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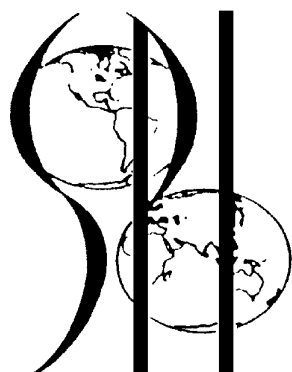
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The IOC Sessions: 1894-2002



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

SPI Has a New Website

After lots of begging and pleading on my part for a new webmaster to redesign and maintain our SPI website, our Membership Chairman, Peg Jones, decided to step into the breach and give it a shot.

By Peg's own admission, it's a new learning experience for her, but one that I hope she will enjoy. I should add that our new server (we *finally* dumped Geocities and their annoying pop-up advertisements) charges us \$300 per year to host our website, all of which Peg is generously donating. Now that's what I call commitment – thanks Peg!

In coming up with a new URL for our site, we decided that the simplest to remember was "www.sportstamps.org" (since "www.spi.org" was already taken). Hopefully, potential collectors and non-collectors alike will be magically transported to our site during websurfing safaris.

Our new webmaster is busily remaking the site for a mid-August launch on our new server, after which she hopes to fine tune the design and slowly add other elements.

Eventually, I'd like to see us enroll new members online, provide a full searchable index to our journal, offer back issues on line, and even one day experiment with an online auction. For now, though, we'll keep it simple so stop by for a visit!

On other fronts our SPI election has concluded with a total of 44 members voting. The results, as submitted by our Secretary-Treasurer, Andrew Urushima, are as follows

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	Bernard McGovern	43
	Jeffrey R. Tishman	43
	Robert J. Wilcock	44
	Glenn Estus (write-in)	2

I'd like to thank all those members who took the time to vote, thereby signaling their support for the candidates. I would also like to welcome our new board members, Dale Lilljedahl and Bernard McGovern, as well as welcome back our past officers and directors. To all of you, your active participation in the society is most appreciated.

One final thought ... your journal editor is running short of articles so get those thoughts on paper and snail or email them to me!

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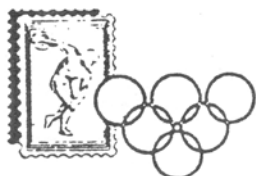
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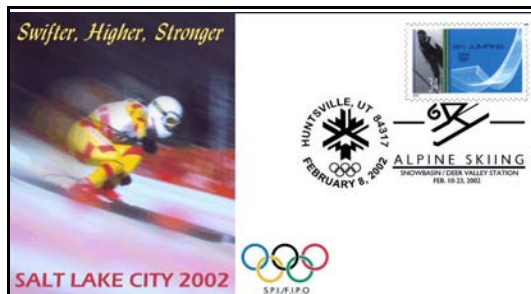
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The International Olympic Committee Sessions 1894-2002 (Part 1)

by Mark Maestroni
session table compiled by Wolf Lyberg

The International Olympic Committee, or IOC for short, was founded in 1894 by a Frenchman, Baron Pierre de Coubertin. This international organization, with headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, is entrusted with the control and development of the Modern Olympic Games. It is the final authority concerning the Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement.

The IOC includes among its members active athletes and presidents of the International Sports Federations (IFs) and National Olympic Committees (NOCs). Major decisions of the IOC are put to a vote by the entire membership, at present numbering 124 from 81 nations. These assemblies, known as Sessions, are held annually.

Of all the missions of the IOC, selecting the host city of each Summer and Winter Olympic Games is perhaps their most important. Thus, the IOC Sessions become integral elements in telling the story of an Olympic Games.

Perhaps the world's leading authority on the IOC is Wolf Lyberg of Sweden. His intimate knowledge of the committee and unfettered access to sport and Olympic archives around the world has resulted in the creation of the table accompanying this article. As a definitive source, the table provides an accurate record of the place and time for each IOC Session, along with the number of members in attendance.

Beginning at its inception, the IOC has convened an annual session to conduct its business. During both world wars – between 1914-1919 and again from 1939-1946 – these assemblies were halted. In Olympic years, the IOC held sessions at both the Summer and Winter Games. This custom started with the Berlin and Garmisch-Partenkirchen Olympics in 1936. With the separation of Winter and Summer Games, the IOC has returned to annual schedule.

IOC Sessions are referred to by their sequential number, the 1st having taken place at Paris in 1894 and the latest, the 113th, at Salt Lake City immediately prior to the opening of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

Unfortunately, discrepancies in the numbering system have crept in over the course of the last 108 years. The IOC's official count of its sessions is actually off by two; records indicate that only 111 sessions have been held.

How did this happen? Well the miscount began with a session supposedly held in 1903 in Paris. There is only one problem: no minutes of this meeting exist in the IOC's archives, nor is there any report in contemporary sources of a session having occurred. As a result of his own research, Mr. Lyberg believes that a meeting of IOC members resident in Paris in 1903 may have taken place, and that that meeting is most likely being misidentified as a "session".

The addition of a session in Basel in 1912 was the second error in numbering. There is no clear explanation as to why this happened. Lyberg surmises that in an attempt to compensate for what some thought was the omission of the 1908 Session in London, a second non-existent Basel session in 1912 was inserted (the only 1912 Session was in Stockholm during those Games).

An attempt was made in 1970 at the Amsterdam session by Monique Berlioux, the IOC's Press and PR chief, to straighten out some of the numbering. She declared that the Amsterdam Session would thereafter be considered the 70th rather than 69th, and the following session in Luxembourg in 1971 would be the 71st. Unfortunately this did not fix the problem. These errors still remain part of the official IOC numbering system. The accompanying table lists both the official session number ("OL" column) and the actual chronological number ("CH" column).

Beginning with the 1925 Session in Prague, philately has marked many of the sessions with postal material of some kind: stamps, cancels, and sometimes postal stationery. The second table, which will be continued in future issues of *JSP*, will represent those sessions that are philatelically commemorated with a brief summary of notable action taken at the session along with the postal material that was issued. In this way it is hoped that collectors and exhibitors alike will be able to include philatelic elements relevant to their collecting or exhibiting area.

Year	OL # ¹	CH # ²	Dates	Place	Members Present ³	Total Members
1894	1	1	June 16-23	Paris	6	13
1896	2	2	April 4, 6, 7-9, 10, 12, 14	Athens	7	15
1897	3	3	July 26, 28-31	Le Havre	9	16
1901	4	4	May 2 -23	Paris	12	25
1903	5	–	?	Paris ⁴	–	25
1904	6	5	June 20-22	London	14	31
1905	7	6	June 9 -14	Bruxelles	15	29
1906	8	7	April 23-25	Athens	8	31
1907	9	8	May 23 -25	The Hague	14	33
1908	10	9	July 12, 17	London	16+2=18	35
1909	11	10	May 28-29; June 1	Berlin	22	38
1910	12	11	June 11-13	Luxembourg City	16	38
1911	13	12	May 23 -27	Budapest	20+1=21	41
1912	14	–	March 27-28	Basel	–	45
1912	15	13	July 4, 8-10, 17	Stockholm	31	44
1913	16	14	April 4-8	Lausanne	23	46
1914	17	15	June 15-23	Paris	41	48
1919	18	16	April 5-8	Lausanne	38	38
1920	19	17	August 17-21, 23, 24, 30	Antwerp	30	42
1921	20	18	June 2-6	Lausanne	24	42
1922	21	19	June 7-10	Paris	27	54
1923	22	20	April 7 -12	Rome	29	61
1924	23	21	June 25-28; July 7 - 12	Paris	38+2=40	60
1925	24	22	May 26-28	Prague	30	67
1926	25	23	May 3-7	Lisbon	24	66
1927	26	24	April 22-23, 25-27	Monte Carlo	32+2=34	69
1928	27	25	July 25-27; August 3	Amsterdam	39	73
1929	28	26	April 8-11	Lausanne	24	71
1930	29	27	May 22-25	Berlin	32	68
1931	30	28	April 25-26	Barcelona	19+1=20	67

Year	OL #¹	CH #²	Dates	Place	Members Present³	Total Members
1932	31	29	July 27-28	Los Angeles	18	68
1933	32	30	June 7-9	Vienna	30	64
1934	33	31	May 16-19	Athens	22	62
1935	34	32	February 26, 28; March 1	Oslo	23	66
1936	35	33	February 11	Garmisch	15	66
1936	36	34	July 3, 31; August 15	Berlin	50	70
1937	37	35	June 8-11	Warsaw	27	66
1938	38	36	March 13,15-18	Cairo	27	67
1939	39	37	June 6-9	London	35	73
1946	40	38	September 4-6	Lausanne	26	64
1947	41	39	June 19-21	Stockholm	28	66
1948	42	40	January 29-31; February 2, 4-8	St. Moritz	25+3=28	69
1948	43	41	July 27-29; August 13	London	45+2=47	73
1949	44	42	April 25-28	Rome	41	69
1950	45	43	May 15-17	Copenhagen	31+1=32	71
1951	46	44	May 7-10	Vienna	36+2=38	70
1952	47	45	February 12-13, 26	Oslo	31+3=34	71
1952	48	46	July 16-17; August 16	Helsinki	56+1=57	77
1953	49	47	April 17-18, 20	Mexico City	35	71
1954	50	48	May 11-15	Athens	47	70
1955	51	49	June 13-18	Paris	59+3=62	74
1956	52	50	January 23-24	Cortina d'Ampezzo	42	71
1956	53	51	November 19-21; December 4	Melbourne	38+1=39	72
1957	54	52	September 23-28	Sofia	36	68
1958	55	53	May 14-16	Tokyo	31	64
1959	56	54	May 25-28	Munich	56+2=58	66
1960	57	55	February 15-16	San Francisco	25	64
1960	58	56	August 22-23	Rome	58+4=62	67
1961	59	57	June 19-21	Athens	44+2=46	68
1962	60	58	June 5-7	Moscow	44	66

Year	OL #¹	CH #²	Dates	Place	Members Present³	Total Members
1963	61	59	October 16-20	Baden-Baden	58+3=61	69
1964	62	60	January 27-28, February 8	Innsbruck	50+1=51	70
1964	63	61	October 7-8	Tokyo	54+5=59	74
1965	64	62	October 6-9	Madrid	58+4=62	74
1966	65	63	April 25-28	Rome	62+3=65	75
1967	66	64	May 6-9	Teheran	53+4=57	77
1968	67	65	February 1-5	Grenoble	56	71
1968	68	66	October 7-11	Mexico City	59+3=62	75
1969	69	67	June 7-9	Warsaw	53+3=56	76
1970	70	68	May 13-15	Amsterdam	71+1=72	77
1971	71	69	September 15-17	Luxembourg City	60+2=62	76
1972	72	70	January 31-February 1	Sapporo	42	74
1972	73	71	August 21-24; September 5	Munich	73+1=74	75
1973	74	72	October 5-7	Varna	60+1=61	78
1974	75	73	October 21-24	Vienna	64+2=66	82
1975	76	74	May 21-23	Lausanne	69+1=70	78
1976	77	75	February 2-3	Innsbruck	57	76
1976	78	76	July 14-17, 19	Montreal	68	76
1977	79	77	June 15-18	Prague	66+3=69	75
1978	80	78	May 17-20	Athens	77+1=78	84
1979	81	79	April 5-7	Montevideo	74	89
1980	82	80	February 10-13	Lake Placid	73	89
1980	83	81	July 15-18; August 3	Moscow	77	86
1981	84	82	September 29-October 2	Baden-Baden	81	82
1982	85	83	May 27-29	Rome	78+2=80	87
1983	86	84	March 26-28	New Delhi	79	84
1984	87	85	February 5-6	Sarajevo	74	87
1984	88	86	July 25-26	Los Angeles	82+3=85	91
1984	89	87	December 1-2	Lausanne	79	91
1985	90	88	June 4-6	Berlin	80+2=82	95

Year	OL # ¹	CH # ²	Dates	Place	Members Present ³	Total Members
1986	91	89	October 13-17	Lausanne	87+2=89	93
1987	92	90	May 10-12	Istanbul	84+1=85	95
1988	93	91	February 9-11	Calgary	77+2=79	92
1988	94	92	September 13-16	Seoul	87+4=91	95
1989	95	93	August 29-September 1	San Juan	84	92
1990	96	94	September 17-20	Tokyo	87	88
1991	97	95	June 13-16	Birmingham	89	92
1992	98	96	February 5-6	Courchevel	86	93
1992	99	97	July 21-23	Barcelona	89+2=91	93
1993	100	98	June 24	Lausanne	85	91
1993	101	99	September 20-24	Monte Carlo	90	91
1994	102	100	February 7-8	Lillehammer	82	89
1994	103	101	September 4-5	Paris	89	89
1995	104	102	June 15-18	Budapest	93	95
1996	105	103	July 15-18	Atlanta	102	105
1997	106	104	September 3-6	Lausanne	110	112
1998	107	105	February 3-5	Nagano	99	110
1999	108	106	March 17-18	Lausanne	91 ⁵	104
1999	109	107	June 17-20	Seoul		
2000	110	108	December 11-12	Lausanne		
2000	111	109	September 11-13	Sydney		
2001	112	110	July 13-16	Moscow		
2002	113	111	February 4-6	Salt Lake City		

1) Olympic Number: This column reflects the IOC Session numbers as listed in the Olympic Directory.

2) Chronological Number: Errors in the Olympic Directory have been acknowledged, yet the official numbering system of the sessions has not been amended. This column shows the true chronological number of IOC Sessions.

3) As the IOC-policy regarding members present varies from minute to minute, I have chosen to give the number of members present and the number of new members present (16+2=18)

4) Research strongly indicates that there was no IOC Session in Paris in 1903. The only plausible explanation is that a Session was to have been held in Brussels in 1903, but at Belgium's request it was postponed to 1905. In lieu of this meeting, De Coubertin met with those members residing in Paris (some 10 in all) in Paris in 1903.

5) This extraordinary IOC Session was called to deal with members accused of taking bribes from bid cities in exchange for favorable votes. Number of members in attendance reflects the previous resignation of four members, and impending expulsion of six others.

24TH SESSION - PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Highlights: Establishment of a separate Winter Olympics beginning with the 1924 event at Chamonix; new definition of amateur status; election of Henri Baillet-Latour as 3rd IOC President.

Philately: Set of 3 stamps (B137-9) overprinted "Congres Olymp. Interat. / Praha 1925"; set of 5 postal cards, overprinted; 2 cancels, one round and one continuous machine.



29TH SESSION - BERLIN, GERMANY

Highlights: Regulations and programs of the Games; procedures for photography and filming of the Games; creation of commissions to oversee each Games and answer technical questions that might arise.

Philately: A single hand cancel used for the duration of session.



50TH SESSION - ATHENS, GREECE

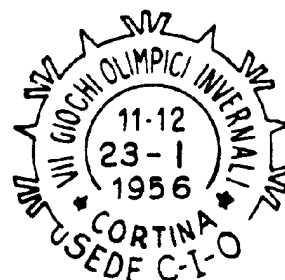
Highlights: This session marked the 60th anniversary of the founding of the IOC.

Philately: Two handcancels created by the Greek postal administration to honor the 50th Session. Records indicate that the session didn't officially begin until May 11, 1954, even though the cancels read May 8.



52ND SESSION - CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY

Philately: Hotel Miramonti hosted the IOC during the 1956 Olympic Winter Games in Cortina. The post office in the hotel began operation on January 23, coinciding with the opening of the IOC Session. Two versions of the handcancel used at this post office: A = "C - I - O" separated by hyphens; B = "C . I O" separated by periods, with period missing between the "I" and "O". A slogan machine cancel was also used at the hotel's post office during the period January 23 - February 5.



58TH SESSION - ROME, ITALY

Highlights: This session was held during the 1960 Rome Olympic Games.

Philately: Handcancel used at the session which officially ran August 22-23, 1960.



60TH SESSION - MOSCOW, USSR

Philately: The Ministry of Communications in the USSR honored this session – the first held in that country – with an attractive and colorful postal stationery envelope showing the IOC Session logo.



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Birdies Fly at Guangzhou's World Badminton Championships

by Mark Maestroni
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Badminton has long been one of the most popular sports in Asia, so it's no wonder that perennial favorites in the two World Championship competitions (one for men and one for women) frequently come from that continent.

From May 9 through 19, 2002, Guangzhou, PRC hosted the Thomas Cup (men's) and Uber Cup (women's) finals.

In Thomas Cup competition, Indonesia finally beat Malaysia 3/2 to clinch their fourth consecutive title. Indonesia's Hendrawan was the hero of the night, bringing back the third point in the last match of the evening.

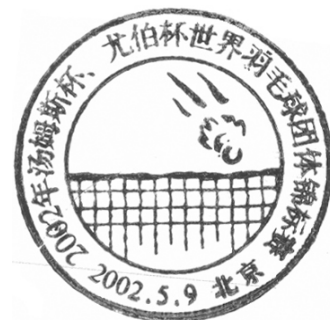
The finals of the Uber Cup for women was even more exciting. While the Chinese team was expected to win its eighth title (third straight), their road to the gold didn't go as planned. A cocky Korean team refused to make it easy for them. The

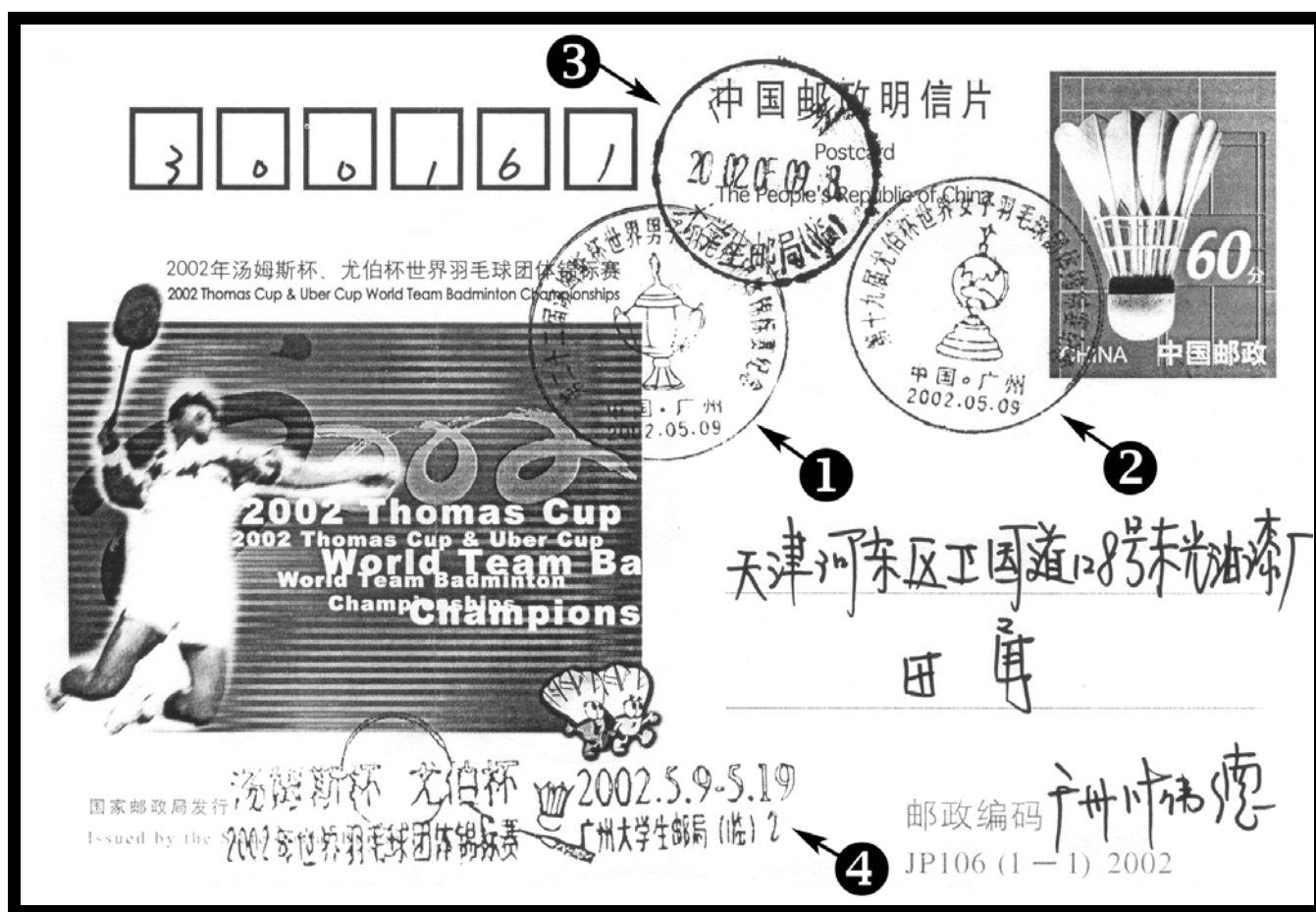
Korean's 24-year-old, Kim Kyeung Ran, managed to defeat China's ace, Zhou Mi, in a singles match.

China's State Postal Bureau commemorated the events in Guangzhou with the 60 fen postal stationery card shown above. (The card was airmailed to Hong Kong and thus required an additional 40 fen in postage.)

Two pictorial cancels were created as well (above and below). Both read "2002 Thomas Cup. Uber Cup World Badminton Team Championship" in the upper portion of the circle. The lower portion bears the text "China 2002.5.9" – the date of issue and opening day of World Championship competition.

The circular date stamp is from Beijing. The name of the sub-branch post office roughly translates as "Gate of Peace."





In addition to the two commemorative postmarks shown on the previous page, the temporary post office for the competition, believed by Mr. Kwan to be located at Guangzhou University, also had two special cancels and three cachets.

- ① Special postmark from Guangzhou Temporary Post Office: "Commemorating the 22nd Thomas Cup Men's Team World Championship / China/ Guangzhou / 2002.05.09"
- ② Special postmark from Guangzhou Temporary Post Office: "Commemorating the 19th Uber Cup Women's Team World Championship / China/ Guangzhou / 2002.05.09"
- ③ Standard circular date stamp from Guangzhou Temporary Post Office
- ④ Special cachet from Guangzhou Temporary Post Office: "Thomas Cup / Uber Cup / 2002 World Team Championship / Guangzhou University Post Office (Temporary) #2"



Special cachets (above and below) from Guangzhou Temporary Post Office: "Year 2002 Thomas, Uber World Team Badminton Championship / 2002.5.9 - 19 / China Tin He Sport Center"



"We Are Pleased to Announce the Birth of a 1932 Winter Olympic Stamp!"

by Glenn Estus

It certainly pays to have friends who know what you collect. I recently attended my local stamp club meeting. It's *only* 55 miles to the meeting and to attend I usually have to drive my car and also take a ferry, but the philatelic fun makes the trip well worth it.

As I walked into the meeting a good friend yelled across the room, "Glenn, I think that I have something that you will be most interested in." He mentioned that he had recently acquired a collection and in the collection was an item from the 1932 Olympic Winter Games held in Lake Placid, NY.

He handed me the item, asking if this was the type of material I was searching for. I responded, "Definitely!!!! How much?" His answer was, "It's yours gratis. For being a good friend."

What I held in my hand was the "birth announcement" for the 2¢ 1932 Winter Olympic stamp issued in Lake Placid on January 25, 1932 (shown at right). How many of these announcements remain in existence? According to the notation at the bottom of the sheet only 20,000 were printed by the Government Printing Office. The full text of the document appears below.

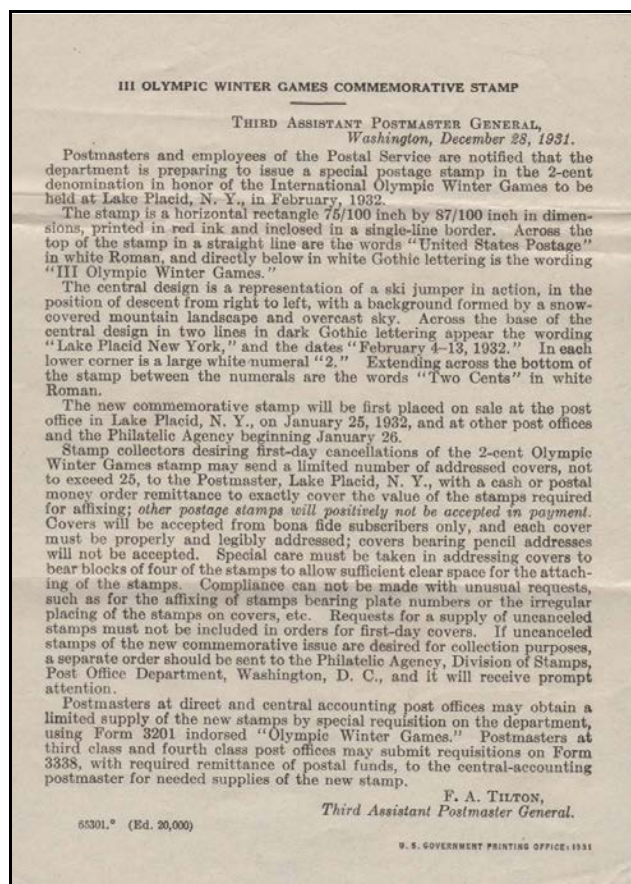
III OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, December 28, 1931.

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are notified that the department is preparing to issue a special postage stamp in the 2-cent denomination in honor of the International Olympic Winter Games to be held at Lake Placid, N. Y., in February, 1932.

The stamp is a horizontal rectangle 75/100 inch by 87/100 inch in dimensions, printed in red ink and inclosed in a single-line border. Across the top of the stamp in a straight line are the words "United States Postage" in white Roman, and directly below in white Gothic lettering is the wording "III Olympic Winter Games."

The central design is a representation of a ski jumper in action, in the position of descent from right to left, with a background formed by a



snowcovered mountain landscape and overcast sky. Across the base of the central design in two lines in dark Gothic lettering appear the wording "Lake Placid New York," and the dates "February 4-13, 1932." In each lower corner is a large white numeral "2." Extending across the bottom of the stamp between the numerals are the words "Two Cents" in white Roman.

The new commemorative stamp will be first placed on sale at the post office in Lake Placid, N. Y., on January 25, 1932, and at other post offices and the Philatelic Agency beginning January 26.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the 2-cent Olympic Winter Games stamp may send a limited number of addressed covers, not to exceed 25, to the Postmaster, Lake Placid, N. Y., with a cash or postal money order remittance to exactly cover the value of the stamps required for affixing; other postage stamps will positively not be accepted in payment. Covers will be accepted from bona fide



An unusual FDC: there was no tobogganing at these Games, but there was ski jumping.

subscribers only, and each cover must be properly and legibly addressed; covers bearing pencil addresses will not be accepted. Special care must be taken in addressing covers to bear blocks of four of the stamps to allow sufficient clear space for the attaching of the stamps. Compliance can not be made with unusual requests, such as for the affixing of stamps bearing plate numbers or the irregular placing of the stamps on covers, etc. Requests for a supply of uncanceled stamps must not be included in orders for first-day covers. If uncanceled stamps of the new commemorative issue are desired for collection purposes, a separate order should be sent to the Philatelic Agency, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., and it will receive prompt attention.

Postmasters at direct and central accounting post offices may obtain a limited supply of the new stamps by special requisition on the department, using Form 3201 indorsed "Olympic Winter Games." Postmasters at third class and fourth class post offices may submit requisitions on Form 3338, with required remittance of postal funds, to the central-accounting postmaster for needed supplies of the new stamp.

F. A. TILTON,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

65301.* (Ed. 20,000)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931



Cachet part of a very large envelope used to mail brochures of the Games. A few of these envelopes were used as FDC's, often with plate blocks of 9! The cachet shows one of the 2 posters of the games.

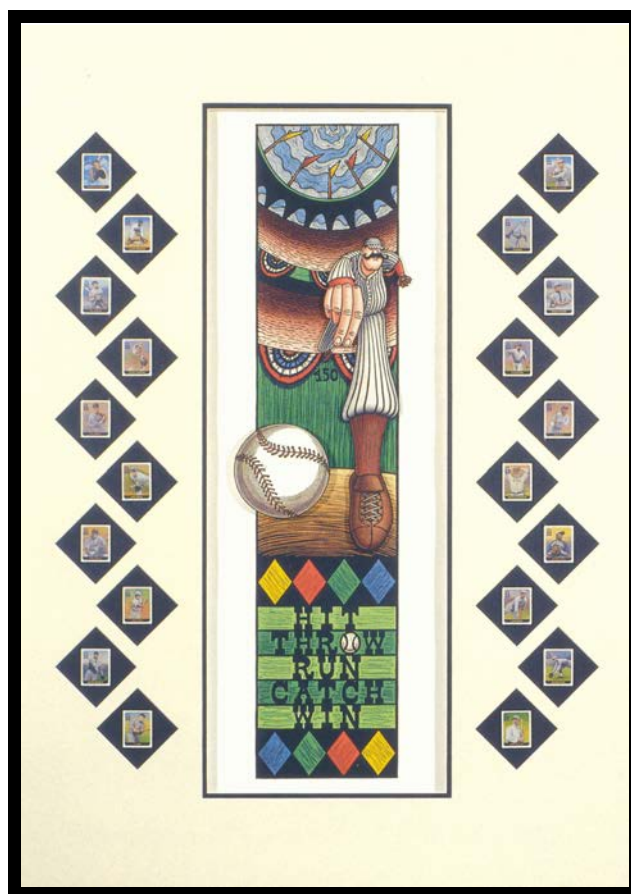
Philatelic Art With a Sports Theme

by Emanuel Doyne

Former software systems engineer Geoffrey Harris of Lexington, SC developed a unique hobby into a full-time job as an artist. Influenced by his father, who primarily collects United States commemorative stamps, Geoff started his own collection. However, struck by the artistry of a number of philatelic items, especially foreign stamps, he began combining stamps and artwork as a hobby. What began with creations solely for himself and his family, in 1992 became a full-time occupation.

His artwork integrates many topical stamps into the design; more recently he has developed a specialized interest in sports, particularly baseball. Geoff also creates artwork for football and golf and receives requests for other sports such as soccer and hockey.

Quoting Mr. Harris: "My current artwork is created using a printmaking technique called Linoleum Block Printing. I carve an original design into a linoleum tile block, apply an oil-based black



ink to the block, and then print the image on paper. I complete the print by painting it with watercolors. The finished print is framed with corresponding postage stamps."

A wonderful example entitled "At the Old Ball Game" incorporating the "Legends of Baseball" series from 2000 is shown above.

Equally interesting is one of his football creations named "4th and inches" reproduced at left. It includes the following stamps: 1969 College Football, 1984 Jim Thorpe, 1988 Knute Rockne and the 1997 Legendary Football Coaches series.

Geoffrey is currently developing many new projects with a special eye toward using the "Legendary Playing Fields" series of 2001. Owners of his works include Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig and Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Palmer.


Geoff is working on a website listing his works and the art shows where he will be appearing. For more information, please contact the artist directly: Geoffrey Aaron Harris, Harris Collectibles, 116 Sunny Vista Drive, Lexington, SC 29073. He can also be reached by phone at (803) 356-0201 or e-mail at geoffreyharris.sc@netzero.net. 





Figure 1. Olympic machine slogan cancel on first day of the 2/- Melbourne Olympic stamp.

Melbourne 1956 “Olympic” First Day Cancels

by Bob Wilcock

Back in 1956 the Australian Post Office had not yet introduced pictorial first day postmarks; the majority of first day covers seen bear regular circular date stamps. However it is possible to find covers with Olympic postmarks. It is not a difficult task for the first publicity stamp

issued on December 1, 1954, a 2 shilling value (airmail) in blue, depicting the Games poster designed by Richard Beck. On that day publicity slogans were introduced in Melbourne and eight other towns and cities: Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Hobart, Launceston, Newcastle, Perth and Sydney. Figure 1 shows a Melbourne slogan while Figure 2 illustrates one from Sydney.



Figure 2. Sydney first day cancel on the 2/- blue value.



Figure 3. Although the Olympic machine slogan cancels were not in general use at the time the 2/- green Olympic stamp was issued on November 30, 1955, it was being used in Hobart, Tasmania.

The publicity slogans continued in use intermittently until November 28, 1956, but were not officially in use on November 30, 1955 when the publicity stamp was re-issued in green. However the slogan was in use in Hobart (Figure 3) thus providing a rare "Olympic" first day cancel. While it was also in use in Melbourne (Figure 4), I have yet to see it cancelling the 2/- Olympic stamp.

The principal commemorative Olympic set of four values (4d, 7½d, 1/- and 2/-) was issued on October 31, 1956. The Olympic slogan is not known to have been in use in any of the nine cities on that day. The two Olympic Villages, however, were open. There were seven different pictorial cancels in the main Olympic Village, and three in the village at



Figure 4. Melbourne was also using their Olympic publicity slogan on November 30, 1955. Unfortunately, the author has yet to see evidence of the cancellation having been applied to the 2/- blue Olympic stamp issued that day.

Ballarat for athletes competing in rowing and canoeing events. Figure 5 shows an Organizing Committee cover with the handstamp showing the gateway to the Village. A registered cover with the special Olympic Village registration label, and torch runner handstamp is reproduced in Figure 6. Olympic Village cancels are quite easily found – look for the October 31 date.

An aerogramme was issued on November 12, 1956 which coincided with the opening of Olympex, the official Olympic philatelic exhibition. Two torch runner handcancels were available, one with the runner facing left, the other facing right. For the opening day of the exhibition only, the cancels were applied in red ink (during the remainder of the



Figure 5. An Olympic Organizing Committee cover bearing the four Olympic stamps issued on October 31, 1956. The slogan machine cancels were not in use that day, however the Olympic Village handcancels make a fine alternative!



Figure 6. A registered cover on the first day of the final Olympic series cancelled at the Olympic Village at Ballarat, where the athletes in rowing and canoeing were housed.

exhibition they were in black). Figure 7 shows an aerogramme sent to England (the address is on a label). The imprinted stamp exhibits the variety “MELBOURNE” making this example doubly rare.

Bob is in the course of preparing a handbook on the Melbourne slogan postmarks and the 61 different

dies that were used. Hundreds of slogans have already been examined, but Bob would like to see even more so as to get as full a picture as possible of the different dies and their dates of use. He would be grateful to have photocopies mailed to him at 24 Hamilton Crescent, Brentwood, Essex, CM14 5ES, England. Scans (.JPG images, please) may be emailed to: bob@towlard.freemove.co.uk.



Figure 7. The Olympic aerogramme was issued on November 16, 1956. A postmark from Olympex which opened that very day was applied in red rather than black as on all other days of the philatelic exhibition. Note that this aerogramme also displays the “F” in “Melbourne” variety.



Figure 2. Sportsman's Park was featured on the cover of the USPS's 2001 booklet of "Baseball's Legendary Playing Fields" postal stationery cards.

The St. Louis Browns, St. Louis' *Other* Baseball Team

by Norman Rushefsky

Few modern day baseball fans are aware that St. Louis was once a two baseball team town. The St. Louis Cardinals of the National League was, and still is, the predominant baseball team of St. Louis. However, prior to 1954 the city supported a second major league baseball team, the much maligned Browns of the American League. Until they moved from St. Louis, the Browns were perennially one of the poorer, if not poorest, playing teams in their league. The Browns however did have some rare successes including winning the American League pennant in 1944 and playing in the World Series against, of all teams, the Cardinals.

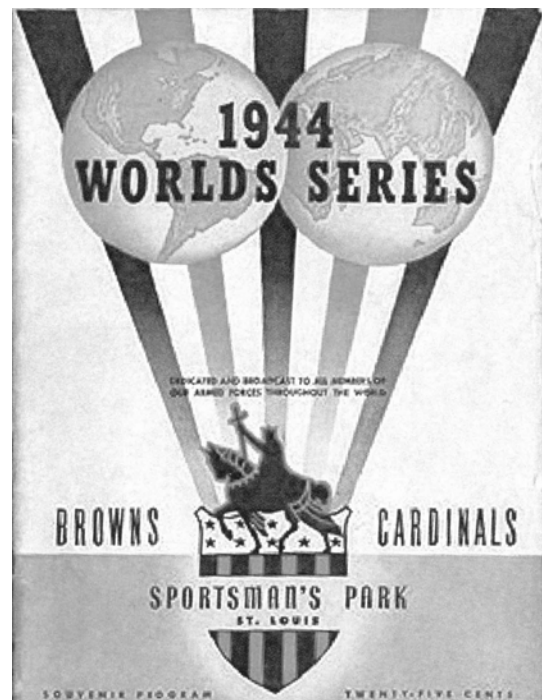


Figure 1. A program from the 1944 all-St. Louis World Series.

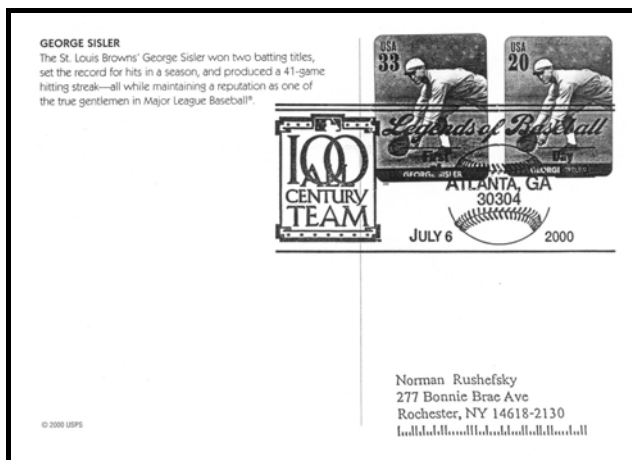


Figure 3. Postal card (20¢) and matching 33¢ stamp honoring the Browns' George Sisler

This World Series was known as the "Trolley Series" for the means of transportation taken by the fans to the games. The unique feature of this World Series was the fact that all the games were played at Sportsman's Park, which was the home field of both the Browns and the Cardinals.

Figure 1 illustrates a program from this World Series. Because the series took place during World War II most of the players playing Major League Baseball were either too young or too old for service. Most of the St. Louis Browns players however did not fit in this category. Most were unfit for duty but champions nonetheless. The 1944 Browns won their only league championship fielding 18 players classified 4-F and two with medical discharges.

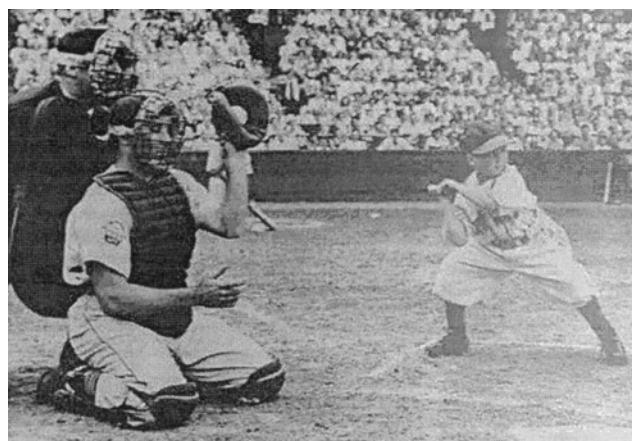


Figure 4. The one-time batting appearance of midget, Eddie Gaedel.

In 2001 the U.S. Postal Service issued a sheet of stamps and a booklet of postal cards honoring legendary baseball fields. Sportsman's Park was featured on the front and back covers of the booklet and on the top border of the sheet of stamps. Figure 2 illustrates the front cover of the booklet of cards.

Although a generally poor playing team, the Browns did at times have some sterling players typically at the beginning or end of their careers. They included Satchel Paige, legendary pitcher in the Negro Leagues; Rogers Hornsby, famous for his hitting with the Cardinals; and Dizzy Dean, renowned pitcher for the Cardinals. All are Hall of Famers who also played for the Browns and have been honored philatelically by the U.S. Postal Service in 2000.

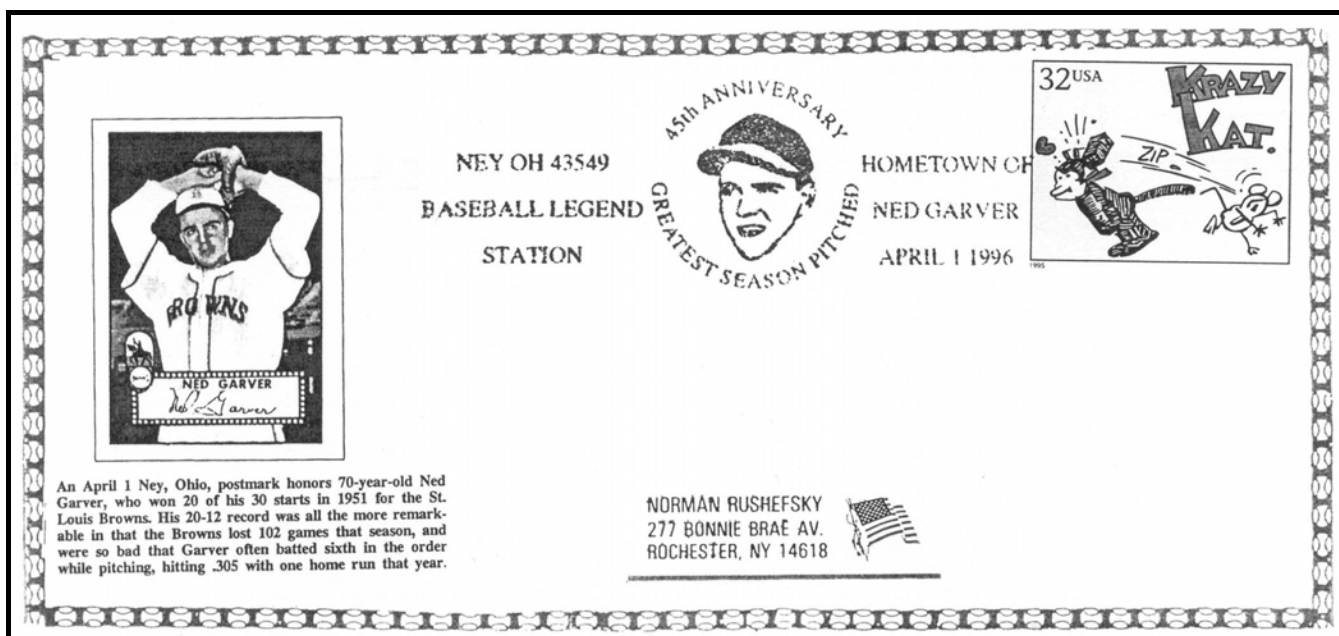


Figure 5. Postmark honoring Browns' pitcher, Ned Garver.

Also honored on the set of stamps and postal cards issued in 2000 was the Browns' George Sisler, who was one of the great baseball hitters of all time. Figure 3 illustrates a first day of issue of the Sisler postal card which also includes the counterpart postage stamp. Sisler hit .420 in 1922 for the Browns.

Highlights of the Browns era are few and far between. One of the more memorable events (Figure 4) took place on August 19, 1951 when Eddie Gaedel, whose career lasted one at-bat strode to the plate to pinch hit. Gaedel was only three feet, seven inches tall and due to the incredibly small strike zone was walked after four straight balls. This was done as a publicity stunt by the owner, Bill Veeck, who during his colorful career pulled off other amusing capers to attract fans to the park.

One of the generally outstanding pitchers for the Browns was Ned Garver. His hometown of Ney, Ohio honored him with a postmark in 1996 (Figure 5). Garver won 20 of his 30 starts in 1951 for the Browns. His 20-12 record that year was all the more remarkable in that the Browns lost 102 of their 154 games that season.

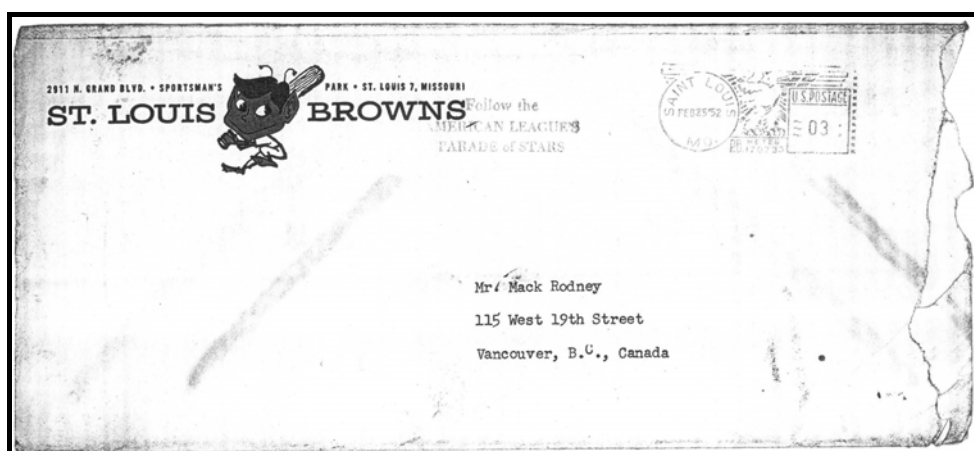


Figure 6. Meter slogan reading "Follow the American League's Parade of Stars." Most of the "stars" were not on the Browns, but on the visiting teams!

Figures 6 and 7 illustrate two envelopes with different meter slogans used by the Browns. Naturally enough, the meters are printed in brown.

The St. Louis Browns played their last game in St. Louis in 1953. Earlier that year, the St. Louis Cardinals were purchased by the owner of Anheuser-Busch. Bill Veeck, who had purchased the Browns in 1951, realized he couldn't compete with the brewery money. He sold the club to a group from Baltimore, and Sportsman's Park to August Busch, Jr. and the Cardinals. The Browns moved to Baltimore and were renamed the Orioles for the 1954 season. After 50 years, St. Louis was once again a one Major League ball club town!

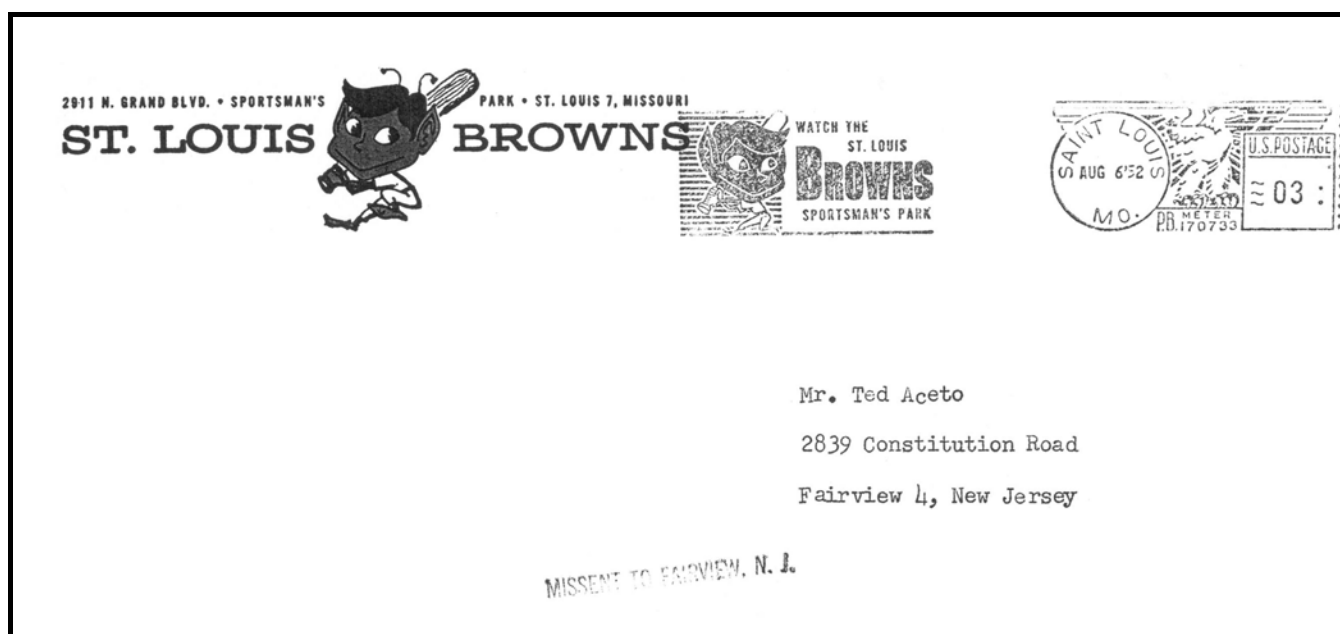


Figure 7. Meter slogan shows the team logo with text reading "Watch the St. Louis Browns Sportsman's Park."



Figure 1A. 1908 postal card franked with a 1/2d stamp mailed to parties interested in purchasing tickets to figure skating events to be held as part of the 1908 London Olympic Games.

Great Britain at the Olympic Winter Games

by Bob Wilcock

It is not well known that Olympic winter sports competitions were first held in London as part of the 1908 Olympic Games. Figure skating competitions were conducted at the Prince's Skating Rink. Figures 1A and 1B show a 1/2d postal stationery card inviting members of the National Skating Association to purchase tickets for the events, public practice sessions, and the Grand Banquet.

There were four events contested as part of the Olympics: "Gentlemen's Figure Skating, Ladies' Figure Skating, Pair Skating (Lady and

Gentleman), Gentlemen's Special Figure Skating".

In the men's event the gold medal went to Ulrich Salchow of Sweden, while Great Britain took the gold in the ladies' figures thanks to Madge Syers. With her husband, Mrs. Syers also secured a bronze medal in the pairs competition (Figure 2).

The ladies' event was an Olympic innovation, and comments in the Official Report make interesting reading:

"The successful appearance of ladies in these competitions suggests the consideration

that since one of the chief objects of the revived Olympic Games is the physical development and amelioration of the race, it appears illogical to adhere so far to classical tradition as to provide so few opportunities for the participation of a predominant partner in the process of race-production. More events, in fact, might be open to women, whether they are permitted to compete with men or not. They have already so competed, successfully in the case

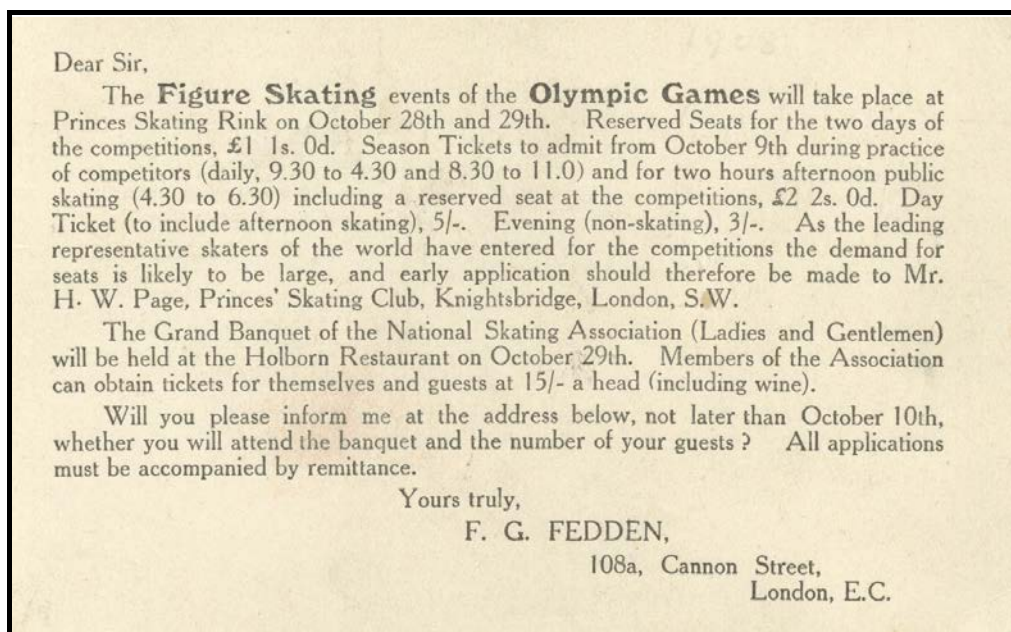


Figure 1B. Reverse of the card shown in Figure 1A.



Figure 2. Mr. & Mrs. Syers, winners of the bronze medal in the pairs figure skating event at the 1908 Olympics. Mrs. Syers also won the gold medal in the ladies' singles competition. (From the 1908 Official Report)

of Mrs. Syers in international skating meetings. They have competed in skating, archery, and lawn tennis in the Olympic Games. Perhaps it may be worth considering whether in future Olympiads they may not also enter for swimming, diving, and gymnastics, three branches of physical exercise in which they gave most attractive displays during the Games in London. In rifle-shooting, and possibly in other sports, they may also have a fair chance of success in open competitions. But it is not probable that in any physical exercise they will ever both demonstrate their superiority and also preserve their characteristic charm so convincingly as in such skating as was seen at Prince's during the Autumn Games of 1908."

Surprisingly perhaps, figure skating was not featured in the 1912 Olympic program at Stockholm, but, along with ice hockey made a reappearance at Antwerp in 1920. The British couple, Johnson and Williams, garnered a bronze in the pairs. The year 1924, as we know, saw the introduction of a separate Olympic Winter Games.

Ethel Muckelt won a bronze medal for Great Britain in the ladies' figure skating in 1924. In last



Figure 3. Postcard (above) written and signed on its face (below) by Sonja Henie in April 1928.



place was eleven-year-old Sonja Henie of Norway, who eventually achieved much notoriety by winning the gold medal in 1928, 1932, and 1936 (Figure 3).

The rising star in 1936 was Britain's Cecilia Colledge (Figure 4) who took the silver medal. One of the judges actually placed her ahead of Sonja Henie! Cecilia went on to win the 1937 World Championships.



Figure 4. Hand signed postcard of Cecilia Colledge.

Britain's Jeanette Altwegg converted a figure skating bronze at St. Moritz in 1948 into gold at Oslo's 1952 Olympic Winter Games.

In bobsleigh, Anthony Nash and Robin Dixon won the two-man event in 1964.

In ice hockey it was the British team that took the gold at Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 1936.

Back to figure skating: British men were successful at Innsbruck in 1976 where John Curry won the gold, and again in 1980 in Lake Placid thanks to Robin Cousins (Figure 5).

Ice dance was added to the figure skating program in 1976. In 1980 at Lake Placid, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean were fifth, but by 1984's Olympics at Sarajevo they had taken ice dance to new heights. The nine perfect 6.0's they received for artistic impression with their interpretation of Ravel's "Bolero" have yet to be equaled (Figure 6).

Great Britain failed to reach the golden heights in subsequent Games. Even Salt Lake City looked as if it would also be a Games more of disappointment than success.

Alex Coomber appeared to be Britain's strongest hope in the newly reintroduced event, the skeleton. She had won the World Championships in 2000, and the Skeleton World Cup in 2000, 2001 and 2002 at Lake Placid, just a month before the Salt Lake Olympics. Sadly she finished third, but it was not until after the Games she revealed that she had been competing with a broken wrist!

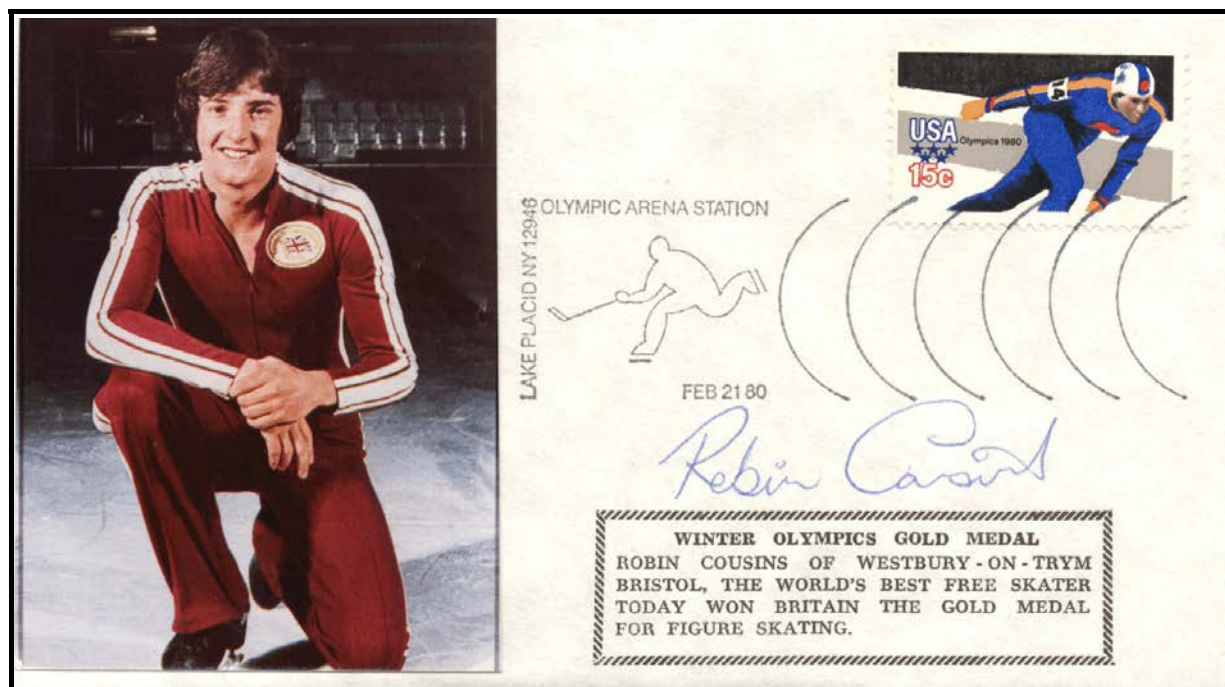


Figure 5. Lake Placid cover autographed by Robin Cousins.



Figure 6. Torvill and Dean, winners of the 1984 ice dance competition, autographed this Sarajevo Olympic postcard.

Curling was a demonstration event in 1924, and the British Team triumphed. It was revived as a demonstration event in four consecutive Games, finally gaining the status of a medal sport at Nagano in 1998. Britain's men were strongly fancied, but failed to bring the hoped for success.

However the outstanding performers for Britain

Way, Romford, Essex, RM1 4YX, England. The price of a cover is US\$7.50 (£5 or €8) with a single stamp, US\$22.50 (£15 or €24,) with a block of 10 stamps, and US\$37.50 (£25 or €40,) signed by all five members of the team. Postage is US\$2.50 (£1 or €2) per order. Payment in dollars or Euros with notes only, please.

at the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics were the women's curlers who brought home the gold medal. The team of Rhona Martin, Margaret Morton, Fiona MacDonald, Janice Rankin, and Debbie Knox had to battle all the way to the final. In a nail-biting finish they secured the gold with the very last stone!

Quick off the mark, Havering Covers sponsored a special post office handstamp and cover honoring the gold medal winning women's curling team. The cancel's date, March 19, 2002, coincided with the first day of issue of Britain's coastal landscape stamps on.

The commemorative cover congratulating the "Golden Girls" is available from Havering Covers, 24 Garry



Figure 7. Special commemorative cover and cancel honoring Britain's 2002 Olympic gold medalist women's curling team.

THE SPORTS ARENA

by Mark Maestroni

Once again, our man in Hong Kong, Kwok-Yiu Kwan, comes through with an interesting tidbit for our edification.

Shown below is a 2002 New Year's lottery card from the PRC. The card was mailed from the city of Harbin in the northeastern province of Hei Lung Kiang.

There is nothing terribly remarkable about the lottery card itself, either on its face or reverse sides. All the interest centers on the rectangular cachet at left printed in red ink. The boxed handstamp reproduces the flag of the PRC above the Olympic rings. The text to the right of that reads:

"Celebrate the New Year • Bid for the Winter Olympic Games

To celebrate the city of Harbin has been approved to bid for the Winter Olympic Games

Harbin Post Office 2002.2"

Kwok-Yiu notes that the cachet is most certainly a promotional device applied *only* by the post office

in Harbin. Private companies are not permitted to use a cachet of this type. Further, the card is addressed to another city in the same province where it received an arrival mark. The 60 fen rate is correct for a local postcard.

Harbin announced in January 2002 that it was bidding to host the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, though their success seems less than likely due to its lack of facilities and freezing climate. Other cities that expressed an interest in putting forth bids for those Games include Andorra La Vella; Berne, Switzerland; Vancouver, Canada; Jaca, Spain; Pyeongchang, South Korea; Salzburg, Austria; and Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina (which hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics).

The International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Executive Board will meet on August 28-29, 2002, at which time each of the eight applicant cities will either be promoted to "candidate" status, or eliminated from the running. The final vote by the IOC will take place on July 2, 2003 in Prague.

I am not aware of any other philatelic products to date promoting the other applicant cities. Your editor always welcomes additional information!





A rather odd item turned up in the mail recently from Michael Keene of Salt Lake City. Readers of my Salt Lake Olympic journal in this publication will recall that Michael oversaw the philatelic volunteers during the recent 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

Nestled in with a variety of covers and cards he sent was the interesting Swiss Post item reproduced above. Here's what Mike wrote in explanation:

"These covers were to have been placed on sale at OLYMPEX by the 3 Swiss Post employees who finally showed up about a week into the Games, but they were lost in the mail and didn't arrive until the next to last day. As a result, they were instructed to simply destroy them, but Manfred [Bergman, Director of the IOC Museum's philatelic collection] intervened and saved 200 from destruction. These were sold to the us [the Utah Philatelic Society] for resale to collectors."

Not having seen this item before, I subsequently emailed both Thomas Lipfert in Germany and Bob Farley in the U.K. to solicit their opinions. Both responded that they weren't acquainted with the item. Bob, in fact, went so far as to say that he'd not seen this item for sale at the Olympic Museum's store when he was there in the spring.

It seems, therefore, that this is a rarity of sorts. As an official product of the Swiss Post, it deserves to be included in a collection of Salt Lake City 2002.

Looking ahead to 2012, the U.S. will again have a bid city in the running for the Summer Olympics. Four cities are battling it out for the honor of being the candidate from the United States: New York City; a combined Washington, D.C.-Baltimore, Maryland bid; Houston, Texas; and San Francisco, California. The two finalists will be selected by the USOC's Bid Evaluation Task Force at a meeting in Chicago on August 27, 2002. The USOC Board of Directors is slated to announce the US candidate city on November 3, 2002.

In the case of San Francisco, a rather handsome postcard has recently surfaced (shown below). The full color card, measures roughly 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ x 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches. The image is a reproduction of a poster designed by noted Olympic designer, Primo Angeli. His poster commemorating San Francisco's bid joins 12 others by American artists as a fund-raising tool for the committee.



REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestrone

Esprit: Sports et Olimpisme **July 2002 (#24)**

An article on the 3rd Athletic World Championships for handicapped athletes opens this issue of the French Olympic and sports philatelic journal. Michel Leclancher reports on plans for this year's competition held in Villeneuve D'Ascq from July 20-28, and reviews past competitions. Cycling is the focus of two articles: René Christin writes about the Paris-Roubaix race, while René Geslin summarizes his interview with French cyclist Eugène Christophe, one of the premiere competitors between 1910 and 1921.

In other articles: Vincent Girardin writes on the World Cup trophy; and René Christin discusses the World Championship of Canoeing and Kayaking.

Contact: Mr. Bernard-Marie Pajani, 24, chemin de Pré la Dame, 74210 Faverges, France.

IMOS Journal **May 2002 (#114)**

From May 30 - June 2, IMOS held their annual congress at Rostock. In keeping with tradition, they produced a special issue of their journal with articles devoted to the city of Rostock and the surrounding region of Mecklenburg. Subjects cover sports competitions in the area as well as contributions by the region's athletes to both the summer and winter Olympic Games. The 84-page booklet is extensively illustrated and for the German-speaking collector makes for informative reading.

Their regular publication containing catalog listings and articles is also included. Catalogues updated here are: soccer booklets of stamps (Iceland, Indonesia, Kiribati); sport and Olympic new stamp issues, and cancels; the philately of Olympiads competitions (1987 Rome is covered); and lastly, part 2 of an article on Australia Post's issues for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. A third booklet reports on articles of interest in the press, news of the membership, and other relevant information.

Contact: Dieter Germann, PB 1128, D-63534 Grosskrotzenburg, Germany.

OSPC Bulletin **#1, 2002**

The German-language journal of the Olympic and Sports Philately Club of Berlin is always packed with information – and this issue is no different. As might be expected, the Salt Lake City Olympics are reported on in depth by Günter Sauer (the torch flight to Atlanta), Volker Kluge (an overview), and Thomas Lippert (the philately of the Games). Thomas also notes new Olympic postal stationery from Norway and Australia as well as reporting on the Greek postal administration's philatelic involvement with the upcoming 2004 Games in Athens.

The other big event of 2002 was the World Cup in Japan and Korea. Wolfgang Dampmann and Thomas Lippert provide two reports on the host countries' philately.

Other articles cover: the German Gymnastics and Sports Festivals of the DDR (Wolfgang Max); part 3 of a series on cycling by Ehrhard Käthner; part 13 on the 1980 Moscow Olympics (Eberhard Büttner); and lastly, will there be a 2012 Olympics in Stuttgart and Rostock? (Günter Sauer).

Contact: Thomas Lippert, P.B. 102067, Rostock, D-18003, Germany.

Torch Bearer **May 2002 (Vol. 19, #2)**

Part 2 of Bob Wilcock, et al's article on the Melbourne Olympic slogan cancels of 1956 are featured in this issue of our British sister society's journal. This installment explores and illustrates the cancels and dies used in Perth.

David Buxton provides a lively account of his and Bob Farley's trip to the Olympic Collectors Fairs in 2002 in Norway. Bob Farley presents an informative report on the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics combined with a more personal journal of his impressions of these Games. Also of interest in this issue is a reproduction of the postal guide issued for visitors to the 1948 Olympics in London.

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by Margaret Jones

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AUCTION NEWS

by James Bowman

Heinrich Köhler Auction #315 May 25, 2002 Olympic Games 1936

The 315th **Heinrich** Köhler Auction featured material from the collection of Franceska Rapkin who passed away in December of 2001.

Franceska was a member of SPI, an avid exhibitor of the 1936 Olympic Games on both the national and international levels, and extremely active in many aspects of organized philately. Her exhibit of the 1936 Olympics took the top award at OLYMPHILEX 2000 in Sydney. She formed the Society of Olympic Collectors in 1984 and authored *Guidelines for Successful Exhibiting* and *Guidelines for Successful Judging and Exhibiting*.

Mrs. Rapkin was Chairman of the British Thematic Association from 1984-1995, and played an important role at the London International Exhibitions of 1980, 1990, and 2000.

According to information received from the auctioneer, the fantastic results for the lots comprised of her Olympia 1936 collection, were in many cases the highest prices ever paid at auction for this

material. This astonished not only the Director of the Olympic Museum [Manfred Bergman] but also the many collectors and dealers were also present.

I can fully agree with Köhler's assessment of the auction results. As a collector and exhibitor of the 1936 Olympic Games, I too was stunned by some of the prices realized. I bid on only seven items with bids of at least twice the estimate, and still missed by factors of 2 or more. Bidding was in Euros. A 17% commission was added to the knock down bid.

One particularly interesting grouping of lots was a selection of entires carried on the LZ-129 Hindenburg's Olympic Flight as part of the opening ceremonies of the Berlin Games. The mail, put on board the Hindenburg in Frankfurt, consisted of 120,000 items placed in 20 mailbags. In addition to the postal markings, each item received a red lilac cachet featuring the Hindenburg and the Olympic flag with rings.

The airship departed Rhein-Main in a pouring rain at 07:13 in the morning. After on-board processing, the mail was re-bagged into 40 smaller bags for a planned mail drop to the tarmac at Berlin Tempelhof after the Hindenburg's overflight of the stadium

Table I – Hindenburg Olympic Zeppelin Flight Covers

Lot #	Michel Zeppelin Specialized Cat. #	Est. €	Final €	Remarks
6464	32-Germany	70	190	Brick red cachet
6465	32-Germany	100	190	Red lilac cachet
6470	32-Belgium	150	640	Brick red/mixed franking
6471	32-Denmark	150	540	Red lilac cachet
6472	32-Danzig	500	1900	Red lilac cachet
6473	32-Iceland	800	4300	Red lilac cachet
6474	32-France	250	2700	Red lilac/Mixed franking
6475	32-Liechtenstein	80	150	Red lilac cachet
7476	32-Luxembourg	200	3400	Red lilac/Mixed franking
6484	32-Sweden	700	5800	Red violet/Mixed franking



Figure 1. A selection of some Olympic Zeppelin Flight covers (see Table 1 for details)

during the Opening Ceremonies. The airship flew over the stadium at about 14:00, continued on to Tempelhof to drop the mail, then returned to its home-port in Frankfurt.

Several of the items in this grouping are listed in Table 1. Some of the items were pictured on page 90 of the auction catalog and are shown in Figure 1.

Other interesting items eagerly sought for 1936 Winter Games collections or for exhibition purposes included items in Table 2 (lots 6386 & 6405).

There was also a nice but seldom seen selection of other Winter Games related essays that sold for prices ranging from €1150 to €3800.

Aside from the Hindenburg flight, many other diverse Summer Games items were in demand and realized accordingly high prices. Some examples include those listed in Table 2 (lots 6411-6490).

On page 75 of the auction catalog (shown in Figure 2), there is a fine selection of essays related to the Berlin Summer Games. Again, the prices realized demonstrate the rarity of these items.

In conclusion, the Köhler Auction #315 Catalog now becomes a prized reference for collectors of

Table 2 – Additional Auction Lots

Lot #	Description	Est. €	Final €
6386	1936 Winter Games Telegram	500	700
6405	Essay copy on silver-chrome paper of 25 pfg bobsled issue	250	1,000
6411	Coil ends with single stamp attached. Mi. 613-15	400	2,400
6415	Imperforate Block of 5 (Mi. 624-27) with Stadium cancel	7,000	16,000
6417	1936 Kiel Games Telegram	700	1,050
6490	Argentina slogan meter "Visite La XI Olimpiada Internacionales Berlin"	500	1,850

the 1936 Olympic Games. This catalog is an important source of research and pricing information. A collection of Olympic Philately such as the one formed by Franceska Rapkin is not a common occurrence. It represents a lifetime of hard work and perseverance. It establishes a goal to be achieved by philatelists of future generations.

My wife and I had the opportunity to host Franceska in our home for a few days in the 1990's.

It was a treasured opportunity to share my collection with her and it provided me a great opportunity to learn more about the 1936 Olympic Games. In her later years, we discovered some opportunities to exchange a few items of import from each of our collections. That is a natural outcome when you take time to exchange information on subjects of mutual interest as we did, and which also allowed us to spend time with a delightful lady.

Essays und Markenausgaben

6397 Photo-Essays 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 30 und 50 Pfg. im Entwurf »Speer« von Max Eschle, auf Perforation aufgeklebt, dabei 5-30 Pfg. im Zusammendruckblock, 50 Pfg. im Großformat einzeln, dazu Kopie eines Briefes der Reichsdruckerei bezüglich dieser Proben; dieses, wie auch die folgenden Stücke von größter Seltenheit 1.500,-

6398 dito, gleiche Photo-Essays aufgezogen auf großem Vorlagekarton der Reichsdruckerei mit Prägiesiegel und rückseitigem Stempel 2.000,-

6399 Photo-Essay 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 30 und 50 Pfg., Entwurf »Ziel« von Max Eschle, auf Perforation geklebt, dabei die Werte 5-30 Pfg. im Zusammendruckblock ähnlich den schließlich ausgeführten Zeichnungen, 50 Pfg. einzeln in Zeichnung »Olympia-Stadion« 1.500,-

6400 dito, gleiche Essays auf Vorlagekarton der Reichsdruckerei mit Prägiesiegel und rückseitigem Stempel 2.000,-

Figure 2. Essays

POSTAL STATIONERY CORNER

by Glenn Estus

This column continues with the emphasis on soccer (football) begun in the last issue of *JSP*. Football is, after all, the world's most popular sport!

The International Federation of Football Association (FIFA), the sport's governing body, has a very interesting website located at www.fifa.com.

One of its webpages provides a comparison of various data from the World Cup over the past two decades (www.fifa.com/Service/MR_M/41028_E.html). The chart shown below lists goals and attendance records that I believe would be of interest to readers.

Twenty years ago, Spain hosted the World Cup in which Italy won. The Spanish post office issued a set of four colorful and imaginative postal cards. All cards show the logo of Spain '82 in the indicia. The two 9 pesetas cards show: (1) a listing of all the teams in the competition, and (2) two hands holding up a large soccer ball with "82" emblazoned on it (Figures 1 & 2).



Figure 1. Spanish postal stationery card listing the groups and teams within them for the 1982 World Cup finals.

The two 23 pesetas cards show: (1) a soccer ball as the world with various modes of transportation leading to Spain, and (2) various types of media – camera, TV tower, typewriter, magnetic tape and microphone (Figures 3 & 4).

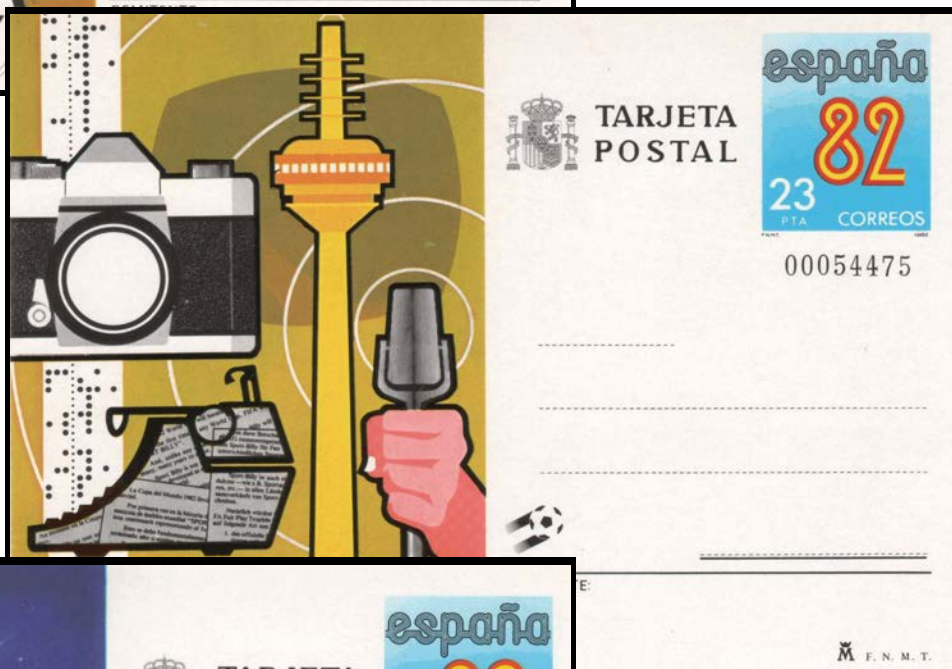
Comparison of Goals and Attendance Figures at World Cup Finals 1982-2002*

Year	Matches	Goals	Avg. Goals	Attendance	Avg. Attend.
2002	64	161	2.52	2,705,197	42,269
1998	64	171	2.67	2,785,100	43,517
1994	52	141	2.71	3,587,538	68,991
1990	52	115	2.21	2,517,348	48,411
1986	52	132	2.54	2,407,431	46,297
1982	52	146	2.81	1,856,277	35,698

*Compiled by FIFA and viewable at: www.fifa.com/Service/MR_M/41028_E.html



Figure 2, 3, and 4. Postal stationery cards promoting the World Cup finals and the various advantages of hosting the competition, i.e., increased media attention and an influx of visitors from around the world traveling to Spain.



NEW STAMP ISSUES

by John La Porta

Argentina: April 27, 2002. Soccer World Champions in the 20th Century. This is a joint issue with Brazil, France, Germany, Italy and Uruguay. Se-tenant pair of 75c round stamps with flags of Brazil, Germany, Italy, Argentina, England, Uruguay and France; soccer scene.

Armenia: April 26, 2002. World Cup Soccer. 350dr ball, flags of Korea and Japan.

Bahrain: May 31, 2002. World Cup Soccer Championships. One souvenir sheet with three stamps. 100f, 200f, 250f, different views of soccer balls.

Bequia: May 31, 2002. Legacy of Ferrari Racing Cars. Eight \$1.10 se-tenant stamps, 250 MM 1953; 330 LM 1962; 340 Mexico 1952; 330 LM 1963; 225 S 1952; 500 TR 1956; 750 Monza 1954; 375 Plus 1954.

Brazil: May 5, 2002. Soccer World Champions in the 20th Century. Se-tenant pair of 55c round stamps. Flags; soccer scene.

July 2, 2002. Five-Time World Cup Soccer Champions. One 55c stamp, trophies flags.

July 17, 2002. 100th Anniversary Fluminense Soccer Club. 55c stamp, emblem of team.

Costa Rica: March 15, 2002. World Cup Soccer. 65c Costa Rica Team.

Croatia: May 15, 2002. World Soccer Cup Championships. Se-tenant pair, 3.50k and 5k symbolic players.

May 18, 2002. World Bowling Championships. 3.50k bowler and pins.

Ecuador: April 30, 2002. World Cup Soccer. 90c emblem of the Ecuador soccer federation; \$1.05 team photo; souvenir sheet \$2 stamp, team photo.

France: September 14, 2002. Motorcycles. A pane of 10 stamps, five 0.16e, Honda 750 Four; Terrot 500 RGST; Majestic; Norton Commando 750; Voxam

1000 Café Racer; five 0.30e stamps, BMW R90S; Harley Davidson Hydra Glide; Triumph Bonneville 650; Ducati 916; Yamaha 500 XT.

French Polynesia: May 30, 2002. World Cup Soccer. 85f Three children holding soccer ball.

Gambia: May 21, 2002. World Cup Soccer. Eight panes of six 9d stamps each showing soccer scenes and matches in the first round.

Grenada: March 4, 2002. Dale Earhardt. Seven \$2 stamps honoring his Winston Cup wins.

Guinea: February 8, 2002. History of Racing Cars. A set of four 750fr stamps; Marmon Wasp; Lotus 49; Tyrell 003; Ferrari Dino 246. Two panes of six se-tenant 750fr stamps: pane 1, Vanwall; Cooper T43; Lotus 25; Bt-19 Brabham-Repro; Renault RS 01; Ferrari 640. Pane 2, Duesenberg; Mercedes; Bugati; Alfa Romeo; Auto Union; Maserati 8C. Two souvenir sheets, 4,000fr stamps, Coventry Daimler; Penske PC-23.

February 8, 2002. Ferrari. Pane of eight 750f stamps. 1962 250 GTL; 1954 250 GT Coupe PF; 1961 250 GT Berlinetta; 1952 342 America; 1960 400 Superamerica SF II; 1973 Dino 308 GT4; 1960 250 GT 2+2; 1985 328 GTB-GTS.

Hungary: May 9, 2002. World Cup Soccer Championships. 160ft soccer scene, one attached label which marks the 100th Anniversary of the Hungarian national team's first match.

Ireland: May 14, 2002. Irish Soccer Heroes. Pane of 16 0.41e stamps with four different designs, David O'Leary; Packie Bonner; Paul McGrath; Roy Keane. Also one self-adhesive booklet containing 10 stamps of 0.41e with same designs.

Italy: May 18, 2002. Italian Soccer Championships Series A. One 0.41e stamp, soccer player, Juventus team emblem.

May 30, 2002. Italian Sports. 0.41e Nike of Samothrace representing women in sport; 0.52e kayaking.

Japan: May 24, 2002. World Cup Soccer Championships. Se-tenant pair of 80y stamps, poster; trophy.

Kazakhstan: May 31, 2002. World Soccer Cup Championships. Two 10f stamps with different soccer scenes.

North Korea: April 28, 2002. Arirang Mass Gymnastic and Artistic Performance. 10ch, 20ch, 30 ch, 40ch, with different scenes of the performance. One souvenir sheet with 1w stamp, dancers.

South Korea: May 31, 2002. World Soccer Cup Championships. Five round 190w stamps each with different soccer scenes.

Liberia: February 13, 2002. Juventus Foot ball Club. \$5 first league championships, 1905; \$10 UEFA champions 1996; \$15 European Cup 1984; \$20 European-South American Cup 1996; \$25 Italian Cup 1995; \$30 UEFA Cup 1993; \$35 league championship 1957-58; European Soccer Cup 1997.

Luxembourg: May 14, 2002. Tour de France Departure in Luxembourg. 0.45e emblem with symbolic bicycle; 0.52e Francois Faber; 2.45e painting, "The Champion" by Joseph Kutter.

Macedonia: January 16, 2002. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. 6d, 36d different views of skiers.

Monaco: May 3, 2002. 20th International Swimming Meet. 0.64e stamp.

May 31, 2002. World Cup Soccer Championships. 0.75e stamp.

Paraguay: May 3, 2002. 100th Anniversary El Mbigua Yacht Club. One 700g stamp, people rowing boat.

May 18, 2002. World Soccer Cup. 3,000g Paraguayan team; 5,000g soccer victory.

Peru: September 6, 2001. 100th Anniversary Alianza Lima Soccer Team. Se-tenant pair of 3.20s stamps. Continuous design of soccer match

Poland: June 1, 2002. World Cup Soccer Champi-

onships. 1.10zl soccer ball, map of Japan.

Korea: 2zl player and ball; souvenir sheet contains two of each stamp.

Qatar: May 31, 2002. World Cup Soccer Championships. Pane of 18, 2r stamps showing different soccer posters; souvenir sheet with one 4r stamp showing trophy and ball.

St. Vincent: Year of Eco Tourism. Souvenir sheet with \$6 stamp, windsurfing and scuba diving.

Slovakia: July 14, 2002. World Ice Hockey Championships. 10sk player with stick, trophy.

Slovenia: May 22, 2002. World Cup Soccer Championships. One non-denominated "D" stamp, fan with binoculars.

Spain: May 11, 2002. World Equestrian Games. Pane of seven stamps and two labels. Show jumping; dressage; 3-day event; endurance riding; vaulting; reining.

Trinidad & Tobago: September 6, 2001. Uner-17 World Soccer Championship. Four stamp set, \$2 Soca Warriors emblem; \$3.25 national flag; \$4.50 lion, flag; \$5.25 stadium.

Tunisia: May 29, 2002. World Cup Soccer. Two stamps one round 390m soccer player and trophy; 600m ball and trophy.

Uruguay: May 21, 2002. Soccer World Champions in the 20th Century. Se-tenant pair of 75c round stamps, flags, soccer scene.

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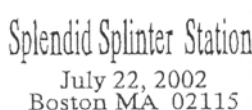
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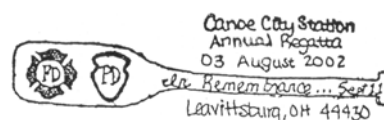


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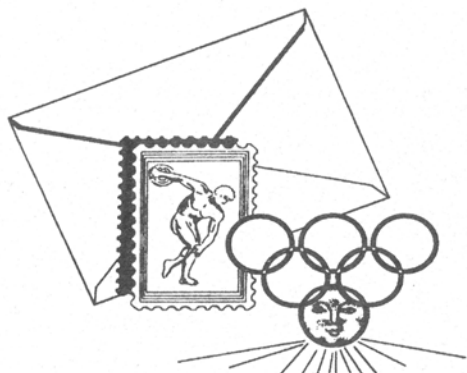
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