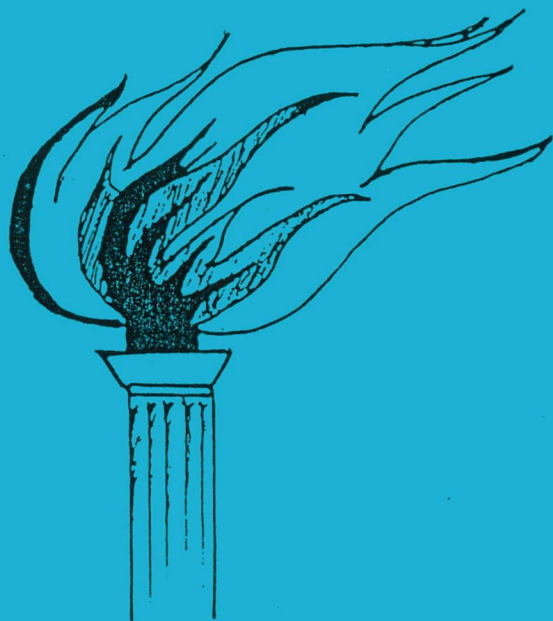


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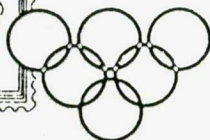
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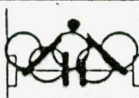
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# FRONT PAGE

Congratulations to Mark Maestroni, the President and the other members of the Committee of Sports Philatelists International, our sister Society in the United States. At long last they have produced a journal that is fitting for the premier Olympic and sports society in the USA. It is full of interesting articles and well produced. The Society continues with its policy of catering for both Olympic and sports collectors and the contents of the new magazine is fairly equally divided between the two subjects.

I am happy to be able to announce that our Treasurer, Colin Faers, has offered to take over the running of the Packet. You will find his address on the inside back cover, so please do not hesitate to send him your surplus material. May I take this opportunity of thanking Bob Wilcock on behalf of the Committee and members for getting the Packet going and for all his hard work for the benefit of the Society.

Bob Farley has also been working hard on behalf of the Society and his efforts will be available to all members in the form of a supplement with the next issue of TORCH BEARER. It will be a full and comprehensive account of the philatelic arrangements for Albertville in 1992. This booklet will only be available to paid-up members, so may I suggest that you pay your subscription today, if you have not already done so.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the reprint of a letter written to the Secretary of the Germany and Colonies Philatelic Society. It is regrettable that we live in lawless times, but only the foolhardy ignore this sad fact. Can I please ask all members to avoid including the name of the Society when writing to its officers. Even though our name does not state what we collect, it is not particularly difficult to find out.

May I remind members that the Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 3 March 1991 at 3.00pm in Floral Room A on the Third Floor of the Royal Horticultural New Hall, Greycoat Street, London SW1. We have the room from 2.00pm until the close of the exhibition at 6.00pm, so there will be plenty of time for discussion and exchange of material. I promise that the formal part of the proceedings will be kept to a minimum. Since we have display frames at our disposal, why not bring along a few sheets from your collection to show to other members?

Finally, may I thank all those members who sent me season's greetings, and my apologies that I was unable to reply to you all individually. They were very much appreciated, particularly some of the very nice comments about the magazine. It is always encouraging to hear that the magazine makes interesting reading. Thank you for sending in your articles for inclusion in TORCH BEARER, and for being patient when they have not appeared immediately. It makes an Editor's task very much easier when he has a stock of material in hand, so please keep those articles coming!

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# MEMBER'S FORUM

Colin Faers will be showing his collection to the Blandford Philatelic Society on 14 February and to Yeovil Philatelic Society on 3 April. Details of the Blandford meeting are available either from Colin or through their Society Secretary, Mr B.D.Redpath, telephone 0258 880878. Yeovil PS meets at 7.15pm at the Three Choughs Hotel in Hendford.

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Robert Kensit will be giving two displays of his collection of gymnastics during March. On 5 March, he will be at North Herts Stamp Club, and on 18 March he will be at Dulwich Philatelic Society. Members who are in the neighbourhood and would like to attend will be very welcome.

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Alan Sabey will be showing his collection of "The London Olympic Games 1948" on Monday 25 March to the Hayes and Harlington Philatelic Society. The meeting will be held at Hayes Public Library, Golden Crescent (off Botwell Lane) in Hayes. Meetings start at 8.00pm and visitors will be welcome. Alan will also be showing his collection to the Hounslow and District Philatelic Society on Tuesday 19 March at 7.45pm. The Hounslow Society's venue is the Oxley Centre, Montague Road, Hounslow, which is situated near the Holy Trinity Church. The nearest underground station for those wishing to attend is Hounslow Central.

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Harvey Abrams, the antiquarian and Olympic book dealer, asks members who have written to him in the past year and received no reply to please write to him again. Harvey has had a traumatic move from Berlin to Philadelphia when everything that could went wrong. As a result, both personal and business correspondence spent months in storage. Harvey is now getting back to normal and ready for business. He has even started advertising with us again, so do write to him with your requirements.

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Denis Heenan from Swaziland writes: The article in the November 1990 issue on the Amsterdam Games by Karl Heinz Koller seems to have a couple of errors which have been pinpointed. However, there is perhaps a rather important omission. The set of stamps issued by the Dutch Post Office were perforated 12 x 12. However, some of the 10 cent stamps appear with a 12 x 11.5 perforation. There can be no mistaking the 11.5 perforation as I have one in my collection and it is listed in Michel as 210D. Vignettes were issued by the Polish Olympic Committee - 10gr in blue and yellow and 20gr in red and yellow. Were there any others?

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US member, David Meschi, 2270 Trenton Drive, San Bruno CA 94066-2846, USA, collects Olympic stamps, but his main interest is collecting newsletters and publications published by the Olympic organising committees and Olympic bidding committees. He would be interested in buying or trading with other members. David writes that the Official Report of the Seoul Olympic Games may be purchased through R & K Distributors, 2404 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 500, Los Angeles CA 90057, USA. The report is available in Korean, French and English and sells for US \$500. Taxes, handling and shipping costs are extra.

David also sent in some useful addresses for the bid committees for the 1998 Olympic Winter Games. Oficinas del Comite Olimpico de Jaca '98, Palacio de Congresos de Jaca, Avenida Juan XXIII No. 17, 22700 Jaca, Spain. Nagano Winter Olympics Bidding Committee, new Municipal Building, 1613 Midori-cho, Nagano 380, Japan. Ostersund Olympic Candidate Office, Box 1998, 83101 Ostersund, Sweden. Salt Lake City Bid Committee for the Olympic Winter Games, 420 East South Temple, Suite 340, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, USA. David did not have the addresses for either Aosta or Sochi. Perhaps someone else can fill in this piece of information.

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Israeli member Shlomo Vurgan also collects the Tennis theme and writes to say that members may be interested to know that there is a newsletter of tennis philately. MATCHPOINT is published on a quarterly basis and deals with all aspects of tennis philately, including stamps, postmarks, postal stationery and Cinderellas. Annual subscription in the USA is \$4.00 and airmail to other countries is \$6.00. For further details write to Les Yerkes, PO Box 55, Tome, New Mexico 87060, USA

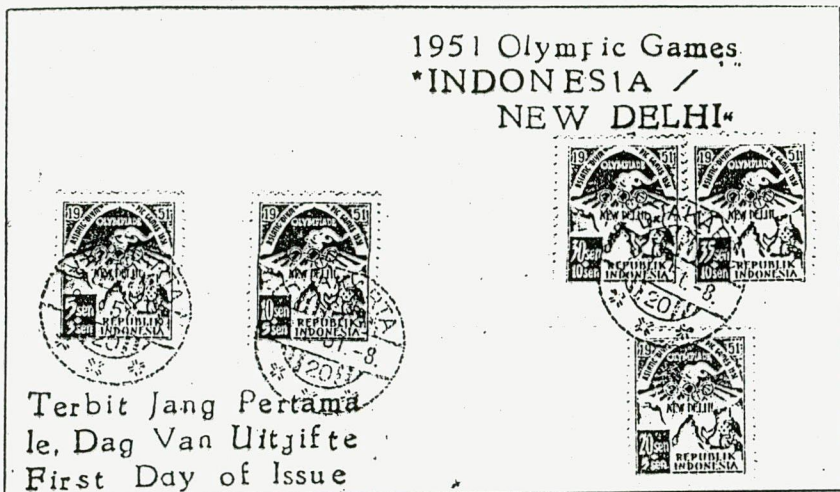
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Dutch member, Anthony Bijkerk, Vogelrijd 10, 8428 HH Fochteloo, The Netherlands, has for disposal the following literature. THE OLYMPIC REVIEW, Nos 1 (Sept 1959), 3 (July 1960) and 4 (Jan 1962). THE OLYMPIC PHILATELIST (successor of the OLYMPIC REVIEW) Nos 1-46, 48-56 (May 1963 - Dec 1967) The above were all produced by Ernest Trory and published by the Crabtree Press. Also Trory's "Lists of duplicates from his collection for sale or exchange" Nos 49 - 78 (April 1962 - August 1963). Trory's most famous publication, A PHILATELIC HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES is also available. Later newssheets and newsletters from Trory, including the last ones issued (without numbers) in 1972, are also available for sale or exchange for other Olympic items, especially medals, badges or tickets.

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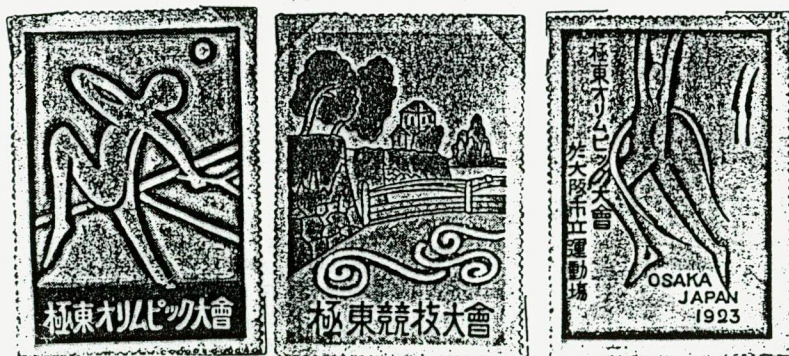
Referring to the letter by Lorna Mildenhall in August's Members' Forum (page 115), Karl Heinz Koller from Germany writes: "The use of the word "Olympic" or "Olympiad" is not unusual to describe a sporting event; eg. Colombia in 1935 or Indonesia in 1951, and this is the case with the Osaka label. A Japanese city has hosted the Far Eastern Games on three occasions, in 1917 and 1930, when

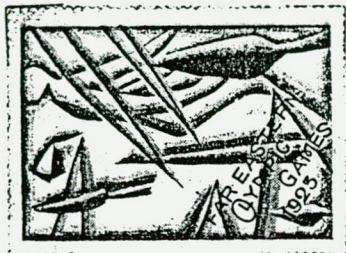
they were held in Tokyo and in 1923 when they were hosted by Osaka, almost certainly the occasion for which the vignette was prepared. Illustrated on the following page is an FDC of the 1951 Indonesian stamps, probably less well known than those issued by Colombia for the Barranguilla Games in 1935."



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There was a further response to Lorna Mildenhall's request for information, this time from one of our Japanese members, Masaaki Ichimura, who writes: "The label affixed to the cover was issued to commemorate the 6th Far Eastern Championship Games which were held at Osaka from 21 - 26 May 1923. At that time, these games were called the "Eastern Olympic Games" or the "Far Eastern Olympic Games." A set of nineteen different official labels were issued by the Games Organising Committee in Japan. Some of the labels are illustrated below.





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 Mario Bruges Ramos, Alto de Saboga, Bloca B, Casa 4, 3880 OVAR, Portugal, has been trying to find information about the 75th Session of the IOC which took place in Vienna in 1974. He is looking for the special postmark for this Session. Mario needs it for his collection of the Moscow Games, since it was in Vienna that the decision was made to invite Moscow to host the Games. If anyone can help, please contact Mario direct.

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# NEWS

The British Post Office produced a special handstamp and souvenir cover which was used on 13 September 1990. This commemorative item was produced to promote the Manchester Olympic Bid. At the suggestion of the United States Post Office, the post office in the country of each candidate city produced a similar philatelic item that was then enclosed in a souvenir folder and presented to each of the IOC members during the Session held in Tokyo. The British cover showed the four stamps in full colour that were produced for the 1948 Olympic Games. The cancellation is based on the Manchester Bid logo, and the stamp used was that released to commemorate Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother's 90th Birthday and which shows her as she looked when she celebrated her silver wedding anniversary in 1948.



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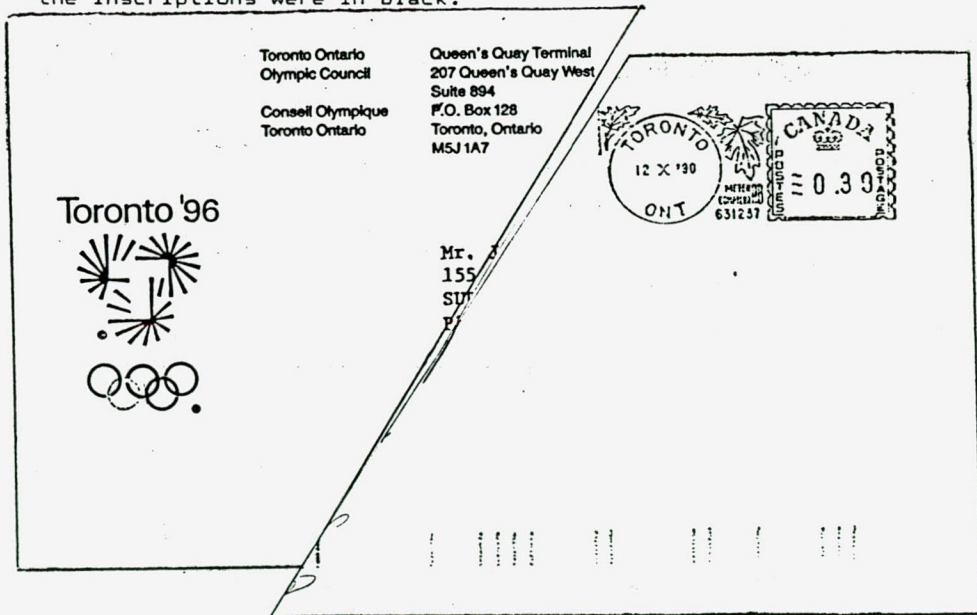
Due to the celebrations commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Penny Black, first class stamps during 1990 were coloured black. Since our forefathers had already discovered that a black cancellation on a black stamp does not show up, it was necessary to use a red cancellation. This was in use from September 1989 until 17 September 1990, when the postage rate was increased and an orange stamp introduced to cover the rate for first class postage. It is ironic that the black cancellation should have been first used in Manchester on the day that the decision was made to award the 1996 Olympic Games to Atlanta, particularly when seen in combination with the DRIVING THE DREAM slogan cancellation used in that city. (See TORCH BEARER August 1990, page 119)

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An exhibition of Olympic and sports philately is being held in Havana, Cuba from 4 - 14 August 1991 in connection with the Panamerican Games being held in Cuba during the summer. PANAMFILEX '91 is sponsored by the Cuban Ministry of Communications, the state enterprise COPREFIL and the Cuban Philatelic Federation. Originally, it was intended that only collectors from Cuba and the American continent could participate, but it would appear that there were insufficient entries and the exhibition has now been thrown open to a wider audience. United States members are unable to exhibit because of the US government embargo against Cuba. Further details of the exhibition can be obtained from PANAMFILEX '91, PO Box 6147, 10600 Havana, Cuba.

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John Larmer, one of our Canadian members, writes that the Bid Committee for the 1996 Olympic Games in Toronto did not use a special meter cancellation on their mail. A letter from Mr Paul Henderson, the Bid Chairman, indicated that he was not aware of any philatelic items being planned by Canada Post should the bid have been successful. The Toronto '96 logo was used on the stationery of the Bid Committee. Additionally, Irwin Specialities was appointed the official supplier of souvenirs by the Canadian Olympic Association. The stylised "T" logo was produced in colour - the Olympic rings being shown in their correct colours. The starbursts around the "T" were in red, orange and pink and the inscriptions were in black.



Stationery used by the Toronto Bid Committee.

The tag shown below was attached to a sweatshirt bearing the Toronto '96 logo. The background colour of the tag was blue on both sides.



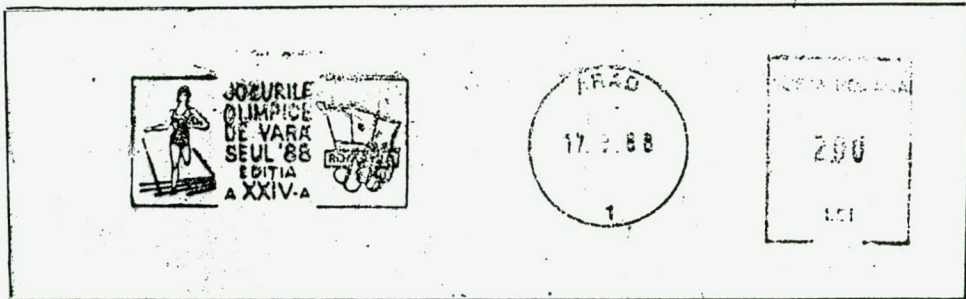
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Obverse and Reverse of the Sweatshirt tag.

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Romanian collector, Popovici Silviu, Box 45-33, 70750 Bucarest, Romania writes that he is able to prepare special sporting cancellations for members who may be interested in receiving these items. Please write to him at the above address. Enclosed with his letter was a meter cancellation prepared for the Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988. Details are not available at present, only that the cancellation is said to be rare. If any member can shed light on this cancellation, please let your Editor know.



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The British Museum has on sale a postcard showing Myron's statue of the Discus thrower, a copy of which is in the Museum. A poster showing the same statue is also available. This statue which should have formed the centrepiece of an exhibition held at the museum in 1984 to promote the Games of Los Angeles, was not considered important enough to bring upstairs! See the report of the exhibition in TORCH BEARER Volume 1, Issue 3, page 69.

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Britain and the other eleven European Community countries have been offered nearly £3 million between them if their competitors wear the insignia of the twelve stars of the EC on their track suits at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. The national Olympic committees of the twelve states are considering the offer. It was originally suggested that both at Barcelona and Albertville the athletes should march behind the flag of the community at the opening ceremony. Not surprisingly, the NOC's declined. It was then suggested that the athletes from the EEC countries wear the EC flag, as well as that of their country on their tracksuits. This has received a mixed reception, with Germany and Britain against the idea and Luxembourg in favour. No formula has yet been worked out for the division of the money, but British sports organisations could benefit to the tune of £400,000. It will be interesting to watch what happens in the Soviet Union. Will the individual states continue to walk happily behind the flag of the USSR, or will their athletes want to walk behind their national flags? Only time will tell how much impact the present political situation will have on the Olympic Games.

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As the Olympic Bid contingent from Athens departed from Tokyo in September, some delegates, seeking recompense for what they regarded as the gross injustice of not being awarded the Centenary Games, were already talking about applying to stage the 1995 World Athletic Championships. Stuttgart and Goteborg are the only two contenders to have put forward their candidacy for the 1995 championships, though Belgrade are believed to be interested. The closing date for entries was 31 December 1990.

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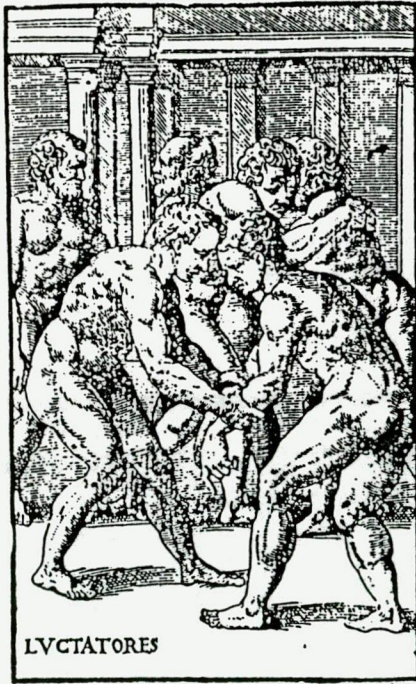
Atlanta will host the 1996 Centenary Games after Athens, the sentimental favourite, lost in the fifth and final ballot in Tokyo on 18 September. It was being seen as a vote for the future and not for the past; those less kind said that it was money talking. It is easier to sell the television rights if the main events are held at a time that is convenient for an American audience. A billion dollar jackpot is already being predicted, and it could go even higher. Many felt that the voting was anti-Athens, rather than pro-Atlanta and surprise was expressed that the alternative choice had not been Melbourne. It demonstrated perhaps that the younger members of the IOC with more pragmatism than idealism, looked at what is best for the Movement, even if the Greeks believe that the IOC have sold out to the Coca Cola syndrome. Christos Kourtis, a member of the Greek delegation called the decision one for "clear net profit". He added "It is a defeat for President Samaranch. Dick Pound is now the active President of the IOC. It is a decision in favour of hard, uncontrolled commercialism."

One fight is over, the next already beginning. Manchester feels that they have a very good chance of success in 2000. Sebastian Coe is setting up a consortium proposing London as the host city. The Olympian believes that London is the only hope for the Games to return to Great Britain. Berlin will try to be the hosts in a united Germany and China has also indicated that it intends to nominate Beijing as the 2000 host of the XXVIth Olympic Games.

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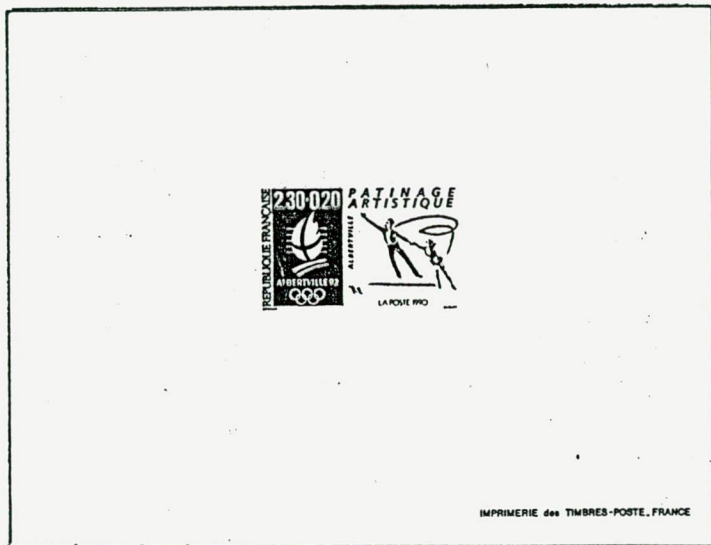
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# ALBERTVILLE 1992

Bob Wilcock.

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On a visit to the Paris stamp market last October, I was pleased to find copies of the de luxe proofs of the first Olympic stamps. Each is on a thin card measuring 130mm x 100mm in the issued colours. The logo stamp was printed in six colour heliogravure and the proof is on glossy card with the text bottom right "IMPRIMERIE des TIMBRE-POSTE, FRANCE" in black. The figure-skating stamp is recess printed (on press "T.D.3", for "Taille Douce", the French for recess or line engraved printing). The proof is therefore on matt card which is much more suited to this form of printing. The text at the foot is in blue.

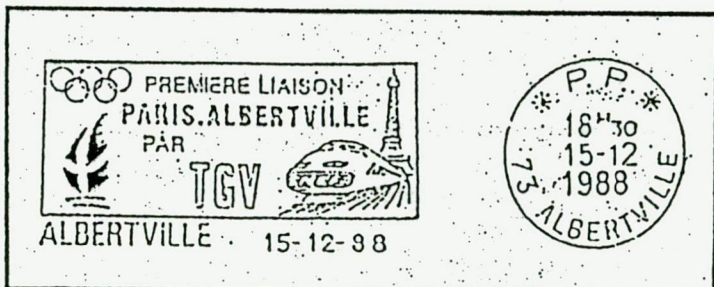
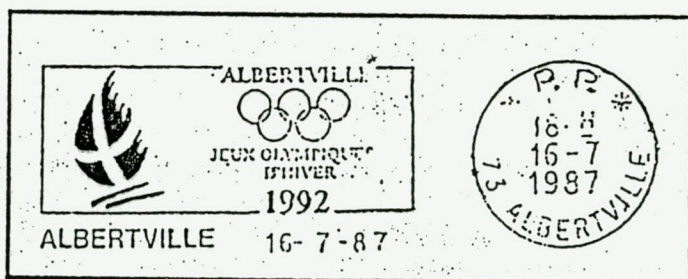
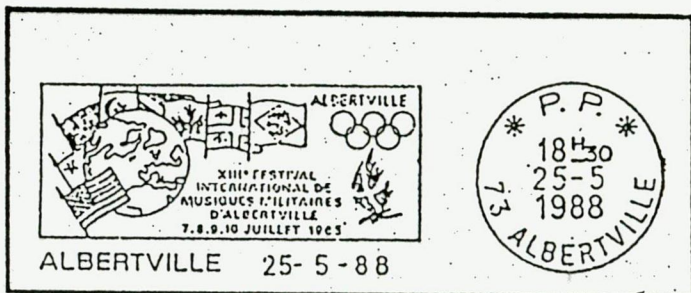


In their superb brochure "500 Days Before the Games" issued in September last, COJD report that 380,000 first day covers of the first two stamps have been sold (190,000 of each), and 33,000 Olympic subscriptions have been taken out with the French Post Office (see TORCH BEARER May 1990 p 69 for details of how to subscribe).

## OLYMPIC POSTMARKS.

I visited Albertville briefly in October, as well as Paris. I chose a bad day in one sense, in that the post office was in the process of moving from the lorry, that had been its temporary home for most of 1990, into its brand new building, but Monsieur Robert, the postmaster, managed to find ten very pleasant minutes for me. He told me that the Olympic slogan postmark was likely to continue in use after the Games, the probable last day of use

being 5 August 1992. It will, however, be replaced from time to time with temporary postmarks, for example to advertise the 1991 Festival of Military Music. Every now and then the Olympic slogan will be used with a "Port Paye" cds for bulk mailings; you will do very well to find a copy! Monsieur Robert introduced me to an Olympic collector from a village near Chamonix, Rene Christin, and he has confirmed that all of the Albertville Olympic slogan postmarks have been used from time to time with "Port Paye" (P.P) cds, including the T.G.V. postmark in use from 3 December 1988. The last day of use was actually 15 December 1988, and at least part of the mailing on that day was "Port Paye".

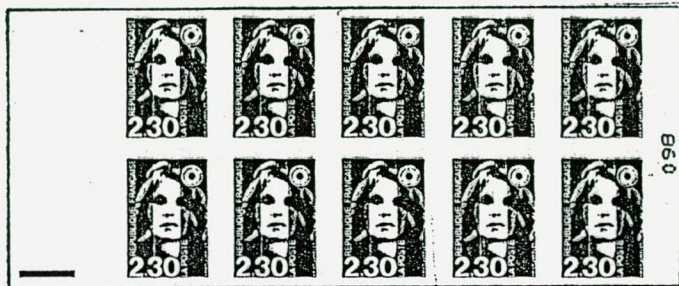


We have already reported the Olympic slogan postmark from Bozel, and M. Robert said that negotiations were in progress for Olympic slogans to be introduced at each of the venues. The negotiations were complex because slogan postmarks in France are sponsored and paid for by the municipal authorities, and COJO approval is also necessary. Details will be given in TORCH BEARER in due course. M. Robert indicated that the Albertville

philatelic handstamp, which advertises medieval Conflans, is not likely to be changed for the period of the Games, and he does not expect there to be handstamps for the various pre-Olympic trials. I would add that the issue dates of the Olympic stamps to be issued in 1991 does not coincide with the principal trials at the various venues.


### BOOKLETS.

Two more booklets have appeared with Olympic text on the cover, both costing Ffr.23. The first is similar to the Ffr.23 booklet previously described, except the cover is from a single piece of card folded at the left, whereas the earlier booklet cover is made from two pieces of folded cards stuck down at both ends.



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The second booklet contains self-adhesive definitive stamps. It is produced in pads of (I believe) one hundred unfolded booklets. The pads are gummed at the left and the counter clerk peels off booklets as they are sold. The stamps are in two rows of five, (the other booklets have stamps in two strips of five) with the booklet cover acting as backing, and each booklet is numbered on the selvaige at the right for ease of accounting. Ten million booklets were printed in August and September 1990.

In summary, the Olympic booklets known to have been issued in 1990 are:

1. 10 Francs (multi-value stamps strips)
2. 20 Francs discount booklet (5+4 @ Ffr.2.30)
3. 23 Francs (2x5 @ Ffr.2.30) postage rates on back cover.
4. Ditto, but with folded cover.
5. 23 Francs (2x5 @ Ffr.2.30) FAITES DE LA MUSIQUE on back cover.
6. 23 Francs self adhesive stamps.

## OLYMPIC METERS.

The journey from Albertville to Paris is a long haul up the motorway, but we had time to spare, and my wife readily agreed to my suggestion that we break our journey at Auxerre. We had a pleasant hour wandering through the old town and visiting the cathedral, but when I asked the way to the AGF office, Ruth knew why I had suggested Auxerre for our stop! I knew from M. Robert that the AGF office in Auxerre uses an Olympic postage meter. AGF are the official insurers for the Games.

When we found the office, it was the wrong one; there are two AGF offices in Auxerre. However, the young lady in charge was most helpful. She remembered that they had a letter from the other office that day, went through the waste paper bin, and there was the envelope, together with another from the Reims office with an Olympic meter that I did not know about! We next went to the other office, and the receptionist gave us a very clean copy of the meter, but sadly her waste paper bin produced no more!

We spent the night at Fontainebleau on the outskirts of Paris, where an AGF office was open. Sadly, they do not use an Olympic meter, but their waste paper bin produced one from Paris Drouot!. So, fresh from the waste paper bins of France, and other more normal sources (including Rene Christin), the list of towns from which an AGF Olympic meter is known, is as follows:

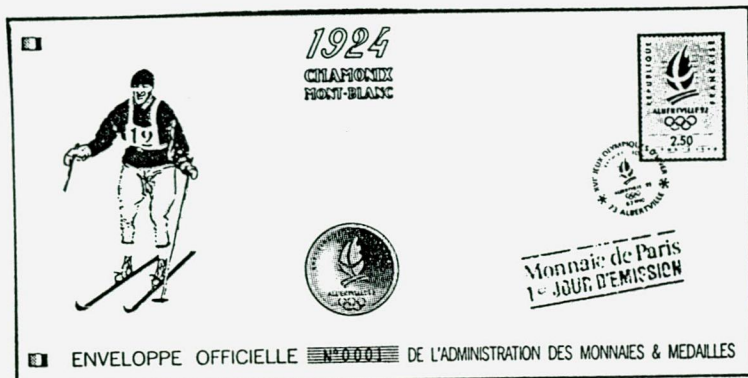
Auxerre	Bordeaux	Lyon
Marseille	Paris 8	Paris 9 (Drouot)
Reims	Rennes	Strasbourg
Tours	a. Machine no. F 4180	b. Machine no. F 4181



AGF are the only member out of the twelve members of the CLUB COUBERTIN known to have introduced an Olympic meter, but one is known from Arjomari, who are the official suppliers of paper to COJO. In November last the merger was announced between Arjomari and Wiggins Teape of Great Britain. If you have news of any other Olympic meters, please let me know for future publication.

## OLYMPIC MEDAL FIRST DAY COVERS.

The French Government Administration for Coins and Medals has authorised a series of first day covers for the twelve Olympic stamps, each cover incorporating an Olympic medal. The reverse of each medal will incorporate the Albertville logo and the face will show the appropriate Olympic site. Each is Ffr.80 by subscription from EDITIONS JEAN-MARC LALETA, TOUR FRANKLIN, CEDEX 11, 92081 PARIS-LA DEFENSE.



#### OLYMPIC COINS.

Coins are principally on sale to the public from branches of Credit Lyonnais, the official bank of the Games, and from the French Post Office. Ten gold and nine silver coins are being issued. Each of the gold coins has a face value of Ffr.500, with proof copies selling at Ffr.3,000. The silver coins have a face value of Ffr.100 and proofs sell for Ffr.250.

The gold coins are the first ever French coins with a face value of Ffr.500, and this is the first time that France has issued commemorative coins for the Olympic Games. All the coins have the Albertville logo on the reverse and the year of issue. There will be an issue of 300,000 of each of the nine silver coins and 30,000 of the first nine gold coins and they will have common designs on the face. 125,000 will be minted of the tenth gold coin, which will depict a portrait of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, and has been designed by Daniel Ponce and Gerard Buquoy. The other nine designs are as follows:

1. Alpine skiing and Mont Blanc
2. Figure skating on the lake of Le Bourget
3. Speed skating and a marmot
4. Bobsleigh & luge "from la Belle Epoque"
5. Artistic skiing & chamois (original mascot)
6. Slalom. Modern skier & lady skier from la Belle Epoque
7. Ice hockey and ibex.
8. Cross country skiing, Chateau of the Dukes of Savoy.
9. Ski jumper and lady ski jumper of la Belle Epoque

With the exception of Number 1, which was designed by Guy Brun, and Numbers 2 and 9, which were designed by Georges Yoldjoglou, all other designs are by Joaquin Jimenez.

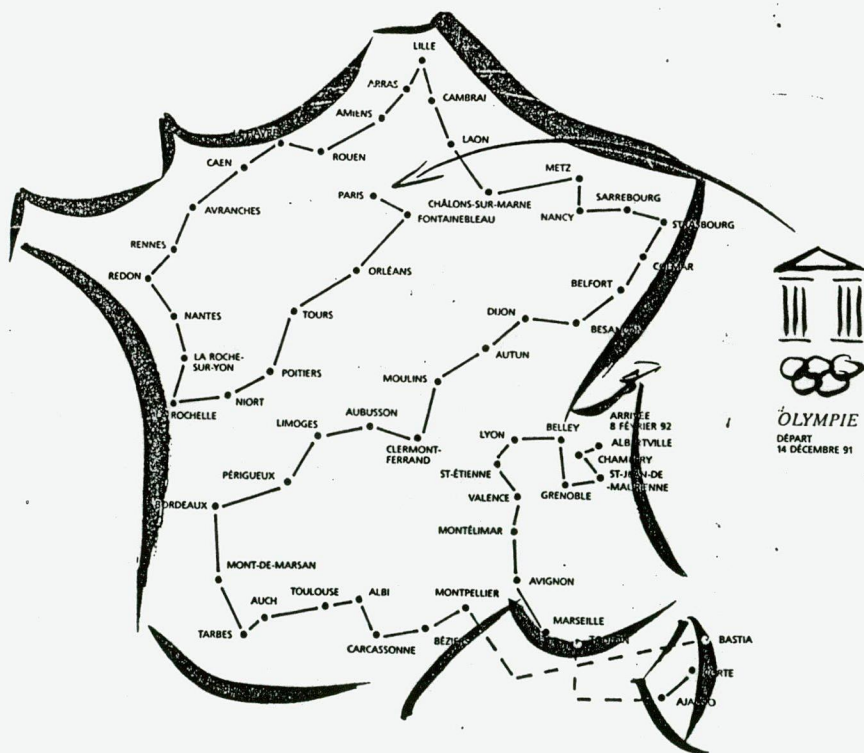
#### OTHER SOUVENIRS.

The original offices of the Albertville Candidature Committee in the centre of town have been converted into an impressive Olympic exhibition centre. Just opposite is a shop devoted exclusively to Olympic souvenirs. There are literally dozens of different pins to warm the pin collector's heart, tee shirts and sweat shirts. There is a game "La Memoire Olympique", taking players on

a tour of the Olympic venues, and a jigsaw of the sites. There are cuddly(?) cloth ice-crystal mascot toys and a plastic "igloo" for children, and a more practical child's Olympic bobsled.

All the cafes and bars in the Savoy seem to have large Coca Cola signs and window stickers, and you can sweeten your coffee with Olympic sugar cubes; at least you can collect the wrappers. There are many different sugar cube wrapper designs. The big commercial push will come in 1991, but already in 1990 if you bought Candia "Olympic" milk you could send away for Olympic cereal bowls or Olympic teaspoons: you need only buy ninety litres of milk to qualify (approximately 157 pints)!

### THE OLYMPIC TORCH RUN.



The Olympic torch will be lit at Olympia on 14 December 1991 and will be flown to the Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport, where the run will proceed to Paris for the first night. The run to Albertville is 5,000 kilometres long, and the torch will be carried through the twenty two regional capitals, sixty départements and 2,000 communes before arriving at Albertville on 8 February 1992, the opening day of the Games. The run is being organised by La Poste, the French Post Office. A postal

stationery card has been announced for collectors, but the programme of special postmarks has yet to be finalised.

The torch bearers will be young people aged between 15 and 20 years old, who will apply for the honour through their local post offices. The lucky ones will know the outcome in May. Each will carry the torch for one kilometre. They will be escorted by specially chosen and trained postal employees who will run in relays of 5 kilometres, and who are charged with "keeping a watchful eye on the flame and giving moral support to the torch bearers". English members may feel that a long weekend in Paris may be worthwhile on 14 December (a Saturday). The only Channel port on the route is Le Havre, but Amiens, Arras and Lille can easily be reached from Calais, Boulogne or Dunkirk; it is worth thinking about.

#### OLYMPIC STAMP ISSUES.

The second stamp in the Olympic Sports series was released on Saturday 22 December 1990 from a special temporary post office in the Hall of the Arolles at La Croisette in the resort of Courcheval, not far from the spectacular ski-jumps. There was also a special posting box in the Courcheval post office for the first day handstamp. As with all other stamps in the series, this ski-jump stamp was designed by Charles Bridoux, engraved by Pierre Bequet, and recess printed in sheets of fifty stamps. The stamp was on general sale throughout France from Monday 24 December. The new ski-jumps themselves should have been ready for the official pre-Olympic trials on 17 - 20 January.

The demonstration sport of speed skiing is the subject of the third stamp in the series and this was released at the appropriate venue, Les Arcs, on Saturday 29 December from a temporary post office in the Hotel du Golf at Les Arcs 1800. There was an additional posting box at the nearby post office. General sale was from Monday 31 December. The principal pre-Olympic trials in speed skiing are being held at Les Arcs from 13 - 16 February.

As for all the Olympic issues, the French Post Office issued official first day covers and de luxe folders with cancelled blocks of four stamps. There will be 250 de luxe proofs and ten sheets of stamps will have been issued imperforate. These will only be available from specialist dealers. There will also be superb A4 size presentation folders published by the Paris Postal Museum.



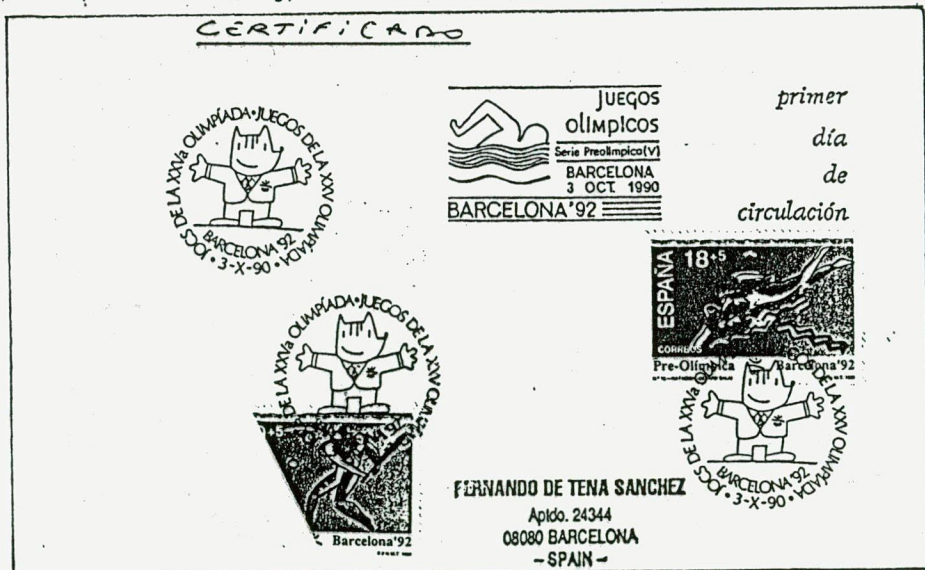
# BARCELONA 1992

Bob Wilcock.

Separate visits to Barcelona by myself, Bob Farley and Andy Potter, and help from our indefatigable member, Manuel Alcalá Gamez, mean a bumper article of Olympic news from Barcelona. It is also an opportunity to review aspects of the philatelic programme so far.

I arrived on the day of a Coca Cola International Athletics meeting in the Montjuic Olympic Stadium. The exterior of the stadium is largely finished, but I was not impressed with the drab brown colour and the design rather lacks style. The shuttle bus arrangements from the car parks at the foot of the hill were very efficient, and the Olympic Volunteers, who were using the event as a rehearsal for the Games, were very helpful, but even they could not tell us where the toilets were situated, and there were no signs until you were on top of them. The arena itself is quite attractive and every seat has an uninterrupted view, but the public address system was very hard to hear. It did not help that every announcement was in Catalan. They need to improve the quality, and presumably announcements during the Games will be in all four official languages, English, French, Spanish (Castilian) and Catalan. \*

There were no special postmarks for the Coca Cola International, nor for the inaugural event in the Palau Sant Jordi nearby, a basketball competition (sponsored by Macdonalds) held on 13 October 1990. The main hall has a capacity of 17,000, more than any previous comparable Olympic hall. The Palau will be the principal venue for gymnastics in 1992.



## PRE-OLYMPIC STAMPS V.

Three more stamps were issued on 3 October 1990:

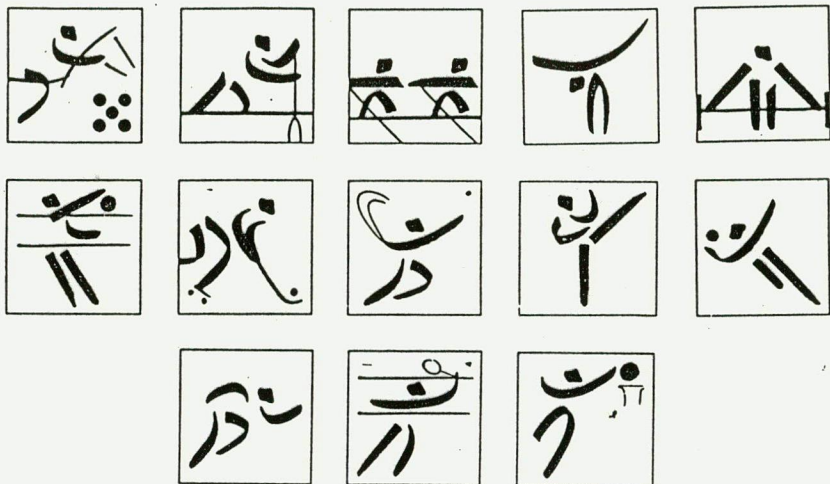
8 + 5 pesetas	Wrestling
18 + 5 pesetas	Swimming
20 + 5 pesetas	Baseball

The stamps were designed by Gerard Sala i Rosello. He was born in Barcelona in 1942 and studied in the Fine Arts College of Sant Jordi of Barcelona. The Spanish stamp magazine LA CRONICA FILATELICA reports that the artist conceived the wrestling stamp as showing "human geometry in precise infinite quadrilaterals of violet". The artist's description of the swimming stamp is equally difficult to see in the stamp itself (if I understand the Spanish correctly): he visualises the glide of the swimmer as he breaks the surface of the deep blue waters after a turn. No comment is given on the baseball stamp, which is perhaps just as well. The stamps were again issued in sheets of twelve, but with a printing of 3.9 million stamps (compared to 2.2. million for earlier issues). Manuel reports a restriction of the number of stamps and first day covers one could buy in Barcelona itself on the day of issue. Six sheets and FDC's per person. The first day machine postmark, available in Madrid as well as Barcelona, shows a swimmer, while the handstamp from the temporary post office shows Cobi with his arms outstretched in greeting. It is similar to the handstamp of 3 October 1989, but Cobi has now been clothed with a jacket and tie.

## OLYMPIC PICTOGRAMS.

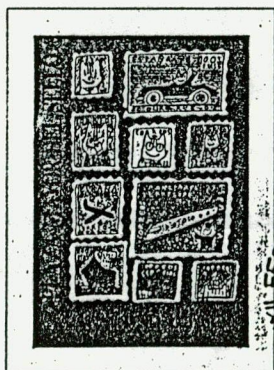
In the August 1990 issue of TORCH BEARER, I mentioned that the handstamp of the 7 March 1990 was a clever adaptation of the Barcelona logo. It is in fact the athletics pictogram. All the pictograms have been designed by Josep Maria Trias who was the designer of the Barcelona logo, and as can be seen from the illustration, he has incorporated elements of the logo in all of them, and not just the athletics.





XXII NATIONAL STAMP FAIR MADRID 1-10 JUNE 1990.

The handstamp for the exhibition features Cobi playing tennis. There was a special postal etiquette for the exhibition and a limited issue commemorative cover authorised by COOB '92, with an illustrated panel at the left featuring children's stamp designs, all of which include Cobi.



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### SANTS MONTJUIC 1990 OLYMPIC PERFINS.



The handstamp for the regional youth philatelic exhibition held in Sants-Montjuic was illustrated in the August 1990 issue of TORCH BEARER. The Spanish Post Office also authorised the perfin "B-92", and this can be found on the 8 pesetas Olympic logo stamp (issued October 1988), the 1990 "child's design" stamp and the stamp issued for the 1990 World Cyclo-Cross Championships "GETXO 90" (pronounced 'get-thoe').

### COOB '92 FIRST DAY COVERS AND CARDS.

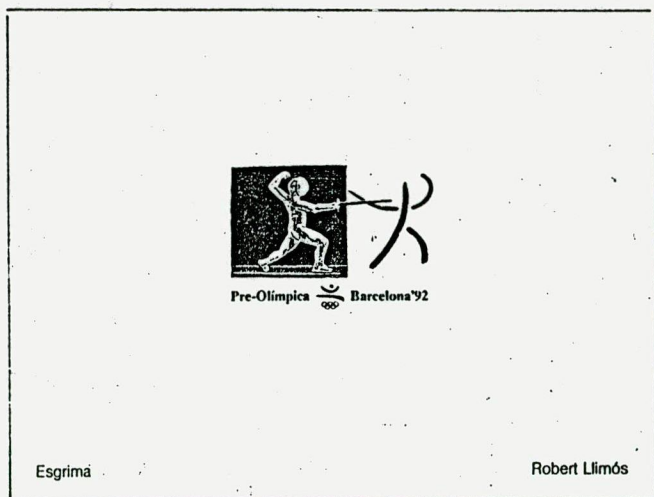
To accompany each of the pre-Olympic stamp issues, COOB '92 have authorised official limited issue first day covers and cards with designs on the theme "Graphic Creativity in Olympic Sport".



Each card or cover has a series number, numbers 1 - 4 being the first Olympic issue of 3 October 1988, and so on. The series however was not introduced until 7 March 1989, so the first four covers and cards for the first issue of stamps have the stamps cancelled with the handstamp of 7 March 1989, as do card/cover numbers 5 - 8 which coincide with the stamps released on that date. The designs are taken from posters, and mostly bear no relation to the stamp on the cover,. They are simply Olympic poster designs and the series emphasises the underlying theme of artistic creativity sought by COOB '92 in everything relating to the Olympics. COOB ran a poster competition and details of all the selected designs were released in October 1990. The winning design, illustrated on the previous page, was by Enric Satue and will no doubt be featured on a cover.

#### ARTIST'S PROOFS.

For each of the pre-Olympic stamps, artist's proofs have been specially prepared for COOB '92. Each is on glazed card measuring 120mm x 90mm with a sunken centre panel featuring the design of the stamp, but without postal details or value. The name of the sports appears bottom left and the artist's name bottom right. Each sheet is numbered on the reverse, and it appears that just one thousand proofs have been prepared of each design. They are superb, but not available from COOB '92 direct, nor from the Spanish Post Office and seem to be available only through stamp dealers. COOB publish superb double A4 size presentation folders for each stamp issue, and again, these are only available from stamp dealers.



#### VIGNETTES.

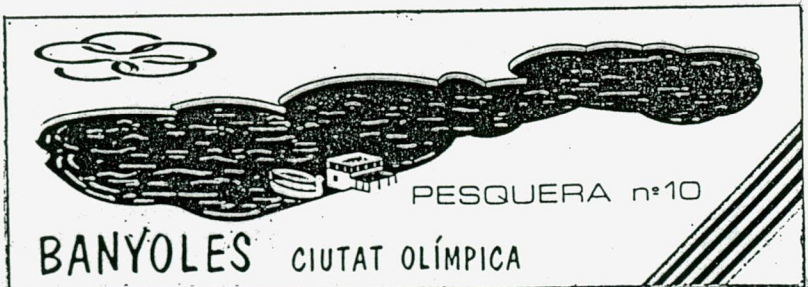
COOB '92 have also authorised stamp style miniature sheets featuring Cobi. All are 95mm x 135mm and are numbered in blue or black on the reverse. The first six sheets include one or two

perforated labels of Cobi, ten designs in all, and a seventh sheet, not numbered on the face, was issued for the XXI National Stamp Festival in Madrid from 2 - 11 June 1989. This last one has a line drawing in blue of Cobi beside the strawberry tree (marron) that is a part of the arms of Madrid, and a perforated label shows Cobi flying over the city. The others are:

- |             |                 |              |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Sheet No. 1 | 1. Athletics    | 2. Badminton |
| Sheet No. 2 | 3. Basketball   | 4. Handball  |
| Sheet No. 3 | 5. Boxing       | 6. Cycling   |
| Sheet No. 4 | 7. Horse Riding |              |
| Sheet No. 5 | 8. Fencing      | 9. Soccer    |
| Sheet No. 6 | 10. Gymnastics. |              |

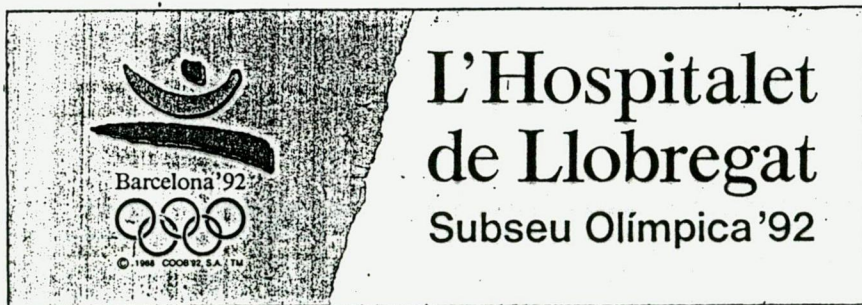


The municipal authorities of L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, just outside Barcelona, where the women's handball events are to take place, have issued a self-adhesive vignette 80mm x 120mm of Cobi holding an Olympic flag naming L'Hospitalet as an Olympic venue: "Subseu Olímpica '92". A second vignette has the Barcelona logo at the left and the straightforward text at the right: "L'Hospitalet/de Llobregat/Subseu Olímpica '92". The car manufacturers SEAT have issued a vignette with the logo and announcing that SEAT are official sponsors; they supply vehicles and are responsible for the Official Volunteers.



In Jaca, of all places, candidate for the 1998 Olympic Winter Games, (of which more in the next issue of TORCH BEARER), two vignettes with the candidature logo have turned up. The first is a bumper sticker with Snoopy carrying the Olympic torch and in five Olympic sports. A second vignette has the candidature logo beneath a podium with three Snoopys wearing gold, silver and bronze medals.

In Banyoles they are in the midst of construction of an Olympic Village and the rowing facilities. There are a number of existing facilities around the edge of the lake, including a little souvenir and refreshment shop which calls itself "Pesquera No 10" which literally means "Fishing Point No. 10". On sale was a self-adhesive vignette, exclusive to the shop, with the candidature logo. My copy had adhesive on the back, but when Bob Farley visited Banyoles later in the summer, the vignette that he bought was had the design in reverse and adhesive on the face, clearly intended to go behind glass. (Incidentally, neither of us found Pesqueras numbers 1 to 9!)



#### OLYMPIC COINS AND MEDALS.

The Spanish Mint is issuing four series of Olympic coins. Each series consists of three gold coins with face values of 80,000 pesetas, 20,000 pesetas and 10,000 pesetas, approximately £450.00, £110.00 and £55.00, and four silver coins, each with a face value of 2,000 pesetas, £11.00. All are legal tender, but proof copies sell at twice the face value and brilliant uncirculated copies at one and a half times face value. No more than 235,000 proofs of each will be issued, and no more than 135,000 brilliant uncirculated. All the coins have a common reverse, head and shoulder portraits of King Juan Carlos and Crown Prince Felipe. The designs on the face are all Olympic or sport related. The coins are available from the principal Spanish banks, from the philatelic service of the Spanish Post Office and from the El Corte Ingles department stores.

COOB '92 has also authorised a series of sixteen souvenir medals. All have the Barcelona Olympic logo on the reverse. The face designs include Cobi and the Olympic stadia. There will be approximately 10,000 large gold 32mm diameter and weighing 17.5 grammes, 20,000 small gold, diameter 26mm weighing 5 grammes and 200,000 silver medals with a diameter of 40mm. Like the coins, this will be a limited issue.

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BARCELONA TOWN HALL METERS.

The Barcelona municipal authorities used a meter cancellation from 1984 with the slogan in Catalan "BARCELONA CAP ALS JOCS OLIMPICS", which Manuel told me is best translated as "Barcelona looks forward to the Olympic Games". There were three different machines and the slogan can be found on its own (with the date and value tablets) and with supplementary text to the left as follows:

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(2) Certificado
2. No. 5788 (1) TARIFA/REDUCIDA/CLASE 2  
(2) Certificado  
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I have seen most of the meters used postally, but all can be found as philatelic copies either with "00" for the value or with a postage value that is inappropriate, for example 7 pesetas or 8 pesetas which were local printed matter rate, when the envelope purports to be registered (Certificado).

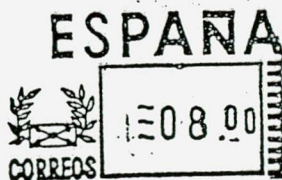
From early July 1990 (the earliest date that I have seen is 10 July), the slug in machine No. 5788 was changed to show the Games logo and the text in Catalan "JOCS DE LA/XXVa/OLIMPIADA/ BARCELONA/1992".

It will no doubt be used with supplementary text when appropriate, and I expect that the new design will be used on the other machines.



#### SPONSOR METERS.

Two new Olympic meters have been seen. The first is being used by a company called PIKOLIN SA in Zaragoza. They are bed manufacturers and are apparently sponsoring the Spanish team. The second is from the Barcelona company NUTEXPRSA SA, manufacturers of Cola Cao, a very popular chochoate drink for children in Spain. It is sold in powder form, and when in Spain I noticed that some boxes and tins appeared to have Cobi stickers inside, but I did not actually purchase any.




**Cola Cao.**  
Patrocinador de  
Barcelona'92




## POSTCARDS.

FOTOS JULIAN from the Costa Brava resort of Platja d'Aro have been appointed the official postcard suppliers, and they have run riot! By late 1990, number 208 in the "Coleccion Olimpica" had been seen. A couple of numbers have been used twice (49 and 112), a couple have probably not been used (45 and 130), and several are known with printing variations.

There is no doubt that there are many more still to be printed, because, for example, there are as yet virtually no cards of the Olympic stadia and sports halls; but take heart, a very high proportion of the cards that have been printed in the series cannot really be said to be Olympic. For example, there are views of Madrid, yet no Olympic event will be taking place there, and Lleida, Gerona, Monterrat and even Andorra are other places featured. This explains why even when we scoured Barcelona there




Barcelona'92  
con la Comunidad  
Valenciana



El Proyecto Olímpico  
en Valencia

Exposición en la Plaza del Ayuntamiento  
del 23 al 31 de Marzo.  
Horario de visita de 10,00 h. a 13,00 h.  
y de 15,30 h. a 19,30 h.



OBJETIVO DE TODOS

were numerous numbers that we could not find, and I am grateful to Manuel who twice drove to the publishers to enable me to obtain all the cards. The following is an outline summary of the first 208 cards:

Barcelona logo	1
Cobi as sportsman etc	46 (nearly all on white background)
Cobi with venue flag.	14 (the "Subseu" series)
Barcelona Olympic	6
Barcelona tourist views	68
Banyoles	3 (rowing venue)
La Seu d'Urgell	3 (white water canoeing)
Valencia tourist views	14 (soccer venue)
1990 Olympic exhibitions	6
General Olympic drawings	4
Non-Olympic places	43 (Madrid, Andorra etc)

If the tourist views of Barcelona are discounted, there are just 97 Olympic cards, of which the key cards appear to be the six for some of the towns on the itinerary of the Olympic exhibition that toured Spain in 1990, Madrid, Extremadura, Toledo, Seville, Murcia and Valencia. (See previous page)

No new official postcards came to light in our 1990 visits to Barcelona, except for views of the various Olympic stadia, including the soccer stadium at Zaragoza, but a card in the early "JO" series of eight that appeared during the candidature period was found with the publisher's name, Kolorham Postcards, Fotografia A. Campana, Pelayo 60, Barcelona. (Details of the cards will be found in TORCH BEARER February 1989 pp 25-26.)

#### 1991 STAMP ISSUES.

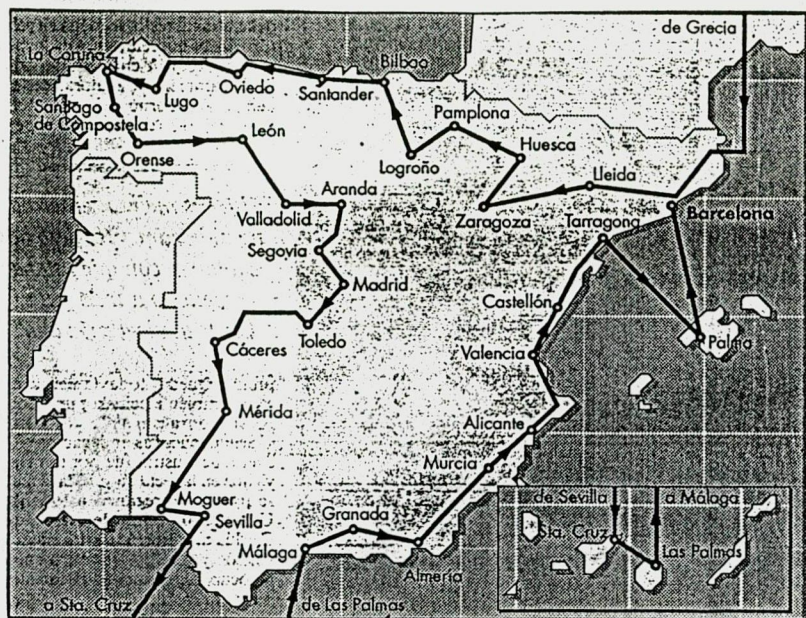
March again sees an Olympic issue of three stamps, with a printing of 3.9 million of each value. They are expected to be in sheets of twelve stamps. The sports featured are Modern Pentathlon, Canoeing (Kayak) and Rowing.

The third stamp in the "Child's Design" series is scheduled for April with a printing of 10,000,000. The theme of this third competition was sport with particular reference to the 1992 Olympics or the 1990 Soccer World Cup. The competition was again sponsored by Tabacalera, Spain's tobacco distribution company and official stamp distributors since 1892. The winning design is by Ana Perello Rabasa from Pollensa. The winning design is being published as a stamp, but other prizes included twelve trips to Disney World in Florida, 200 holidays in Spain, 18 Polaroid cameras and 156 quartz watches, plus money for the schools of the winners.

The seventh pre-Olympic issue is scheduled for October, with stamps for Tennis, Table tennis and Shooting.

#### THE OLYMPIC TORCH RUN.

The provisional route has been published. The torch will be lit from the rays of the sun at Olympia in a ceremony involving Greek and Spanish sportsmen and women. It will be carried by Greek runners to the Athens Olympic Stadium where it will be ceremonially handed over to representatives from Barcelona.



The torch will arrive at Ampurias (Empuries) shortly before midnight on 23 June 1992. Ampurias is the ancient Greek gateway to Iberia, and a statue found there features on the miniature sheet issued for EXFILNA '87 in Gerona, which also included an Olympic torch runner.

There will be a grand torch light ceremony to greet the Olympic flame. It will then commence the 4,758 kilometres run through Spain, with ceremonies in all the major cities. The route includes the Canary Islands and Majorca, but not the Spanish enclaves in North Africa, Ceuta and Melilla. However, representatives from those communities will be amongst the torch runners, as will Olympic Volunteers from Andorra, Portugal and Perpignan in France. Nothing is known as yet of the philatelic programme for the torch run. (For map of the Catalonia section of the torch run, see following page).

#### EXFIME '90.

The first international philatelic exhibition for Mediterranean countries, EXFIME '90, was held in Barcelona from 1-9 December 1990. King Juan Carlos was the Patron and H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch was an Honorary Vice-President. The Secretary of the Organising Committee was Sebastian Sabate Culla, whose exhibit "The Story of the Olympic Games" won a large silver-gilt (vermeil) medal at FILATEM '90, Spain's third national thematic exhibition.

A stamp and miniature sheet were issued to mark EXFIME '90 and both include the Barcelona Olympic logo. There were daily handstamps, and Wednesday 5 December was "Olympic Day". In the evening there was a special presentation relating to OLYMPHILEX '92, which will be held in Barcelona.



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A stamp and miniature sheet were issued on 1 December to mark EXFIME '90. The 45 pesetas stamp features the famous design by Miro that has become Spain's official emblem and marks the fact that 1990 was European Tourism Year. The miniature sheet reproduces the two stamps issued in 1943 to mark the 450th Anniversary of Columbus' return to Spain when he announced the discovery of America to the Spanish Court then sitting in Barcelona. Although neither include the Barcelona Olympic logo, there was a special De Luxe proof sheet issued on thin matt card reproducing the design of the Miro stamp, imperforate, but with "perforations", and with the Barcelona '92 Olympic logo at the top centre. Bottom left are the arms of Barcelona and the EXFIME '90 logo, and to the right a statue by Miro. The sheet is un gummed, and although it was printed by Spain's official stamp printers, it is not clear at the time of writing whether it was postally valid.

Saturday 8 December was designated OLYMPHILEX '92 Day, and there was a special presentation relating to the forthcoming exhibition at 12.30pm on that day. We hope to have further details and illustrations in the next issue of TORCH BEARER.

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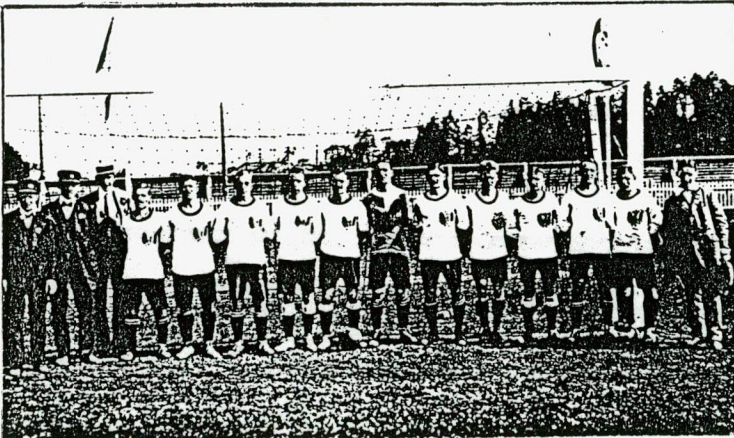
# THE STOCKHOLM OLYMPICS

Goran Moden.

(Continued from previous issue)

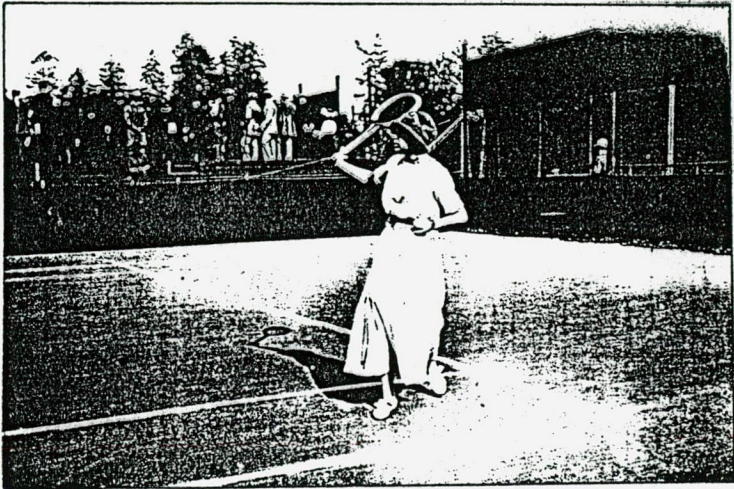
## THE OFFICIAL PICTURE POSTCARDS FROM THE 1912 GAMES.

The second set of cards published by Granberg was issued during the Games and depict different sports, and often the winners in different events. The cards are black and white and all have numbers on the back and a description in Swedish and English. Some of the cards exist with variations, showing the same themes but from different angles. The series consists of three hundred and nineteen numbered cards.



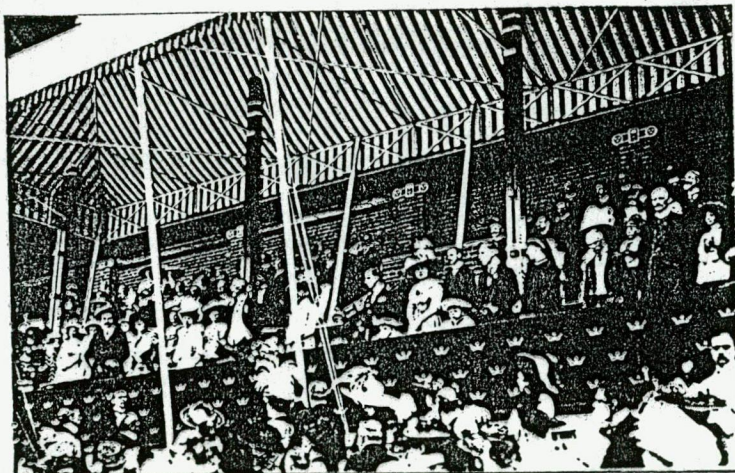
1. The Austrian Football Team (see above).
2. The Finnish Football Team.
3. The Swedish Shooting Team - Army Rifle Shooting.
4. The Amusement Park "Olympia".
5. The Shooting Stands at Kaknas.
6. The Grand Restaurant, Stadium.
7. The Italian Football Team.
8. The Grand Restaurant, Stadium.
9. The German Football Team.
10. The Grand Restaurant, Stadium.
11. The Hungarian Football Team.
12. Lawn Tennis, Charles Winslow, South Africa.
13. The Swedish Football Team.
14. From the Shooting Competition at Rasunda. The Crown Prince addressing the Swedish shooting veteran, Oscar Swahn.
15. The Grand Restaurant, Stadium.
16. The Shooting Stands at Rasunda - Clay Pigeon Shooting.
17. From the Football Competition. A critical moment.

18. From the Shooting Competitions. At the lunch.
19. Dance Pavilion at the Amusement Park "Olympia".
20. From the Football Competition, Germany-Austria.
21. The English Football Team, First Prize.
22. The Crown Prince addressing the Hungarian Football Team.
23. The Restaurant at the Amusement Park "Olympia".
24. Lawn Tennis, Mlle Broquedis, France and Mrs S.Fick, Sweden.
25. From the Lawn Tennis Competition, Mrs S. Fick, Sweden.
26. The Restaurant at the Amusement Park "Olympia".
27. The Amusement Park "Olympia".
28. The American Shooting Team at Kaknas.
29. From the Olympic Football Match, England-Finland.
30. The Dutch Football Team.
31. From the Olympic Football Match, England-Finland.
32. The USA Pistol Shooting Team.
33. Football, Holland-Finland, playing for Third Prize.
34. King Gustav arrives at the Lawn Tennis Ground.
35. Shooting, Mr Swahn, Sweden.
36. Dutch Team, Third Prize in Football.
37. Alf Swahn, Sweden, Winner of the Single Shot at Running Deer
38. Mlle Broquedis, France, Winner of the Ladies Singles.



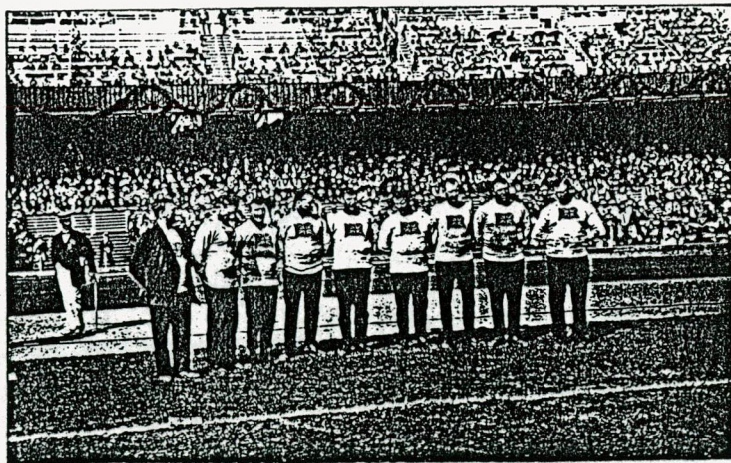
39. The Swedish Team, Winners of the Pistol Shooting.
40. Football-van der Swis Holland scores a goal against Finland.
41. James Graham, USA, Rifle Shooting.
42. The Swedish Team, Winners of the Shooting at Running Deer.
43. Oscar Swahn, Swedish shooting veteran.
44. Messrs Lundeberg, Toivonen and Alfred Swahn, 2nd, 3rd and 1st in the Single Shot Shooting at Running Deer.
45. The Football Match, Holland-Finland. The Dutchmen attack.
46. The successful South Africans, Kitson and Winslow, Winners of the Tennis Men's Doubles.
47. Lawn Tennis. The Finals of the Men's Doubles.
48. The Swedish Team, Winners of the Duel-Shooting.
49. The English Team, Winners of the Miniature Rifle Shooting.

50. Miniature Rifle Shooting, Swedish Team, Second Prize.
51. Charles Winslow, South Africa, Winner of the Men's Singles.
52. Harry Kitson, South Africa, Second in the Men's Singles.
53. The Danish Football Team, Second Prize.
54. The English Football Team receives the First Prize from King Gustav.
55. From the Football Final. Middleboe at work.
56. From the Football Final. England's defence in action.
57. From the Football Final. An attack repulsed.
58. A situation from the Football Final.
59. The Crown Prince addressing the Danish Football Team.
60. Mlle. Broquedis, France, Winner of the Ladies Singles.
61. In the Royal Box at the Lawn Tennis Ground.
62. Throwing the Javelin.
63. Wrestling.
64. The Swedish Lady Gymnasts.
65. The start of the 100 Metres.
66. The Swedish Lady Gymnasts.
67. The Royal Box at the opening of the Games.
68. The Swedish Lady Gymnasts.
69. King Gustav on his way to the stadium.
70. The Danish Lady Gymnasts.
71. The Nations enter the stadium.
72. The Danish Team enters the stadium.
73. The Swedish Lady Gymnasts enter the stadium.
74. Crown Prince delivering his speech at the Opening Ceremony.
75. The Danish Gymnasts pass by.
76. The USA Athletes passing by.
77. King Gustav declares the Games opened.



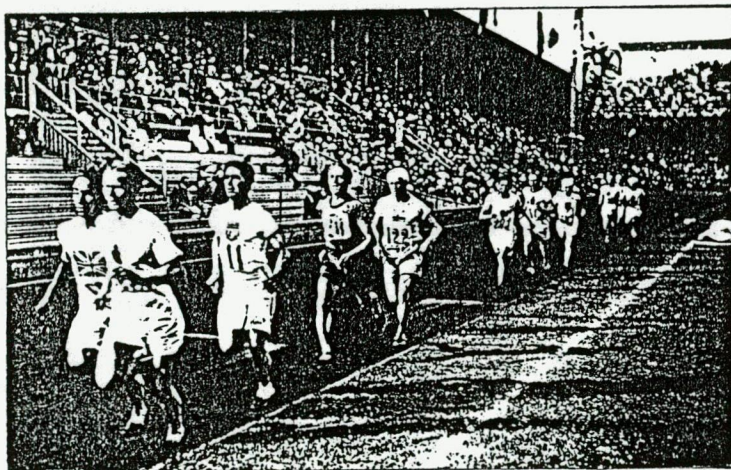
78. The Swedish officials pass by.
79. Eric Lemming, the Winner of the Javelin.
80. The Swedish Competitors.
81. The Swedish Gymnasts in the stadium.
82. The Swedish Gymnasts in the stadium.
83. A heat of the 800 Metres Race. Holden USA, at the extreme right, with Bjorn, Sweden, behind.

84. The Finnish Lady Gymnasts.
85. The Swedish Gymnasts march into the stadium.
86. Platt Adams, USA, Second in the Standing Broad Jump.
87. The Swedish Gymnasts, Winners of the First Prize.
88. Hjalmar Johansson in High Diving.
89. 400 Metres Relay Race, USA v England.
90. Ben and Platt Adams, 3rd and 2nd in the Standing Broad Jump.
91. The Swedish Gymnasts, Winners of the First Prize.
92. C. Tsiklitis, Greece, Winner of the Standing Broad Jump.
93. The Norwegian Gymnasts who won the Third Prize.
94. Pentathlon. Hugo Wieslander, Sweden, Throwing the Discus.
95. The Norwegian Lady Gymnasts.
96. The start of one of the heats in the 800 Metres.
97. The Finnish Lady Gymnasts.
98. Rudolph Lewis, South Africa, Winner of the Cycle Road Race.
99. Pentathlon. The start of the 1500 Metres.
100. Erik Adlerz, Sweden, High Diving.
101. The Finnish Lady Gymnasts.
102. Gustav Malmsten, Sweden, in the Standing Broad Jump.
103. Ralph Craig, USA, Winner of the 100 Metres.
104. A start for the 100 Metres Freestyle Swimming.
105. The start for the 10,000 Metres.
106. C. Tsiklitis in the Standing Broad Jump.
107. Rudolph Lewis, Winner of the Cycle Road Race at the finish.
108. George Horine, USA, in the Running High Jump.
109. The Swedish Tug Of War Team, First Prize.
110. Hannes Kolehmainen, Finland, Winner of 10,000 Metres Race.
111. The final of the 10,000 Metres Race.
112. Hannes Kolehmainen, the famous Finnish runner.
113. The final of the 800 Metres Race.
114. The start of the 800 Metres final.
115. Relay Race, 400 Metres. The Swedish Team, Persson, Moller, Luther and Lindberg, Second Prize.
116. The English Tug of War Team. Second Prize. (see below)

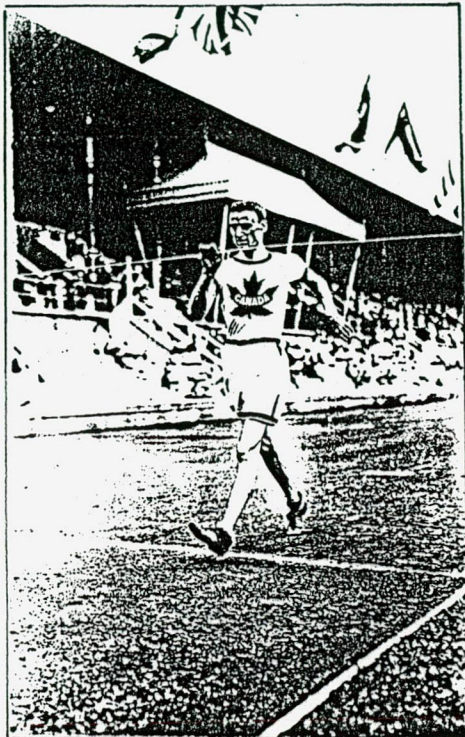


117. The Swedish Tug of War Team, First Prize.
118. The Danish Gymnasts, Second Prize.

119. The English Relay Team.
120. German Gymnasts in the stadium.
121. Zander and Bjork, Sweden, 1500 Metres Race.
122. The English Swimming Team.
123. Juho Saaristo, Finland, Winner of the Two-Handed Javelin.
124. From the Relay Race, England beats Germany and Sweden.
125. A start of the 1500 Metres Race.
126. Patrick McDonald, USA, Winner in the Shot Put best hand.
127. Saaristo, Finland, Winner of the Two Handed Javelin Throw.
128. Ralph Rose, Second in the Shot Put with best hand.
129. The start of one of the heats of the 1500 Metres.
130. Saaristo, Finland, Winner of the Two Handed Javelin Throw.
131. Patrick MacDonald, Winner of Putting the Shot, best hand.
132. Greta Johansson, Sweden, in High Diving.
133. The Swedish Gymnasts.
134. Greta Johansson, Sweden, in High Diving.
135. MacDonald, Witney and Rose, 1st, 3rd and 2nd in Shot Put.
136. Peltonen, Saaristo and Siikaniemi, 3rd, 1st and 2nd in the Two Handed Javelin Throw.
137. Ernst Wide, Sweden, wins his heat in the 1500 Metres.
138. Waterpolo.
139. The Norwegian Gymnasts.
140. Arnold Jackson, England, winning the 1500 Metres Race.
141. George Goulding, Canada, Winner of the 10,000 Metres Walk.
142. The start of the final of the 10,000 Metres Walk.
143. Elmer Niklander, Finland, 3rd in Shot Put, both hands.
144. The start of the final of the 10,000 Metres Walk.
145. Craig and Lippincott, 1st and 2nd in the 200 Metres Race.
146. Arnold Jackson, England, winning the 1500 Metres Race.
147. The English Gymnasts march into the stadium.
148. The English Gymnasts in the stadium.
149. The start of the 1500 Metres final.
150. Bertil Uggla, Sweden, in the Pole Vault.
151. The final of the 10,000 Metres Race, Winner, Hannes Kolehmainen, Finland. (see below)

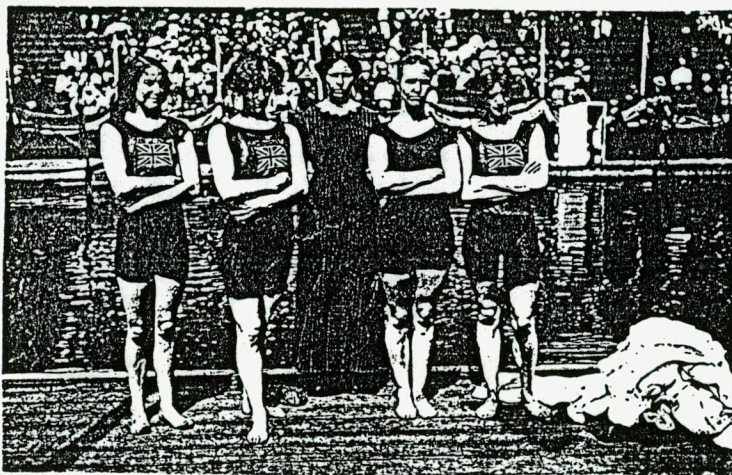


- 152. The English Gymnasts in the stadium.
- 153. The final of the 1500 Metres Race.
- 154. The Finnish Gymnasts competing.
- 155. Elmer Niklander, Finland, Putting the Shot.
- 156. The Finnish Gymnasts.
- 157. William Applegarth 3rd, Donald Lippincott 2nd and Ralph Craig 1st in the 200 Metres Race.
- 158. George Goulding, Canada, Winner of the 10,000 Metres Walk.



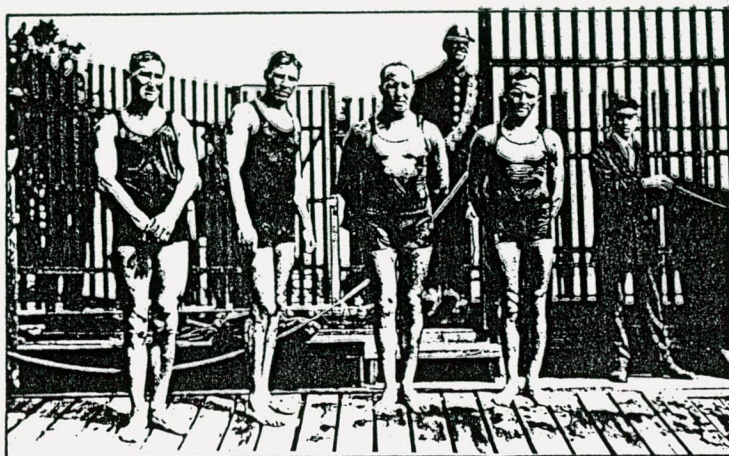
- 159. Frank Nelson 2nd, Harry Babcock 1st and Marcus Wright 3rd (all USA) in the Pole Vault.
- 160. The Winners of the Pole Vault, F.T.Nelson, H.S.Babcock and M.S. Wright, USA
- 161. F.N.Kelly 1st, J.Wendell 2nd and W.M.Hawkins 3rd in the Hurdles Race.
- 162. The Swedes, G.M.Lilliehook 1st, K.G.Asbrink 2nd and G de Laval 3rd, who won the Modern Pentathlon.
- 163. The Russian Gymnasts in the stadium.
- 164. J.H.Duncan Third in Throwing the Discus.
- 165. G.M.Lilliehook, Sweden, the Winner of the Modern Pentathlon.
- 166. The final of the Hurdle Race.
- 167. B.Uggla, Sweden, in the Pole Vault.
- 168. The Winners in the Discus (Best hand) Taipale 1st, Duncan 3rd and Byrd 2nd.
- 169. A.R.Taipale, Finland. Winner in Throwing the Discus, Best hand.
- 170. A.L.Gutterson, USA, Winner of the Running Long Jump.
- 171. Harry Babcock, USA, Winner of the Pole Vault.
- 172. F.T.Nelson, USA, Second in Pole Vault.
- 173. The Russian Gymnasts in the stadium.
- 174. A.L.Gutterson, USA, Winner of the Running Long Jump.
- 175. Georg Aberg, Sweden, Third in the Running Long Jump.
- 176. Three Swedish flags raised at the same time.
- 177. R.L.Byrd, USA, Second in Throwing the Discus, Best Hand.
- 178. Taipale, Finland, Duncan and Byrd, USA, Winners of Throwing the Discus, Best Hand.
- 179. A.R.Taipale, Finland, Winner in Throwing the Discus, Best Hand.
- 180. The Swedes, G.M.Lilliehook, K.G.Asbrink and G. de Laval, who won the Modern Pentathlon.
- 181. Sweden and Germany start in the 3000 Metres Team Race.
- 182. M.S.Wright, USA Second in the Pole Vault.
- 183. C.D.Bricker, Canada, Second in the Running Long Jump.
- 184. The Swedes winning their heat in the 3000 Metres Race.
- 185. The Swedish Team in the 3000 Metres Team Race.

186. Armas Taipale, Elmer Niklander and Emil Magnusson, Winners of the Discus Throw, Both Hands.
187. The Marathon Runners leaving the Stadium.
188. Kenneth McArthur, South Africa, Winner of the Marathon.
189. P.Adams 1st, C.Tsilititas 3rd and B.Adams 2nd, Winners of the Standing High Jump.
190. The Swedish Choral Society's concert in the stadium.
191. Kenneth McArthur, who won the Marathon Race.
192. The American team, Winners of the 3000 Metres Team Race.
193. Matthew McGrath, Winner of the Hammer Throw.
194. Jacobsson, Sweden, the best European Marathon Runner. (6th)
195. The Swedish Choral Society's concert in the stadium.
196. McGrath, Gillis and Childs, Winners of the Hammer Throw.
197. The Swedes, Erik Adlerz 1st, Hjalmar Johansson 2nd and John Jansson 3rd, Winners in the Plain High Diving.
198. The South Africans carry McArthur on their shoulders.
199. Christian Gitsham, South Africa Second in the Marathon Race.
200. The Swedish Choral Society's concert in the stadium.
201. McArthur running into the stadium.
202. Greta Johansson, Sweden, Winner in High Diving.
203. Platt Adams, Winning the Standing High Jump.
204. Fanny Durack 1st, Wilhelmina Wylie 2nd and Jennie Fletcher 3rd, Winners of the Women's 100 Metre Freestyle.
205. The start of the Marathon Race.
206. Gaston Strobino, USA, Third in the Marathon Race.
207. Lindberg 3rd, Reidpath 1st and Braun 2nd, Winners of the 400 Metres Race.
208. Gunther, Luber, Behrens and Zurner, (all Germany), Prize Winners in the Springboard Diving.
209. E.Magnusson, Sweden, Third in the Discus Throw (Both hands)
210. S.Jacobsson, the best European in the Marathon Race.
211. Christian Gitsham, Second in the Marathon Race.
212. Jacobsson, Sweden, the best European in the Marathon Race.
213. Icelandic Wrestling.
214. 400 Metres Team Race for Ladies - the winning English Team.



215. The USA Team, Winners of the 1600 Metres Relay Race.

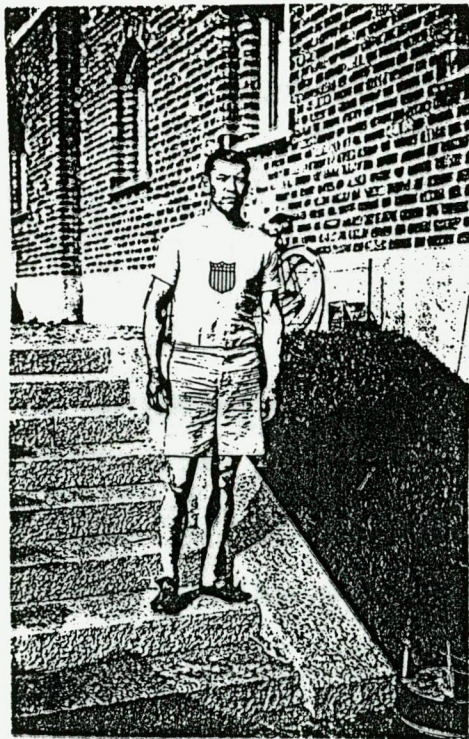
- 216. The Swedes, Lindblom, Aberg and Almlof, who won the Running Hop, Step and Jump.
- 217. The Swedish lady swimmer, Vera Thulin.
- 218. Georg Aberg, Sweden, 2nd in Hop, Step and Jump and 3rd in Running Broad Jump.
- 219. Gustaf Lindblom, Sweden, Winner of the Hop, Step and Jump.
- 220. G.R.Hodgson, Canada, who put up four new world records in Swimming.
- 221. The start of the Ladies Swimming Team Race.
- 222. Australia's Team, First Prize in the 800 Metres Swimming Team Race (see below).



- 223. Erik Adlerz, Sweden, Winner of the High Diving.
- 224. The Swedish competitors in the 8000 Metres Cross Country.
- 225. The Inauguration of the stadium.
- 226. The Inauguration of the stadium.
- 227. The Inauguration of the stadium.
- 228. Swedish Gymnasts in the stadium.
- 229. King Gustav's arrival in the stadium.
- 230. Lindblom, Hop, Step and Jump Winner receives his prize.
- 231. The King presents First Prize to Swedish Tug of War Team.
- 232. The distribution of the prizes in the stadium.
- 233. The start of the Cross Country Race.
- 234. The Swedes Charles Lomberg and Hugo Wieslander, 3rd and 2nd in the Decathlon.
- 235. The American Team in the 1600 M. Relay Race, First Prize.
- 236. Kolehmainen, Finland, Andersson and Eke, Sweden, participants in the Cross Country Team Race.
- 237. Kolehmainen, Finland, Andersson and Eke, Sweden, participants in the Cross Country Team Race.
- 238. Jim Thorpe, USA, Winner of the Pentathlon and Decathlon. (see illustration on next page)
- 239. Captain Jean Cariou, France, Winner in the Prix des Nations (Riding).
- 240. Lieutenant Hans von Blixen-Finecke Senior, Third Prize in the Dressage (Riding) Competition.
- 241. Lieutenant Count Carl-Gustaf Lewenhaupt, Sweden. Member of the winning Jumping Team (Prix des Nations).

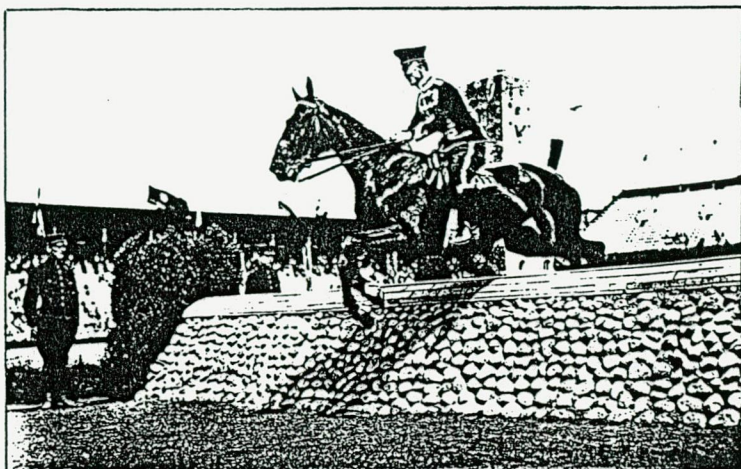
- 242. Lieutenant Hans von Blixen-Finecke Senior, Sweden, Third in the Dressage (Riding) Competition.
- 243. Lieutenant Count Wilhelm von Hohenhau, Germany. Member of the Jumping Team (Prix des Nations) Third Prize.
- 244. Germany's Team, Second Prize in the Three-Day Event, Team.
- 245. Lieutenant E.G.Casparsson, Sweden, Three-Day Event, Team.
- 246. Prince Friedrich Carl of Prussia.
- 247. Charles von Roummel, Russia.
- 248. Axel Nordlander, Sweden, Winner of the Three-Day Event.

Card No.238. Jim Thorpe, USA.



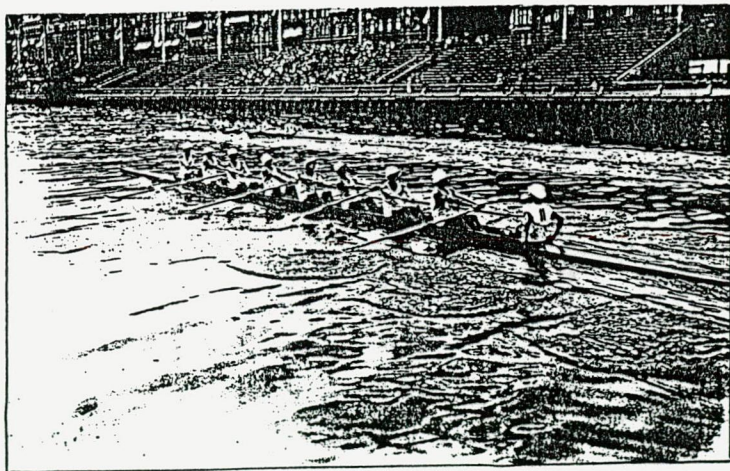
- 249. Captain Alexis Schikhoff, Russia.
- 250. Captain Carl Bonde, Sweden, Winner of the Dressage Competition.
- 251. Lieutenant Count Carl-Gustaf Lewenhaupt, Sweden
- 252. Lieutenant Konig, Sweden, with Roderik, Winner of the Golden Horse.
- 253. Captain Nils Adlercreutz, Sweden.
- 254. Captain E. de Blomaert, Belgium.
- 255. Lieutenant M. d'Astafort, France.
- 256. Steeple Chase.
- 257. Lieutenant Ake Hok, Sweden.
- 258. Horse Riding, Count Bonde, Sweden.
- 259. Horse Riding, Prince Dmitrij Pawlowitsch, Russia.
- 260. Lieutenant S.Deichler.
- 261. Russia's Team for Prix des Nations - Jumping.
- 262. Captain von Maers, Germany (see below).
- 263. Friedrich von Rochow, Germany, Second in the Three-Day Event.
- 264. Swedish Team, Winners of the Team Three-Day Event.
- 265. Horse Riding, Prince Dmitrij Pawlowitsch, Russia.
- 266. The USA Team, Third Prize in the Team Three-Day Event.
- 267. The German Team, Second Prize in the Team Three-Day Event.
- 268. The King presents prizes at the Horse Riding Competition.
- 269. Australia's Outrigger Eight.
- 270. The Swedish Team, Winners of the Prix des Nations, Jumping.
- 271. The English Water Polo Team, First Prize.
- 272. Australia's Outrigger Eight.
- 273. The presentation of prizes at the Horse Riding Competition.
- 274. A view of the Olympic rowing course.
- 275. Captain Jean Cariou, France, Winner of the Prix des Nations.
- 276. Martin Klein, Russia 2nd and Alfred Asikainen, Finland 3rd, Prize Winners in the Middleweight Greco-Roman Wrestling.
- 277. Everard Butler, Canada, equal-Third in the Single Sculls.
- 278. William Kinnear, England, Winner of the Single Sculls.

Card No. 262. Captain von Maers, Germany.



279. Mikhail Kusik, Russia, equal-Third in the Single Sculls.

280. New College Beating the Swedish Eight. (see below).



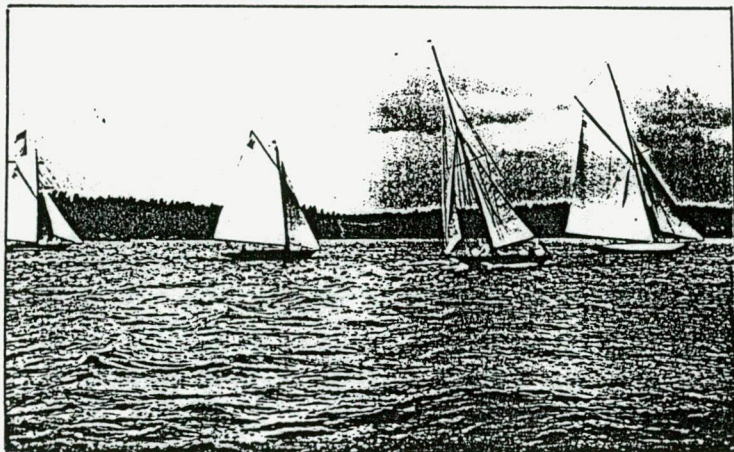
281. Roddklubben 1912, Sweden, Second Prize in the Inrigged Fours Competition.

282. Nykjøbing, Denmark, Winner of the Inrigged Fours Competition.

283. Leander Rowing Club.


284. Copenhagen RC beats Finland in Outrigged Fours Competition.

- 285. The German Team, Winner of the Outrigged Fours.
- 286. P.Veirman, Belgium, Second Prize in the Single Sculls.
- 287. New College, Outrigged Eight, Second Prize.
- 288. Thames RC Outrigged Fours, Second Prize.
- 289. The Swedish Choral Society's concert in the stadium.
- 290. The Swedish Choral Society's concert in the stadium - The Bellman Song.
- 291. The Swedish Choral Society Concert - War Song.
- 292. "Erna-Signe" Sweden, Sailing Boat.
- 293. Sailing boat "Sans Atout", Sweden.
- 294. "Ejdern II", Sweden.
- 295. "Wanda", Sweden.
- 296. "Sans Atout", Sweden.
- 297. "Nurdug II", Denmark.
- 298. Sailing boat "Nina", Sweden.
- 299. Sailing boat "Nac Mische", France.
- 300. Sailing boats at the starting point.
- 301. "Sophie Elizabeth", Germany.
- 302. Sailing boat "Boheme", Sweden.
- 303. Sailing boat "Garm V", Sweden.
- 304. Sailing boat "Wanda", Sweden.
- 305. "Kitty", Sweden.
- 306. "Edit", Finland.
- 307. "Nurdug II", Denmark.
- 308. Sailing boats at the starting point (See below).



- 309. Sailing boat "Sass", Sweden.
- 310. "Magda IX", Norway.
- 311. "Kitty", Sweden.
- 312. "Tyr", Sweden.
- 313. Sailing - on the way to the starting point.
- 314. "Erna-Signe", Sweden.
- 315. 8 meter sailing boats in competition.
- 316. Sailing boats on their way to the starting point.
- 317. Sailing boat "Nurdug II", Denmark.
- 318. "Sophie Elizabeth", Germany.
- 319. "Boheme", Sweden.

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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS LONDON 1990

Alan Sabey.

After a late night out on the Friday, when I took part in a team visit from my local philatelic society (Hounslow) to give a display to the Kingston upon Thames Philatelic Society, it was a case of getting up early on the Saturday morning to get over to Wembley Stadium. There I witnessed the start of the run with an Olympic torch from Wembley Stadium to Willesden Sports Centre, the venue for the Special Olympic Games held on 22 and 23 September 1990 for people with learning difficulties. Most of the youngsters who took part suffered from Downs Syndrome or were brain damaged in some way.

The torch carried was one of those used in 1948 and which had remained in the Mayor's Parlour at Brent Town Hall since that time. The London borough of Brent had been invited by the Special Olympics UK to host the first ever London Special Olympic Games at the Willesden Sports Centre in Donnington Road.

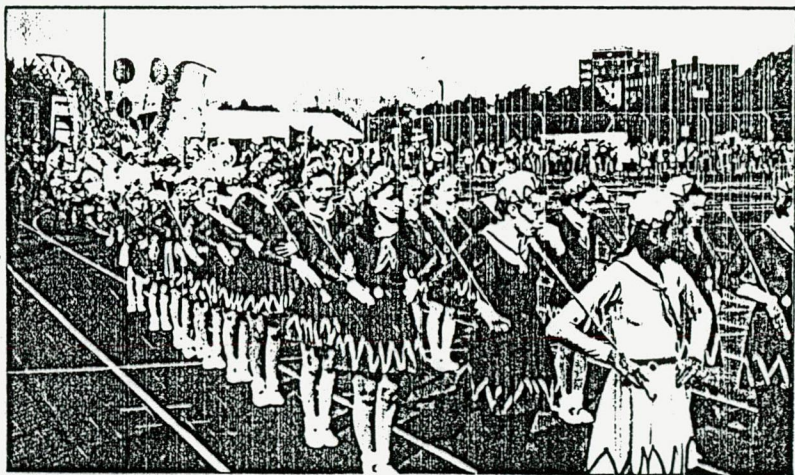
The torch run had been scheduled to start at 09.15 on that dull, damp morning, but was delayed for thirty minutes. The torch was actually lit from the flame of a butane gas blowlamp, though this had not been lit in Olympia and flown over. A team of runners from the Parliament Hill Running Club posed for photographs with the lit torch beside the pedestal of the Olympic bowl from 1948, now permanently sited on the terrace at Wembley Stadium.



After the photocall, they ran down the eastern flight of steps from the stadium terrace and up Olympic Way, (the road created in

1948 as the official front entrance to the stadium), past Wembley Park underground station in Bridge Road, turning right at the top of Brent Town Hall where the first exchange of the torch by the Parliament Hill Runners to a lad with Downs Syndrome took place. A long procession of cars and vans carrying the press and other photographers proceeded up Olympic Way with a police escort at the front and rear. My car was one of the vehicles in this special convoy and I felt like a VIP! I stayed with the entourage as far as Brent Town Hall, where photographs were taken while the police stopped the traffic for us. After that, I decided to go directly to Willesden Sports Centre to watch the opening ceremony.

On arriving at the centre, I found that the stands were already full with the mayors and mayoresses of the participating London boroughs, as well as with the relatives of the competitors. After a speech of welcome from sports commentator Ron Pickering (himself a member of this Society), the competitors proceeded around the athletics track in alphabetical order of the London boroughs which they represented. As the hosts, the Brent team came in last - all in true Olympic fashion. The little girls who had formed the head of the procession in their pretty outfits and butterfly costumes then gave a colourful display of ribbon dancing to the music played by the Regent Brass Band; reminiscent of the opening ceremony at Seoul.



Welcome speeches were also given by Sir Eldon Griffiths and Councillor Roger Stone, the Mayor of Brent, who then invited Tessa Sanderson to declare the games open. This was particularly appropriate, since Willesden is Tessa's own training ground. The Olympic oath to compete in fairness and honour was then taken by Diane Smith, the world junior 200 metres champion.

Demonstrations were given featuring the varied ethnic populations of the borough and included Indian music, Irish dancing, Break dancing and African drummers and songs. The special Olympic song "Winners All" was played as the torch bearers entered the arena at about 11.00am. A circuit of the running track was made by the torch bearer accompanied by the team of runners.

The flame was then lit in the bowl situated at the western side of the arena. The first race was the Linford Christie Invitation Trophy which had seven runners. This trophy was established for runners with learning difficulties who had shown outstanding ability in the 100 metres during the last four years.

Over the Saturday and Sunday there was a full programme of athletics, swimming, football, netball and weightlifting. To watch these people with restricted abilities run and swim and generally take part, all with a happy look on their faces, should be enough to make any able bodied person who says "I can't swim" feel guilty.

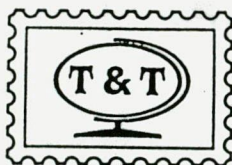
The weather over the weekend was cloudy and inclined to rain, but not enough to dampen the enthusiasm of the competitors and their coaches. Late on Sunday evening, the closing ceremony took place. It started with the Special Olympics fanfare, followed by the entry of all the competitors into the arena to hear the closing speeches and to see the lowering of the Olympic flag and the extinguishing of the flame. The choir and band played "You Can Try" and the Special Olympics song, "Till We Meet Again". The Regent Brass Band then played while the competitors left the stadium, and it was all over.

For those who did not want to watch the sporting activities there were various demonstrations in the big tent, as well as a number of outdoor amusements. In covering this event, which was fairly local for me, I now have a little idea of what it must be like to be a sports reporter!.

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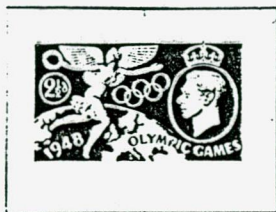


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# AUCTION NEWS

Alan Sabey.

Stanley Gibbons auctioned the Mey Collection of George VI Great Britain on 10 October. Below are listed those items of interest to the Olympic collector, together with the prices realised.



- Lot 314 2d. photographic proof of essay in the design of the issued 1/-. Estimate £20, realised £34.
- Lot 315 NPM Imprimaturs of 4 values. Estimate £400, realised £600.
- Lot 316 2d. to 1/-, four stamps overprinted SPECIMEN. Estimate £200, realised £140.
- Lot 317 Set on Harrison & Sons presentation card. Estimate £30, unsold.
- Lot 318 A similar lot. Estimate £30, realised £15.
- Lot 319 HLP variety on 6d value, also retouched variety, both examples in blocks of 18 stamps (bottom three rows of the sheet). Estimate £100, realised £95.
- Lot 320 6d paper join, vertical strip of three with paper join on centre stamp. Estimate £30, realised £40.
- Lot 321 Remainder collection with many positional blocks (including HLP in bottom corner strip, 2d. block of 12 with 'ear' flaw, 1/- block of 12 with 'extended Cornwall' and '1948' varieties and an illustrated first day cover. Estimate £60, realised £160.

At the Cinderella Stamp Club's auction held on 6 October, a complete sheet of 32 colourful labels on thick paper for the 1932 Olympic Games sold for £8.00.

(Alan has offered to keep his eyes open for any interesting items that are sold at auction in this country. Perhaps members in other parts of the world would like to do the same and send the Editor a report from time to time. Please include estimates and prices realised.)

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Included with the May issue of TORCH BEARER will be a comprehensive booklet giving important information about the forthcoming Olympic Winter Games in Albertville. This booklet will only be available through the Society and will only be sent to paid-up members. It will NOT be available separately.

# OLYMPHILEX '90

John Crowther.

I was fortunate enough to be chosen to replace Francesca Rapkin as the National Commissioner for Great Britain at Olympihlex '90 when Francesca became indisposed. I am sure that I am speaking for all her many friends in wishing her a speedy and complete recovery.

My wife Joan and I travelled via Sofia to the Black Sea resort of Varna where the exhibition was held from 19 - 25 October 1990 in the Palace of Culture and Sports. We took with us five entries from Great Britain which were in the Olympic and Sports Philately Promotion Class, together with a seven frame exhibit submitted by Francesca for the Jury Class. Francesca also provided ten sheets of proofs and essays of the 1936 Garmisch Partenkirchen Olympic Winter Games, which formed a part of a special display of such material.

This was my first visit to an international Olympic exhibition and I was astounded at the quality of the material on display. The Grand Prix D'Honneur was awarded to Fritz Karpinski of Germany for his ten frames entry "Ich rufe die Jugend der Welt" (I summon the youth of the world) ->The 1936 Olympic Summer Games in Berlin and Kiel. Four gold medals were awarded in the Court of Honour to Maurizio Tecardi and Heinrich Mannhart and SOC members Michael Tsironis and Manfred Bergman. Two gold medals were awarded in the FIP competitive Class to Erich Brenzikofer of Germany and SOC member Uberto Stefanutti of Italy. The most successful of the British competitors (all SOC members) was Robert Kensit, who gained a silver medal for his exhibit "The Female Form - Women in Gymnastics". Other awards included Diplomas equivalent to a Silver-Bronze medal to John Crowther for "1936 Summer Olympic Games" and Bob Farley for "Canada Post at the XVth Winter Games", a Diploma equivalent to a Bronze medal was awarded to Alan Sabey for "The Olympic Games London 1948" and a Diploma to Bob Wilcock for "The Olympic Candidates 1992".

The International Jury comprised the following people:

Ladislav Dvoracek (Czechoslovakia, FIP)  
Maurizio Tecardi (Italy, FIPO)  
Manfred Bergman (Israel, FIPO)  
Heinrich Mannhart (Switzerland, FIPO)  
Christo Nicolchev (Bulgaria, FIPO)  
Michael Tsironis (Greece, FIPO)  
Aziz Versan (Turkey)  
Mario Bueno (Spain)  
Georgios Dolianitis (Greece)  
Alexander Ilyushin (USSR)  
Hans-Walter Bosserhof (Germany)  
Lasar Lasarov (Bulgaria)

Apprentices:

Bruno-Cataldi Tassoni (Italy), Morris Rosen (USA), Vsevolod Furman(USSR), Dan Vintila (Romania), Stoyan Gueorguiev (Bulgaria)

## THE PHILATELIC PROGRAMME.

### 1. POSTAGE STAMPS.

Subject - Track and Field Athletics - Throwing

5st.	Shot Putter (Male)
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42st.	Hammer Thrower (Male)
60st.	Javelin Thrower (Female)

### 2. MINIATURE SHEET (BLOCK).

With four stamps as in the series, imperforate, with a face value of 1.20 leva and a sale price of 6 leva.  
Printing 35,000.

### 3. POSTAL STATIONERY CARDS.

With postage rate of 5st. and illustrating a part of the OLYMPHILEX '90 emblem including the five Olympic rings and illustrations of the sports in which Bulgaria has Olympic champions. The illustration on each card is a graphic drawing in green of the respective sport, with inscription "INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION "OLYMPHILEX '90" VARNA 19-25.X.1990" in Bulgarian and English, and "BULGARIAN OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS" in Bulgarian only. The sports illustrated are Wrestling (free style), Swimming, Hurdling (women), Pistol Shooting (men), Boxing, Triple Jump and Putting the Shot (women). Printing 8,000 of each card.

### 4. ILLUSTRATED ENVELOPES.

Each with a postage rate of 5st., seven envelopes, one for each day of the exhibition.

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|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 19.X. | Friday. Day of Olympic Philately<br>Discus Thrower in a stamp frame.        |
| 20.X. | Saturday. Day of the IOC<br>Coubertin's portrait & date of birth & death.   |
| 21.X. | Sunday. Day of the Bulgarian Postal Admin.<br>Aircraft and Airmail envelope |
| 22.X. | Monday. Day of Bulgarian Sports.<br>Marathon Mass Race                      |
| 23.X. | Tuesday. Day of FIP<br>Globe and Penny Black.                               |
| 24.X. | Wednesday. Day of Youth<br>Children with Skate Board                        |

There was also one cover for the duration of the exhibition from 19-25.X.1990 illustrating the exhibition building in Varna.  
Printing - 2,500 of each envelope.

### 5. FIRST DAY COVERS.

For the series of four stamps with illustration "Ancient Greek Javelin Thrower - Polyclet's Statue".  
Printing - 2,000 copies.

### 6. SPECIAL HANDSTAMPS.

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| 1. | For cancellation of the special stamp set<br>Olympic Rings and Olympihlex '90 emblem. |
| 2. | 19.X. Day of Olympic Philately, FIP emblem.                                           |
| 3. | 20.X. Day of the IOC, IOC emblem.                                                     |
| 4. | 21.X. Day of the Bulgarian Postal Administration.<br>Posthorn in stamp frame.         |

- 5. 22.X. Day of Bulgarian Sports. Emblem of Bulgarian Union of Physical Culture and Sports.
- 6. 23.X. Day of FIP, FIP emblem
- 7. 24.X. Day of Youth, Tennis racket.
- 8. 20.X. For the XV Extraordinary Congress of the Union of Bulgarian Philatelists, emblem of the Union and the inscription  
XVth EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE UNION OF BULGARIAN PHILATELISTS.

All the handstamps have the inscription 9000 Varna, date and year, the respective date and OLYMPHILEX '90.

The jury members and the national commissioners were accommodated in the Council of Ministers Rest Home at the Black Sea resort of Druzhba, which was about 10 kilometres from the exhibition. Several sight-seeing trips were organised, including a full day coach tour to Baltchik Town and Kaliakra Cape, which is situated close to the Romanian border.

The Palmares dinner was held at the Festival Centre Restaurant in the dockside area of Varna, and this was attended by all the delegates and the Organising Committee. Joan and I made many new friends during our stay, not only among the jury and national commissioners, but also among the locals who proved to be very helpful and friendly people. Bulgaria is going through a traumatic period as they change from a Communist state into a Free Market economy, resulting in shortages of basis foodstuffs. However, we are sure that with their cheerfulness and national pride they will soon surmount any difficulties that they face.

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\* With Stampex Olympic pmk. 1.3.88 £1.500 \*  
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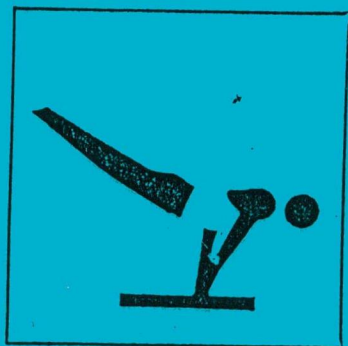
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