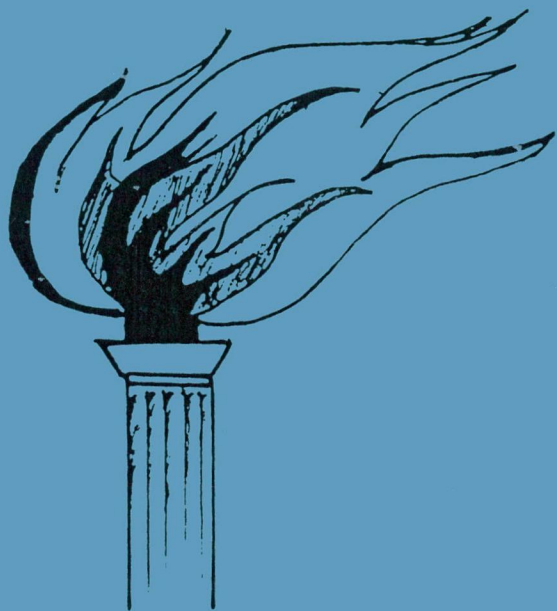


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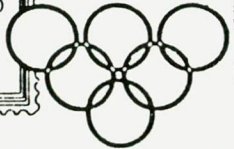
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# FRONT PAGE

Firstly, I would like to wish all our members a very happy Olympic Year. I still cannot believe that it is already four years since our Society was born. I would like to thank those members who regularly send me snippets of information that I can use in the various news columns, space does not allow me to mention their names on each occasion. In particular in this context my thanks go to Bob Wilcock, our Packet Secretary, Australian member, Robert Budge and Shlomo Vurgan from Israel.

I hope that you will like the new style of the magazine. Although we have not increased the number of pages, by reducing the size of the text, you will have more to read in each issue. I hope that you agree that although we have had to increase the subscriptions this year, membership to the Society still represents good value for money. Included with this issue, you will find a final reminder for your subscriptions. If you have already paid your dues, please ignore it. It is simpler to insert the leaflet into each magazine, rather than to only those who have not paid. If you have only sent the old rate for subscriptions, please send Colin the difference as soon as possible. It does cut down on the paper work.

Our first Annual General Meeting is being held on Sunday 6 March at 2.00pm in Floral Room 'A' in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, London SW1. This is being held during Stampex, when the Society of Olympic Collectors will be playing a prominent part in the exhibition. A display of over eighty frames will be devoted to Olympic philately and ephemera. The British Olympic Association, as well as the Much Wenlock Museum will be showing artifacts from their collections, and members and postal authorities will have displays in the frames. This exhibition is a must for all Olympic collectors, so why not arrange to make a day of it on Sunday; look at the exhibits and visit the dealers in the morning, and make new friends at the AGM in the afternoon.

Another exhibition that is being held in March with an Olympic theme is FLEETEX. This is being held on Saturday 19 March at the Assembly Halls in Fleet, Hampshire, and again, some of our members will be providing the exhibits. Look in the philatelic

press for last-minute details of both exhibitions and for information about any special events that are being planned.

At the time of writing it has not yet been confirmed, but it is expected that the British Post Office will agree to use a hand-stamp with an Olympic theme during the course of STAMPEX. The same cancellation will be used each day, only the date stamp will vary. Your Society is also producing a special postcard which will be sold during the exhibition. Extra cards will be prepared, so that members who are unable to make their own arrangements will be able to obtain examples through the Society.

Finally, I would like to thank all those members who sent me Christmas cards, New Year and Chanukkah greetings. I really do appreciate hearing from you, but I am sure that you understand that I cannot reply to you all individually. My thanks also on behalf of all the members to your hard-working Committee. Once again, they did a great job in 1987, and we are all lucky to have such a dedicated bunch of lads on our side.

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# NEWS FROM SEOUL

The work of Professor Kim Chong-Gil of Seoul National University has been selected by the SLOOC as the fanfare for the opening ceremony at the Seoul Games. Professor Kim, 53, said it was the greatest honour of his life. He also said that the work was characterised by international influences, while remaining essentially Korean.

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A company calling itself Olympiad Seoul Corporation has been established to handle the marketing of philatelic products. However, the Korean Philatelic Centre, CPO Box 5122, Seoul, 100-00 Korea, is the only company permitted by the Korean government to distribute stamps overseas.

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A British delegation led by Richard Palmer, the Secretary General of the British Olympic Association, and also the Chef de Mission of the 1988 British Olympic team, flew into Seoul on 20 June 1987 for a five day visit. They had working level discussions with the SLOOC about Britain's participation in the Seoul Games, and made an inspection tour of the Olympic facilities, including the athletes village and competition venues.

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The British contingent for Seoul will number some 530 competitors and officials who will be housed at the purpose-built Olympic Village well before the opening ceremony on 17 September. The whole team will return to Great Britain on a special flight on 3 October after the close of the Games.

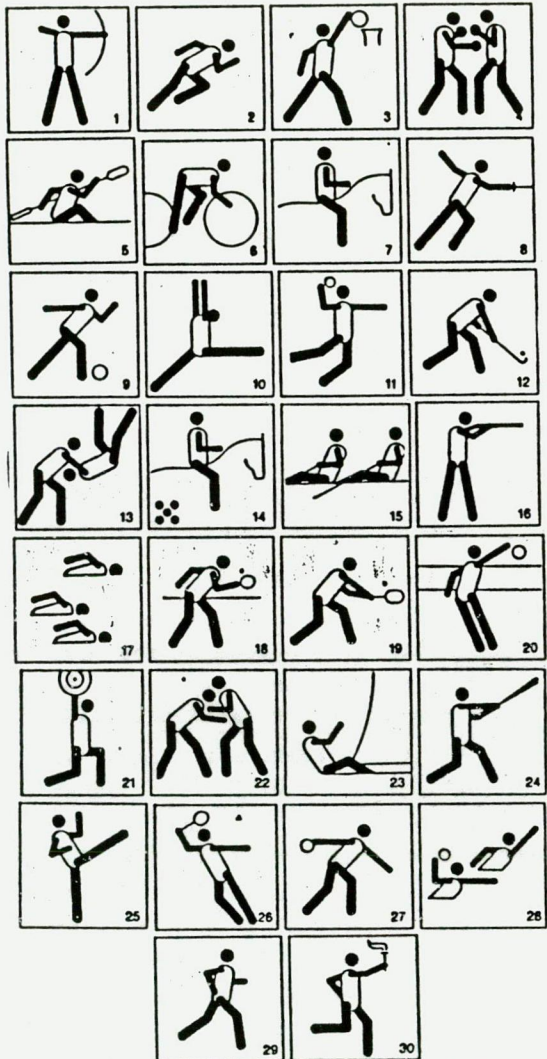
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The Ho Ho Art and Craft International Co. Inc. have been designated as the official licensees for Seoul and Calgary for the United States Olympic Committee for the sale of pins. Their commemorative sets range in price from \$18.00 to \$245.00 (framed and mounted under glass) Postage is extra. For further details write to the Ho Ho Art and Craft International Co. Inc. Ho Ho Art and Craft Building, 21 West 19th Street, New York NY 10011. Please note that these pins have been licensed by the USOC and not the Calgary or Seoul Organising Committees.

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18. Table Tennis
19. Tennis
20. Volleyball.
21. Weightlifting.
22. Wrestling.
23. Yachting.
24. Baseball.
25. Taekwondo.
26. Badminton.
27. Bowling.
28. Water-polo.
29. Marathon.
30. Torch Relay.



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Nearly half the hotel rooms in Seoul have already been reserved for the period of the Games. A number of airlines, including British Caledonian, are due to start direct flights to Seoul before the Games, and the Korean government is lifting the restrictions on charter flights to the capital.

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British middle distance runner, Sebastian Coe, said that he would aim for his third Olympic 1500 metres gold medal in Seoul. At 31, he does not feel that his age is a handicap for anything, least of all athletics. Coe, who won his gold medals in this event in Moscow and Los Angeles said that his training was progressing well and that the achilles tendon injury which caused many problems in 1987 had disappeared.

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3M Australia PTY. Ltd. are official suppliers and sponsors to the Australian Olympic Games team of 1988. They have produced posters, stickers, badges and also a note pad with their logo attached. For further details, write to Ken Golding, Olympic Sponsorship Co-ordinator (Vic) PO Box 338a Mount Waverley, Vic 3149, Australia.



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Another sponsor for the Australian Olympic team, as well as their Alpine team and Commonwealth Games team is BIO ORGANICS. Further information on their promotion may be obtained by writing to Jane Macnaught, PO Box 2262, Richmond South, Vic 3121 Australia.

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North Korea is building a huge Olympic-style sports city for the Games in which it can hope to play only a secondary role if the International Olympic Committee and world politics will let it. Unbeknown to the outside world, a workforce of 250,000 conscripted soldiers and the nations's revolutionary youth organisation have been at work on three sites in the capital, Pyongyang, for twelve months and they have orders to finish the job before the Seoul Games in September 1988. It is impossible to estimate the millions of dollars that are being spent by the government of North Korea's authoritarian leader, Mr Kim Il-sung but it can only be described as possibly the greatest construction job since the ancients built the Great Wall of China. The eleven stadia, including a showpiece 150,000 seat covered main stadium on an island in the Taedong River, are just the tip of the construction iceberg. The entire project amounts to 260 buildings on 35 kilometres of roads, that will eventually provide housing for 25,000 families. There will be three hotels,

theatres, cinemas, a circus, welfare facilities and a student's and children's palace for development of skills and talents for the young, the most important people in North Korea's social structure. There is no doubt that the whole project is to be the crowning glory of Mr Kim's 39 year rule and the showpiece that the 75 year old dictator, known to 20 million subjects as "Our Great Leader", wants the world to see when North Korea finally lifts the last of the great iron curtains. There also seems to be no doubt that the closed door to North Korea will be opened to the western world within the next twelve months, whether or not Pyongyang is allowed to stage the five events it is seeking. soccer, cycling, archery, table tennis and volleyball.

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# NEWS FROM CALGARY

Scottish curlers will represent Great Britain in Calgary when Curling will be one of the three demonstration sports presented by the world's six top teams. Curling was last a demonstration sport at the 1964 Olympic Games in Innsbruck. Prior to this, it was a part of the programme in 1924 Chamonix, 1932 Lake Placid and in 1936 in Garmisch Partenkirchen.

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Jane Torvill and Christopher Dean will be continuing their participation at the Olympic Winter Games. However, instead of taking centre stage on the ice skating rink, Torvill and Dean will be behind the microphones. They have signed an exclusive deal with Australia's Channel Nine to cover the skating events for Australian television.

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A special series of commemorative pins have been produced for the ice hockey events. They are available only in complete sets of twelve medals, each pin showing the flag of one of the participating nations and a hockey player in the national colours. The sets cost \$86.00 each, and are limited to two sets per order. Available from Dominion Sports Marketing Ltd, 3131 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, Sask S4T 0Y5, Canada. This is the fifth set in the series, other sets released so far are Official Emblems, Hidy and Howdy Mascots, Pictograms and a Canada series.

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Sometimes the licensing laws can be a little tricky. The United States Olympic Committee have given permission to the Ho Ho Art and Craft Company to produce Olympic pins with the official logos of Calgary and Seoul. This they are at liberty to do, but as I understand it, these items may not be sold officially in Canada where Ho Ho's agreement with the USOC is not valid.

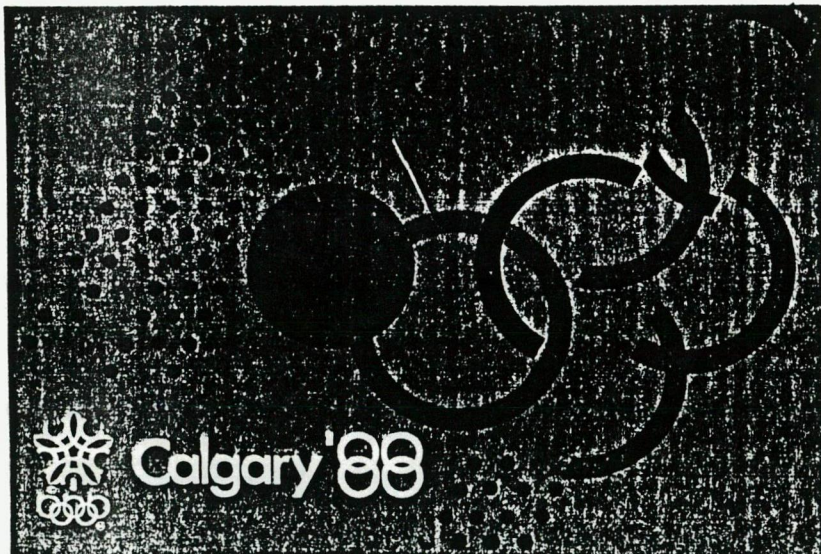
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Pin collectors should have a field day during the Winter Games. In the International Coca Cola Plaza, which is situated directly opposite the Olympic Plaza where the medal ceremonies will take place each evening, there will be special areas set aside for the trading of pins and other collectibles. Collectors particularly interested in pins should make sure that they obtain the

newsletter, PIN PLATFORM, available from 3131 Dewdney Street, Regina, Sask. S4T 0Y5, Canada. Their regular newsletter contains all the latest news and information where pins may be obtained.

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A new postcard has been sent out by the Organising Committee for the Olympic Winter Games, though it is not sure whether this emanates from them or was merely sanctioned. The front of the card, with a background in turquoise green, has broken rings in two shades of fuschia and yellow ochre. The Olympic rings and logo, as well as the inscription Calgary '88 are printed in white.



The reverse of the card, printed on matt, white paper, has the Hidy and Howdy logo at the upper left of the message side, and the inscription as illustrated. This card was sent out with the August 1987 media pack by the organising committee. It is not known whether it was also on sale in Calgary and

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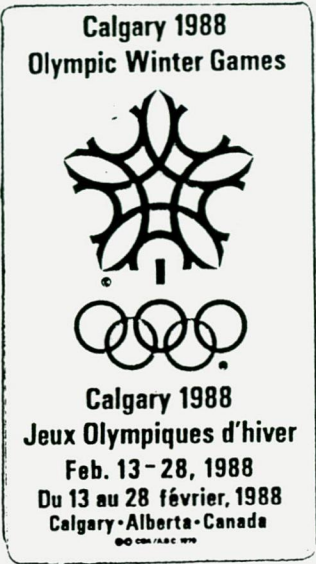
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other parts of Alberta and western Canada.

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The Calgary organising committee have been using a sticker or vignette on mail sent from their office which shows the Winter Games logo in red, the Olympic rings in their correct colours and the bilingual inscription CALGARY 1988 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES in French and English in black. The dates of the Games are printed in red. Several of these stickers are also included in the media pack sent out by the organising committee. Also included in the latest media pack is an Olympic pin in red enamel on a "gold" ground which has the Winter logo, the Olympic rings and the inscription CALGARY '88. A tin badge, similar to the postcard already described, is also included in the media pack.

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Member Mark Maestrono reports that he has heard from Canada Post regarding their special arrangements for philatelists during the Games. There will be no cancellations to commemorate the Olympic Torch Run, and Canada Post are not aware if any special commemorative Registration labels or meter cancellations will be available. However, cancellations will be available at selected post offices in Calgary, as well as at Nakiska (Mount Allen) and at Canmore. These cancellations will be of a "hand back" nature. There will be no charge for this hand back service. A complete set of cancellations will also be available through Canada Post and the normal charge (15 cents per cover plus postage) will apply for customers own covers. Hand back cancellations will be available with a Calgary cancellation at Station G, Station M, Station F, Station J and N.D.O. Calgary. The Canmore cancellation will be used at Canmore Post Office, and the Nakiska cancellation at Nakiska (Kananaskis). The address to write for cancellations is Canada Post Corporation, Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2R8 Canada.



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Closing Ceremonies



Nordic Combined.



Alpine Skiing



Cross Country



Biathlon.



Disabled Skiing  
Canmore.



Free Style Skiing

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 Australia will contest the Winter Olympic bobsledding competition for the first time in Calgary. Toyota has donated four new sleds and the six man team will be the youngest in the fifty-strong entry from 35 countries. Before Toyota's gesture, it seemed that lack of sponsorship would prevent Australia's participation. Team captain Adrian DiPiazza said that the sleds would give the team machinery that was equal to any in the world. Australia does not have a bobsled run, and the team has been practicing in a home-made "billy cart" in various car parks!  
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The US Virgin Islands, a semi-tropical island group in the Caribbean, will field a nine person Winter Olympic team for the first time in their history. The squad will consist of two bobsled teams two skiers and two luge sliders. Fielding an Olympic Winter team from islands where the average temperature is in the 30s and the notion of snow is remote, poses obstacles in the way of training, said Bill Beer, the team spokesman. The team has been training in a school in Innsbruck, where they needed to obtain bobsled licences in order to qualify.

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Organisers in Calgary may cut the number of team officials allowed to attend, after being flooded with accreditation requests. Accreditation Manager, Claire Potvin, said that the Olympic Organising Committee will draft a policy to keep the size of visiting teams to reasonable limits. In some instances, teams have requested permission to send twice as many officials as athletes. So far, 2,547 athletes and team officials from 60 countries have said that they will attend the Games. At the time of writing twelve nations had still to report their intention to participate, but the numbers are already a record.

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Melbourne, Australia, speed skater Colin Coates will try to become the first athlete in the world to compete in six Olympic Winter Games. Coates, 41, was selected as a coach on the Australian team for the snow and ice sports. However, he said that he hoped to compete in the 10 kilometres race, if he qualifies. Coates has skated at the past five Winter Games, an Australian record for either Summer or Winter Games. However, Coates has some way to go to equal the eight Olympic Games achieved by the Italian rider Raimundo D'Inzeo, who competed between 1948 & 1976.

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### SPRING STAMPEX 1-6 MARCH 1988

A special Olympic handstamp will be in use throughout the period of the exhibition, and the Society has produced a souvenir postcard showing Dorando Pietri that can be used with it. Members who would like to arrange their own handstamp can send for the card in advance. Cards cost 25 pence each (mint) or £1.00 for five. P&P 20 pence for up to five cards, 40 pence for more. Write to Bob Wilcock, 24 Hamilton Crescent, Brentwood, Essex CM14 Handstamped cards will be available after the exhibition at £1.25 each. P&P as above.

# NEWS

Adidas U.K. Ltd have been appointed as the official suppliers of sports clothing to the 1988 Great Britain Olympic teams. The new range of track suits, leisure suits and other sports wear has been specially designed and was revealed at a special press launch on 14 September 1987 at the Royal Garden Hotel in London.

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C and A, the chain stores, have agreed to outfit the British Winter Olympic Games team, and as the largest distributors of winter sports clothing they will bring their experience and expertise into this area of outfitting the competitors.

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In a little heralded invasion of the Netherlands, a team of some one hundred and ten youngsters aged between 13 and 16 years, took part in the International Youth Olympic Days in Pappendal near Arnhem as a part of the celebrations for the 75th Anniversary of the Dutch Olympic Association. In two days of competition against Holland, Italy, Austria, Belgium and West Germany, the British youngsters came out as the clear overall winners. The British team took part in nine of the eleven events, athletics, cycling, diving, equestrian, gymnastics, handball, judo, table tennis and tennis. The Belgian Olympic Committee hope to arrange a similar event in 1989 for their own anniversary.

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Preparation Olympique is an organisation to help the French team prepare for the 1988 Games. The logo of the organisation which is incorporated into their meter cancellation, is a skilfully adapted map of France into a face over an Olympic flame.



The Olympic cauldron which flickered up in the stands of the Melbourne Cricket Grounds during the 1956 Olympic Games has been gathering dust in a Melbourne council depot. This was despite an intense search by the Australian Gallery of Sport. The Gallery, which celebrated its opening in 1986 was unable to trace one of its most obvious exhibits. Just as the first Olympic exhibition was closing, and the gallery's curators had given up hope of finding the cauldron, they received a phone call from Melbourne City Council. Now the cauldron is in its rightful place at the M.C.G. Thirty years later, it appears a little battered, and even a recent painting job cannot hide some fairly rough welding, but it still evokes wonderful memories of those days in November.

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 Tip Top Bakeries, a member of the bread division of George Weston Foods Ltd in Australia are the official sponsors, and suppliers of bread to the 1988 Australian Olympic team. For further details write to them at Canberra House, 40 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra ACT 2600, Australia.

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 Kenya issued five stamps and a miniature sheet for the 4th All African Games on 5 August 1987. They were designed by Fernandes of Nairobi and lithographed by Thomas de la Rue on unwatermarked paper. The designs show Volleyball (1/-) Cycling (3/-) Boxing (4/-) Swimming (5/-) and Steeple Chase (7/-). The miniature sheet shows the Kasarani Sports complex and has a face value of 30/-.



To add to the postal stationery card issued by the Dutch Olympic Committee to celebrate their 75th Anniversary, a meter cancellation is also being used by the National Olympic Committee.



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Lillehammer in Norway are already going full steam ahead in their aim to win the nomination to host the 1994 Olympic Winter Games. The magazine THE TORCH, which was originally published to further their bid to win the 1992 Games, has been modified and continues to be produced. Active publicity for the city is ensuring that big businesses are attracted there, and many are investing heavily in the future of Lillehammer. A new indoor ice stadium is being built, which should be finished by December 1988. The first major event to be held there will be the B League World Ice Hockey Championships, which will take place in March and April 1989. Fourteen of the twenty eight matches will be held in Lillehammer, the others taking place in Oslo.

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Italy issued two stamps on 29 August; the one to commemorate the World Athletic Championships, the other to commemorate Olympilex '87. Both stamps were designed by A.Rinnaudo and printed on unwatermarked fluorescent paper.

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Hungary issued a miniature sheet on 20 May in honour of the three major international 1987 stamp exhibitions. There are three stamps in the sheet in vertical format. The top stamp shows a view of Toronto with a tab showing the CAPEX logo, the central stamps shows the venue of Olympilex with the exhibition logo attached, and the lower stamps shows a view of Copenhagen and the logo of HAFNIA. The stamps were designed by

Laszlo Dudas and lithographed by the State Printing Office. Perforated 11, this sheet was also produced in limited quantity imperforate.

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Three covers have been produced to commemorate the nomination of Barcelona for the 1992 Summer Games, all on 15 July 1987, the first day of two Spanish stamp issues to commemorate the event. Identical postmarks were used in Barcelona and Madrid. FLASH, the Spanish cover designers are believed to have issued other, different covers as well. They were also responsible for producing the first day cover for Andorra's new souvenir sheet, issued on 20 July 1987, to commemorate the forthcoming Olympic Games in Barcelona, the first nation to do so.

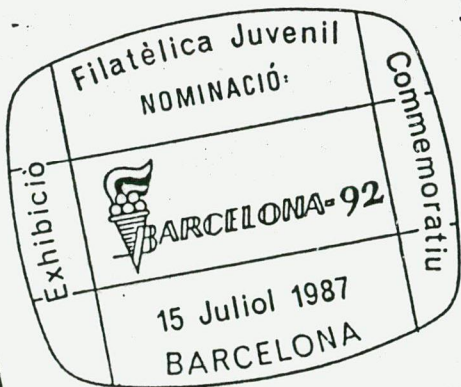
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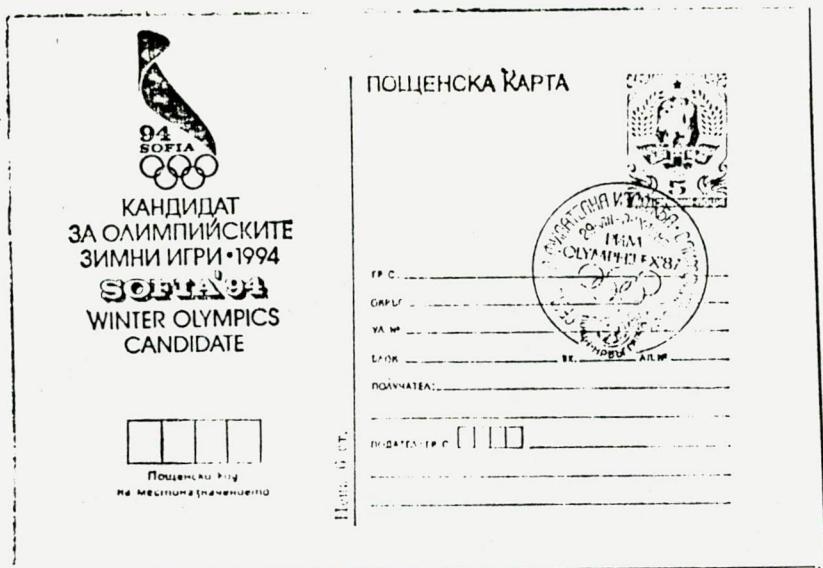
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The Princess Royal launched the £2 million public appeal towards the cost of sending the British teams to both the 1988 Winter and Summer Games on 14 October 1987. Unlike some other nations, the British government does not finance the Olympic teams. The money necessary is provided by sponsorship and by the public. It is estimated that it will cost £2.5 million for transportation and equipment. Before the appeal was launched, some £500,000 had already been pledged by company sponsorship. Mars Confectionery has pledged support by becoming an official sponsor and supplier of snack foods to the British team. To help raise awareness and support for the team, the company's products sold next year will carry the official Olympic logo and the appeal will be further boosted by advertising. The British team is the largest ever with a total of 760 competitors and officials. Princess Anne was herself a competitor in the Olympic Games in 1976, when she was a part of the British equestrian team. She is now the President of the British Olympic Association and is known to work very actively on their behalf.

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Sofia, Winter candidate for 1992. Further information is now available on the roller slogan cancellations described in the August 1987 Torch Bearer (pp.124-5). They were in fact introduced in July 1986, the earliest date seen being 22 July (Sofia). Up to 24 September the Varna roller had wavy lines in the second segment. On 25 September the wavy lines were replaced by a United Nations 'peace' slogan inverted.



Sofia is also bidding for the 1994 Olympic Winter games. A postal stationery card has been published showing the new logo, which is completely different to that used for the 1992 bid. The illustration shows the new card with the cancellation of Olymphilex in Rome in August/September 1987.

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 The German stamp house, Richard Borek, continues to offer new issues for the 1988 Games. New releases from Grenada, Paraguay and Bolivia, amongst others. At recent auctions in Germany, complete collections of previous Olympiads are offered at a fraction of the cost price. These special albums are NEVER a good investment, and rarely, if ever, will earn for the buyer the price that he paid in the first place.

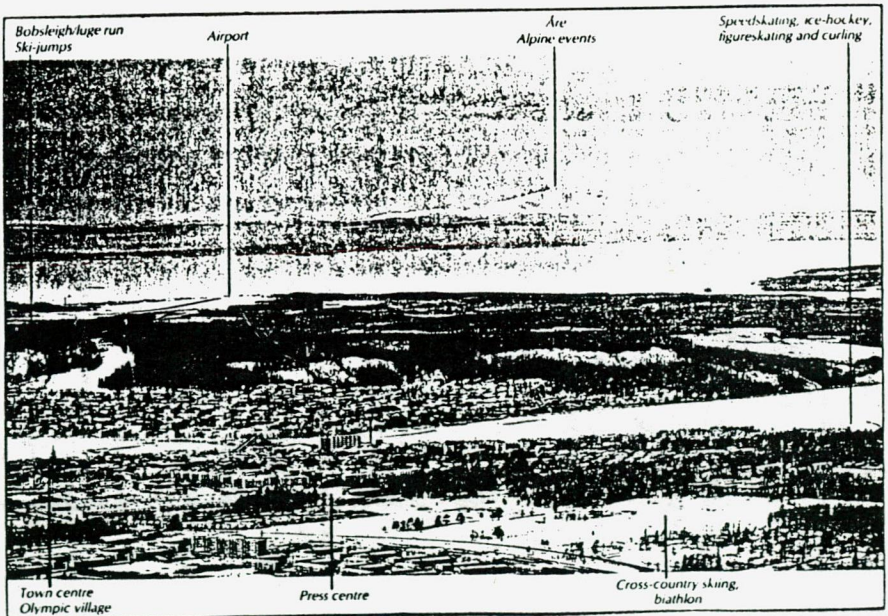
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On 8 October 1987, a single stamp, valued at Rs 10 was issued by Sri Lanka to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka, which was formed in 1937. Sri Lanka or Ceylon as it was then, first took part in an Olympic Games in London in 1948. On that occasion, their hurdler, Duncan White, won a silver medal in the event. A hurdler, presumably representing Duncan White is the central feature of the anniversary's stamp design.



It not only provides an addition to a collection of Olympic stamps, but adds to any thematic collection of the London Games.

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 Sweden is also again a candidate to host the 1994 Olympic Games, though on this occasion Ostersund and not Falun is the chosen candidate. Let us hope that the Scandinavians do not once again fall between two stools, and that neither city is awarded the Winter games. A postcard and a special cancellation have so far been produced to announce the candidature. Members interested in further details should write to the Olympic Candidate Office, Box 1994, S-831 01 Ostersund, Sweden.





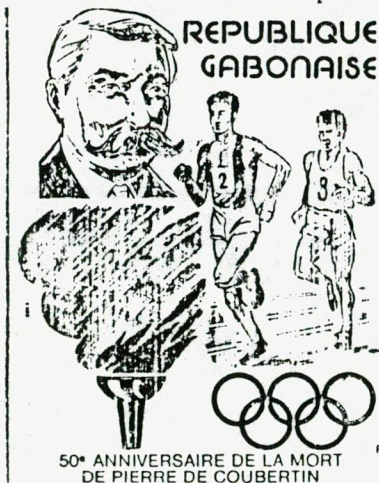
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A single stamp was issued by Sri Lanka on 5 September to mark the 1987 Mahaweli Games. They were designed by W.K.Sanath Rohana and lithographed by the Malaysian Security Printers. The designs shows a Mahaweli farmer holding an Olympic Torch. The Mahaweli logo symbolises the head of the farmer. The stamp is being distributed in this country by CAPHCO. The stamp is valid for postage until 4 March 1988. Printed in sheets of 50 stamps, and perforated 13.



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Gabon released a single stamp on 29 August 1987 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Pierre de Coubertin, who died in Geneva on 2 September 1937.



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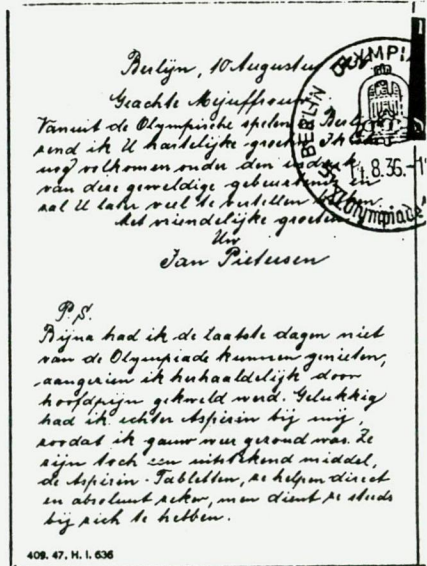
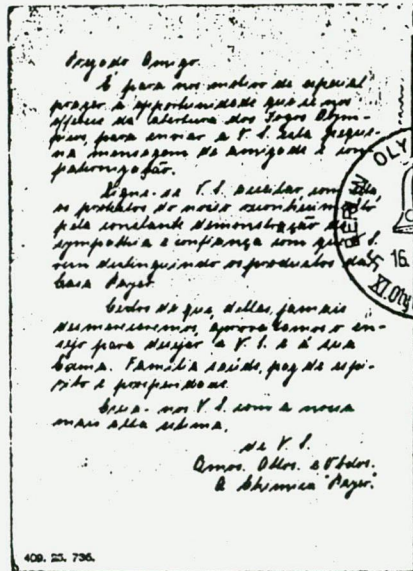
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# MEMBER'S FORUM

More information on the Bayer Chemicals cards. Our Dutch member, Laurentz Jonker sent two more illustrations showing the varieties, on both the Dutch and Portuguese cards. The Dutch card is addressed to Mejuffrouw (Miss), while all the other cards are addressed to either Heer or Heeren (Mister or Messrs) In the case of the Portuguese card, the hand writing is different and the paragraphs are more obviously indented than the card illustrated in the August 1987 issue of TORCH BEARER.



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Member Alan Sabey, 46 Thorncliffe Road, Norwood Green, Southall, Middx UB2 5RQ Great Britain, has an airletter which the 1948 London Games which has been endorsed inside 'Guaranteed Analine F.J. Field'. Could anyone please supply him with more information about such items, and how many exist. Alan collects only the 1948 Games and is interested in buying related items, if members have any duplicates. Details or photocopies should be sent first.

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# VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AT XVI GAMES

Nigel Shipley.

The Organising Committee for the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games initiated a unique feature of volunteer lady drivers who were made available to chauffeur important members of the International Olympic Committee, senior officials and VIP's. No other country had previously organised transport in this manner. The drivers were expected to be ambassadors for Australia and were picked for their tactfulness, consideration and keen sense of responsibility. It was hoped that the resultant value in terms of goodwill and friendly relations would have far-reaching effects abroad.

The volunteers had to pass a driving test and an interview before being selected. Once chosen, briefing meetings were held to discuss operational duties and other matters connected with the appointment.

A special uniform, consisting of a green gabardine skirt, battle jacket and beret, yellow blouse and pigskin shoes and handbag were supplied to all the lady drivers. I have been lucky enough to meet several of these drivers, one of whom was a Miss Phyllis Connor, who was the official driver of General Gustav Dyrssen, then



the President of the International Pentathlon Union. He won an Olympic gold medal in the event at the 1920 Games in Antwerp. Among Miss Connor's possessions, which I was fortunate to acquire, was the diary that she kept for the entire period of her appointment. Below are some extracts:

Saturday, 10 November.....Went to Essendon Overseas Terminal to meet plane at 11.20am carrying Roumanian, Hungarian, Pakistani and Russians. There were hundreds of local Hungarians to meet the team, the men wearing armbands of the national colours with a mourning band across. The revolution in Hungary has just been brutally squashed by the Russians. The Hungarians formed a square around their drooped flag and sang their national anthem. Then someone gave a speech - a Hungarian against the Russians? - and was promptly bundled out by the police....."

".....A taxi parked in front of me was the Russian embassy car, and I was warned not to hit it....."

Saturday 17 November.....I went to the Windsor (Hotel) to pick up General Dyrssen, a Swedish man who is the President of the I.O.C. Pentathlon Union. He won the pentathlon himself in 1920. He is a man over 65 years old, I would say, tall and slim who speaks very good English and is interested in everything...."

Sunday 18 November..... Picked up the general to go to Williamstown for some trial shooting. It rained while we were there, and when I tried to drive off, the back wheels bogged and three men had to lift us out....."

Tuesday 20 November..... I went to Williamstown to pick up Mr and Mrs Peter Scott. He is the son of Scott of the Antarctic and has written a book about torpedoes during the war....."

Thursday 22 November..... The official opening of the Games. I was not on duty, but went over to the depot and was lucky enough to get a lift over to the stadium and get in. We had seats in the front of the members stand and saw everything. It was a most impressive sight and everything went so smoothly. The sun shone, the weather was warm and conditions were perfect.

John Landy took the Oath on behalf of all the athletes, the whole thing was most impressive....."

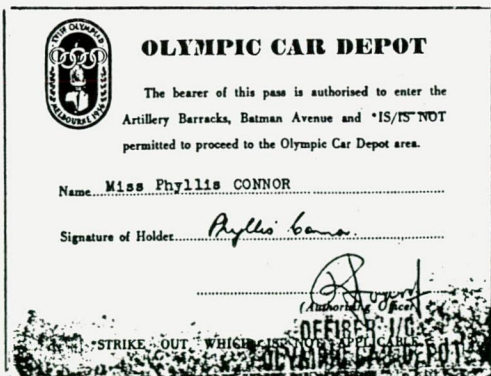
Saturday 24 November. On 4.00pm to Midnight duty. Had to pick up General Dyrssen, but got a message to go to the exhibition. Saw some weightlifting - a most peculiar sport!....."

Sunday 25 November.....Picked up the General at the Village at 10.30am and drove to Dame Mabel Brookes' luncheon party at Cliff House on Mount Eliza. We were not as well looked after as at Dr Deborah Bullen Murphy's. (A previous party)....."

Thursday 29 November..... I went back to St Kilda to pick up General Dyrssen and take him to the West Brighton Yacht Club for diving, where Prince Axel was guest of honour....."

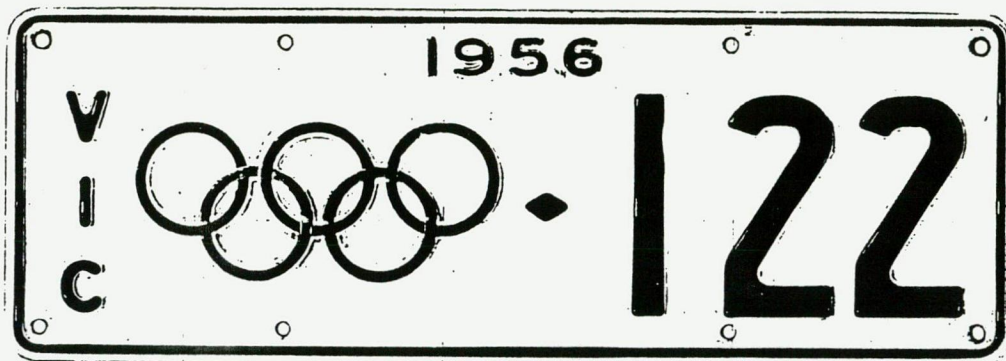
Thursday 8 December.....Closing Ceremony. It was all very moving. A group of drivers formed a guard of honour for the Duke (of Edinburgh?) who said goodbye to us.....then to a huge Olympic party at the exhibition given by the Australian Olympic Committee. The whole of the Exhibition and Royal Ballroom was used and supper and drinks were turned on. I spoke with Mr and Mrs Harold Holt.\* It was quite a night and most enjoyable.

\* Harold Holt was the future Prime Minister of Australia who drowned near Portsea some sixty miles from Melbourne in 1967 while he was in office.



Passes, pennants and number plates for the official cars & drivers.

Each of the one hundred and twenty one cars provided for transportation by the motor industry were leased without charge. The cars averaged 2,300 miles per vehicle, and in total, some 281,088 miles were covered. Petrol and oil were donated by a leading oil company. To identify these cars, special pennants, passes and number plates were issued. Pictured is the number plate that was used by the car in which Prince Axel of Denmark was driven. These number plates are keenly sought after by both Olympic collectors and number plate collectors alike.



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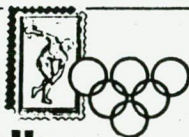
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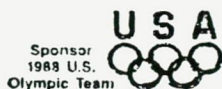
Glenn Estus.

A number of health insurance plans in the United States are currently using slogan messages in their postage meters that mention their sponsorship of the United States 1988 Olympic team. The plans are known as Blue Cross and Blue Shield, which cover both hospital and doctor's expenses. There are over seventy different plans throughout the United States, each independent of the other. Some plans cover only a section of one state, such as Central New York State, or Northern Ohio, while other plans cover more than one state, such as Vermont/New Hampshire and South Dakota/Western Iowa.

According to information received from the National Association of the BC/BS Plans, only a few plans have opted to use message slogans; but these plans have designed messages in a number of different formats. I have tentatively identified and labelled each slogan as follows:

TYPE L.

USA (above Olympic Rings) with SPONSOR/1988 U.S./OLYMPIC TEAM to the left.



PRE-SORTED  
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Plans using Type L.

Maine.

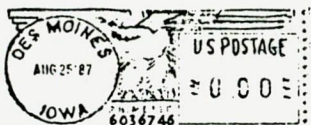
National Capital Area. (including District of Columbia, parts of Virginia and Maryland) First used 18 August 1987.

TYPE R.

USA (above the Olympic Rings) with SPONSOR/1988 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM to the right.



Sponsor  
1988 U.S.  
Olympic Team



Plans using Type R:

Connecticut. (First used June 1987)

Empire. (eastern New York State, including New York City)  
Florida.

Iowa. (First used 13 August 1987)

Louisiana.

Vermont/New Hampshire. (First used 3 January 1987)

Western Iowa/South Dakota. (First used 10 June 1987)

Western New York. (Buffalo, NY and environs) (First used April '87)

TYPE A.

USA (above Olympic Rings) with SPONSOR 1988/U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM  
above the rings.



Plans using Type A:

Greater Utica (New York State.)

TYPE LE.

Similar to type L, but with BC and BS emblem to the left of the  
slogan, and three lines above and below.



# LAUSANNE, SWISS CANDIDATE

Mark Maestrone.

The city of Lausanne, chosen by the Swiss Olympic Committee as its candidate to host the XVIIth Olympic Winter Games, is now using a new meter and logo to announce its candidacy. This new logo and meter have been developed to conform to the new date of the Winter Games of the XVIth Olympiad, (XVIIth Olympic Winter Games) to be held in 1994 instead of 1996.



LAUSANNE '94



The new logo shows a stylistic mountain composed of white strips on a dark background, (either red as on their labels, or charcoal as on their stationery) The name, LAUSANNE '94 in block letters appears above and the Olympic rings below.

The new slogan meter cancellation incorporates the logo into a rectangular box with wording to the left: LAUSANNE '94 CANDIDATE SUISSE XVII JEUX OLYMPIQUES D'HIVER 1994. The meter is red and bears the machine number 1091, the same number as the previous meter cancellation.

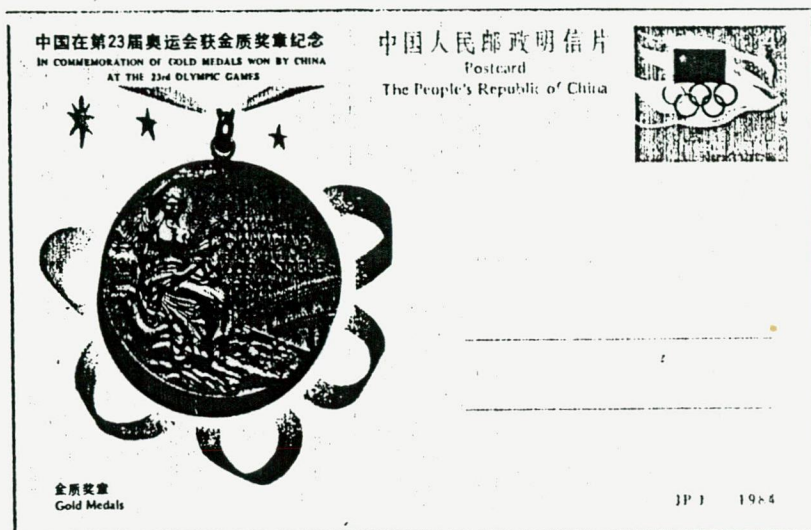
Promotional material with the mailing included a four panel fold-out brochure briefly describing the ten advantages of Lausanne as a Winter Olympic host, as well as four different vertical stickers with the logo. Three smaller stickers (65mm x 120mm) show the logo illustrated above in various colour combinations. The fourth sticker (92mm x 137mm) adds the names of the nine venue cities and towns involved in the Lausanne candidacy. Requests for promotional material and meter cancellations should be sent to: Lausanne '94 Candidature Committee, 2 Avenue de Rhodanie, Case Postale 114, CH-1000 Lausanne 6, Switzerland.

# A CHINESE DELUGE FROM 1984

Shlomo Vurgan.

A colleague from Hong Kong has sent me a set of sixteen official postcards to commemorate the gold medals won by the People's Republic of China at the 23rd Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Fifteen cards in the set have a face value of 4 yuan, and one has a face value of 70 fen. Does anyone know what these rates represent. Does anyone know the inland and overseas postcard rates that were in use at that time?

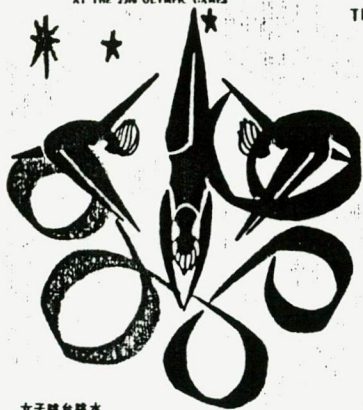
I tried to obtain an example of the cards with a day of issue postmark, but could not get one; nor could I get a serviced postcard. Does anyone know the date of issue? Does anyone, anywhere have a postally used card?



The stylised Olympic rings on the design are printed in the five Olympic colours, the silhouettes are in black. On the reverse of the gold medal card is a printed list of the Chinese medal winners. The high value card shows Women's volleyball on the design side.

中国在第23届奥运会获金质奖章纪念  
IN COMMEMORATION OF GOLD MEDALS WON BY CHINA  
AT THE 23rd OLYMPIC GAMES

中国人民邮政明信片  
Postcard  
The People's Republic of China



女子跳台跳水  
Women's Platform Diving

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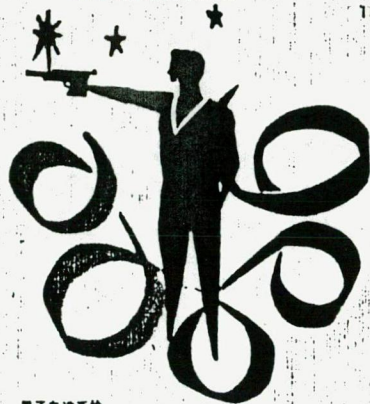
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67.5公斤级举重  
Weightlifting in 67.5kg Class

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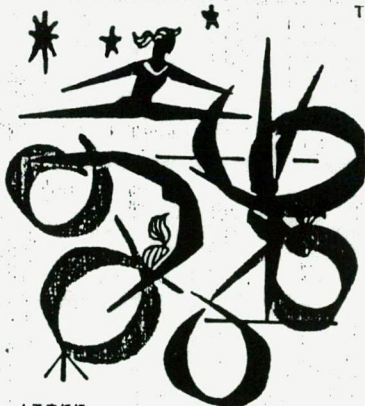
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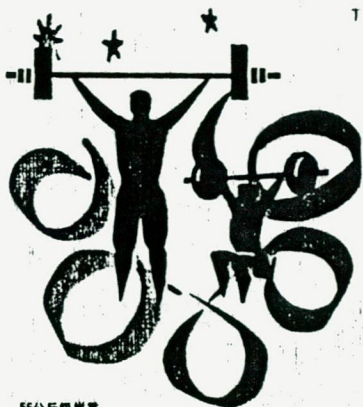
男子自选手枪  
Men's Free Pistol

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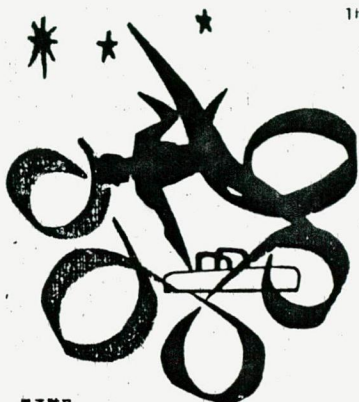
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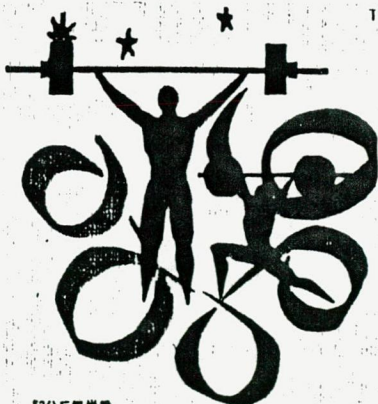
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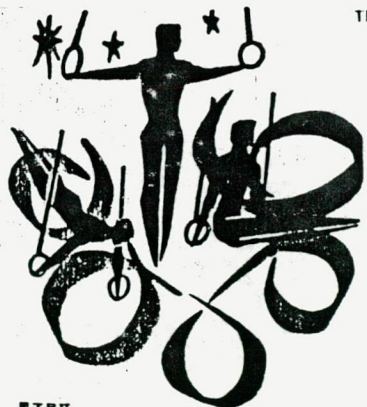
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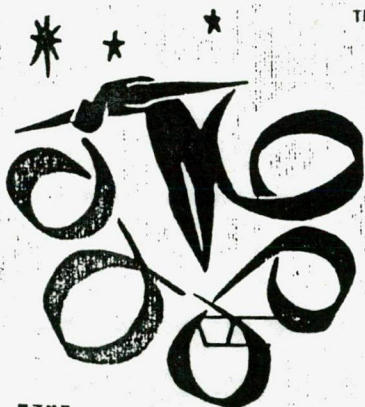
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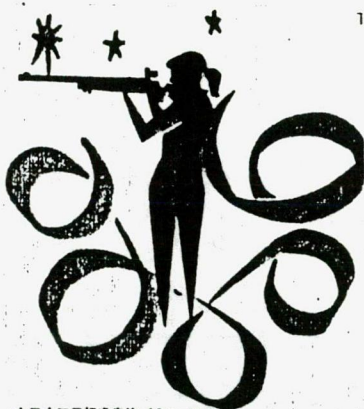
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女子花剑个人  
Women's Individual Foll Fencing



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Men's Vaulting Horse in Gymnastics



女子小口径标准步枪 (3 × 20)  
Women's Small-bore Standard Rifle (3x20)

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中国人民邮政明信片  
Postcard  
The People's Republic of China



女子排球  
Women's Volleyball

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JP 1 1984

My friend also sent me two Chinese cards from the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, with an imprinted date, 1984. 7. 28 at the bottom. These cards use the official LA logo, but by the quality of the printing, I would doubt that they were produced in the United States. Were these cards circulated in Los Angeles at the time? Did they bear date of issue postmarks? The two cards illustrated have Chinese postmarks from 30 July and 13 August. The latter bears an additional violet rubber stamp incorporating the five Olympic rings.

If anyone has any further details of the Chinese items, please let your Editor know.



# LAUSANNE, OLYMPIC MERIDIAN

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Vsevolod Foorman.

Amongst the Olympic cities, Lausanne has a special place. The large tourist centre and health resort in the south-west of Switzerland is linked to the International Olympic Committee for more than seven decades and carries out the important mission of making peace, co-operation and goodwill.

The fortunes of the ancient city and the very young (at that time) modern Olympic Movement came into contact with each other in May 1913 when the Olympic Congress and the 10th IOC Session was held there. Two years later they became entwined. The fire of the First World War caused de Coubertin to leave Paris for Lausanne. On 10 April 1915 the Mayor of that city and the IOC President signed an agreement which provided the IOC with their new headquarters in Lausanne.

Glancing back we can say with certainty that a long and happy relationship between the city's authority and the governing body of the Olympic Movement has been mutually useful and has played a great role in the history of Olympism. Since that first session, seven more IOC sessions have been held in hospitable Lausanne; in 1919, 1921, 1929, 1946, 1975, 1984 and 1986. As well as the Olympic Congress of 1921, the official celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the revival of the Olympic Games. The city became the keeper of the Olympic relics when the Museum was opened in 1934 and a place for settling moot points (an arbitary tribunal was founded in 1982)

The residence of the IOC headquarters in Lausanne had a wholesome effect on the life and development of the city. The world championships, European championships and large international competitions were held there and are being planned for the future. The IOC's presence encourages the citizens to participate actively in sports and stimulates building and investment.

The historical facts confirm the correctness of these opinions. In 1937 Pierre de Coubertin became an honorary citizen of Lausanne and in 1982 the city was given the title "Olympic". The IOC links to the city give rise to various interesting philatelic items. It is interesting to note that after issuing the first stamp to commemorate Lausanne (Yvert No.231) with the image of the old emblem of the city, the next issue with a Lausanne connection was that issued in 1944 for the 50th anniversary of the revival of the Olympic Games, and is full of Olympic symbolism. (Yvert Nos. 392-94) The world was still struggling against Fascism, but the post office asked its users to remember the Olympic jubilee.



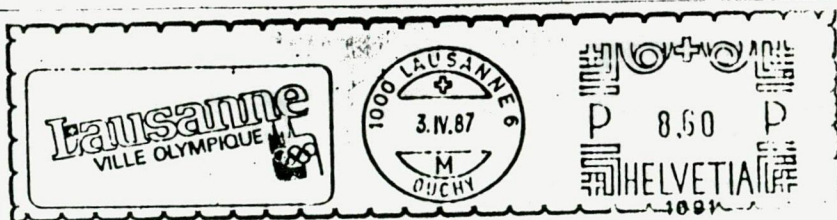
The small reproductions of the Apollo sculpture in its perforated frame, (a detail from the composition the Lapiths and the Centaurs which decorated the western pediment of the Zeus temple at ancient Olympia) combined with the Olympic rings were seen as the omen for the eventual victory over Fascism and an announcement of future Olympic festivals of sport.

Special date stamps were made in the same theme, and a postage

meter cancellation which further echoed the theme was used for four months, May-August 1944, at a post office near the railway station. A hand cancellation was used at a mobile post office from 17 June until 3 July 1944.

When writing about the philatelic symbols of Lausanne, it should be noted that the most famous image on postage stamps is the cathedral, a relic of the early Middle Ages, and the architectural symbol of the city. Quite naturally, the Gothic silhouette of the cathedral with its peaked spires should be added to the five interlaced rings to become the contemporary emblem of "Lausanne, Ville Olympique". However, when the Swiss issued a stamp to celebrate the occasion, they preferred a picturesque view of Lake Geneva. The interlaced rings and text however, suit the stamp's design very well. (Yvert No. 1198)

Not long ago, the local centre for tourism and congresses began to use the emblem and motto of the city. It is expressively illustrated in the meter cancellations. (the prints are made with a block of red colour) Later we shall refer to the original cancels of the tourist centre, but first, to discuss the cancels of the I.O.C headquarters and its various functions.



It was at the I.O.C. headquarters that the idea was first mooted to use the post, or more correctly the slogan section of their meter cancellations as a means of advertising the events in their sporting calendar. Nowadays there are more than twenty such announcements, not only dealing with the I.O.C.'s sporting activities. Jubilees, meetings, symposiums as well as forthcoming Olympic Games have all been announced through slogan meter cancellations. Among them, great interest has been aroused for meter cancellations popularising such events as Olympic Week, the "20 kilometres de Lausanne", the Tour de Suisse ( a cycle race from Lausanne to Kreitzlingen), the Olympic Prize (a contest

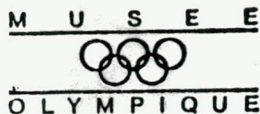
for the best Olympic stamp) among other events.



All these events were organised through I.O.C. initiative and were patronised by them. It can be seen that the I.O.C. exert a positive influence on the city. When not advertising a special event, the I.O.C. headquarters uses the Citius Altius Fortius Olympic motto as its slogan.



Both the Olympic Solidarity programme and the Olympic Museum in Lausanne use their own meter cancellations.



The city has its own philatelic traditions. In 1955 the national philatelic exhibition was held there, which was very successful and well attended by collectors. As for the Olympic theme,

the priority of Lausanne in this direction is unquestionable. Even before the first post war Olympic Games in St.Moritz in 1948, the post office at the railway station cancelled letters with a slogan cancellation asking the public to buy Olympic postage stamps

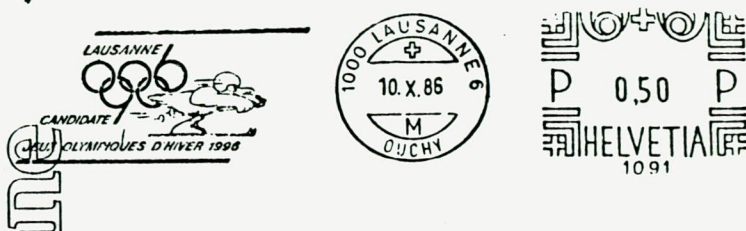
In course of time, the Olympic Museum added a new section which contained exhibits showing postal items. In December 1982, through the efforts of the President of the I.O.C., Juan Antonio Samaranch, the International Federation de Philatelie Olympique (F.I.P.O.) was founded in Lausanne. The centre of the Olympic Movement became the centre of its postal history. The natural next stage in this process of winning philatelic prestige for Lausanne was the international exhibition OLYMPHILEX '85, which was marked by the issue of postage stamps from many countries.

Standing at the cross roads of Olympic events, Lausanne dreamt about the main goal, hosting the Olympic Games. The city put forward its candidature four times, and failed each time. The Games of 1940, 1944, 1952 and 1960 were either cancelled or held in other cities. However, the Lausanne townsfolk did not nurse a grievance. The links with the I.O.C. were not loosened, on the contrary, its offices were provided with ever-widening possibilities to improve the conditions for their work. In 1968 the I.O.C. residence moved from the Villa Mon Repos to the Chateau de Vidy. In 1981 the I.O.C. was given the status of an extra-governmental organisation. After its reconstruction the Olympic Museum opened its doors in the Avenue Ruchonnet in 1982, and in 1986 there was the inauguration of a new administrative building. For the future, the I.O.C. and the city share a plot in a forest park with an area of 12,000 square metres at Quai Ouchy.



In 1984 the I.O.C. celebrated ninety years of existence. Naturally, they marked the event with a suitable meter cancellation. How much greater will be the celebrations in 1994!

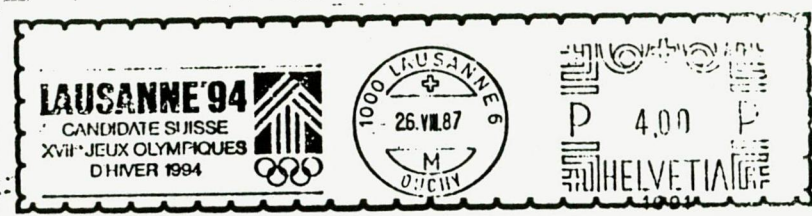
In 1985 the municipality of Lausanne put forward that city as their candidate to host the 1996 Olympic Winter Games. There was a new meter cancellation from the Bureau of Tourism and Congresses which announced the fact to the whole world. It should be noted that the cancellation incorporated a skiing bird. This was not purely the artist's fancy. It was the future Games mascot and logo, a seagull.



However, necessity changed the plans of the Lausanne inhabitants. At the 91st Session of the I.O.C. the decision was taken to alter the traditional cycle of the Games. In future, while the Summer Games would continue unaltered, the winter Games would be moved by two years, so that they would fall in the middle of each Olympiad. The last Olympic Winter Games of the old type would be celebrated in Albertville in the late winter of 1992. The next Winter Games would take place two years later in 1994.

The sudden turn of events did not discourage the enthusiasts. They made an application to host the XVII Olympic Winter Games in 1994 in Lausanne. Nine cantons from western Switzerland's mountain areas supported their candidature and expressed their willingness to render their services and facilities for holding the many types of competition. The preliminary emblem of the Games has already been designed and has become the illustration for the new meter cancellation. The text has a remarkable detail, as it refers to the fact that Lausanne is the SWISS candidate. Previously, the National Olympic Committee were undecided, and Interlaken was also considered as a possible host. With the new

wording, it is now clear that the Swiss Olympic Committee is behind Lausanne's bid.



So, the first hurdle is over, the first victory has been won. Let us hope that the luck will not leave the city in the future and in 1994 the Olympic Meridian will cross Lausanne.

Let us hope for that, and give it our support.



Used by the I.O.C. to promote Olympic Week in 1983. Meter cancellations from the I.O.C. headquarters at Chateau de Vidy use Machine number 11416.

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!

SPRING STAMPEX, being held at the Royal Horticultural Halls, Greycoat Street, London SW1 from 1-6 March 1988 will probably be the largest Olympic exhibition held in this country. There will be over a hundred frames and showcases showing Olympic philately and memorabilia. Can YOU afford to miss it? There will be an Olympic handstamp in use each day the exhibition is open and your Society has produced a souvenir postcard which will only be available through the Society or at the Society's stand at the exhibition. The British Olympic Association, Much Wenlock Museum, several postal administrations, as well as members of the Society will be taking part in this exciting venture. BE PART OF IT! Mint cards are available in advance from Bob Wilcock at 25 pence per card, or £1.25 for five cards. Postage and packing, 20 pence for up to five cards, 40 pence for over five cards.

# THE THIRD RAISING OF THE FLAG

Sherwin Podolsky.

In the article "Politics and the Olympic Games" by Manfred Bergman, (TORCH BEARER, December 1984) it was stated that the Olympic Flag was raised in San Francisco on 18 March 1915.... "before the session of the International Olympic Committee, at the time of the San Francisco Exhibition.

Since there is no corroboration in the International Olympic Committee's Golden Book, I asked Dr Bergman for verification. He explained that the original article was in German and that something had got lost in the translation into English.

Dr Bergman gives the correct translation thus: "The Olympic Flag was raised on the occasion of the San Francisco Fair on 18.3.1915. On this day, the Fair honoured the I.O.C.. It was called the Day of the International Olympic Committee. Thus, there was no flag raising for a session of the I.O.C. Nor was there a session of the I.O.C. during the war. The I.O.C.'s Golden Book lists a session in 1914 in Paris and in Lausanne in 1919. More exact dates are not given.

Bergman says that the reason why the Americans made the Day of the International Olympic Committee was because they hoped to have the Games transferred from Berlin to the United States in 1916. However, de Coubertin opposed the idea.

William J. Bonar's book "Postal Markings of United States Expositions" (published in 1986) has more to say about the fair. It became known as the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and was held in San Francisco from 20 February until 4 December 1915. There are two categories of cancellations:

1. Model Post Office Station, San Francisco
2. Advertising publicity slogan machine cancels.

In the first category, all the cancellations,(machine and hand

types) bear the name of the host city, San Francisco, and the words "Model Post Office", or a variation of the same. (Figures 1 to 6) The second category of cancellation is similar to figure 2, except that the wording is "World's Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco 1915". Variations include flag styles and the slogan without box lines. The second category was used in many post offices in the western United States.

The cancellations of the first category (Figures 1 to 6) were the ones that were used at the exhibition grounds and are therefore of the greatest interest to the Olympic philatelist. Figure 2 is an international machine type and is generally considered to be the most common. Discussion must be made of the commemorative stamps, a set of four denominations in two different perforations.

The Scott specialised catalogue of U.S. stamps illustrates only Figure 2 cancellation and prices this type of cancel for each of the commemorative stamps on cover. Bonar values the 1¢ perf 12 on cover at \$15.00, whereas Scott lists it at \$50.00 (priced in italics) in the 1986 catalogue. Bonar agrees with the other Scott valuations. The other cancellations are scarcer (Figures 1, 3-6) but the cancel shown in Figure 4 is a sample or proof, and is generally found on unaddressed covers. The Figure 5 cancel is found on registered covers, and this cancel may also be found on loose commemorative stamps. A variation of Figure 5 also exists with the initials "M.P.O." within the central oval. Bonar mentions two other varieties, but the key to their identification is the name of the host city and the words "Model Post Office" or any abbreviation of the same.

Bonar also warns against overlooking precancels with the host city name printed on the commemorative stamps. These are much cheaper than otherwise fine used stamps.

In my opinion, the item to be sought by the Olympic Flag philatelist is a cover with a dated San Francisco Model Post Office cancellation. That date should be 18 March 1915. This gem, mounted on a page, perhaps with a stamp showing the Olympic Flag and appropriately written up, should adequately tell the story.



Figure 2

Figure 1



Figure 3

Figure 5



Figure 4

Figure 6

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**LATE NEWS**

Our Greek member, "Pandy" Drossos, sent the illustrated cancel which was used in Athens for one day only to mark the lighting of the Olympic Torch and its arrival in the Greek capital on its way to Canada on 17 November 1987.



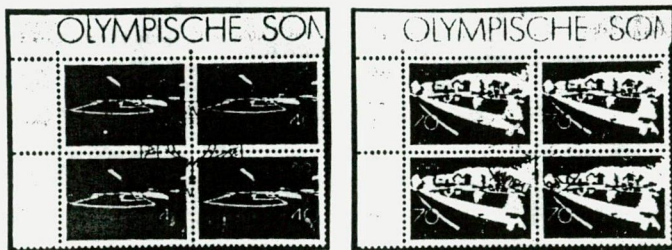
# 1980 LIECHTENSTEIN ISSUE

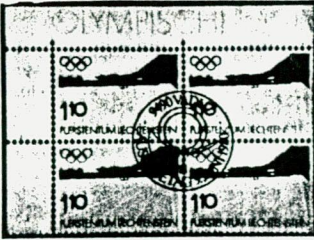
Sidney Amery.

In 1980, after the Russians marched into Afghanistan, several nations decided to boycott the Moscow Olympic Games, and those that had already released stamps to mark the event, either withdrew them from sale, as did the United States, or destroyed the entire printing before they came on the market. It may be recalled that this was the case in Germany, except that a few sheets remained in the hands of the then postmaster general, Herr Gscheidle. It appears that a similar situation happened in Liechtenstein.

The Liechtenstein government decided to destroy their proposed Olympic issue on 29 April 1980. At that time, only a few advance copies had been sent to magazine editors for publicity purposes. It is understood that sixty six such complete sets were sent to the press world-wide, and only forty six sets were returned when asked to do so. Although most of the stocks were destroyed, it is now clear that not all were, and the question now is, how many sets are secreted away?

The first Liechtenstein 1980 unissued Olympic stamp was offered for sale by the Hamburg auction house, Wolfgang Jakubek in 1984, where it fetched DM43,700, something over £14,200. The stamps were supposedly burned in the incinerator of Bruchs in Switzerland. It has been said that when the sheets were thrown on the fire, only the outer sheets burned, and the inner stamps survived as carbonised lumps. At least one such set which survived the fire has now appeared.

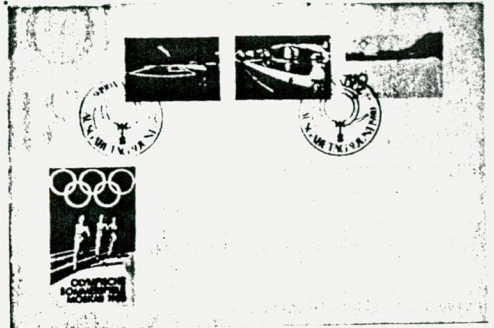




Liechtenstein have now admitted that there is a third source for these illegal Olympic issues, which came on to the market by criminal action. Of these, three hundred sets are believed to exist. In October 1986, the Liechtenstein authorities issued a confis-

cation order against Heinz Gehri of Erlen, then living in Bischofzell in Switzerland. This act was instigated to obtain Herr Gehri's holdings of the unissued Olympic stamps, and some three hundred sets were taken away on that occasion. The question now is, where did those stamps come from? Gehri states that he bought the stamps in Zurich for Swiss Francs 1.68 million, but they were probably stolen when the unissued stamps were destroyed. Among the confiscated stamps were the only known set in blocks of four with a first day cancellation. First day covers and maximum cards were also found.

One of the first day covers was offered for sale at a Jakubek auction with a reserve of DM15,000 (£5000) but it was withdrawn before the sale from pressure by the Liechtenstein authorities. It is a problem that is likely to rumble on for quite a considerable time



since it is not clear what the legal situation is for those who bought the stamps in good faith. With hindsight, the U.S. Postal Authorities probably had the right attitude. By reissuing the stamps after the close of the Moscow Games, they ensured that none of the problems that followed the discovery of the German and Liechtenstein issues applied to them.

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# SCARCITY TABLE FOR PARIS GAMES

Henri Trachtenberg.

This article first appeared in JSP in 1985, and is reprinted here as a tribute to Henri, who died in July 1987, aged 79 yrs.

The machine and hand cancellations of the 1924 Paris Olympic Games have always been popular with Olympic collectors. Even today, the machine types occasionally turn up in dealers boxes, particularly at post card shows. The more valuable types reach good prices at auction. Below is a table listing practically all the cancellations. The listing is in order of increasing value. Thus, the most common variety is listed first in each category.

## 1. MACHINE TYPE BOX CANCELLATION.

GROUP A.

Valued from £15-£20.

Paris Depart

Gare St. Lazare

Place Chopin

Rue de la Boetie

R Jouffroy

GROUP B.

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Marseilles/Bouches de Rhone

R. de Clignancourt

R. des Halles

Quai Valmy

Le Havre/Seine Inf.

Bordeaux/Gironde

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## 2. MACHINE TYPE CONTINUOUS CANCELLATION, FIVE LINE SLOGAN.

Valued from £100-£125.

Paris/Av de la Republique.

Gare de l'Est

Faub. St. Denis

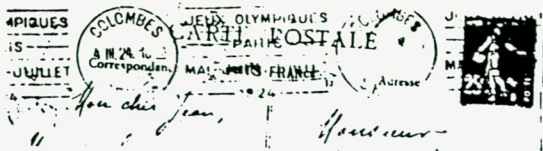
Ave. d'Orleans



3. MACHINE TYPE CONTINUOUS CANCELLATION, SEVEN LINE SLOGAN.

Valued from £350.

Paris/24 Rue de Clery  
Colombes/Seine.



4. CIRCULAR HAND CANCELLATIONS.

Valued from £350 each.

Colombes Village Olympique

Colombes Stade Olympique

The value of each cancellation is further enhanced if it appears on an Olympic stamp. Sometimes, especially on the Type 1 cancellations, the value is increased two or threefold if it is used on an Olympic stamp.

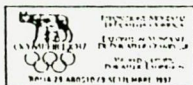
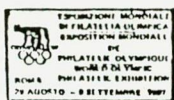
In the case of the machine cancellations, a cover is better than a postcard. A 1923 machine cancellation is better than a 1924 machine cancellation from the same post office. However, covers and cards with cancellations of the first or last days of the Olympic Games deserve special prices.

The Marseilles cancellation is known only as an arrival cancellation, usually on the reverse of a cover. The author had never seen the cancellations of Paris Gare d'Austerlitz and P.P. Paris XIV which have been listed in the catalogue of Heiko Volk Junior. There are three varieties of the Colombes Village Olympique hand cancellation.

Type 4 hand cancellation of the Colombes Village Olympique dated 1 July 1924 from Ray Dodge, of the American Olympic team, to Chicago Athletic Association.



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