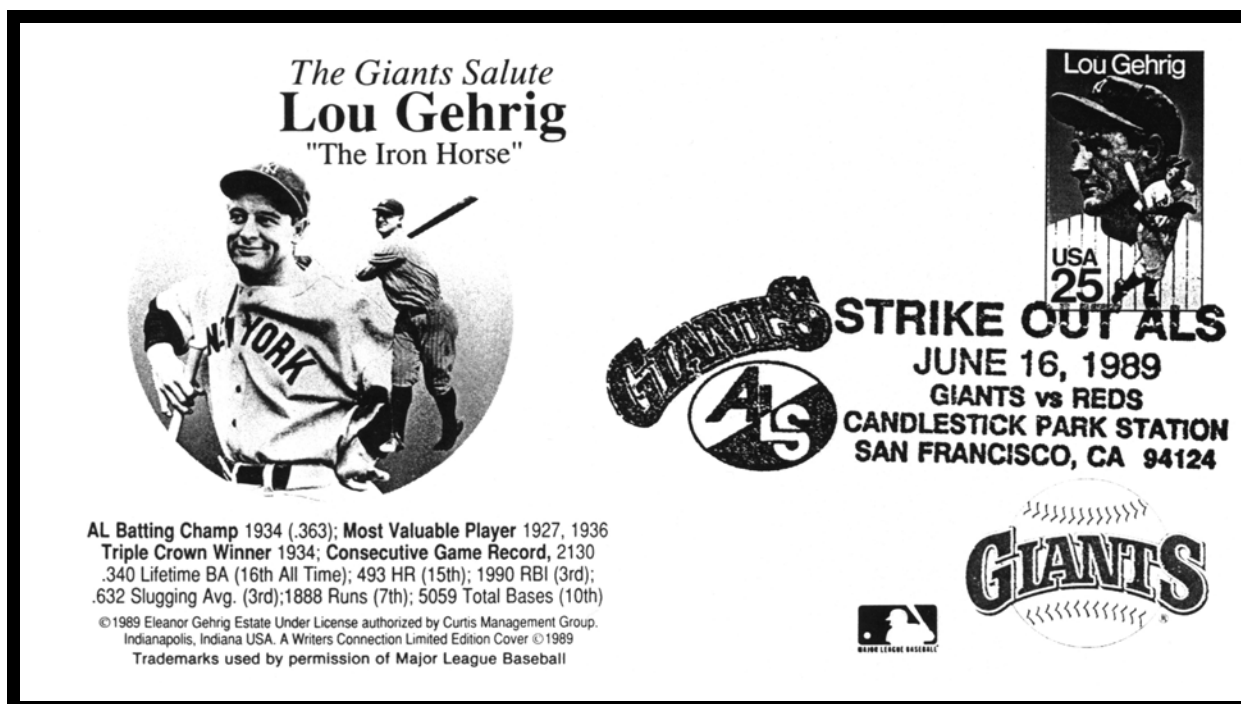


Figure 3. Lou Gehrig's Disease, also known as ALS, was noted on this pictorial cancel by Gehrig's team, the Giants.

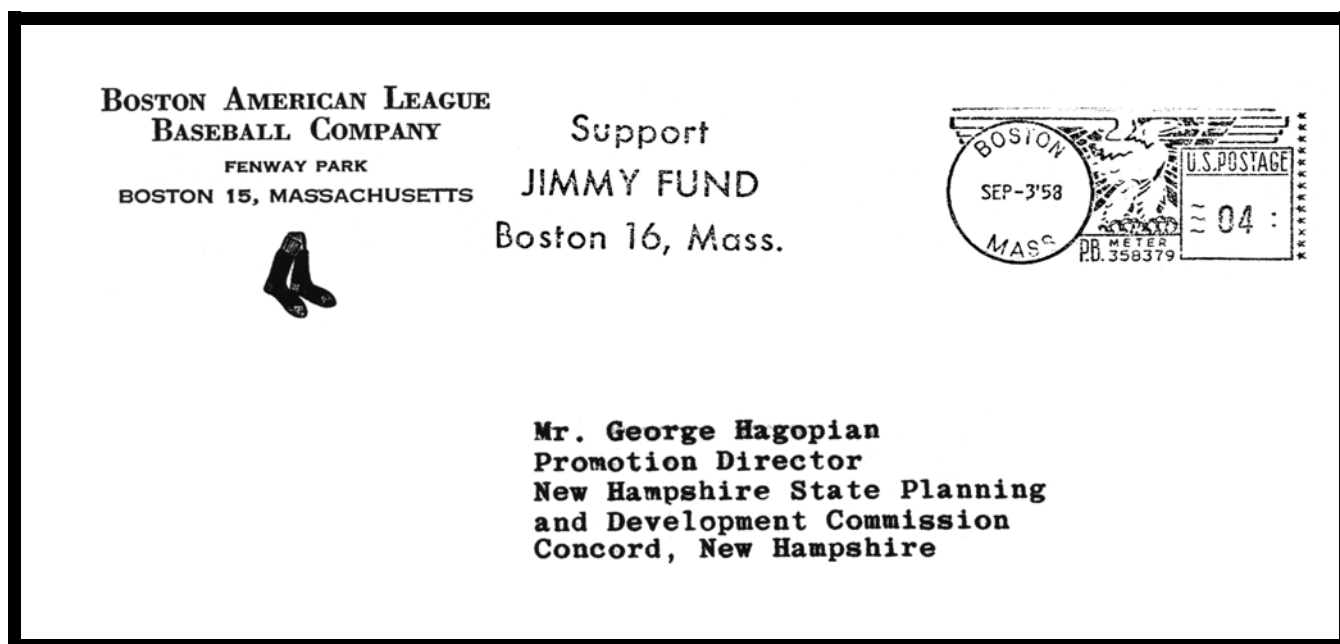


Figure 4. The "Jimmy Fund" was set up to benefit pediatric and adult cancer. The Boston Red Sox, as indicated by this 1958 meter used in the team's business office, has been a primary supporter of the fund.

during a hospital visit from his baseball heroes, the Braves. Contributions poured in from across the country, launching an effort that continues to bring hope to thousands of kids like Jimmy.

The Boston Braves departed Boston for Milwau-

kee and then eventually wound up in Atlanta. However, the Boston Red Sox continue to be one of the primary contributors to this fund. The Jimmy Fund supports the fight against cancer in children and adults at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

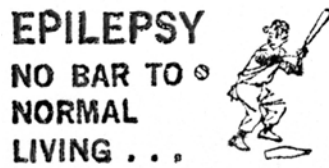


Figure 5. Meter from the Epilepsy Foundation offices in Washington, DC, stressing that epilepsy is a manageable disease that doesn't restrict activity, including playing baseball.

Another baseball-medical meter is illustrated in Figure 5. The Epilepsy Foundation's slogan reads: "EPILEPSY/NO BAR TO/NORMAL/LIVING ...". A baseball player is incorporated into the meter design, implying that even a child with epilepsy can lead a normal life, including playing baseball.

A child in a wheelchair along with one holding a baseball bat are featured on the 1979 cancel in Figure 6. This is a relatively early example of a U.S. pictorial postmark with a baseball theme. As with the meter in Figure 5, this cancel also implies that baseball is a typical desirable activity for a child.

In 1987 the United Nations issued a series of stamps in its New York headquarters and Geneva and Vienna offices relating to the theme "Immunize Every Child." The 44¢ stamp (Figure 7) issued at New York depicts people entering a clinic including a child holding a baseball glove and ball.

As the above examples show, baseball has, metaphorically speaking, gone to bat to use its

goodwill to encourage the acceptance of people with certain medical conditions and the defeat of

some of the most difficult to conquer diseases.

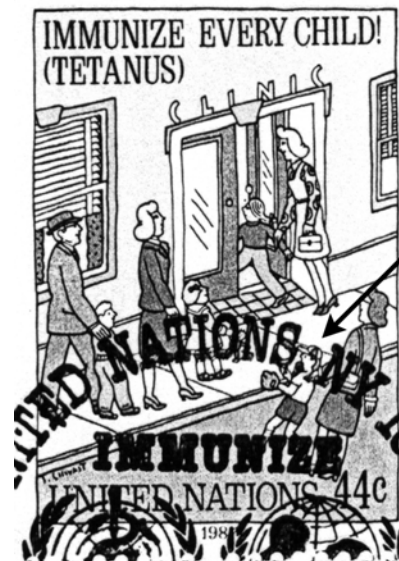


Figure 7. Boy with a baseball glove and ball (see arrow) entering a clinic for his tetanus immunization as promoted by the United Nations.

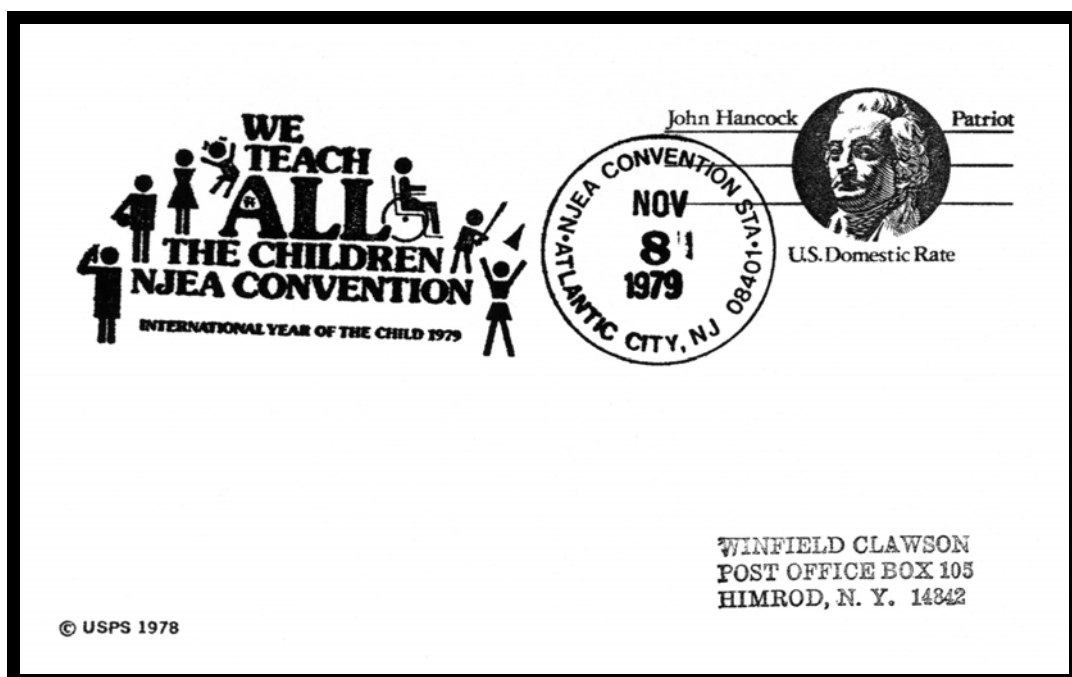


Figure 6. Pictorial cancel illustrating both a wheelchair-bound child and one playing baseball.

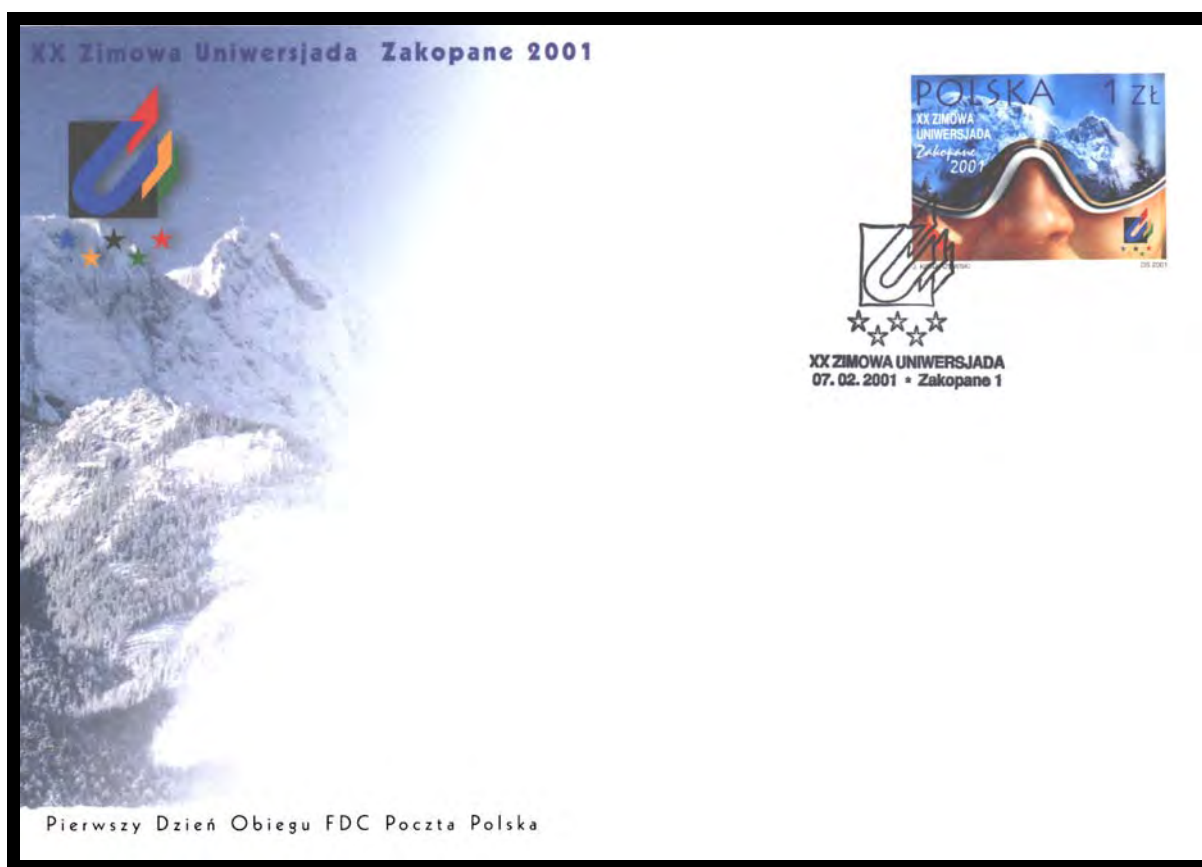


Figure 1. FDC/cancel for the 20th Winter Universiade stamp issued on the opening day of the games.

XX Zimowa Uniwersjada (20th Winter Universiade) February 7-17, 2001 • Zakopane, Poland

by George E. Killian

The 20th Winter Universiade was held in Zakopane, Poland, from February 7-17, 2001 with twenty-two countries and over 1700 athletes, coaches, and administrators taking part. This was the second time that the City of Zakopane hosted the Winter Universiade in the past eight years, the first time being in 1993.

Prior to the founding of FISU in 1959, the City of Zakopane played host to the XI Zimowe Akademickie Igrzyski Swiatn in 1956. These games, the forerunner of Universiade or University Games, were conducted under the auspices of the International University Sports Federation (I.S.U.).

In honor of Winter Universiade 2001, the Polish Post issued a very attractive stamp featuring a re-

flection of the Tatar mountains on a skier's goggles on February 7, the opening day of the games. A special postmark commemorating the occasion features the FISU logo (Figure 1).

Two postmarks were featured during the games, one showing the games' mascot, and the other depicting a skier in action (Figures 2 & 3).

The Polish Post issued five different postcards for the games. One of the cards reproduces a map upon which each competition venue is located (Figure 4).

In addition to the official philatelic endeavors of the Polish Post, the local organizing committee issued two postcards for the games. Each of the cities hosting competitions issued special postmark-like cachets (Figures 5 & 6). These were not accepted by the Polish Post as valid postmarks. ☺



Figure 2



Figure 2. Polish Post card (left) depicting the mascot of the XXth Universiade. The design of the cachet reproduces that of the special cancel (above) – one of two used during the games.



Figure 3. The second cancel used during the games portrays a downhill skier superimposed over what appears to be a postage stamp. The Universiade logo appears below as well as on the card (right).



Figure 3



Figure 4. The Polish Post issued 5 different postcards for the games (see also Figures 2 & 3). This card depicts the various venues located on a map of the region.



Figures 5 & 6 (right). In addition to the two post office cancels (Figures 2 & 3), each of the towns hosting competitions created postmark-like cachets. These were not recognized by the Polish Post as cancels.

1999 World Rowing Championships

by Kon Sokolyk

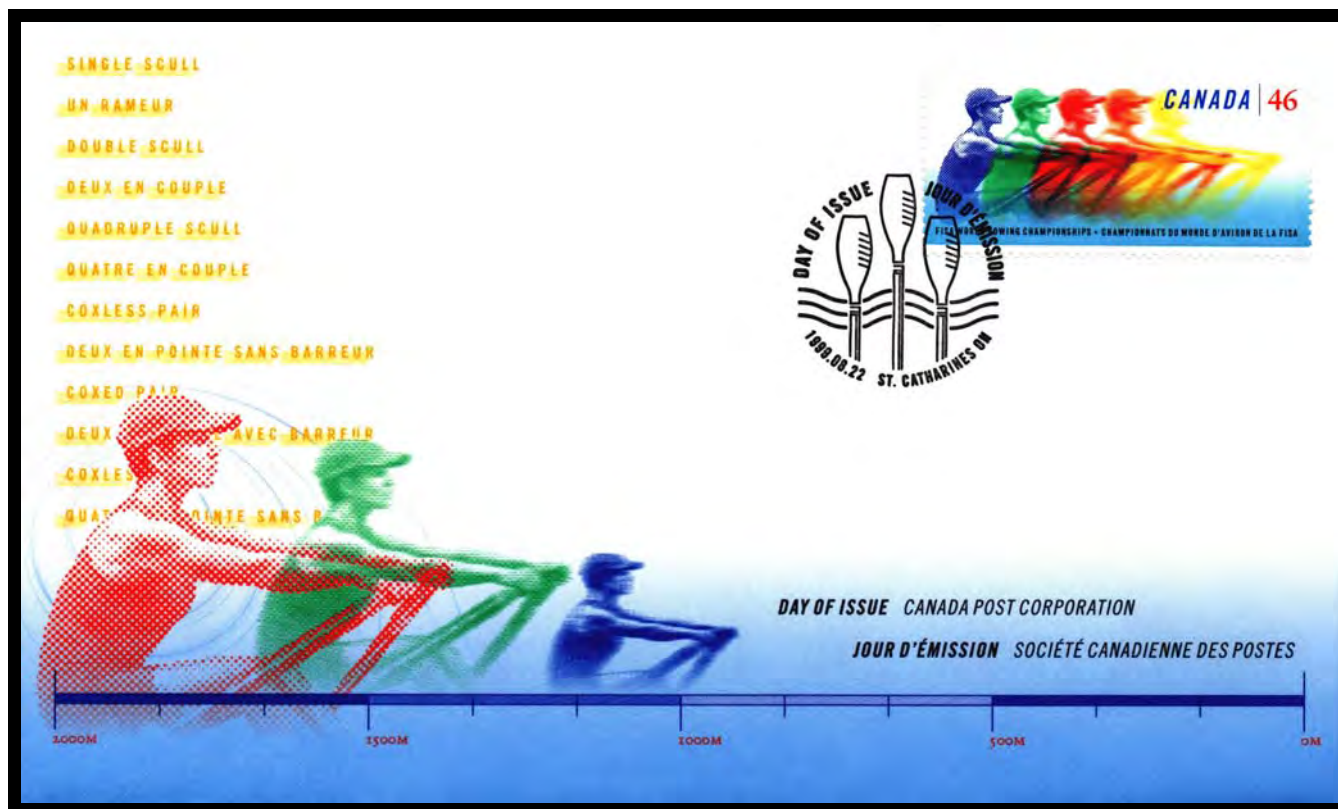
The 23rd FISA (International Rowing Federation) World Rowing Championships were held in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, from August 22 - 29, 1999. The city is known for its rich rowing history. Since 1903, St. Catharines has been the home of the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta; and in 1970, it hosted the 3rd World Rowing Championships

To commemorate the 23rd World Rowing Championships, Canada Post issued a 46¢ (domestic rate) stamp. The stamp was released on a Sunday, coinciding with the first day of competition. A Sunday release is uncommon for Canada Post. The first day cover, shown below, notes the date of issue. The reverse includes additional text, part of which is quoted below:

"The first Canadian rowing race was held in Halifax Harbour in 1811, between the garrisons and a visiting Royal Navy warship. Over the years, Canada has

produced world-champion rowers and teams. Rowers compete as single scullers or in crews of two, four or eight, using one oar ("sweep" rowing) or two ("sculling")."

Two hand cancels were prepared to celebrate the championship. The cancel with the single oar (below left) on which is portrayed the Canadian Maple Leaf flag was used at the main post office in St. Catharines. The cancel with the boat and eight oars (below right) was used at a mobile post office situated near the finish line at Martindale Pond, the site of the World Championships competition. ☛



Canada Post FDC for the 46¢ stamp commemorating the 23rd World Rowing Championships at St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada on August 22, 1999 – the first day of the week-long competition.

Olympic & Sport Pictorial Postmarks For ROMPEX 2001

By special license from the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, SPI has been given permission to create an "Olympic Winter Games Station" cancel featuring a two-man bobsled and the logo of the SLOC. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first use of the SLOC logo on a U.S. postmark.

The Olympic cancel will be available all three days of the show both at ROMPEX and by mail. To order the pictorial cancellation by mail, please send a self-addressed envelope or post card bearing the correct postage to:



"Olympic Winter Games Sta."
Downtown Station Post Office
951 20th Street
Denver, CO 80202-9998

There is a 30-day grace period for ordering either the Olympic or golf cancels.

A second cancel will also be provided at the 3-day show honoring the sport of golf. Cancels are available at the show or by mail order from:



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THE SPORTS ARENA

by Mark Maestrone



Figure 1. 1932 Olympic Games cover with a second cachet honoring the First International Recreational Congress held just prior to the Games. Can any reader provide information on this symposium?

The first item in this issue's Sports Arena comes from Dale Lilljedahl (Figure 1). From the red and blue 1932 Los Angeles Olympics cachet in the upper left corner (#J10 in Sherwin Podolsky's *Postal History and Vignettes of the 1932 Olympic Games*), we can deduce that this cover was meant as a souvenir of those Games. The "Los Angeles Calif./Arcade Annex" duplex "Air Mail" hand cancel dated July 30, 1932 (opening day of the Olympics) confirms this.

What's puzzling about this cover is the large square cachet at bottom. Applied with magenta ink, the rubber hand-stamped cachet honors the First International Recreation Congress which took place July 23 - 29, 1932. Was this conference in some way linked to the Olympic Games? The 31st Session of the International Olympic Committee occurred on July 27 - 28. Might this have been an educational and scientific symposium sponsored by the IOC to take advantage of the many international sporting figures who had already converged on Los Angeles?

Any readers with additional information are welcome to send details to the editor.

Zoltan Klein from Hungary reports on the World Speed Skating Championships that took place in Budapest from February 10 - 11, 2001.

This was an all-around event in which the skaters raced at four distances, the fastest combined score winning the championship. Separate men's and women's competitions were held.

In the men's event, Rintje Ritsma of the Netherlands finished first, followed by fellow Dutchman, Ids Postma, with Bart Veldkamp of Belgium in third. Anni Friesingen of Germany won the women's event. Claudia Pechstein, also of Germany was second, and Renate Groenewold of the Netherlands was third.

The Hungarian postal administration, Magyar Posta, issued a stamp for the occasion on February 9, the day preceding the beginning of competition. A first day cancel showing the event logo is inscribed "GYORSKORCSOLYA-VB/BUDAPEST4./2001.II.9." An attractive cacheted envelope was also sold by the post office (Figure 2).

Filaposta, the philatelic arm of the Hungarian post office was on site at the competition, offering a

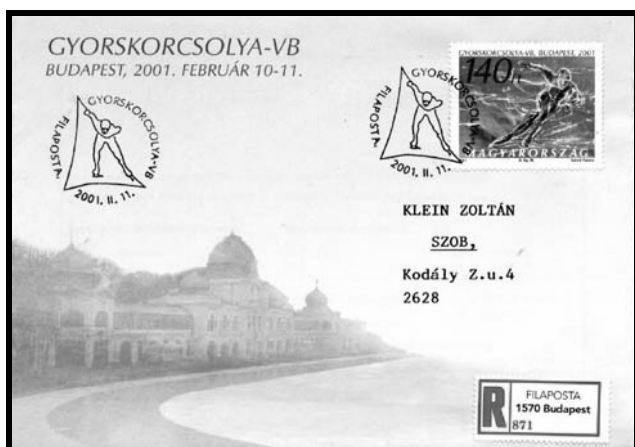


Figure 2. Magyar Posta commemorative stamp, souvenir cover and pictorial hand cancel honoring the recent World Speedskating Championships held in Budapest, Hungary.

cancel each day. The cancel was similar to the FD differing only in place name ("FILAPOSTA").

Member Emanuel Doyne contributed an addition to my listing of "Legends of Baseball" cancels in the November/December 2000 issue. To the two St. Louis cancels already listed, we can add a third one – a "Type A" team cancel with the Cardinals team logo to the left of the baseball. The cancel was used on August 1, 2000 from "St. Louis, MO 63102".

Courtesy of our member in Hong Kong, Kwan Kwok-Yiu, I received a very colorful souvenir cover sold by Hongkong Post for HK\$2 (about 25¢) honoring Beijing's bid to host the 2008 Olympic Games. The cover, which is sold without postage, was issued on April 4, 2001. A handsome pictorial cancel depicting a pagoda crowned by text in English and Chinese reading "Support Beijing's Bid for the 2008 Olympic Games" was available on the first day of issue. The reverse of the cover includes more details on Beijing's bid:

This souvenir cover is issued by Hongkong Post in support of Beijing's bid for hosting the 2008 Olympiad. Election of the host city for the XXIV Olympiad in 2008 will be held on 13 July 2001 during the International Olympic Committee Session in Moscow. The candidature for hosting the Olympics, a synonym for world peace and unity, signifies the aspiration to contribute to the Games as well as the development of mankind. As one of the candidate cities, Beijing is determined to add vigour to the Olympiad in the new millennium by emphasising a "Green Olympics", a "Hi-tech Olympics" and the "People's Olympics". To commemorate this special occasion, Hongkong Post, China Post and Macau Post will each issue a souvenir cover on 4 April 2001 which is 100 days in advance of the date of the announcing of the 2008 Olympiad.



Figure 3. Colorful Hongkong Post souvenir cover issued April 4, 2001, supporting Beijing's 2008 Olympic bid.

BOOK REVIEW

by Dale Lilljedahl

Manchester's Olympic Bids by Bob Wilcock & John Crowther for the Society of Olympic Collectors, 56 pp., A4 size, black & white illustrations, August 2000. The entire book is also available on a CD-ROM disk (full-color illustrations) and comes with bonus files (copies of SOC's quarterly journal, *Torch Bearer*, dealing with Australian Olympic philately and the Sydney 2000 Olympics). The CD version is designed to run on any PC with 32MB RAM [Editor's Note: while this CD includes a copy of MS-Word Reader, it is *highly* recommended that you be using a full-featured version of MS-Word for the program to operate properly]. The book and CD may be ordered as a package (£6 postpaid in UK, US\$13 postpaid via airmail elsewhere), or individually (book only: £4 UK/\$10 elsewhere; CD only: £3 UK/\$6 elsewhere) from Bob Wilcock, 24 Hamilton Crescent, Brentwood, Essex, CM14 5ES, Great Britain. (email: bob@towlard.freeseve.co.uk)

The CD version of the Manchester Olympic Bid book is an excellent compliment to the printed version, or it may be used as a stand-alone publication. As advertised, it includes additional articles not appearing in the book, as well as, information on the Society of Olympic Collectors. These features, combined with a faithful reproduction of the printed matter, make the CD a very useful reference.

Upon opening the Microsoft Word document containing the index, one is met by nine different buttons that lead you to the various topics. Three of the buttons mimic the chapters of the book: the Manchester 1996 Olympic Bid, the Manchester 2000 Olympic Bid, and the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Bid. Categories of philatelic material covered in the individual chapters included: vignettes, slogan postmarks, handstamps, postage meter imprints, covers, and post cards. Other collectibles, such as phone cards, beer mats (coasters) and ephemera were also discussed and illustrated.

Each of these sections reproduces the book page for page with two notable exceptions. Unlike the book, all illustrations are in color, and a few additional pages are added to provide unobstructed pictures where text had covered part of the illustration in the book. All the strengths and weakness of the book are therefore carried over to the CD.

The final button included the additional articles not appearing in the book, and all of them revolve around

Australian Olympic Games. The majority cover the many collecting possibilities of the 2000 Sydney Olympics including the stamps, postal stationery, cancels, and meters. They are organized similarly to the Manchester bid information, and so provide an excellent reference.

In another article, Australian Olympic postal meters from 1956 to 2000 are thoroughly surveyed and illustrated. It is primarily a list giving the wording, sponsor, town, and period of use for each meter. Each meter is numbered and cross-referenced with Winternheimer's catalogs. Finally there are articles of the philately of the 1956 Melbourne Games, and the 1956 Stockholm equestrian events. Both are presented in the form of a philatelic exhibit, and are quite fun to read.

The Microsoft Word format was easy to navigate if you use that software, but I understand the Word viewer provided was difficult. You can also use Windows Explorer to view the documents, and once I became familiar with the disk, I found Explorer an easier way to navigate. My 400MZ, 64MB laptop took awhile to access the files, but once inside I could quickly move from page to page. I easily printed the pages on a color printer, and did not have much difficulty downloading files from the disk. I found the disk easy to use, and am happy to add it to my library.



POSTAL STATIONERY CORNER

by Glenn Estus

This is the first column of what we hope will be many columns dedicated to postal stationery. "Postal stationery" refers to stamped envelopes, postal cards, letter sheets, etc. issued by postal administrations for either public or official use.

As my primary collecting interests deal with the Olympics and a few other sports, mostly winter, this column will, at the first, concentrate on those areas. However, if other members have sports-related postal stationery that they wish to share, I will be happy to receive a clear photocopy or scan for use in a future column. All such submissions will be fully acknowledged. Please send to Glenn A. Estus, PO Box 451, Westport, NY 12993 USA or contact me by e-mail at: gestus@westelcom.com.

Most participating countries celebrated Sydney 2000, the Olympic Games of the Millennium, by issuing stamps. These ranged from single stamps by many countries to the huge output by the host country, Australia.

Turkey issued a set of four Olympic stamps in 2000 showing rhythmic gymnastics (125,000 lira), swimming (150,000 lira), high jump (275,000 lira), and archery (300,000 lira). At the same time the Turkish PTT issued two sets of postal cards.

Briefly, we in the United States define a "postal card" as a card with postage printed on it and issued by the government for sale at post offices. A "post card" is a card with no postage printed on it. It is usually printed by a private business. It is my understanding, that in the rest of the world, the terms "postal card" and "post card" are used interchangeably. The study of post cards, known as deltiology, as well as privately-printed postal envelopes, etc., will not be addressed in this column.

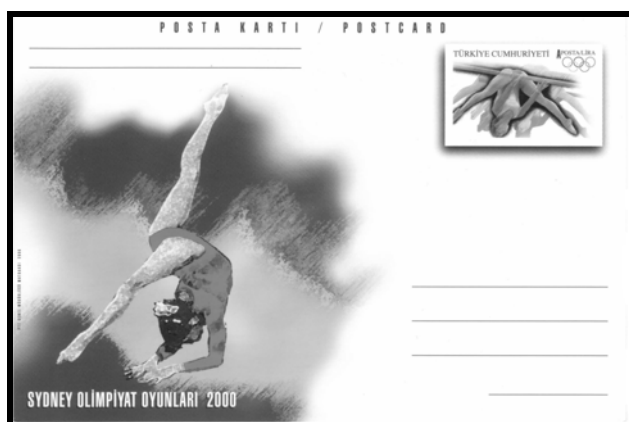
The first set of four Turkish postal cards has an imprinted value of "A" (for first class rate?). The second set of five cards is imprinted with a "PC" (for postal card rate?).

Each card has a printed indicium (stamp design) in the upper right corner showing a sport competed at Sydney (I assume a sport in which Turkish athletes participated). At the left is a larger, sometimes different, view of the same sport.

The "A" value cards depict sailing, rhythmic gymnastics, swimming, and judo. The postal cards designated "PC" include boxing, Greco-Roman wrestling, taekwondo, soccer, and basketball.

All nine cards bear the following text: "POSTA KARTI / POSTCARD" across the top and "SYDNEY OLIMPIYAT OYUNLARI 2000" at lower left.

How well did Turkey's athletes do at the Sydney Games? Turkey's men won three gold medals while Hamide Bıkcın won a bronze in the women's 57kg taekwondo competition. The three Turkish men were Halil Muthi (56 kg weightlifting), Hamaz Yerlikaya (85kg Greco-Roman wrestling) and Hus-eyin Ozkan (66kg judo).



The four card "A" set included one for rhythmic gymnastics (above), while the second set with the "PC" designation showed Olympic boxing on one of the cards (below).



2002 SALT LAKE CITY OLYMPICS

by Mark Maestrone

In the last issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately*, I reported on the Olympic Torch Relay route for the upcoming 2002 Olympic Winter Games to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. At that time, the last few legs of the relay – those through Utah – had not been finalized. On February 8, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) announced the remaining torch run program. The table below outlines the extent of each day's relay across Utah as graphically reproduced in the map at bottom.

The U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC was the backdrop for the unveiling of the Olympic Torch on February 21. Joining officials of the SLOC on the Capitol steps were U.S. gold medal winners Mike Eruzione (1980 ice hockey) and Nikki Stone (1998 freestyle aerials skiing).

The design of the torch embodies several themes: "Land of Contrast – Fire and Ice," "Light the Fire Within" and "Taming of the West – the Past and Present." Measuring 33 inches long and tapering from roughly 3 inches wide at the top to a half inch as its base, it resembles a fiery icicle in motion. The torch's curvature represents the dynamics of speed and fluidity.

The body of the torch is constructed of various materials used to symbolically express the themes. A glass crown with copper insert showcases the Olympic flame. The central section of the torch is made of silver with a slightly time-worn finish while the bottom is of highly polished silver.

Weighing approximately 3 pounds, the torch will be grasped at the junction of the two types of silver, representing the bridging of both past and present. All colors used in the torch are cool to dramatically contrast with the Olympic flame.

Plans for selecting torchbearers were announced at the same time. The nomination process runs from March 1 through May 7, 2001. Coca-Cola and Chevrolet are presenting partners of the torch relay. The public is invited to submit nominations of individuals that they find "inspirational." From qualifying entries, Coca-Cola will randomly select 2,500 torchbearers (presumably, Chevrolet will have the same honor). Official entry forms are at special Coca-Cola displays at Vons and Pavilions grocery stores, as well as at Chevrolet dealers nationwide. Entries are also being accepted at the official Salt Lake Olympic Games website (www.sl2002.org).

2002 Olympic Torch Relay Route – Utah Portion		
DAY	DATE	PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES
81	2/4/02	Moab, Monument Valley, Bryce National Park, Zion National Park, Hurricane, St. George
82	2/5/02	Cedar City, Richfield, Ephraim, Nephi, Provo
83	2/6/02	American Fork, Tooele, Tremonton, Logan, Brigham City, Ogden
84	2/7/02	Henefer, Heber City, Park City, Salt Lake City
85	2/8/02	Salt Lake City (Opening Ceremonies)





"Torchbearers will be people from all walks of life who have inspired others, whether an individual or a community," said Kitt Romney, president of the SLOC. "As the Torch journeys throughout America, our intention is that it will serve as a catalyst, motivating individuals to strive for excellence and achievement in their lives, effecting positive change in their own communities and ultimately the world."

The Olympic flame will be carried by 11,500

torchbearers, who will wear the official relay uniform. Olympic tradition dictates that the color of the uniform be white. Several shades of blue are added to complement the white uniform. The Olympic rings and the theme of the Games, "Light the Fire Within," are in silver. The uniform includes a hat, gloves, jacket and pants. The accompanying photograph shows a torchbearer wearing the official uniform and carrying a full-size replica of the Olympic torch.

On a recent trip to Salt Lake City, SPI member Norm Jacobs was able to scout for Olympic post-cards. As luck would have it, he was able to find nearly four dozen new cards that we did not have previously listed. Additionally, an entirely new type of card has appeared on which the picture on the front is reproduced as a screened color image on the reverse (address side) as well! These are referred to as "Color Screen Back" cards. A few panoramic cards (9" wide x 4" high) were also uncovered (see card shown below)

The accompanying table, which first appeared in the March/April 2000 issue of *JSP*, has been updated with new or corrected information from Bob Farley at the Society of Olympic Collectors (thanks, Bob!) as well as the latest cards discovered in Salt Lake City. Readers are invited to submit additions to this list directly to your editor.

Panoramic Type 4 card (#220905 Wasatch) showing the locations of venues for the Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games (below).



2002 Official Olympic Postcards by Great Mountain West

Card #	Series	Size	H/V*	Card Type**				Unique Barcode	Description
				1	2	3	4		
219000	Mascot	6x4	H			✓			"Rock" carvings of mascots
219000	Mascot	6x4	H				✓	21057	"Rock" carvings of mascots (zoom in)
219001	Mascot	6x4	H			✓			Story of the SLOC mascots (text)
219002	Mascot	6x4	H			✓			Plush mascots with bobsled and skis
219003	Mascot	6x4	H			✓			Mascots, skiing, light background
219003	Mascot	6x4	H				✓	21068	Mascots, skiing, light background (different design)
219004	Mascot	6x4	H			✓			Mascots, skiing, dark background
219005	Mascot	6x4	H			✓			Heads of mascots
219005	Mascot	6x4	H				✓	21062	Heads of mascots (bear and coyote reversed)
219006	Mascot	6x4	V			✓			Heads of mascots
219007	Mascot	6x4	H			✓			Large heads of mascots
219008	Mascot	6x4	H			✓			Small heads of mascots
219009	Mascot	6x4	H			✓			Pictograms of mascots
219011	Mascot	6x4	H			✓			Mascots, skiing, view bkgd
219012	Mascot	6x4	H			✓			Downtown view over mascots and motto
219013	Mascot	6x4	V				✓	28331	Mascots with downtown view
219014	Mascot	6x4	V				✓	28332	Mountain view with mascots
219300	Mascot	7x5	H			✓			Mascots, skiing, view bkgd
219301	Mascot	7x5	H			✓			Downtown view over mascots and motto
219500	Mascot	9x4	H			✓	✓	21072	"Rock" carvings of mascots with story
219501	Mascot	9x4	H			✓			Large mascot heads over downtown at dusk
220101	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓	✓		✓	21077	View over city at dusk, SLC logo border
220102	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓					View over city at dusk (blue), SLC 2002 in sky
220103	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓	✓				View over city at dusk (blue), 2002 at base
220104	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓					Illustrated Utah map
220105	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓	✓				Aerial view at dusk, Salt Lake 2002 at base
220106	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓	✓				Downtown at dusk, 2002 OWG in sky
220107	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓		✓	✓	21083	Downtown sunrise (violet), 2002 at base
220108	Salt Lake	7x5	H	✓					City with mountain backdrop
220109	Salt Lake	7x5	H				✓	28354	Downtown sunrise
220110	Salt Lake	7x5	H				✓	29919	"Utah Land of Contrast" montage of images
220201	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓					Snow-covered trees and peaks
220202	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓					Snow-covered mountains, pictograms in sky
220203	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓					Sunrise through snow-covered trees
220204	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓					Snow-covered mountain face
220205	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓					Snow-covered mountain (violet)
220206	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓					Snow-covered mountain slope
220207	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓					View down valley, Salt Lake City in distance
220208	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓		✓			Snow-covered peaks, "Wasatch Mountains"
220208	Wasatch	7x5	H				✓	21092	Snow-covered peaks

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				1	2	3	4		
220209	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓					Snow-covered mountain slope
220210	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓					Snow-covered mountain slope
220211	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓					Aerial view of Park City, slope/pistes in background
220212	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓					Spring view of Park City and mountains
220213	Wasatch	7x5	H	✓	✓				View over city to illuminated ski runs
220214	Wasatch	7x5	H			✓			Snow-covered valley/runs, "Park City, Utah"
220215	Wasatch	7x5	H			✓	✓	21099	View over city to ski runs, "Park City"
220216	Wasatch	7x5	H			✓	✓	21100	Ski runs, "XIX Olympic Winter Games"
220231	Wasatch	7x5	H			✓			Snowy peaks at sunset, "Salt Lake 2002"
220301	Alpine	7x5	H	✓					Two skiers amongst trees
220302	Alpine	7x5	H	✓					Two skiers in burst of disturbed powder
220303	Alpine	7x5	H	✓					Single skier breaking through ridge
220304	Alpine	7x5	H	✓					Skier on undisturbed slope
220305	Alpine	7x5	H	✓					Four skiers on slope in trees
220306	Alpine	7x5	H	✓					View down valley with single skier
220307	Alpine	7x5	H	✓					View along valley side with single skier
220308	Alpine	7x5	H	✓					Three winter scenes
220309	Alpine	7x5	H	✓					Two skiers emerging from burst of powder
220310	Alpine	7x5	H	✓					Two skiers on undisturbed slope with sun behind
220311	Alpine	7x5	H	✓					Ski tracks in snow, 2002 at foot with views in '00'
220312	Alpine	7x5	H		✓				Off-piste skier, "Salt Lake 2002"
220400	Event	7x5	V		✓				Salt Lake 2002 flag
220401	Event	7x5	H	✓	✓				Slalom skier in Park City vest
220402	Event	7x5	H	✓	✓				Downhill skier in Park City vest
220403	Event	7x5	H	✓	✓				Speed skater
220404	Event	7x5	H	✓					Ski jumper
220405	Event	7x5	H	✓	✓				Downhill skier by Park City banner
220406	Event	7x5	H	✓	✓				Downhill skier
220407	Event	7x5	H	✓	✓				Short track speed skaters
220408	Event	7x5	H	✓					Celebration fireworks at awarding of 2002 Games
220500	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓	✓	✓	21123	Downtown with mountain background
220501	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓	✓			Snow-covered mountains at dusk
220502	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓	✓			Illuminated downtown at dusk
220503	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓		✓	21126	Aerial view, mountains and city
220504	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓				Aerial view, downtown (mid-distance)
220504	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓				Aerial view, downtown (near distance)
220505	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓		✓	21128	Aerial view over illuminated city
220506	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓	✓			View over city to snow-covered mountains
220506		7x5	H				✓	21083	"Freeform" view over city, snow-covered mountains
220507	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓				City at daybreak, black border, white text

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				1	2	3	4		
220507	Salt Lake	6x4	H		✓	✓	✓	21130	City at daybreak, white border, black text
220509	Salt Lake	6x4	H			✓			Downtown and mountains at sunrise
220510	Salt Lake	6x4	H			✓			Delta Center
220511	Wasatch	6x4	V			✓			Salt Lake 2002 logo
220512	Wasatch	6x4	H			✓	✓	21134	Panoramic map of venues
220513	Salt Lake	6x4	H				✓	28329	"Utah Land of Contrast" montage of images
220514	Salt Lake	6x4	H				✓	28330	Downtown sunrise (nearly identical #220109)
220515	Salt Lake	7x5	H				✓	29287	View of city, "Salt Lake 2002" in gold
220516	Salt Lake	7x5	H				✓	29284	View of city, purple border
220598	Wasatch	6x4	H			✓	✓	21135	Ski runs on mountains, three insets of skiers
220599	Wasatch	6x4	H			✓			View of illuminated ski runs, "Salt Lake 2002"
220599	Wasatch	6x4	H				✓	21136	View of illuminated ski runs, "Park City 2002"
220600	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓	✓			Mountain view
220600	Wasatch	6x4	H				✓	21137	Mountain view with balloons
220601	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓	✓			View over illuminated city, "Park City"
220601	Wasatch	6x4	H				✓	21138	View over illuminated city, "Salt Lake 2002"
220602	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓	✓			View over city, balloons in sky
220603	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓				Snow-covered mountain slopes, border
220603	Wasatch	6x4	H				✓	21140	Snow-covered mountain slopes, no border
220604	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓		✓	21141	Cloud over snow-covered mountains
220605	Wasatch	6x4	H		✓	✓			Seven summer views and logo
220606	Wasatch	6x4	V			✓	✓	20018	Snow-covered mountain slopes and peak
220607	Wasatch	6x4	H			✓			Illustrated Utah map
220608	Wasatch	6x4	H			✓	✓	20020	Snow scene, flags of nations as borders
220609	Wasatch	6x4	H			✓	✓	20021	Lake with snow-covered mountains
220610	Wasatch	6x4	V			✓	✓	20022	Rapids through forest
220612	Wasatch	6x4	H			✓			Seven winter views, logo
220613	Wasatch	6x4	V			✓	✓	20024	Flowering meadow with mountain background
220700	Event	6x4	H		✓				Ski jumper
220701	Event	6x4	H		✓				Downhill skier by Park City banner
220702	Event	6x4	H		✓				Downhill skier
220703	Event	6x4	H		✓				Downhill skier, black vest
220704	Event	6x4	H		✓	✓			Slalom skier
220705	Event	6x4	H		✓				Bobsled
220706	Event	6x4	H		✓				Downhill, ski jump, speed skating, bobsled
220706	Event	6x4	H				✓	21150	Cross-country, freestyle aerials, figure skating
220800	Alpine	6x4	V		✓				Off-piste skier
220801	Alpine	6x4	V		✓				Skier in powder
220802	Alpine	6x4	V		✓				Off-piste skier in distance
220803	Alpine	6x4	H			✓	✓	20025	Skier in powder

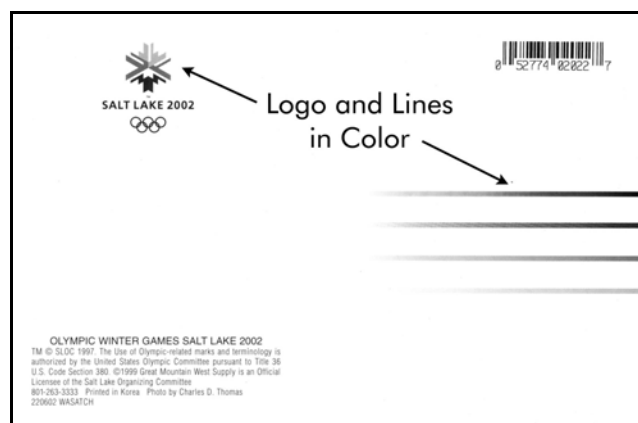
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				1	2	3	4		
220804	Alpine	6x4	V			✓			Four views, skiing and snowboarding
220805	Alpine	6x4	H			✓	✓	20027	Three views off-piste skiing
220806	Alpine	6x4	H			✓			Two views, snowboarding, skiing
220807	Alpine	6x4	H			✓	✓	20029	Four views, skiing and snowboarding
220808	Alpine	6x4	H			✓			3 views, skiing, snowboarding, "Go for the Gold"
220809	Alpine	6x4	H			✓			Snowboarding
220810	Alpine	6x4	H			✓			Four views, skiing and snowboarding
220901	Salt Lake	9x4	H			✓			Downtown in front of mountains
220902	Wasatch	9x4	H			✓	✓	21160	Fourteen views (3 winter, 11 summer)
220904	Salt Lake	9x4	H			✓			Downtown panorama at dawn
220905	Wasatch	9x4	H			✓	✓	21163	Panoramic map and legend of venues
220929	Wasatch	9x4	H			✓			Snow-covered mountains
220950	Wasatch	9x4	H			✓			Panoramic view of ski runs over Park City
220951	Wasatch	9x4	H			✓	✓	21168	Illuminated Park City and ski runs at dusk
MW57-FP00		7x5	H				✓	28328	Like #220110, no SLC logo on back
	Decals	6x4	V		✓				3 circular, 1 rectangular (black on white)
	Decals	6x4	V		✓				3 circular, 1 rectangular (white on white)
	Decals	6x4	H		✓				2 "lightening flash", 1 circular, 1 rectangular
	Decals	6x4	V		✓				3 square, 1 rectangular

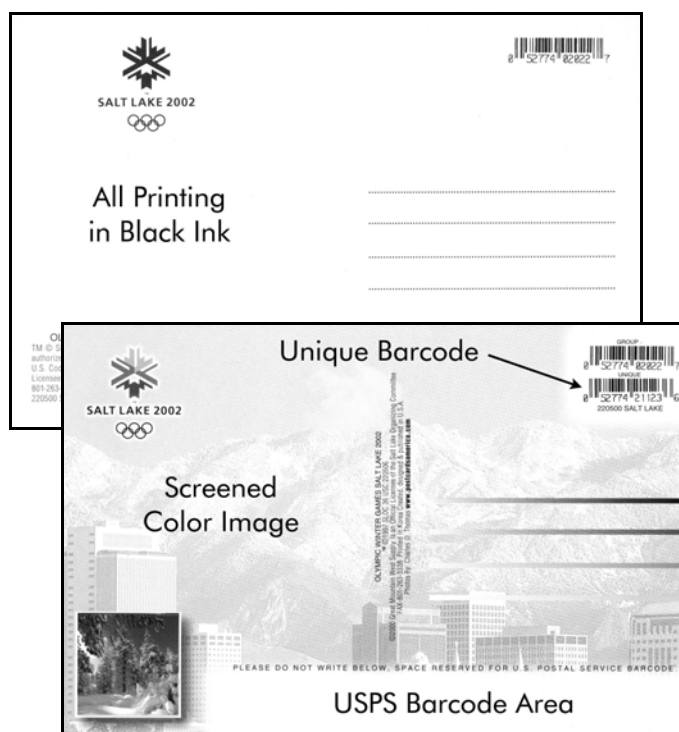
* Orientation of card: H = horizontal; V = vertical

**Card Type: 1=Bid Card; 2=Black Back; 3=Color Back; 4=Color Screen Back

Card Types 2 (right), 3 and 4 (bottom, left & right) are easily distinguishable by ink color. In the case of Type 4, new elements include: ❶ a "Unique Barcode" under the standard barcode; ❷ screened color image similar to that printed on the front of the card; and ❸ an area at bottom reserved for a U.S. Postal Service routing barcode.



Type 3 Card: Color Back



Type 4 Card: Color Screened Back

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestroni

Basketball Philatelic News March 2001 (Vol. 15, #1)

Alesha Davydov, a youth member from Russia, contributes the cover story for this issue of *BPN*. With detailed text and plenty of illustrations, he thoroughly discusses the philatelic aspects of Australia Post's basketball-related stamps and cancels for the 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games. In addition, Shlomo Vurgan discusses a new meter from Seattle dating from 1954 and advertising "Thrilling Flying Basketball Sportcasts". His question: "What were 'flying sportcasts'?" From Japan, Kazuo Kobayashi presents hand cancels related to the 55th National Athletic Meets and 36th Handicapped Person's Games. New stamps, cancels, meters, and postal stationery relating to basketball are also presented.

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Esprit: Sports et Olimpisme March 2001 (#19)

With the IOC's decision on the host city for the 2008 Olympics just around the corner, it's no surprise that our French colleagues are excited by the possibility of the Games returning to Paris for the first time since 1924. If the IOC selects Paris over front-runner Beijing, the city will be the first to host an Olympic Games three times! With that in mind, René Christin provides a brief overview of previous Games held in French cities. His focus, though, is on the most recent campaigns (Lille 2004 and Paris 2008). René follows with multiple articles on the sport of team handball, recent winter sports events held in France, and French cyclist Jacques Goddet.

This issue was not entirely a one-man effort! Henri Deparis contributes an article on "The Musketeers of Paris" – the four French tennis players who dominated tennis at the 1924 Olympics: Jacques Brugnon, Jean Borotra, René Lacoste and Henri Chochet.

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Filabasket Review April 2001 (#4)

With the beginning of its second year (congratulations!) the English-language *Filabasket Review* opens with a look at basketball at the University Games from the first competition in Turin, Italy (1959) to this year's upcoming event in Beijing in August. This is followed by the cover story detailing the fourth issue commemorating basketball – a three-stamp set issued by Lithuania in 1939. Reproduced entirely in color, the 8-page article examines the stamp, cancels, and postal history of the set which honors the 3rd European Basketball Championships held in Kaunas. Calenda continues with part two of his series on exhibiting. This time he covers "The Plan" and "Development of the Theme." Lastly, Pietro Vasconi examines basketball referees and officials in philately.

I can't say this often enough, but this is one of the finest sport-specific philatelic journals available today. If you collect basketball and *aren't* a member, you should be! The cost is \$25/year for 3 issues.

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IMOS Journal March 2001 (#109)

The primary article in this issue of the German-language *IMOS Journal* is by Gunter Sauer who discusses airmail postal history of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Updates to the catalogue of football booklets (Great Britain through Ireland) are provided, as are new stamp, cancel, and meter issues from around the world. For those who are interested in telephone cards, there is a catalogue of new cards produced for the Sydney Games by Telstra in Australia, as well as by companies in Germany and South Korea. Last, but not least, addenda to the IMOS hand cancel catalog for the 1976 Olympics in Innsbruck is included.

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Journal of Olympic History Winter 2001 (Vol. 9, #1)

Published by the International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH), this scholarly non-philatelic publication is an excellent resource providing detailed, accurate material for collection or exhibit write-ups.

This issue's primary articles address a breadth of topics from an analysis of the "Olympic Selection Process: Baden-Baden 1981" to the solution to the mystery of where Francois Brandt's award trophy for rowing at the Paris 1900 Games disappeared.

Each issue includes summaries of the latest Olympic news for all host city organizing committees and candidate cities, book reviews, and obituaries of recently deceased Olympians.

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Olympsport Vol. 34, #1/109

The Czech Republic's sport and Olympic philately journal features on its cover three Czech ice hockey players from its silver medal team at the 1948 St. Moritz Games (Václav Rozičák, Vladimír Zábrodský, and Stanislav Konopásek). Other articles in this Czech-language publication include: a brief biography of Dr. Jiří Guth-Jarkovský, a charter member of the IOC; freestyle skiing in philately; the sport of curling; a continuation of the series on Olympic medalists in philately; updates on the torch relay and test event for the Salt Lake City Games; British football; and the recently issued Canadian "NHL All-Stars" ice hockey sheetlet.

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Phila-Sport October-December 2000 (#35)

A review of Olympilex 2000 and Australia Post's philatelic program for the Sydney Olympic Games opens this issue of the Italian-language journal of sport and Olympic philately. Some of the material illustrated with the article I've not seen before. An example are the four "Celebrate Humanity" post cards which bear the logos of the eleven Worldwide Olympic Partners on the reverse. On the picture side, the cards illustrate scenes from the Sydney

Olympic Games (lighting of the Olympic cauldron; Cathy Freeman on the medal stand; Steve Redgrave winning his fifth consecutive gold medal in rowing; Eric Moussambani of Equatorial Guinea swimming the men's 100m freestyle).

Additional articles in this issue include Mauro Gilardi's "Michael Jordan, King of the Air"; Riccardo Belli's review of the Czech "People's" or "Worker's" Olympics which began in 1921; and an article on golf by Valeriano Genovese.

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Torch Bearer February 2001 (Vol. 18, #1)

Bob Wilcock presents Part 3 of his study of the 1982 Sarajevo Winter Olympic Games in this issue of the Society of Olympic Collectors' journal. The Torch Relay – one of the shortest on record, lasting only 6 days! – is the focus of this chapter. Bob illustrates each of the cancels and handful of meters recording the torch's journey from Ancient Olympic, Greece to Sarajevo.

Vic Manikian examines the life of New Zealand Olympian, Jack Lovelock, winner of the 1500-meter event at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. Vic accompanies his text with some interesting unadopted designs for a New Zealand stamp honoring Lovelock.

An overview of Australia Post's "P" stamps for the Australian Paralympic athletes. Each of three distinct types or groups of sheets is noted and illustrated.

David Buxton provides an interesting report on the "The Golden Oars 1896-2000," an exhibition of rowing at the Olympic Games that took place at the River & Rowing Museum in famous Henley-on-Thames from June until October 2000. Several British rowing Olympians, including five-time gold medalist Steve Redgrave, helped open the exhibit.

With this issue, a New Issues column debuts featuring a brief itemization of new Olympic stamps, some of which are accompanied by an illustration of one or more values from the set. The journal's editor is looking for a volunteer to handle the column on a regular basis. The SOC Library Listing for 2000 is also included with this issue.

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NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

by Margaret Jones

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Exhibit Awards

CHICAGOPEX (Rosemont, Illinois). Jack Wallin received a silver for "United States Duck Hunting Stamps"; Margaret Nielsen won a silver-bronze and ATA third for "Ballooning"; Roxanne De Luca was awarded a youth silver-bronze for "Soccer on Stamps"; John Catalano received a youth silver-bronze for "Olympics"; Katy Kelly obtained a youth bronze for "Sports."

PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL (Fort Washington, Pennsylvania). Charles Ekstrom was awarded a gold for "Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps."

VICPEX 2000 (Victoria, British Columbia). Andrew McCowan obtained a silver for "Sports."

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by John La Porta

Aitutaki: December 14, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Pane of four \$2.50 stamps: ancient Greek wrestlers, modern wrestlers, statue of ancient Greek boxer, modern boxers. Souvenir sheet with \$2.75 stamp: torch, Pierre de Coubertin.

Bangladesh: April 8, 2000. International Cricket Council / Cricket Week, 6t symbolic cricket player.

September 18, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 6t female shot putter; 10t male shot putter.

Belarus: September 10, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Three se-tenant 100rub stamps: gymnast on rings, canoeist, rhythmic gymnast. Souvenir sheet 400rub: runner, border shows track and field events.

Canada: January 18, 2001. NHL All-Stars. Souvenir sheet of six 47¢ stamps and six labels showing Canada's hockey greats: Jean Beliveau; Terry Sawchuk; Denis Potvin; Bobby Hull; Syl Apps; Eddie Shore..

February 28, 2001. IV Games of La Francophonie. Two 47¢ stamps: male high jumper; woman folk dancer.

March 2001. World Figure Skating Championships. Four 47¢ stamps: pairs skating, ice dancing, women's singles, men's singles.

Central Africa: 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four se-tenant 300fr stamps: individual dressage, rhythmic gymnastics, women's hurdles, cycling. Four se-tenant 485fr stamps: tennis, diving, soccer, pole vault. Four 750fr stamps: long jump, judo, basketball, show jumping. Four se-tenant 800fr stamps: boxing, table tennis, women's 200-meters, equestrian 3-day event.

2000. Salt Lake City 2002 Winter Olympics. Four se-tenant 280fr stamps: freestyle skiing, cross-country skiing, bobsled, men's slalom. Four se-tenant 390fr stamps: luge, women's ski relay, downhill skiing, short-track skating. Four se-tenant 465fr stamps: women's figure skating, hockey, ski jumping, biathlon. Four se-tenant 515fr stamps: pairs skating, women's giant slalom, speed skating, Nordic combined.

Chile: August 25, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Se-tenant pair of 290p stamps: tennis player, soccer player, runner, flags, archer, high jumper, cyclist.

Cook Islands: December 14, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Pane of four \$1.75 stamps: vase with ancient Greek runner; modern runner; ancient Greek archer; modern archer. Souvenir sheet with \$3.70 stamp, Cathy Freeman.

Ecuador: 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Emblems and mascots; 68¢ athlete Jefferson Perez Marchista; 84¢ athlete Boris Burov, Olympic flag. Also souvenir sheet.

2000. 60th Anniversary Salinas Yacht Club, se-tenant pair of 32¢ stamps showing sailboats. Also s/s.

Estonia: January 10, 2001. Olympic champion Erki Nook, 4.40k decathlon gold medalist, Olympic rings.

Gambia: November 9, 2000. In Memory of Israeli Team of 1972 Munich Olympics. 12 se-tenant 4 dai stamps: wrestling referee Moshe Weinberg; wrestler Eliezer Halfin; wrestler Mark Slavin; weightlifter Ze'ev Friedman; weightlifter Joseph Romano; shooting coach Kahat Shor; weightlifter David Berger; wrestling referee Joseph Gottfreund; fencing coach referee Andrei Schpitzer; track and field coach Amitsur Shapira; weightlifting referee Yaakov Springer; tribute to the victims. Souvenir sheet with a 25 dai stamp, Jewish athlete running with Olympic Torch.

November 15, 2000. Auto Design Legacy of Ferrari, 4 dai, 3335P racer; 5 dai, 5125 racer; 10 dai, 312P racer; 25 dai, 330P4 racer.

Greenland: February 5, 2001. Arctic Winter Games. 4.50kr+50 ore, athlete, map of arctic circle.

Germany: February 8, 2001. Sports. 1+50dm/.051+.026e, children running, sports for schools; two 1.10+.50dm/.056+.026e stamps, children ice skating, representing popular and leisure sports; person walking holding hands with person in wheelchair, representing sports for the disabled; 3 + 1dm/1.53 + .051e, people jumping, running and hitting a ball, representing sports for senior citizens.

Guyana: July 27, 2000. In Memory of Israeli Team of 1972 Munich Olympics. 12 se-tenant \$40 stamps, weightlifting referee Yaakov Springer; fencing referee Andrei Schpitzer; track and field coach Amitsur Shapira; weightlifter David Berger; weightlifter Ze'ev

Friedman; wrestling referee Joseph Gottfreund; wrestling referee Moshe Weinberg; shooting coach Kahat Shor; wrestler Mark Slavin; wrestler Eliezer Halfin; weightlifter Joseph Romano, tribute to the victims. Souvenir sheet with \$400 stamp, Olympic athletic running with Olympic Torch.

Indonesia: April 1, 2000. National Sports Week. Three 500 rupiah: mountain biking; canoeing; high jump.

July 1, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Two 500rp stamps: boxing; judo. Two 1,000rp: tennis; weightlifting. Two 2,000rp: swimming; running. Souvenir sheet with 5,000rp stamp, weightlifting.

September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Olympiex 2000, souvenir sheet with 5,000rp stamps, athletes.

Italy: January 15, 2001. Italian Sport/World Snowboarding Championship. 1,000l, snowboarder.

Ivory Coast: September 8, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 180fr+20fr, soccer; 400fr, kangaroo; 600fr, runners; 750fr, parrot, stadium..

Japan: December 22, 2000. 20th Century Museum Series No. 17. Three 50y stamps: Nagano Olympics. One 80y stamp: Japan's hosting of World Cup.

Kazakstan: September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 35t, rowing. Two 40t stamps: taekwondo; gymnast on horse. 50t, Triathlon.

Latvia: September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 70s, Earth, building.

November 22, 2000. Latvia's First Olympic Gold Medal. Souvenir sheet with four 40s stamps: Earth, building and two labels showing gymnast I. Vihrovs.

Liberia: November 9, 2000. In Memory of Israeli Athletes Slain at 1972 Munich Olympics. 12 se-tenant 500 leone stamps, shooting coach Kahat Shor; fencing referee Andrei Schpitzer; weightlifter Joseph Romano; weightlifting referee Yaakov Springer; wrestler Eliezer Halfin; track and field coach Amitsur Shapira; wrestling referee Moshe Weinberg; wrestler Mark Slavin; Olympic runner holding Olympic flame passing image of Israeli flag; wrestling referee Joseph Gottfreund; weightlifter Ze'ev Friedman; weightlifter David Berger; souvenir sheet with 5,000 leone stamp, athlete with Olympic Torch.

Nepal: September 7, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 25re runner, emblem.

Nevis: November 19, 2000. Millennium/Four Seasons Resort. Souvenir sheet with four se-tenant 30¢ stamps: aerial view of resort, mountain; palm trees, beach; golf course; couple walking on the beach.

Niue: September 16, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 50¢; 70¢; \$1; \$3.

Papua New Guinea: July 12, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics/Olympiex. Four stamps: 25 toea, runner; 50t, swimmer; 65t, boxer; 1 kina, weightlifter. Souvenir sheet with 3k stamps, runner with torch.

Penrhyn: December 14, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Pane of four \$2.75 stamps (each with Olympic rings and torch), pottery with picture of ancient Greek javelin throwers; modern javelin thrower; ancient Greek discus thrower; modern discus thrower. Souvenir sheet with \$3.50 stamp, torch relay on Raratonga.

San Marino: January 10, 2001. Formula One 2000 World Champion, Ferrari. Souvenir sheet with two 1,500 liar/.077e stamps, different scenes from race.

February 19, 2001. Hours of San Marino Sailing Regatta. Four se-tenant 1,200l/0.41e stamps: different sailing speeds, close-hauling; on the beam; free-reaching; sailing before the wind.

Singapore: March 24, 2000. Commonwealth Day. \$1 field hockey, soccer, running, diving, cycling, tennis, gymnastics and other sports.

South Africa: February 28, 2001. South African Sporting Heroes. Ten 1.40 rand stamps: golfer Ernie Els; cricket player Jonty Rhodes; high jumper Hestrie Cloete; boxer Vuyani Bungu; netball player Rosina Magola; rugby player Francois Pienaar; swimmer Terrence Parkin; runner Hezekiel Sepeng; javelin thrower Zanele Situ; soccer player Lucas Radebe.

February 28, 2001. Cricket World Cup 2003. 1.40r cricket player Jonty Rhodes, same design as in the South African Sporting Heroes set. Printed in panes of 15 stamps with 15 labels showing members of South Africa's 2000-01 cricket team.

Turkey: May 25, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 125,000 liras rhythmic gymnastics, 150,000 swimming; 275,000 high jump; 300,000 archery.

Yemen: September 15, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 50 rials, judo; 75r, runner; 80r, hurdler; 100r, shooting. Souvenir sheet with 300r stamp, tennis.

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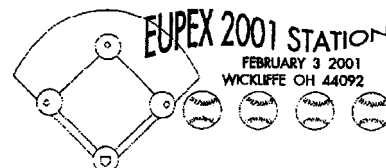
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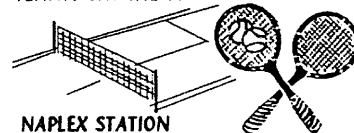
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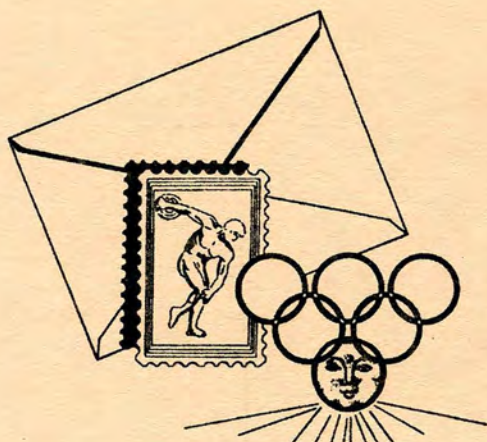
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