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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

IT'S DUES RENEWAL TIME! Yes, members, time to mail in your dues for 2003-2004. I'm happy to report that dues rates have stayed the same.

If your membership is up for renewal, you will find an envelope included with this issue of the journal in which to return payment. Please do so as *promptly* as possible. Every payment reminder that we must mail out costs money which translates into fewer services for all of us!

Remember that you can now use your credit card to pay your dues through PayPal. Please remember that you must add \$1.50 for totals up to \$30 (4% over \$30) to cover the costs associated with providing this service. Accounts are free to set up. Just go to *www.paypal.com*. Under "Recipient's Email" type in: *treasurer@sportstamps.org*

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various topics concerning your society, and especially the journal.

Please take a few minutes to complete this one-page survey which can be returned to Margaret Jones in the same envelope with your dues. Feel free to use the reverse for even more suggestions! Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts and opinions with us.

CHALLENGE AUCTION. As announced in the last issue of *JSP*, we are asking *each and every* member to support their society by participating in the upcoming "Challenge Auction". Please contribute at least one item of a sport or Olympic nature (philatelic, literature, or memorabilia) with all proceeds benefitting SPI. Mail your item(s), along with a lot description and minimum bid to our auction manager, Dale Lilljedahl, PO Box 543125, Dallas, TX 75354. And don't forget to mark your package "Challenge Auction"!

Remember: SPI is a non-profit organization so your donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. All contributions will be acknowledged.

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Special show hotel rates at the Radisson at LAX are available: \$89 per night, single or double occupancy. Details are on the inside back cover of *JSP*.

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FIPO NEWS

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COMMISSION FOR OLYMPIC PHILATELY, NUMISMATICS AND MEMORABILIA

Hereafter is the new composition of the commission for 2003, decided by the IOC President, Mr. Jacques Rogge: President: H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch. Members: Mr. A. Beck (Switzerland), Mr. M. Bergman (Switzerland), Mr. R. Huot (Canada), Mr. Ch.-J. Kim (South Korea), Mr. J. Krinsky (USA), Mr. Th. E. Leavey (USA) General Director of the Universal Postal Union, Mr. M. Tecardi (Italy), Mr. J. Varga (France), Mr. F. Wicht (Switzerland) and Mr. C.-K. Wu (Chinese Taipei). The first meeting of the Commission was held in Lausanne on 10th March 2003.

NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBER OF FIPO

At the above-mentioned meeting the commission, after having heard the report presented by the Secretary General, decided to accept the admission in FIPO of the "Association Camerounaise de Philatélie et des Collections Olympiques" (ASCAPCO).

The President of the new Association is Mr. Daniel Adoa, whereas the Secretary General is Mr. Seraphin Cyrille Amougou. The address is B.P. 2993, Yaoundé (Cameroun).

2002 OLYMPIA PRIZE

At the 112th IOC Session to be held in Prague from 2nd to 7th July 2003 the medals for the 2002 Olympia Prize will be awarded to the postal administrations that have issued the nicest commemorative stamps of the Salt Lake City Winter Games. The choice will be made by a commission of experts and of celebrities in the world of sport, presided by the Honorary life President of the IOC, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch.

IXTH OLYMPIC COLLECTORS WORLD FAIR

Due to difficulties occurred recently, it will no longer be possible to organise in Athens the IXth edition of the Olympic Collectors' World Fair. The

commission has consequently decided that it will be held from 25th to 27th July in the Norwegian city of BØ.

Fortunately, the BØ Philatelic Club, which each year holds the International Olympic Collectors Summer Fair, has come to our assistance. The organisers suggested holding a joint fair, which Mr. Samaranch and the commission accepted. In conclusion it was decided that the 11th International Olympic Collectors Fair in BØ will be redefined as the "IXth Olympic Collectors World Fair" and that it will be patronised by the Commission for Olympic Philately, Numismatics and Memorabilia and by its Chairman, Mr. J.A. Samaranch. The site will be the BØ Telmark Hall close to the Summer Festival Park where we have the chance that the hall will also host, at the same time, a large antique fair with 3000 visitors.

The organiser will be the BØ Philatelic Club, under the direction of the Mr. Halvor Kleppen, to whom all correspondence should be addressed as follows: Mr. Halvor Kleppen, Kleppevegen, 48, 3800 BØ, Norway. TEL: + 47 3595 1719. FAX: +47 3595 0030. E-mail: kleppen@online.no

OLYMPHILEX 2004

The reasons that have made impossible the organisation of the Olympic Collectors World Fair in Athens are the same that are complicating the possibility of holding in Athens (within the forthcoming Olympic Games) the next Olympilex (World Exhibition of Olympic and Sport Philately).

In view of the time necessary to guarantee the organisation of a good event, the IOC Commission for Olympic Philately, Numismatics and Memorabilia has consequently decided to ask the Hellenic Post and the ATHOC (Organising Committee for Athens 2004) to give a final reply, be it positive or negative, within the end of April 2003. Should the reply be negative, the Commission will examine the possibility of organising Olympilex 2004 in another European city. You will be informed by circular letter of the final decision.

(signed)
Maurizio Tecardi
Secretary General



Postcard to Luxembourg franked with the 5c Discobolus stamp. The postmark dated May 21, 1920 from Neufchâteau is the second day of use. It is unfortunate that the postman's roller cancel was applied to the stamp rather than the circular date cancel. Because of the privileged relationship between Belgium and Luxembourg, the Olympic stamps were permitted for use from the first day. While mail to Luxembourg was sent at a reduced rate, this card was still short-paid by 5c. The black "T" indicates that postage is due, and therefore a red 10c postage due stamp was affixed (twice the amount due, as required).

Postal Traffic and Postal Rates of the 1920 Belgian Olympic Stamps

by Laurentz Jonker

A fascinating area for philatelic exploration is the use of the 1920 Olympic stamps of Antwerp issued with a surtax for disabled soldiers of the First World War (1914-1918). In keeping with the then-current regulations of the UPU (Universal Postal Union/Union Postale Universelle), these stamps could only be used for domestic destinations through July 30, 1920. After that date the stamps were valid for postage to a limited number of foreign countries: France, Great Britain, Switzerland, Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi. The *Belgian Government Gazette* of October 16, 1920 named certain other countries to which postal matter bearing these stamps could be used: Japan, Italy, the U.S.A. and Australia.

All these different rules naturally caused some confusion among postal clerks. The different interpretations of the various postal regulations makes this both an important and challenging subject for further investigation.

As we know, only 10% of the total printing was sold before the remainders were overprinted and placed on sale March 5, 1921 (these overprinted stamps were available for a long time – until May 1931).

However, mail franked with the non-overprinted 1920 Olympic stamps are seldom seen. Mail abroad is unusual and certainly more interesting! Such mail to foreign destinations is the subject of this article.

Let me begin by turning to the Society of Olympic Collectors auction of November 1995. Among the auction lots was a card addressed to Germany. The



Registered cover from Visé, Belgium to Den Haag, The Netherlands on May 26, 1920. An 's-Gravenhage arrival cancel on the back is dated May 27, 1920. The cover is correctly franked at 50c (25c letter rate + 25c registration). However, the postal clerk should not have accepted this letter for mailing as it was too early for the Olympic stamps to be used on mail to foreign destinations!



Postcard from Brussels to Paris postmarked with the Olympic machine slogan cancellation "Bruxelles (Midi) - Brussel (Zuid) / 26. VI. 1920". The 10c stamp correctly paid the postcard rate abroad, but the Olympic franking shouldn't have been accepted for at least another month.



Cover to Bonn, Germany from Antwerp franked with all three Olympic stamps. The machine cancel is dated the second day of issue, May 21, 1920. A German tax cancel is on the reverse (shown above): "Bonn l/Porto, 22.5.1920". Olympic stamps were not permitted on mail to Germany, so the cover was marked with a black "T" along with "0,50" in violet pencil. The addressee had to pay $2 \times 25c = 50c$ (the fact that the cover was overfranked by 5c made no difference since the stamp were not valid to Germany).



Cover from Antwerp to Prades-Lys sur Caninges, Haute-Savoie, France postmarked with the Olympic machine slogan cancel: "Antwerpen Anvers 1 / 14. VIII. 1920" (Opening Day of the Olympic Games). The cover is correctly franked with 25c, the foreign letter rate. The Olympic stamps could be used for foreign mail after July 30, however the postal clerk in France didn't realize or know this and treated the letter as if there was no postage affixed! He has marked the cover with a "T" and "0,50" (double the rate of 25c) and pasted a 20c and 50c postage due stamp to the cover.



As opposed to the previously shown cover, this letter mailed from St. Gilles (Bruxelles), to Lyon, France on January 6, 1921 was correctly handled.



A small cover from St. Gilles (Bruxelles) to Basel, Switzerland, 14. VI. 1920. The 10c postage due stamp was applied because the 25c rate was short-paid by 5c. The clerk failed to note that the two Olympic stamps were not yet valid for foreign use!

sender wrote the addressee that mail to Germany could not be franked with Olympic stamps (the date of the card is August 29, 1920), therefore the mail was franked with other issues. He does report that it was acceptable for mail to Spain. The excellent study by R. van Rompay on the Olympic issues of 1920 doesn't mention this country. Possibly his report is incomplete. We do know that Germany wasn't invited to either the Olympic Games of 1920 or 1924 (they returned for the 1928 Games).

THE FACTS

Let us first examine what we do know about the Olympic stamps of 1920 and the 1921 overprints:

1920 Olympic Stamps

First day of issue: May 20, 1920
 Last day of sale: October 30, 1920
 Last day of use: January 15, 1921
 Total number of stamps issued: 10 million of each value (30 million total)
 Total 1920 Olympic stamps sold:

5c	774,524
10c	1,462,393
15c	1,076,655

1921 Overprinted Stamps

First day of issue: March 5, 1921
 Last day of use: May 1, 1931
 Total 1921 overprinted stamps sold:

20c on 5c	7,810,000
20c on 10c	8,356,700
20c on 15c	8,293,500

A couple of notes about the overprints: first, because the new letter rate that went into effect on November 1, 1920 was 20c, it was decided that would be the denomination of the overprint on all three Olympic stamps. Second, when the overprinted stamps were placed on sale, the limitations for their use as franking on mail to foreign destinations was still in place. However, on April 16, 1921, this statute was finally abolished.

THE POSTAL RATES

For the purposes of this article, I shall review only the most common postal rates. While the rates changed many times between 1921 and 1931, and

Belgian Postal Rates, 1920-1921

	①	②	③	④
Printed Matter/ Postcards up to 5 words	5c			10c
Postcards with mes- sage	10c	15c	10c	30c
Letters	15c	20c	25c	50c
Letters, 20 grams				75c
Registration	25c	40c		50c
Express	30c			100c
① Domestic rate at time of issue (May 20, 1920) ② Domestic rate change, November 1, 1920 ③ Foreign rate at time of issue (May 20, 1920) ④ Foreign rate change, March 1, 1921				

in many instances cheaper rates to adjacent countries existed, it is beyond the scope of this article to discuss them here. A more detailed discussion of the overprinted stamps may be found in the May-June 1998 issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately* (Volume 36, #5, pages 4 through 9).

In summary, application of the postal regulations by postal clerks was inconsistent. It was just as likely that a postal clerk would allow a letter to slip through – either because he was ill informed or didn't want to offend a customer – as it was for a clerk to abide by the letter of the law and assess a cover postage due. Add to this the complexity of the postal rates back in those days, and the few living “experts” in that field, and readers can appreciate the difficulty in explaining the franking and markings on specific pieces of mail. I have more examples in my own collection that I still cannot interpret with any certainty.

As always, I welcome corrections, supplementary information, and fresh examples of 1920 Antwerp Olympic mail. 🐶

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Around the 2002 World Cup

by Glenn Estus

In 2002 South Korea and Japan hosted the first World Cup soccer competition held in Asia. It was also the first World Cup hosted by more than one nation. After months of preliminary competition throughout the world, the final 32 nations gathered in late May and June 2002.

This article looks only at the stamps issued in 2002 by the final 32 nations which had representation in Korea and Japan. World Cup 2002 was only the second World Cup in which a full compliment of 32 nations participated. This practice began with France '98.

Although not issued for World Cup 2002, the first set of stamps we will mention is a joint issue honoring the World Cup Champions of the 20th Century (Figure 1). Former champions, Argentina, Germany, Italy, Brazil, Uruguay and France each issued a pair of se-tenant stamps. Andrea Acker designed a circular stamp which shows flags of the winning nations and a soccer ball. A rectangular stamp showing a soccer scene, the dates that each country won the World Cup, and their national flag is the second stamp in the se-tenant pair. Unfortunately, England, the winner in 1966, did not take part in the joint issue. Interestingly, except for Uruguay, the other six countries were all in the final 32 in 2002.

Country	Date of Issue	Value	Year(s) Won
Argentina	27Apr2002	0.52	'78, '86
Brazil	05May2002	12.00	'58, '62, '70, '94
England	-	-	'66
France	18May2002	0.55	'98
Germany	02May2002	0.46	'54, '74
Italy	29Nov2002	0.75	'34, '38, '82
Uruguay	21May2002	0.56	'30, '50

The host counties, Japan and Korea, participated with a full program of stamps.

Korea's stamps reference the five geographic regions which competed in the preliminary rounds leading to World Cup 2002: Africa, Central and North America, Europe, South America, and Asia. Korea Post issued a set of five circular stamps showing maps of each area and a soccer player. Each of the five stamps was issued in smaller souvenir sheets of two stamps (Figure 2). The stamps also come in a large souvenir sheet comprised of two copies of each stamp as well as the flags of all the nations that



Figure 1. Four of the six pairs of "World Cup Champions of the 20th Century" stamps.

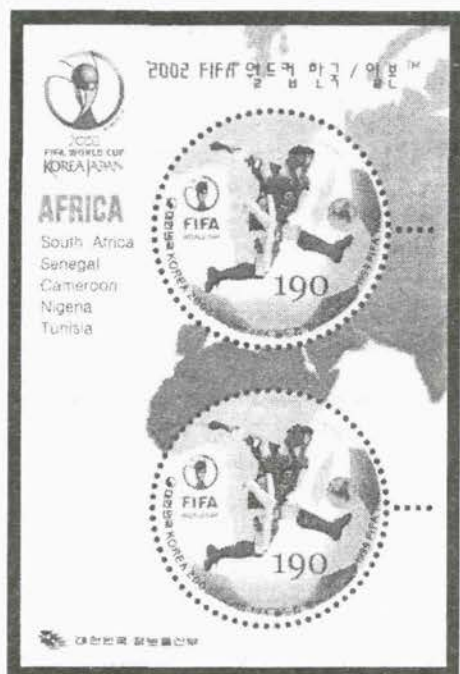


Figure 2. Korea's small souvenir sheet listing teams from Africa competing in the 2002 World Cup.



Figure 3. Japan, the other World Cup host country, issued a pair of se-tenant stamps depicting a soccer field and the Cup trophy.



Figure 4. Argentina honored PhilaKorea 2002, held in Seoul that August, with a souvenir sheet commemorating World Cup 2002.

participated. The issue date was May 31, 2002. 1.2 million copies of the large souvenir sheet were printed. The smaller souvenir sheets had print runs of 500,000 copies each.

Korea also issued one of the more interesting sets of stamps to honor its fourth place finish in the World Cup. On August 7, 2002, Korea Post released a large souvenir sheet of 24 separate stamps showing the members of the Korean World Cup Team and its Dutch coach.

Japan hosted a number of World Cup matches, plus the final game between Brazil and Germany held in Yokohama. Japan Post issued a pair of 80 yen stamps on May 31 showing the World Cup Trophy and an abstract drawing of a soccer field (Figure 3). The stamps were printed in sheetlets of ten stamps with selvage. Twelve different versions of the initial sheetlets exist.

The first sheetlet (yellow) shows the original program listing for the various matches from June 16 through the finals on June 30 as well as the tournament mascots. Special sheetlets of ten stamps showing the Japanese stadiums and schedules were also issued: Sapporo (blue background), Osaka (green), Niigata (red), Kobe (red), Oita (blue), Ibaraki (blue), Miyagi (green), Saitama (green), Shizuoka (green), and Yokohama (red). The sheetlets also showed the schedules from Stage 1.

For the final competitions, the sheetlets from Saitama and Yokohama were also issued showing the names of the countries and scores of the matches leading up to the final games in late June. In total I believe there are 14 different sheetlets available.

The competition was divided into two stages: Stage 1 was held from May 31 to June 14. The 32 participating teams were divided into eight groups. The two best teams from each of the eight groups moved on to Stage 2 which began June 15 and continued through to the final match on June 30 in which Brazil defeated Germany for the cup.

The PhilaKorea 2002 World Stamp Exhibition was held in Seoul in August. Argentina issued a souvenir sheet of two \$1.50 stamps showing players and a stadium (Figure 4). Although there is no mention of the World Cup, the flags of Korea, Argentina and Japan are pictured.



Figure 5. Brazil's fifth World Cup victory!

Brazil won the World Cup in 2002 for the fifth time. The Brazilian team was undefeated in six matches. It is the only country to win five times. On July 2, 2002, the Brazilian post office issued a R\$0,55 stamp to honor the occasion (Figure 5). The stamp shows a number of elements dealing with the win: five stars, the Jules Rimet Cup and the current

World Cup plus the dates of Brazil's win and the flags of the host countries.

China and its two special administrative districts, Hong Kong and Macao, all issued stamps on May 15, 2002 to commemorate the first appearance of the Chinese team in World Cup competition (Figure 6). The Chinese team lost each of its three matches in stage 1 and did not advance to Stage 2. This stamp issue was reviewed by Mark Maestroni and Kwok-Yiu Kwan on page 13 of the July/August 2002 issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately*.

Costa Rica was the only Central American team to participate. The Costa Rican team did not advance to Stage 2 of the competition, winning one match (2-0 over China), losing 1 match (5-2 to Brazil) and tying Turkey (1-1). A 65-colones rectangular stamp



Figure 6. China's World Cup debut was in 2002.



Figure 7. Costa Rica's team – the only one from Central America – finished Stage 1 with a 1-1-1 record.



Figure 8. Croatia, playing in its second World Cup, issued two stamps honoring the event.

showing the national team was issued on March 15, 2002 (Figure 7). The stamp was printed in a sheetlet of five stamps with side labels showing the logo of Correos de Costa Rica and soccer balls.

Croatia honored its second participation in the World Cup with a duo issued on May 15, 2002 (Figure 8). The 3.50 kuna and 5.00 kuna stamps are stylized drawings by Bortu Bencina. Each was printed in a quantity of 300,000.

Ecuador had a record of two losses (to Italy and Mexico) and one win (over Croatia). On April 30, 2002 the post office issued two stamps: a 90c stamp showing the emblem of the soccer federation and a \$1.05 stamp showing a team photo (Figure 9). A larger version of the team photo was also issued in a \$2.00 souvenir sheet.



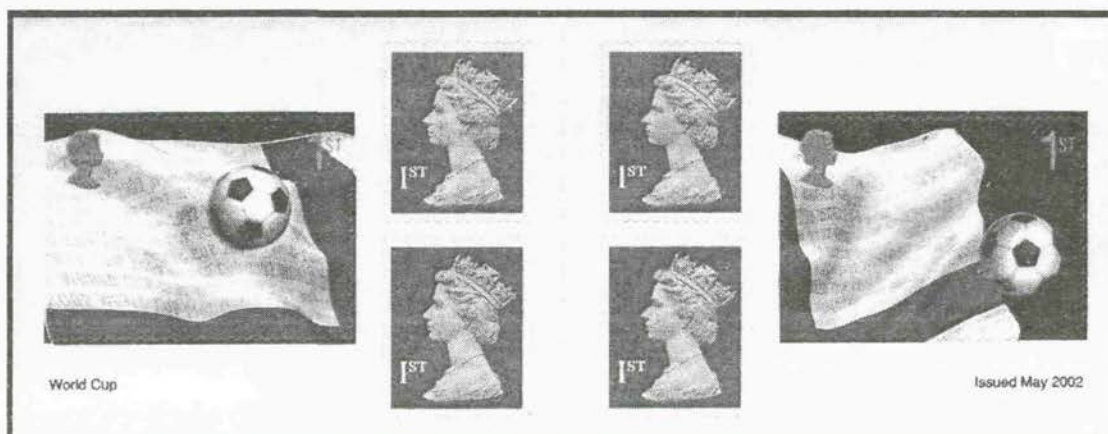
Figure 9. Ecuador's 3 philatelic entries.





Figure 10. Great Britain souvenir sheet containing all five stamps issued for the 2002 World Cup.

Figure 11. Booklet containing one each of the two upper quadrant 2002 World Cup flag adhesives, plus four 1st Class Machin definitives.



England advanced from Stage 1 with a record of one win against Argentina and two ties with Sweden and Nigeria. In Stage 2 the English team beat Denmark and was then eliminated by Brazil. May 21, 2002, Royal Mail issued five different stamps in a variety of settings. All the stamps were denominated 1st Class, which at the time was equal to 27 pence.

A stamp showing a lion holding the English shield was issued in sheet form consisting of 100 stamps (two panes of 50 separated by a gutter).

Four stamps were printed se-tenant forming an English flag (the cross of St. George) with the words "WORLD CUP 2002" printed on the flag. Each of the four stamps shows a different quadrant of the flag. The block of four stamps was only available in a souvenir sheet also containing the lion and shield stamp (Figure 10).

Two of the flag stamps were issued in a self-adhesive booklet (Figure 11). The booklet contains one each of the upper quadrants of the flag stamp

plus a block of four of 1st Class rate Machins.

Finally, the stamp showing the lower right quadrant flag stamp was issued in a sheet of 20 with special soccer "smilers" personalized labels attached. This sheet also showed the colors of all 32 teams and their rankings in the World Cup. It sold for £12.95 a sheet (Figure 12).

Mexico issued a very stylized design stamp in red, green, and purple showing a field goal attempt (Figure 13). Mexico advanced to Stage 2 after beating Croatia and Ecuador and tying Italy in Stage 1. It was knocked from competition in Stage 2 by Team USA (2-0).



Figure 13. Mexico advanced to Stage 2, but was knocked out of contention by the US team.

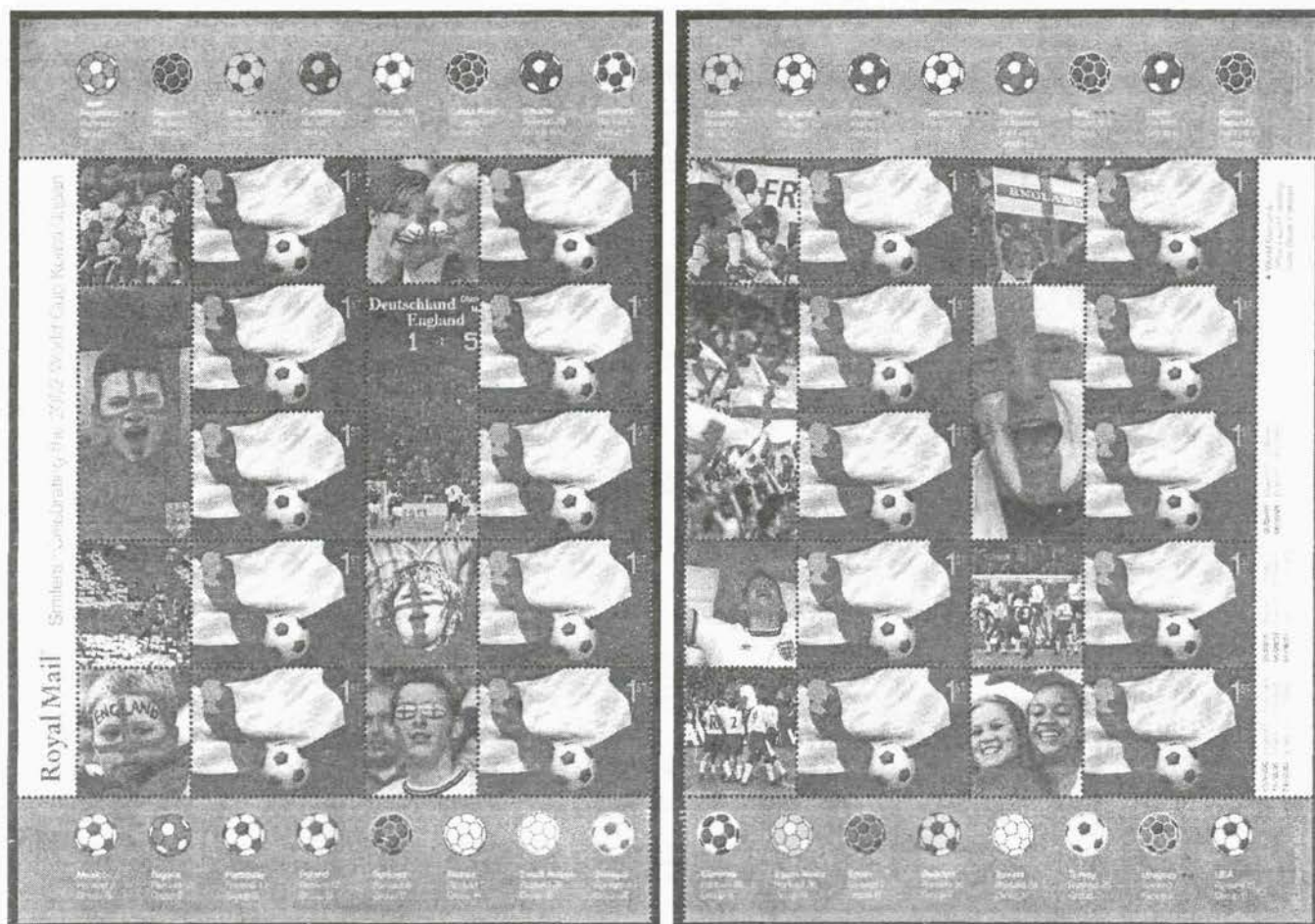


Figure 12. Two halves of Royal Mail's 20-stamp "smilers" sheet with labels showing British fans interspersed with team action photos.

Nigeria tied one game and lost two games in Stage 1. The Nigerian team did not advance to the Stage 2 round of matches. It issued four stamps (Figure 14). The N20 and N40 stamps show various soccer players. The N30 stamp shows soccer balls orbiting the world. The World Cup Trophy appears on the N50 stamp.

Paraguay was eliminated from Stage 2 during the round of 16 by Germany, 1-0. The G3,000 stamp shows the Paraguayan national team while the G5,000 stamp shows winning players hugging each other. The two stamps were issued on May 18, 2002 in a quantity of 15,000 copies each (Figure 15).

The only team that Poland beat in Stage 1 of the competition was the USA team (3-1). The Polish team lost to Korea (2-0) and Portugal (4-0). Two se-tenant stamps (1.10 zł and 2 zł) were issued June 1, 2002 both in sheet form (Figure 16), plus a small souvenir sheet of four stamps. The two stamps are connected by a soccer ball being kicked over a map of Korea and Japan.



Figure 14. The Nigerian team tied one and lost two, and was eliminated after Stage 1 play. Their handsome four-stamp issue is a fine addition to the philately of World Cup 2002.





Figure 15. Paraguay was eliminated during the round of 16 by Germany.



Portugal with a record of one win and two ties in Stage 1 did not make it to Stage 2. On August 2, the PTT issued a sports set of eight stamps honoring Portuguese participation in various international competitions. The €1.75 stamp (250,000 copies) showed soccer players. In addition, a two-stamp souvenir sheet (€1.00 and €2.00) was issued for



Figure 16. Poland's pair of stamps were also issued in a miniature sheet of 4.

World Cup 2002 and PhilaKorea 2002, the World Stamp Exhibition (Figure 17). 60,000 copies of each were printed.

Perhaps the most interesting design was issued by Slovenia. According to the information on the "Post of Slovenia's" website, it is the smallest country to ever qualify for the World Cup. The stamp was



Figure 17. A Portuguese souvenir sheet honors both World Cup 2002 and PhilaKorea 2002.



Figure 18. Slovenia honors the fans on its World Cup stamp.

issued May 22, 2002 in a print quantity of 80,000. The stamp shows a soccer fan watching a match through binoculars (Figure 18). The fan's face is painted in the Slovenian colors: white, blue, and red. One lens of the binocular is a soccer ball; the other features the Slovenian coat of arms. As the Slovenian website notes: "Since the football (soccer) games would not be the same without fans, the stamp depicts a fan with field glasses." Although denominated "D", the face value of the stamp is 107 SIT.

Tunisia ended Stage 1 with a record of one tie (Belgium 1-1) and two losses (Russia 2-0, and Japan 2-0). Tunisia issued two circular stamps and a very colorful souvenir sheet with the flags of the participating nations on May 29, 2002 (Figure 19).

Turkey issued a 400,000 lira and a 600,000 lira stamp showing players in action on May 31, 2002. The 600,000 lira stamp also shows the Jules Rimet Cup (Figure 20). The Turkish team advanced through Stage 1 and eventually beat Korea (2-3) to capture third place. To commemorate their wonderful finish,



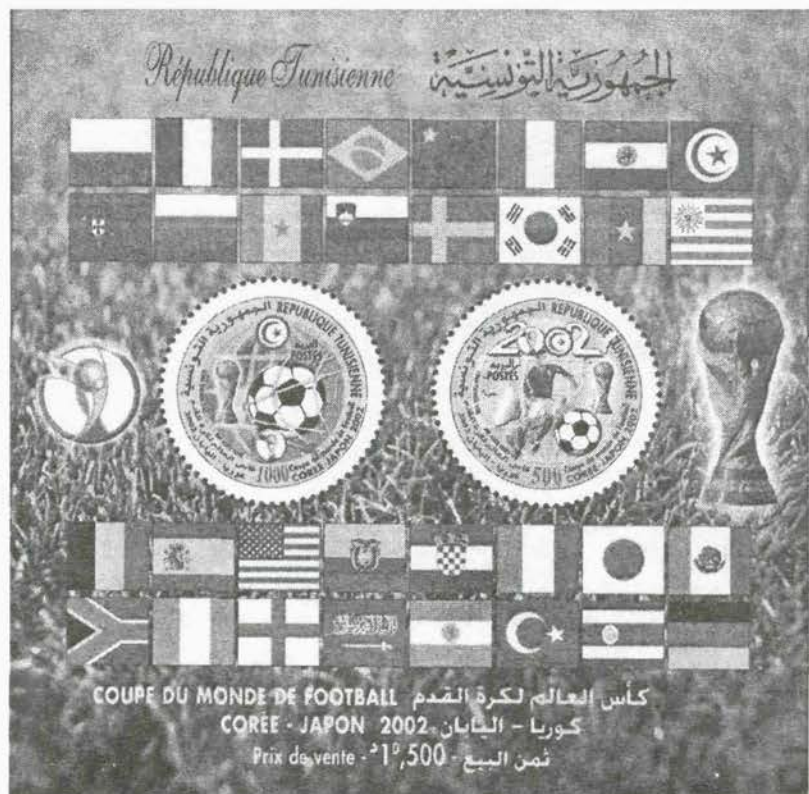
Figures 20 & 21. Above, Turkey's pair of stamps issued in commemoration of the World Cup. Below, Turkey honored its third place finish with stamps showing the team in action, and a group photograph of the entire team.



Turkey Post issued another set of two stamps (400,000 lira and 700,000 lira) on July 29, 2002 (Figure 21).

For a look at some of the postal stationery items released for World Cup 2002, please see the author's "Postal Stationery Corner" column on page 32 of this issue of JSP.

Figure 19. Tunisia may not have had great success on the field at World Cup 2002, however they issued a very handsome souvenir sheet displaying the flags of all 32 competing nations. The round stamps were also issued in sheet format.





Bid committee post card soliciting public support for the Vancouver 2010 candidacy.

Vancouver's 2010 Olympic Bid


by Mark Maestroni

On Wednesday, July 2, 2003 during its 115th Session being held in Prague, the members of the International Olympic Committee will vote to select the host city for the XXIst Olympic Winter Games in 2010.

Eight cities initially put forward an application; on August 28, 2002, four were selected by the IOC Executive Board as Candidate Cities: Bern, Switzerland; PyeongChang, Korea; Salzburg, Austria; and Vancouver, Canada. On September 22, Bern withdrew its candidature following a referendum.

Anticipating how the majority of IOC members may vote is a popular – and usually fruitless – exercise. Nevertheless, I shall succumb to the temptation and take a guess: Vancouver. Why, you may ask, did I choose this cosmopolitan North American city in the Pacific Northwest over the more proximate (to European winter sports powers) Alpine region surrounding Salzburg, or the up-and-coming Asian sports recreational areas of Korea? The IOC Evaluation Commission's report holds, I believe, the key: no negative or otherwise conditional remarks about Vancouver's bid.

The motto of the bid is "The Sea to Sky Games" expressing the dual character of the bid's concept from the ice sports in the maritime city of Vancouver to the snow sports in the Whistler mountains. In my view, the biggest strength of the Vancouver bid is the division of the 13 sports venues into just two technologically linked, yet independent, venue clusters. Both the Korean and Austrian concepts require three or more nodes of activity. The two clusters are:

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Reverse of the card shown above.

Vancouver/Cypress Mountain Resort. The curling, figure skating, speed skating, short track speed skating and ice hockey competitions will take place in Vancouver. Freestyle skiing and snowboard events will take place at Cypress Mountain Resort.

Whistler Mountain/Callaghan Valley. All alpine events, as well as the bobsleigh, luge and skeleton, will take place on Whistler Mountain. The biathlon, cross-country, ski jumping and Nordic combined competitions will be contested in the Callaghan Valley.

Two fully-equipped Olympic Villages are planned: one for the ice sports, freestyle skiing and snowboard athletes in downtown Vancouver, and one for the alpine, Nordic sports, bobsleigh, luge and skeleton competitors in Whistler. All athletes will stay in an Olympic village. A total of 4,100 beds is to be provided (2,100 beds in Vancouver and 2,000 in Whistler).

Another novelty of this bid proposes holding the Opening and Closing Ceremonies in an indoor stadium in Vancouver, an existing facility with 55,000 seats. Medal ceremonies will also take place in this stadium. A temporary outdoor celebration site will be constructed in Whistler with a capacity of 9,000 with interactive links between Vancouver and Whistler for both the ceremonies and nightly medal awards.

In their summary of Vancouver's plan, the Evaluation Commission felt "that the Olympic village and venue concepts [were] well thought-out and provide excellent conditions for the athletes."

The IBC (International Broadcast Center) is to be built on land currently owned by the Federal Government in Richmond, close to Vancouver International Airport. It will be a 30,000 m² facility and will be used as a trade and exhibition center after the Games.

The MPC (Main Press Center) will be located in the downtown Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre (VCEC) on the waterfront, approximately 30 minutes from the IBC. The planned expansion of the VCEC will bring the total space available up to 40,000 m². A media subcenter is planned for the base of Whistler Blackcomb II to accommodate a large number of press and broadcasters. It will be used as the MPC during the Paralympic Games.



After its selection as one of the finalists, a group of Vancouver's corporate sponsors, led by Canadian conglomerate, Alcan, kicked off a two-month provincial campaign to make British Columbians more aware of the Vancouver 2010 bid.



Refrigerator magnet promoting the "Alcan Spirit of 2010 Tour" across the length and breadth of British Columbia in the Autumn of 2002.

The "Alcan Spirit of 2010 Tour" rolled out of General Motors Place September 3, 2002 bound for Victoria, the first of 43 B.C. communities it visited to rally British Columbians in support of the Vancouver/Whistler Bid to host the 2010 Winter Olympic Games and Paralympic Winter Games.

The Tour traveled to B.C. communities from Victoria in the south to Fort St. John in the north and from Prince Rupert in the west to Cranbrook in the east, setting up information displays at schools, malls, and trade fairs.

The Tour was presented by RBC Financial Group, and supported by the B.C. Chamber of Commerce, General Motors of Canada, Chevron Canada Limited, Air Canada Jazz, and Coast Hotels and Resorts.

When it made its final stop in Whistler on October 31, the "Alcan Spirit of 2010 Tour" had traveled a circuit of about 6,500 kilometers.

"Hosting the 2010 Winter Olympic Games and Winter Paralympic Games means business for B.C.," said British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell at the kickoff celebrations. "And the Alcan Spirit of 2010 Tour aims to show the IOC that B.C. means business in mounting our Bid."

The author wishes to thank the Vancouver 2010 Bid Committee for their cooperation in providing materials for this article, including the official bid book and "Vancouver 2010 Response to the Evaluation Commission Report."

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"Angels in the Outfield"

by Norman Rushefsky

The 1994 movie of the same name is about the California Angels baseball team. A young boy named Roger, who is a foster child hoping to be reunited with his father, asks his biker dad when he will ever be part of a "real family" again. The father laughs and replies "not until the Angels win the pennant." The inference is a negative one since the Angels are mired in last place. Roger then prays for heavenly intervention in the team's fate and before long, amazingly, the Angels start to win. There are plays so sensational that they seem to defy the laws of physics and only Roger, who can see the heavenly spirits in the outfield, knows why these miracles are happening.

A poster for the movie is illustrated in Figure 1. Eight years later in 2002 we would again see an Angels baseball team that appeared to be benefitting from divine intervention.

In 2002 an extraordinary event occurred in which two wild-card teams competed in the World Series. For those not familiar with the intricacies of professional baseball, there are three divisions in each of the two Major Leagues. In order to determine which team shall represent each league in the World Series, a play-off series is conducted in which the



Figure 1. Poster from the 1994 Disney movie, "Angels in the Outfield".

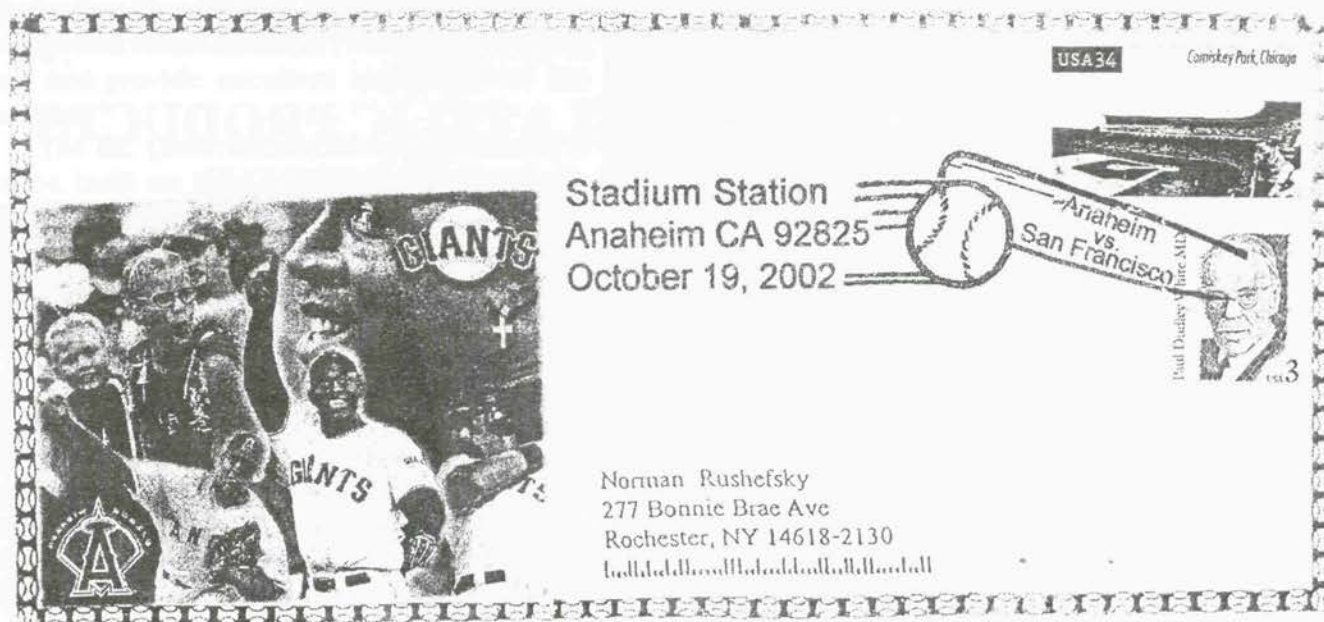


Figure 2. Large version of Anaheim's cancel celebrating the 2002 World Series.

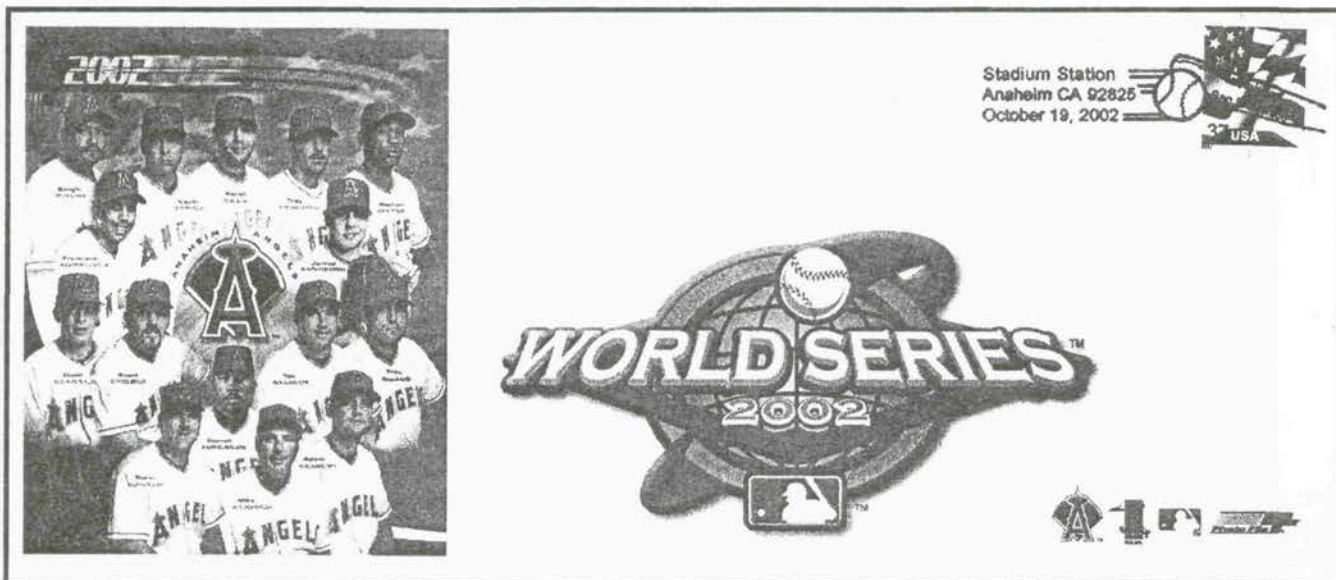


Figure 3. A small version of the Anaheim Stadium Station cancel was used on printed envelopes featuring the Angels team.



Figure 4. Nearby Santa Ana, CA included a special slogan in their facer-canceling machines cheering on the hometown team!



Figure 5. San Francisco provided its own pictorial cancel for the World Series.

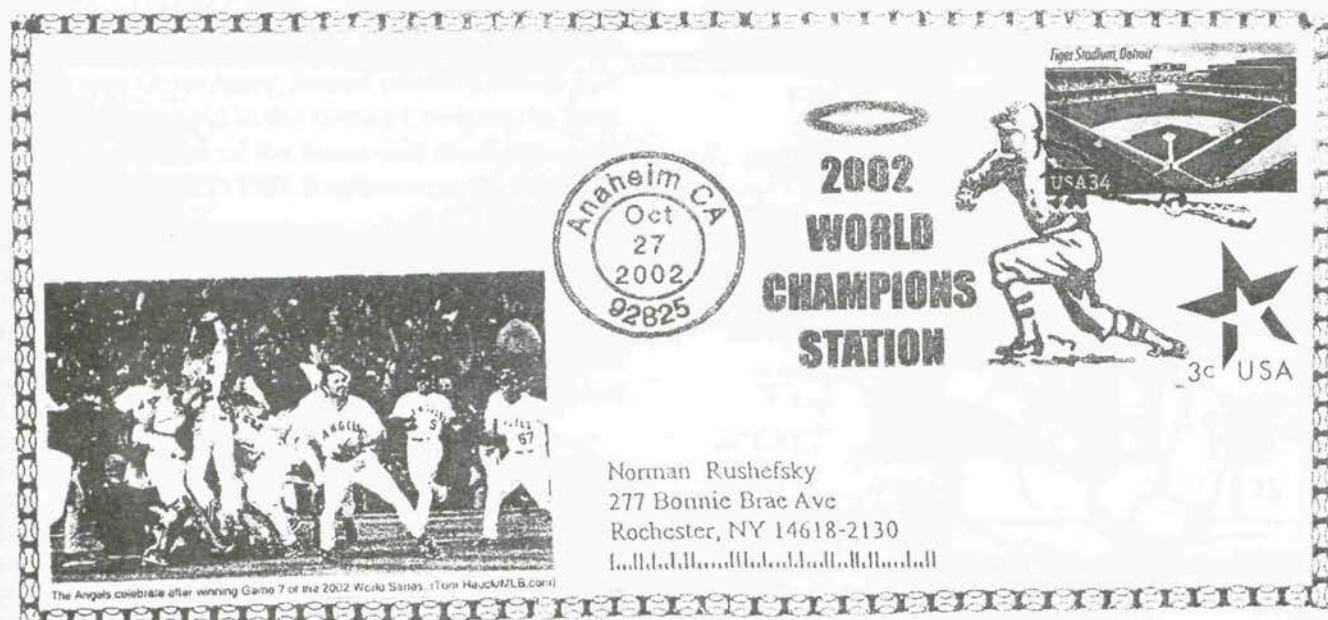


Figure 6. The 2002 World Champion Angels were honored with a special cancel October 27, 2002.

AngelsGolden West Baseball Co.
P. O. Box 3820, Anaheim, California 92803

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Port Chester, N.Y. 10573

Figure 11. One of four slogans used in the Angel's corporate office meter machines promoting special events at evening home games. This example advertises August 10, 1974 as "Helmet Night".

The latter appears to have been available only on printed envelopes featuring the Angels team.

Also unannounced was a pictorial slogan machine cancel used in nearby Santa Ana, California (Figure 4). The cancel features a baseball and text reading: "HISTORIC / BASEBALL / GO ANAHEIM!".

San Francisco, the other wild-card team, also used a postmark for this World Series (Figure 5).

The 2002 World Series was won by Anaheim and a special postmark was created to celebrate this victory (Figure 6).

The Angels played their first season in 1961 as the Los Angeles Angels. They were the first American League team to be located in California. The team's owner was Gene Autry, famed cowboy movie star. The team was sold to the Disney Company in 1998. In 1965 the name of the team was changed to the California Angels; in 1997, they became the Anaheim Angels.

The Angels have advanced to the play-offs before: in 1979 they lost to Baltimore in the American League Play-Offs. A postmark from Baltimore commemorates this event (Figure 7). A number of other postmarks celebrate the Angels (Figures 8 and 9).

Several slogan meters have been used by the Angels over the years. Many of these meters advertise upcoming promotional events at Angels night games such as Fan Appreciation Night on September 29, 1973 (Figure 10); Helmet Night on August 10, 1974 (Figure 11); Bat Night on April 23, 1977 (Figure

12); and Jacket Night on May 14, 1977 (Figure 13).

The 2002 World Series won by the Angels in seven games featured the power hitting of slugger Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants vs. the clutch hitting of the Angels team. Perhaps, the movie wasn't a fantasy after all?

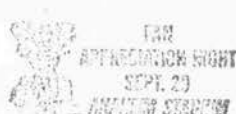


Figure 10. "Fan Appreciation Night" was held on September 29, 1973.



Figure 12. April 23, 1977 was "Bat Night" at the Angels' home game.



Figure 13. Last, but not least, Angels' "Jacket Night" attracted fans to the May 14, 1977 home game.

1920 Antwerp Olympic Games Machine Cancels, Handcancels & Registration Labels: Addenda

by Laurentz Jonker

In my article on the 1920 Antwerp Games published in the March/April 1998 issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately* (pages 3-9), I discussed and illustrated the various Belgian machine cancels used by the Belgian post office to publicize the Olympic Games. I also touched briefly on the Olympic handcancel and registration labels.

Since publication, I have come across additional information to supplement the tables in my article. I would like to present that new or corrected information here (underlined).

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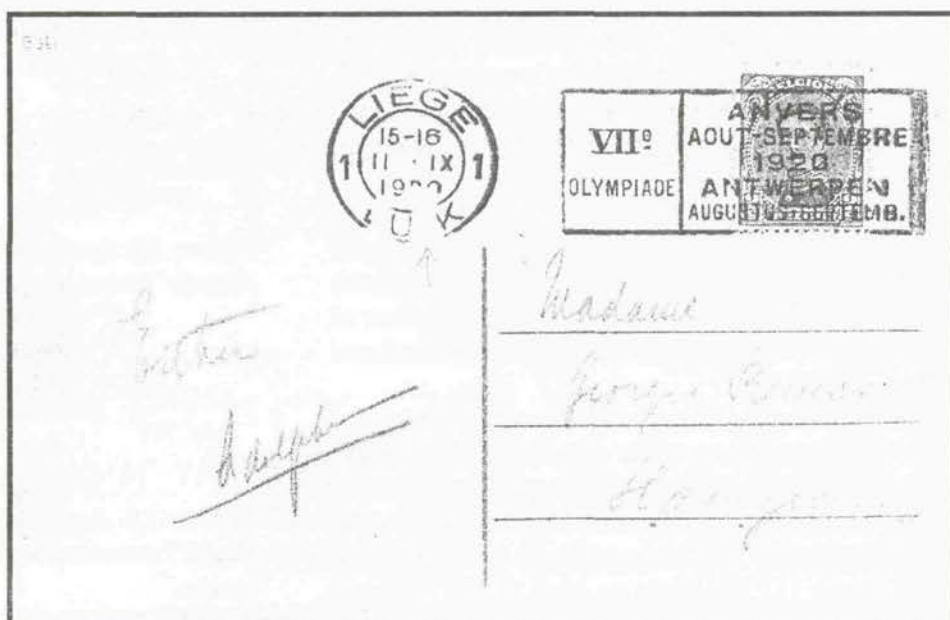
1. Antwerpen/Anvers 1
Earliest known date of use: 10.VI.1920
2. Antwerpen/Anvers 6
Variety D.: 26.VIII.1920, missing the year "1920" at hour "8-9", "21-22", and "23-24".
Variety G.: 28.VIII.1920, missing the year "1920" at hour "14-15", "21-22".
3. Bruxelles/Brussel 1
Variety D.: 1.9.1920 without month.
Variety E.: 1.XI.1920 instead of 1.IX.1920.

4. Bruxelles (Midi)/Brussel (Zuid)
Last known date of use: 24.IX.1920.
5. Bruxelles (Q.L.)/Brussel (L.W.)
Q.L.="Quartier Latin" should read "Quartier Leopold".
L.W.="Latijnse Wijk" should read "Leopold Wijk".
Both translate as "Leopold Quarter" in English.
6. Charleroy 1
Variety B.: 26.VII.1920, inverted hour "14-15" and "20-21".
7. Gent/Gand 3
Earliest known date of use: 23.VI.1920.
8. Liege/Luik
Variety B.: 31.VII.1920, missing the "1" in "1920".
It is not clear if this is a variety or an incomplete cancel impression.

OLYMPIC REGISTERED MAIL

Table 1 showing "Known Pieces of Olympic Registered Mail" should include the following listing: 23.VIII.1920: #77 (registration number).

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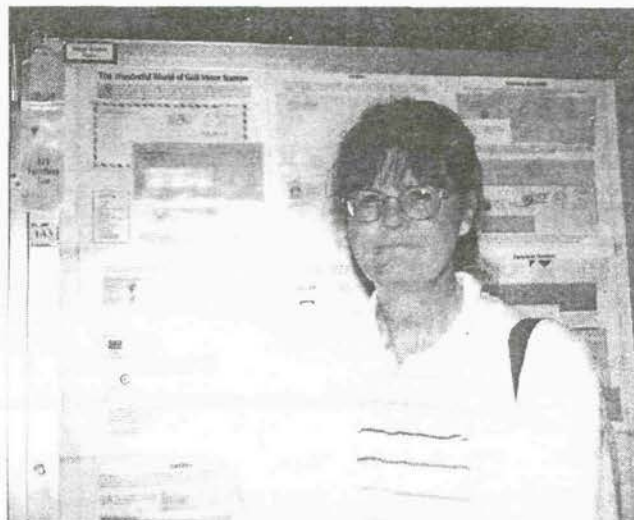
by Patricia Ann Loehr

APS AmeriStamp Expo Biloxi, Mississippi – February 28 to March 2

Another terrific winter show. I didn't expect that it could match the fun at Riverside, CA [site of last year's American Philatelic Society AmeriStamp Expo], but this one did. The only disappointments were that the weather could have been a bit nicer (can't control that) and all the campaigning that is going on now with the APS elections coming up.

Several of the east coast people encountered travel delays because of another nasty storm. Some did not even make it. No problems for me, though; Northwest (the APS had arranged for a discount with their airline) reminded us as we returned to Milwaukee that they landed 10 minutes early – and that was after leaving Memphis a little late! They were proud of their better than on-time performance. Also, going down we had to be de-iced in Memphis and did that ever bring back some memories of a sudden snow storm in May 2001 at Denver, yet we got out of there quickly and landed on time. However, there was a lot of confusion when we arrived, as the show hotel changed its name a month or so ago and no one could remember the new name. All part of the adventures of philatelic travels.

On Thursday prior to the opening of the show I attended the APS Board meeting for the first hour or so before going over to the convention center to mount my exhibit. I learned later that their brief meeting went on for about 5½ hours, so I can only report on what I heard. They decided on Hartford, CT as a future site for APS StampShow. They also reported that Riverside was a very successful show and that the APS had been invited to return, which they decided to do. Next year is set for Norfolk, Virginia, but Atlanta the following year has not been finalized because of some misunderstandings. So, if they do not come to an agreement with Atlanta soon, they will return to Riverside. If they do reach an agreement with Atlanta then the following winter show will go to Riverside because it worked out so well. The APS reported that the society's financial situation is improving. Also, they hope to establish



The author at her exhibit.

a members-only area on the APS web site rather than have the entire site open to the public. A software package is available to do this; members would have access with a code or password.

Many of the candidates running for the APS elections were at the show. Still a lot of concerns and discussions going on about the Match Factory project. I have a feeling it will remain a hot topic of conversation until they have raised the money to pay for it.

I attended three seminars and the room was filled for all three. At the AAPE (American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors) meeting a few awards were given and it was mentioned that they like to encourage new exhibiting at this winter show. So they may try to have a picture postcard category next year if they can come up with the criteria in time to allow exhibitors to prepare.

The exhibit hall was very, very spacious and the show seemed well attended. Three SPI members had entered the single frame competition. Mark Maestrone's men's gymnastic exhibit ended up with a gold and two special-prize ribbons. Joan Bleakley entered her new exhibit on the 1932 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, receiving a silver-bronze. There



A typical palm-lined sidewalk in Biloxi, Mississippi with one of many casinos, at right.

was a problem for the judges with my golf meter exhibit and I feel that they were generous to give it a silver-bronze. It was entered as a special study, the category for which it qualified according to the *previous* judging manual, but it was moved to the thematic division by the jury. At the judges critique I was told that the way it is organized – i.e. all meters organized by theme or topic of the slogan – it does not fit any category of the *current* judging manual. They did comment that they appreciated that I used over-sized pages so none of the covers were slanted (no sore necks). It includes original information gathered during compilation of my soon-to-be released golf meter handbook, a fact that hopefully the judges appreciated and rewarded.

The special show awards were kept a secret

until the banquet. Instead of the customary engraved plaque for each exhibitor, small mantle clocks were distributed. Many were pleased; others wondered about the expense. And so it goes.

The organizers were delighted to have two first day ceremonies, both of which were enjoyable. I liked the designs of the two stamps, though probably not quite as much as the Birthday stamp [issued at last year's Riverside show]. The APS members close to me at the 1¢ Tiffany Lamp First Day Ceremony were very impressed that on the ceremony programs we received the organizers used the 34¢ Mississippi stamp and added three Tiffany stamps to make the current rate. Ken Martin, who organizes the APS national shows, told me that he suggested it, but never thought they would do it because of the work involved. They surprised him.

My impressions of Biloxi? Ocean, white sand beaches, casinos, wonderful convention facilities, and southern hospitality.

Before closing I want to write that I felt especially privileged to be at the first showing of Mark's interesting and successful gymnastics exhibit. I think he would agree that if you want to try exhibiting, the single frame category would be a manageable first step. For others who have developed multi-frame exhibits, the single frame category presents new challenges and experiences. Whatever your reason, the APS's winter convention, AmeriStamp Expo, which showcases single frame exhibits, is an excellent place to begin.

That's about all for now. Until next time ... Happy Philately!

An illustrated cover from Pascagoula, about 25 miles up the coast from Biloxi, showing the many recreational activities along "Mississippi's Beautiful Gulf Coast." Golf, of course is "tops"!



THE SPORTS ARENA

by Mark Maestroni

Interesting issues from the People's Republic of China are the focus of my column this month.

During recent web surfing on eBay, I discovered a rather sensational set of postal stationery envelopes honoring the 1999 World Gymnastics Championships held in Tianjin.

According to the back of the envelopes, "Tianjin Post Office specially issued a set of twelve stamped envelopes (for sending each other in the city of Tianjin from Oct. 8, 1999 to Oct. 16, 1999)." From that statement, I would deduce that the envelopes were only to be used locally during that 14-day period. This is borne out by the fact that the indicia are non-denominated. I have not seen any mailed covers other than this set which all bear a philatelic cancel commemorating the competition. However, as the logo of China Post (the national postal administration) appears on the flap, I assume these emissions had their approval.

Seven envelopes are devoted to men's gymnastics and five to women's. Each bears a different, colorful imprinted stamp and matching cachet.

The men's covers honor the six disciplines in men's gymnastics: floor exercise (rose-colored indicium), pommel horse (yellow—shown in Figure 1), still rings (blue), vault (magenta), parallel bars (green), horizontal bar (aqua). The seventh cover's indicium shows a dismounting gymnast, probably from the parallel bars, with background images of gymnasts on rings and parallel bars.

Four women's covers feature their events: vault (purple indicium), uneven bars (green), beam (rose), and floor exercise (pink). A rose-colored indicium on a fifth cover focuses on floor exercise. Background images portray uneven bars and vault.

The remainder of the text on the back of the covers (in both Chinese and English) reads: "The 1999 Tianjin Artistic Gymnastics World Championships will be held solemnly from Oct. 8 to Oct. 16 in Tianjin. More than 1,350 athletes, coaches, and officials from more than 70 countries and regions will attend this magnificent sports meet. The excellent gymnastic players in the world will show their perfect skills and elegant demeanour."

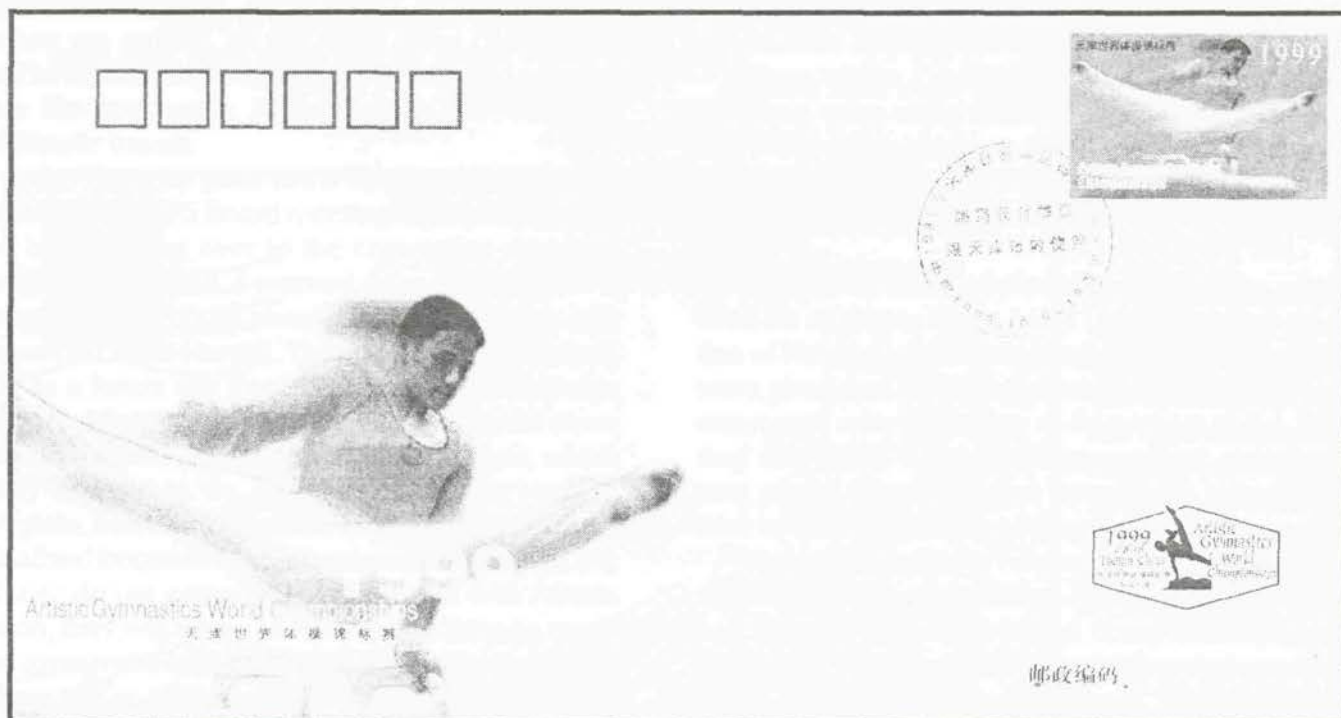


Figure 1. One of twelve postal stationery covers issued by the Tianjin, China post office for local use during the 1999 World Gymnastics Championships.



Figure 2. In commemoration of the first anniversary of Beijing's selection as the host of the 2008 Olympic Games, China Post issued an 80 fen stamp with attached label showing the Beijing Olympic logo.

Since the International Olympic Committee awarded Beijing the Games of the XXIXth Olympiad in 2008, the PRC has been awash in regionally produced fancy postmarks. It seems as though anyone with a little creativity and the means to make a rubber hand-cancel is manufacturing Olympic-themed cancels and cachets, primarily for sale to foreign collectors.

Stamp issues have so far avoided abuse.

To honor the first anniversary of Beijing's selection as the 2008 Olympic host city, China Post issued an 80 fen stamp depicting traditional tassels with an attached label reproducing the Beijing 2008 logo and the Olympic rings. The stamp was released on July 13, 2002 in decorative souvenir sheets of 16 stamps (Figure

2). CNPC, the China National Philatelic Corporation, prepared a special commemorative presentation folder for the sheet. A first day cover (Figure 3) was also sold by CNPC.



Figure 3. China National Philatelic Corporation first day cover.

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestroni

Esprit: Sports et Olympisme April 2003 (#27)

Skiing opens this issue of the French-language publication for Olympic and sports philatelists. René Christin discusses and illustrates the many machine cancels, postmarks and meter imprints publicizing the numerous World Skiing Championships held in Switzerland. He follows with brief looks at the 2003 World Championships conducted in Saint Moritz, French Olympic candidates Paris (Summer 2012) and Annecy/Grenoble (Winter 2014), and an overview of upcoming Olympic bids.

For summer sports, Henri Deparis reviews the career of renowned Czech runner, Emil Zatopek. Jean Devys focuses on the sport of table tennis providing a preview of the upcoming world championships in Paris in May. His article is accompanied by a color centerfold of table tennis philately.

Articles on football, and tennis star, Chris Evert (Pascal Bedenes) are also presented.

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Filabasket Review April 2003 (#10)

New this issue, *Filabasket Review* is printed in full color! As always, this English-language publication devoted to basketball philately is packed with information.

Major articles in this issue: "Korfbal - A 'Bisex' Team Sport" by Pietro Vasconi & Pierre Lehoux discusses the origins of the sport (did you know it was a demonstration sport at the 1920 Olympics?) and the rules of the game. The editor, Luciano Calenda, presents basketball stamp #10 in the continuing series. The stamp (Scott #C151) was issued by Bolivia in 1948, one of a set of four honoring the 5th South American Athletic Championships in La Paz. A detailed review of the philately of the World Basketball Championships for Women beginning with the first competition in Chile in 1953 and concluding with the 2002 edition held in Jiangsu, People's Republic of China. Reaching back in



These two items are absolutely exceptional and are rightly presented on the back cover of this issue. The two meter cancels are a perfect combination of thematic and historical postal elements: they are waybills for parcels, very unusual to be found franked with meter cancellations and more unusual, almost rare, if the meters show thematic elements: in fact both were used by the main Office of the Swedish Basketball Federation, in Stockholm. The former was used in 1970 (a similar item was shown by Shlomo Vurgan in BPNewsletter No. 2, Aug 1996) and the latter in 1974: two fantastic exhibition items!



Back cover of issue #10 of *Philabasket Review* presenting a pair of parcel waybills with basketball meters.

time, the basketball events at the Inter-Allied Games in Paris in 1919 are examined.

As always, the odd and interesting are scattered throughout this top flight journal. A particularly unusual pair of items were displayed on the back cover and are reproduced above.

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IMOS Journal **February 2003 (#117)**

The German-language *IMOS Journal* features an article by Rufin Schullian/Kaltem on the Olympic flame in which each summer Olympic torch relay from 1936 to 1980 is briefly discussed and the torch illustrated. A few torch-related philatelic items are also shown. Another article reports on and reproduces new coins issued for the next World Cup competition to be held in Germany in 2006.

The remainder of this issue updates the various philatelic catalogs that IMOS tracks. These include: 1999 sports postal stationery issues (Argentina through Korea); soccer stamp booklets from 1998-2000; and new sport stamps and cancels from around the world.

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A Hammarsten-Jansson essay for the unissued 1940 Helsinki Olympic stamps.

Olimpiafila **April 2003 (Vol. 6, #1)**

Primarily in Hungarian with English synopses, *Olimpiafila* covers the world of sports and Olympic philately from a Hungarian point of view. Of particular interest in this issue are articles on the history of world competitions in ice hockey (Sándor Kurdics); rare and unusual pieces from the 1896 Olympic collection of Dr. Ferenc Kalocsai; and chess philately (Ferenc Csizmadia). The most fascinating (and colorful) article is a display of philatelic and cinder-

ella pieces produced for the cancelled 1940 Helsinki Olympic Games. Pictured are the many stamp essays (see illustration above), organizing committee stationery and vignettes and labels.

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Phila-Sport **Jan.-March 2003 (#45)**

The next Olympics, the 2006 Winter Games, are being contested in Turin, Italy. Massimo Menzio updates Italian readers on the progress of preparations for the big event!

In March 2003, UICOS (the sport and Olympic collector society in Italy) held its annual assembly in Milan. In honor of the event, a special cancel was created featuring Italian cyclist, Antonio Maspes. A biography of his achievements is provided.

Carlo Morselli discusses China's first world cup participation and the many philatelic items honoring their achievement.

Sports covered in other articles include basketball, horse racing, and auto racing. New meters, cancels and stamps from around the world are also reported.

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Torch Bearer **February 2003 (Vol. 20, #1)**

This issue begins with a response by Richard Peck to Vic Manikian's Olympic correspondence article (Vol. 19, #3). Peck submits additional interesting letters from a member of the 1932 Australian women's Olympic swimming team.

David Buxton continues with Part 3 of his travelogue on the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Games.

Other articles discuss the newest issues of stamps from Greece for the upcoming 2004 Athens Olympics; Hebei-Handan regional postmarks commemorating strategic events in the Beijing 2008 Olympic candidature; and philatelic emissions (mostly promotional meters) surrounding the bid process in German for cities wishing to play host to the 2012 Olympics.

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frame exhibit, "III Olympic Winter Games"; a silver-
bronze was also awarded to Patricia Ann Loehr for
her one-frame exhibit entitled "The Wonderful
World of Golf Meters"; and Eugene Preisack was
awarded a certificate of participation for "Skiing the
Ultimate".

CHICAGOPEX (Arlington Heights, Illinois). Calla De
Luca obtained youth silver for "The Olympics"; Joe
Scaletta won youth bronze "Sports."

STEPEX (Horseheads, New York). Don Many re-
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POSTAL STATIONERY CORNER

by Glenn Estus

This column continues the theme of the World Cup 2002 competitions held in Korea and Japan in May and June. A number of the participating countries issued postal envelopes or postal cards.

Korea issued a 160 won domestic postal card showing the FIFA Cup and the mascots of the competition. Figure 1 shows the postal card with an additional 190 won World Cup stamp affixed to pay the international airmail rate. Korea finished in fourth place after losing to Turkey in a semi-final game.

Turkey fielded a successful team besting Costa Rica and China in stage 1 of the competition and Japan, Senegal and Korea in stage 2. The eventual winner Brazil beat Turkey in both stage 1 and stage 2 matches.

Turkish Post issued two postal cards (Figures 2 & 3) showing action scenes on June 3, 2002 with values of "A" and "PC." When the Turkish team won third place, the Post again issued at least one postal card with a value of "PC" (Figure 4).

Tunisia issued a set of two priority envelopes with the same designs as on matching stamps (Figure 5). Each of the envelopes has a denomination of 390 dinars. One envelope has a dominant color of blue, while the other's color is yellow.

France issued a postage-paid postal card reproducing the design of the Champions of the 20th Century circular stamp (Figure 6). On the reverse of the card is a composite photo of the members of the French World Cup Team.

Figure 4. Turkish postal card commemorating the team's 3rd place finish.

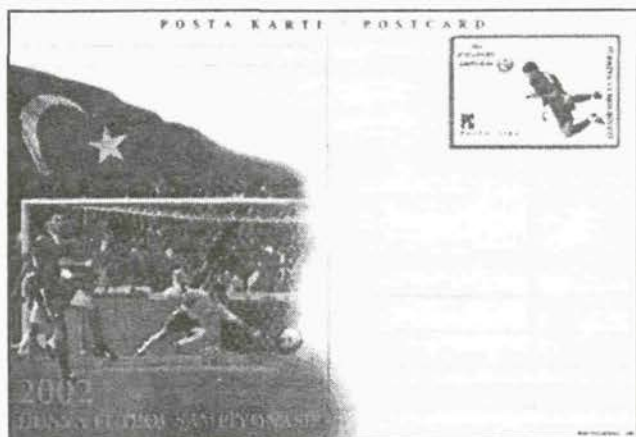


Figure 1. The 2002 World Cup was jointly hosted by Japan and Korea. The Koreans issued this postal stationery card. A 190 won stamp was added to satisfy the international airmail rate.



Figures 2 & 3. Turkish postal cards commemorating the national team in action. Both cards were issued June 3, 2002.





Figure 5. Two Tunisian priority envelopes bear 390 dinar stamps for World Cup 2002.

The Costa Rican team won one match, lost one match and tied one match. Correos de Costa Rica issued a very nicely designed prepaid postal card with a value of 100 colones (Figure 7). The front of the card reproduces the same team photo as the stamp. The cachet on the stamp side lists the names of the team members.

If any readers have information on other postal stationery from World Cup 2002, please contact the author at gestus@westelcom.com or at P.O. Box 451, Westport, NY 12993.



Figure 6. Postal card from France with a montage of images of their World Cup team.



Figure 7. Costa Rica featured its entire World Cup team on a prepaid 100 colones postal card.

NEW STAMP ISSUES

by John La Porta

Antigua & Barbuda: November 4, 2002. 2002 World Cup Soccer. Two panes of 6 se-tenant \$1.65 stamps; 4 s/s of 2 se-tenant \$3 stamps.

Australia: January 24, 2003. Australian Legends. Set of 4 se-tenant 50¢ stamps: Ron Laver with Wimbledon trophy 1969; Laver's backhand, 1970-71; Margaret Court with Wimbledon trophy 1965; Court's forehand 1965. Booklet of 10 self-adhesive stamps: 5 showing Laver with trophy, 5 showing Court with trophy.

Bangladesh: May 31, 2002. 2002 World Cup Soccer. Se-tenant strip of three 10t stamps: one stamp depicts world map and soccer field; others, flags of participating countries.

Belgium: February 24, 2003. Folk Sports. Two 0.49e stamps with 'prior' labels, playing ball; archery. S/s of 0.82e stamp, pigeon racing.

Bequia: January 27, 2003. Teddy Bears of the World. Pane one has two \$2 sport stamps, boy bear ice skating; girl bear ice skating.

Bosnia-Herzegovina: April 15, 2002. Sarajevo's Candidacy for 2010 Winter Olympics. 1.50 mark ski jumper.

Bosnian Serb Administration: May 31, 2002. 2002 World Cup Soccer. 50pf, 1m stamps: soccer scenes.

British Virgin Islands: March 14, 2003. Anniversaries and Events. Se-tenant pair of 10¢ stamps: 2002 Commonwealth Games, runners in 2,000 meters, indoor cycling; se-tenant pair of 35¢ stamps: 20th Anniversary of British Virgin Islands admission to the Olympic Games, Laser Class yachting, women's long jump; se-tenant pair of 50¢ stamps: 30th Anniversary of British Virgin Islands Spring Regatta, Bareboat class, Racing Cruiser class.

June 21, 2003. Prince William's 21st Birthday. Se-tenant pair: 50¢ and \$2, polo.

Cayman Islands: June 21, 2003. Prince William's 21st Birthday. 15¢, polo.

China: May 16, 2002. 2002 World Cup Soccer. Se-tenant pair, circular stamps: 80f, 2 yuan: soccer scenes.

November 20, 2002. Folk Sports. Joint issue with S. Korea. Se-tenant pair, 18f: kung fu and taekwondo.

Croatia: February 20, 2003. Croatian Team Wins World Handball Championship. S/s of 4 se-tenant 4k stamps: team and coaches.

Cuba: April 21, 2002. World Cup. Five 15c stamps: player and flag, South Korea, France, Germany, Brazil, Spain; 65c, Argentina; 75c, Italy; 85c, Japan.

November 18, 2002. Intercontinental Baseball Cup. 5c G. Mesa; 15c A. Pacheco; 55c O. Linares; 65c O. Kindelan; 75c L. Ulacia.

Denmark: January 15, 2003. Sport and Youth. 4.25kr, soccer; 5.50kr, swimming; 8.50kr, gymnastics; 11.50kr, handball; two booklets, one contains ten 4.25kr stamps; other contains ten 5.50kr stamps.

Ecuador: July 18, 2002. 20th Anniversary Ecuador's Second Place Finish in World Taekwondo Championships. 40¢, two taekwondo champions.

El Salvador: 2002. 2002 World Cup Soccer. Strip of four se-tenant 1 colon stamps: stadium in Korea; strip of four se-tenant 1.40 colon stamps: stadium in Japan. S/s, 4 colon stamp, Brazilian flag.

December 6, 2002. 10th Anniversary Maya World Organization. Se-tenant pair of 1col & 11¢: one stamp sailboats, Jiquilisco Bay.

Falkland Islands: Prince William's 21st Birthday. Se-tenant pair of 95p stamps, polo.

Finland: March 3, 2003. World Ice Hockey Championships. 0.65e, lion mascot playing hockey.

Gambia: June 17, 2002. Winter Fun With Popeye. Two panes of four 10d stamps. Pane 1: cross-country skiing; ski jumping; slalom skiing. Pane 2: Sweet Pea sledding; Olive Oyl skiing; Brutus; Wimpy skating. Four s/s of 25d stamps: Popeye and Olive Oyl bobsledding; Brutus playing hockey; Olive Oyl skating; Popeye speed skating.

July 15, 2002. 2002 World Cup Soccer. Three panes of six 9dal stamps, matches.

Germany: March 6, 2003. Sports/2006 German World Cup Soccer. 0.45e+0.20e goal; three 0.55e+0.25e stamps, youth soccer; header; victory celebration.

Great Britain: April 29, 2003. Extreme Endeavors. Nonden. 1st class stamp 50th Ann. Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay climbing Mt. Everest 1953; 47p Francis Chichester sailing solo around the world 1967.

Grenada: September 23, 2002. English Soccer Clubs. Two panes of six \$1.50. Pane 1: scenes of Tottenham Hotspur Club. Pane 2: scenes of Manchester City Club.

November 4, 2002. Celtic Football Club. Six se-tenant \$1.50 stamps. Two stamps: Celtic Park, Glasgow; Martin O. Neill and SPL Trophy; Henrik Larsson celebrates goal; first team squad, 2002-03; goal.

November 18, 2002. Second Round 2002 World Cup Soccer. Two panes of six se-tenant \$1.50 stamps. Four s/s of two se-tenant \$3 stamps.

Grenada Carriacou & Petite: November 18, 2002. 2002 World Cup Soccer, Quarter Finals. Two panes of six se-tenant \$1.50. Four s/s of 2 se-tenant \$3 stamps.

Guernsey: January 30, 2003. Island Games. 22p hurdles; 27p mountain biking; 36p gymnastics; 40p sailing and windsurfing; 45p golf; 65p triathlon.

Iraq: October 1, 2002. 2002 World Soccer. 50d, 100d, 150d stamps, different scenes of players in action. S/s of 250d stamp, players in shape of trophy.

Italy: Nov. 29, 2002. 20th Century World Cup Champions. Se-tenant pair, 0.52e: soccer ball, flags; players.

January 16, 2003. Tarviso 2003 Winter Universiade. 0.52e emblem.

February 1, 2003. Italian Sport. 0.41e, person carrying bicycle, emblem of Cyclocross World Championship.

Japan: January 24, 2003. 5th Winter Asian Games. Prefecture (Aomori) 50y short-track speed skating.

Maldives: December 2, 2002. Popeye and Friends, Summer Sports. Pane of 6 se-tenant 7rf stamps: Popeye diving; surfing; windsurfing; playing baseball; jumping over hurdle; playing tennis. S/s of 25rf stamp, volleyball.

December 25, 2002. 30 Years of Tourism. Pane of four se-tenant 12rf stamps, one stamp surfer; scuba divers.

Monaco: February 1, 2003. 50th Anniversary Yacht Club. 0.46e yachting, flags.

February 3, 2003. 10th World Bobsledding Championship. 0.80e pushing a bobsled.

March 3, 2003. Tennis Masters Monte Carlo 2002. 1.30e players on court.

April 12, 2003. 75th Anniversary Monte-Carlo Country Club. 0.46e aerial view including beach.

Mozambique: 2001. 2000 European Soccer Championships. Six se-tenant 10,000mt stamps, soccer players. Six se-tenant 17,000mt stamps, soccer players.

2001. 2000 Summer Olympic Medalists. Olympians: nine se-tenant 8,500mt stamps; nine se-tenant 10,000mt stamps; six 17,000mt stamps; six 20,000mt stamps; six 28,000mt stamps; three s/s of 50,000mt stamps; and three s/s of 100,000mt stamps.

2001. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. Olympians: six se-tenant 17,000mt stamps; six se-tenant 20,000mt stamps; six se-tenant 28,000mt stamps; three s/s of 50,000mt; 75,000mt and 100,000mt stamps.

Nepal: May 31, 2002. 2002 World Cup Soccer. One 15r stamp, soccer players and ball.

Nevis: November 4, 2002. 2002 World Cup Soccer, Quarter Finals. One pane of six se-tenant \$1.20 stamps. One pane of six se-tenant \$1.60 stamps. Four s/s of two se-tenant \$3 stamps.

New Zealand: January 8, 2003. Defense of the America's Cup, 40¢, 80¢, 90¢, scenes of two Team New Zealand yachts racing on Hauraki Gulf. One s/s of 3.

Russia: February 19, 2003. Davis Cup. 4r, Russian tennis fans; 8r, tennis ball. S/s of 50r stamp, the cup.

San Marino: January 24, 2003. Scandinavian Skiing Championships. S/s of three se-tenant 0.77e stamps: Dolomite peaks in background, Scandinavian combination; special jumps; cross country.

Sierra Leone: November 4, 2002. Second Round World Cup Soccer Matches. Four panes of six se-tenant 1,400 leone stamps. Eight s/s of two se-tenant stamps.

Sweden: January 20, 2003. 100th Anniversary Swedish Sports Federation. Four self-adhesive nondenominated stamps: women and child; wheelchair race; snowboarder; girl runner.

Switzerland: March 7, 2003. Alinghi Teams Wins America's Cup. 90c, Alinghi in race.

Syria: 2002. World Cup Soccer. £5 and £10 stamps, soccer scenes. S/s of £25 stamp, soccer scene.

Tajikistan: December 1, 2002. Traditional Games. 1d, archery; 20d, riding horses; 53d, riding horse and carrying mallet; 65d, lifting big stone; 1s, two people riding horses; 1.24s, wrestling. Offset in sheets of 36 and in a se-tenant block of six.

Thailand: April 2, 2003. Thai Boxing. Three 3b stamps, erawan suey nga; hak kor aiyara; hak nguang aiyara; 15b jarakae fad hang.

Ukraine: January 17, 2003. Skating. 65kop, skater.

Union Island: December 9, 2002. Ferrari Cars. Six \$1.10 stamps, 360 Challenge; 1966 330 GTC-GTS; 1962 248 SP; 1989 346 TB-TS; 1984 Testarossa; 2002 Enzo Ferrari; 1960 DINO 246 S; 1967 DINO 206 GT.

Uruguay: October 11, 2002. 100th Anniversary of First Equestrian Statue in Uruguay. 12p, equestrian statue of Brig. Gen. Juan Antonio Lavalleja-Minas.

Vanuata: March 26, 2003. Pentecost Land Diving. 35v, man about to dive; 80v, 110v, man in air; 200v, tower.

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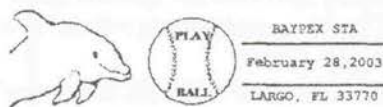
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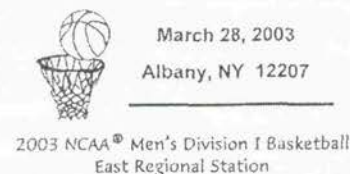
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