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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

Thank You, Salt Lake City!

By all accounts, the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics were a grand success, both from an athletic as well as cultural point of view. Certainly the Salt Lake Olympic Committee and, indeed, the people of Salt Lake City deserve a big round of applause for their efforts. Over the seven years leading up to the Games it must have at times seemed as though the hurdles were insurmountable. However, the hard work and perseverance did in the end pay off. You conducted an Olympic Winter Games to be proud of!

At a more personal level – that relating to Olympex 2002 and the philatelic program – Sports Philatelists International takes this opportunity to acknowledge all those who contributed their time and talents toward making these such a memorable Olympics:

- ❖ To Michael Keene, David Blackhurst, Leslie Gailey, Craig Edwards and all the members of the Utah Philatelic Society for working so tirelessly over a two-month period to organize, set up, and staff the facilities at Olympex 2002, the philatelic table at the IOC (Little America) Hotel, and the table at the Olympic Collectors' Fair. With absolutely no hesitation, I can honestly say that without their help none of this would have been possible.
- ❖ To Beverly Burge, Robert Hale, and the staffs of the United States Postal Service at the various Utah post offices in Salt Lake City, Huntsville, Midway, Ogden, Park City, and Provo for creating and administering such a diverse philatelic program for collectors. Most of all, they deserve medals of valor

for their unlimited patience and politeness in dealing with us philatelists.

- ❖ To Lloyd Shaw and Alan Wood of Commemorative Design for helping out with the creation and marketing of our SPI covers. The outstanding design work and printing made the whole project worthwhile.
- ❖ And last, but not least, to the philatelic exhibitors from the United States and around the world for submitting such truly excellent exhibits. Without them we would not have been able to expose so many (over 87,000 visitors) to the joys of Olympic and sports philately!

To all of you, and to any others I may have inadvertently forgotten, Thank You!

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Salt Lake City's 2002 Winter Olympics, a "Superb Games"

by Mark Maestrone

Presiding over his first Olympic Closing Ceremonies as president of the International Olympic Committee, Dr. Jacques Rogge appraised the Salt Lake City Olympics as a "superb Games."

I couldn't have agreed with him more!

SLOC, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, did an outstanding job of planning and presenting the events. The sports venues were first-class, as befitted a haven for winter sports enthusiasts.

The weather, which can be unsettled in the Rockies even at the best of times, proved quite clement. Only twice during my stay were storms to blame for disrupting schedules.

Perhaps most visually dramatic for spectators was the "look" of the Games which was certainly both colorful and creative. To get us in the spirit, downtown's tallest buildings were draped with enormous fabric "murals" of winter sports athletes. The view from the Olympic Plaza where each evening's medals ceremony took place was of these brightly floodlit images, along with the fairytale-like spires of the nearby Mormon Temple and distant Wasatch Mountains (Figure 1). Together they provided a breathtaking backdrop to honor the Games' winners.

Those spectators who were scared away from attending because of the doom-and-gloom predictions of the naysayers missed a golden opportunity to celebrate a U.S.-held Olympic Winter Games. To my mind, the extraordinary security precautions made Salt Lake City and its environs the safest place on Earth for this Olympic fortnight.

Kudos certainly go to the many agencies involved in making these a safe Games for athletes, spectators and volunteers.

Finally, these Olympic Games will be remembered for the athletes who strived to live up to the Olympic motto: Swifter, Higher, Stronger. There were so many wonderful performances, it would be impossible to name them all. Here are a few that stand out in my mind:

- ❖ The Canadian men's and women's ice hockey teams taking both gold medals;

- ❖ a medals sweep for the Americans in the men's halfpipe snowboard event;
- ❖ Janica Kostelic of Croatia taking three of five women's Alpine skiing titles (Figure 2);
- ❖ 20-year-old Simon Ammann of Switzerland soaring to golds in both the K90 and K120 ski jumping events;
- ❖ and of course Jim Shea, a third-generation U.S. Olympian, sliding to victory in the men's skeleton.

Each of us – whether watching on television or in person – will remember these Games in our own way. So saying, here are my recollections of the 19th Olympic Winter Games.



Figure 1. The view from the Olympic Medals Plaza was of the Mormon Temple and a Salt Lake City highrise draped with a fabric mural of an Olympic figure skater.

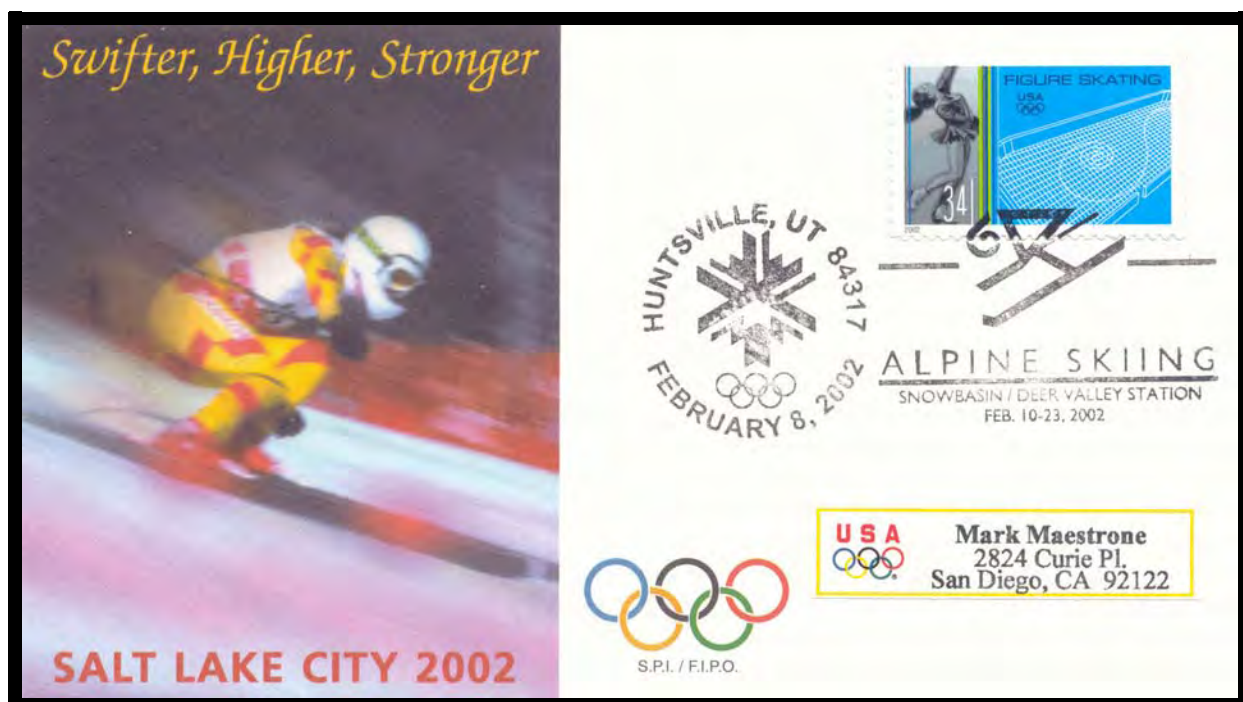


Figure 2. Janica Kostelic of Croatia was the embodiment of the Olympic motto “Swifter, Higher, Stronger” by winning three of five women’s Alpine skiing titles. SPI-sponsored cacheted cover with Alpine skiing cancel applied at the Crossroads Plaza post office.

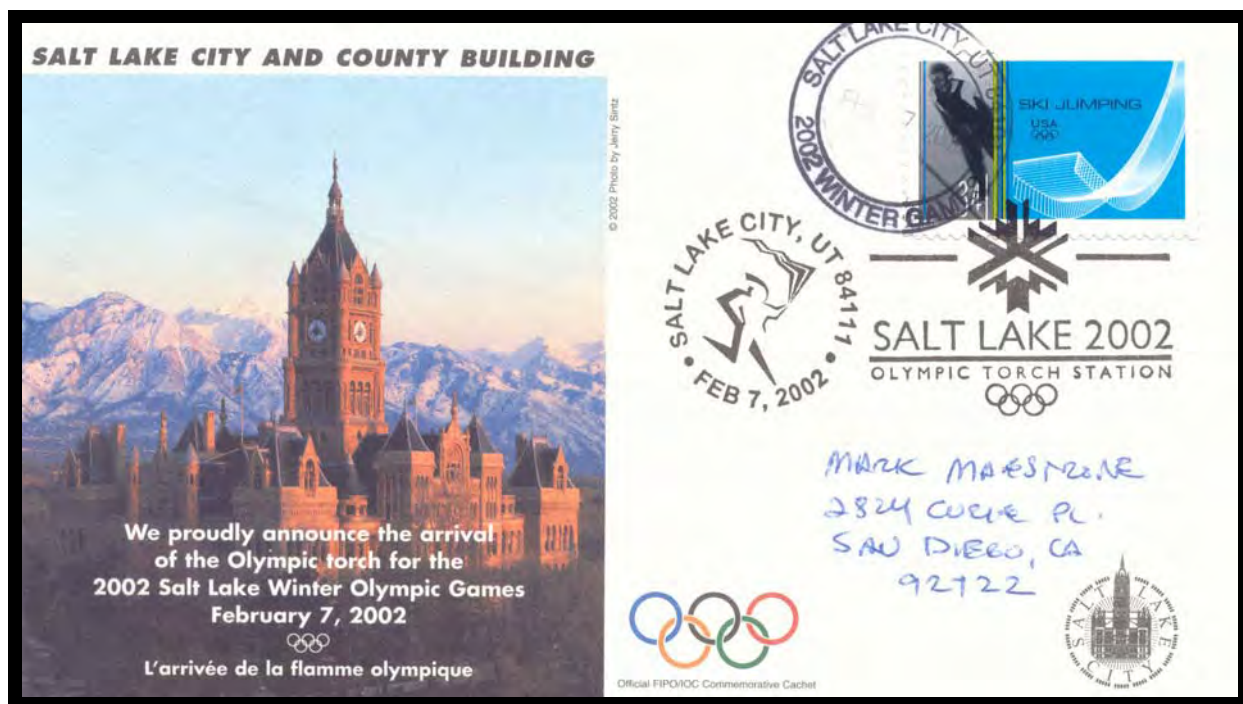


Figure 3. Just past 10:00 p.m. in the evening of Thursday, February 7, 2002, the Olympic flame, having traveled over 13,500 miles on its journey from Olympia, Greece, arrived in Salt Lake City. A huge crowd gathered at the Salt Lake City & County Building to greet the flame. The USPS offered a special cancel and double-ring dater reading “2002 Winter Games.”

This was not my first trip to Salt Lake City as I'd been assisting in the organization and set-up of the philatelic and collectibles aspects of the Cultural Olympiad program since last autumn. Still, despite my multiple trips into and out of the Salt Lake City airport and subsequent drives into the city, the view of the skyline rising up dramatically against the Rocky Mountains never failed to impress me. It's no wonder that the Mormons on their cross-country trek from the East settled this valley on the shores of the Great Salt Lake.

Arriving a couple of days before the opening of the Games, I busied myself in getting squared away. With my accreditation badge in hand, I headed over to the City & County Building (in effect, City Hall) where Olympex 2002 was being staged.

The event was in full swing and had been since the public opening on January 15. The exhibition which included the three collectibles disciplines (philately, numismatics and memorabilia) was arranged along the two 80-foot long corridors of the ground floor. Eighteen philatelic exhibits interspersed with posters and diplomas from various Olympic Winter Games were displayed in frames down the center of each corridor. On the walls of each corridor were Olympic posters, while memorabilia ranging from torches to stuffed mascots were arrayed in glass cases along each wall. The adjacent box lists the exhibitors and the title or subject of the material exhibited.

On the second floor of the building, the IOC Museum staged a presentation of interesting Olympic items from their collection in Lausanne including the Swiss Team's 1928 bobsled and a medals podium from the 1998 Nagano Winter Games. Informative panels provided visitors with an overview of the history of the Olympic Winter Games beginning in Chamonix, France in 1924.

For the younger Olympic visitor, a Savvy Stamp Center similar to that at Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Games was available. Budding philatelists, under the able direction of Nancy Clark of the American Philatelic Society, played computer games, participated in an Olympic philately scavenger hunt, and created their own designs for Olympic and sports stamps.

Olympex 2002 Philatelic Exhibits

Bleakley, Joan (USA), "III Olympic Winter Games - 1932"
Bowman, James (USA), "1936 Garmisch - Partenkirchen Olympic Winter Games"
Brenzikofer, Eric (Switzerland), "Hockey - Speed Skating-Figure Skating"
Christin, Rene (France), "Chamonix 1924 - 1st Olympic Winter Games"
Estus, Glenn (USA), "Olympic Winter Games - 1932"
Estus, Glenn (USA), "Olympic Winter Games - 1980"
Johnson, Alice (USA), "Figure Skating"
Kleppen, Halvor (Norway), "1952 Oslo Olympic Winter Games"
Manikian, Vic (USA), "The Olympic Movement and the Summer Games: 1894/1948"
Menzio, Massimo (Italy), "Biathlon"
Menzio, Massimo (Italy), "Torino 2006"
Podolsky, Sherwin (USA), "1932 Lake Placid Olympic Games Essays"
Polo, Pasquale (Italy), "1998 Nagano Winter Games"
Prince Ranier III of Monaco, A selection of early Winter Olympic proof material from his private collection
Stefanutti, Uberto (Italy), "100 Years of Ski"
Trucchi, Alvaro (Italy), "Hockey World Championships"

In addition, a special selection of material from the IOC Philatelic Collection was on display, along with pieces from the archives of the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, DC.

Busloads of children from area schools arrived almost daily during the Games to take tours of the exhibition conducted by members of the Utah Philatelic Society (UPS). During the course of the six weeks that the show was open, some 1,100 school children were introduced to the history of the Olympic Movement through its many collectibles. This would not have been possible without the able assistance of the UPS president, Michael Keene, and his pool of volunteer docents.

A very popular area of the show floor was the philatelic sales table where cacheted covers were available for purchase along with the Winter Olympic Games stamps. The 15 sports cancels, plus the Olympex 2002 cancel, were also available to postmark mail. The US Postal Service kindly provided a clerk to assist in the process.

While a precise daily count of visitors to Olympex over its 6-week sojourn was not kept, attendance during each of the 17 days of the Olympics exceeded 4,500 per day. On at least three days the number of visitors surpassed 8,000. Given those numbers it's safe to say that an estimated 87,000 Olympic visitors must have strode the corridors of Olympex 2002!

On this bright and sunny Wednesday, two of those visitors were Society of Olympic Collectors (and SPI) member David Buxton and his wife Rennie from England. Encountering David and Rennie at just that moment was propitious as I counted on them to help me find my way to the home we were all renting in the Salt Lake City suburb of Cottonwood Canyon. Other denizens of the household were Bob and Brenda Farley (Bob's the SOC president); Bob's daughter, Sarah; and frequent *JSP*-columnist, Thomas Lippert, from Germany. Norm and Kathy Jacobs from Atlanta, arriving later that week, would round out our philatelic contingent. Sometimes it must have seemed like we had opened a branch post office on the dining room table what with all the cover-addressing and stamp-affixing that went on. Surprisingly with as many as nine people in the house at one time (not counting our hostess, Rita) we managed quite well – no fights for the bathrooms or arguments over what to watch on TV during those rare moments when any of us were home (naturally the Olympic broadcast won out!). Another benefit to having all these philatelists in one place was that we could split up the dirty work of visiting the various post offices where the Olympic cancels were available.

ARRIVAL OF THE OLYMPIC TORCH

Thursday, February 7 was a busy day, for that evening saw the official opening of Olympex 2002 followed by the arrival of the Olympic Torch.

The overnight transformation of venues and other Olympic facilities (including the Little American Hotel where the IOC family was housed and the City & County Building) into security zones was dramatic. Whereas only the day before one could walk quite freely through the park surrounding the Olympex 2002 venue, it was now necessary to do the “mag and bag” shuffle.

For those not familiar with the routine, this meant emptying your pockets of all metal objects, turning

on your cell phones (to prove they were actually functioning), walking through the magnetometers (hoping that you didn't set them off) and having your bags thoroughly inspected. After being “buzzed” once or twice you learned what not to bring.

To their immense credit, the Olympic volunteers manning the magnetometers and performing the baggage checks, and the National Guard soldiers who “wanded” those that set off the magnetometers, had the procedure down in short order. The fact that they were able to process up to 57,000 spectators (the capacity of the Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium) without riots breaking out was a testament to their efficiency. Equally deserving of praise were the spectators who were patient and used the time in line to chat with each other.

Getting back to the festivities on the eve of the Olympic Games: invited members of the Olympic Family began arriving at 7:00 p.m., receiving the red-carpet treatment into the City & County Building.

Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson hosted an elegant reception at which Olympex 2002 was officially opened by past IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch. During the course of the evening, guests perused the frames of philatelic exhibits and other displays while enjoying the wide variety of delicious catered foods and beverages.

In due course, we were all ushered outside to a reserved seating area to await the arrival of the Olympic Flame. A large stage had been erected on one side of the City & County Building for the musical events that had been entertaining the crowd of thousands throughout the evening.

The USPS, although not a sponsor of the Olympic Games, began its Olympic pictorial cancel program that evening with a special postmark welcoming the arrival of the Olympic Torch to Salt Lake City (Figure 3). One of the many tents, or “yurts” in Olympic jargon, erected in the park surrounding the City & County Building housed the USPS. Spectators were able to purchase the new Olympic stamps, special cacheted covers for the event, and obtain the handsome torch cancel – all while warming their hands and feet!

The various choral groups and the Olympic Spirit Band served to prime the audience for the big event. Shortly after 10:00 p.m. a wave of applause began to wash over the crowd, a signal that the Olympic torch was making its way into the park. Much to everyone's surprise – and delight – the final torchbearer was Chris Waddell, a five-time gold medalist Paralympian. As he rolled up the long ramp onto the stage, the Olympic torch secured in a holder on one



Figure 4. The City & County Building crowned with fireworks during the celebration awarding the Games to Salt Lake City in 1995. A similar event greeted the arrival of the Olympic flame on February 7. Early folded greeting card from the official postcard licensee, Great Mountain West.

arm of his wheelchair, the audience roared its approval. A temporary Olympic cauldron had been installed on the stage where the flame would reside overnight. The athlete, torch raised high, dipped the flame into the cauldron's bowl igniting the gas jets. At that instant, the tower of the City & County Building exploded in color as fireworks rocketed into the sky. Salt Lake City residents would remember a strikingly similar celebration at this very site on the evening of June 16, 1995 when it was announced in Budapest, Hungary that Salt Lake would host the 2002 Olympic Winter Games (Figure 4). After nearly seven years, the Olympics had finally arrived!

POSTMARKS, BRATWURST AND BEER

Until shortly before the Games, the USPS had intended for there to be only one location for collectors and Olympic visitors to obtain the 22

Olympic pictorial cancels: the Crossroads Plaza post office (this was not counting the temporary facilities planned for Olympex and the IOC Family Hotel). To our surprise, the USPS decided to furnish 12 other post offices in the region with various combinations of the cancels, all of which were placed in use on Friday, February 8, the opening day of the Olympics (details are provided in a separate article). While philatelists welcomed the opportunity and potential for varieties, it meant we had to scramble to visit as many of the various post offices as possible.

Because this was Thomas Lippert's next to last full day in Salt Lake City, he and I tried to get to as many of the post offices as we could. Beginning close to home, we visited the Foothills Branch Post Office not far from the University of Utah where the Olympic Village and Olympic Stadium were located. The latter facility would play host that evening to the Opening Ceremonies (Figure 5).



Figure 5. February 8, 2002 – the day of the Opening Ceremony at Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium at the University of Utah. The Foothills Branch Post Office near the university was the sponsor of the Opening/Closing Ceremonies cancel. This 20¢ postal card issued in 2000 for the 150th anniversary of the university required an additional 1¢ postage.

From there, we traveled over the Wasatch Mountains to Park City where we began with the Snyderville Post Office. Talk about a perfect location: from the doors of the post office one had a view across the main boulevard to the Olympic Park complex where the ski jumping, bobsled, luge and skeleton were contested!

Driving into old Park City with its narrow streets and quaint clapboard homes, our intention was to visit the Old Town Post Office. Unfortunately, the entire town was basically off-limits to cars without special parking permits. Discouraged, we made a brief stop at Norway

much as 8 days later were still being informed by the clerks that they had no Olympic cancels!

House on the outskirts of the town for some hot coffee, traditional Norwegian waffles and a pleasant chat with the hosts.

We did drop by the Park City Main Post Office only to be informed by the staff that, “no, we don’t have the special Olympic cancels here; only Snyderville and Old Town have them.” It wasn’t until long after the Games concluded that we discovered, much to our surprise, that they did indeed have the cancels. Strangely, collectors visiting there as



Figure 6. The philatelic unit at the Salt Lake City Main Post Office had the newest variety of the International Reply Coupons, thus providing an opportunity for an unusual postal use of, in this case, the Olympic pictorial cancel for speed skating.



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**Dawn Heynen
at the
Philatelic Counter**

Figure 7. Dawn Heyne, the clerk at the Salt Lake City Main Post Office philatelic unit displaying the Olympic pictorial cancels. The reverse side of the card (below) created by Thomas Lippert bears a message and reproduction of the Short Track Speed Skating Cancel. "NetPost" is a service of the USPS which allows customers to send personalized cards via the internet.

Olympic Philatelic Newsletter

Salt Lake City, Febr. 9, 2002

Hi friends,
our daily philatelic Olympic research brought us to the Main Post- Office in 1760 West 2100 South Str. , too.
The Philatelic Counter has been opened at that Saturday.

Mrs. Dawn Heyne could present us the full collection of the special Olympic pictorial postmarks in a non- self-inking version.

Kind regards,
Thomas

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Having had some lunch and feeling warmer, we decided to be daring and make our way to the Midway Post Office near the venue for the biathlon and cross-country skiing events. Our less-than-detailed road map directed us south over mountain passes onto a secondary road that would lead us to our destination. Well, after traveling for the better part of an hour up and down steep, slippery two-lane roads with snow flurries swirling all around us we arrived ... back in Park City. We'd been traveling in circles!

By then, it was mid-afternoon. We decided not to tempt fate any further, and headed back into the city. We had one more philatelic stop to make that day: the Crossroads Plaza post office where we could mail some registered and certified covers with the special Olympic rings handstamp.

Overall, our experience that day and on successive visits to the various postal facilities was most positive. The postal clerks were extremely patient and helpful, especially when it came to dealing with us philatelists and our peccadilloes. Most were more than happy to allow us to apply our own cancels.

By the time we had finished at Crossroads, it was after 7:00 p.m. – too late to make it back to the house for the Opening Ceremonies. Thomas recalled picking up an advertising postcard at the visitor's center publicizing the hospitality house of Thuringia, a province in what used to be East Germany. Since it was open to the public (access to many national "hospitality houses" was by invitation only), we decided it might be fun to celebrate with a crowd and have some good food. Are we glad we did!

It was quite a walk to Thuringia House which was situated about 4 blocks northwest of the Delta Center (Salt Lake City blocks are roughly 750 feet in length). Arriving about 6:40, we'd missed a bit of the show.

The joint was jumping, as we say, with everyone's attention focused on the big-screen TV. Settling into a long picnic-style table with others, Thomas and I tucked into some absolutely delicious bratwurst and beer flown in from Germany. What a treat!

Despite the preponderance of North Americans, it was a truly non-partisan crowd. Yes, everyone cheered the U.S. Team's entrance into the stadium, but Germany and many of the other nations got an equally big hurrah! And when the Olympic flag was raised and the cauldron lit from the flame we'd seen arrive in Salt Lake City less than 24 hours earlier, I don't mind saying I got a bit choked up.

Following the end of the broadcast, a German pop-rock band took the stage. We stayed for a few eardrum-bursting numbers and then bundled up for the hike back to the TRAX (Salt Lake City's new light rail system) station near Olympex – a good 1¾-mile walk. On the way we stopped to marvel at the Olympic rings burning brightly on the hillside near the State Capitol Building. A perfect ending to a terrific day.

ARRIVALS ... AND DEPARTURES

Saturday, the first day of Olympic competition, saw Thomas and I again on the philatelic road – at least in the morning.

Our one stop that day was the Salt Lake City Main Post Office southwest of downtown. The philatelic window was thankfully quiet and we were able to take our time processing covers. The ever-vigilant Thomas spotted something interesting: the new International Reply Coupons being used by UPU-member countries. In contrast to earlier versions, these redesigned coupons were larger and therefore perfectly suited for the nearly 3-inch long Olympic cancels. These are, to say the least, very interesting usages of these cancels (Figure 6)!

Another clever USPS offering discovered by Thomas and put to good Olympic use is the NetPost postcard. For a set fee, businesses and individuals can create and send postcards via the internet. Figure 7 shows a card Thomas designed with a picture of the philatelic unit clerk at the Salt Lake City Main Post Office. The reverse bears a personalized message related to our visit there. Note the USPS logo at lower left along with the "postage paid" indicium, making this a legitimate postal item.

Time passed so quickly that before we knew it, it was time to head to the airport to meet Norm and Kathy Jacobs. As might be expected, the airport was extremely busy with spectators and athletes still arriving. As we were early, I stopped at the newsstand in the baggage area to pick up that day's Olympic program produced by *Sports Illustrated*. Perusing the racks at the same moment were four athletes who turned out to be the British Women's Bobsled Team. I couldn't resist saying "hi" and wishing them good luck. As it turned out, they were heading up to Calgary, Canada to practice on the track built for the 1988 Olympic Winter Games since the women's competition wasn't until February 19. The results: GBR-2 came in 11th while GBR-1 was 12th.



Figure 8. Norm and Kathy Jacobs chatting with one of the many friendly Olympic volunteers (center) assisting spectators in the downtown Salt Lake City Olympic Plaza area.

The Jacobs' flight from Atlanta arrived in due course. After hearty greetings all around, Thomas decided to take a bus back into the city as this was his last day for philatelic pursuits before heading home. A pity he couldn't stay longer as it had been 6 years since all of us were last together (at Atlanta).

For Norm, Kathy (Figure 8) and myself, however, it was only the beginning of our Utah Olympic experience.

READY, SET, GO!

The next two days were especially busy ones as our ticketed events began in earnest. Sunday was actually our busiest day with ski jumping in the morning and luge in the late afternoon—thankfully both at Utah Olympic

Park near Park City.

Certainly one of the big advantages of holding an Olympic Winter Games in a comparatively major metropolitan area such as Salt Lake City is the increase in transportation options. SLOC was able to site venues at or near areas that could accommodate large car parks. From there, shuttle buses ran spectators up to the venue itself. As we had rented a four-wheel drive vehicle, we were able to take advantage of the freedom to drive to all our events. Despite dire predictions of massive traffic jams by some members of the media, and plenty of warnings from SLOC organizers to allow ridiculously long lead times to drive to venues, every one of our experiences was trouble free. Traffic ran smoothly, the free park-and-ride car parks never filled up, and there were plenty of buses to carry us the last distance.

For those without private transportation, however, the options were apparently not as pleasant. SLOC had contracted with an outside firm called the Mountain View Express to transport spectators from a central point in downtown Salt Lake City to the various mountain venues. Initially the price per round trip was \$20 (this was later dropped to \$5). The catch was that reservations could only be made 24 hours in advance and the buses left at the crack of dawn even for late morning events. Based on what we heard from some of its patrons, the system wasn't all it was cracked up to be with dirty buses and non-functioning toilets among other problems.



Figure 9. View of Utah Olympic Park. At left are the K90 and K120 ski jumps. The track for bobsleigh, luge, and skeleton is not visible. A consistent design theme for all venues was the use of huge graphics depicting athletes competing in the representative sport.



Figure 10. Ski jumping cancel on matching card from the Snyderville Branch Park City on February 11. Note the inverted day digits in the red circular date stamp.

Back to the action! The ski jumping competition – the K90 – was terrific. Although we didn't have seats in the grandstand (that's one thing about the Winter Olympics, you stand a lot) we found spots right in front of the run-out area. The view of the jump was magnificent (Figure 9). At times it almost seemed as though the jumpers would soar right over our heads (Figure 10).

The luge competition, which didn't begin until four hours later, was ... well ... interesting (Figures 11 & 12). This is definitely a sport that is better watched on television than in person. Not only do the lugers travel much too fast for the human eye to focus on, whizzing past at 70+ miles per hour, but the field of view of a spectator is very narrow. We managed to hike up fairly high on the track which provided us a good overall view of three turns and the run-out area at the finish. Even with our birds-eye view, we tended to watch the big Jumbotron screen in order to follow the action. In talking with Bob Farley about this later, he admitted that luge is pretty difficult to appreciate as a spectator. The bobsled

competition is, I gather, more enjoyable with the large, noisy, brightly-colored sleds.

By about 6:00 p.m. we were cold, hungry, and ready to head back to Salt Lake City. After a delicious dinner at one of the many restaurants near where we were staying, it was home and to bed for another full day was to follow.

ROSS POWERS' SNOWBOARD GROUPIES

Monday morning it was back up to Park City, this time to the Park City Resort where a halfpipe (yes, it looked just like half of a huge 50-foot diameter culvert pipe) was carved into the snowy slope. With 20,000 spectators (Figure 13), most of whom seemed to be crowded around the run-out area at the bottom, it was difficult to find a good spot for Norm,





Figure 11. Registered cover from the Snyderville Post Office bearing the Luge cancel. The meter strip and added circular date cancel fix the date on February 8, the opening day of the Games. The second circular date cancel (on the stamp) is a receiving cancel applied two days later in San Diego, CA.



Figure 12. Purple luge ticket with circular hologram security device (upper left) depicting Olympic rings.

Kathy and I to plant ourselves. Trudging up the 16° slope – slowly – we eventually found ourselves all the way at the top near the start gate (Figure 14). It was an ideal location for a number of reasons:

First, we were so close to the start gate that it gave us an opportunity to watch the athletes as they prepared to push off. These kids, could be quite animated as Finland's Heikki Sorsa, nicknamed the "Mohawk Kid," demonstrated with his swiveling hips and head bobbing to his music. Hey, this is one cool sport – where else do you see athletes with a CD Walkman or MP3 Player pumping their favorite tunes in their ears as they compete!

Second, we had a stellar view of the pipe. Being not more than 15 feet from the rim it was as if the snowboarders were close enough to touch as they executed their airborne acrobatics with such colorful names as a Frontside

Alley-Oop, Fakie, and McTwist (Figure 16). Leaning over the protective fencing, we could easily see at least half the 450-foot length of the pipe.



Figure 13. View of the 20,000 spectators gathered at Park City for the Men's Snowboard Halfpipe competition on February 11.



Figure 14. Eventual gold medalist, Ross Powers (Bib #26), preparing for his run out of the left start gate.



Figure 15. Jarret "J.J." Thomas (USA), the bronze medalist, catching some air!

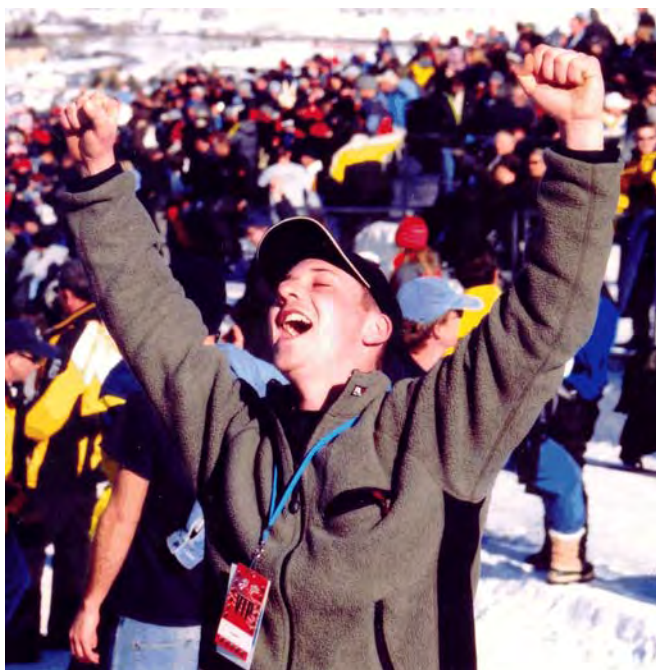


Figure 16. Ross Powers' brother, exultant after his sibling's gold medal victory.

Third, standing next to us throughout the competition were none other than the mother and brother of Ross Powers, the eventual gold medal winner of the event. We had the opportunity to chat with them during the competition and then enjoy their total elation when Ross won (Figure 16)!



Figure 17. Ross Powers with his gold medal.

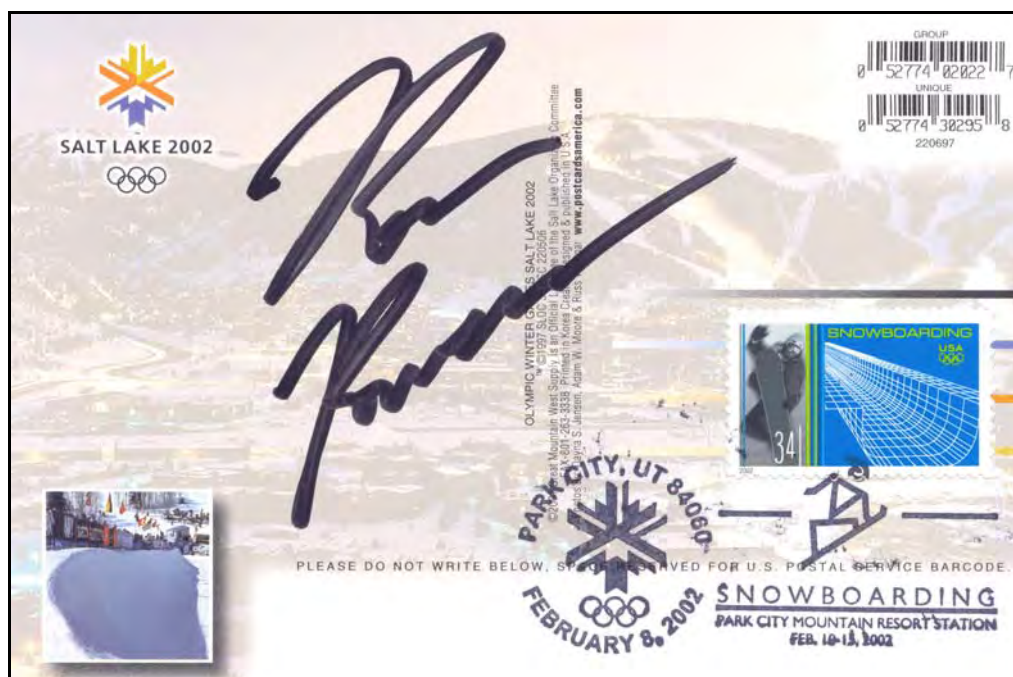


Figure 18. My favorite Salt Lake City Olympic piece (left and below): a snowboard postcard autographed by Ross Powers, franked with the 2002 Olympic snowboard stamp and then cancelled with the matching snowboard postmark.

Fourth, it is so rare for the U.S. to sweep an event at a Winter Olympics – and we were there!

Coincidentally, when we visited the Samsung sponsor pavilion at the Olympic Plaza in Salt Lake City the following Thursday, guess who was signing autographs – none other than the Olympic gold medalist himself, Ross Powers (Figure 17)! Naturally, Norm and I were right up front to get his signature on Olympic snowboard postcards that we just happened to have with us (one of the benefits of being a philatelist is that you come armed with pockets stuffed with postcards, covers and stamps!). In addition Norm even bid on a one-of-a-kind “February 14” T-shirt that Ross signed right there on the spot and which was being auctioned to benefit Olympic Aid. Unfortunately the bidding went a bit too high for Norm’s tastes.

Both of us had our autographed cards franked with the 34¢ Olympic Snowboard stamp and then



cancelled with the snowboard pictorial postmark.

No doubt about it, the Men’s Halfpipe Snowboard competition would prove to be the highpoint of our Olympic experience! And for this newly converted snowboard fan and Ross Powers groupie, the postcard is my most prized possession from these Games (Figure 18).

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Philately of the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games: Part 1

by Mark Maestroni

The U.S. Postal Service's plans, as announced prior to the Games, were simple and straightforward: 21 pictorial cancels available either by mail or on a hand-back basis at the Crossroads Plaza branch post office in downtown Salt Lake. The Olympex 2002 and IOC Family Hotel philatelic tables were also to have "some" of the cancels. As it turned out, the philately of the Salt Lake City Olympics was far more complex than we had at first anticipated.

About two weeks prior to the opening of the Games, I learned that the USPS would provide various Olympic cancels to other postal or philatelic facilities in the region. Those that received cancels fell into three groups:

- 1) Philatelic or marketing units: the Main Post Office in Salt Lake City received two complete sets, one for the philatelic unit and one for the marketing secretary.
- 2) Sponsor post offices or branches: eleven facilities were sponsors of one or more sports cancels for events taking place at an Olympic venue nearby. For example, the three Park City post offices had cancels for the six sports contested at Park City venues: bobsleigh, freestyle skiing, luge, skeleton, ski jumping and snowboarding.
- 3) Special philatelic tables: Olympex 2002 had the 15 sports cancels and Olympex cancel, while the IOC Family Hotel (Little America Hotel) had a full set. The USPS did not have its own post office at the Olympic Village, however they did contract with an outside private concern, Mail Boxes, Etc., to handle mail to and from the village residents. The Olympic Village cancel was available for their use.

The table accompanying this article provides as complete a listing as possible of which post offices had what cancels.

There was one surprise in these listings: the Main Post Office at Park City. Between Friday, February 8 when all the Olympic cancels were placed in use,

and Saturday, February 16, the clerks at this post office were denying their existence. It wasn't until long after the conclusion of the Games that we learned that this post office had the same six cancels as the other two Park City facilities (Snyderville and Old Town). To date, I have not seen any mail with any Olympic cancels from that post office, and would welcome tangible evidence from any collectors.

CANCEL TYPES

The division within the Salt Lake City post office handling the Olympic philately program decided, primarily because of cost, to order both self-inking and standard rubber-with-wood-handle cancels. The table indicates the number of each type of cancel assigned to participating post offices or philatelic tables.

The "wood" cancels were used at Olympex and the philatelic unit at the Main Post Office. The Crossroads Plaza post office also had two or three of the wood version of each cancel.

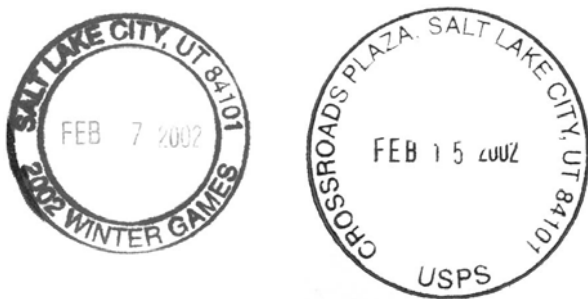
Between seven and eleven copies of each cancel were ordered in a self-inking format. These were distributed to the sponsor post offices as well as to the IOC Family Hotel and Main Post Office marketing secretary. Crossroads had numerous sets, most of which were used for handback servicing of covers and cards.

Those of us that used both cancels quickly discovered that the one big disadvantage of the self-inking cancels was that the ink took forever to dry. Crossroads clerks brought in boxes of tissues to blot cancels and even had a hand-held hair dryer available. Both were much appreciated by the customers. We also had to discourage the postal clerks from enclosing cancelled covers and cards inside plastic baggies for mailing (to avoid additional postal markings). All this accomplished was to further smudge the cancels.

PICTORIAL OLYMPIC CANCELS

As these were discussed and illustrated in the last issue of *JSP*, I will only note new information in this article.

- 1) The First Day of Issue of the Winter Sports (Olympics) stamps took place at Park City on January 8. A total of eight self-inking cancels were used at the first day ceremony at the Park City resort. Following the conclusion of the ceremony, the cancels were available at all three Park City post offices for the remainder of the day. From February 8 to 24 (during the Olympic Games) the cancels were in use at six locations in Park City and Salt Lake City.
- 2) In addition to the Torch Arrival postmark, the USPS created a special circular dater inscribed "2002 Winter Games" (below left). Two copies were used at the USPS tent on Thursday, February 7 during the arrival ceremonies. Both daters were then made available for use at the Crossroads Plaza post office beginning the next day. However, they were removed from use on Sunday, February 10 after complaints from the IOC/FIPO that they had not been authorized. A new circular date stamp (below right) was placed in use at Crossroads Plaza a few days later.



- 3) Even though it wasn't a sponsor post office, the USPS decided to provide seven cancels to the Pioneer Postal Store at the ZMCI (Zion Mercantile Cooperative Institution) Mall across Main Street from the Crossroads Plaza. The cancels used at this location were drawn from stock at Crossroads Plaza.
- 4) The Snyderville (Park City) Post Office began receiving requests from patrons for the figure skating and ice hockey cancels to match the two Olympic stamps (corresponding cancels for the other two stamps, snowboarding and ski jumping, were already available at the Snyderville location). The USPS ordered one self-inking figure skating and ice hockey cancel for Snyderville. They were placed in use on or about Thursday, February 14.

- 5) The USPS was asked if it would be possible to imprint a roll of numbered registration labels for use at Crossroads Plaza. Although this was studied, it proved too costly. The alternative was to create a small handstamp of the Olympic rings to be used on registration labels upon request (see cover illustration). The rings measure 0.6" wide and were designed to fit the blank area to the left of the registration serial number. It was later decided that the rings could also be applied to the numbered certified mail labels as well (a specific location was not predetermined). Three self-inking cancels were delivered, but only one was actually used (the two remaining cancels were still in their original packaging following the conclusion of the Games).
6. One of the circular daters used at the Snyderville Park City Post Office on February 11 had the day digits inverted. As it was later in the day when I was there, I would assume the error was not discovered until at least the next morning.

OLYMPIC STAMPS INVERTED DIE-CUT

The panes of 20 self-adhesive Winter Sports (Olympics) stamps are die-cut. On a normal pane, the die cuts go through the side and bottom selvedge, but not the top selvedge which is composed of a pane-wide strip with the name of the issue and bearing the "USA" over the Olympic rings logo.

On February 5, David Buxton of the Society of Olympic Collectors purchased a pane of stamps at the Park City Old Town Post Office. Soon after, SOC President Robert Farley was examining the pane and noticed that the die cuts did not go through the bottom selvedge, but instead penetrated into the top selvedge a distance equal to the width of the bottom selvedge. During the course of the Olympics, more inverted die-cut panes were discovered around Salt Lake City. To date, panes have been found corresponding to 6 of the 9 plate positions (top row left and center; middle row right; bottom row left, right and center). It is a safe assumption that panes from the other 3 positions probably exist as well.

I reported the find to *Linn's Stamp News*. Their report (March 25, 2002 issue) included a remark that the Scott catalog editors were "considering whether to list the inverted-die-cut panes with a catalog number or just to footnote their existence."

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2002 Olympic Cancellation Devices

Cancels	First Day of Issue		Torch Arrival		Opening / Closing Ceremonies		Alpine Skiing		Biathlon		Bobsleigh		Cross-Country		Curling		Figure Skating		Freestyle Skiing		Ice Hockey		Luge		Nordic Combined	
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PC-Snyderville	1																									
Provo-Main																										
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SLC-Foothills					2																					
SLC-Kearns																										
SLC-Pioneer			1																							
SLC-OV																										
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SLC-Family Hotel	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1			
SLC-Olympex																										
SLC-Main-MS	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1			
SLC-Crossroads	3		3	3	4	3	4	3	4	2	4	3	4	3	4	2	3	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	
Totals	8	0	7	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	11	5	8	5	4	8	5	5	11	5	5	11	5	8	5	

2002 Olympic Cancellation Devices

Cancels		Short Track		Skeleton		Ski Jumping		Snowboarding		Speed Skating		Arts Festival		Medals Ceremony		Olympex 2002		Olympic Family Hotel		Olympic Partners		Olympic Village		Chinese New Year		Other Cancels	
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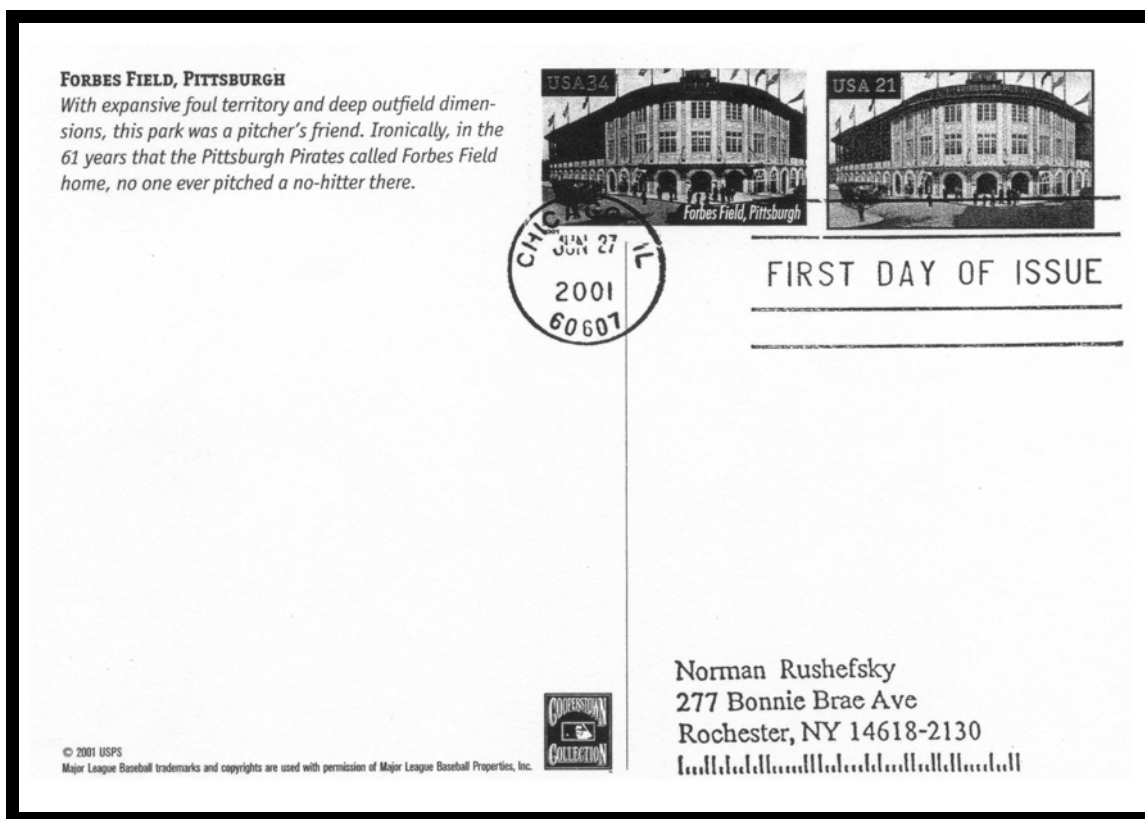


Figure 1. First Day Cover of Forbes Field postal card and matching stamp.

Legendary Playing Fields Stamps Evoke Moments in Baseball

by Norman Rushefsky

The issuance in 2001 of the set of ten "Baseball's Legendary Playing Fields" stamps and matching postal cards stirs a recollection of the great moments in baseball history. The new stamps feature classical stadiums most of which were torn down due to movement of their teams to other more profitable locales or to provide for newer stadiums with greater capacity.

One of the stadiums honored is Forbes Field in Pittsburgh. Figure 1 shows the postal card with the corresponding stamp postmarked with the first day of issue postmark. In addition to Chicago, the first day postmark was also used in Detroit, New York and Boston. The stamps feature a view of the front entrance of Forbes Field with a similar view appearing on the picture side of the card.

Forbes Field opened in 1909 and was used that year for the World Series between the Pittsburgh

Pirates and Detroit Tigers. The Pittsburgh team of 1909 was led by their 35-year-old shortstop Honus Wagner. The Tigers team included 22-year-old Ty Cobb. Both of these players were honored on a 2000 set of U.S. stamps commemorating 20 legendary baseball players.

To most fans of Pittsburgh baseball the key moment in their history occurred in 1960. That year the Pirates had a wide lead over the second-place St. Louis Cardinals team and through September it was just a matter of time before the Pirates would clinch the National League pennant.

In expectation of a certain appearance in the World Series, the Pirate organization was no doubt receiving requests to purchase World Series tickets from their fans. The envelope in Figure 2 addressed to the Pittsburgh team was postmarked in Pittsburgh on September 16, 1960. The rubber stamp indicates that the letter was to be returned to the writer because tickets were "sold out". The letter is

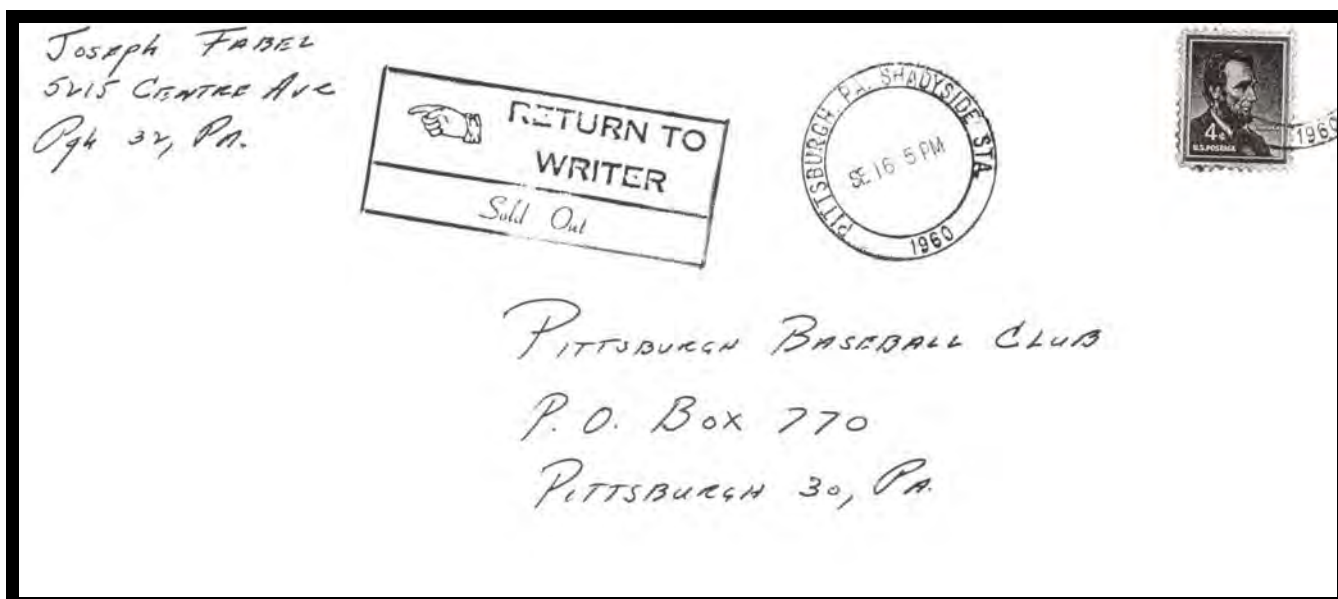


Figure 2. This envelope probably contained a request for World Series tickets for the unforgettable 1960 Series between the Pittsburgh Pirates and New York Yankees. As noted by the rubber handstamp, the tickets were already "sold out."

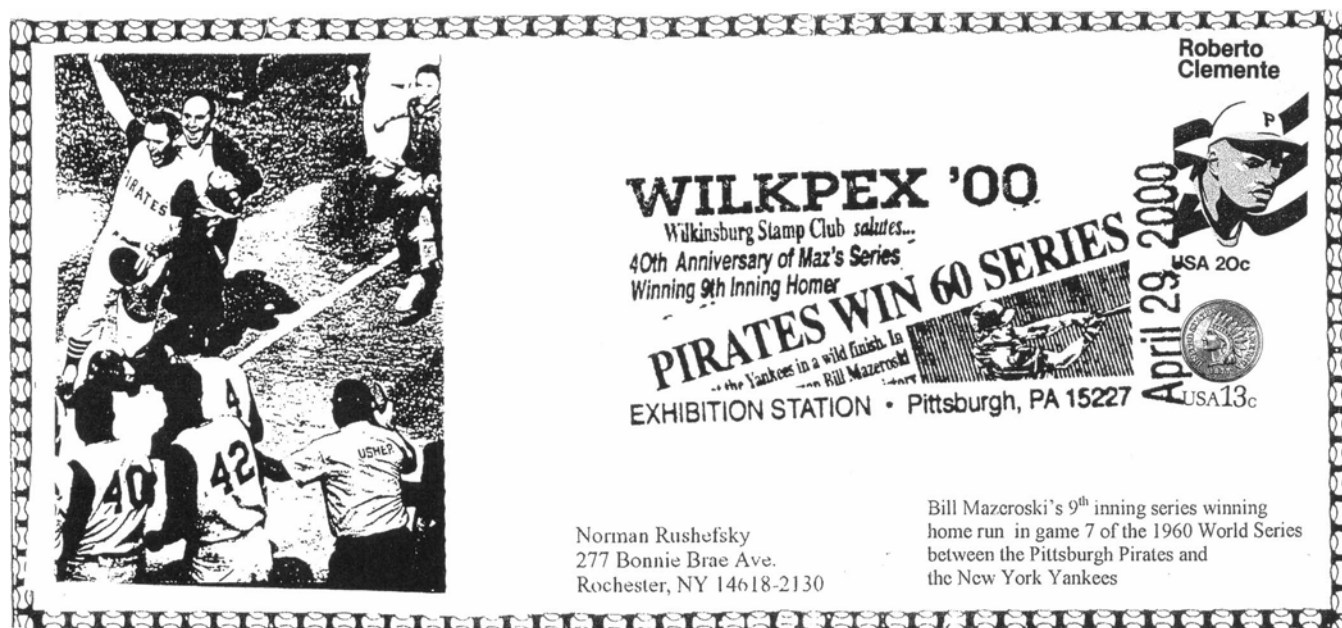


Figure 3. Adoring fans and teammates greet "Maz" as he crosses home plate after his World Series-winning home run.

backstamped September 24 indicating that these letters were accumulated for a while before being returned.

The Pirates eventually clinched the pennant on September 25th when the second-place Cardinals lost to the Chicago Cubs. The Pirates celebrated after receiving the news in Milwaukee during a game with the Milwaukee Braves.

The 1960 World Series between the New York Yankees, led by Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris, and the Pittsburgh Pirates, led by Roberto Clemente, was expected to be a mismatch. The last time these two teams met in a World Series was way back in 1927. The Yankees 1927 team was one of the greatest teams of all times. It was led by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. The 1927 Pirates team was intimidated from



Figure 4. Second day of issue postmark noting 31st anniversary of the last game played at Forbes Field.

the very start when they watched in awe the batting practice of Ruth and Gehrig at Forbes Field. Shot after shot went into the right-field upper deck of the stadium or over the distant centerfield wall. The Yankees easily defeated that Pirates team four games to zero.

The 1960 World Series was destined to have another outcome. Although it featured record hitting by the Yankees, this series went all the way to the deciding game 7. The Yankees tied the score at 9-9 in the top half of the ninth inning. The first batter for the Pirates in the bottom half of the ninth inning was the second baseman, Bill Mazeroski. "Maz," as he was known to the Pirates fans, was a defensive stalwart and not known for his hitting. The second pitch from the Yankees' pitcher, Ralph Terry, was

sent over the left-field wall to win the game 10-9.

The postmark shown in Figure 3 celebrates the 40th anniversary of this historic homerun – the only one to ever end a World Series. The cachet shows Maz reaching home and trailed by adoring fans. That day Pirates fans danced in the streets of the downtown Golden Triangle to celebrate their first World Series victory since 1925.

Forbes Field was torn down a decade later in 1970 as noted by the postmark of Figure 4.

Maz was honored in 2001 with induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame in recognition of his legendary homerun as well as his being one of the top fielding second basemen of his era. The cover in Figure 5 is postmarked on his induction day at Cooperstown, New York.

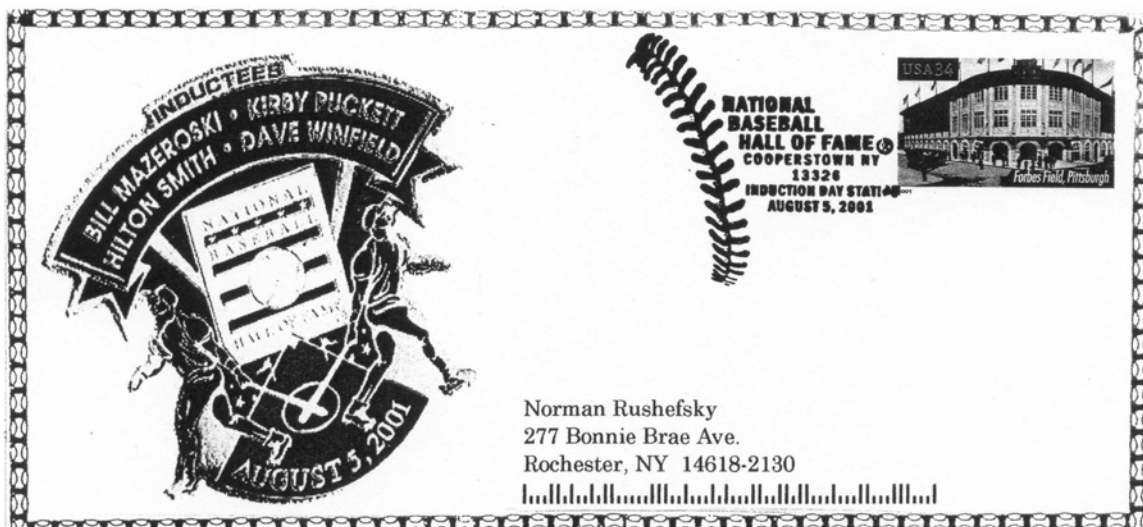
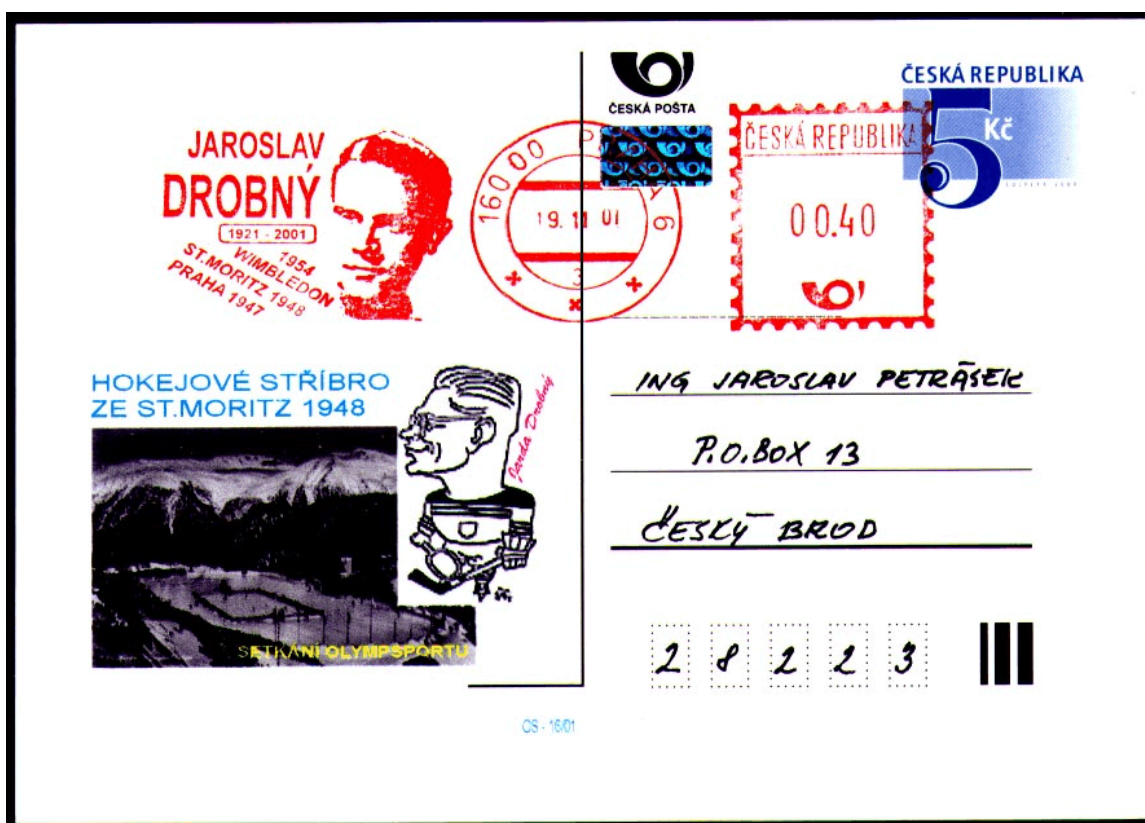


Figure 5. Postmark used on day of Maz's induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.



Jaroslav Drobný, Czech All-Around Athlete, Honored on Meter

by Mark Maestroni

The Czech postal administration paid tribute to a particularly versatile native-born sportsman, Jaroslav Drobný, with a special one-day slogan meter from the Prague 6 post office on Monday, November 19, 2001. The postmark is shown above on a postal card overprinted with a cachet created by Olympsport commemorating its meeting in Prague on November 17.

Drobný, a two-sport athlete, is best known for his achievements on both the ice and the tennis court. During the winter, he played ice hockey, distinguishing himself as a forward on the Czech national team. At the 1947 World Amateur Ice Hockey Championships, he scored three goals in the final against the U.S. to give the Czech team the championship. The team, along with Drobný, also won the silver at the 1948 Olympic Winter Games at St. Moritz.

When not playing ice hockey, Drobný, the son of the groundskeeper at the Prague Lawn Tennis Club, was an avid tennis player. A left-hander, he made his

first Wimbledon appearance in 1938 at the age of 16, losing to Alejo Russell of Argentina.

He defected from Czechoslovakia in 1949 while playing in a tournament in Gstaad, Switzerland with fellow Davis Cup teammate, Vladimir Cernik. From 1949 to 1954, he was an Egyptian citizen. He then emigrated to Great Britain.

Drobný won back-to-back French Open men's titles in 1951 and 1952. He followed this up two years later with the singles title at Wimbledon. Over his long career, he won an astounding 133 singles matches!

Drobný retired from competitive tennis in 1960, opening a sports shop in west London. In 1983, he was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island.

Jaroslav Drobný was born in Prague on October 12, 1921 and died at the age of 79 on September 13 of this past year in London.

Thanks to Jaroslav Petrsek for providing the illustration and some of the background information.



Figure 1. Set of the commemorative Olympic stamps issued by the Netherlands for the 1928 Amsterdam Games on a registered cover to Bohemia.

News From Amsterdam

by Dale Lilljedahl

Before the advent of the Olympic Village at Los Angeles in 1932, Olympic teams were forced to search the local hotels and villas to find suitable housing for their athletes during the competition. The 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam found the United States' team residing on the ocean liner that carried them across the Atlantic, a situation unique in the American Olympic experience. I discovered this fact after purchasing three letters written home by one of the water polo team members, and became curious about the circumstances surrounding this situation. Fortunately the American Olympic Committee report told the story.

The accommodations for the United States team in 1924 were far from ideal, and the American Olympic Committee was determined to improve the situation for the 1928 games in Amsterdam. AOC President, Major General Douglas MacArthur, appointed a Transportation Committee to organize both the transport and the housing for the 1928 team. The Chairman of the Committee, Murray Hulbert, made a survey of possible housing in Amsterdam in 1925, and the whole committee followed in 1926. After these visits the Committee decided the best option for housing the United States 1928 Olympic team was to stay on the ocean liner used for their trips across the Atlantic.

Everyone wanted the team to sail on a United States ship, but finding one available was not easy.

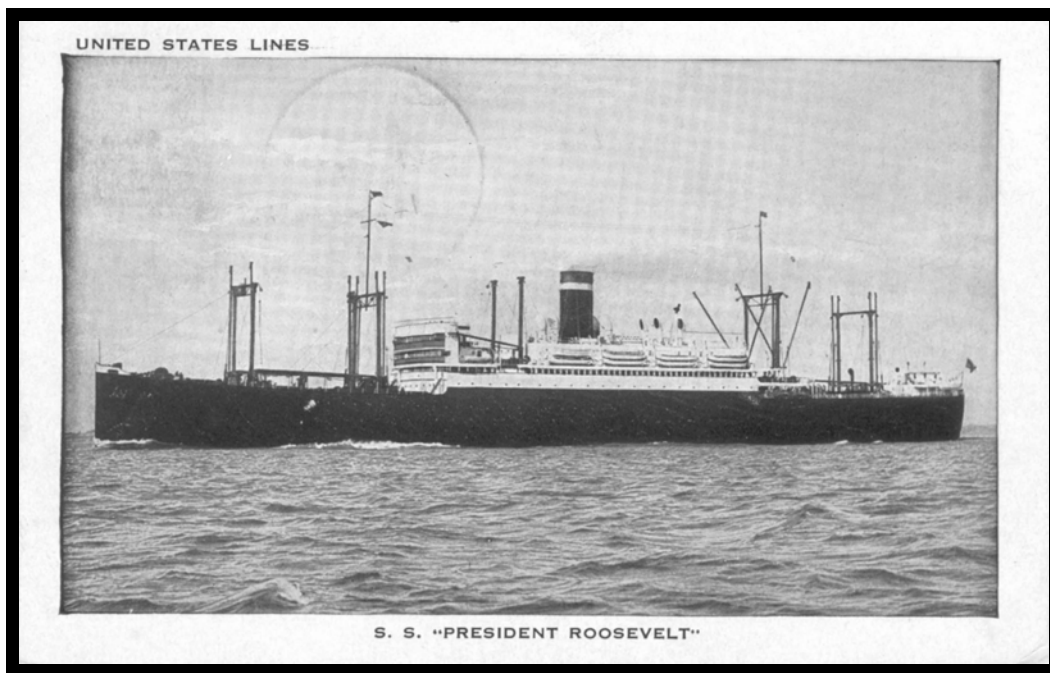


Figure 2. Photo postcard of the S.S. Roosevelt posted in 1932.

The *S.S. America* which carried the 1924 team to Paris was undergoing repairs from a fire and would not be available. The only ship to be had was the *S.S. President Roosevelt* (Figure 2), but it was small and there were concerns about overcrowding. Fortunately all the regular team members and most of the substitutes could be berthed in first class, with the remainder in third class. The cabins not used by the team were sold to the public to offset the costs of commandeering the ship for 42 days.

Adequate facilities were set up on the ship to aid in training during the Atlantic journey. On the Sun Deck was a boxing ring, as well as, stripes painted on the wood deck for fencing. The Promenade Deck held a 160-yard track for athletics and cycling, while mats were placed at the back for wrestling. "C" Deck was crowded with the gymnastics apparatus and rowing machines, while "D" deck was equipped with a treadmill to exercise the horses. Finally, the Main Deck sported a canvas pool for swimming and diving, and targets for the Modern Pentathlon.

The *S.S. President Roosevelt* left Pier 86 on the Hudson River in New York City on July 11, 1928 for its journey to Holland. They had calm seas for the entire trip, and all arrived in Holland in good health on July 20. She anchored in the middle of the Amsted canal (Figure 3) where a ferry hauled team members on the 20-minute trip to Central

Station. For the last week the *Roosevelt* was moved to a berth at the Holland-America Lines dock making it much more convenient for the athletes.

Mr. A.C. Gilbert, a member of the AOC's executive committee, was assigned the job of providing entertainment for the athletes to offset the drudgery of the sea voyage. Accordingly he organized the following amusements:

Thursday, July 12

M.G.M. movie on the Promenade Deck
Evening Dance in the Social Hall

Friday, July 13

Bridge Tournament
Evening Dance in the Social Hall

Saturday, July 14

Medal Play Golf Tournament using the Angel Deck Golf game that was standard on the United States Lines
Monte Carlo night in the Social Hall

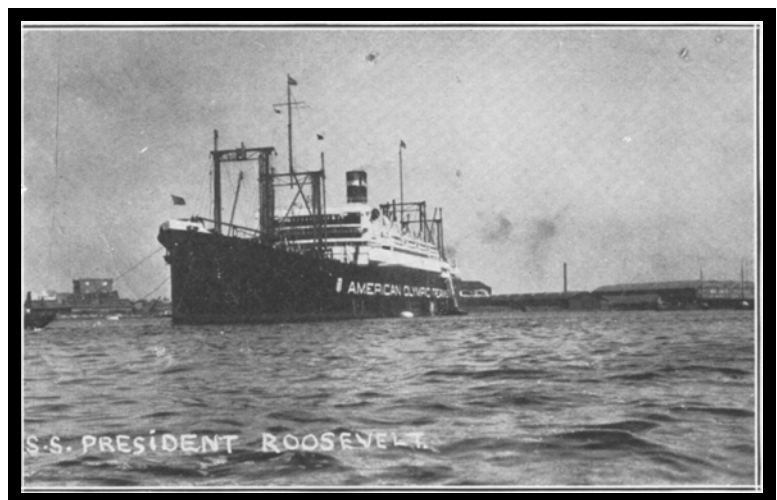


Figure 3. S.S. President Roosevelt anchored in the Amsted Canal in Amsterdam during the 1928 Olympic Games.

Sunday, July 15

Divine Services in the Social Hall in the morning
Golf Tournament resumed at 2:30
Evening Songfest in the Social Hall

Monday, July 16

Golf Tournament finished
Evening Vaudeville show in the Social Hall

Tuesday, July 17

Matched Play Golf Tournament
Evening Masquerade Ball in the Social Hall

Two receptions were held on board the ship during the Games to enable the United States team to become acquainted with the people of other nations; one for the people of Amsterdam, and one for the athletes of the other competing nations.

The *Roosevelt* left Amsterdam after the completion of the Games on August 13. It stopped at Southampton, England and Cherbourg, France the next day to board team members touring Europe after the finish of their competitions. Unfortunately they had two days of rough weather on the trip back during which many team members and even some of the horses became seasick. Luckily they recovered in time to enjoy their colossal reception on arrival in New York on August 22.

The financial section of the *Report of the American Olympic Committee* notes a bill totaling \$64.84 for printing letterheads and envelopes for the Amsterdam team. Figure 4 shows the letterhead and envelope used by team members for their correspondence home. Both name the American Olympic Team, and give the address of 13 Rokin, Amsterdam. This was the address of the temporary office of the American Olympic Committee for the duration of the Amsterdam Games, and one of its functions was the receipt and delivery of the participants' mail. From the cancellations on the two covers it appears the mail went through the Amsterdam Central Station after it left the Rokin office.

It is the letterhead that points us to the unique feature of these Games. The second line (Figure 4) confirms that stationary comes from the Ninth Olympiad, and even gives us the dates of competition. The third line reminds us that the ship *S.S. President Roosevelt* played a prominent role for the team, since the Committee would hardly have gone to the expense of printing special stationary for a ship used on the sea voyages alone. This third line is the one that started me on the journey of discovery.

LETTERS OF JOSEPH P. FARLEY

This story would not be complete without examining the three letters Joe wrote home to his family. They are a touching testimony to the feelings of a young man far from home who misses his family and friends, and yet desperately wants to make them proud of his accomplishments. Some of his words bear out the prejudice of his era, and would not be considered appropriate today. Still, it is fun to see his wonder at the sights around him, and his competitive spirit. The text of the letters is duplicated exactly with its misspellings and occasional poor grammar. The words highlighted in bold in the text are amplified in the addendum following the letters.

First Letter. Joe wrote this first letter to his mother three days after the *S.S. Roosevelt* arrived in Amsterdam. He starts with the salute given to the Olympic team by the *U.S.S. Detroit*, and continues by describing his observations of Amsterdam and her citizens. No mention is made of the fierce competition he is enduring for a spot on the water polo team, but he does talk about the poor practice facilities the team used early in their stay.

July 23, 1928

Dear Mother,

I have been kept pretty busy lately so that I was unable to do any writing.

We arrived safe and sound on Friday about 12:30 noon. Everyone was darn glad to get near land once again. But the greatest thrill that I got all the way over was when we were coming in the **canal**. You see to get to Amsterdam from the ocean you have to come up a canal about 20 miles. Just as we started up the canal the **cruiser Detroit** from the navy was coming out and she had all the sailors, and officers at attention on the deck and they had the navy band playing the "Star Spangle Banner" and that was the greatest kick the whole team received on the entire trip. Everyone cheered and whistled for about 10 minutes.

The town of Amsterdam is very clean and nice. The people can't understand the Americans and when we walk through the main streets we always have a big crowd following.

American Olympic Team

Ninth Olympiad, July 28th to August 12th, 1928

S.S. President Roosevelt

Amsterdam

July 25, 1928

Address all communications
care of American Olympic Team
13 Rokin, Amsterdam, Holland

*To Water Polo Team
President Roosevelt.
Dear Pop,*

*Amsterdam
Holland*

*Tell Sis I received
her letter and it was very welcome.
You can tell her to the*

From

Joe Farley
AMERICAN OLYMPIC TEAM
13 ROKIN
AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND



*Mr. Joe A. Farley
338 East 24th St
Box NYCity
U.S.A.*

*Send me some news of the
city and also some swimming*

Figure 4. Letterhead and envelope used by Joe Farley to write home.

They get a big kick out of seeing us where our knickers. They call our knickers "pants filled with wind," and they laugh and joke about them whenever they see us. We still eat and sleep on the boat and everything is very comfortable. The ship is anchored out in bay a bit and we have small launches take us back and forth. The trip from the ship to the land is only five minutes.

We worked out the first day in a very dirty place but our coach changed it the next day. We then tried another one that was still dirty so we traveled about 20 minutes in a bus to a town named **Harlem** and swam there in nice clean cold water.

I think before you receive this I will send a telegram. Tell Sis and Pop that I will write tomorrow but tell them I send my love. Tell Dan and Joe, RitaAnn etc. and all the people I was asking for them.

I will close now sending my love and kisses. Don't worry for we are training very seriously.

Goodbye for awhile,

Joe

Second Letter. In two days Joe had grown tired and a little cynical about the attention shown to the American team. The second letter was to his father, and was filled with news about other athletes from the New York Athletic Club. America's famous swimmer, Johnny Weismuller, boosts his hopes for inclusion on the water polo team.

July 25, 1928

Dear Pop,

Tell Sis I received her letter and it was very welcome. You see everyone rushes to the mailbox when that mail comes in and it is a darn good feeling to be able to grab off a letter.

The town of Amsterdam is a very picturesque town but outside of that there is nothing to it. These Dutch are pretty dumb and all they do is follow the Americans around when we walk through town.

Send me some news of the city and also some swimming news. So I can see how

the boys are going.

I think I have been picked to play regular guard on the water polo team. The team hasn't been selected officially yet but **Weismuller**, and a couple of the boys who played last time told me that I was all set. I have been going pretty well and having no trouble holding my own. If I get it there are going to be some surprised boys on that team, some of them don't even consider me in it. They all come from Chicago who think that way anyhow.

Ray Ruddy has been pretty sick lately and yesterday he couldn't finish a 200 yard swim. You see, these were the relay trials, they enter 6 men and out of these six, four only swim. **Dave Young** was one of the ones to qualify. So if he continues to go good he might be swimming in the relay.

Joe Ruddy is having a great time here. He can get all the Champagne, Wine etc he wants and it is not very expensive so he has been having one fine time. I don't mean that he has been drunk at all but he has two or three glasses with all the meals. The beer here is very good. Pilsner, Munich etc can be obtained for 25c Dutch money. We are allowed two glasses a meal when we eat in town after swimming and it is very good.

The weather is very funny, one moment it looks like rain and the next the sun is shining. The air is always cool.

If you see any of the boys tell them to drop me a line for news from the big city is always welcome. I will close for now for I have to get ready to leave. To-day we have a practice game with Argentina at 12 noon and it is just ten AM now. Love to Sis, Mother and yourself. My regards to all the neighbors, and say hello to Laddie. I will close

Your loving and obedient son (ahem)
Jos. Peter James, John Oscar, Claudia, OX.

Third Letter. The last letter home was addressed to both parents, and expressed Joe's disappointment in being selected as an alternate on the water polo team. He shows his anti-Semitic attitude, but seeks consolation with the thought that the selection was based on regional prejudices. He attends the track competition each day, but like most Americans is let down by the team's poor showing. He did manage to get Ray Barbuti, the American 400-meter gold

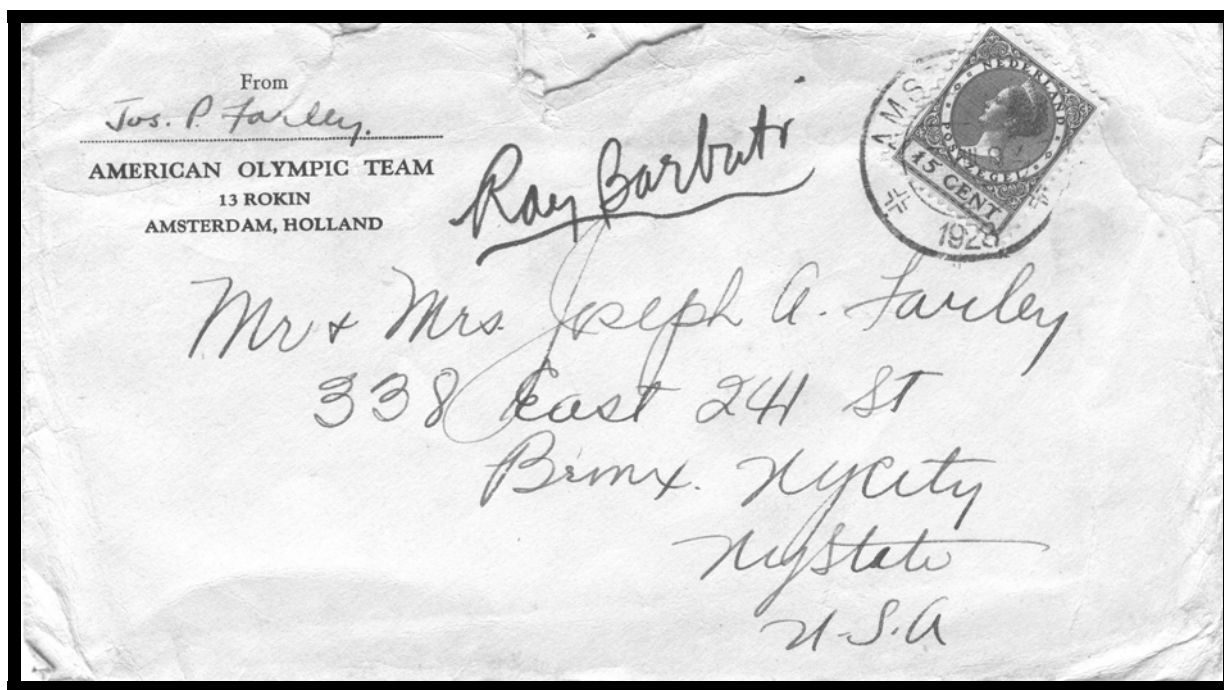


Figure 5. Joe's letter home with Ray Barbuti's autograph.

medalist to sign the envelope he used for this letter (Figure 5). Philatelists will enjoy the post-script.

August 3, 1928

Dear Pop and Mother,

I just came back from the track stadium where **Ray Barbuti** won the 400-meter race and it was some race. He just managed to win from the Canadian and a German and he fell over the line. You ought to hear those Yanks cheer, it was our first win in the track races and everyone was very glad.

I have been working out every morning and each afternoon we go out to the stadium to watch the games. They have been pretty disappointing so far. The Americans seem to be over trained and have no pep. **Hahn** looked very bad in the 800 and didn't finish in the 1500 meter race.

I have found out that I am not on the first team. A Jew by the name of **Greenberg** beat me out. I am on the squad which is composed of seven regulars and four subs and we play **Hungary** in our first game and this team is the Champion of Europe. I think I can still play better than this Jew but I guess you have to come from Chicago to

make the team. There are five Chicago men and two Coast players and a **Chicago coach**.

You know those pals of mine haven't even sent me a post card and I am pretty sore at them. I got a letter from Cozy and he's a great kid. All he wrote was a lot of wise cracks.

Ray Ruddy is feeling pretty good now and is beginning to swim well again. The swimming starts to-morrow in the swimming stadium. Ray sends his regards to the whole family.

The training over here gets pretty tiresome. You see we swim every morning and then dash back to the ship to eat and go out to the stadium. Come back have dinner and then have to be in bed by nine. We generally go to our rooms but set up and read. The other night **Bachrach** came in and caught everyone up. So he gave us a lecture and then everything was o.k.

Give my regards to the Honlikas children and all the neighbors. I wrote a lot of cards but if I write any more I will be back so you spread my tokens of good cheer about. I will close sending my love to each of you, Sis, Marie, Laddie and everyone home.

Your loving Son,
Joe

P.S. If you write anymore letters put 2- two cent stamps, one is not enough. We sail on the 13. from Amsterdam and will be in Cherbourg the next day. Southampton later and then home. Joe



ADDENDA

Bachrach: William Bachrach of the Illinois Athletic Club in Chicago was the head coach of the American Swimming Team.

Canal: To reach Amsterdam ships must travel down the Amstel or North Sea canal. The Roosevelt was anchored in the canal until the last week of competition when it was moved to the dock of the Holland-American Line. Although Joe says the ferry to shore was a five-minute ride, the Official Report called it a 20-minute trip.

Chicago Coach: The 1928 water polo coach was Perry McGillivray from the Illinois Athletic Club in Chicago.

Cruiser Detroit: The USS Detroit (CL-8) was an Omaha class light cruiser launched on June 29, 1922 by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation in Quincy, Massachusetts. She served with distinction in the Pacific in World War II earning six battle stars. In July 1928 she was the flagship for the Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in Europe. When Joe saw the Detroit she was getting ready to return to the States arriving at Norfolk, Virginia on September 12.

David Young: David was one of Farley's fellow swimmers from the New York Athletic Club. He was an alternate on the 4x100-meter relay in 1928.

Greenberg: R. J. Greenberg from the Chicago Athletic Association.

Harlem: Properly spelled Haarlem, this town was located about 16 miles west of Amsterdam in 1928. The team manager, John T. Taylor agreed with Farley about the poor quality of the first two practice pools. Only divers were allowed to practice in the Olympic pool, and the Organizers' suggestion of practice in the Amsterdam harbor was summarily rejected. Mr. Taylor and the coaches spent two days finding the Haarlem pool, and in their report pleaded with the American Olympic Committee to lease proper facilities prior to the start of the competition at future Games.

Hahn: Joe probably singled out Lloyd Hahn to illustrate the collapse of America's track team. Competing for the Boston Athletic Association, he qualified to run in both the 800 and 1500-meter races, and had generated huge expectations when he set a world record in the 800 earlier in the year. Hahn actually had a good Olympics winning both of his early heats in the 800 meters, but the finals included three former world record holders. Lloyd was leading at the final curve, but faded in the stretch to finish fifth. Unfortunately he was unable to finish his first heat in the 1500.

Hungary: The United States had a bye in the first round but faced European Champion in the second round. Hungary defeated Argentina 14-0 in the first round, and continued that success by blasting the American team 5-0. They were beaten in the final by Germany to receive the silver medal. The water polo competition was a single elimination tournament.

Joe Ruddy: The 1928 *Report of the American Olympic Committee* does not list a Joe Ruddy as a member of the team. Joseph A. Ruddy won a gold medal in swimming in 1904, and was a water polo player for the New York A.C. He had two sons who also competed in swimming, Ray and Steve. Perhaps "Joe" was Steve's common name and was one of those who failed to make the water polo/swimming team.

Ray Barbuti: Competing for the New York Athletic Club, Raymond J. Barbuti became the only American to win gold in the Amsterdam track and field competition. After he finished second in his semifinal heat to Canadian James Ball, Barbuti decided to start his kick at the 300-meter mark, and pulled out in front of the pack. Ball quickly caught up to Barbuti near the finish line, but made the fatal error of looking at his opponent. Ray lunged for the tape, fell headlong onto the track, and won the gold. His victory earned him a last minute spot on the relay team picking up his second gold medal and a world record. Barbuti's athletic interest leaned more to American football than track where he officiated at more than 500 college games.

Ray Ruddy: Raymond Ruddy was one of Farley's fellow swimmers from the New York A.C. In 1928 Ruddy had the misfortune to compete against three of the world's best in the long distance races, Arne Borg of Sweden, Clarence "Buster" Crabbe of the United States, and Andrew "Boy" Charlton of Australia. Despite an illness, he finished fourth in the 1500 and sixth in the 400 at Amsterdam.

Weismuller: Although he is famous for his Olympic medals and world records in swimming, many forget that Johnny was a member of the 1924 Olympic water polo team that took home the bronze medal in Paris. As a side note, prior to the Amsterdam Games Johnny Weismuller and Arne Borg of Sweden between them held every world record in freestyle swimming from 100 yards/meters to 1500 yards/ meters.

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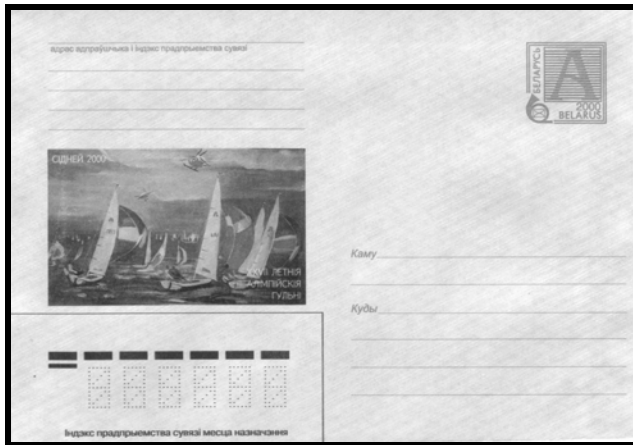


Figure 1. Eastern European postal stationery envelopes make worthwhile additions to any topical collection. Shown here is a 2000 Belarus cover issued for the Sydney Olympics depicting sailing. The indicium is shown at left.



If you need postal envelopes to spice up your collection in most any topic, be it sports or not, don't overlook the postal stationery of the former Soviet Union and its present-day successors. During the post-World War II years up through 1991 the Soviet Union issued literally thousands of postal envelopes with special illustrated cachets.

Since these envelopes were issued by the government and not by a private business, I feel they have a definite place in any collection or exhibit. I have not been able to locate a catalog of these postal emissions. Perhaps a reader can help us with this.

Some of the recently independent countries in Eastern Europe still follow this custom of commemorative postal envelopes. In 2000, Belarus issued a set of four postal envelopes for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Each envelope has a common "no value indicated" (NVI) postal indicium showing the letter "A" (Figure 1). Such NVI indicia are becoming more common both on stamps and stationery.

Each of the four envelopes in the set follows a common design; only the "cachet" differs. These covers depict one of the following sports: equestrianism, sailing (shown at left), or soccer (two envelopes, each with a different soccer scene).

Let's journey back many decades to the 1912 Stockholm Olympic Games. To me, one of the most interesting and graphically-pleasing designs was that used for the official poster showing flag bearers and the flags of many of the participating nations. Labels depicting the poster's design were issued in a number of different languages. The label in Swedish is shown at left in Figure 2.

In 1996 the Swedish Postal Museum, in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Modern Olympic Games being held in Atlanta, Georgia, issued two postal cards (denominated 3.85kr and 7.50kr). The indicia for each (Figure 2, right) showed a reproduction of the main design of the 1912 label. The vibrant colors of the main design as well as the brown color of the base are duplicated exactly.



Figure 2. The Olympic Games frequently generate wonderful artwork, especially for the official Games' posters. The 1912 Stockholm poster, duplicated on one of many labels in different languages, is shown at left. The Swedish Postal Museum repeated the design (right) in the indicium for two pieces of postal stationery commemorating the centennial of the Modern Olympic Games in 1996.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

by Margaret Jones

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SPI member, Alan Marder, was selected to participate in the Olympic torch relay for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City. Alan, an engineering

Program Manager for the New York City Transit Authority, was honored for his thirty-year career in planning, design and construction of public transportation facilities, as well as his work as a volunteer at the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. He carried the torch when the relay passed through the New York metropolitan area on Sunday, December 23, 2001.

Alan reports he was one of the thousands of workers evacuated from his lower Manhattan office, on foot, over the Brooklyn Bridge on September 11.

Exhibit Awards

BALPEX 2001 (Hunt Valley, Maryland). Regina Day won silver for "Joggers, Bikers and The Merry Widow."

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Albania: June 1, 2001. Mediterranean Games, Tunis. 10l swimmer; 90l runners; 140l cyclists; souvenir sheet with 260l stamp, discus thrower.

Alderney: August 1, 2001. Alderney's Golf Course/ Golf Equipment Through the Ages. Golfers and equipment: 22p, feathery golf ball 1901; 27p, golf fashions of 1920's; 36p, modern ball; 40p, contemporary putter; 45p, gloves and spiked shoes; 65p, modern lofted wood. Also s/s with one of each.

Algeria: June 2, 2001. Children's Games. Set of four 5d stamps: hopscotch; dice; gyroscope, marbles.

Armenia: August 18, 2001. Second Pan-Armenian Games. 300 drams, trophy, rings and stadium.

Azerbaijan: January 26, 2001. Sydney 2000 Olympics medal winners. S/s of three se-tenant 1,000 mapat stamps: Namig Abdullayev, wrestling freestyle gold; Zemfira Meftahaddinova, shooting gold; Vugar Alakbarov, boxing bronze.

Bosnia Serb Administration: June 14, 2000. European Soccer Championship. 1m, 2m soccer scenes; s/s 6m stamp, map of Europe, soccer player.

September 6, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. Four 50m: map of Australia, handball; basketball; hurdles; volleyball; s/s 2m stamp, emu, kangaroo, map.

Brazil: August 21, 2001. Brazilian Soccer Clubs. 70c player, emblem of Regatas Vasco da Game Club.

August 26, 2001. Brazilian Soccer Clubs. 70c player with ball, emblem of Palmerias Sports Society.

Bulgaria: June 29, 2001. Sports Legends of the 20th Century. Pane of three stamps and labels. 22s, soccer player Georgy Asparukov; 30st, wrestler Dan Kolov; 65st, equestrian Gen. Krum Lekarski.

China: July 14, 2001. Beijing 2008 Olympics. Beijing's Successful Bid to Host 2008 Olympics. 80f, symbolic knot bid logo.

Columbia: July 18, 2001. America Soccer Cup. 1,900p round stamp, soccer ball and emblems.

Cuba: February 23, 2001. National Institute for Sport Physical Education and Recreation. 65¢, building.

Ecuador: 2001. Guayas Soccer Team 50th Anniversary. 68¢, team emblem.

French Polynesia: July 12, 2001. Canoe Races. 85f, men in canoe; 120f, women in canoe. One s/s.

French Southern & Antarctic Territories: January 2002. Young Collection/Olympic Games of French Southern and Antarctic Territories.

Gambia: September 6, 2001. Korea-Japan World Cup Soccer Championship. 2dal, Dutch player; 3d, Argentine player; 4d, Ibaraki Kashima Football Stadium, Japan; 5d, George Best, Northern Ireland; 10d, Dino Zoff, Italy; 15d, poster for 1938 French World Cup; 25d s/s, Pat Bonner's penalty save for Ireland, 1990 World Cup.

Hong Kong: July 14, 2001. Beijing's 2008 Summer Olympics. Beijing's Successful Bid to Host 2008 Olympics. \$1.30, symbolic knot bid logo.

Ireland: September 5, 2001. Sailing. 30p/0.38e, Ruffian 23 (also self-adhesive); 32p/0.41e, Howth 17; two 45p/0.57e, The Glen & 1720 Sportsboat.

September 5, 2001. Gaelic Athletic Assoc. Hall of Fame. 4 se-tenant 30p/0.38e (self-stick and lick & stick), hurler Nicky Rackard; hurler Frank Cummins; footballer Padraic Carney; footballer Jack O'Shea.

Ivory Coast: 2001. World Cup Soccer Championships. Elimination Rounds: 180fr+20fr; 400fr+20fr; 600fr+20fr; 700fr. Photographs of various soccer scenes.

Japan: April 3, 2001. Prefecture (Osaka), four se-tenant 50y stamps: thunder god playing table tennis; wind god playing table tennis; bowling, taekwondo.

July 16, 2001. Ninth FINA (International Federation of Swimming) World Swimming Championships, Fukuoka. Se-tenant strip of four 80y stamps: race, synchronized swimming, diving, water polo.

August 16, 2001. 6th World Games Akita, Japan. Se-tenant pair of 50y stamps: flying disc and casting; aerobics and billiards. Se-tenant pair of 80y stamps: Lifesaving and water skiing; body building and tug-of-war.

October 26, 2001. The 1st National Games for the Disabled. Two se-tenant 80y stamps: frisbee and wheelchair race.

North Korea: September 20, 2001. Cycle Sports. 10ch, cycle football; 40ch, road race; 1.50w, trans-mountain-field cycle race; 2w, indoor cycle race.

September 10, 2001. Beijing 2008 Olympics. S/s of five 56 chon: Deng Ya Ping receives table tennis gold medal from Juan Antonio Samaranch 1966; Chinese President Jiang Zemin participating in joint meeting July 13, 2001, at Tiananmen Square; runner Wang Jun Xia; gymnast Li Ning; diver Fu Ming Xia.

South Korea: July 2, 2001. Millennium/Part 11. Five se-tenant 170w stamps, one depicting Olympic logo used during opening ceremony, 1988 Seoul Games.

Macau: July 14, 2001. Beijing 2008 Olympics. Beijing's Successful Bid to Host 2008 Olympics. 1 patacs, symbolic knot bid logo.

Malaysia: August 1, 2001. Sukan Sea Games. 20 sen, diving; 30s, gymnastics; 50s, discus throw; \$1, weightlifting; \$2, cycling; \$5.50 s/s, running.

Marshall Islands: Sports. Se-tenant block of four 34¢: basketball; bowling; table tennis; kayaking.

Norfolk Island: October 1, 2001. Sixth South Pacific Mini Games. 10¢, owl mascot holding flag; booklet contains 20 stamps.

Paraguay: June 29, 2001. SUB Worldwide Soccer Championship, Argentina. 2,000g; 2,500g photos of soccer scenes.

Poland: October 6, 2001. Poland in finals of 2002 World Soccer Cup. 1zl, soccer scenes.

Romania: April 23, 2001. Resignation of G. Hagi. 2,200 lei, photo of soccer player. 35,000l s/s, photo of Hagi with fans.

August 21, 2001. Horse Racing. 1,500 lei, sulky racing; 2,500 lei, dressage; 5,300 lei, obstacle racing; 8,300, lei galloping.

September 25, 2001. The 20th Century. 5,000 lei, gymnast Nadia Comaneci receives 10 at 1976 Olympics (one stamp from a set of four).

St. Vincent: July 16, 2001. Dale Earnhardt's NASCAR Legacy. Six se-tenant \$2 stamps: Dale Earnhardt Sr. and son Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Senegal: February 28, 2000. Sydney 2000 Olympics. 40fr, swimming, weightlifting; 80fr, taekwondo; 240fr, 200 meter race; 290fr, handball.

Solomon Islands: Sydney 2000 Olympics/Olympilex. \$1 female runner; \$4.50 male runner.

Spain: September 28, 2001. Bullfighting. 260pta/1.56e s/s, Curro Romero with bull.

Taiwan: October 18, 2001. National Games. NT\$5, flame, symbolic athletes in table tennis, taekwondo, javelin throw; NT\$25, map of Taiwan, symbolic runner, swimmer, weightlifter.

October 30, 2001. Baseball World Cup. Two NT\$5, pitcher; hitter, NT\$12, catcher; NT\$20, runner sliding into base; s/s of all four stamps.

Tonga: July 31, 2001. Sports Fishing. Four se-tenant stamps with a center label, 45s, sailfish; 80s, blue marlin (Makaira mazara); \$2.40, wahoo (Acanthocybium solandri); \$2.50, dorado (Coryphaena hippurus).

Ukraine: August 10, 2001. Ukrainian Soccer. 50kop, soccer player.

United States: January 8, 2002. Salt Lake City 2002 Olympics. Four se-tenant self-adhesive 34¢ stamps: ski jumping, snow boarding, ice hockey, figure skating.

Vietnam: July 24, 2001. 2002 World Soccer Cup. Se-tenant pair of stamps, 800d, 3,000d continuous design of players and map.

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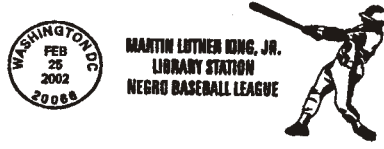
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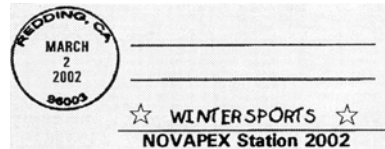
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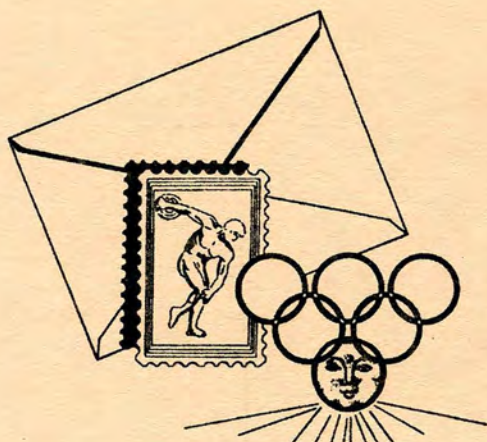
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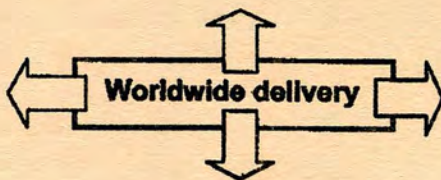
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