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**On the cover:** *The Panathenaic Stadium, site of the 1896 and 1906 Olympic Games, as well as the archery competition at the 2004 Olympic Games. The registered cover was posted from the STADION post office – the first special Olympic post office – and is perhaps the most stunning item mailed from those Games.*

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestroni

## ***2015 World Olympic Collectors Fair Lake Placid, NY – 10 to 13 September***

The upcoming Olympic Collectors Fair, which is being held this year in Lake Placid, NY, is just around the corner. Have you made your hotel and plane reservations yet?

The large bourse of 100+ tables is already half-filled by collectors from 10 different countries. To date, some 20 tables have been reserved by overseas collectors. The committee also reports taking reservations from a number of collectors who are attending without purchasing tables.

As previously mentioned, the organizing committee is planning many events: a tour of the Olympic venues, an opportunity to ride the Olympic luge course, receptions, dinners and, of course, the camaraderie of your fellow Olympic collectors.

Unfortunately there will not be a display of philatelic exhibits, similar to the Chicago fair in 2011, as exhibit frames aren't readily available anywhere in the region. We do, however, still hope to have the participation of the USPS and a special postmark each day of the show.

Detailed plans, as well as a list of hotels with special fair rates, is available at the Fair website: [www.lakeplacid2015.com](http://www.lakeplacid2015.com)

## ***2015 SPI Dues Renewal***

If you found a renewal envelope along with this issue of *JSP* then it's time to renew your membership in SPI. Dues rates remain the same as last year. If you'd like to lock in these rates, we encourage you to renew for multiple years; you'll save money if dues are raised, and receive an immediate discount. Please remit your dues by 31 July to guarantee you won't miss an issue of *JSP*.

## ***Wilt Chamberlain stamps on the Spring issue of JSP***

A number of members commented on the stamps used to mail the Spring 2015 issue of *JSP*, wondering if they had somehow hit the jackpot because of the imperforate stamps on the mailing envelope. Sorry to disappoint you all, but our publisher, John La Porta, broke up a press sheet of the stamps that he had purchased from the USPS Philatelic Sales department. The press sheets (8 panes of 18 stamps each) were available (at face value) with and without die cut perforations. Kudos to John for making us do a double-take at our incoming mail!

## ***NY2016 World Stamp Show is just around the corner!***

We are now barely a year out from the next mammoth decennial stamp show in the U.S. From 28 May through 4 June, the Jacobs Javits Center in Manhattan will be catering to the needs of collectors from around the world.

SPI will of course be there. We've purchased a table and reserved space for our General Meeting (with Special Guests) on Monday 30 May from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Labor Day ... so you have no excuse for not attending!).

None of this will be possible without the help of our members. We hope all of you who attend will sign up for at least an hour or two at the SPI Table. You'll want to rest your feet and eyes at some point so what better place than with us? We'll have a sign-up sheet available on line this autumn.

We also welcome any ideas for presentations or activities. Contact either myself or Norman Jacobs (email addresses are below).

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Figure 1. An IPC postmarked with a Stadion cancel on 18 April 1906 (day 10) to a New York address.

by Manfred Bergman

## TO THE STADIUM WE SHALL GO

This is the story of the STADION Post Office from April 10 to April 19. It is a story of the “Missing Dates,” of a few notable philatelic personalities, of postal failures and favor cancelling. It is also the story, alas, of manipulations, forgeries, cupid dealers, negligent expertise, naïve collectors and avid auctioneers. But finally, it is also proof that nothing in philately has a definite end; new research is still a necessity.

The story is not the end of related study, and does not pretend to be exhaustive. Nevertheless, it is intended to achieve a higher degree of consensus among Olympic philatelists on the remaining opposing opinions while encouraging further detective research on some of the still unanswered questions.

Finally, it is an homage to the first Olympic special Post Office that spurred on postal activities in subsequent Olympic Games (despite these Games not having been recognized as official Olympics). It is also a tribute to Michalis Tsironis, the pioneer of 1906 philatelic studies.

# THE FIRST SPECIAL OLYMPIC POST OFFICES



## 1906 INTERCALATED OLYMPIC GAMES

(PART 3)

### 10/23 APRIL 1906: DAY 2 IN THE STADIUM

The Official Report (OR) counted only those days in which competitions took place in the stadium. The special PO was only open on those days, consequently it ought to have been in operation on 10 April.

To better assist in keeping the calendars straight (the Julian calendar was still in use in Greece at the time) the table shown below provides a guide.

Alas, no mail cancelled at the Stadion post office on 10 April has surfaced to date. I also was unsuccessful in identifying loose stamps postmarked that day. One can only presume that either: (1) the competitions, having taken place in the late afternoon, that the post office decided not to open its booth; or (2) the post office closed its booth before the end of the competitions. Whatever the case, it remains a challenge to find cancelled items or a reason for the lack thereof.

The Euclides correspondence (it will be remembered that Ms. Euclides was a fervent postcard writer of the day) that has so far surfaced seems to indicate that Olympic-related mail was mailed daily from the special post offices to both foreign destinations and to Athens (“in town” mail = ENTAYΘA).

**Table Comparing Julian & Gregorian Calendar Dates During the 1906 Olympics**

(Old) Julian calendar	9.4	10.4	11.4	12.4	13.4	14.4	15.4	16.4	17.4	18.4	19.4	20.4	21/22.4
Gregorian calendar	22.4	23.4	24.4	25.4	26.4	27.4	28.4	29.4	30.4	1.5	2.5	3.5	4/5.5
Official Report Days	1	2		3	4		5	6	7	8	9	-	-
Real Days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	-



Characteristics	Opinion
1. Handwriting under label, known, authentic.	1. Normal and correct postage.
2. Correct franking.	2. Posted and delivered.
3. Known and correct address.	3. Writer is OK.

Figure 2 (left). Everything points to this as a genuine postcard mailed by Ms. Euclides from the Athens post office on 10 April to an address within the city. May we presume that the Stadion post office was, for some reason, not operational for at least a portion of that day?

The card in Figure 2 is dated 10 April and posted in Athens. Surely Ms. Euclides would have mailed this from the Stadion Post Office had it been open. What remains a mystery is why the post office was not in operation. Does anyone have the answer?

#### 11/24 APRIL 1906: DAY NOT COUNTED IN THE OFFICIAL REPORT

The special post office was closed on this day, since no competitions took place in the stadium.

This is an appropriate point in our story to introduce an important notion in thematic philately: namely, the significance of deltiology (cartophily) and the text inscribed on said postcards.

A case in point is the international post card (IPC) written on 8 April, one day before the opening of the Games (Figure 3). The writer was not a member of the Belgian team (he was probably an official, otherwise he would have posted the card then and there). The text refers to the stadium “where the Olympics were going to take place next week.” Most probably he wasn’t able to post the card until 11 April. The subject of the card being the stadium, he went there but found the special post office closed and therefore mailed it in Athens.

One could ask why he did not post the card from the Zappeion Post Office; the answer is that the Belgian team was not lodged at the Zappeion Palace. While circumstantial, this card is evidence that the Stadion post office was closed that day.

The forgers of the cancellation shown in Figure 4 (described for the first time by M. Tsironis), did not cover their rears; they must have been unaware that the post office was non-operational on 11 April. Tsironis detected this forged cancellation by joining two stamps. A similar forgery is found with a cancellation dated 12 April. Luckily, we only find it on loose stamps. Alas, the forgers found naïve collectors who bought sets of the stamps without so much as a peep.



Figure 4. The quality of the postmark on these loose stamps is just too perfect to be genuine!

We may apply a simple rule to detect this forgery. Just by looking at the stamps, it is immediately apparent what a beautiful, perfect cancellation has been applied with all letters 100% distinguishable and not a flaw in the cancel. It is even more apparent on the 12 April sample. The moral of this story: “Beware of perfection.”

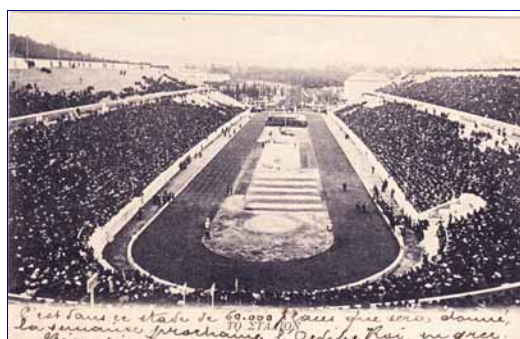


Figure 3 (left). Postcard mailed by a Belgian official on 11 April certainly indicates that the Stadion post office was probably closed. Note that the card shows a photo of the stadium from 1896 rather than 1906.





Figure 5. A postcard to Boston on 12.4 with the date digits accidentally reversed, reading "21.4.06". The arrival date of 17 May proves that the card must have been mailed at least by 18.4.

## 12/25 APRIL 1906: DAY 3 IN THE STADIUM

12 April was an eventful day from both the philatelic and historical points of view.

Curiously, only a small number of pieces of mail are known from this day, but for a very good reason. The day began with the postal clerk reversing the digits of the date and not realizing his error for a long time. Thus, we find many items dated 21 April 06. Some collectors have misconstrued these as courtesy or manipulated postmarks, when in reality they are genuine and should be considered a postmark variety.

An IPC (Figure 5) with a Boston transit and arrival cachet dated May 17, bears evidence that the date on the Stadion postmark – 21.4.06 – was a mistake, and that in fact it was posted on 12.4.06.

Mr. G. Sparis, a Greek postal history expert, informed me that the fastest mail to New York he had seen was 16 days. Working backward, and adding an extra day for the card to travel to Boston,



Figure 6. Another 12.4 postcard with the reversed date variety (21.4) (from the Euclides correspondence).

one must conclude that the latest the card could have left Athens was May 1 (Gregorian) or 18 April by the Julian calendar. Ergo, the 21.4 date must be an error and the IPC had to have been posted on or before 18 April.

Another IPC with reversed date variety from 12.4 is shown in Figure 6. This card is from the Euclides correspondence.

The clerk eventually realized his error and corrected the dater (Figure 7).



Figure 7. A postcard with the corrected 12.4.06 Stadion postmark (from the Costi correspondence in the Jonker collection).



Figure 8. Another 12.4 postcard, this time to the farthest destination for a 1906 Olympic card: Buenos Aires.

Finally, I have identified an interesting IPC posted to Argentina on this day (Figure 8). The writer offers the Olympic stamps to the recipient in Buenos Aires. To the best of my knowledge, this is the farthest known destination for 1906 Olympic mail.

And now to a forgery from this date (Figure 9). The characteristics are:

1. A perfect cancellation, never obtained with the genuine cancel device.
2. The cancellation is 6% larger than a genuine one.



Figure 9. A forgery of the Stadion postmark on a genuine stamp. The fragment has been signed, but for what ... the cancel, the stamp, or both?

3. The letters are larger and well spaced.
4. The cancels look as though they were applied using a rubber device.
5. To date, it has only been found on fragments.

Note that this fragment is signed at lower right. Was it for the stamp (which is genuine) or the cancellation as well? (see also 16.4. forgeries)

**Winner of the Day:** Ray Ewry (USA) won his first of two gold medals in the standing long jump event (Figure 10). Between 1900 and 1908, Ewry swept up eight Olympic gold medals in individual events, a record not beaten until swimmer Michael Phelps in 2012. Two gold medals won in 1906 are not officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), but that day will come.

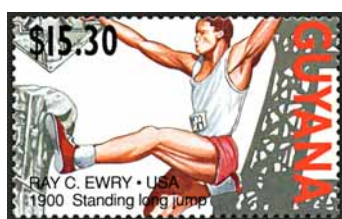


Figure 10. Ray Ewry.

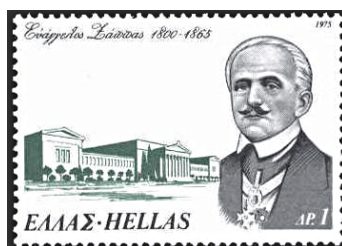


Figure 12. E. Zappas underwrote the cost of renovating the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens.

## 13/26 APRIL 1906: DAY 4 IN THE STADIUM

Figure 11 shows an IPC posted to Brăila, a town with a port on the Danube in East Romania, tied to the Stadion cancellation of that day and the arrival cachet of Brăila. Romania had a sizeable population of Greeks, whose immigration started in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Evangelos Zappas (Figure 12), the sponsor of the Zappas Games, also underwrote the cost of renovating the Panathenaic Stadium which hosted the 1906 Games. Like Zappas, many Greeks in Romania had dual nationalities and their business language was Greek.

The card in Figure 13 was posted to Alexandria, Egypt and bears an arrival cachet on 29 April (16 April on the Julian calendar). The mailing date appears at first glance to be from 15 April, but under magnification is actually 13 April, which would tally with the arrival marking 3 days later.

An IPC posted to Bristol on 13 April (part of the Euclides correspondence) is shown in Figure 14. [The date was determined by magnification and enhanced lighting.] The postcard shows a Bristol arrival cachet and rerouting to a new address. The illustration on the card was taken before the Games.

I am still surprised at the paucity of material that has survived from that day, rich in competitions. This might explain why the clerk had plenty of time to apply favor cancellations. Figure 15 shows the two of the three fragments featuring the entire Olympic set, favor-cancelled on 13 April.

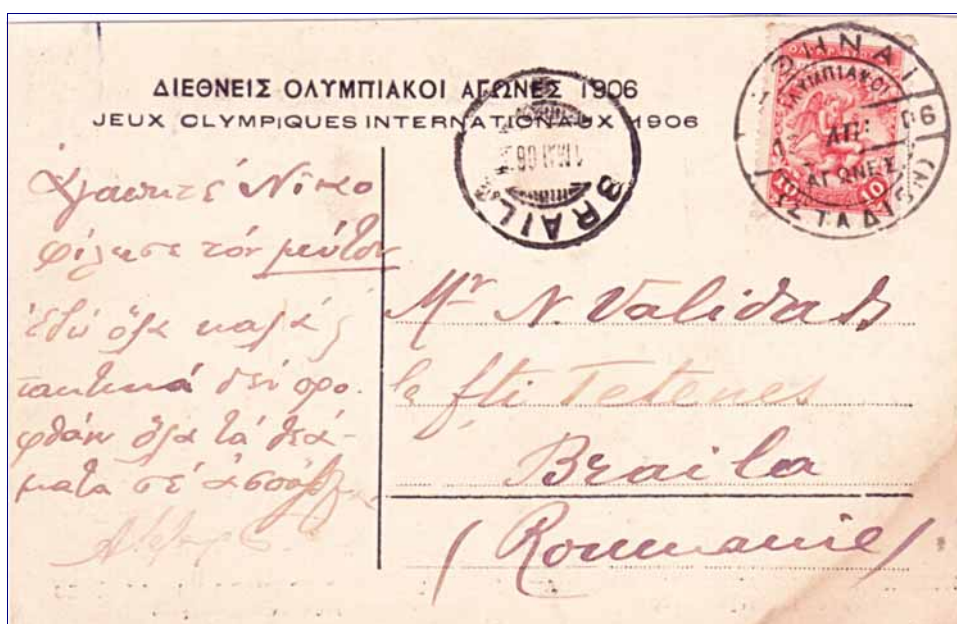


Figure 11. Postcard to Romania with a 13.4.06 Stadion postmark.





Figure 13. (left and above). IPS mailed to Alexandria, Egypt with 13 April Stadion postmark. Arrival cachet in Alexandria on 29 April.

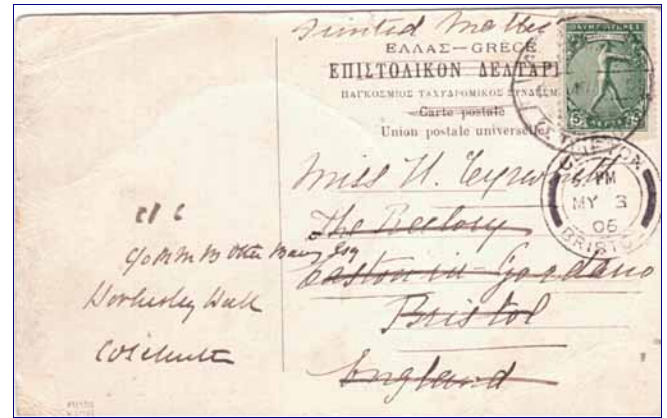


Figure 14. IPC to Bristol, England mailed from the Stadion post office on 13 April and with a Bristol arrival cachet on 3 May (part of the Euclides correspondence).

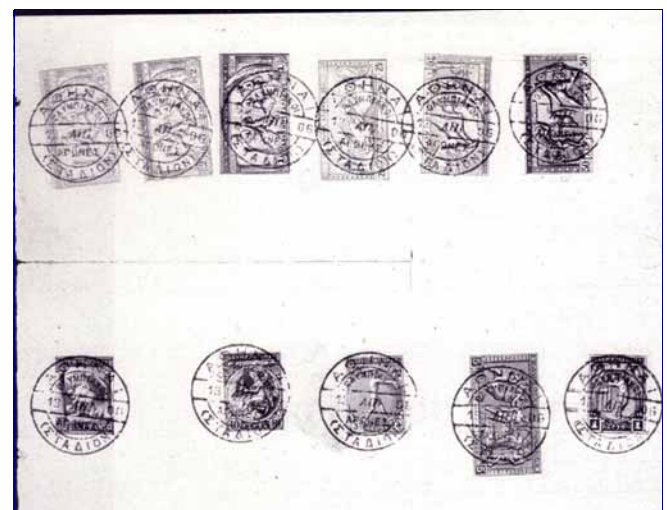


Figure 15. The clerk at the Stadion post office clearly had time on 13 April to favor cancel the full set of Olympic stamps. Shown here are two of the three reconstructed fragments.

**Winner of the Day:** Eric Lemming, Swedish Olympic champion in the javelin throw (Figure 16).

Lemming also became Olympic Champion at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics in the javelin (best hand) throw as reproduced on a Stockholm Olympic Games postcard (series 1, #47).

Following in the tracks of 1906, the Swedish post office installed a special Olympic post office at the Olympic Stadium. The special "STADION - LBR" postmark on 6 July 1912 (Figure 16) marks the date of Lemming's Olympic victory in the javelin.



Figure 16. Repeating his victory at the 1906 Olympics, Eric Lemming won the javelin (best hand) event at the 1912 Stockholm Olympic Games on 6 July. The Stadion postmark (above) coincides with that date.



## 15/28 APRIL 1906: DAY 5 IN THE STADIUM



Figure 17. Postal stationery to Holland with an arrival cachet. (Karamitsos 1999)



Figure 18. IPC to Italy.



Figure 19. Another IPC to Mr. Paleologue in Metelin.

As there were no events on 14/27 April, the Stadion post office would have been closed. We therefore proceed to Day 5, 15/28 April 1906.

The IPC in Figure 19 is from the correspondence of Mr. Paleologue. The 1906 Olympic stamp is tied by a 15 April Stadion cancel. It was only through the painstaking research by Michael Tsironis that we are able to add the Paleologue mail to our elite group of Famous Correspondence.

What is very unusual about this postcard is the arrival postmark – one of the few known on Stadion-mailed items – from the Austrian post office of Metelin, today Mytilene, an ancient port city on the Greek island of Lesbos off the coast of Turkey.

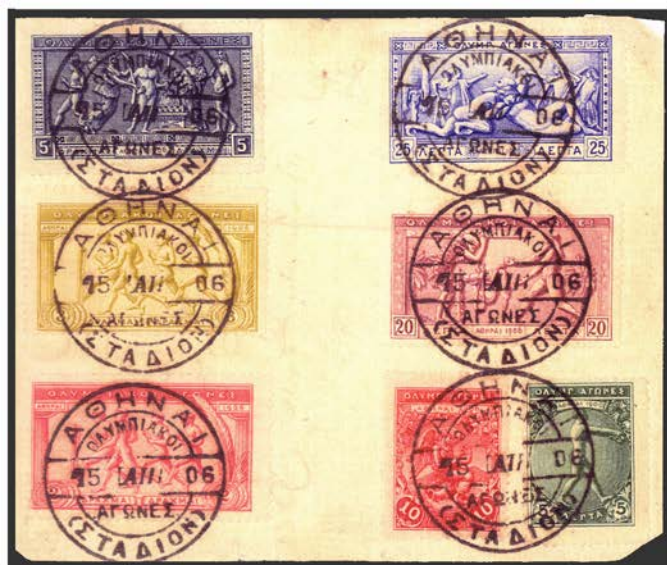


Figure 20. Two covers showing the entire 1906 Olympic stamp set tied with the 15 April Stadion postmark. The owner certainly wanted to be sure to have the entire set cancelled to perfection. He or she was successful as these are finest examples of the Stadion special postmark applied as favor cancels (property of the Olympic Museum). Generally these postmarks can be smudgy, unclear, lacking ink, etc. Was the postal clerk sloppy, irresponsible or pressed for time? In my opinion not likely judging from the lack of surviving items.





Figure 21. Registered cover mailed on 16 April from the Stadion post office to Darmstadt, Germany (arrival cancel inset at right).

## 16/29 APRIL 1906: DAY 6 IN THE STADIUM

Let us begin with a registered letter (Figure 21) posted on April 16 (Julian), which received a handwritten registry number (R.N. 13 – see red arrow) at the Stadium post office. It next transited through the Athens Main post office (stamped 5568 – see blue arrow), and then traveled by ship to Trieste, followed by a train trip through Austria to Germany.

It received the “R” label (“From Abroad”), on the route from Kufstein (Austria) to Munich. Eventually the cover was handstamped with the arrival cachet of Darmstadt on May 5 (Gregorian). Delivery took six days. The letter is slightly over franked, but it demonstrates the manner in which registered mail was handled.

The cover is evidence that registration was possible at the special Stadion post office. The question that begs asking:

where are the other 12 registered mail pieces posted before then? Destroyed? Lost? Waiting to be discovered? And why was only a recording number (5568) – but no “R” label – added at the Athens Main post office? Note that all mail with foreign or European destinations had the country’s name in French.

It is time to turn to one of the most fascinating chapters of the “Stadion” history: the Ciricliano – Dubois correspondence. Mr. Dubois was an avid collector of Greek and Crete stamps and cancellations; this was verified when his collection was sold at auction (I have a copy of the catalogue). Amongst the items a “gold mine” was discovered: six items with the Stadion cancellation.

This first cover (Figure 22A), while not from the Stadion post office, previews the treasure trove to follow. It was mailed on March 25 (day of issue) from the Piraeus post office, and was registered and sealed. From the Belgian cachets one can presume that it was also



Figure 22A. Front side of a registered cover mailed to Mr. Dubois from the Piraeus post office on the first day of the 1906 Olympic stamps, 25 March. (See Figure 22B)





Figure 22B. The reverse of the cover in Figure 22A bearing the various receiving marks of the Bruxelles (Nord) and Bruges post offices.

a value declared mailing. The handwritten “639” was the Piraeus registry number. The “13V” is the Belgian postman’s annotation, found also on later covers.

On the backside (Figure 22B) one notes the Brussels arrival and transit cancellation and the Bruges arrival cachet of the same day. The final handwritten annotation was the postman’s remark that the recipient was absent at time of delivery.

With my friend Julien De Vuyst, we tried to find out more about Mr. Dubois by consulting the Bruges civil registry, but were unsuccessful. We did determine that he was no relation to Marcel Dubois, a Belgian athlete competing at the 1906 Games.

Now we arrive at the Stadion-mailed covers to Dubois. The Figure 23 cover bears a manuscript “R.N°.14.” registered mail number and clear 16 April Stadion postmark on the 1 Dr. Olympic stamp and as a cachet. As the cover transited through the Athens Main office, it received a manuscript 926 registry number. The Belgian postman added the handwritten “13V” similar to that in the Figure 22A.

The reverse flap of the cover is sealed with three labels (two are Olympic). In Brussels, both an arrival cachet and “value declared” cachet dated 6 May (Gregorian) were added. Finally, there is a Bruges arrival cachet of 6 May.

This cover was bought by L. Jonker and then sold to J. de Vuyst for about \$500 in 1991. Mr. de Vuyst then traded it to a private collector in 1995.

I then committed a mistake by not consulting Laurentz or Julien about similar covers. This oversight came back to haunt me when Laurentz, in late 1995, wrote me about other covers of the same



Figure 23. Registered cover from the Stadion post office on 16 April to Mr. Dubois in Bruges, Belgium. The reverse of the cover with Olympic labels and Belgian receiving markings is shown below.



nature acquired by him. The cover in Figure 24, was franked with the 2 Dr. stamp. While clearly a philatelic cover, it is traveled and therefore remains important. For some unknown reason, the arrival cachet of Bruges on the reverse side reads “Depart”.

Purchased by Laurentz Jonker, it was eventually sold to L.J. de Swrte (Holland), who in turn committed it to a Feldman auction in 2007.

The 3 Dr. cover (Figure 25) is tied by a 16 April Stadion cancellation. Originally in the possession of Laurentz, is passed to the late Ossi Virtanen who subsequently traded it to another collector.

Finally we have a 5 Dr. philatelic cover (Figure 26) still owned by L. Jonker. The Brussels post office clerk was tired stamping all this arriving mail and decided not to bother. The Bruges post office again used the “BRUGES DEPART” stamp.





Figure 24. At left, cover to Dubois with 16 April Stadion postmark. The reverse of the cover (below) bears an arrival mark at Bruges, Belgium which strangely reads "Depart" used for outgoing mail.



Figure 25. A single franking of 3 Dr. was used on this Stadion cover to Dubois. As with the cover in Figure 24, the arrival cachet at Bruges reads "Depart" (above).



Figure 26. A 5 Dr. cover from Circicliano to Dubois in Brussels on 16 April 1906.



For a long time, I continued my search for the other values in the set on cover to Mr. Dubois, reasoning that they must exist. Readers will have to wait until the next issue of *JSP* to find out if Lady Luck smiled on me in my search as we continue our look back at the first Olympic Post Offices from the 1906 Intercalated Games at Athens. 🐼





Figure 1. 1912 booklet of Indian stamps advertising Muir Mills tennis screens on the back cover (above).

## Tennis in Booklets

by Ron Backhouse

**T**hematic collectors need to trawl through catalogues and publications to find items that are associated with their topic. Stamp catalogues are a great help but there will be many items hidden in stamp booklets that can take some finding. Booklet covers and interleaving often carry advertising that can make reference to the chosen topic. Booklet ads making reference to the theme of tennis are there for collectors to uncover.

The earliest booklet to contain a reference to tennis is an Indian booklet issued in 1912. The Muir Mills Co., Ltd., an English company established in Cawnpore in 1882, advertised its textile products, which included tennis screens, on the back of a booklet (Figure 1).

In 1919, the second booklet to feature tennis was issued in Great Britain. It contained advertising by Gaze's for its all-weather hard tennis court. Over the next five years (until 1924) the same advertisement was printed in eight different booklets in a

variety of positions. Sometimes the ad was on the inside of the booklet's front cover or back cover. Once it appeared on a label as a part of the pane of stamps; another time it was printed on the interleaving (Figure 2).

The third tennis-related advertisement in a Great Britain booklet was issued in 1921. The South Eastern & Chatham Railway Company sought to tempt those desiring a little recreation to use their 3½ hour service from London to the continent where it was possible to play lawn tennis, as well as golf, swim, and bike (Figure 3).

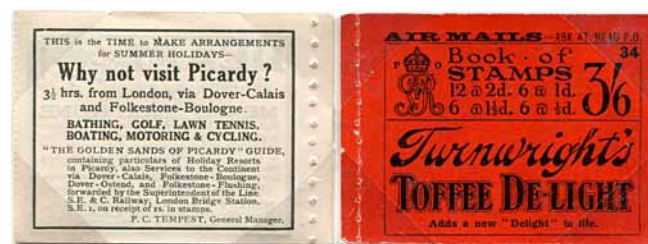


Figure 3. "Why not visit Picardy" to play lawn tennis, invites this S.E. & C. Railway Company booklet ad.

Figure 2. Gaze's All-Weather Hard Tennis Courts were promoted frequently in booklets from 1919-1924. Shown here is an example on interleaving (below) and as a label attached to the pane of stamps (right).

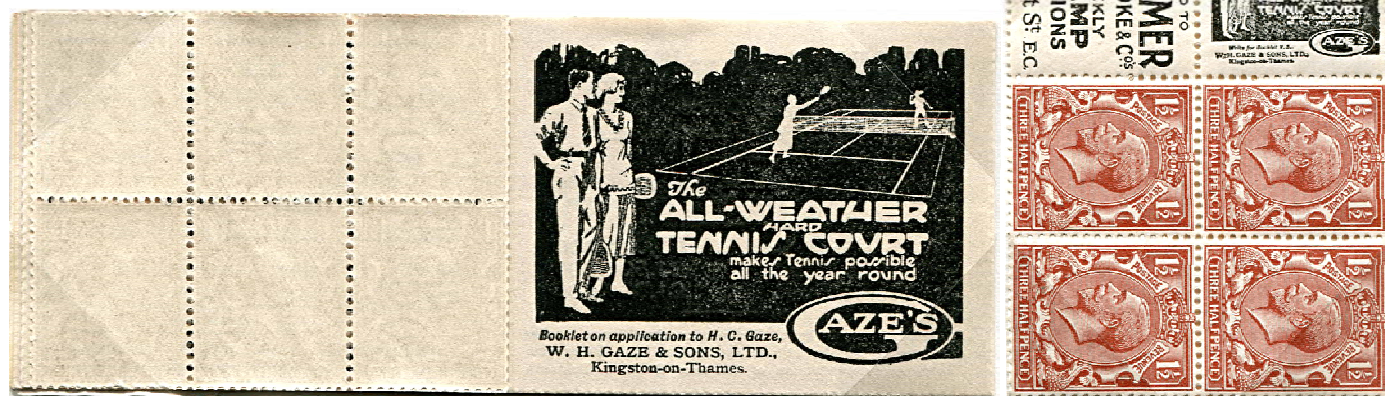






Figure 4. French booklet issued in November and December 1925 containing 20 x 30c stamps. The advertisement on the front cover promotes the town of Bagnoles de l'Orne for tennis, polo, racing, and other games.

Having traveled across the English Channel to play tennis in Picardy, let's take a look at three booklets mentioning tennis issued in France.

Travel to and within France for tourism and recreational holidays was very popular in the 1920s. It's not surprising, therefore, that resort towns were in competition with each other to capture the attention of tourists. Stamp booklets offered an inexpensive, yet widely distributed, means of advertising.

The spa town of Bagnoles de l'Orne in Normandy used a booklet to publicize its attractions including tennis (Figure 4).

Sables-d'Or-les-Pins (literally, "Golden Sands Pines") was a new seaside resort built in 1921 among the sand dunes and pine forests along the coast of Brittany. The back cover of a 1926 booklet (Figure 5) extols the benefits of visiting the town. Among the attractions: "its tennis, its golf" and "the most exclusive beach in Brittany."

Located a mere 40 miles southeast of Paris is the town of Provins, declared a UNESCO World Heritage city in 2001. Back in 1928, it invited visitors to "Spend your holidays. Mineral waters, beautiful surroundings, healthy air, fishing, hunting, tennis."



Figure 5. The pane of 20 stamps is folded in half and centrally stapled. The booklet covers were printed in the reversible "tête-bêche" format.



These booklet panes of 20 stamps were printed in June 1926 in sheets of 120 stamps by flat bed process. The booklet was withdrawn on 9 August after only six weeks when the internal letter rate changed. The panes differ from the ordinary stamp issue of 25 May 1926, not only by the advertisement in the margins, but also the shape of the "C" of centimes.

The town council of Provins arranged for this advertisement to appear in this booklet issued in 1928 (Figure 6).



Figure 6. In the 1920s, booklets containing advertisements were produced under concession from the French Post Office by M. Carlos Courmont of Paris. This advertisement appears on the inside of the booklet's back cover.



In 1930, Gray's of Cambridge promoted its lawn tennis racquets in two booklets, a 2/- and a 3/- booklet (Figure 7). The same advertisement was printed on the inside back cover of the 2/- booklet and on the inside front cover of the 3/- booklet.

The following year, Denmark issued 1Kr and



Figure 7. Gray's lawn tennis racquet advertisement on the inside front cover of a 3/- booklet of stamps issued in 1930.

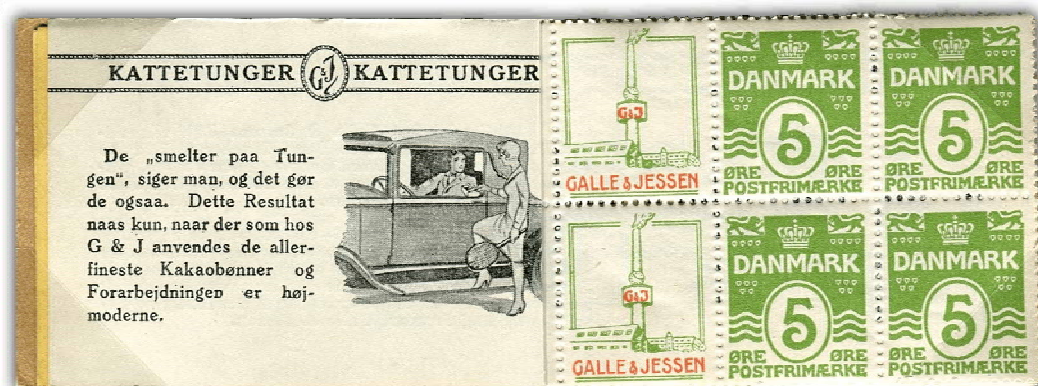


Figure 8. 1Kr booklet issued in 1931 containing an advertisement for chocolate made by Galle & Jessen (G&J). "Kattetunger" translates as "cats tongues"!

It was followed by two Danish booklets containing promotions by Stjernenes, a Copenhagen brewer. Both 2Kr booklets promoted its line of soft drinks with advertisements printed on the interleaving (Figure 9).

Figure 9. At right top, ad for tonic water showing a female tennis player in the background (1939). Below, a tennis player and ad for Stjernen's lemon drink (1924).



2Kr booklets containing the same advertisement on an interleaf by Galle & Jessen, Denmark's oldest chocolate factory. The illustration depicts a very stylish young woman, foot propped on the running board of a car, holding a tennis racquet in one hand while sampling a chocolate from a box (Figure 8).



Returning to Great Britain, we can show three more booklets dating to the mid- to late-1930s.

Dubarry, a perfumery, advertised its eau de cologne scent in this 3/- booklet issued in 1936. It professes to be “cooling, refreshing, reviving after golf or tennis, at the theatre or dancing” (Figure 10). Dubarry & Co., 81 Brompton Road, London, was established in 1917.



Figure 10. 1936 booklet promoting Dubarry Old English Lavender perfume as perfect for after “golf or tennis.”



Figure 11. Multiple recreational sports, including tennis, were offered by many of the member establishments of the People's Refreshment House Association, according to this 1936 booklet.

The People's Refreshments House Association, Ltd. was formed in 1896 to establish licensed public houses and inns that offered the best quality of liquor and were of the finest repute.

Issue in April 1936, a 2/- booklet advertisement promoting the association, invited the public to write for a list of its member public houses and inns, many of which offered tennis, as well as boating, fishing, golf, riding and swimming (Figure 11).

Well known for its beaches, the northern Welsh resort of Colwyn Bay provided many attractions for the holiday-goer. An advertisement from the London, Midland and Scottish Railway (LMS) in two 2/- booklets from 1938 and 1939 offered cheap fares to Colwyn Bay where you could play tennis, bowl, play golf and enjoy “sea, sand, safe bathing.” The booklet ad included a coupon that could be returned for a free guide book of Colwyn Bay (Figure 12).



Figure 12. Colwyn Bay's recreational opportunities, including tennis, were touted in ads from the London, Midland and Scottish Railway. The 1938 booklet is shown above and at right (top). A second booklet at right (bottom) was issued in 1939.





Figure 13. A 1940 booklet promoting tennis at the English resort town of Southsea.

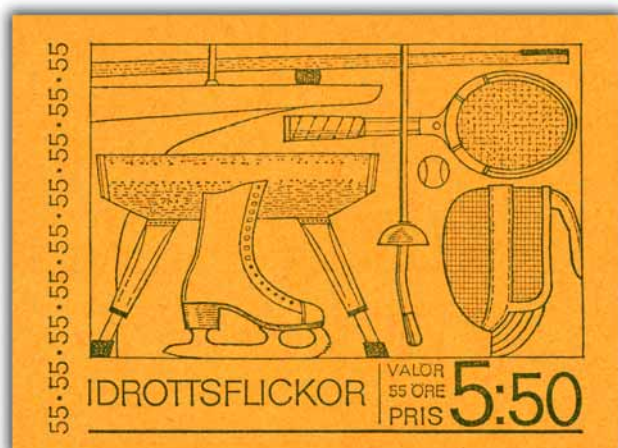


Figure 14. 1972 Swedish booklet featuring sports equipment (above) on the cover and containing Swedish sportswomen stamps (below).



Figure 15. The newest tennis booklet, commemorating French tennis stars, was issued on 23 May 2015.

Another seaside resort – Southsea – on “the sunny south coast” of England also boasted facilities for “tennis, croquet, golf, boating, fishing, bathing ... in fact everything for a splendid holiday.” How could you resist that pitch, or at least that was what the city’s Publicity Director hoped for. Mailing in the handy coupon on the inside of this April 1940 2/- booklet rewarded the sender with a free copy of the Southsea Guide (Figure 13). In 1972, some thirty-two years after the last tennis booklet was issued, Sweden released a 5.50Kr booklet celebrating Swedish sportswomen. The front cover (Figure 14) included a drawing of a tennis racket and ball along with a variety of other equipment for the sports of gymnastics, figure skating, fencing and diving (yes, that’s a diving board at top!).

The pane of 10 stamps, shown below the booklet cover, included a pair showing Ylva Kristensson playing tennis.

Since the 1980s many stamp authorities have been keen to raise additional revenue from the sale of stamps, including booklets, to collectors. France’s La Poste issued a booklet on 23 May containing stamps picturing French tennis champions (Figure 15). Commemorated are: Suzanne Lenglen, winner of 31 tennis championships (including an Olympic gold medal in 1920); Yannick Noah, best known for his 1983 French Open win; Amélie Mauresmo, who won two Grand Slam singles titles and a silver medal at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games; and the Four Musketeers of French tennis – Jean Borotra (1898-1994), Jacques Brugnon (1895-1978), Henri Cochet (1901-1987), and René Lacoste (1904-1996). Order yours soon before they’re all gone!

**The author has included a checklist of tennis booklets on the following pages.**



# Tennis in Booklets Checklist

**by Ron Backhouse, with considerable assistance by M. Laudin, Holland**

Antigua	1981	\$5.50 ?	Marriage of Prince Charles - "plays tennis" text inside back cover, \$5 + 50c stamp
Australia	2000	\$4.50	Olympic Sports Series I - phil. issue - sheetlet of ten stamps (one tennis)
Australia	2000	\$4.50	Olympic Sports Series II - gen. use - sheetlet of ten stamps (one tennis)
Australia	2000	\$8	Xmas 2000 - Series I - 20 x 40c on card, back cover shows the Olympic sheetlet
Australia	2000	\$8	Xmas 2000 - Series II - gen. use (as above)
Australia	2001	\$4.90	Cent. of Aus. Federation Series I - phil. issue - back cover shows Olympic sheetlet
Australia	2001	\$4.90	Cent. of Aus. Federation Series II - gen. use (as above)
Australia	2002	90c	Melbourne Stamp Show - 2 x 45c Cricket & Tennis stamps with tennis player label
Australia	2002	\$1.80	As above but 4 x 45c stamps and labels
Australia	2003	\$5	Australian Legends Series I - phil. issue - 10 x 50c, Rod Laver & Margaret Court
Australia	2003	\$5	Australian Legends Series II - gen. use (as above)
Australia	2003	\$5 x 20	\$5 Aust. Legends - Tennis Bklt - Philatelic Series I Cheque Book (20 Booklets)
Australia	2004	\$5	Xmas 2004 Tennis playing Kangaroo (advert on cover of prestige book)
Australia	2005	\$10.95	Cent. of Aus. Open - 50c & \$1.80 tennis stamps, interleaf shows tennis scenes
Australia	2007	\$5	Legends sheetlet , R. Laver & M. Court, interleaves on each player (prestige bklt)
Australia	2005	\$10.95	Zodiac Star Signs-Leo - 20x50c - interleaf text :Pete Sampras Tennis champion"
Australia	2005	\$10.95	Zodiac Star Signs-Gemini - 20x50c - interleaf text: "tennis healthy"
Australia	2006	\$15.95	QE II visit to coin & stamp fair incls. a picture of the GB joint issue 34p stamp
Australia	2009	\$5.50	Lets get active - 10 x 55c, girl playing tennis
Australia	2009	\$5.50	Lets get active - 1 x 55c stamp, girl playing tennis
Austria	2007	3 x 55c	Astrology - Aquarius - text: "John McEnroe," private designs in booklets
Austria	2007	3 x 55c	Astrology - Libra - text: "tennis," private designs in booklets
Austria	2007	3 x 55c	Astrology - Leo - text: "tennis," private designs in booklets
Barbuda	1981	\$11.50	As Antigua, but "BARBUDA" overprint in silver on cover
Brunei	1999	\$1	South East Asian Games - 2nd stamp of 5 has man playing tennis
Cayman Is.	1993	\$ 2.25	Tourism - 1 of 10 stamps shows tennis
China	2008	80y stamps	Official China booklet Beijing 2008, stick figure playing tennis on back cover
China	2008		Official China booklet Beijing 2008, stick figure playing tennis on inside leaf
Christmas Is.	2007		Lunar Year Cycle prestige booklet, tennis mentioned?
Comoro Is.	1992	Fcs 1000.50	Barcelona Olympics - 1of 3 stamps shows tennis
Croatia	1992	6.50 K	Barcelona Olympics - front cover: score board, G. Ivanisovic & G. Prpic doubles. Two types, picture is top or bottom, stamps are from top or bottom of ord. sheet.
Czechoslovakia	1985	5 Kcs	Spartakiad - 10 x 50h stamps of two male players with stamps illus. on cover

Czechoslovakia	1992	10 Kcs	<i>The stamp illustrated on cover; fixing of stamps varies</i>
Denmark	1931	1 Kr	<i>Dull brown cover - interleaving adverts for chocolate - lady holding racket by a car</i>
Denmark	1934	2 Kr	<i>Dark green cover - interleaving adverts for lemonade - man playing tennis</i>
Denmark	1935	2 Kr	<i>Dark green cover - interleaf adverts for tonic - lady with a racket</i>
Denmark	1996	46 Kr	<i>Sport (ice hockey on cover) - "tennis" text on cover, racket &amp; balls in selvedge</i>
France	1925	Fr 6	<i>Bagnoles de L'Orne - "Tennis" on cover</i>
France	1926	Fr 8	<i>Sables-D'or-Les-Pins - "SES TENNIS" on cover, "Tennis" on interleaf</i>
France	1928	Fr 5	<i>La Ville de Provins - mention of tennis inside back cover</i>
France	2001	Fr 25.80	<i>Gaston Lagaffe - picture on cover includes a racket; two types</i>
France	2001	Fr 25.80	<i>Gaston Lagaffe - 2 varieties, with and without a number</i>
France	2009	Euro	<i>Vacances - 1 of 14 adhesive stamps (tennis ball) for internal use</i>
Germany	1988	7.20 DM	<i>1988 Olympics - 6 x 80.40 stamps of man player</i>
Germany	1994	2 DM	<i>Kruger (stamp dealer) advert shows a N. Korean stamp of B. Becker etc.</i>
Germany	1994	5 DM	<i>SALTO (magazine for children) - back cover shows a Dinosaur &amp; A. Agassi etc.</i>
Gibraltar	1974	46p	<i>Tourism - "tennis" in text on interleaf and back cover</i>
Gibraltar	1995	£4.68	<i>Island Games - ball on cover, text on Gib. Tennis Assn. on interleaf &amp; back cover</i>
Great Britain	1919	3/-	<i>Series 2 No 16 - advert for Gaze's courts on inner back cover</i>
Great Britain	1919	3/-	<i>Series 2 No 26 orange cover "Toffee" - advert for Gaze's courts on interleaf</i>
Great Britain	1919	3/-	<i>Series 2 No 37 blue cover "Toffee" - advert for Gaze's courts on interleaf</i>
Great Britain	1919	3/-	<i>BB 19: No 20 orange cover "Jaeger Wool" - advert for Gaze's courts on interleaf</i>
Great Britain	1920 ?	3/-	<i>BB 24: Series 3 No 69 - advert for Gaze's courts on outside of back cover</i>
Great Britain	1921	3/- & 6d	<i>No 27 orange cover "Toffee" - interleaf : "Why not visit Picardy?" &amp; "Lawn Tennis"</i>
Great Britain	1921	3/- & 6d	<i>BB 31: No 33 orange cover "Margarine" - advert for Gaze's courts on interleaf</i>
Great Britain	4/1921	3/- & 6d	<i>No 34 red cover "Toffee" - interleaf : "Why not visit Picardy?" &amp; "Lawn Tennis"</i>
Great Britain	1924	2/-	<i>BB 12: No 10 blue cover "Bournville Cocoa" - advert for Gaze's courts 1 of pane of 6 (2 labels &amp; 4x11/2d )</i>
Great Britain	1930	3/-	<i>BB 24: Series 3 No 193 red cover "Crème Shalimar" - advert for Gray's racket inside front cover</i>
Great Britain	Jun-30	2/-	<i>BB 12: Series 4 No 132 blue cover - advert for Gray's racket on back cover</i>
Great Britain	1936	2/-	<i>BB 17: No 333 blue cover "Buy Punch" - interleaf advert for People's Refreshments includes "TENNIS" in text</i>
Great Britain	1936	2/-	<i>Dubarry advert on back of interleaving has "tennis" in text</i>
Great Britain	1936	3/-	<i>Dubarry as above: BC2 Ed. 359, 360, 361, 365 &amp; 372 - BC3 Ed. 321-324</i>
Great Britain	4/1938	2/-	<i>BD 11: No 412 blue cover "Bovril" interleaf reads "Come to Colwyn Bay" (advert rectangle) has "TENNIS" in text</i>
Great Britain	4/1939	2/-	<i>BD 12 No 454 blue cover "Bovril" - interleaf reads "Come to Colwyn Bay" (advert in circle) has "TENNIS" in text</i>
Great Britain	1940	2/-	<i>BD 12: No 503 blue cover "Moorlands" interleaf reads Southsea for "TENNIS" etc</i>



Great Britain	1982	£1.55	Ladies tennis fashions shown on front and back covers; fixing of stamps varies
Great Britain	1985	£5	The Story of The Times - inner back cover has a photo of V. Wade in newspaper
Great Britain	1997	£6.15	BBC - interleaving pictures of Wimbledon and "Tennis" is mentioned twice in text
Greece	2003	Euro 13	Athens Olympics - 3 x 30c are tennis stamps
Guernsey	2003	£8.10	HRH Prince William of Wales 21st Birthday: "He also loves 'tennis'" in text
Guernsey	2011	£12.68	British Commonwealth Games has a sheet of 36p tennis stamp
India	1912	1 Rupee	Green cover - 32 x ½ anna KG V stamps - advert for "tennis screens" back cover
Indonesia	1997	4000	SEA Games Jakarta '97 - picture of tennis player front and back cover
Isle of Man	1999	£4.78	Prestige bklt. Manx Buses - "... Bowls, Tennis, Putting ..." in text on bus ticket
Jamaica	1982	\$7.50	21st birthday of Princess of Wales - "tennis" in text on interleaf
Jamaica	1982	\$7.50	As above but the cover is overprinted "Royal Baby"
Japan	1995	320 Yen	Universiade '95 Fukuoka - cover shows sporting figures, one tennis
Jersey	1997	£8.72	Jersey Games - lady player on cover and interleaf has views of two courts
Kiribati	1995	\$ 3.50	Visit Kiribati - 1 of 10 stamps is tennis
Lesotho	1981	M 6	Royal Wedding - "tennis" in text on inner back cover
Malaysia	2008	Rem 3	Cartoons; Contains 2 x 30 sen stamps - racket used as a guitar
Montserrat	1975	\$2.95	Scenery - "tennis" in text on interleaf
Netherlands	1989	€ 3.20	Cent. of KNLTB - 4 x 80c stamps of R Krajicek (throwing a ball into stamp above)
Netherlands	2006	€ 9.95	Laat Feyenoord zegelvieren, Feyenoord sportshall, Dutch Masters tournament.
Netherlands	2007	€ 6.45	200 jaar Koninklijk, back of front cover "Koninklijke Lawn Tennis Bond"
Netherlands	2007	€ 9.95	De zonnebloem kleurt je wereld, interleaf "ABN AMRO", Richard Krajicek, Jan Siemerink
Netherlands	2010	€ 9.95	Toon Hermans, loved sports, singer, comedian & writer mentioned liking tennis in text Levenskunstenaar page 9 x 44c
Norfolk Is.	2001	\$2	6th S. Pacific Mini Games - Tennis schedule mentioned four times on back cover
North Korea	2004	240	Athens Olympics - one stamp is tennis
St. Lucia	1981	\$12.50	Marriage of Prince Charles - "tennis" text inside back cover
St. Vincent	1976	\$2.50	Mustique : Tourism - "tennis court" text on interleaf
San Marino	1992	L 2000	Tourism - pane of stamps, one shows a clay court
Sierra Leone	1981	6 Le	Marriage of Prince Charles - "plays tennis" text inside back cover
Sweden	1972	Kr 5.50	Women Athletes - 2 x 55c stamps, lady playing tennis, racket on cover
Sweden	1981	Kr 14.40	Sweden in the World - one stamp, B. Borg with name in text on back cover
Sweden	2000	10 Frmk	Vart 1900 - Tal 3 Sweden in the 20th Cent. - 1 stamp shows B.Borg and two skiers
Switzerland	1986	Fcs 9.50	Pro Sport - STV/AST - Swiss Tennis Assn. and yellow balls on back cover
Thailand	1990	10 Bht	Children's Day - 5 x 2 Bht tamps show sports including tennis
Turks & Caicos	1981	\$5.60 ?	Marriage of Prince Charles - "plays tennis" text inside back cover; \$2 stamp.
UN	1995	US \$3.84	50th Anniv. - tennis courts shown alongside river on interleaf

UN	1995	36 Sh.	50th Anniv. - tennis courts shown alongside river shown on interleaf
UN	1995	36 SFr.	50th Anniv. - tennis courts shown shown alongside river on interleaf
USA	2001	\$6.80	Holiday Greetings - Santa (in blue on cover) holding tiny racket. Stamp on cover
USA	2001	\$6.80	Holiday Greetings - Santa (in yellow on cover) holding tiny racket. Stamp on cover
<b>Semi &amp; Unofficial Booklets</b>			
Australia	2000	\$4.50	Olympic Sports - sheetlet of ten stamps (one Tennis) cover overprinted Olympihlex in silver
Australia	2000	\$4.50	Olympic Sports - sheetlet of ten stamps (one Tennis) cover overprinted Olympihlex in gold
Australia	2000	\$4.50	Olympic Sports series I Phil. Issue - sheetlet of ten stamps (one Tennis) cover overprinted Fishers Ghost
Australia	2000	\$4.50	Olympic Sports series II Gen. Use - cover overprinted Fishers Ghost
Australia	2000	\$8	Xmas Dinner series I Phil. Use - cover overprinted SCDA
Australia	2000	\$4.50	Olympic Sports - sheetlet of ten stamps (one Tennis) cover overprinted Olympihlex in silver
Australia	2001	\$4.50	Olympic Sports - series I Phil. Issue - cover overprinted Castle Hill Stamp Club
Australia	2001	\$4.50	Olympic Sports - Series II Gen. Use - cover overprinted Castle Hill Stamp Club
Australia	2001	\$4.90	Aus. Federation Cent. - series I Phil. Issue - cover overprinted 30th anniv Shealhaven Philatelic Society
Australia	2001	\$4.90	Aus. Federation Cent. - Series II Gen. Use - cover ovptd 30th anniv Shealhaven Philatelic Society
Australia	2001	\$4.90	Aus. Federation Cent. - Series II Gen. Use - cover overprinted as above
Australia	2001	\$4.90	Aus. Federation Cent. - Koala
Australia	2003	\$5	Australian Legends, Rod Laver & Margaret Court cover overprinted "BALLARAT PHILATELIC SOCIETY INC."
Australia	2003	\$5	Aus. Tennis Legends stamp bklt. overprinted on front cover "APTA Collectables Fair March 2003"
Australia			(Aus. Prof. Tennis Assn. Centre, Melb.)
Australia	2004	\$5	Cats & Dogs - cover overprinted "Stamp & Coin Show ATPA Melbourne Tennis Centre Nov. 2004"
Australia	2004	\$ 4,00	Resene booklet, Anna Kournikova - a private unofficial booklet
Australia	2007	\$22.95	Australian Legends, Rod Laver & Margaret Court cover ovptd Fishers Ghost
Belgium	1985	50 Frs	Special Thema, catalogue Tennis pas verschenen, slechts 50 frs
New Zealand	2004	\$4.90	Aus. Federation Cent. - cover overprinted 25th anniv. Sydney Phil.



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# Paris 1924: Back to the Future, Part 3

by Robert Kebric

In the last two issues of the *JSP* (Winter 2014 and Spring 2015), we took “now and then” looks at two major facilities for the 1924 Paris Olympic Games: Colombes Stadium and the Piscine des Tourelles, venue for the major swimming events. In this issue we will visit what is probably the most fascinating of the three remaining Olympic structures still in use, the Vélodrome de Vincennes.

Unlike the other two venues, the Vélodrome remains in a condition so close to its appearance in 1924 that upon entering its grounds, one is almost transported back to those Games by the quaint old architecture and atmosphere of the place (Figure 7); one almost expects to see the old-style bicycles racing round the elevated curves to cross the finish line in front of the grandstand!

It is no surprise that this cycling stadium has been used as a location for “period” films, most recently for two 2010 French productions set in World War II, “La Rafle” and “Sarah’s Key.”

More to our sporting interests, the Vélodrome was used as the finish for the Tour de France from 1968 to 1974, and for a series of cricket matches between English and French teams as late as 2013.

There remains an air of activity at the restaurant,



1924 Olympic Games French bicycle tire ad.

outbuildings, and offices today even when no events are scheduled. Seldom can one personally experience such a historic throwback, especially when related to the early Modern Olympic Games.

What is particularly remarkable about the Vélodrome de Vincennes is that it was not only used at the 1924 Paris Olympics as the cycling venue, but it was also the only facility resembling a stadium for the 1900 Paris Olympics. While it went through expected architectural changes, it is still close to its 1924 appearance (Figures 1 & 2).



Figure 1. Postcard images of the Vélodrome from 1906 (left) and around 1924 (right) show that the character has changed little between the two Olympic Games.





Figure 2. The concrete cycling track has changed little over time. The postcard (above left) shows the track as it looked in 1918. Today's cycling stadium (above right) benefits from modern upgrades to lighting and spectator areas.

Today, the Vélodrome de Vincennes (officially known as the Vélodrome Jacques Anquetil - La Cipale) continues to be used for cycling and other sports events. In fact, readers may be surprised to learn that it is one of the two oldest Olympic structures that may be categorized as a "stadium," second only to the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens, where the First International Olympic Games were held in 1896.

No Olympic stadium was built for the 1900 Games nor, for that matter, was any existing facility in Paris enlarged or refurbished to function as one. Part of the reason, of course, was that the Paris Olympics were not what could be described as a well-conceived athletic celebration.

The Racing Club de France was left to host Athletics at the Chemin de la Croix-Catelan in the

Bois de Boulogne in Paris. The meaning of the word "chemin" (path, lane, track, pathway, road, way, trail, walk) says everything one needs to know about the uneven grass field whose athletic areas were mostly marked out by small trees.

The 1904 St. Louis Games, which followed Paris, at least had a pre-existing university stadium on its grounds. But both these Olympics almost brought an end to the Games before they had really gotten started since they became lost in the larger and more important 1900 and 1904 expositions.

Nonetheless, the shortcomings at Paris in 1900 left the Vélodrome the closest thing to a stadium. Located on the other side of the city from the track and field events at the Bois de Boulogne, it at least resembled the early stadiums that had begun appearing, especially in the United Kingdom.



Figure 3. 1924 French cycling team photographed at Stade Colombes.



Figure 4. Swiss label benefiting the country's 1924 Olympic cycling team.



Figure 5. French cyclist André Leducq was well known not only for his 1924 Olympic gold medal in the Team Pursuit, but also his pair of Tour de France wins of 1930 and 1932.

The Vélodrome was built in 1894 primarily for cycling competitions, but its flat infield also served as the 1900 Games' venue for other sports including football, rugby, gymnastics, and cricket (the only time in Olympic history). Today, it still hosts cycling, football, rugby and cricket. All things considered, the Vincennes Vélodrome has every right to be called the Paris 1900 Olympic Stadium.

However, it is the 1924 Paris Olympics, the Games of the VIII<sup>th</sup> Olympiad, that is our primary focus. By this time Paris had an impressive stadium, the Stade Olympique de Colombes.

The remodeled Vélodrome was used for the purpose for which it was originally designed – cycling. While, as mentioned in the previous two issues of *JSP*, the Stade and the Piscine des Tourelles at the Paris Olympics produced famous athletes such as Harold Abrahams, Eric Liddell, Johnny Weismuller, and Duke Kahanamoku, cyclists in those days usually did not become marquee names or film stars.

Cycling has always been more popular outside the United States, and in countries where it

is better appreciated, stars of the sport are more celebrated. The Tour de France (Figure 5) is the one bicycling event about which most non-cyclist fans know, and an unaccustomed celebrity in the U.S. follows if an American wins the event.

For the 1924 Paris Olympic cycling competition, however, only readers who follow the sport closely will recognize the names. There were also no stamps issued commemorating Olympic cycling until more recently, and philatelic materials are generally more scarce and harder to come by than for the more popular venues.

A handsome vignette was created to benefit the Swiss cycling team's participation in the 1924 Olympics (Figure 4). Their best finish was a fourth place showing in the Team Time Trial event.

For the cycling competition at the 1924 Paris Olympics, there were six events (for men only) between July 23 and July 27. Two of them were road cycling events; the other four were track events, held in the Vélodrome. There were 139 cyclists from 24 countries. Fortunately, the French team dominated (Figure 3) with four golds (and two bronzes) in the six events, a pleasing result that avoided the bad feeling that had resulted in riots at the rugby final at Colombes in May when the U.S. thrashed the favored French team, 17-3, and that sport's elimination from the Olympics (reinstated for Brazil 2016).



Figure 6. Polish postal stationery honoring the 1924 Polish cycling team which won a silver medal in the Team Pursuit event.





Figure 7. The grandstand as it appears today with the beautiful Art Nouveau decorative work around the windows of the enclosed press box.

Remarkably, there are a series of extremely well preserved videos from the 1924 Paris Olympic cycling events that may be viewed at:

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL328A86CE1219DECF](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL328A86CE1219DECF)

which include Ko Willems' (Belgium) sprint for the 50M Gold; the Tandem Cycling Final; and the Cycling Road Race. The first two are also revealing for their views of the Vélodrome interior and the cheering fans while the race is in progress; the third, for the start and finish of the Road Race at Colombes Stadium, and the views of Paris as the race progresses. At one point a train crosses in front of the cyclists, a number of whom make it across the track right before the train does.

France, with eleven cyclists, won the Individual Time Trial, the Team Time Trial, the Sprint, and the Tandem (the French also won two Bronzes). The other Golds were won by Ko Willems of the Netherlands in the 50 km (the country's ten cyclists also took home a Silver and a Bronze), and Italy (also with 10 team members) in the Team pursuit. Interestingly, Great Britain had twelve cyclists,

more than any other team, yet won only Silver and a Bronze in the 50 km won by Willems. The only other teams that medaled were Belgium (two Silvers and a Bronze), Denmark (one Silver), Poland (one Silver - Figure 6), and Sweden (one Bronze). The U.S.A. had five cyclists; none finished in the medals.

The Vélodrome de Vincennes can best be visited today on the Paris Métro. Take Line 8 to the Liberté Station. Proceed to the first intersection and turn left to Avenue de Gravelle. You will see the trees in the Bois de Vincennes as you make the turn northward (if not, you are going in the wrong direction). Proceed east along the park (there was

not much traffic on Gravelle when I visited last summer) about a quarter of a mile until you reach the entrance path that leads directly through the gate into the Vélodrome (Figure 8). Once inside the precinct, go to the right and locate the stairs up to the grandstand (Figure 7).

This article completes our look at the three most important remaining facilities from the 1924 Paris Olympics. Will the City of Light once again host the Games in 2024? If so, we may be going "back to the future" for a centennial celebration!



Figure 8. The entrance to the Vélodrome at the turn of the century.



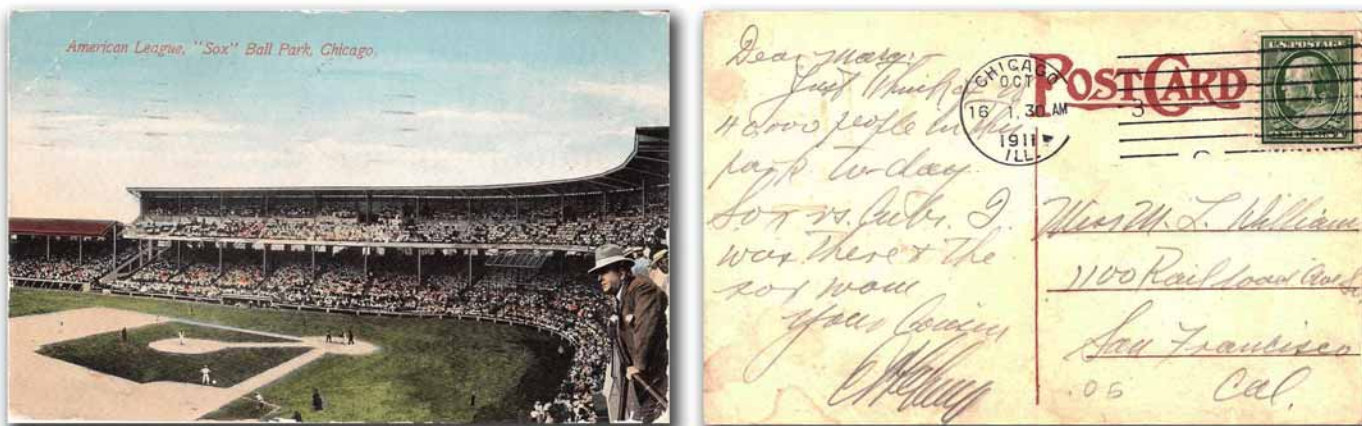


Figure 1. A Chicago baseball fan posted this card after watching the Sox and Cubs play each other in the City Series.

## The Chicago City Series

by Norman Rushefsky

**T**he illustrated postcard (Figure 1) has a Chicago Time-Cummins machine postmark dated October 16, 1911. The handwritten message relates that the writer attended a baseball game that day between the Sox and the Cubs and that 40,000 persons attended. The picture side of the card shows "American League, 'Sox' Ball Park, Chicago." The late date of mid-October for a baseball game led me to believe these teams must have played against each other in the World Series of 1911. A little research indicated that neither team played in that year's World Series. What I did unearth, however, was the existence of a little-known series in which teams from several cities participated in those early years of Major League Baseball.

The American League (AL) was founded in 1900 and the following year pronounced itself a major league. The earlier established National League (NL), however, refused to recognize the AL as anything other than a minor league. However, the NL found that it could not ignore the fact that three of the AL teams were domiciled in the same cities

as NL teams and that several other AL teams took as their home cities that had only recently been dropped by the NL. The NL realized that in order to control major league baseball they would need to combine with the AL. The rival leagues thus reached agreement on a two-league system in January 1903.

In 1903, after the Boston AL team won the AL pennant and Pittsburgh had won in the NL, the presidents of these two clubs agreed to a post-season meeting of their clubs. A nine-game series was scheduled. The first team to win five games was to be declared the winner. In 1998 the U.S. issued a stamp to commemorate the first World Series as part of the Celebrate the Century 1900-1910 set of stamps (Figure 2).

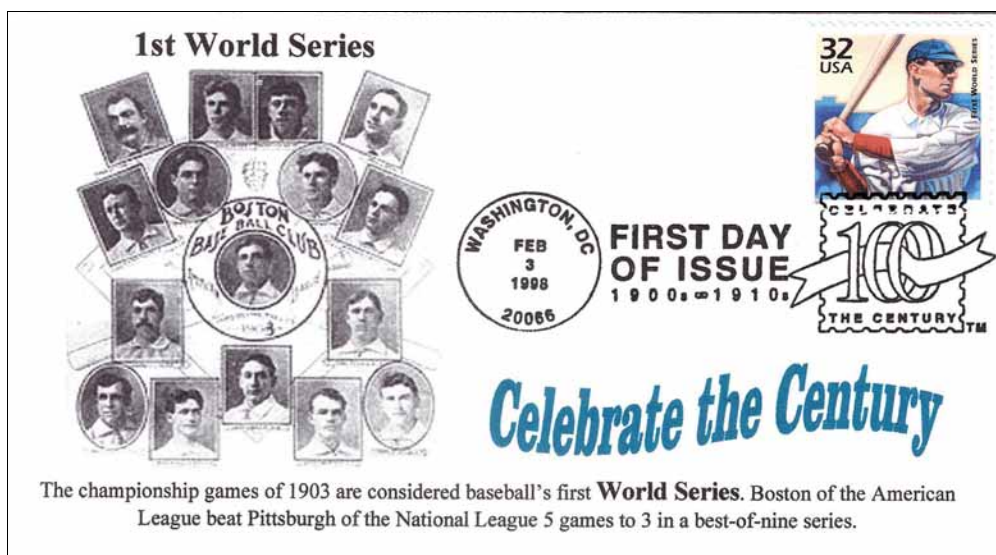


Figure 2. The first World Series contested in 1903 between Boston & Pittsburgh.



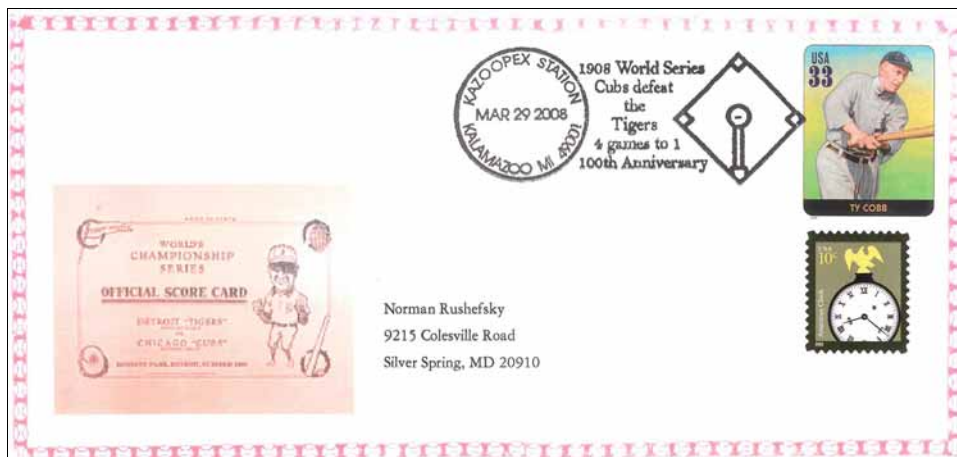


Figure 3. The Cubs' 1908 World Series defeat of the Tigers was one of only two World Championships won by the Cubs, the other having been in 1907.

Various clubs in the two leagues, seeing the interest in post-season competition, followed suit. Respective post season city series were arranged between the AL and NL teams in Philadelphia, St. Louis and Chicago. A series between Cincinnati of the NL and Cleveland of the AL for the championship of Ohio was also arranged. In subsequent years meetings for a city or state championship were repeated sporadically but only the Chicago City Series persisted with some degree of regularity.

The owners of the two Chicago teams, Charles A. Comiskey of the White Sox and James A. Hart of the Cubs, decided to play a 15-game city series to start October 1, 1903 after the teams' regular seasons had ended. The Chicago City Series of 1903 ended in a 7-7 tie after 14 games were played because the contracts of all the players expired October 15.

The first Chicago City Series was marred by accusations of games thrown by a Cubs pitcher and the Cubs owner, Hart, refused in future years to let his team play until a governing body for both leagues could supervise such post-season series with authority to punish wrongdoers. Hart stated "I believe games should be played to decide championships of the world ... of a state ... or, of a city but like Caesar's wife, be above suspicion."

Beginning with the inaugural series in 1903, and continuing through 1942, a total of 26 City Series were played in Chicago. The Chicago White Sox won 19 of these series while the Chi-

cago Cubs won only six (the first series having ended in a tie).

Over the years the Chicago City Series, held concurrent with the World Series, was Chicago's own World Series, played for city bragging rights. Teams often provided bonuses to players sometimes bigger than that of the World Series itself, as the games were well-attended.

From 1905 the Cubs built a dynasty that was to win four National League pennants in five years and their only two World Championships (1907-

1908) (Figure 3), with their famous "Tinker to Evers to Chance" infielders adept at executing double-plays (Figure 4).

The 1906 meeting of the Chicago teams was an intracity series, but as both teams won their respective leagues' pennants, had the added attraction of being a World Series. This was the first ever World Series between teams from the same city. The Cubs were favored to win as they had won 116 games and had lost only 36 during their regular season. No team since then has made that number of wins in a regular season except for the 2001 Seattle Mariners who played 10 more games. The Sox team of 1906 were the worst hitting team in their league and were dubbed the "Hitless Wonders." However, a 19-straight win streak in August propelled them to the AL pennant at season's end. They defeated the favored Cubs four games to two of a seven game series.

After the Cubs won world championships in 1907 and 1908, the Chicago City Series resumed in

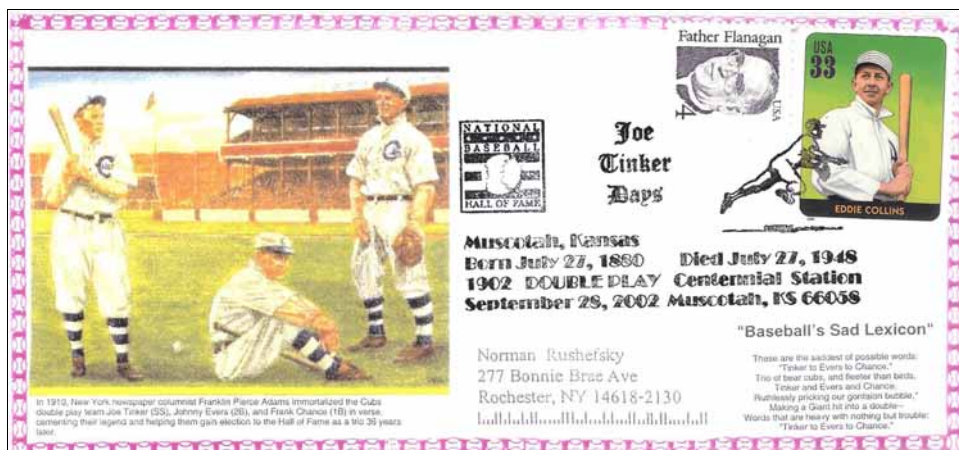


Figure 4. Joe Tinker was an integral part of the famous "Tinker to Evers to Chance" partnership that won the Cubs two World Series.

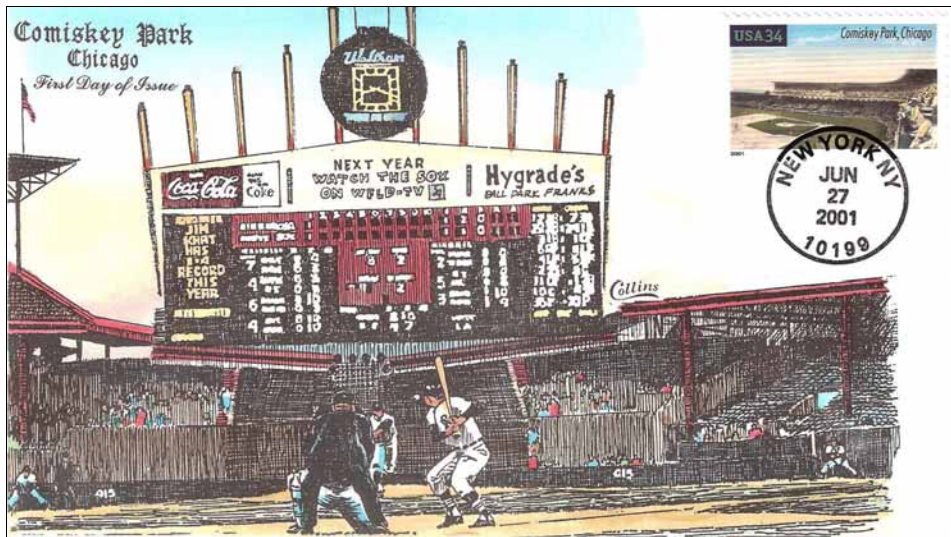


Figure 5. The Sox's Comiskey Park was honored by the US Postal Service as one of the 10 legendary baseball fields series of stamps (Scott #3510-19) and postal stationery cards (Scott #UX365-74) issued in 2001.

1909. Owner Hart by this time had sold the team so his objection to unsupervised play was not shared by the new owners. The Cubs played in the World Series again in 1910.

In 1911, the year of the illustrated postcard in Figure 1, the White Sox, soundly defeated the Cubs in four straight games of a seven games series. This series drew 99,359 spectators, including 36,208 in the third game on October 15 which was the game attended by the writer of the postcard. This was the largest-ever Chicago baseball crowd, rivaling the biggest World Series crowds of that period.

The Sox's Comiskey Park was honored with a stamp in 2001 as one of the legendary baseball fields (Figure 5). Each Sox player received \$875.04 as his share of the receipts while the losing Cubs players each received \$631.98. Perhaps because the Chicago City Series lasted only four games that year at least one additional exhibition game was played on Sunday, October 22, 1911 to benefit Saint Anne's Hospital (Figure 6).

The last Chicago City Series took place in 1942. Since then the two Chicago teams have occasionally arranged to end the spring exhibition season with a game in Chicago, but these never assumed the formality of a city series.

From 1949 to 1972 the Cubs and the White Sox have played a benefit game in mid-summer to raise funds for the Chicago Park District for boys' baseball. These games were generally well attended. The teams have since faced each other in interleague play (since its introduction in 1997) and this has been incorporated very successfully as part of the regular season.

An article by Emil H. Rothe provides further information regarding the Chicago City Series. This may be found at the website of the SABR Research Journals Archive ([research.sabr.org/journals/history-of-chicago-city-series](http://research.sabr.org/journals/history-of-chicago-city-series)).

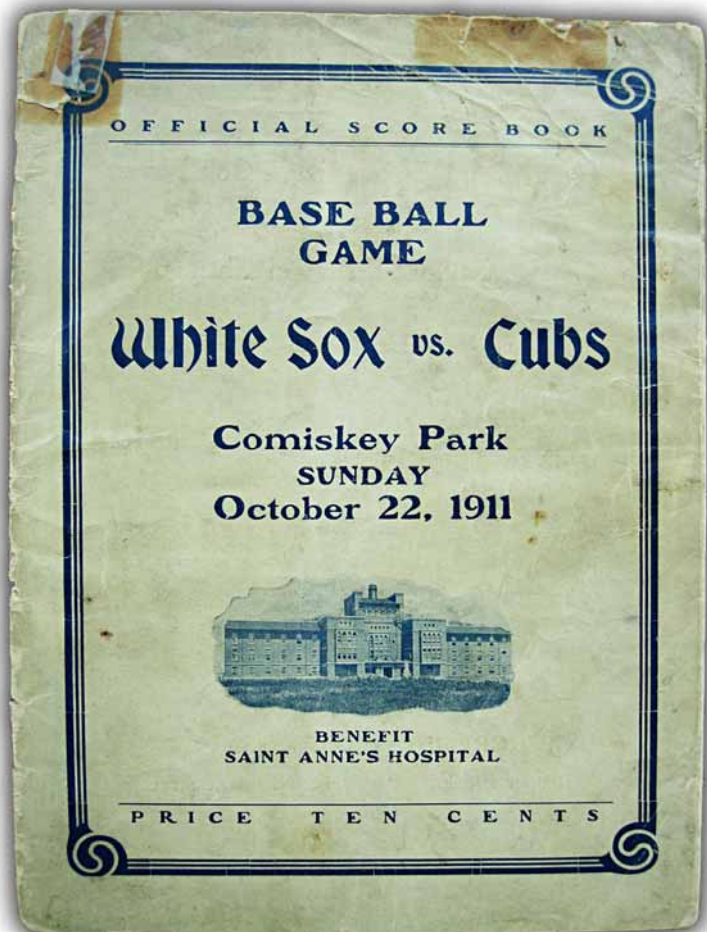


Figure 6. Official Score Book for a charity exhibition game as part of the 1911 Chicago City Series.





## Turkey's "First" 2014 World Cup Stamp Issue

by Mark Maestroni

*[Thanks to Turkish SPI member M. Edip Agaogullari for the detailed information for this article.]*

If a cascade of stamp issues is any indication, sports philately loves the FIFA World Cup of Football. No fewer than 38 nations (in addition to host, Brazil) issued over 130 different stamps for the 2014 competition. Compare those statistics to the philatelic emissions for Sochi's Olympic Winter Games held earlier the same year (180+ issues from 35 nations) and you'll understand the popularity of World Cup among collectors.

Another similarity between these two major sporting events is the aggressiveness with which the two governing bodies – FIFA and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) – guard their branding. The Turkish post office, as we shall see, found this out the hard way. Here's the story.

For about 3 weeks after the set of four stamps (shown at top) was issued on 12 June, the online price averaged about \$5, or slightly under twice face value, the normal dealer markup for new issues. This was consistent on eBay and Delcampe, the two primary philatelic sales points on the internet.

Then, suddenly, online "buy it now" prices skyrocketed to a low of \$149 and a high of just under \$300 per set. So what happened?

On 26 June, just 14 days after going on sale, the Turkish Post Office suddenly withdrew the series. As it turned out, no one had obtained permission from FIFA to use the World Cup branding.

No exact figure exists of how many of the original printing of 100,000 sets were sold before the post office pulled the remaining stamps from all its branches. According to Edip Agaogullari, the source for this information, it has been estimated that

anywhere from a low of 15,000 to a high of 28,000 sets were sold to the public and dealers (this included about 1,000 regular subscribers).

In addition to official first day covers, quite a number of sets were used at a special Football Stamp Exhibition (*Futbol Pullari Sergisi*) held in Istanbul from 12-20 June. A commemorative postmark (shown below) was used at the show.

Edip adds that he believes there are three to four philatelic dealers holding onto a considerable stock of these stamps which they have not yet placed on sale. That having been said, he points out that recently a set of blocks of four sold in Turkey for \$130. He also notes "that the set is being traded under the counter for a price of \$20 to \$25."

The take-away from this: collectors, beware of paying wildly inflated prices for this set lest you see a precipitous drop in value when dealers eventually dump their inventories. As for the Turkish Post Office? Well they went ahead with a "second" set of two stamps with different designs – this time FIFA-approved – issued on 8 August.



First Day cover on 12 June with the added Football Stamp Exhibition postmark showing a football player. This cover sold on eBay in January 2015 for \$190!

# THE SPORTS ARENA

by Mark Maestrone



The great thing about eBay is that you just never know what you may find and how it might fit into a collection or exhibit.

On a recent foray I happened upon an interesting slogan meter. The meter (above), dating back to 1953, is on a #10 windowed cover with the corner card of a Salt Lake City, Utah hardware company. The meter slogan reads "WINCHESTER / ON ANY PRODUCT / means Quality." A relatively unremarkable slogan meter ... or was it?

With a little bit of internet sleuthing, I discovered that the name "Winchester" did indeed refer to the

famous American firearms manufacturer that had been in business since 1866. It's clear that the type face of the word "Winchester" in the meter exactly matches that of the Winchester logo (shown at



above). While neither shooting nor firearms are an area which I collect, perhaps, given that the meter was from Salt Lake City, it might fit into my 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games collection.

Continuing my online surfing, I stumbled upon exactly the information I was looking for. Unsurprisingly, being in the business of manufacturing rifles, Winchester had a long association with the winter sport of biathlon combining cross-country skiing with rifle target shooting.

At the 1960 Squaw Valley Winter Games, where biathlon made its Olympic debut, Winchester's big-bore rifles were the standard. Forty-two years later at the 2002 Salt Lake City event, competitors were using European-made rifles, but Winchester's .22 caliber ammunition was still popular. Since the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, Winchester Ammunition has been a top tier sponsor of the United States Biathlon Team. Looks like I could use this in three of my Winter Olympics collections!

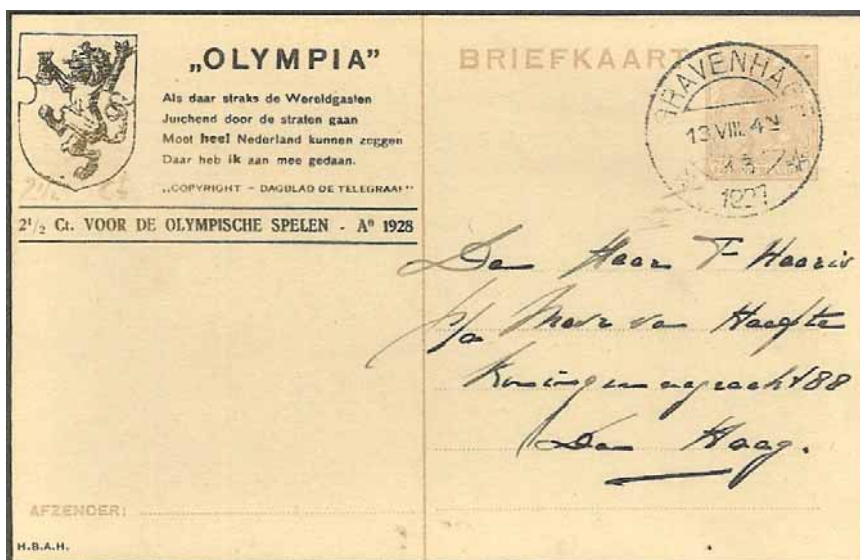
## *New addition to 1928 Olympics Huygens postal stationery monograph*

In 2010, SPI published a monograph by 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Games specialist, Laurentz Jonker: ***Postal Stationery of the 1928 Olympic Games: The Semi-Official Postal Cards of Huygens Bookshop.***

These postal stationery cards are highly sought after and can be quite elusive. Laurentz recently submitted a newly discovered Huygens card (shown at bottom). Utilizing his own catalog system in the monograph, this item is a Type A. "BONTKRAAG" (Queen Wilhelmina) 7½ cent "proof" card. Similar in design to #A.1., this card differs in that the text and "escutcheon and lion with moneybag" on the left side of the card are printed in black rather than brown. This new card should be catalogued as #A.1.a. This is the only one of this sub-type known to exist.

Copies of Mr. Jonker's full-color monograph may be purchased for US\$7 postpaid worldwide from SPI ([www.sportstamps.org/sales\\_handbk.html](http://www.sportstamps.org/sales_handbk.html)).

SPI members may download a PDF of the monograph at not charge by logging into the Members Area of the website.



*Newly discovered 1928 Huygens Olympic postal stationery card.*



# NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

by Mark Maestrone

## NEW MEMBERS

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## DECEASED MEMBERS

John Edward Sutcliffe of Edmond, Oklahoma passed away on 16 October 2014 of a brief illness.

## CORRECTIONS TO 2015 DIRECTORY

Richard Linde's name was inadvertently omitted from the "By State" listing of members from

Virginia. His corrected e-mail address is: rlindel@msn.com.

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## EXHIBITING RESULTS

**ARIPEX 2015** (20-22 February; Mesa, AZ). Andrew Urushima won gold for his single-frame exhibit "The 1944 Gross Born POW Olympics."

**PIPEX 2015** (8-10 May; Portland, OR). Conrad Klinkner received a silver for his multi-frame exhibit "Games of the Xth Olympiad - Los Angeles 1932". He also won the ATA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Medal.

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# NEW STAMP ISSUES

by John La Porta

**Armenia:** June 27, 2014. World Cup Soccer. 380d stamp, Soccer ball, trophy.

**Australia:** October 7, 2014. Horse Racing Tracks. Set of four 70c se-tenant stamps, Eagle Farm, Queensland; Royal Randwick, New South Wales; Morphettville, South Australia; Flemington, Victoria. Also printed in self-adhesive booklets.

**Austria:** January 20, 2015. 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Toni Sailer. Set of two stamps €0.62 Toni Sailer; €0.72 Trophy for Hahnenkamm Races.

**Azerbaijan:** October 24, 2014. Winter Sports. Sheet of two 50g stamps, snowboarding; skiing.

**Bosnia & Herzegovina (Croat Administration):** May 25, 2014. International Sports Day. 1m stamp in circular format, soccer player in action. Sheets of 8 with central label.

September 28, 2014. Victory of Marin Cilic in 2013 U.S. Open Tennis Championships. 1.50m stamp depicting the tennis player in action. Printed in sheets of 8 with a central label.

**Cayman Islands:** October 3, 2014. 20<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Games. Gummed sheet stamps, 20c cycling (road race); 25c swimming (women's butterfly); 75c men's boxing; 80c men's squash; \$1 men's shooting; \$1.60 women's gymnastics; \$2 men's javelin. Self-adhesive booklet 25c x 10, swimming (same as sheet design).

**Central Africa:** December 15, 2014. Cricket. Sheetlet of four 750F stamps, Ravichandran Ashwin; Stephan Myburgh etc. Souvenir sheet with one 2650F stamp, Virat Kohli.

December 15, 2014. Michael Schumacher. Sheetlet of four 900 F stamps, all depict the race car driver in various scenes. Souvenir sheet with one 3,000 F stamp, Schumacher in race car.

December 15, 2014. Tennis. Sheetlet of four 750 F stamps, Roger Federer; Andre Kirk Agassi etc. Souvenir sheet with one 2650 F stamps, Novak Djokovic.

December 15, 2014. Golf. Sheetlet of four 900 F stamps, Gary Player; Tiger Woods etc. Souvenir sheet with one 3,000 F stamp, Tiger Woods.

**China:** August 16, 2014. Youth Olympic Games. \$1.40 stamps depicting various sports.

**Colombia:** May 23, 2014. World Cup Soccer, Brazil. Souvenir sheet with two 2600p stamps, soccer ball; emblem of the Colombia Soccer Federation.

**Cuba:** February 1, 2014. World Cup Soccer, Brazil. Set of four, 35c soccer player; 65c Maracana Stadium; 75c mascot; 85c player making bicycle kick.

August 16, 2014. Show Jumping Horses. Set of six, 15c Golden Horse; 20c Captain VZ; 30c Fairmont R.E.; 65c Gagaa VDP; 75c Google; 85c Goldmann Jr. Souvenir sheet with 1p stamp, Fumuto and rider.

**Denmark:** March 17, 2014. Life at the Coast, Yachting. 6.50k dinghy; 14k crewed yacht.

**Finland:** March 3, 2014. Sochi Olympics. Sami Jauhojarvi and Livo Niskanen 2014 Winter Olympic Cross-Country Team Sprint Gold Medalists. €1 stamp showing the skiers with their gold medals. Printed in sheets of 10.

January 19, 2015. Marigold Ice Unity Synchronized Skating Team. 1k stamp depicting three female skaters.

**France:** August 23, 2014. World Equestrian Games. Sheetlet of eight stamps, four €0.61 stamps, dressage; endurance; concours complet d'équitation; para-dressage. Four €1.02 stamps, voltige; attelage; saut d'obstacles; reining. S/s containing the voltige and attelage stamps was also issued.

**Gambia:** September 15, 2014. Sochi Olympics. Gold Medalists. Sheetlet of three 50d stamps, Canadian men's curling team; Matthias Mayer, alpine skiing; Dario Cologna, cross-country skiing. S/s with two 75d stamps, Adelina Sotnikova, figure skating; Martin Fourcade, biathlon.

**Great Britain:** October 16, 2014. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Donald Campbell's World Land and Water Speed Records. Self-adhesive sheetlet of 10 1<sup>st</sup> class stamps and 10 labels, Union flag. Labels: first land speed attempt with *Bluebird* at Lake Eyre, South Australia, 1963; welcome for Campbell and his crew in Australia; *Bluebird* at speed at Lake Eyre; *Bluebird* at time of breaking land speed record of 403.10mph, July 17, 1964; celebrations after setting land speed record; *Bluebird K7* boat commencing trials at Lake Banney, South Australia, Nov. 71, 1964; *Bluebird K7* attains runs of 173mph and 180mph, Nov. 23, 1964; *Bluebird K7* at speed (aerial shot); Campbell in boat after breaking water speed record at 276.33mph on Lake Bumblebung in Western Australia, Dec. 31, 1964; Campbell celebrating with his wife Tonia Berne and chief mechanic Leo Villa. Note: sold at £14.95, face value of stamps £6.20.

**Guinea:** October 27, 2014. Commonwealth Games. Sheetlet of two 10,000 FG stamps & two 15,000 FG stamps, Weightlifting; boxing; badminton; diving. S/s with one 40,000 FG stamp, artistic gymnastics, badminton, diving.



October 27, 2014. Asian Games. Sheetlet of two 10,000 FG stamps & two 15,000 FG stamps, Tennis; judo; field hockey, cricket. Souvenir sheet with one 40,000 FG stamp, baseball.

October 27, 2014. Table Tennis. Sheetlet of two 10,000 FG values and two 15,000 FG stamps, various action shots. Souvenir sheet with one 40,000 FG stamp, pair playing.

October 27, 2014. Cricket. Sheetlet with two 10,000 FG stamps and two 15,000 FG stamps, various scenes. Souvenir sheet with one 40,000 FG stamp, batter.

**Guinea-Bissau:** November 5, 2014. Cricket. Sheetlet of four 900 FCFA stamps, various scenes of cricket players. Souvenir sheet of one 2800 FCFA stamp showing batter swinging.

November 5, 2014. Tennis. Sheetlet of four 900 FCFA stamps, Roger Federer; Maria Sharapova; Rafael Nadal; Serena Williams.

November 5, 2014. Formula 1. Sheetlet of four 800 FCFA stamps, Michael Schumacher.

**Guyana:** February 26, 2014. Sochi Olympics. Sheetlet of six \$200 stamps, speed skating; curling; ice dancing; bobsledding; ice hockey; figure skating. Sheet of four \$250 stamps, biathlon; snowboarding; skiing; slalom skier.

**Hungary:** June 4, 2014. World Soccer Cup. 145ft stamp showing soccer ball and players.

November 6, 2014. European Women's Handball Championships. 145ft stamp showing two players in action.

**Isle of Man:** October 23, 2014. Christmas issue. One value from a set of six has a sports theme; £1.21 snowman skiing, Snowdog and Billy on toboggan.

**Israel:** April 8, 2014. Non-Olympic Sports. Set of three, 3.90s water skiing; 5s wushu; 5.70s paragliding.

**Japan:** May 12, 2014. World Soccer Cup. Set of three sheetlets with three 82y stamps. Sheet one: Trophy all values; Sheet two: Emblem; stylized soccer player; stylized goalie; Sheet three: Mascot, carrying flag; holding soccer ball; dribbling soccer ball.

September 12, 2014. National Sports Festival. Sheetlet of ten 82y stamps, Gymnast on rings; running in starting blocks; archer; soccer players; kendoka, all paired with stamps depicting various flowers.

**Latvia:** May 26, 2014. Sochi Olympic Games. Latvian Medalists. Set of four €0.50 stamps printed in sheets of four. Martin Dukurs, silver medalist in skeleton; Daumants Dreiskens, Oskars Melbardis, Janis Strenga, Arvis Vilkaste, silver medalists in four-man bobsled; Juris Sics, Andris Sics, bronze medalists in men's double luge; Juris Sics, Andris Sics, Martins Rubenis, Eliza Tiruma, bronze medalists in Mixed team relay luge.

**Luxembourg:** March 8, 2014. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sports League of Primary Schools (LASEP). €0.60 LASEP mascot (red for in running vest), children at athletics. Sheets of 10.

**Maldives:** January 13, 2015. 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Tiger Woods. Sheetlet with four Rf22 values picturing Tiger Woods action shots. Souvenir sheet with one Rf70 stamp, Showing Tiger in back swing.

July 3, 2014. Rally Racing. Sheetlet of four Rf20 stamps, Citroen DS3 AC; Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution VII; Citron C4 AC; Subaru Impreza. Souvenir sheet with one Rf60 stamp, Ford Focus RS.

July 3, 2014. Sochi Olympics. Sheetlet of four Rf20 stamps, figure skating; ski jumping; luge; ice hockey. Souvenir sheet with one Rf60 stamp, cross-country skiing.

July 3, 2014. Muhammad Ali. Sheetlet of four Rf22 stamps, Ali in various fights. Souvenir sheet with one Rf70 stamp, boxing match.

October 7, 2014. World Cup Soccer, Brazil. Sheetlet of four Rf22 stamps, players in action. Souvenir sheet with one Rf70 stamp, player kicking ball.

October 7, 2014. 17<sup>th</sup> Asian Games, Incheon. Sheetlet of four Rf22 stamps, boxing, weight lifting; cycling; sailing. Souvenir sheet with one Rf70 stamp, tennis.

**Malta:** June 12, 2014. Brazil 2014 Soccer. Miniature sheet with two stamps, €0.59 official emblem trophy; €1.55 official mascot (cartoon armadillo with ball).

**Mexico:** May 27, 2014. Mexican National Soccer Team. 7p stamp showing five players.

**Monaco:** September 1, 2014. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sportel Monaco (World Sports Content Media Convention). €0.59 globe with sports photos.

127<sup>th</sup> International Olympic Committee Session. €0.66 stamp showing building, Olympic rings.

**Montserrat:** October 13, 2014. International Sporting Events. Four \$3.50 stamps, women's hurdling; women's relay; men's discus; men's football. Miniature sheet one \$7 stamp, cricket. Printed in sheets of four (2x2). There is no indication of which events are being commemorated. Note: men's discus design is captioned "shot put" in error.

**Mozambique:** June 30, 2014. Sochi Olympics. Sheetlet of four 46.00 MT stamps, ice hockey; speed skating; skiing; pairs figure skating; S/s of one 175 MT stamp, speed skating.

**Nevis:** March 5, 2014. Sochi Winter Games. Sheet of six \$3.15 stamps, ice hockey stick and puck; luge; snowboard; biathlon skis and rifle; bobsled; curling stone. Sheet of four \$4.75 stamps, ski jumping; speed skating; alpine skiing; figure skating.

**New Zealand:** July 2, 2013. Legendary Landmarks: Town Icons. Sheetlet of 18 80c stamps. One stamp depicts Colac Bay sculpture of surfer riding wave.

**Niger:** June 25, 2014. Brazil 2014 Soccer. Sheetlet with three 500F stamps. Emblems; trophy.

August 1, 2014. Brazil 2014 Soccer. One 500F stamp, Germany. Souvenir sheet with 500F stamp, same as single.

October 10, 2014. World Soccer Championships. Sheetlet of four 825 F stamps, Miroslav Klose; Thomas Muller etc. Souvenir sheet with one 3,000 F stamp, Mario Gotze.

October 10, 2014. Table Tennis: Sheetlet with four 750 F stamps, various table tennis scenes. Souvenir sheet with one 2500 F stamp, table tennis paddle and balls.

October 10, 2014. Golf. Sheetlet with four 750 F stamps, golf cart, teeing off; back swing; setting ball on tee. Souvenir sheet with one 2500 F stamp, player teeing off.

October 13, 2014. Cricket. Sheetlet of four 750 F stamps, Sachin Tendulkar; Shahid Afridi. Souvenir sheet with one 2500 F stamp, Sir Don Bradman.

October 13, 2014. Formula 1. Sheetlet of four 750 F stamps, Sebastian Vettel, Lewis Hamilton. Souvenir sheet with one 2500 F stamp, Michael Schumacher.

November 30, 2014. Mayaysian Grand Prix. Sheetlet in the shape of a race track with three 750 F stamps, Lewis Hamilton; Sebastian Vettel. (No souvenir sheet with this issue).

November 30, 2014. Tennis. Sheetlet with four 750 F stamps, Maria Sharapova; Rafael Nadal; Roger Federer; Serena Williams. Souvenir sheet with one 2500 F stamp, Novak Djokovic.

**Poland:** March 7, 2014. World Indoors Track & Field Championships. 5zt shot put, relay, high jump. Printed in sheets of four.

April 11, 2014. Sochi Olympics. Sheet of three 4.20zt stamp, gold medal winners, Kamil Stoch ski jumping; Justyna Kowalczyk cross-country skiing; Zbigniew Brodka speed skating.

August 30, 2014. Men's World Volleyball Championships. Sheetlet with six stamps, 1.75z player spiking with white shirt; 1.75z player with dark blue shirt 2.35z player blocking; 5z player serving; 5.10z player digging; 5.50z player spiking.

August 30, 2014. Victory of Polish Men's Volleyball Team. Sheet of 16 1z stamps and 4 labels. Stephan Antiga; Piotr Nowakowski; Michal Winiarski; Dawid Konarski; Rafal Buszek; Pawel Zagumny; Karol Klos; Andrzej Wrona; Mariusz Wlazly; Fabian Drzyzga; Michal Kubiak; Krzysztof Ignaczak; Pawel Zatorski; Marcin Mozdzonek; Mateusz Mika; Philippe Blan.

**St. Martin:** September 17, 2014. Soccer. Miniature sheet with four stamps. 150c Two players chasing ball; 250c goalie diving for ball; 450c player dribbling ball; 550c player ready to kick ball. Two labels in center of sheet.

**St Thomas & Price Island:** August 8, 2014. Soccer winners Brazil 2014., Sheetlet of four 25,000Db stamps featuring soccer balls, sheetlet with one 96,000Db stamp, Emblems.

August 8, 2014. Sochi Olympics. Sheetlet of four 25,000Db stamps Alpine skiing; figure skating, hockey; luge. Souvenir sheet with one 96,000Db stamp, biathlon.

October 15, 2014. Cricket. Sheetlet with four 25,000 Db stamps; Sachin Tendulkar; Jean-Paul Duminy; Alex Hale; Virat Kohli. Souvenir sheet with one 96,000 Db stamp, Virat Kohli.

November 17, 2014. Tennis Stars. Sheetlet of 10,000 Db values, Roger Federer, John McEnroe. Souvenir sheet with one 96,000 Db value stamp, Pete Sampras.

**Solomon Islands:** July 3, 2014. Ayrton Senna. Sheetlet of four \$7.50 stamps depicting the race car driver. Souvenir sheet with one \$35.00 stamp, depicting Senna.

July 3, 2014. Diving in Solomon Islands. Sheetlet of four \$7.50 stamp showing diving in the various islands. Souvenir sheet with one \$35.00 stamp, skin diver.

July 3, 2014. Soccer 2014 Brazil. Sheetlet with four \$7.50 stamps, soccer players. Souvenir sheet with one \$35.00 stamp, playing kicking soccer ball.

July 3, 2014. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Joe DiMaggio and Marilyn Monroe's Marriage. Sheetlet of four \$7.00 stamps, all depict photos of DiMaggio and Monroe. Souvenir sheet with one \$35.00 stamp, photo of the pair together.

August 25, 2014. Sochi Olympics. Sheetlet of four \$7.00 stamps, alpine skiing; figure skating; snowboarding; ice hockey. Souvenir sheet with one \$35.00 stamp, speed skating.

November 11, 2014. The Commonwealth Games, Glasgow. Sheetlet of four \$7.00 values, boxing; athletics; triathlon; judo. Souvenir sheet with one \$35.00 value, weightlifting.

November 28, 2014. Cricket. Sheetlet of four \$7.00 stamps, William Gilbert; Eddie Paynter. Souvenir sheet with one \$35.00 stamp, Donald Bradman.

**Spain:** September 1, 2014. International Sailing Federation World Championships. €0.92 stamp depicting racing boat.

November 11, 2014. Football Champions. Sheetlet of four \$7.00 values. Athletes kicking soccer ball. Souvenir sheet with one \$35.00 value, foot kicking ball.

**Suriname:** June 11, 2014. World Cup Soccer, Brazil. Set of four stamps, \$2; \$4; \$6; \$8; all depict various soccer scenes.



**Switzerland:** March 7, 2013. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Swiss Alpine Club. Miniature sheet of five stamps; 85c touring party crossing icefield; 100c rock climber; 140c family hiking on path, and early hikers; 190c old and modern views of Doldendorn mountain hut.

**Togo:** June 30, 2014. Evala-Traditional Fighting. Sheetlet of four 650F stamps depicting various wrestling positions. Souvenir sheet with one 1500F stamp, wrestling.

June 30, 2014. Cricket. Sheetlet of four 750F stamps, players on field. S/s with one 2500F stamp, batter.

August 30, 2014. World Cup Soccer, Brazil-Soccer Winners. Sheetlet of four 750F stamps, players in action. Souvenir sheet with one 2500F stamp, player kicking ball.

August 30, 2014. Golf. Sheetlet of four 750F stamps, golf cart; golf bag; player in back swing; golf ball. Souvenir sheet with one 2500F stamp, player hitting ball.

October 30, 2014. Asian Games. Sheetlet of four 750 F stamps, wushu; field hockey; boxing; tennis. Souvenir sheet with one 2500 F stamp, rhythmic gymnastics.

October 30, 2014. Formula 1. Sheetlet with four 750 F stamps, Lewis Hamilton - Jenson button. Souvenir sheet with one 2500 F stamp, Sebastian Vettel.

October 30, 2014. Sochi Olympics. Sheetlet with four 750 F stamps, snow boarding; women's figure skating; men's ice hockey; ski jumping. Souvenir sheet with one 2500 F stamp, ski jumping.

October 30, 2014. Motorcycle Sports. Sheetlet of four 750 F stamps, Motorcycle race; Enduro. Souvenir sheet with one 2500 F stamp, Motocross; Enduro.

December 30, 2014. Cricket. Sheetlet of four 750 F stamps, various action scenes, Rahu David. Souvenir sheet with one 2500 F stamp, Sanath Jayasuriya.

**Tajikistan:** June 13, 2014. World Cup Soccer. Overprints: four stamps three 1.50s and one 2s were overprinted "FIFA WORLD CUP" also in Russian, se-tenant in blocks of four stamps.

**United States:** October 23, 2014. Winter Fun. Set of four forever stamps, one depicts pair figure skating.

December 5, 2014. Wilt Chamberlain. Two forever stamps depicting the basketball player.

**Vanuatu:** October 29, 2014. Extreme Sports. Set of four stamps, 50v kiteboarding; 120v off-road buggies; 160v parasailing; 190v jet boating.

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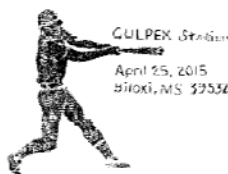
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