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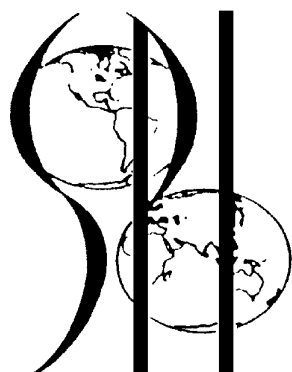
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*London Wins  
2012 Olympic  
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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by Mark Maestrone

## WASHINGTON 2006

Less than a year to go until our next big international philatelic exhibition, WASHINGTON 2006, next spring.

In my last President's Message (Summer 2005 issue), I announced that SPI would have a Society Frame at the exhibition. This is a splendid way for us to promote our society and sports and Olympic philately.

If you've wondered how to contribute to your society, the Society Frame project affords the perfect opportunity. There's no cost (save a dollar or two in postage) and very little effort involved.

To help, please contact Patricia Loehr who is coordinating the project at 2603 Wauwatosa Ave., #2, Wauwatosa, WI, 53213. She may also be reached by email at [patloehr@mcw.edu](mailto:patloehr@mcw.edu).

While there doesn't seem to be any significant interest in holding a formal SPI meeting during the exhibition, some of us have been discussing getting together for an informal society dinner at one of the many restaurants in the Washington area.

Since it appears that most members are planning to attend during the first few days of the show, I would suggest we get together either Saturday, May 27 or Sunday, May 28.

If you think you'd like to attend, please let me know:

1. Preferred date: May 27 or 28.
2. Expected number in your party.
3. Whether we should do a set menu or allow everyone to order/pay for their own meals.

The December issue of *JSP* will offer more details.

## Podolsky Auction

The first auction of Sherwin Podolsky's terrific Olympic philately collection ended on August 15 and was very successful with some 30 bidders. Of the 76 lots offered, 44 (nearly two-thirds) were sold.

Even our regular SPI vendors benefitted from the additional interest with 98 of 246 lots selling. In total, the auction grossed over \$10,500 which I believe is a record for us.

While the selection of Sherwin's material in this first auction may have been somewhat on the "pricey" side for many members, the average lot in the second auction (enclosed with this issue of *JSP*) has a starting bid within reach of most collectors' budgets. Do take a look; you may be surprised what you'll find!

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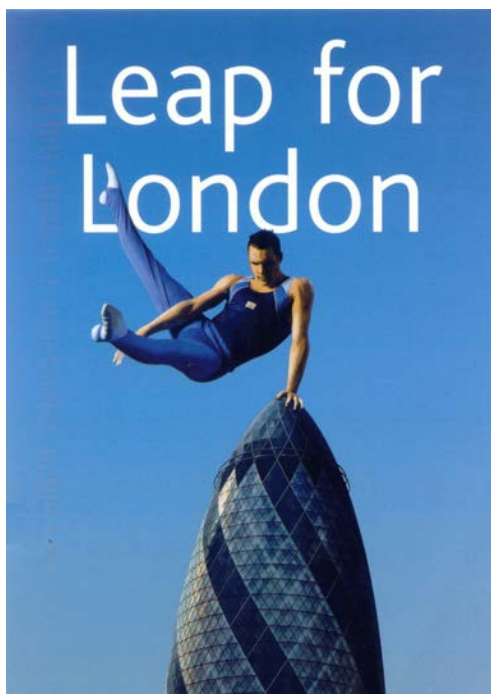
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**Figure1.** One of four London 2012 bid postcards franked with Singapore's 50c (worldwide Airmail postcard rate) 117<sup>th</sup> IOC Session stamp and July 6, 2005 special Olympic postmark.

## London Upsets Favorite Paris to Win 2012 Olympic Games

by Mark Maestroni

**U**npredictability certainly appears to be the International Olympic Committee's middle name as a majority of its 104 eligible voting members cast their Round 4 ballots for London (see Table 1 at right).

For months Paris had been the undisputed front-runner with London a close second. When the IOC president, Jacques Rogge, announced that "the Games of the XXXth Olympiad in 2012 are awarded to the city of London," I'm sure that the masses of French supporters gathered in front of Paris' Hôtel de Ville (City Hall) were dumbfounded. What's worse, they probably could hear the whoops of joy from their rivals across the channel. From Trafalgar Square in the heart of London, Britons reveled at their success, with London becoming the first city in modern Olympic Games history to play host for the third time (London previously hosted the Olympic Games in 1908 and 1948).

**"The International Olympic Committee has the honor of announcing that the Games of the XXXth Olympiad in 2012 are awarded to the city of London."**

**IOC president Jacques Rogge July 6, 2005**

|                | Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4   |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>London</b>  | 22      | 27      | 39      | <b>54</b> |
| <b>Paris</b>   | 21      | 25      | 33      | 50        |
| <b>Madrid</b>  | 20      | 32      | 31      | -         |
| <b>NY City</b> | 19      | 16      | -       | -         |
| <b>Moscow</b>  | 15      | -       | -       | -         |

**Table 1.** Results of IOC vote for 2012 host city.





**Figure 2. Original artwork for the four IOC Session stamps issued by Singapore on July 5, 2005. The interior black rectangle does not appear on the stamps as issued.**

New York City, which had very recently nearly torpedoed its own bid when the centerpiece of their plan – a proposed West Side sports and convention complex housing the Olympic Stadium – was “killed” by legislators in the state capital, came in a disappointed fourth. When asked if the city would pursue another bid for the 2016 Games, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Deputy Mayor Daniel Doctoroff, the two NYC2012 bid leaders, replied that it was too early to say. As it will have been 20 years since the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, a U.S. candidate stands a good chance of winning. It wouldn’t come as much of a surprise, then, if New York has to battle other U.S. cities – perhaps including San Francisco, a combined San Diego/Tijuana candidacy, Washington, and even Los Angeles – for the right to bid for the 2016 Games.

### **SINGAPORE A BIG WINNER TOO!**

For seven days, this island nation in Southeast Asia at the tip of the Malay Peninsula was the sporting capital of the world. With typical pomp and ceremony, the 117<sup>th</sup> Session of the IOC opened on July 5, 2005 (this followed two days of IOC Executive Board meetings) and continued through July 9. On July 6, the first order of business for the 116 IOC members gathered at the Raffles City Convention Center was the selection of the 2012 host city.

Each of the five candidate cities was permitted a final presentation to the full assembly before a vote

was taken. In a blind draw the order was Paris, New York, London, Moscow, and Madrid.

The voting procedure was simple: to win, a candidate city had to receive 50% plus one vote. If no candidate reached that threshold, the city with the lowest number of votes was eliminated and another round of voting took place.

Of the 116 IOC members present, only 99 were eligible to vote in the first round. (According to the IOC, one member did not take his/her voting box and another chose not to vote, so only 97 valid votes were cast in round one.) Members from countries with candidate cities were ineligible (until their city

was eliminated) as was the IOC president (except in the case of a tie).

It took all four rounds of voting for the members to finally elect London, 54 votes to Paris’ 50. Madrid, which had the most votes in Round 2, was a close third.

So how did London edge out Paris? With two so equal bids it came down to applying an essential tool of successful marketing: the personal touch. Where famed British Olympian and London 2012 bid leader, Lord Sebastian Coe, had gone the extra mile to establish a personal rapport with virtually every IOC member, the French team had decided to soft-pedal their candidacy. In the end, the committee members’ appreciation of the “personal touch” translated into votes.

Two big “losers” during this IOC Session were the sports of baseball (men) and softball (women). In up-or-down votes on each of the 28 Olympic sports, these two did not receive majority votes and were thus dropped from the 2012 London Olympic Games program.

Baseball, many felt, was not a “clean” sport due to the current furor over steroid use by so many players. In addition, Major League Baseball’s intractable position not to make players available during the Games left a sour taste in many IOC members’ mouths. A lack of universal appeal was the stated reason for dropping softball.

Both baseball and softball remain Olympic sports and are eligible for inclusion in the 2016 program.

Surprisingly, the IOC decided not to replace the two dropped sports on the 2012 program with any new sports from their short list (roller sports, world squash, golf, karate or rugby).

Singapore Post celebrated the opening of the IOC Session with a set of four handsome stamps issued on July 5 (Figure 2). Two central elements common to all the stamps were a world map showing Singapore and all five candidate cities in the upper left corner, and the logo of the IOC Session at upper right.

Each denomination was in a different color and portrayed three different sports being played:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Local (23c value, local letter rate) in orange – cycling, running, table tennis.
- 50c (worldwide airmail postcard rate) in purple – running, basketball, badminton.
- 60c (Asia airmail 20g letter rate) in blue – soccer, tennis, javelin.
- \$1.00 (Americas, Europe, Africa airmail 20g letter rate) in green – men’s gymnastics (pommel horse), running, weightlifting.

Registered mail was assessed a fee of \$2 in addition to the postage rates shown above.

The stamps were issued in regular panes of 10 (5 rows of 2 stamps) for each denomination as well as a miniature sheet containing one each of the “1<sup>st</sup> Local” and 50c stamps, and two each of the 60c and \$S1 denominated stamps. Total face value of each miniature sheet was S\$3.93.

The stamps in the miniature sheets had tabs attached which reproduced the 117<sup>th</sup> IOC Session logo (Figure 4). After the announcement of the host city, a reserve of sheets with blank tabs were printed with “LONDON 2012” (Figure 5).

The Singapore Post first day of issue postmark used only on July 5, 2005, featured athletes playing four sports (soc-

cer, badminton, basketball and running) with text: “Singapore 117<sup>th</sup> IOC Session 5.7.2005”. The FD postmark (Figure 6) bears a station number at bottom. The most common are “1” and “1S”. Thomas Lippert has reported seeing other numbers in the “50s and 60s”.

On subsequent days of the IOC Session, a cancel from “The Olympic Museum Exhibition” served as a commemorative postmark (Figure 3). Featured in the middle was a globe surrounded by a laurel wreath. The date appeared in the center of the globe which was ringed above with the text: “THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT IS ALL THIS AND MORE”.

In addition to Singapore Post’s special postmarks, the IOC supplied seven special cachets of its own (Figure 7). Five circular cachets reproduced each candidate city’s bid logo in a different color: London (purple), Paris (dark gray), Madrid (green), New York City (blue) and Moscow (red). A rectangular purple cachet honored the decision on July 6 and a general 117<sup>th</sup> IOC Session triangular cachet in red (I’ve seen the colors of these two reversed) were also available from the special FIPO stand. FIPO charged a fee of S\$1 per cachet applied.

At the time of the bid decision and immediately afterward, various items of philatelic and collector interest appeared.



**Figure 3. Registered cover postmarked on “Decision Day” (July 6, 2005) with the special Olympic Museum Exhibition cancellation.**





**Figure 4.** Registered cover bearing the complete set of 6 stamps from the miniature sheet. The labels reproduce the logo of the 117<sup>th</sup> IOC Session. Somehow the labels on this sheet were printed twice, but obviously the postal clerk in charge decided not to destroy the sheet.



**Figures 5 & 6.** Miniature sheet (above) issued July 7, 2005 with tabs commemorating the "London 2012" victory. At left is a first day cover of the IOC Session stamp with "1S" station number.



**Figure 7.** Seven FIPO cachets (handstamps) which could be applied to mail at the FIPO booth in Singapore. The eighth cachet (bottom right) honors the winner of the 2004 Prix Olympia for the best stamp issued for the Athens Olympic Games.





**Figure 8.** SmartStamp meter created by Bob Farley of the SOC to honor London's victory on July 6, 2005. Because of a post office delay, this date-sensitive metered mail received a "revenue protection" postmark dated July 6.

### LONDON 2012 PHILATELICALLY HONORED

The Society of Olympic Collectors was on the ball when it came to preparing something special in celebration of London's win.

Bob Farley created a "SmartStamp" for the London candidacy (Figure 8). SmartStamps, a relatively new innovation offered by Royal Mail, are personalized meter imprints created on a computer and printed on either a laser or inkjet printer. Each meter bears a unique barcode number and date for which that meter is valid.

This SmartStamp reproduces an artist's rendering of the proposed Olympic Stadium with the London 2012 bid logo at top and the text "117 IOC Session Singapore 6 July 2005" at bottom. Royal Mail permits SmartStamp imprints with denominations for specific classes of mail: Airmail, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A second SmartStamp with the word "Congratulations" above the London 2012 logo was created in very limited quantities (Figure 9). These bear either a July 6 or July 7 date in the meter, however all were prepared and mailed on July 6 as attested to by the

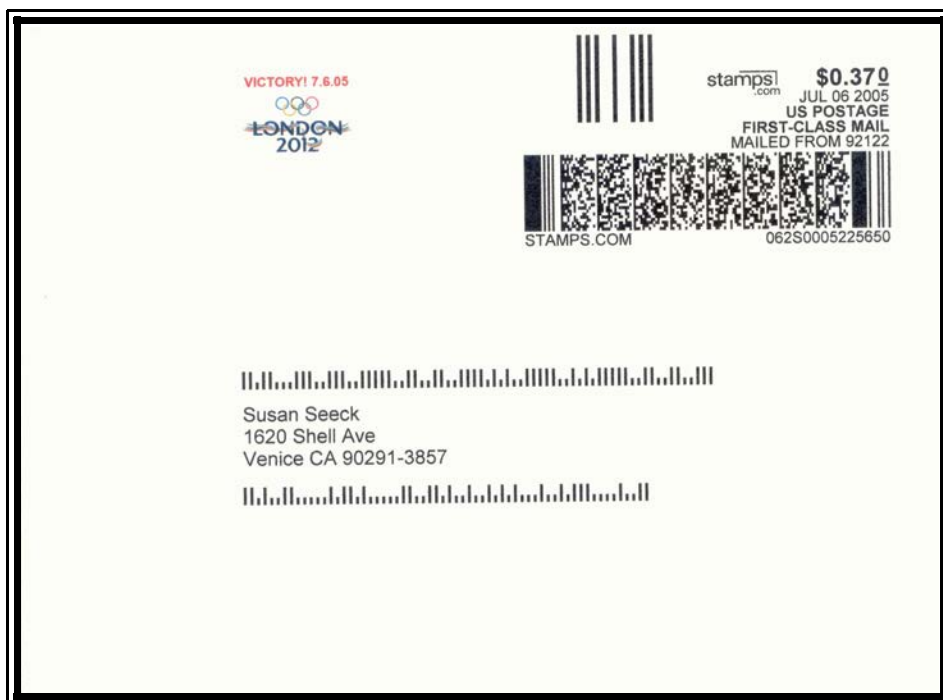
"Revenue Protection" circular datestamp applied by the post office at the time of mailing.

Here in the U.S., personalized meter imprints are also permitted. Stamps.Com is one of a handful of companies under contract from the U.S.P.S. providing this service.

As a subscriber to Stamps.Com, I created a meter imprint illustrating the London 2012 bid logo with the text "Victory! 7.6.05" above (Figure 10). The meter indicia are dated July 6, 2005 and, like SmartStamps, were only valid for mailing that day. A total of fourteen covers/cards were created with this imprint.



**Figure 9.** A second SmartStamp meter offering "congratulations" to London, the Olympic City.



**Figure 10.** *Stamps.com “Victory London 2012” meter mailed July 6, 2005.*

On August 5, Royal Mail issued a handsome miniature sheet of six “1<sup>st</sup>” stamps (each is currently valued at 30p) depicting the sports of women’s javelin, swimming, track, and paralympic basketball. Two stamps have an identical design depicting an athlete with arms raised in victory. Oriented vertically in the sheet’s margin is the text “LONDON 2012 / Host City” in two lines (Figure 11).

#### PARIS 2012 STAMP BOOKLET

Paris is the only other bid city known to have been officially honored by its postal administration.

On January 8, 2005, a booklet of ten Marianne definitive stamps was issued with booklet covers publicizing the Paris 2012 bid.

Then during the 2005 French Open Tennis Championships at the famed Roland Garros stadium, a special postmark was placed in use reproducing the Paris 2012 logo with the text “Ville Candidate” below.

Figure 12 shows a registered cover from the tennis championships with the cover of the Marianne booklet attached

to the left side of the envelope. The special postmark cancels the stamps on May 23.

#### NEW YORK CITY 2012 BID ITEMS

The New York City bid generated very little from a collectibles standpoint and virtually nothing of an “official” philatelic nature. Despite my best efforts, the bid committee refused to even consider approving a special postmark to be used in New York City on Decision Day (July 6, 2005).

Two sets of free postcards were created by the bid committee as part of its publicity campaign. The first, which dates back to the pre-bid period when New York City was still vying for the right to be the U.S. candidate, was composed of four cards and produced by the GoCARD Postcard



**Figure 11.** *Miniature sheet issued by Royal Mail one month following London’s election as host city of the 2012 Games.*



**Figure 12.** Registered (return receipt requested) envelope mailed opening day of the French Open tennis championships on May 23, 2005. The postmark reproduces the Paris 2012 bid logo. Attached to the left side is the cover from the booklet of Marianne stamps which also publicizes the Paris bid.

Advertising company. The cards illustrate the sports of men's gymnastics, pole vault, wrestling, and cycling. For more details, please refer to my "Sports Arena" column in the Spring 2003 issue of *JSP*.

The second set of four free cards, distributed this time by Max Racks, began appearing sometime in 2004 (Figure 13). This set presents clever coincidences between Olympic and New York City statistics. For example the number "1896" is both the year the Modern Olympic Games began as well as the number of rooms in the Times Square Marriott Marquis Hotel. The other three cards: 1.25 lbs – the weight of an Olympic gold medal and a Carnegie Deli sandwich; 4 – the number of runners in a relay and maximum number of riders in a NYC cab; and 1:57:65 – the record time in the women's 200-meter freestyle and the time it takes to ride the famous Coney Island "Cyclone" roller coaster.

Two other collectibles I've come across were in

fact generated by the Metro Transit Authority (MTA). They include a machine-generated Olympic MetroCard bearing the NYC2012 logo and pictograms of the Olympic sports on the reverse, and a metro map showing the locations of all the proposed venues.

SPI-member, Alan Marder, a New York City resident provided more specific information on these items:

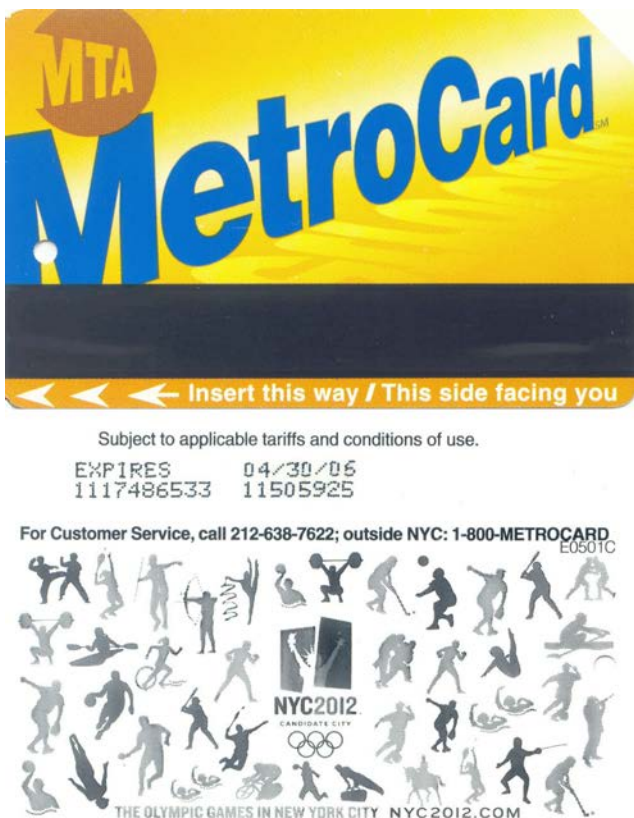
"The Olympic MetroCard (Figure 14) is just one of dozens of images currently in circulation (they range from safety advisories to historical facts celebrating the centennial of the NYC subway). The cards are dispensed at random at fare booths and automatic vending machines located at each subway station (there's no guarantee what image you will receive)."

"I first saw the Olympic MetroCard in early March [2005], shortly after the most recent visit of the IOC Bid Evaluation Committee to New York City. So far,





**Figure 13.** One of 4 free postcards commissioned by the NYC2012 bid committee and printed by Max Racks.



**Figure 14.** Both sides of New York City's Olympic MetroCard featuring the NYC2012 logo and sport pictograms.

I have seen expiration dates on the cards of March 31, April 30 and May 31, 2006, indicating that they have been on sale at least since March (they are good until the fare is used up or until the end of the month one year after purchase)."

"Used cards sometimes are left at the fare vending machines, on station floors, etc. – a little messy but a boon for collectors!"

"At the same time the cards appeared, the MTA issued a commemorative subway map detailing the locations of the proposed Olympic venues superimposed over the current subway routes. The reverse shows the regional transportation plan for

the NYC 2012 Bid and, in my opinion, is of poster quality."

"At various times I have seen the map available at the main information booth at Grand Central Station (on 42nd St. and Lexington Ave. in Manhattan), in the front lobby of the MTA's Madison Avenue headquarters, and most recently at the NYC Transit Museum Annex in Grand Central Station. They are free to while supplies last."

#### MADRID 2012 Bid PROMOTION

During his recent trip to Spain, Norm Jacobs discovered a handy pocket subway map (Figure 15) in Madrid, the cover of which bears the Madrid 2012 bid logo. Unlike the New York City subway map, none of the Olympic venues are noted, nor bid information provided.



**Figure 15.** Madrid metro map displaying the Madrid 2012 bid logo.



# International Rugby Board (IRB) Under 21 World Championship 2005 Mendoza, Argentina, 9-25 June 2005

by Jorge Casalia

**T**he International Rugby Board (IRB) is the international governing body for the sport of rugby with headquarters in Dublin, Ireland. It is the organizer for all tournaments at the world level.

One of the many competitions that it oversees is for men under the age of 21. The IRB designated the Union Argentina of Rugby (UAR) as host organizer of the 2005 Championships. The UAR, in turn, selected the Rugby Union of Cuyo in Mendoza as the local organizer. The competition will be held in Mendoza from 9-25 June.

The top 12 national rugby teams from around the world will participate, coming from Africa (1), America (2), Europe (6) and Oceania (3). They will be divided into four pools: Pool "A": New Zealand - Argentina - Scotland; Pool "B": Ireland - England - Italy; Pool "C": South Africa - France - Samoa; and Pool "D": Australia - Wales - Canada.

In all, 30 matches will be played. Twenty-eight matches are to be played on four traditional rugby fields of Mendoza: Mendoza Rugby Club (1927), Ber-

mejo, Guaymallén; Liceo Rugby Club (1950), Carrodilla, Luján de Cuyo; Maristas Rugby Club (1961), Carrodilla, Luján de Cuyo; and Chacras Rugby Club (1999), Chacras de Coria, Luján de Cuyo.

The final match of the Championship and the third place play-off will be contested on Saturday June 25, at 15:00 and 17:30 hours, respectively, in the Provincial Stadium "Malvinas Argentinas" located inside the Park General San Martín of Mendoza. The stadium was built for the 1978 Football World Cup and has a seating capacity of 35,000.

In the classification round, Argentina (Pool "A") will face the teams from pool "D", in the following matches: 9 June at 15:00 at Liceo R.C. against Canada; 13 June at 15:00 at Mendoza R.C. against Australia; and 17 June at 15:00 at Chacras R.C. against Wales.

The Argentine team is composed of players from the rugby unions of Buenos Aires (17), Córdoba (3) Cuyo (2), Santa Fe (2), Rosario (1), and Tucumán (1). Clubs fielding additional players are La Plata Rugby Club (4), Regatas Bella Vista (3), Hindú Club (2) and y el San Isidro Club (2). 🏉



*Australia hooker Tatafu Polota Nau makes ground in the final match against South Africa.*

*[Ed. Note: South Africa was crowned IRB Under 21 World Champions for 2005 after defeating Australia 24-20. New Zealand took third place by defeating France 47-21.]*



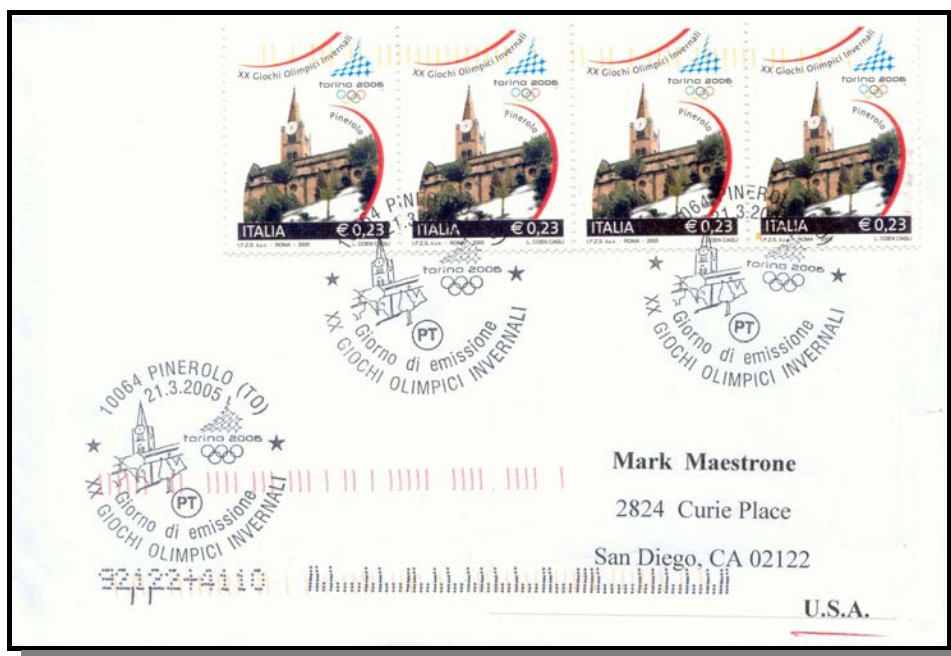
# New Stamps For Turin 2006; Torch Relay Set to Begin

by Mark Maestroni

Italy issued another set of four stamps on 21 March 2005 for the rapidly approaching XX<sup>th</sup> Olympic Winter Games in Turin this coming February. Three of the new stamps feature important Italian architectural monuments in cities where Olympic events will take place, while the fourth depicts the two mascots, "Neve" (Snow) and "Gliz" (Ice).

The Gothic bell tower of the Church of St. Maurizio in Pinerolo is featured on the €0.23 stamp. The ice rink will host curling during the Games. The €0.45 value is dedicated to the Romanesque-style Church of St. John the Baptist (San Giovanni Battista) in the San Sicario district of Cesana Torinese where the Biathlon will be contested. The €0.62 stamp shows the famous circular hotel tower, a landmark in Sestriere where the men's and women's Alpine Skiing events will take place. The mascots appear on the €0.60 value stamp from Turin.

Each stamp was issued in panes of 50. A total of 3.5 million of each value was printed. The stamps are perforated 13 1/4 x 13.



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The first day of issue was celebrated in each of the four locations with postmarks duplicating the scenes on the respective stamp. The Turin 2006 Olympic logo also appears in the cancel along with the text "XX GIOCHI OLIMPICI INVERNALI" (XX<sup>th</sup> Olympic Winter Games).

## THE OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

Customarily, the Olympic flame is ignited by the rays of the sun in a special ceremony conducted at Ancient Olympia, where the Olympic Games were born. Once the flame is lit, a team of Greek runners relays it to Athens using specially designed torches.

The flame for the Turin Olympic Torch Relay (OTR) will be kindled on November 27, 2005. The schedule and route from Olympia to Athens have not yet been publicized, nor has any special postmark program by the Greek post office been announced.







On December 7, the Olympic Flame will be transported from Athens to Rome aboard a plane made available by the Italian Ministry of Defense. The next morning at Rome's Quirinale Square, Stefano Baldini will lead off the 64-day relay through Italy. Baldini was the winner of the 2004 Olympic Marathon at Athens.

The Turin 2006 Olympic Torch Relay will travel more than 11,000 km traversing all regions of Italy as it passes between 10,000 torchbearers. The schedule of major stops (see map) is as follows:

Rome 8-9 December 2005  
 Perugia 13 December 2005  
 Florence 14 December 2005  
 Genoa 18 December 2005  
 Cagliari 20 December 2005  
 Palermo 23 December 2005  
 Catanzaro 28 December 2005  
 Potenza 30 December 2005  
 Naples 31 December 2005  
 Bari 5 January 2006  
 Campobasso 7 January 2006  
 L'Aquila 9 January 2006  
 Ancona 10 January 2006  
 Bologna 13 January 2006  
 Venice 17 January 2006  
 Trieste 18 January 2006

Trento 23 January 2006  
 Bolzano 24 January 2006  
 Milan 29 January 2006  
 Aosta 7 February 2006  
 Turin 9-10 February 2006

The relay will celebrate Christmas Day in Palermo and New Year's Day in Naples. On 26 January the OTR will be in Cortina d'Ampezzo for the 50th anniversary of the Opening Ceremony of the Cortina 1956 Winter Olympics, the last time the Olympic Winter Games were held in Italy.

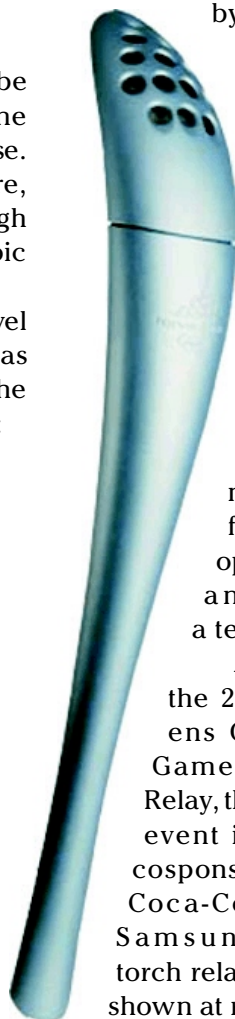
In addition to the flight from Athens to Rome, the OTR will include additional non-land legs. The Italian Navy will furnish a special navy training ship for the Olympic flame's journey from Genoa to Sardinia. Naval vessels will also help transport staff and vehicles to Sardinia as well as from there to Sicily. To get to the tiny island of Lampedusa off the coast of Tunisia, a helicopter will be used to carry the flame.

The 2006 Turin Olympic Torch was designed by the Italian Pininfarina company which is famous for its ultra-modern designs of bodies for sports cars. Constructed of a cooled aluminum alloy, the exterior shell is coated with a polymer resin resistant to flame and high temperatures. The torch measures 770 mm (30 inches) in length with a maximum width of 105 mm (4 inches) and weighs 1.9 kg (4.19 lbs).

A total of 12,000 numbered torches will be constructed.

The torch is designed to burn for 15 minutes using a self-contained fuel mixture of propylene and butane. The flame, with an orange-yellow color for optimal visibility, will be able to withstand a maximum wind speed of 120 km/hour and a temperature range from 20°C to +25°C.

As with the 2004 Athens Olympic Games Torch Relay, this year's event is being cosponsored by Coca-Cola and Samsung. The torch relay logo is shown at right.



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## 2005 Memorial Cup

by Kon Sokolyk

The 2005 MasterCard Memorial Cup, emblematic of Canadian junior hockey supremacy, was contested in London, Ontario, May 21-29, 2005. The final weekend of the tournament coincided with the exhibition and convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

The Canada Post booth at the Royal featured a number of commemorative hand cancels, including one portraying the Memorial Cup (right). The cancel was in use from May 27 to 29. Interestingly, the cancel includes the logo of the title sponsor MasterCard at the top while the logo of the Canadian Hockey League is reproduced at the bottom.

In 1919, the Ontario Hockey Association donated the Memorial Cup in memory of those who had served and died during World War I. With 2005 being designated the "Year of the Veteran" in Canada, tournament organizers took special care to honour

veterans, including donating a portion of proceeds to Parkwood Hospital's Veterans Care Facility. In the same spirit, Cornelius Spek painted an outdoor Memorial Cup mural honouring Canadian lives lost in the Netherlands during World War II. For the artist the dedication was personal: "Both of my parents are from the Netherlands. They chose Canada to

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immigrate to because it was the Canadians who liberated them.” The mural (above) features (l to r) the University of Western Ontario, a hockey goaltender, letters that spell out the three leagues represented at the event: OHL, WHL, and QMJHL, the Memorial Cup, and a hockey puck in flight. Subsequently the mural was reproduced on a card. 7,600 cards were printed, each numbered on the back, representing one life lost. All proceeds were donated to the same hospital.

Colours By Schubert, a local custom photo-finishing shop, produced a colour photo Memorial Cup card featuring the John Labatt Centre, site of the competition (below). Additionally, a card promoting

the event was widely distributed (shown on the previous page). The obverse of the latter includes a schedule of games and special events.

For the record, the hometown London Knights captured the Memorial Cup by defeating Rimouski Oceanic 4-0 in the championship final. The Knights entered the tournament after one of the most successful seasons in Canadian junior hockey history during which they set 4 Canadian team records and 15 Ontario team records including the best winning percentage of .882 and the longest undefeated streak of 31 games. To celebrate the undefeated streak, local brewing giant Labatt’s produced a limited edition commemorative beer bottle label. 🍺





**Figure 1. Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, New York.**

## A Philatelic Pilgrimage to the Baseball Hall of Fame

by Emanuel Doyne

One of my ultimate dreams as a baseball fan and a sports philatelist specializing in U.S. baseball stamps was to visit the Baseball Hall of Fame in the idyllic village of Cooperstown, New York (Figure 1). This quaint town, founded by the family of James Fenimore Cooper in an area named for his *Leatherstocking Tales*, is located about 90 minutes from the state capital of Albany in upstate New York.

I achieved my goal and much more this summer along with my two adult sons – not so coincidentally also baseball fans – my brother-in-law, his son and his middle brother. It was a trip that surpassed expectations and is highly recommended to all readers of this periodical. (Please read Norman Rushefsky's excellent article in the Winter 2002 *Journal of Sports Philately*, "The 1939 Baseball Centennial Stamp: Collateral Collectibles.")

Our first stop on this quiet Saturday morning was the Cooperstown Post Office immediately across the street from the Hall of Fame. They provided me with

a package (called "Classic Collection") which included induction day folders with cancellations, a Casey at the Bat folder plus cancel, and four cachets of various induction days and Hall of Fame games. The price of the collection was \$20.00. For a limited time it may be ordered by writing the post office at 40 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326-9998.

Following this rewarding visit we entered the Hall ([www.baseballhalloffame.org](http://www.baseballhalloffame.org)), pausing in an ante-room to view the introductory film. I turned to my left and saw prominently displayed a FDC of the June 12, 1939 Hall of Fame commemorative (Planty #855-2) autographed by most of the prominent Hall of Famers in attendance including some of the original inductees: Collins, Mack, Young, Speaker, Cobb, Wagner, Sisler, Ruth, Alexander, W. Johnson, Lajoie and Mathewson (Figure 2). The only reference I could find that listed an auction price was a 1996 bid of \$16,500 for a similar cover purchased by the actor Charlie Sheen. This was certainly the "Holy Grail" for my collection! The same display case also contained a sheet of #855 signed by the Postmaster General James Farley (Figure 3).



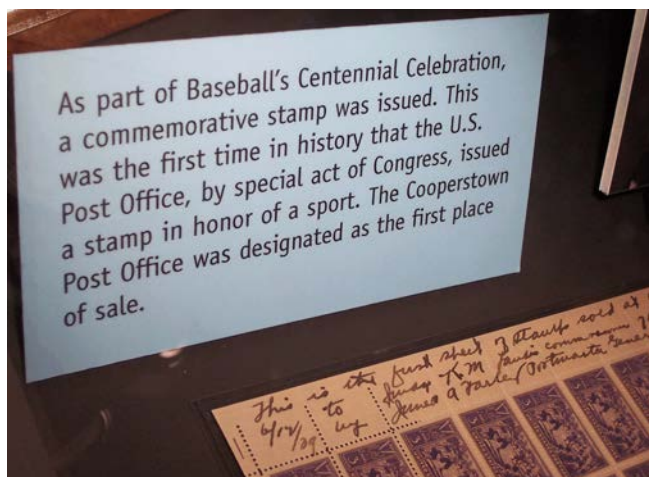


**Figure 2. A First Day of Issue cover of the first U.S. baseball stamp (Scott #855) autographed by many Hall of Famers.**

The rest of the Hall of Fame was fantastic and is a trip highly recommended. Included are baseballs from all of the no-hitters since 1940, Babe Ruth's 60<sup>th</sup> home run ball, plenty of Big Red Machine memorabilia (I'm divulging my preferences), Schilling's bloody sock, etc., etc.

With pleasant and comfortable surroundings, the Hall allows return access for the entire day. One mingles with an amazing array of reverent fans from all over sporting their favorite team's merchandise.

There is also memorabilia shopping to be done in Cooperstown. I found the best philatelic variety at



**Figure 3. A pane of the stamps autographed by Postmaster General James A. Farley.**

Baseball Nostalgia (Doubleday Parking Lot, PO Box 561, Cooperstown, NY 13326, telephone 607-547-6051). As the address implies, this business is in the parking lot of the original baseball field which is still used for a variety of baseball functions including semi-pro, minor league and an annual major league exhibition (Figure 4).

It's truly worth a trip whether you are a baseball fan, a sports philatelist or both.

Many thanks to the following people for their assistance: Dale Petroskey (President, Baseball Hall of Fame), Michael and Scott Doyne.



**Figure 4. Doubleday Field, the birthplace of baseball.**

# Qingdao to Host 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta

by Mark Maestroni

Sailing enthusiasts at the Games of the XXIXth Olympiad will be heading some distance from the main action in Beijing. Qingdao, a coastal city in Shandong Province, is approximately 350 miles southeast by air from the capital.

Beijing, which was selected as host city of the 2008 Olympic Games on July 13, 2001, is quite some distance from any large body of open water. The city's bid therefore included Qingdao on the Yellow Sea as the sailing venue.

On 13 May 2004, Qingdao unveiled the special logo of "Qingdao Sailing City." The post authorities issued that day a special packet of 12 postal stationery envelopes franked with an 80 yuan imprinted stamp featuring the new logo. Each of the dozen envelopes bears a different cachet. One repeats the logo while the remaining envelopes show colorful action photographs of the eleven classes of boats used in Olympic competition.

Interestingly, the text on both sides of the envelopes almost consistently avoids use of the word "Olympic" despite the covers being quite obviously "official" postal products. I say "almost" because in two cases that restriction has been

breached. One of the two covers (see next page) bearing a cachet of the Mistral class has text on the reverse reading: "On July 13, 2001, Beijing became the host city of the 2008 Summer Olympics. Qingdao, as the host city for the Olympic sailing regatta, will build a deluxe cruiser terminal, a national sea sport marina and a first-rate yachting club in order to develop Qingdao into China's 'sailing town.'"

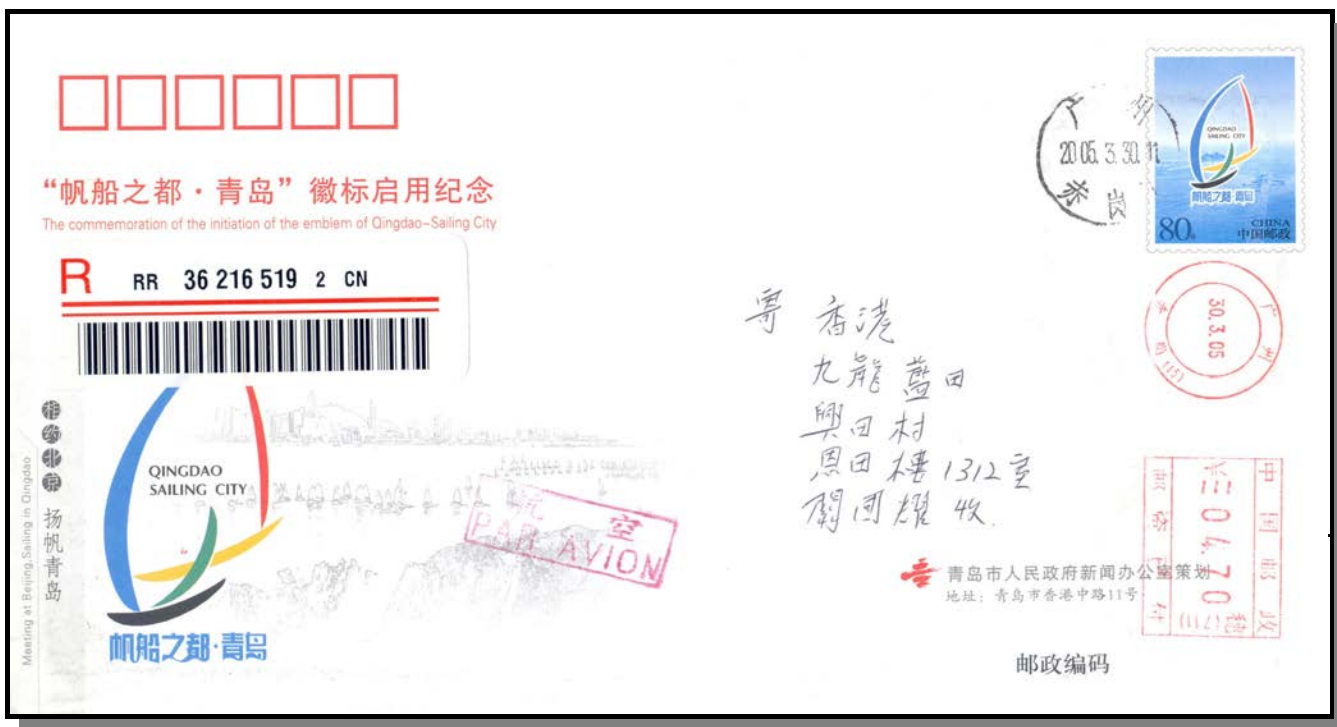
In the other case, the Europe class cover reveals text that, in part, reads: "The 2008 Olympic sailing regatta will be held in Qingdao, thus the city's international profile will be further improved."

The cachets depict: the official logo, Finn class (single-handed dinghy for men), Europe class (single-handed dinghy for women), Laser class (single-handed dinghy open mixed), 49er class (high performance dinghy open mixed), 470 class (double-handed dinghy for men and women – 2 different cachets), Tornado class (multihull open mixed), Yngling class (women), Star class (men), and Mistral (boardsailing for men and women – 2 different cachets).

The following page illustrates examples of the covers. Below is the handsome folder in which the covers were sold. ♡







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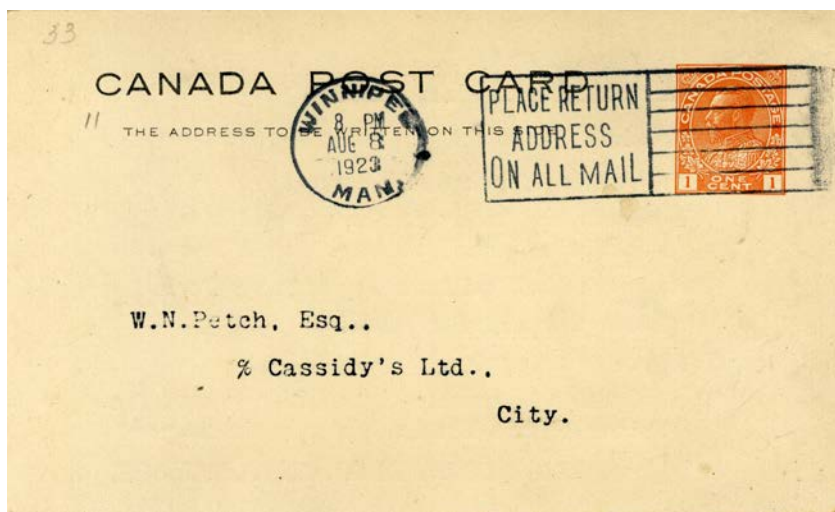
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**Front of the Qingdao (Olympic) Sailing Regatta logo postal stationery cover with matching cachet (top). The reverse of the Mistral cover (above) is one of only two covers that specifically references the 2008 Olympic Games.**



**A selection of cachets showing (left to right) Laser, Tornado, and Mistral (boardsailing) events.**



## 1923 Manitoba Olympic Trials

by Kon Sokolyk

In 1923, a group of prominent Winnipeg residents, amongst them Claude Robinson, the founder of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, threw their support behind the first Manitoba (Canada) Olympic Trials in athletics. Organized by the Manitoba Track and Field Association and under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada (AAUC), the event was held August 11 at Winnipeg's River Park.

A few days before the event, the Manitoba Branch of the AAUC mailed cards promoting the event. The front of the postal stationery card (above) features a 1¢ stamp portraying King George V. The obverse (right) provides details about the Olympic Trials.

And who was Cyril Coaffee to have been singled out on the card?

The Winnipeg sprinter (born 1897) was a member of the 1920 Canadian Olympic team but failed to reach the semifinals. At the 1922 Canadian Championships, he tied Charlie Paddock's world record of 9.6 seconds in the 100-yard dash. Shortly thereafter he was lured to the Illinois Athletic Club Chicago. At the 1923 Manitoba Olympic Trials,

Coaffee won the 100 and 220 yards handily. He was captain of the Canadian Olympic team in 1924 but performed below expectations. Manitoba contributed five of the 27 track & field athletes on the Canadian Olympic team in Paris.

In 1926 and again in 1927, he won both the 100 and 220-yard races at the Canadian Championships. His hopes for a third Olympic Games were dashed in 1927 when the Canadian Olympic Committee ruled that those residing outside of Canada continuously for more than five years would no longer be eligible to represent Canada.

Coaffee, considered by some a favorite to win the 1928 Canadian Championship and Olympic Trials, nevertheless showed up. He pulled up lame in the 100-yard final, as 20-year old Percy Williams was first to hit the tape.

The *Winnipeg Tribune* wrote "But as Williams' victory marked the rise of a new sprinting star, it spelled tragedy for a man who has been the greatest runner in Canada for a decade...[Coaffee] limped off the course alone and forgotten."

Cyril Coaffee served with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps from 1939 to 1943. Two years later he passed away.

Coaffee was inducted posthumously into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 1956.

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### The Next Olympiad

Will take place in PARIS in 1924

Manitoba has a record to keep up!

We have a big strong committee and it is right behind the first Manitoba Olympic Trials.

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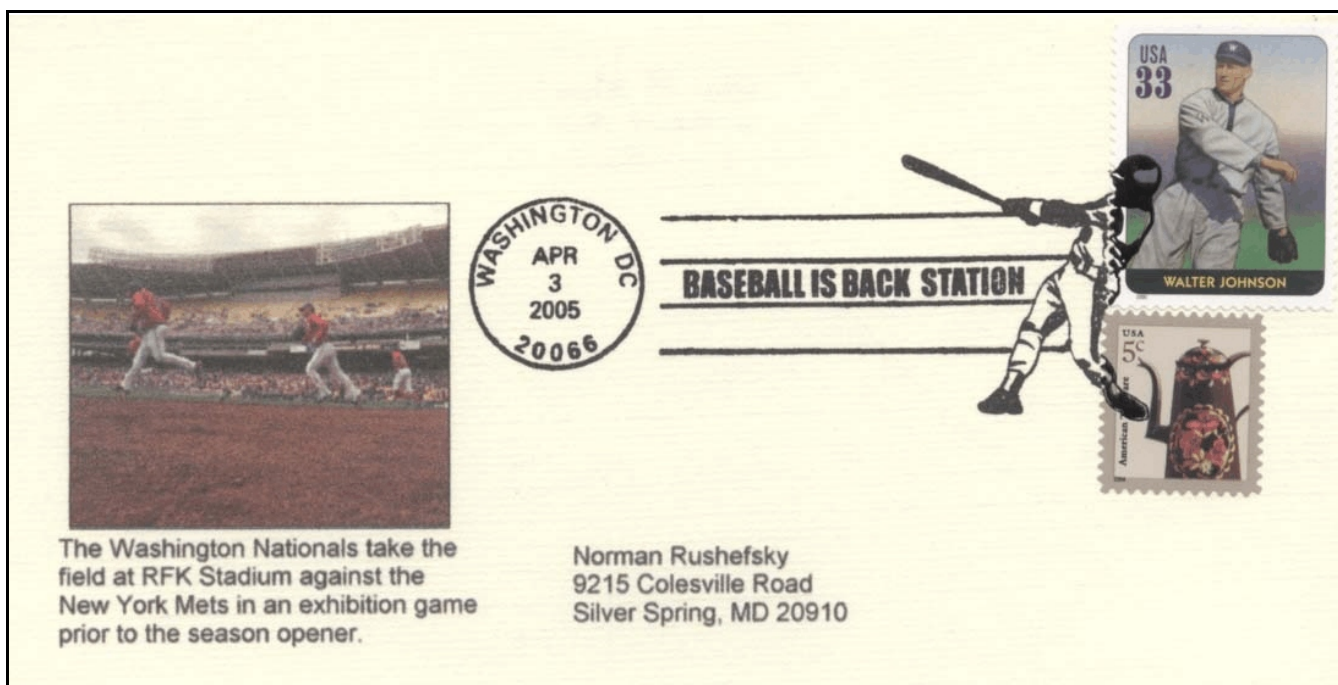
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**Figure 1.** After a 24-year absence, “Baseball is Back” in Washington, D.C., proclaims this postmark.

## Baseball is Back in the Nation’s Capital

by Norman Rushefsky

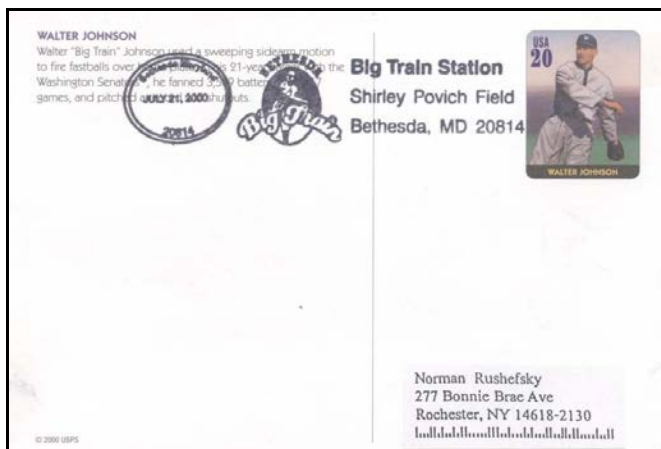
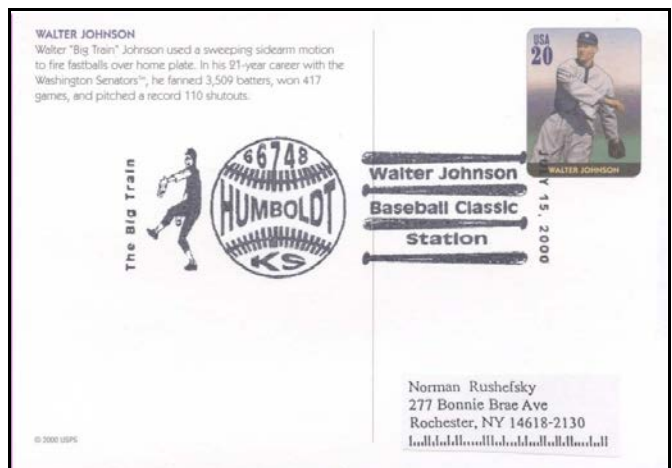
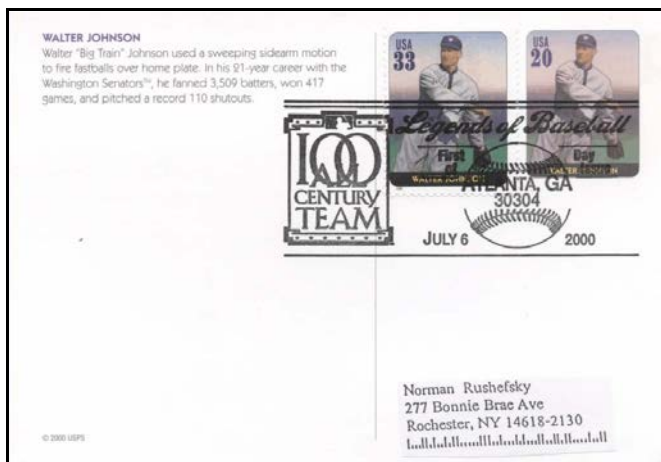
“Baseball is back” is the latest rant in our nation's capital. Indeed, the postmark in Figure 1 proclaims this. All the fuss relates to the fact that the owners of the Montréal Expos have elected to move the franchise to Washington, D.C. Interestingly, the owners are collectively the owners of the other major-league franchises. Washington, not known as being a fan friendly place to site a professional baseball team, lost two franchises: one to Minnesota the other to Texas. Nevertheless, it has a long history of association with Major League Baseball having had professional baseball from 1884 through 1971.

The most famous player for the Washington Senators team was Walter Johnson who won 417 games as a pitcher during the years 1907-1927. After retiring from playing, Johnson managed the Senators from 1929-1932. Thereafter, Johnson was hired to manage the Cleveland Indians from 1933 through 1935 and is shown in a Cleveland uniform in the well-known Crosby cachet (Figure 2) used for the first day of issue of the U.S.'s first baseball

stamp issued in 1939 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the “invention” of baseball. Johnson has been further honored with a postal card and stamp which are part of the “Legends of Baseball” series (Figure 3). Johnson was born in Humboldt, Kansas and was honored by this community with a postmark (Figure 4). Bethesda, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, has a high school named after Johnson and a postmark honoring him (Figure 5).



**Figure 2.** Cachet depicting Walter Johnson, the most famous Washington Senators player, who pitched from 1907-1927.



**Figures 3-5. Walter Johnson was honored with a stamp and matching postal stationery card in the Legends of Baseball series. Special cancels include: the 100 Century Team postmark (Figure 3 - upper left); the “Walter Johnson Baseball Classic” postmark from his hometown of Humboldt, Kansas (Figure 4 - upper right); and a cancel from a high school in Bethesda, Maryland named for him. “Big Train” was Johnson’s nickname (Figure 5 - left).**

Philatelic memorabilia of the Washington Senators are sparse. A meter slogan used by the Senators is illustrated in Figure 6 and notes “Be A Senators Booster.”

A postmark honoring the Senators and Johnson, whose nickname was the “Big Train,” was used in Warminster, PA in March 2000 (Figure 7).

The Senators franchise was moved to Minnesota after the 1960 season but replaced with an expansion team the following year. This expansion Senators franchise moved to Texas after the 1971 season and interestingly they forfeited their last

game when fans flooded the field of R.F.K. Stadium in the top of the 9th inning with the Senators leading 7-5 and two men out.

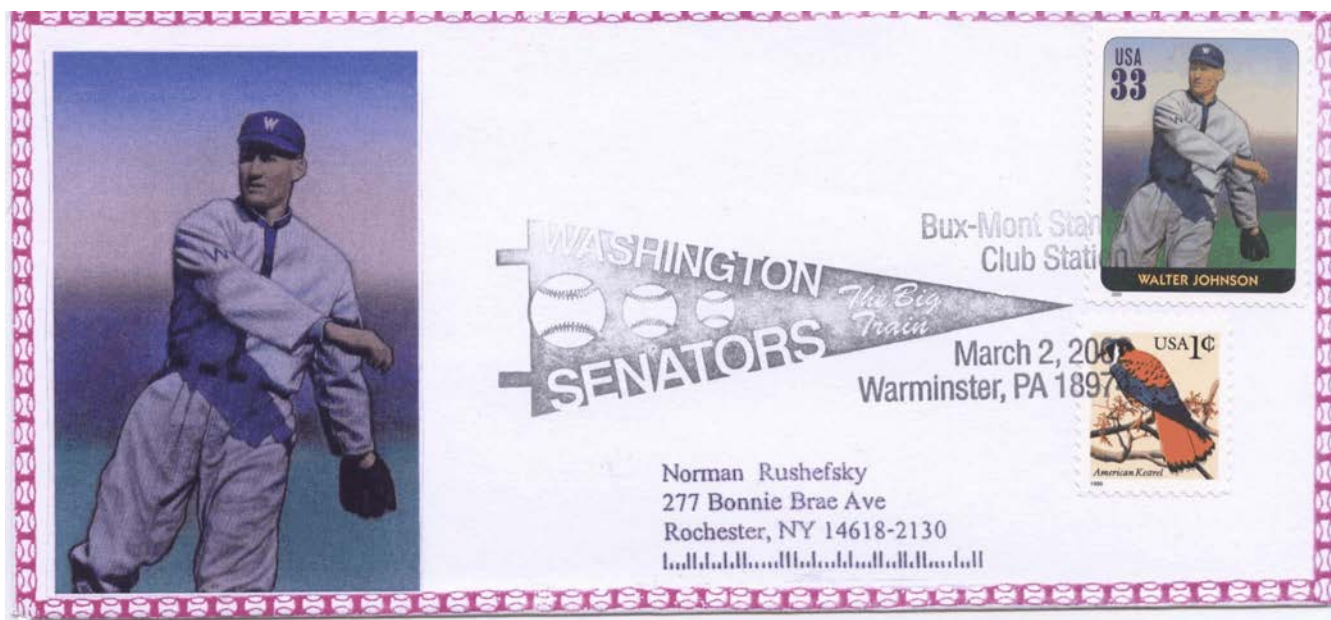
Subsequent attempts were made by fans to obtain a franchise for Washington but teams were reluctant to establish there in view of the history of lack of fan support.

The envelope shown in Figure 8 is that of a commission established to obtain a professional baseball franchise for Washington. The back of the envelope states “Support a Team for Washington – Open a Baseball Account at any Major Area Bank.”



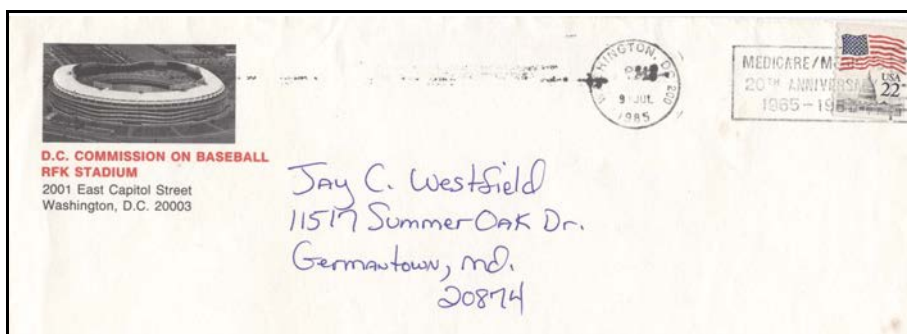
**Figure 6. 1963 meter slogan from the Senators offices urging everyone to “Be a Senators Booster”. Lagging fan support in the late 1960’s resulted in the Senators team being moved to Texas in 1971.**



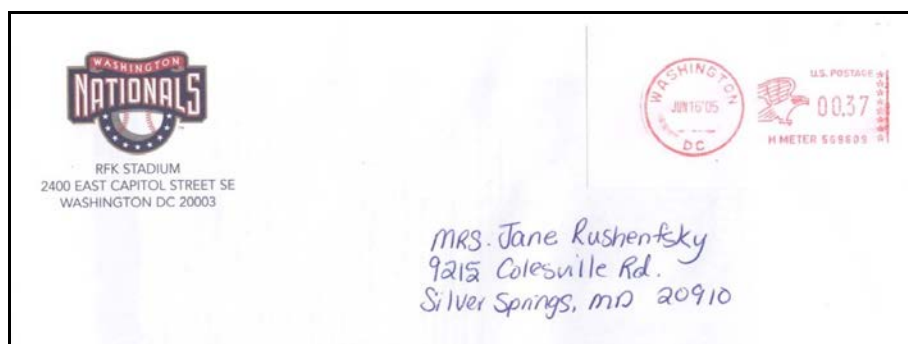


**Figure 7.** Even though the Senators club was long gone from Washington, D.C. in 2000, this special postmark honors the team and Walter Johnson.

After many years of trying, a new franchise has finally been realized. Figure 9 illustrates an envelope bearing a logo of the new Washington Nationals baseball team. A difficult decision was determining the name of the team. Prior Washington teams used the names Statesmen and Nationals in addition to that of Senators. A further difficult decision was that of determining the logo for the baseball cap. The team has currently decided to use a red cap with a cursive W for home games and a blue cap with a cursive W for away games. This has become problematic for some of the Democratic Party political persuasion since the nickname for President George W. Bush is "W" and so-called Republican leaning states are typically represented in red on political maps. Thus, some Democratic fans of the Nationals sport baseball caps with a "DC" insignia and refuse to wear the game replica caps.



**Figure 8.** By the mid-1980's, a commission had been established in Washington to lobby for a new baseball team.



**Figure 9.** Corner card duplicating the logo of the new Washington Nationals baseball team.

# Revisiting Early Olympic Winter Games

by Edwin Parrasch & Mark Maestroni

Having just read Glenn Estus' article on Charles Jewtraw (*JSP*, Summer 2005, p. 20) I thought readers might find these follow-up postcards dating back to the first and second Olympic Winter Games in Chamonix, France, and St. Moritz, Switzerland of interest.

One of my prized Olympic "real photo" post cards (right) is from the 1924 Chamonix Winter Olympics. It shows Bill Taylor adjusting the skates of Charles "Chick" Jewtraw. Chick, as he clearly preferred to be called (since he twice signed his name that way), won the gold in the 500-meter speed skating event, the first event of the Games.

Bill Taylor is actually William M. Taylor, the manager of the 1924 U.S. Olympic speed skating team. I have not been able to find out anything about the person to whom the card is written, Ralph Jabott.

With one hand raised and the other holding his nation's flag (below), Hans Eidenbenz, a Swiss skier, "takes the Olympic Oath" during the Opening Ceremonies of the 1928 St. Moritz Olympic Winter Games. (Eidenbenz was 19<sup>th</sup> in the Nordic Combined event.) A semi-circle of flag-bearers representing the 25 participating nations struggle to hold their national colors aloft against what were reported to have been near-blizzard conditions on 11 February 1928.

Clearly visible standing to the left of the raised platform is the U.S. flag-bearer, Dr. Godfrey Dewey, leader of the U.S. Ski Team. Dewey would eventually serve as President of the 1932 Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee.

In the background at mid-level are a ring of athletes with hands raised, taking the oath.

There were 28 athletes on the U.S. team at St. Moritz. Together they amassed a remarkable six medals: two gold and two silver in both the 5-man bobsleigh and skeleton, and two bronze (one each in speed and figure skating).



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# REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

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by Mark Maestroni

## ***Esprit: Sports et Olympisme*** **June 2005 (#36)**



Leading off this issue of *Esprit* is an article by René Geslin on Jean Robic, the French cyclist who won the most stages in the 1947 Tour de France. Paul Bedenes follows with his piece on the centennial of the Australian Open (translated in the Summer 2005 issue of *JSP*). An update on the philately of the Turin

2006 Olympic Winter Games is presented as is a review – in color – of philatelic material and post cards (an example is shown above) honoring the Paris 2012 bid.

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## ***IMOS Journal*** **August 2005 (#127)**

With a final nod to the Athens 2004 Olympics, this issue of the *IMOS Journal* presents Part 3 of Thomas Lippert's article on the torch relay which traversed the various portions of the Greek mainland and islands before arriving at the Olympic Stadium in Athens for the Opening Ceremony on August 13.

Only a few months remain before the next Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy. The journal reports on the new set of Olympic stamps released by the Italian post office in March of this year. Also discussed are the plans for the torch relay which commences on December 8 in Rome.

Catalogs updated in this issue include additions to sports postal stationery for 2001, new Olympic stamp issues, and new postmark listings for both Olympics and sports.

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## ***Phila-Sport*** **June 2005 (#54)**

Luciano Calenda opens this issue with a detailed report on the philately of the "Games of the Small States of Europe." Created to provide an opportunity for athletes from small countries to compete on a level playing field, these European games were inaugurated in 1985 in San Marino. Since then, they've been held every two years.

As always, the journal provides a wide array of brief articles on many sports from auto racing to tennis. Alvaro Trucchi discusses Johnny Weissmuller, famous as an Olympic swimmer and the movie character "Tarzan." Massimo Menzio keeps readers up-to-date on the Torino 2006 Winter Games.

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## ***Torch Bearer*** **May 2005 (Vol. 22, #2)**

As might be expected, *Torch Bearer's* May issue opens with a review of recent philatelic and related collectibles as the countdown to the naming of the 2012 Olympic host nears. A number of SmartStamp meters, machine cancels, postmarks and cards are reported related to London's bid, while a stamp booklet cover, slogan postmark and meter honor the Paris candidacy.

Sylvia Cheeseman who competed for Great Britain in the women's 200-meter event at the 1948 Olympic Games shares some personal memories on her Olympic experience accompanied by philatelic items from Alan Sabey's collection. By coincidence, Sylvia and Alan attended the same grammar school, though at different times.

Bob Farley relates his "Olympic marathon" visit to Turin for the March 21, 2005 first day of issue for the most recent set of four stamps. He follows with a look at some new postcards for Turin including a set based on the VISA ELECTRON design.

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# BOOK REVIEW

by Jeff Armitage

*DOMFIL's Sports/Olympic Winter Games Thematic Stamp Catalogue* was first reviewed by James Bentley in the July/August 2002 issue of JSP.

In early May, I received my copy of the *Sports/Olympic Winter Games Thematic Stamp Catalogue* (Edition 1) by DOMFIL of Barcelona, Spain.

After devouring it for several days, I undertook a lengthy comparison of the catalog with my own personal collection. The objective was two-fold: first, to update my want list, and second, to determine the catalog's completeness.

I did indeed find several items listed in the catalog that were not in my collection, promptly placing these on my want list. From this aspect alone the \$32 cost of the catalog, including shipping, was well worth the price!

As for the degree of the catalog's completeness – after many hours of back-and-forth comparison, I found more than 50 items in my collection that were neither listed nor illustrated in the catalog.

From the perspective of omissions in the catalog, I would certainly expect my list to be incomplete or rather partially complete. Hopefully other collectors have undertaken the same exercise and sent their findings to the publisher. Then, as future editions are published, they can be updated. I will conclude with a few thoughts.

1) As to an analysis of the technical aspects of the publication, such as layout and graphics, I feel that is best left to an expert in the field. However, as an everyday user I will say that the catalog is easy to understand and use and only occasionally did I wince at the color rendition of my beloved Olympic stamps against the light lavender page background.

2) While I understand how the publishers arrived at the pricing, practically speaking I don't believe it represents the value of the material and is therefore of very little use to me.

3) Possibly the publishers might have asked for more collector input and borrowed examples from their collections so as to achieve a greater level of accuracy and completion.

4) I am not sure when this catalog was first published but I wish they would have included all the 2002 Salt Lake City material instead of the little bit they did. [Editor's Note: the catalog was probably published in late 2001/early 2002 which would explain the lack of 2002 Salt Lake City material.]

5) I am glad there is a DOMFIL for many reasons and I am looking forward to word of a publication date for their Summer Games catalog because we sure need a replacement for their 1992 Sports Catalog.

Please let me hear from any reader who has undertaken similar examinations. I will gladly compare notes. I may be contacted at 3978 Vanstone Dr., Commerce Twp., MI 48382, or by e-mail at: corarm45@aol.com



*A Slovenian 1992 issue missing from the catalog.*

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## Exhibit Awards

ARIPEX (Tucson, Arizona). Mark J. Meaney won gold for "The First U.S. 'Duck' Hunting Tax Stamp"; Vinit Agarwal received a youth silver-bronze for "Olympics".

LINPEX (Lincoln, Nebraska). Charles J. Ekstrom III was awarded gold for "Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps".

MARCH PARTY (Cleveland, Ohio). Patricia Ann Loehr earned a single-frame silver for "Golf Meter Stamps".

NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW (Milwaukee, Wisconsin). Larry G. Canada received a single-frame bronze & SPI certificate for "Judo: The Gentle Way".

POSTAGE STAMP MEGA-EVENT (Madison Square Garden, New York). Andrew Urushima obtained a single-frame vermeil for "The Olympic Jubilee – Lausanne 1944".

TEXPEX (Dallas, Texas). Conrad Klinkner won gold and SPI & ATA awards for "Games of the Xth Olympiad, Los Angeles, 1932"; Dale Lilljedahl received gold for "France's Olympic Philately of 1924; Glenn A. Estus was awarded vermeil for "III Olympic Winter Games"; Charles Covell, Jr. obtained vermeil for "Soccer (Just for Kicks)". Single-frame exhibits include grand, gold & ATA to Andrew Urushima for "Spoiled by War: The Games of the XII Olympiad", vermeil to Andrew Urushima for "The Olympic Jubilee Lausanne 1944, vermeil to Mark C. Maestroni for "Men's Gymnastics: Dressed to Win", silver to Dale Lilljedahl for "America's Olympic EFOs", silver to Tom Koch for "Varieties and Usages of the World's First Baseball Postage Stamp"; bronze to Larry G. Canada for "Judo: The Gentle Way".



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# NEW STAMP ISSUES

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by John La Porta

**Spanish Andorra:** May 20, 2005. 11<sup>th</sup> Games of the Small European States. 1.95e cycling.

**Armenia:** February 14, 2005. Athens Olympic Games. 70dr hands with fingers in Olympic colors; 170dr hand as runner with shoes on fingers; 350dr hand as gun, target.

**Aruba:** March 16, 2005. Drag Racing. 60¢ two cars racing; 85¢ two cars, one with open parachute.

**Ascension Island:** July 22, 2005. Sport Fishing. 35p yellowfin tuna; 40p skipjack tuna; 50p albacore tuna; £1.15 big-eye tuna. Souvenir sheet with £1.50 stamp, yellowfin tuna;

**Belgium:** June 18, 2005. Belgian International Sport Champions. Six se-tenant 0.50e stamps showing judo matches.

**Canada:** July 5, 2005. XIth World Swimming Championships. Two 50¢ stamps depicting a silhouette of a diver and a swimmer.

**Cuba:** December 27, 2004. 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1<sup>st</sup> Baseball Game in Cuba. 5c Rey Vincente Anglada; 10c Braudilio Vinent; 15c Rogelio Garcia; 65c Luis G. Cassanova; 75c Victor Messa. Souvenir sheet with 1-peso stamp, Martin Dihogo.

**Czech Republic:** June 22, 2005. European Championship in Baseball. 9k player hitting ball.

**Fiji:** July 27, 2005. Game Fishing. 41¢, 58¢, \$1.07, \$3 various game fish.

**Finland:** May 11, 2005. World Track and Field Championships. 0.65e self-adhesive, three runners crossing the finish line.

May 11, 2005. Golf. Souvenir sheet with four 0.75e stamps, three depicting children playing golf, putter and ball.

**France:** May 5, 2005. Gulf of Morbihan. 0.53e sailboats.

June 2, 2005. Gordon Bennett Cup. Souvenir sheet with 10 oval 0.53e stamps with five different designs of racing vehicles.

**The Gambia:** April 4, 2005. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First World Soccer Championships. Pane of 4 25dal stamps. Souvenir sheet with 60dai stamp.

**Germany:** June 2, 2005. For Youth/Sailing. 0.45e+0.20e Grief; three 0.55e+0.25e stamps, Rickmer Rickmers; Passat: Grand Duchess Elisabeth; 1.44e+0.56e school ship Deutschland.

**Ghana:** March 14, 2005. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary FIFA. Pane of four 7,500c depicting soccer players. Souvenir sheet with 20,000c stamp Johan Cruyff.

**Grenada Carriacou & Petite Martinique:** March 8, 2005. NBA Basketball Players. Six 75¢ stamps.

**Iran:** February 2, 2005. Ali Dael. 650r soccer player.

**Ireland:** July 4, 2005. Tall Ships Race. 0.48e Dunbrody; 0.60e Tenacious; 0.65e Eagle.

**Isle of Man:** May 17, 2005. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yamaha Motorcycles. All stamps show racing scenes. 26p Bill Ivy and Phil Read; 29p Ray McCullough and Joey Dunlop; 40p Steve Hislop; 42p Carl Fogarty; 68p David Jefferies; 78p John McGuinness; souvenir sheet contains 12 stamps two of each design.

**Israel:** July 11, 2005. 17<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Games. 3.30s, emblem.

**Italy:** June 6, 2005. Series A Soccer Champion. 0.45e symbolic player, Italian and Juventus coat of arms.

June 20, 2005. European Youth Olympic Festival. 0.62e Coki, the seagull mascot.

**North Korea:** April 23, 2005. 48<sup>th</sup> World Table Tennis Championships. Pane of stamp showing table tennis paddle, 3won; 5w; 12w; 20w; 30w; 102w; 189w booklet.

**Madeira:** July 1, 2005. Two 0.57e stamps, horse riding on beach, scuba diving.

**Monaco:** June 3, 2005. Special Olympics. 1.20e stadium, emblem.

July 4, 2005. Monaco Yacht Show. 0.82e boats.

**Nevis:** May 16, 2005. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary First World Cup Championship. Pane of four \$2 stamps. Souvenir sheet with \$5 stamp.

**New Caledonia:** 2005. Noumea International Triathlon. 80fr woman swimming, bicycling, running.

**New Zealand:** June 1, 2005. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Zealand stamps. \$2, 2003 \$1.50 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Test Rugby. Souvenir sheet contains all five stamps.

June 1, 2005. New Zealand Lions. 45¢ (the stamps are self-adhesive and shaped like rugby jerseys), two 45¢ stamps, All Black Rugby jersey; 2005 British and Irish Lions rugby jersey; two \$1.50 stamps All Black Rugby jersey; 2005 British and Irish Lions rugby jersey.

**Norway:** June 7, 2005. Great Moments of the Posts. 9kr penalty scored by Kjetil to give Norway a victory over Brazil in 1998 World Soccer Cup.

**Poland:** April 15, 2005. Extreme Sports. Four se-tenant 1.30z stamps, parachuting; bungee jumping; rock climbing; rafting.

**Portugal:** July 8, 2005. Tourism Regions. 0.563 pair, city, sailboats.

**Saudi Arabia:** April 2, 2005. First Islamic Solidarity Games. 1r diamond shaped stamp, emblem with map.

**Serbia & Montenegro:** May 23, 2005. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Crvena Zvezda and Partizan Sports Association. 16.50d/0.25e items orbiting shield with star; souvenir sheet with se-tenant pair of 16.50d/0.25e stamps, jousting on horseback.

June 6, 2005. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Danube Regatta. Souvenir sheet with se-tenant pair of 41.50d/0.50e stamps, scene from the regatta.

**Spain:** September 20, 2005. World Cycling Championship. 0.78e emblem, symbolic cyclist.

**Switzerland:** May 10, 2005. Soccer for the Visually Impaired. 1fr player.

**Syria:** September. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary FIFA. £15, £32 different views of emblem.

**Tanzania:** May 2, 2005. Athens Summer Olympics. Two 350sh stamps. Godefroy de Blonay, 1992 Games; 500sh 1928 Amsterdam medal; 1,000sh javelin thrower.

May 2, 2005. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary FIFA. Pane of four 1,000sh stamps showing famous players. Souvenir sheet with 2,500sh stamp, Gianfranco Zoia.

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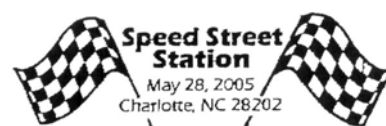
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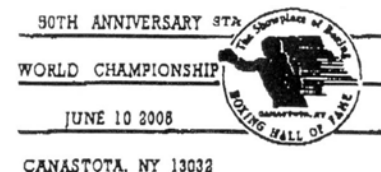
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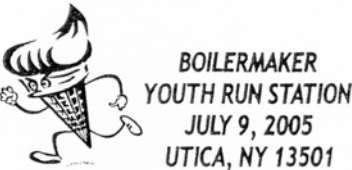


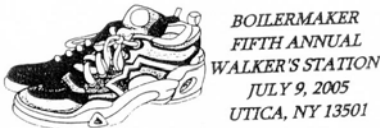





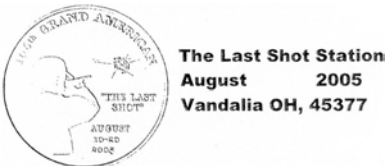




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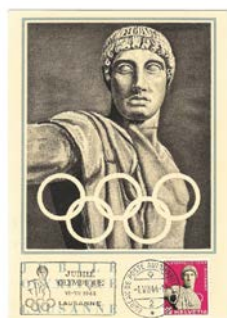
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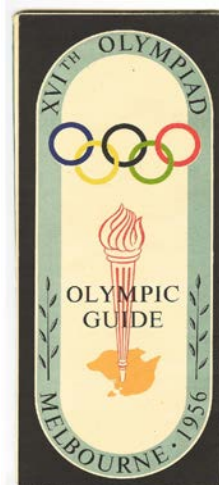
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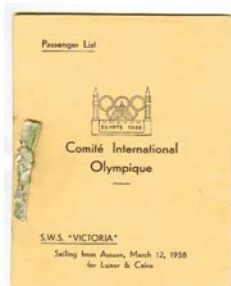
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