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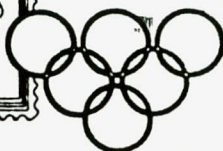
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FRONT PAGE

March has been an exciting month for your Society, and the year promises to continue at a similar pace. The Society staged its first major philatelic event. A hundred plus frames of Olympic material, both philatelic and ephemera, as well as three show-cases filled with interesting items on loan from the British Olympic Association and the Much Wenlock Olympian Society. Those of you who were able to visit the six day event will agree that it was a good exhibition. What was particularly gratifying was seeing the number of visitors who intently studied the frames, but who were not themselves Olympic collectors, yet found something of interest to them. After the exhibition I was able to present the British Olympic Association with a cheque for £230 from the Society for the Olympic Appeal from donations made by visitors and standholders at the exhibition. The organisers of Stampex also very generously gave a further cheque for £100 to the Appeal.

Every exhibition relies on its helpers for its success, and Stampex was no exception. Particular thanks are due to Bob Wilcock and Ken Cook, who not only gave unstintingly of their time during the exhibition, but also in the weeks beforehand preparing their exhibits. John Crowther, in spite of the long journey to the capital, came down twice to help with both the mounting and the dismounting of the frames, and Bob Kensit and Len Beaven were regularly on hand to man the stand.

I have managed to obtain a small stock of the exhibition catalogues for members who were unable to attend the exhibition. If you would like a copy, please send £1.00 or four IRC's to cover the postage charges.

Our second exhibition took place two weeks later at Fleetex, where Ken Cook, Bob Wilcock and Alan Sabey put on a display of material covering the 1908 and 1948 Games. This was a such smaller and less well attended show than Stampex, but most enjoyable. Bob Farley was just back from Calgary, and had quite a tale to tell. His first report appears in this issue.

At Stampex the Society held its first Annual General Meeting. This was the first time that I had chaired an AGM, and even though I say it myself, I don't think that I did too badly! It would have been nice to see more members present, but what we lacked in quantity we made up for in quality. Unfortunately, our Secretary, Ken Ballam could not be present, so the Minutes of the meeting were taken by John Crowther. They will appear in the next issue of TORCH BEARER.

The next date to mark in your diary is Saturday 28 May. We are again participating at THEMATICA, which will take place from 10.30am to 5.30pm at the Victory Services Club in the Carisbrooke Hall, Marble Arch, London W1. The Hall is situated on the corner of the Edgware Road and Seymour Street.

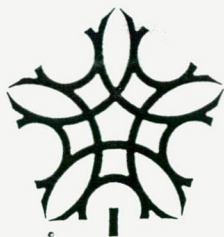
John Crowther informs me that he and Victor Hale are planning a meeting for our Northern members (though southern members are most welcome) on Saturday 18 June as a part of the YPA Convention at York Racecourse. A 1.30pm start has been suggested, and frames will be available for those members who might wish to display some of their material. There will be quite a number of attractions in York on that day, including a parade of boats, folk dancing and a head of river race; so why not make it a day out for the family.

The British Olympic Association have produced a very useful small handbook full of Olympic facts and figures, particularly those relating to British participation at the Games. I have managed to obtain a small supply, and if any member would like to have a copy, please let me have £1.00 or four IRC's to cover postage.

Finally, our Finnish member, Ossi Virtanen tells me that there will be six or seven Olympic exhibits on display at FINLANDIA, the first international exhibition of 1988. It was considered too expensive to hire a room for a meeting of SOC members, but anyone in Helsinki on Saturday 11 June, should arrange to meet at the main information desk at 1.00pm, where Ossi will find a suitable meeting place. Members should try to bring along some interesting material for exchange or discussion. All being well, I intend being in Helsinki during the exhibition, so hope to be able to meet some of our overseas members there.

NEWS FROM CALGARY

The 1988 Winter Olympic logo was designed by Gary Pampa and has the following meaning. The small c's represent Calgary and the large C's represent Canada. Interlocked, the C's represent the Olympic theme of caring together, as well as the five continents of the world which participate at the Olympic Games.



A record fifty nine countries, including several from tropical climates, sent athletes to the Winter Games. Competitors from such warm countries as Fiji, Jamaica and the Netherlands Antilles were among some 1,750 competitors. More countries wanted to enter but were turned down because their athletes did not reach the qualifying standard necessary, Thailand and Malta were among the countries that wished to send their figure skaters. The previous record for participation at the Winter Games was in 1984, when forty nine countries sent teams to Sarajevo.

Guam, one of the newest members of the Olympic Family, sent one participant to Calgary. He will be competing in one of the toughest disciplines, the biathlon. Judd Blankert emigrated from Seattle seven years ago. In order to participate in the Games he had to give up his job to train in Alaska, and has been supported by his wife.

Although Canada Post thought it unnecessary to commemorate the passage of the Torch Relay through Canada, the Royal Canadian Mint thought otherwise. Every year since 1976 the Mint has struck a commemorative gold proof coin to mark a theme of national significance. In 1988 the coin celebrates the first Olympic Winter Games hosted by Canada. The design shows a hand holding the torch with the "flames" forming a mountain range. The obverse shows the Machin effigy of Queen Elizabeth II. Only 350,000 coins have been struck for sale world-wide. Orders in Great Britain should be sent to Royal Canadian Mint, PO Box 14, No.1 Warehouse, Horley Row, Horley, Surrey RH6 8DW. The \$100 coins cost £168.00 each.

Canada Post has stated that all Olympic stamps will remain on sale for six months from the date of issue, or until stocks are sold out, whichever occurs first. At the time of going to press, it is understood that Canada Post will not have postal facilities on site at the various venues. Handback cancellations were to be made available at specified sites in Calgary, Canmore, Kananaskis and at the Olympex Philatelic Exhibition. Full news will hopefully appear in the next issue of TORCH BEARER.

There were more tickets and accommodation available before the start of the Winter Games than at any previous occasion. Fewer tourists than expected left hundreds of hotel rooms vacant. Two days before the opening, officials said that there were plenty of tickets available for the ice hockey matches, Alpine skiing and Nordic skiing.

Canadians are attempting to cash in on the Torch Relay by selling their free track suits for huge prices. One Ontario runner advertised his lightweight red and white track suit for \$19,000. The two piece track suit, given to the runners by the sponsors of the 88 day relay, cost around \$160. The tracksuit sales have outraged some Canadians who complained to the organisers. There are more than 7,000 relay tracksuits in circulation and many runners have vowed never to part with them. It is not known how many suits have so far been sold.

Eddie the "Eagle" Edwards may have been the hero of some of the crowd at Calgary, but others thought the 24 year old ski jumper from Cheltenham was a disgrace to the Olympic ideal. Even those who admired the courage of the bricklayer, and applauded the true amateurism of his efforts in those most dangerous of sports, felt that the media should not have made quite such an issue of his participation. Others were also there who participated for the sake of entering, without any hope of winning, and who were equally heroic and brave, but without the histrionics.

Liberia in Africa issued a set of five stamps on 21 August 1987 featuring five gold medallists of the 1984 Olympic Winter Games.

They were Max Julen, Men's Giant Slalom, Debbie Armstrong, Women's Giant Slalom, Peter Angetet, Biathlon, Bill Johnson, Men's Downhill and the East German Four Man Bob team.



Kampuchea issued a miniature sheet for Calgary early in 1987. The date cannot be discerned from the postmark.

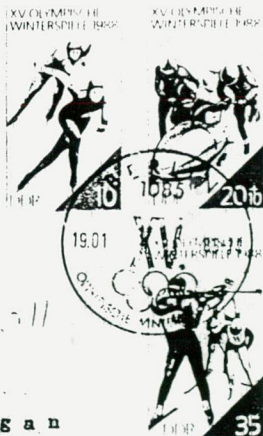
East Germany issued a set of four stamps and a miniature sheet for the Calgary Games on 19 January 1988. The official first day cover shows the Calgary Saddledome as its design.



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NEWS FROM SEOUL

In November, during a visit to Tokyo, the President of the IOC stated that countries that accepted the invitation and then boycotted the Games could face punishment by not being invited to the next Games. Mr Samaranch said that entering the Games was not compulsory and that countries could decide not to accept the invitation. However, he added that if a national Olympic Committee accepted the invitation and then withdrew, that committee would be punished.

A record number of countries have accepted the invitation to participate in Seoul. By the closing date for acceptance of the invitation, 17 January, one hundred and sixty one nations said that they would be sending a team. Only six countries declined the invitation, North Korea, Cuba, Ethiopia, Albania, Nicaragua and Syria. The flags of the accepting nations were hoisted in Seoul on 20 January as a military band played and thousands of balloons were released. Hungary was the first eastern bloc country to accept the invitation, followed by East Germany. It will be the first time since 1976 in Montreal that the American and Soviet athletes will be competing against each other at a Summer Olympic Games.

3M in Australia are marketing several souvenirs incorporating the 3M/Australian Olympic logo. Among the items on offer are T shirts, coffee mugs, coasters, sports bags ties and pens. For further details and prices, write to 3M, Scott Wallace, Advertising Manager, Pymble, NSW. Australia.

The new republic of Belau may be the smallest nation competing in Seoul. President Lazarus Salii has appointed a committee to review the Western Pacific nation's athletes and to decide how many could be sent to Seoul. Belau, with a population of 12,000 was formerly the United Nations Trust Territory of Palau.

Student rioters, hell-bent on bringing down the Korean government have agreed to an amnesty before, during and after the Olympic Games. It is a goodwill gesture that is sure to boost the confidence of tourists heading for Seoul. Everything is now in readiness

including nineteen new hotels, seven of which boast five star status. There are a further 83 hotels with 16,500 rooms and another 9,000 rooms designed as yogwams for tourists wanting to sample Korean-style living. At the Olympic Family town another 12,000 rooms have been set aside for tourists and more than 500 Korean families will also play host to overseas visitors. Average temperatures during the Games period will be 18C, and being mid-autumn, the weather should be fine. All the Olympic venues have been completed and were put through their paces during the last Asian Games. The sports complex is situated thirty minutes by subway from the city centre and other venues are within 40 or 50 minutes travelling distance. The most efficient way of getting to and from all the events is by the newly-constructed modern subway system.

The arrangements for the opening and closing ceremonies have now been finalised, and are as follows: The opening ceremony will begin at 10.30 on 17 September. For about half an hour until the official ceremony there will be a variety of cultural programmes both traditional and modern, to display the culture of the host nation to the world. The scenario of the official opening ceremony will be: 11.00 sharp. Olympic Fanfare, 88 trumpeters begin playing the fanfare. Formation of the Seoul Olympic Emblem. Parade of athletes. Welcome Address by the IOC President. Opening Declaration. Olympic Flag Raising. Lighting of the Olympic Torch. Olympic Oaths. Playing of the Korean National Anthem. Athletes departure from the arena.

The Closing Ceremony will begin at 19.00 on 2 October. The curtain for the XXIV Olympiad will be slowly drawn to a close as the entire stadium, athletes and spectators alike, bid farewell to each other with a promise to meet again in Barcelona four years later. The scenario is as follows: Entry of the athletes. Hoisting of the three flags, (Greek, Korean and Spanish) Closing speech by the President of the Seoul Organising Committee, Closing declaration by the President of the IOC. He pronounces the Games closed. Official delivery of the Olympic Flag. Lowering of the Olympic Flag and the extinguishing of the Olympic Flame in pace with singing of the Olympic anthem.

Germany's annual sports aid issue included one value to celebrate the return of tennis to the Olympic programme. A suitable first day cancel was used with the tennis stamp on 18 February. At the same time, an Olympic-Philatelic exhibition was held in Altenholz

and a special souvenir card was issued, used in conjunction with a commemorative cancellation. However, the card erroneously states that this is the first time that tennis is a part of the official Olympic programme. In fact, tennis, for both men and women was a part of the Olympic programme until the Paris Games of 1924.




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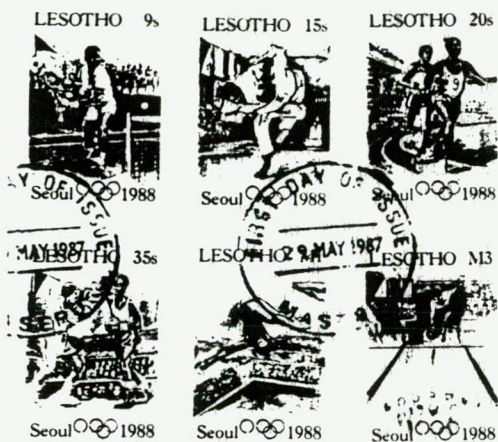
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Guam, one of the newest nations to join the Olympic Family, hopes to send a team to Seoul. Some fifteen to twenty athletes hope to take part, among them swimmers, which is their strongest sport. For them, there is no hope of winning a medal, but taking part in the Games will be enough of an achievement for their athletes.

Shlomo Vurgan has sent many first day covers from countries who have cashed in on the Olympic Games to raise philatelic revenue. With tennis entering the Olympics, many countries have included tennis illustrations in their Olympic issues. Lesotho released a set of six stamps on 29 May 1987 which showed Olympic sports, including ten pin bowling! The first time that the Olympic rings have been used in conjunction with this sport!



Sierra Leone issued a set of four stamps on 10 August which included a female tennis player as one of the designs in the set.

Official First Day Cover



SOUTH KOREA
OLYMPIC GAMES 1988

Niue celebrated the return of tennis to the Olympic programme with the issue of two sets. The first set of four stamps was released on 25 September and shows Boris Becker, and the other, released on 20 October, shows Steffi Graf. Both players are from West Germany. Will Niue be sending tennis players to Seoul?

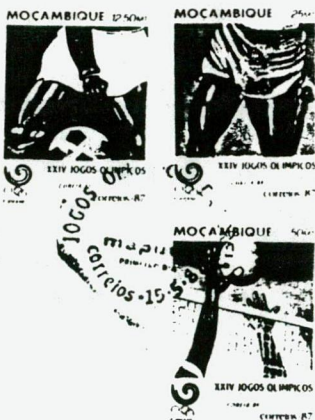


Lao issued a set on 2 February 1987 which show ancient Greek artifacts with their counterparts in modern sports.



The set from Antigua and Barbuda was issued on 23 March 1987, and that from Mocambique was released on 15 May. Chess is one

of the designs included in this issue.



Finally, illustrated is a Christmas card from Korea which has as its central design Hodori, the mascot of the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

NEWS

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Tenth Olympic Winter Games held in Grenoble in 1968. The occasion is being commemorated with a "flamme", or slogan cancellation, which was used



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The second and final, Australia Post archival sale by tender closed on 26 November 1987. The lots of most interest to Olympic collectors were 187 to 190. The first two lots are of the 1956 3½d stamp prepared for use as a booklet, but never issued, and offered as complete booklet panes. The estimate for each lot was A\$2,500. The following two lots were single stamps of the same proposed issue and had an estimated value of A\$400 each.

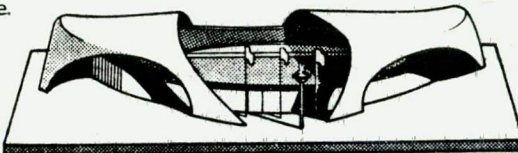
Willy Koala is the official mascot of the Australian Olympic team. Melbourne fashion house Capricornia Clothing has been selected by the Australian Olympic Federation as the official licensee for all outerwear for retail sale for the 1988 marketing programme in Australia. The new range has been designed by Lisa Scullin with graphics by Steve Innes. It will be on sale in stores throughout Australia from late February and includes all the most popular sportswear lines as well as sleepwear.

The following are among the 1988 sponsors of the British Olympic team: 3M, adhesive products, Adidas (UK) Ltd, sports clothing, Brother, typewriters, Budget Rent A Car, car and truck rental, Business Vehicle Contracts Ltd, cars, Coca Cola, soft drinks, CPC (UK) Ltd, energy tablets, European and General Shipping Ltd, freight forwarding agents, Federal Express, courier service, Fisone plc, vitamins and tonics, Grand Slam Ltd, clothing, Grant Thornton, chartered accountants, Kodak, cameras and film, Douglas Llambias, various, Mars Confectionery, confectionery, Minet, insurance, National and Provincial, building society, Phillips Electrical, television, Sportsworld Travel, travel agents and services, Thermalite Ltd, building and construction, Time, publishing, Visa International, credit cards and Weetabix, cereals.

A gala night was held for past British Olympians at Lancaster House in London, when the President of the British Olympic Association, the Princess Royal, presented commemorative IOC pins to the former medallists. Finding and inviting the Olympians to the ceremony proved a mammoth task for the workforce at Wandsworth Plain, the headquarters of the BOA.

At its Annual General Meeting in October the BOA opened the challenge to British cities to become this country's candidate to host the 1996 Olympic Games. The door remained open until the end of 1987 when all bids were examined. A decision will be made and the candidate chosen, by March 1988, Birmingham, bidders for the 1992 Games, were in the forefront of the likely cities. Manchester and London are also understood to be contenders. However, Birmingham's bid to stage the Games is in serious jeopardy since a serious and vitriolic dispute within the city council. It is likely that the problem will be sorted out before it is too late since, in principal, the whole council is in favour of bidding for the Games and the problem is only the amount of money that should be spent in preparing the bid. Last time. the bid for the 1992 Games cost Birmingham £2.5 million. Manchester city council were also unanimous in their wish to host the 1996 Games. The main plans are centred around the Manchester Ship Canal for the main venues. The

Trafford Urban Development Corporation, which has received £160 million of central government funding, will give some financial support. The proposed main Olympic stadium could be used afterwards as Manchester City's football ground and the existing site at Maine Road could be sold. The Olympic Village is planned to be along the M63 motorway north-west of Altrincham.



Two German areas are also hoping to be successful in their bid to host the 1996 Olympic Games. The Ruhr industrial region has applied to the NOC. The formal application was backed by the North Rhine-Westphalia state premier, Johannes Rau. However, they made it clear that, since this would be the centenary of the modern Olympic Games, the Ruhr would drop its bid if Athens were also to bid. Frankfurt on Main has also applied to host the

1996 Games. Hamburg and Stuttgart are also interested in hosting the Summer Olympics between 1996 and 2004. The Greek capital is still believed to be the favourite to host the centenary Games.

As Freddie Mercury, the pop singer from "Queen" stands holding hands with Montserrat Caballe, the world famous soprano, they make an unusual couple. Not only in size, Caballe weighs in at 140 kilograms against Mercury's snake-hipped 76 kilograms, but also in the way the rock king and opera queen have got together to marry their extra-ordinary talent. What has this to do with the Olympic Games? One of the most unlikely chart toppers in 1987 was their first record together, entitled "Barcelona". It is a spine-tingling, emotional anthem written and produced by the Queen lead singer and has been adopted as the official anthem for the 1992 Olympic Summer Games in Barcelona.



As a preview to the Olympic Winter Games in Calgary, the European Figure Skating Championships were held in Prague at the beginning of January. The meter cancellation that was used, echoed the theme of the postal stationery envelope.

From 25-28 June 1988, an Olympic Seminar will be held in Lillehammer in Norway, with participants from the Olympic member nations. This might be the start of a permanent Olympic Academy in the town which hopes to be nominated to host the 1994 Olympic Winter Games. The Nansen School, a Norwegian humanist academy named after the renowned Norwegian polar explorer and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Fridtjof Nansen, has, in cooperation with the Norwegian Olympic Committee already proposed that an Academy should be created in Lillehammer. A preliminary programme is being planned by the two bodies, as well as the Nobel Institute and the Institute for Peace Research. Although the programme has not yet been completed, it will probably discuss such subjects as Olympic history, youth and the Olympic Movement and sports as a means of maintaining peace.

Still in Norway, work has started at Hafjell, Norway's new alpine centre, fifteen kilometres north of Lillehammer. The six different alpine tracks will be completed before the snows of the winter of 1988. The construction of a tourist centre with 600 beds near to the centre will start later. In the meantime, the President of the IOC received the formal application from Lillehammer to host the winter Games of 1994 on 11 January. The application, this time in an elegant two volume set, was handed over by the Mayor of Lillehammer, Audun Tron, the Vice President of the Norwegian Olympic Committee, Arne Myhrvold, the Chairman of the Lillehammer Olympic Association, Ole Sjetne and the Managing Director, Sigmund Thue. The decision as to who will host the 1994 Winter Games will be taken when the International Olympic Committee hold their next meeting in Seoul on 15 September 1988.

At the request of the International Coordination Committee for Sport for the Handicapped (ICC), Austria for the second time this decade has undertaken to organise the World Winter Paralympics. In 1984 the Games took place between 14-20 January and in 1988 they were held from 17-24 January. When Calgary, which was to include the 1988 Paralympics event as a part of the main Olympic Games, had to withdraw because of lack of volunteer helpers, Austria was again requested to carry out the Games. Innsbruck gained a world-wide reputation after the excellence of

the 1984 event, when they were first acknowledged by the IOC. The opening and closing ceremonies will be held at the Innsbruck Olympic Ice Stadium, while other events will be held in Mutters and Natters, two villages nearby, as well as in Innsbruck itself. A single stamp was issued on 15 January.

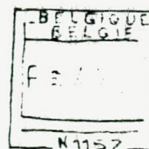
It was designed by Anton Krajnc and recess printed by the Austrian State Printers on white stamp paper without watermark. 1,500,000 stamps were printed in sheets of fifty stamps. The design shows a legless athlete on a cross country sled.



Glasgow made a late entry to bid to be the British candidate to host the 1996 Olympic Games. Glasgow District Council, which is preparing the bid, said that the water sports could be held in Strathclyde Park, which was used for the Commonwealth Games, and there were already provisions for some indoor sports, such as weightlifting in the recently revamped Kelvin Indoor Sports Arena. However, the international sports arena, to be used as the main stadium, would need to be built, probably on the vast Glasgow Green, close to the city centre. Glasgow made a feasibility study as long ago as 1976 to host an Olympic Games. At that time the estimated cost was some £500 million, and it is likely to be considerably more today. Members of the Glasgow District Council agree that government support would be essential for their plan to succeed.

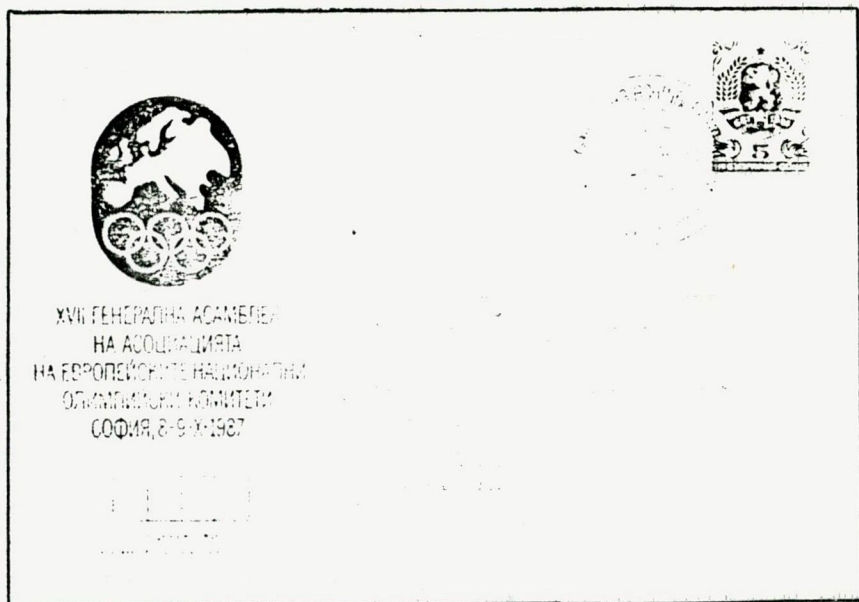


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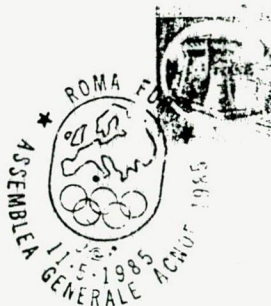
The Association of the European National Olympic Committees, AENOC held its XVII General Assembly in Sofia on 8-9 October 1987. The Bulgarian post office issued a special postal stationery envelope to mark the occasion featuring the Association's emblem, a map of Europe and the Olympic rings. There was also a commemorative handstamp featuring just the rings and the English

version of the acronym.



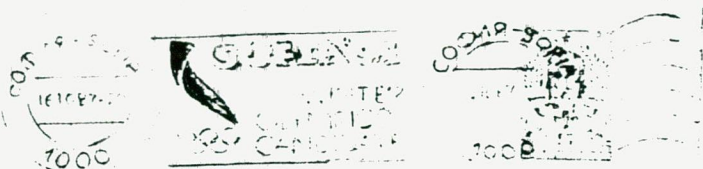
The 1985 General Assembly in Rome was also marked by a handstamp on 11 May 1985. The map logo was again featured and the French version of the acronym, ACNOE.

The Association has its headquarters in Brussels in the Avenue Bouchout 9, but as far as is known, they only use a plain meter cancellation with a date stamp and the value tablet. Their stationery, however, does use the logo as well as the address.



SOFIA 1994. Sofia have started a postmark slogan campaign to publicise their bid to host the 1994 Olympic Winter Games. Roller slogan cancellations were introduced at Sofia and Varna in October 1987 and in Plovdiv in January 1988. Slogans may well be found from other towns, (for example, Bourgas, which used a

Sofia 1992 slogan during the previous campaign) before a decision is reached in Seoul in October.



Four stamps were released by the British Post Office on 22 March, a month earlier than the date originally scheduled, to commemorate various sporting anniversaries. The stamps were designed by Jake Sutton and are his first stamps for the British Post Office.



The theme of the 18 pence is gymnastics and shows a girl exercising on a beam. This year marks the centenary of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association. The 26 pence, showing a downhill skier. The Ski Club of Great Britain was formed in 1903 and was

the first national ski organisation in the world. 1988 also marks the centenary of the birth of Sir Arnold Lunn, the father of Alpine ski racing and the man responsible for the first world ski championships.



Lawn tennis, shown on the 31 pence value, is another sport which owes a great deal to British pioneers. The world's first ever championship was held at Wimbledon in 1877, and in 1888 the Lawn Tennis Association was formed. 1888 also saw the formation of the Football League with just twelve clubs. It now has ninety two and is recognised as the most competitive in the world. A footballer running with a ball is the theme of the 34p. stamp. The stamps were printed in photogravure by Harrison and Sons Ltd, are in sheets of 100. They are square in format and measure 34.7mm x 34.7mm and are perforated 14.5. The paper is unwater-marked, phosphor coated and the gum is PVA Dextrin.

A gala evening is to take place at the Royal Albert Hall in the presence of the British Olympic Association's President, the Princess Royal. The gala should be the highlight of the BOA's fund raising calendar. The evening is being sponsored by the 3M company, one of the official sponsors of the Olympic Games. 3M's backing will take two forms; the sponsorship of three awards for regional fund raising groups and the gala evening on 15 June, which the company hopes will raise £50,000. The three awards will go to the regional groups who raise most money for the appeal, who raise most per capita and who have the most imaginative fund raising idea. Four of 3M's products have been given the status of official Olympic products, including computer

tapes, audio and video cassettes. At present, 3M are using an Olympic slogan as a part of their meter cancellation.

A group from the British Transport Police are hoping to reopen the historic German Gymnasium after a gap of seventy two years. The gymnasium, now split into commercial tenancies and a British Rail dispatch office, was the most famous in London during the late nineteenth century and helped in the formation of the national governing bodies of athletics, swimming, weightlifting and gymnastics. It also assisted in the setting up of the National Olympian Association, the forerunner of the British Olympic Association. The listed timber roof of the building, 100 metres north of King's Cross Station, still has the original hooks used for the climbing ropes. British Rail, which owns the building, is supplying welders, painters, electricians and cleaners to renovate one part of the site which has previously been used as a lost property office. Eventually, they hope to renovate the whole building and use it for recreational purposes. The gymnasium was opened in 1865 by a group of Germans who practiced the gymnastics of Johann Friedrich Jahn, the father of modern competitive sport. The club had 1,100 members, but was sold to the Great Northern Railway in 1908, and finally disbanded in 1916.

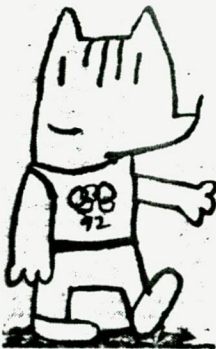
The Anchorage Organising Committee (AOC) announced the start of its fund raising campaign to underwrite the cost of winning the bid to host the 1994 Olympic Winter Games. It has received a major commitment from the National Bank of Alaska, the state's largest financial institution. Anchorage businessmen, Robert C. Penney and Carl Brady Jr. are serving as co-chairmen of the fund that hopes to raise at least \$1 million from the private sector. The International Olympic Committee will select the city that will host the 1994 Games at their meeting in Seoul on 15 September 1988 during the 94th Session. Also bidding are Berchtesgaden, West Germany, Sofia Bulgaria, Lillehammer Norway, Oster-sund-Are Sweden and Lausanne Switzerland.

The United States Olympic Committee's Executive Board approved in principle a proposal by the Pacific Northwest Amateur Sports Foundation to establish a permanent site for a US Olympic Academy

in Olympia Washington. The proposal, which will be subject to final USOC approval, includes not only the establishment of the Olympic Academy, but also an exhibition hall. The US Olympic Academy has been held each summer in various cities as the premier educational opportunity on Olympism and the Olympic Movement in the United States. Evergreen State College, located at Olympia, will host the 1989 US Olympic Academy. It has hosted in the past a week long seminar with Olympic athletes, administrators and educationalists among the speakers. The new proposal, however, includes year-round activities and events involving Olympism. An annual international Olympic Academy is also held in Greece.

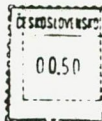
Princess Anne the Princess Royal, who is already the President of the British Olympic Association, was elected shortly before the start of the Olympic Winter Games to succeed Lord Luke as a British member of the International Olympic Committee. She joins Mary Glen Haig as the second British woman on the IOC. The Princess Royal will not be there as a figurehead, but in her own right as a former competitor and as an administrator with positive views and an alert sense of responsibility.

Athens infamous pollution could foil the city's attempt to host the 1996 Summer Games. Mayor, Miltiades Evert, warned that the Greek capital, plagued by pollution and inadequate public transport, would win its bid for the 1996 Games only if a \$4 billion programme was initiated to change the face of the city. The Mayor, a member of the Conservative party, said that he would not sign the application to host the Games unless the government agreed to improve the major environmental problems.



"Coby", the little dog who has been elected to be the mascot for the Barcelona Games of 1992 was unveiled by the Barcelona Organising Committee in early March. It has upset the more staid city fathers and Spanish sports officials who have expressed their distaste, finding the less-than-cuddly dog ugly and horrible. Sooner or later he is sure to find his way either on to a stamp or a cancellation, so keep your eyes open.

Czechoslovakia has created the Czechoslovakian Olympic Academy on 30 April 1987. In Prague, a meter cancellation was used to commemorate this event which showed a discus



thrower and a Czech text, which translated reads 30.4.1987/PRAGUE/ CREATION OF/THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN/OLYMPIC/ACADEMY. The Olympic rings also form a part of the design.

Mr Gerry Blood, a leading sports painter, has been appointed the official artist of the Olympic Games by the International Olympic Committee. Mr Blood will be working at the Summer Games in Seoul on a canvas showing the opening ceremony. When finished, it will be seen by millions viewing the televised Games. His painting, which have been sold around the world to many famous sports figures and companies, capture athletes in motion.

Shlomo Vurgan writes that St Thomas and Principe issued a set of three values to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the DGD Institute on 30 October 1987. The stamps also have the Olympic rings in the style being used for the 1992 Summer Games in Barcelona. This will probably be the first set of stamps to appear for the 1992 Games



other than by the host nation. One does wonder how the poor Olympic collector is to survive financially from one Olympiad to another if countries start issuing stamps for the next Games even before the current Games have started.

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MEMBER'S FORUM

Harold Palethorpe, one of our earliest members (Number 05) gave a display at the Wisbech and March Stamp Club in April. Harold also won the Club Shield at the Spalding and District SC, of which he is Chairman, with an exhibit entitled "Winter Olympics."

New member Peter Wade would like to contact other members who collect pins, particularly those living in the United Kingdom. He is interested in exchanging or trading. Please write to Peter at 7620 Dubonnet Way, Indianapolis IN 46278 USA.

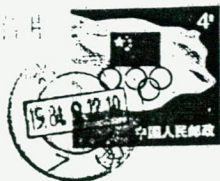


Finnish member, Ossi Virtanen sent the illustrated 10 Mark bank note which has an Olympic connection since it illustrates the great middle distance runner of the 1920's Paavo Nurmi. Do any other members also collect bank notes and coins as well as stamps?

Two members have written regarding Shlomo Vurgan's article in the last issue "A Chinese Deluge". Masaaki Ichimura writes from Japan that he has three sets of the sixteen postal stationery cards for the Chinese victory in his collection. One of the used sets is postmarked with the date 12 September 1984, which he believes is the first day. (See illustration on next page) Other cards are dated 24 October 1984. The date of 12 September is not listed in the Chinese post office's catalogue. Masaaki writes that when he visited China, in October 1985 he arranged to have some of the cards sent to him, so he has them correctly used,

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AT THE 23rd OLYMPIC GAMES

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Postcard
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both for the rate within the Republic of China and overseas.

On the same subject, Dave Fogel writes from Chicago that the lowest rate from China to the United States was 70 Fen and ranged through 74F to 90F. On the back of the Gold Medal card is an inventory of all the cards that appeared in the set.

《中国在第23届奥运会获金质奖章纪念，邮资明信片（16枚）》

"IN COMMEMORATION OF GOLD MEDALS WON BY CHINA AT THE 23rd OLYMPIC GAMES" - PRL STAMPED POST CARD (16 PILCES)

图名	邮票面值	发行日期	获奖者	Description	Face Value	Date of Release	Medallists
1. 男子自选手枪	4分	8月1日	许海峰	1. Men's Free Pistol	4 fen	Aug. 1, 1984	Xu Haifeng
2. 52公斤级举重	4分	8月1日	曾国强	2. Weightlifting in 52kg Class	4 fen	Aug. 1, 1984	Zeng Guoqing
3. 56公斤级举重	4分	8月2日	吴数德	3. Weightlifting in 56kg Class	4 fen	Aug. 2, 1984	Wu Shude
4. 男子50米移动靶	4分	8月3日	李玉伟	4. Men's 50m Moving Target in Shooting	4 fen	Aug. 3, 1984	Li Yuwei
5. 60公斤级举重	4分	8月3日	陈伟强	5. Weightlifting in 60kg Class	4 fen	Aug. 3, 1984	Chen Weiqiang
6. 67.5公斤级举重	4分	8月4日	姚景远	6. Weightlifting in 67.5kg Class	4 fen	Aug. 4, 1984	Yao Jingyuan
7. 女子小口径标准步枪 3x20	4分	8月5日	吴小旋	7. Women's Small-bore Standard Rifle (3x20)	4 fen	Aug. 5, 1984	Wu Xiaoxuan
8. 女子花剑个人	4分	8月6日	栾菊杰	8. Women's Individual Foil Fencing	4 fen	Aug. 6, 1984	Luan Jujie
9. 男子自由体操	4分	8月7日	李宁	9. Men's Floor Exercises in Gymnastics	4 fen	Aug. 7, 1984	Li Ning
10. 男子鞍马	4分	8月7日	李宁	10. Pommel Horse in Gymnastics	4 fen	Aug. 7, 1984	Li Ning
11. 男子吊环	4分	8月7日	李宁	11. Rings in Gymnastics	4 fen	Aug. 7, 1984	Li Ning
12. 男子跳马	4分	8月7日	楼云	12. Men's Vaulting Horse in Gymnastics	4 fen	Aug. 7, 1984	Lou Yun
13. 女子高低杠	4分	8月8日	马燕红	13. Uneven Bars in Gymnastics	4 fen	Aug. 8, 1984	Ma Yanhong
14. 女子排球	70分	8月10日	中国女子排球队	14. Women's Volleyball	70 fen	Aug. 10, 1984	Chinese Women's Volleyball Team
15. 女子跳水跳水	4分	8月13日	周继红	15. Women's Platform Diving	4 fen	Aug. 13, 1984	Zhou Jihong
16. 金质奖章	4分*	8月19日		16. Gold Medals	4 fen	Aug. 19, 1984	

邮票总面值：1.30元 售价：2.50元
邮资明信片设计者：卢天骄

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Designer: Lu Tianjiao

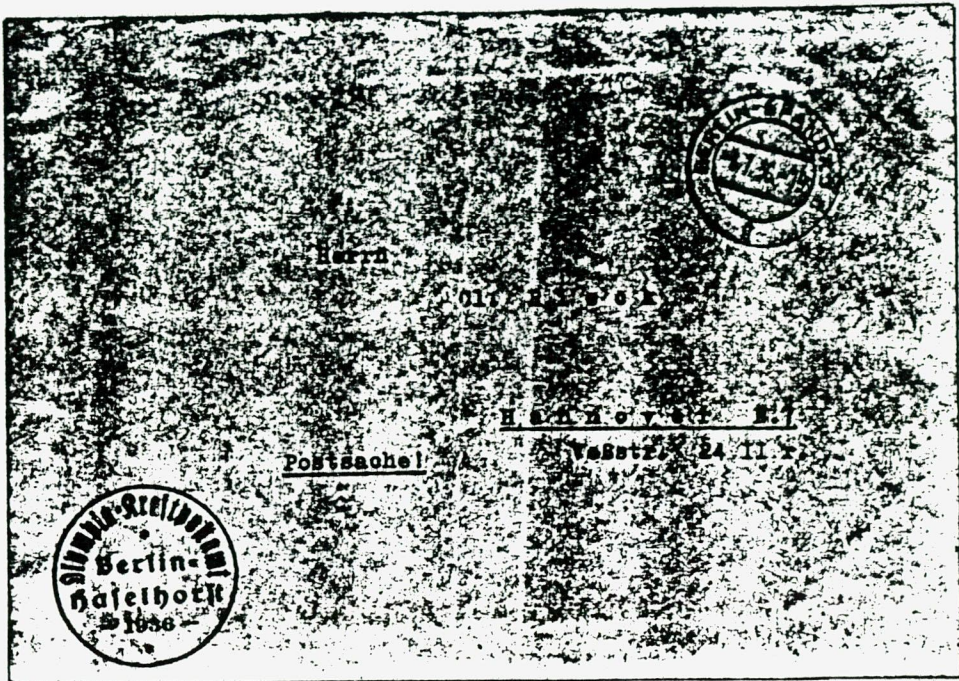
Dave points out that the values are all in Fen, and not Yuan as stated in Shlomo's article. Dave is missing just one card in the set, the Women's Platform Diving. If anyone has this card for sale or exchange, Dave would like to hear from you. His address is 2435 North Orchard Street, Chicago, IL 60614, USA.

Member Alan Sabey has found a bookbinder who is prepared to bind two volumes of Torch Bearer in one binding. The quality of the work and the finish is very good. Full library buckram is used and the spine is titled in gold with the name and the Olympic rings. Colours available are red, maroon, black, dark green, dark blue, Royal blue or dark brown. The price for binding two volumes together is £7.50 plus p andp. Write direct to David Billett, 10, the Oval, Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire LE 9 6SJ.

New member Rajesh Kumar Lodha is the only stamp and coin dealer and auctioneer in Nepal. He can supply Seoul 1988 Nepales Olympic issues at £1.50 each mint, or £12 for ten sets. FDC,s can also be supplied at £2 each. Write to him at GPO Box No 3609, Kathmandu 7101, Nepal.

Sheila Parker came to our stand at Stampex. She is not a member, but wanted to know how to dispose of some Olympic stamps left to her by her father. She has a small stockbook containing some 200 different stamps, mostly from the Winter Games from 1948 to 1980. She would like £5.00 for them to include postage. No reply means that the stamps have already been sold, so it is a case of first come, first served. Write to her at Craigmore, Turners Green Road, Wadhurst, East Sussex TN5 6EA.

Two members, Glenn Estus of the United States and British member Richard Frost have both sent me copies of an index that they have prepared for Torch Bearer from Volume 1 to Volume 4. If any member would like to have a copy, please send me £1 to cover photocopying and postage. Dick has promised to start work on a subject index for all four volumes as soon as he has the time. He has also promised to keep the index up to date for each volume in future. I am sure that many members will welcome his efforts on our behalf.



Jim Bowman showed your Chairman the cover illustrated above in Toronto during Capex. Neither knew what the cachet at the lower left represented, and Jim sent the cover to Heiko Volk, who wrote the following about this cachet:

'Firstly, many, many congratulations for getting this extremely rare item with the BERLIN HASELHORST cachet. I have been looking for this item myself for very many years, and have, in fact, seen a photocopy of the very cover that you sent me!

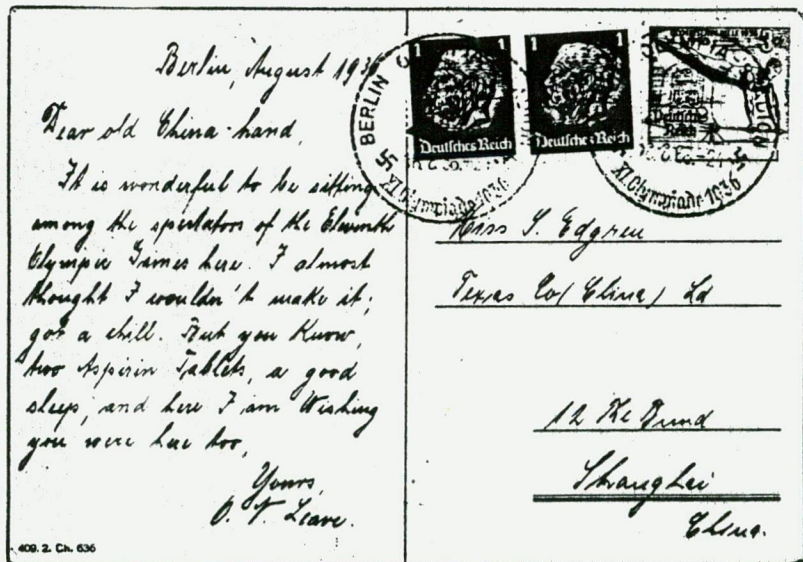
HASELHORST is the name of a part of the city of Berlin, like CHARLOTTEBURG, WEISSENSEE, PRENZLAUER BERG... and so on.

Berlin-Haselhorst is located in the area of Berlin-Spandau and was the headquarters of the men who organised the cars, buses, motorcycles and trucks, as well as the mobile post offices in their specially converted buses. This organisation, under the patronage of the Olympic Organising Committee was called the OLYMPIA-KRAFTPOSTAMT/BERLIN-HASELHORST. This headquarters was responsible for the deployment of 1507 different vehicles used during the Games.

MORE ON THE BAYER CARDS

Jim Bowman.

I have been following with interest the articles about the Bayer Chemicals cards from 1936 in TORCH BEARER. A couple of weeks ago I attended a show in San Jose and found another Bayer card..... this one having the indicia in ENGLISH! From the previous articles and other information that I have, I have found no mention of an English version. Has anyone else seen this card?



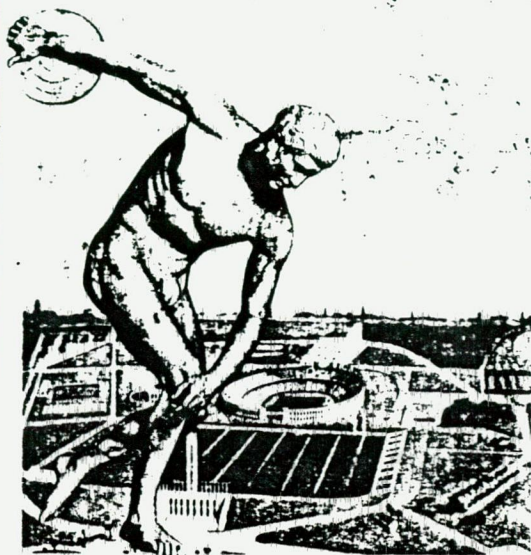
Also of interest is the fact that it is addressed to Shanghai and written to "Dear old China-hand". I am told by some that the term "Dear Old China Hand" is often used in addressing German Navy or ground forces personnel that were engaged in the Boxer Rebellion. Does anyone have any further information on this? Note that the numbering on the bottom right corner of the message side on this card is 409,2.Ch. 636. This is different from the Dutch cards, which all appear to be numbered 409,47.H.I.636, and the Portugueses cards, which are numbered 409.25.736.

I have found another version of the Portuguese card, which although it has the same message as that already illustrated in the art-

cle by Laurentz
Jonker in Volume
4 pages 133/137.
it is written by
a different hand.

Illustrated is the
picture side of
the English lang-
uage card. If a
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BARCELONA 1992

Bob Wilcock.

El Comité Organizador Olímpico de Barcelona '92, "COOB '92", was officially constituted on 12 March 1987, held its first plenary session on 13 March and its second on 17 October, the first anniversary of Barcelona's nomination. The committee is governed by an assembly including representatives of local and regional government, the Spanish Government and the Spanish Olympic Committee. It is presided over by the Mayor of Barcelona, Pasqual Maragall. King Juan Carlos is the Patron. He competed in Kiel in 1972, and his daughter, the Infanta Princess Cristina, has been training to take part in the yachting events in Seoul.

Work had already begun in 1985 on the reconstruction of the Montjuic Olympic Stadium. The original 1929 facade is being preserved, but the interior completely remodelled. Reconstruction will be completed in time for the 1989 IAAF World Cup in athletics.

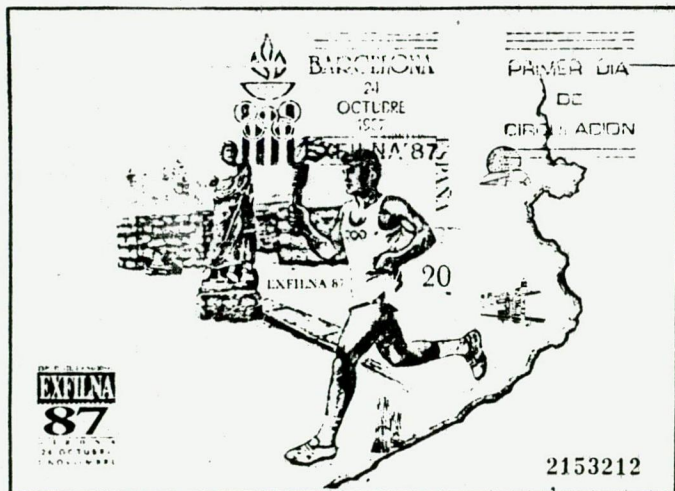
Work started on the Olympic Village in December 1986. The village will be situated in the Poble Nou district of Barcelona, a semi-derelict industrial suburb. The area is being razed to the ground, and the village for 15,000 competitors constructed. Meanwhile, experts from the Barcelona Museum of History were taking full records. The coastal railway is being rerouted so that the village will have access to the Mediterranean, and for the first time in Olympic history competitors will be able to relax on the beach or sail from a specially constructed marina. After the Games, the Village will become community housing with houses, flats, offices and tourist facilities.

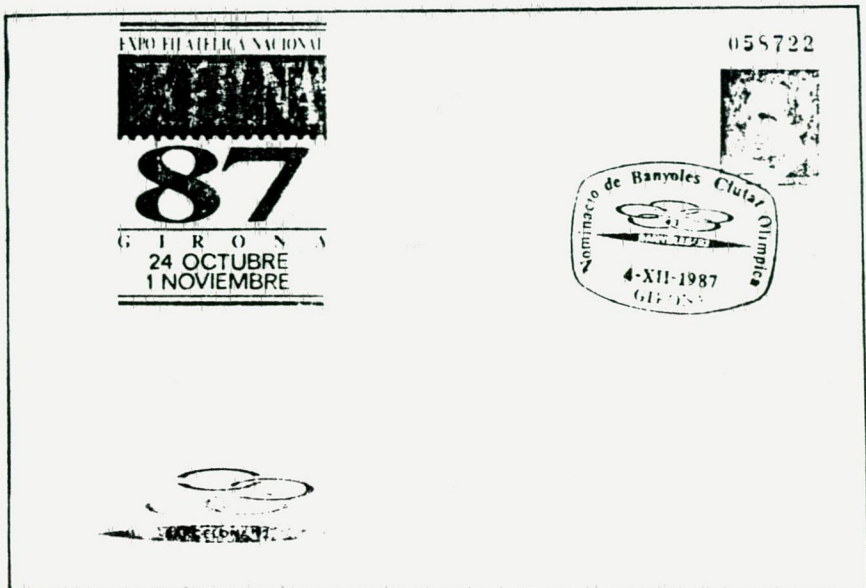
COOB '92 continues to use the meter used by the Candidature Committee, and I am able to illustrate an example on the numbered postal stationery envelope with a blue 18 peseta imprinted stamp and featuring the Barcelona '92 logo, which was issued for "FILATEM '86", the second national exhibition of thematic

for the 1992 Games. The stamps are perforated 13½, size 40.9x 28.8mm, photogravure in sheets of eighty on phosphorescent stuccoed paper. They were illustrated on FDC in TORCH BEARER February 1988 pp 18.

The 32 pesetas value (3.5 million printed) symbolising Barcelona's dynamism and progressive spirit, the stamp shows three chimneys from the Batlló house among the buildings known as "La Manzana de la discordia" (The Bone of Contention) designed by Barcelona's famous surrealist architect Antonio Gaudi. The Games logo is at the bottom left.

65 pesetas (4 million) This stamp shows two modern day athletes described in the press release as emulating those of the Classical Olympics exerting themselves, combining both speed and agility in an obstacle race, set against a background of the Olympic colours. (In fact, only blue, green yellow and red) Again, the logo is shown at the foot of the design. The first day machine postmarks from Madrid (TORCH BEARER, February) and Barcelona feature four chimneys and a rooftop cross from the same building illustrated on the 32 pesetas stamp, plus the Barcelona '92 logo. The first day handstamp illustrated in February was from a youth philatelic exhibition in Barcelona.

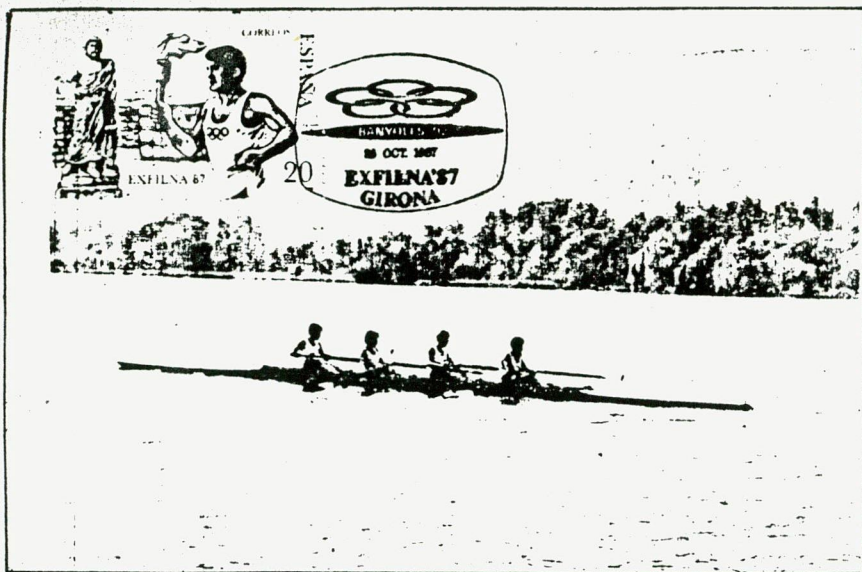




A second Olympic postal stationery envelope was issued, this time with a black 8 pesetas imprinted stamp, for EXFILNA '87, the national philatelic exhibition in Gerona (Girona). There was also a 20 pesetas miniature sheet depicting an Olympic torch bearer against a Greek background and a map of Catalonia showing Gerona and Barcelona. There is a machine first day postmark, 24 October 1987, from Barcelona (and no doubt Madrid), and a handstamp from the exhibition itself repeating the runner design.

A second exhibition handstamp features the Barcelona '92 logo, but with "BANYOLES '92" in the band beneath the rings. Banyoles (Banoles) will be where the rowing takes place in 1992, and the stamp from the miniature sheet can often be found with the cancellation on a rowing maximum card. A similar handstamp was used in Gerona on 4 November 1987 with a text referring to Banyoles' nomination as an Olympic venue.

If you would like to write to COOB '92, the address is Oficina Olimpica, Plaza de la Font Magica, S/N 08004 Barcelona. However, they will not actively publicise the Games until after the completion of the Games in Seoul.



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1976 MONTREAL METERS

Glenn Estus.

An interesting philatelic sideline for Olympic collectors is the specialisation in meter cancellations. Unlike Olympic publicity slogan cancellations, which are usually used for several months by a large post office and are readily available to collectors, meters are not usually publicised by the firms that use them, because most firms do not realise the philatelic interest of such material. Moreover, if these firms were to be flooded with requests from collectors for samples of their meter cancels, there would be little time left to handle ordinary business. It is often months, or even years, after the actual usage that collectors will discover such special meter cancellations; but that is part of the fun of collecting!

For the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, Canada Post officials realised that many businesses would want to help with the Olympic effort. These firms did not use postage stamps in their everyday mailings, and thus were not expected to use many of the specially printed Olympic stamps.

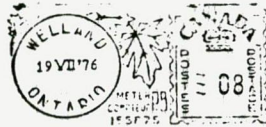
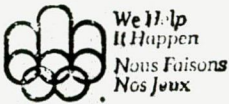
In a folder entitled "How You Can Participate", Canada Post stated, 'The Canadian Post Office realises, of course, that businesses and organisations using postage meters find it difficult to participate through the use of Olympic action stamps. For this reason, we are offering for sale special Olympic meter imprints, which will fit your meter machine and allow you to announce to all your customers and correspondents that you are actively supporting the 1976 Olympics.'

The first slogans were used by Simpson's Toronto store's BRAVO CANADA promotion. Imprints were initially struck on 17 October



1974. One hundred and fifty slogans were imprinted on engraved executive stationery.

According to an order from Canada Post, postage meters were available for a number of companies' machines, including Pitney Bowes, Friden, Neo-Post and Postalia. Most machines seem to use the Pitney Bowes meters. The text could be unilingual, in either English or French, or bilingual. Over two thousand companies used such meter cancellations.



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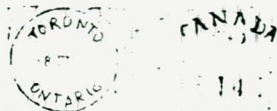


The "WE HELP IT HAPPEN - NOUS FAISON NOS JEUX" slogan came in several different type faces and arraignments. All the slogans seen have the symbol of the Montreal Olympic Games (the Olympic rings and the stylised M in the representation of the oval track)

Other special meters include those used by CBC: "CBC YOUR OLYMPIC NETWORKS"

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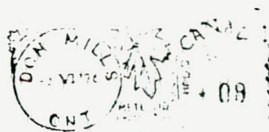
The Borough of Etobicoke also used a meter cancellation to promote their special games for the handicapped, with the slogan "1976 OLYMPICS FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, AUGUST 3-11 ETOBICOKE-ONTARIO". Pitney Bowes on their meter recorded the fact that they were the official suppliers to the 1976 Olympic Games.

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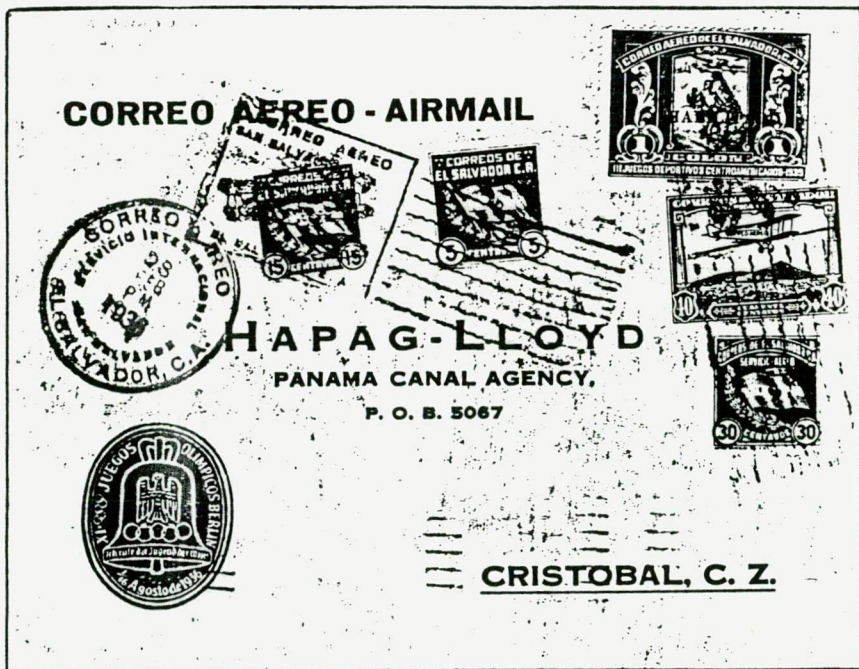
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EL SALVADOR & THE BERLIN GAMES

Sherwin Podolsky.

Most Olympic collectors have seen the red oval publicity seal issued for the 1936 Olympic Games by Germany. They exist in seventeen different languages and the design and all the wording are embossed in white. Covers have come to light which have the seal as an unimbossed vignette with the text in Spanish. These have all been found on various commercial stationery envelopes emanating from El Salvador.



Airmail weight bluish envelope, postmarked 28 February 1936. Postmarks in blue with rectangular boxed cancel showing a bi-plane and inscribed CORREO AEREO/SAN SALVADOR above the plane and EL SALVADOR CA below. One of the stamps is the 1935 1 colon commemorative for the Third Central American Games overprinted "Habilitado". Did any participants in that event take part in the 1936 Olympic Games?

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APARTADO 181
SAN SALVADOR, C. A.

The reverse of the cover has an arrival cancellation from Cristobal, Canal Zone, dated 29 February. It is imprinted with the address of the Hapag-Lloyd Agent in San Salvador.

I have two of these covers and have photocopies of only two others from other collectors who specialise in the 1936 Games. The other covers were printed with the name and address of the Nottebohm Trading Company in San Salvador and are addressed to the Nottebohm office in Hamburg, Germany, or to Leon Israel and Bros., Inc. in San Francisco, California.

I have attempted to get more information from a specialist in West Germany, but there is no reply as yet. Do any readers know of any similar covers? Perhaps similar commercial covers were used in countries other than El Salvador. Several South American countries had large German communities.

These covers show the far-reaching efforts to publicise the 1936 Games. One of the Nottebohm covers, however, is postmarked April 1937, an interesting late usage, while another has the postmark of 16 December 1935.

My thank to Franceska Rapkin and Jim Bowman for additional information on these covers.

MEETING FOR MEMBERS LIVING IN NORTHERN ENGLAND. There will be a meeting for members (and friends) on Saturday 18 June from 1.30pm as a part of the YPA Convention in York. The meeting will be held at York Racecourse. Please let John Crowther know if you think that you can attend.

CANADA POST CALGARY CANCELS

Bob Farley and Jon Van Staden.

On arrival at Calgary, it was established that two important facts had not been notified by Canada Post:-

1. Three additional post offices had been established and issued with dies for the cancellation programme.

The Olympic Village, Calgary. (Dies 1 - 14)

The Olympic Village, Canmore. (Dies 15 - 17)

The International Broadcasting Centre, Calgary. (Dies 1-14)

2. The dates of usage had been amended. Cancellor 6 had been extended to include 21st, 22nd and 23rd February. Cancellor 8 had been deleted for 16 February and had been added for 18th. Cancellor 13 had been deleted for the 20th and included for the 21 February.

All three additional offices were intended for restricted access. This was revoked for the International Broadcasting Centre, where the office was sited to allow for public access to one counter, and with restricted access to the other.

A large circular die reading "OLYMPIC VILLAGE/CALGARY" was also in use. Canada Post considered this to be an OCO canceller, but mail and registered mail exists bearing no other cancellation on the stamps. The same canceller was used in red as a receiving mark on all incoming mail at Calgary Village.

The following notes catalogue observations made between 13 and 20 February:-

OLYMPLEX: This was not a postal station, the only facilities available were for philatelic sales and the application of the cancellers. On 14 February it was decided to deploy the Canmore and Nakiska dies at Olympex.

Wallcharts at most post offices were amended to show the revisions to the dates of usage of the dies, but the cancellation leaflet was still available showing the original dates and confusion occurred and therefore cancellers will probably exist on both the original and amended dates.

MARLBOROUGH MALL PHILATELIC CENTRE: At least three dies were incorrectly used on 15 February; dies 4, 6 and 8 on registered mail.

DATE STYLE: This is the most confusing area of all. By 15 February five styles of date slugs had been seen, a sixth was added on the 17th and a minor variety was noticed on the 18th.

Available date styles:

- | | |
|-------------|-------------|
| A) 88.11.15 | B) 15.11.88 |
| C) 88 11 15 | D) 15 11 88 |
| E) 88 2 15 | F) 15 2 88 |

.11. for the month is the correct Roman numeral, whereas 11 is usage of the 11th day from the character set.

Style E is only known from Kananaskis Village where postal staff were following the example of Canada Post first day covers.

Style F is only known from Marlborough Mall on 14 and 15 February.

Styles A and B are identifiable from C and D on light impressions where the stops are not clear, as the spacing of the 1's varies by being closer on the .11. slug.

Station J had one character set where the 1's on the eleven are closer than at other stations, leading to the possibility of a variety in style C and D on date slugs.

The variation of styles was discussed personally with Canada Post on 15 February and it appears that instructions were issued to use Style A, with Style C being acceptable if the number of cancellers in use on a particular day made it necessary.

The thickness of the dies caused problems on 13 February. Cancels exist with no date, or with the month missing. This was later overcome by backing the date slugs with thin card or adhesive tape.

REGISTRATION MARKS:

The International Broadcasting Centre added the letters IBC in

manuscript to their registration mark. Usage during the period of the Games may have been as low as 50-60 items.

Calgary Olympic Village did not identify their registration mark, but numbered from 01. Up to 20 February 70 items had been handled.

Canmore Olympic Village added the letters CV (appearing as CU) to their registration mark, and also numbered from 01. The office did not have a stamp for their registration mark, the procedure for registration was therefore:

- on acceptance of the item of registered mail a manuscript CV and number was marked on the envelope and the corresponding receipt issued.
- the item was collected by Canmore post office where the registration mark was added.
- the collection took place at 5.00pm, but the village post office was open until 9.00pm, so receipts for items mailed after 5.00pm will not agree with the hammer mark on the reverse of the item.

Registered covers with cancellations dated Saturday and Sunday but with registration marks from Monday are genuinely used, as registration was not available from the majority of post offices any earlier.

Some clerks in an effort to satisfy collector demands cancelled covers in advance on Friday at their normal place of work and then took the covers to IBC or Calgary Olympic Village for registration on the correct date if they were operating as week-end relief staff. This created a combination cover, where the special cancellation does not originate from the same office.

The similarity between dies 8 and 11 may have led to misuse. One office felt that they had introduced die 11 too early, but covers have not yet been seen. Die 10 was misused on the date for die 9 on two registered covers by one post office.

The general policy at all locations was to cancel covers only

for that day, as well as covers deposited prior to the required date, which would be cancelled as requested. Back-dating was not available.

Three notable exceptions are known to exist:

Firstly, the international demand at the Calgary Olympic Village led to back-dating and the use of obsolete cancellers.

Secondly, the representative from Paraguay at their post office stand at Olympex was preparing many thousand covers from the opening and closing cancellations, and the opening ceremony canceller dated 13 February was in their possession on the 19th, as well as the closing ceremony canceller dated 28 February. However, date style A was used on the opening ceremony, whereas the canceller used at Olympex on 13 February was style B.

Thirdly, IMOS covers for registration were arriving on 18 February at most post offices and the cancellers were back-dated to accommodate these. However, the registration receipts and backstamps will enable identification where dated. The style of the date will be either A or C, whereas the actual usage on dates prior to 16 February may have differed.

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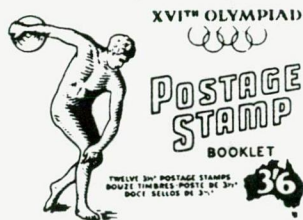
The 16th Olympiad opened in Melbourne on 22 November 1956. The host nation issued six stamps for the Games. A glance at a check list of stamps for the Games shows that the era of limited philatelic productions was coming to an end with many countries on the verge of independence. At Rome, an Olympic philatelist is confronted with twice the number of stamps and from as many countries. The six stamps of Australia comprise a pre-Olympic issue in 1954, the same value and design in a different colour in 1955 and four commemorative issues in 1956, which were released on 31 October. This story is about the lowest value of the commemoratives; a well engraved, single colour stamp bearing the arms of Melbourne.



An unexpected increase in the local letter rate to 4d came about on 1 October, resulting in the destruction of the prepared 3½d value. The stamp was also to have been marketed in booklets,

but the reprinting left insufficient time to make them up, and the booklet had to be abandoned.

Collectors may have read in the press about a major commotion in Australian philately caused by the decision of the post office (PO) to sell material from its archives. A public auction was scheduled for November 1986, but the auctioneers withdrew when their manager was assaulted. A further public outcry followed, but the PO went ahead with a postal sale by tender in February 1987. A sale by tender simply involves selling a lot to the highest bidder WITHOUT reference to the under bidder's limit. In philately, this is not a method for disposing of property, as the knock-down price has no relationship with the second highest bid. In the first sale, five lots of the unissued 3½d were offered. In spite of



further strenuous efforts to persuade the PO not to sell further material, a second sale by tender was finalised last November with four lots of the stamp listed. The chart shows the format of the lots and the prices realised.

The PO had announced the second sale as the final sale, and raised a total of A\$1 million. So ends an interesting chapter in Australian and Olympic philately, that had its roots in the change of rates of which the postal planners and printers had little forewarning. The lowest denomination, rejected and lying in a cupboard for thirty years, suddenly stepped out as an Olympian Prince!

DETAILS OF THE TWO SALES.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Realised</u>
February 1987			
1	Block of twelve (2 booklet panes of 6)	4,200	6,500
2	Pane of six	2,100	3,285
3	Pane of six	2,100	2,800
4	Single	350	1,530
5	Single	350	2,335
November 1987.			
6	Pane of six	2,500	3,600
7	Pane of six	2,500	3,800
8	Single	400	1,005
9	Single	400	1,575

Notes.

1. Prices are in Australian Dollars.
2. The nine lots comprise forty stamps; a block of twelve, four booklet panes of six and four singles.
3. The panes of six included the booklet covers.

NEW ISSUES

- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC** 31-12-1986
Pre-Olympic Year, Seoul (1988)
150 f.
250 f. All values
440 f. depict tennis.
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- COMOROS** 28-1-1987
Tennis as a 1988 Olympic Discipline.
150 f.
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500 f. depict tennis.
600 f.
- ANTIGUA** 23-3-1987
Pre-Olympic Year, Seoul (1988)
10 c. Handball.
60 c. Fencing.
\$1.00 Gymnastics.
\$3.00 Football.
Miniature Sheet
\$5.00 Boxing gloves.
- COMOROS** 10-4-1987
Winter Olympic Games, Calgary (1988)
150 f. Men's downhill.
225 f. Ski jump.
500 f. Women's slalom.
600 f. Men's luge.
- BOLIVIA** 13-4-1987
Winter Olympic Games, Calgary (1988)
Olympic Games, Seoul (1988)
Miniature sheets for the benefit of
the Bolivian Philatelic Federation.
Including a valid Bolivian stamp
(a) 2 BS. (2,000,000 B). Downhill skier.
(b) 2 BS. (2,000,000 B). Swimming.
- MONACO** 23-4-1987
Europa "Architecture".
3.40 f. Prince Albert, Olympic
Swimming Pool.
Miniature Sheet
5 * 2.20 f. Louis II Stadium.
5 * 3.40 f. Olympic Pool.
- MALAGASY** 13-5-1987
Winter Olympic Games, Calgary (1988)
60 Fag. Biathlon (shooting).
150 Fag. Slalom.
250 Fag. Luge.
350 Fag. Speed skating.
400 Fag. Ice Hockey.
450 Fag. Pairs' ice skating.
Miniature Sheet
600 Fag. Downhill skiing.
(2 * 1500 Fag. "Gold Sheets".
- IVORY COAST** 25-5-1987 Revised date.
Pre-Olympic Year, Seoul (1988)
- KOREA SOUTH** 25-5-1987
Olympic Games, Seoul (8th. Issue)
80 + 50 w. Tennis.
80 + 50 w. Diving.
80 + 50 w. Wrestling.
80 + 50 w. Show jumping.
Miniature Sheets. * 4
Each sheet holds one of the above
stamps * 2.
- NIGER** 2-6-1987
Pre-Olympic Year, Seoul (1988)
85 f. Tennis.
110 f. Pole vault.
250 f. Football.
Miniature Sheet
500 f. Runner.
- GREECE** 3-6-1987
Athens Candidature for 1996.
(Basketball Championships).
Miniature Sheet
40 d, 60 d, 100 d, Basketball.
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC** 4-6-1987
Barcelona, Olympic City. (1992).
30 f, 150 f, 265 f, 350 f, 495 f.
Miniature Sheet, 500 f.
- CONGO REPUBLIC** 17-6-1987
Pre-Olympic Year, Seoul (1988)
100 f. Back stroke.
200 f. Freestyle.
300 f. Breast stroke.
400 f. Butterfly.
Miniature Sheet
750 f. Womens swimming.
- MAURITANIA** 1-7-1987
Pre-Olympic Year, Seoul (1988)
30 Ua. Boxing.
40 Ua. Judo.
50 Ua. Fencing.
75 Ua. Wrestling.
Miniature Sheet
150 Ua. Judo.
- LIBERIA** July / August 1987
Winter Olympic Games, Calgary (1988)
3 c. Max Julien.
6 c. Debbie Armstrong.
31 c. Peter Angener.
60 c. Bill Johnson.
80 c. DDR Bobsleigh team.
Miniature Sheet
\$1.25 H. Stongassinger,
F. Weimbacher.

- SPAIN 15-7-1987
Barcelona, Olympic City. (1992).
32 Pts. "Chimneys".
65 Pts. Athletes.
- BURKINO FASO 15-7-1987
Pre-Olympic Year, Seoul (1988)
75 f, 85 f, 90 f, 100 f, 145 f, 350 f.
- DJIBOUTI 15-7-1987
Pre-Olympic Year, Seoul (1988)
85 f, 135 f, 140 f.
- NIGER 28-7-1987
Winter Olympic Games, Calgary (1988)
85 f, 110 f, 250 f.
Miniature Sheet, 500 f.
- MAURITANIA 13-8-1987
Winter Olympic Games, Calgary (1988)
30 Ua, 40 Ua, 50 Ua, 75 Ua.
Miniature Sheet, 150 Ua.
- SOMALIA August 1987
Olympilex '87, Rome.
20 s. Runner.
48 s. Javelin.
Miniature Sheet
20 s. Runner.
48 s. Javelin.
- CHINA PEOPLES REPUBLIC August 1987
Olympilex '87, Rome.
Pre stamped envelope.
8 f. Pole vaulter.
- KOREA NORTH August 1987
Olympilex '87, Rome.
10 ch. Stamp of sport stadium.
- WALLIS & FUTUNA August 1987
Olympilex '87, Rome.
97 f. Wrestling.
- BULGARIA August 1987
Olympilex '87, Rome.
Pre stamped postcard.
5 ct. Text in blue.
Pre stamped envelope.
5 ct. Text in chesnut.
- POLAND 28-8-1987
Olympilex '87, Rome.
Miniature Sheet
45 + 10 zl. Fencing.
- ITALY 29-8-1987
Olympilex '87, Rome.
700 L. Olympic stadium.
700 L. Palazzo Del COMI.
- SAN MARINO 29-8-1987
Olympilex '87, Rome.
600 L. Athlete.
- VATICAN CITY 29-8-1987
Olympilex '87, Rome.
400 L. Judge and athletes from
500 L. a floor mosaic of the
600 L. Baths of Caracalla.
2000 L.
Miniature Sheet
400 L, 500 L, 600 L, 2000 L, as set.
- UGANDA September 1987
Pre-Olympic Year, Seoul (1988)
5 s. Torch bearer.
10 S. Swimming.
50 s. Cycling.
100 s. Gymnastics (rings).
Miniature Sheet
150 s. Boxing.
- NIUE 25-9-1987
Pre-Olympic Year, Seoul (1988)
80 c.
\$1.15 Designs depict
\$1.40 Boris Becker.
\$1.80
Designed by:- G. L. Vasarhelyi.
- SRI LANKA 8-10-1987 Date amended.
National Olympic Committee (50th Anniv).
10.00 R. Hurdler, Olympic Rings.
- TOKELAU 2-12-1987
Olympic Sports.
5 c. Javelin.
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32 c. Long jump.
48 c. Hurdles.
60 c. Sprint.
75 c. Wrestling.
Designed by:- Faraimo Paulo.
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Winter Olympic Games, Calgary (1988)
25 r. Cross country skiing.
90 r. Downhill skiing.
110 r. Four man bobsleigh.
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Unfortunately, both time and space ran out before it was possible to prepare a full report on Stampex, which will now appear in the next issue. If any member was at Stampex and feels that he would like to prepare a report, please send it to the Editor by 20 June. It would be nice to have an unbiased report from someone other than a member of the Committee.



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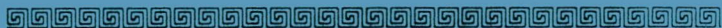
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