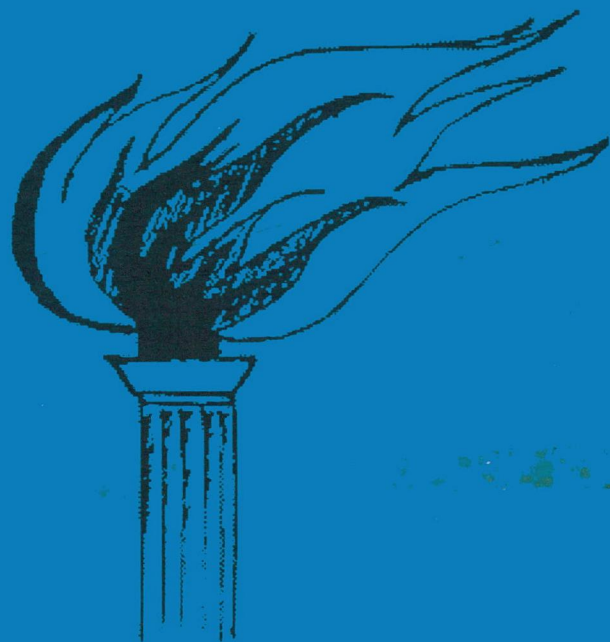


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**Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all
from the Committee**

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Articles or Olympic news can also be submitted by email!

FRONT PAGE

Another year draws to a close, another volume of Torch Bearer is complete, and a new year that will be remembered by some as the first year of a new millenium - whilst others will argue that is the last of another, will soon be with us.

The Sydney Olympic Games will play an important role during the year, and will no dobt offer numerous opportunities for collectors to part with their money, but unfortunately the timing of these Games in the Southern Hemisphere will not provide the usual volume of copy for Torch Bearer until volume 18 - so your contributions are still urgently required!

This issue puts us back onto our intended publication date, and thanks to a number of responses, and the individual effort of Bob Wilcock, the February issue is in an advanced state. It would be nice to be able to report the same situation in February for the May issue.

A committee meeting took place on the 30th October, and two items from the agenda will have an impact on all members.

Firstly, Betty Miller was attending her last committee meeting (as mentioned last issue in Front Page). The balance of the Committee felt that Betty's service to the Society for over ten years as Secretary deserved recognition, and I trust that you will all approve of us presenting Betty with a glass ornament featuring dogs (another of her passions). Travelling and the venue made presentation of a bouquet from the Committee impractical, but one was delivered to her at home, and I hope that she will forgive me for mentioning that it became an almost tearful occasion. Betty will not be losing contact, as she will still be active with the distribution of Torch Bearer.

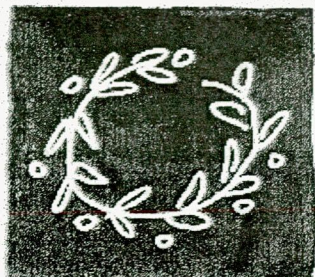
As a consequence of Betty's retirement, Paula Burger will be assuming the mantle of Secretary in the new year, and her details will appear in the next issue. The Committee wish her a warm welcome (another one to share the load!).

Secondly, we have suffered significant increases in postal rates to Europe, and indicators that rates to overseas destinations are likely to follow are evident. Relative exchange rates have moved significantly during the last four years, making some DM and US\$ equivalents inapropriate. The Committee actually budgetted a significant loss for 1999, and managed to remain well within the figures set, producing a far smaller deficit than expectes. We would all like to maintain our subscription rates for the full term of an Olympiad if possible, and it has therefore been decided to raise subscription levels for 2000 to the new figures stated on the renewal form.

For overseas members payment in sterling is the most economic, and please remember that Auction credit offers an easy way to pay.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS - ATHENS 2004

From Constantinos Varotsis



ΑΘΗΝΑ 2004



'Athens Embraces the World'

CEREMONY OF THE OLYMPIC SYMBOL ATHENS 2004

**ZAPPEION SEPTEMBER 30TH
1999**

In the presence of the President of the Democracy K. STEFANOPOULOS, the Prime Minister K. SIMITIS, the President of the COI Antonio SAMARANCH, some members of the COI, many representatives from the world of commerce, art and business and the Mayor of Athens D. AVRAMOPOULOS, on September 30th 1999, in the ZAPPEION PALACE, the OLYMPIC SYMBOL of ATHENS 2004 was unveiled. The Hellenic National Opera chorus presented the musical identity of Athens 2004

The creator of the Symbol ATHENS 2004, is RODANTHI SENDUKA. The design team was:

Ioli Papageorgiou, Peter Dimopoulos, Marc Oeser, Ian Hay, Chris Minah, Rodanthi Senduka, of the "RED DESIGN CONSULTANTS & WOLFE COLINS"

The judging committee was composed of nine members, amongst whom were: BRAD COPELAND (Design Director, Atlanta 1996), PETER MOSHUS (Design Director, LILLEHAMMER 1994) and JOSEP MARIA TRIAS (Design Director BARCELONA 1992).

The judging committee unanimously chose the symbol of the athens 2004 olympic games for the following reasons:

1. It is in accordance with the basic criteria of a free rendering without leading directly to the standardized aesthetics of electronic reproduction;
2. It stands apart from the emblems of past Olympiads and despite it's deceptive unassuming appearance conveys a wide range of complex messages;
3. It's subject matter - a wreath of olive branches - is a symbol of peace, and recalls all other values that relate to the sacred tree of Athens; to the city, Greek Democracy and civilisation.

4. It is a historic symbol of ancient Athens, it expresses the special meaning of staging the first Olympic Games of the New Millennium, in the city that rekindled the Olympic Idea:
5. In addition to the obviously Greek connotation of olives, the circular shape of the symbol projects the more universal meaning of the olive branch, the unity of the world and the link between time past and present;
6. The visual language of the design evokes the honesty and nobleness of all unassuming forms and the warmth and familiarity of primary symbols;
7. The colour palette, with its strong reference to the Greek ranges of white and blue and in particular the avoidance of a flat background, suggests transparency and fluidity, recalling the blue skies and seas which so strongly colour the Greek landscape.

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IRONMAN - THE ULTIMATE TRIATHLON

Vic Manikian

TRIATHLON

The 2000 Sydney Olympic Games will include triathlon events for both men and women as new events. A number of United States athletes are currently training for the qualification event in 2000. The Sydney Triathlon will have limited distances equivalent to the United States Triathlon Series (USTS)

- 1) Swim 1,500m
- 2) Cycling 40km
- 3) Run 10km

A far more exhaustive version of the Triathlon exists in "the Ironman triathlon competition for which a number of qualifying events are held, collimating in the 'Ironman triathlon world championship' held each year in Hawaii.

On August 15th 1999 a qualifying event was held at the former Olympic venue of Lake Placid, New York a first for the mainland U.S.A.

The Lake Placid event attracted 1670 participants for the promising Ironman Triathlon programme

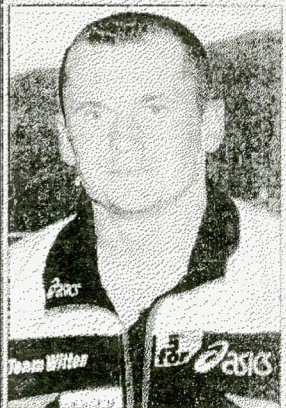
- 1) Swim 2.4 miles (3.85km)
- 2) Cycling 112 miles (180km)
- 3) Marathon 26.2 miles (42.13km)

All held in one day!



Thomas Hellriegel

Age – 28
Hometown – Konstanz,
Germany
Top finish – First in
Ironman World
Championships (Hawaii) –
1997
Class – Professional



Thomas Hellriegel

Profiles of pre-race favourites were included in the local Lake Placid News:

'Hell on Wheels' a big favourite in LP race

Lake Placid – Thomas Hellriegel is possibly one of the strongest triathletes that will be racing in the Lake Placid Ironman on Sunday, though he had to face some stiff competition in the past to earn this reputation.

"Of course there is a lot of pressure when you have this kind of reputation. Everybody expects a good result.

There is also pressure coming from myself. When you're a top athlete it's important to have a handle on the pressure." Hellriegel said.

This is why the German is not training hard this week, and is kicking back in Lake Placid before the competition.

"The last week before the race, it is more important to relax. Most of my training I did already at home". Hellriegel said.

Hellriegel began competing in triathlon more than 10 years ago, and has accomplished several wins in his history with the Ironman.

"I used to swim in a club at home, and a friend got me into triathlon. He said, 'It's great, its not as boring as swimming', " Hellriegel said.

The first triathlon he competed in was a small race, held on the Bodensee – a lake in southern Germany. From there he worked his way to Ironman distance..

Cameron Brown

Age – 27
Hometown – Auckland,
New Zealand
Top finish – Second at
Ironman New Zealand
Class – Professional



Cameron Brown

The final placings for the Lake Placid Ironman competition were:

- 1 Thomas Hellriegel (Germany) Time 8:36:59
- 2 Jurgen Hanber (Germany) 9:03:39
- 3 Cameron Brown (New Zealand) 9:09:14
- 4 Fred Biondi (Canada) 9:11:51
- 5 Peter Kotland (S.C – USA) 9:13:04
- 11 Cord Busche (Germany) 9:33:05

Germany's Thomas Hellriegel, affectionately known as "Hell on Wheels" due to his cycling ability registered a dominating performance in winning the inaugural Ironman USA Lake Placid Triathlon on Sunday August 15. He finished the course in 8 hours, 36 minutes and 59 seconds to win by almost half an hour. Hellriegel had just raced in Ironman Germany seven weeks ago.

As expected, Hellriegel torched the competition on the bike leg, finishing more than 20 minutes ahead of his nearest competitor.

It was running position where the German surprised many. Usually the weak link for Hellriegel the run looked to be strong, as he finished the run course in 2 hours 59 minutes and 1 second, one of the top times in the event.

Another big advantage for Hellriegel was the fact that he had a strong swim, coming out of the water in 10th place and then came the bike, where the German seemed unstoppable.

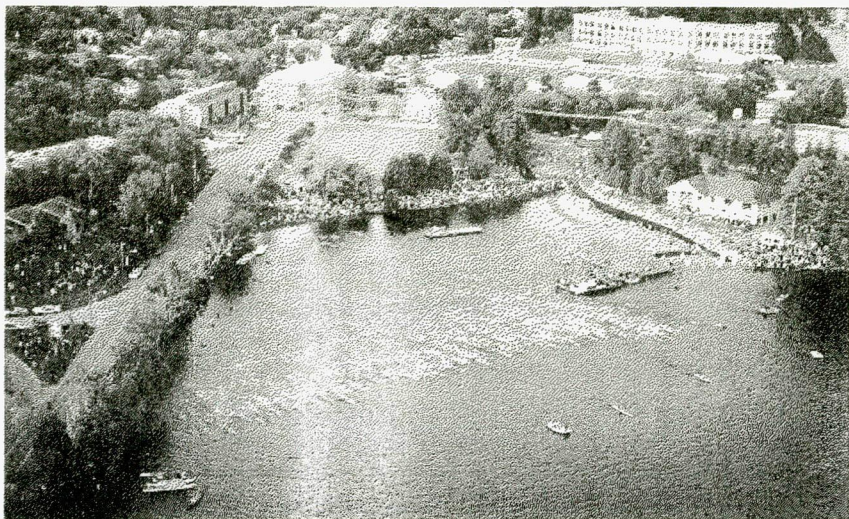
"The bike was perfect for me", he said, "my plan was to do a very fast first lap because the wind tends to pick up as it gets later in the day, and it did. I knew the second lap would be tougher and it was very, very, hard."

New Zealand's Cameron Brown, who finished third overall, was thought to be one of the few athletes who could give Hellriegel a run for the overall title. But without a sizeable lead in the swim and being hampered by injuries during training the Lake Placid title was unrealistic.

"In the first lap I saw his pink cap (the professional triathletes wear pink caps in the swim portion) and I was very close", said Hellriegel. Hellriegel caught Brown right away on the bike and then proceeded to blow away the field. The bike course proved to be a murderous one for many racers, especially on the second lap when the wind picked up. "In Hawaii you can lose 5-8 minutes on the bike and catch up. But 20 minutes is too much", said Hellriegel.

What a sight!

Photograph by Steve Tomlinson, B. C.
Canada. August 15, 7.00 a.m.



About 1,600 swimmers begin the inaugural Isuzu Ironman USA Lake Placid Triathlon at 7 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 with a 2.4-mile swim on Mirror Lake.

The run has been Hellriegel's downfall in the past, but that wasn't the case Sunday, as the German seemed to get stronger, even though the weather heated up during the run portion.

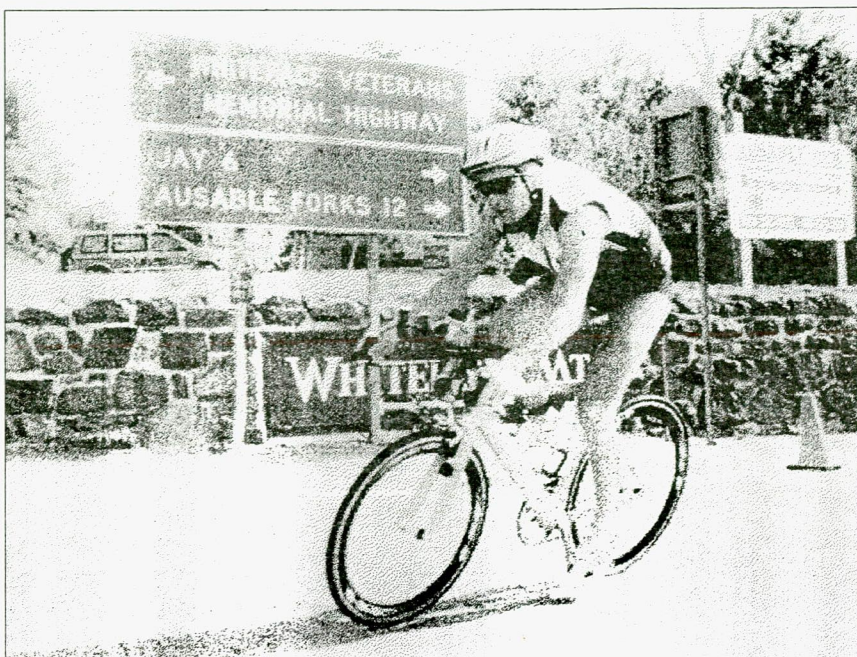
Brown's strength is the run, but the New Zealander was facing more than a 20 minute deficit, and a leg injury which had hampered his training for the run portion finally caught up to him.

Meanwhile Jurgen Hanker, a late addition to the Lake Placid race, showed his own running strength, catching Brown with a run time of 2:56:03. Brown finished the marathon in 3:07:59.

Hanker, who had finished third in Ironman Brazil and third in Ironman Australia, was very happy with second place. "I had finished third twice and I wanted second" said Hanker. "It was a race for second. He's (Hellriegel) a crazy guy."

But it was that crazy guy's day, as Hellriegel showed the crowd and Lake Placid what being a professional triathlete is all about. "It was the first time, and spectators were cheering us on", said Hellriegel. "For the first time it was good". Brown finished third in the event in 9:09:14.

First prize purse for Thomas Hellriegel was \$50,000



HEADING UP THE HIGHWAY - Thomas Hellriegel rips through Wilmington during the bike portion of the Isuzu Ironman USA Lake Placid triathlon on Sunday. Hellriegel rode to a 20-minute lead on the bike on his way to winning the inaugural event. The German triathlete finished the event in a total time of 8 hours, 36 minutes and 59 seconds.

Fred Biondi, a pro racer from Canada, came in right after Brown in 9:11:51 while Peter Kotland of Duncan, South Carolina, USA, was the first American racer in finishing in fifth overall in 9:13:04. Cord Busche, another racer from Germany was the first age grouper to finish, coming in 11th in 9:33:05.

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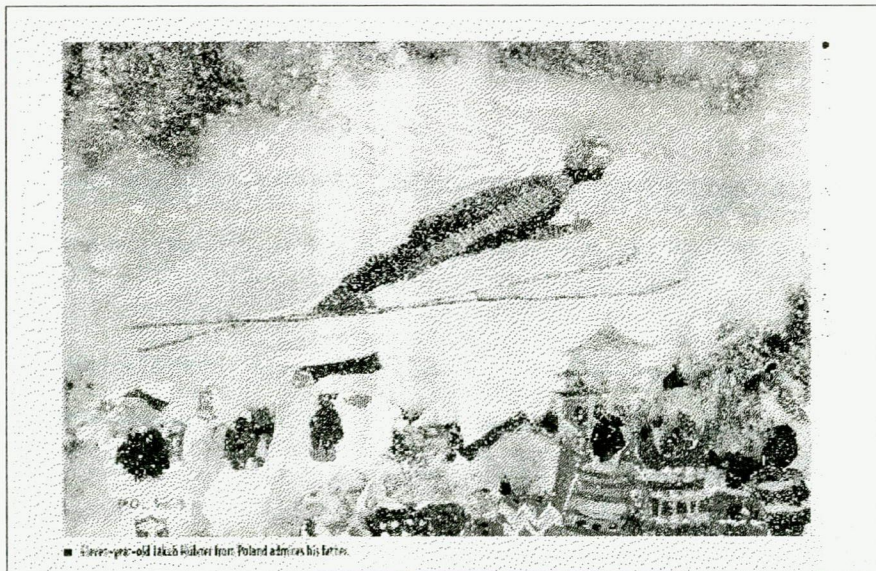
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VISA OLYMPIC SPONSOR.... (II)

The following information is taken from the press releases of VISA International, made available in February 1998.

By the end of December, 25 young artists, ages 9 through 13, had been selected as winners of an all-expenses-paid, week-long trip with a parent or guardian to the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, where their winning artwork will be showcased in an on-site art exhibit.

"My work illustrates and represents my father and I have entitled it "The Skiers Guardian Angel." My father is my inspiration. He teaches me how to draw, paint, fish and ski. I try to emulate him in all things and I would like to become like him. I chose to depict an angel because the image is very similar to that of the ski-jumpers as they seem to fly through the air – just like people with wings." Jakub Hubner, 11, Poland. ("The Skier's Guardian Angel.")



In Nagano, the winning artists will participate in their own medal ceremony on the same stage where the Olympic athletes will receive their medals, hosted by past Olympic Skater Kristi Yamaguchi. The Children will attend the opening ceremonies of the Games and two Olympic events – Speed Skating and Women's Ice Hockey. In addition to cultural interchanges, they will work with a group of local Japanese schoolchildren their same age to paint a large mural together at the famed Zenkoji Temple.



"Jonathan Larson was an aspiring American composer who overcame poverty and hardship through his friends. His legacy was the hit musical Rent, though he died the night before its opening. Because he is a true artist. Jonathan is portrayed figure skating one of the most artistic Olympic sports." Philip Tanedo, 13, USA ("Jonathan Larson; La 'American' Boheme.")

The contest was open to children in 14 countries: Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, India, Japan Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, and the united States. Each country promoted the contest differently, according to the needs of the countries, giving the contest a unique international flavour.

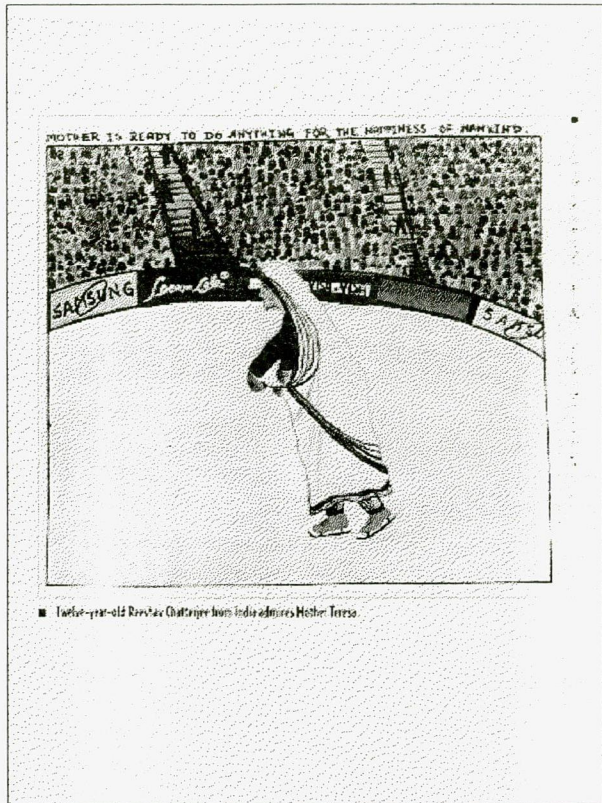
In India, 5,000 schools worked with 141 Visa member financial institutions to make the program available to the children and more than 5,500 entries were finally reviewed. One winner, who chose Mother Teresa as the most, admired person. Was selected.

"Mother Teresa was the true Mother of the world. She was an angel sent by God to serve the poor, who believed in the policy of love and care. I feel that nobody can exceed her qualities. For that I admire her more than anyone else. If she can care for the poor she can even skate for happiness of mankind!" Reeshav Chatterjee, 12, India. ("Mother is ready to do anything for the happiness of mankind!")

In Japan, where more than 11,500 schools were involved, four winners were selected to participate in the program.

The Australia and New Zealand programs both partnered with TV stations and promoted the contest using children's programming that reached over 30,000 children, with one winner selected from each country.

In Korea, where more than 12,000 entries were received from 100 schools, one winner was selected and will travel to Nagano.



In Canada, Visa partnered with the Canadian Olympic Association and mailed information kits that included in-class activities and contest entry information to 11,000 elementary schools across Canada.

"I chose Trevor Andrew because he is a snowboarder from Ski Martock, Nova Scotia where I ski race and snowboard I like to watch him do the back flip known as the Mysti. Trevor told me I got really high air off the jumps. I admire Trevor because he is a champion snowboarder and he is nice to all the kids. Trevor is a two-time Canadian Half Pipe Snowboard Champion. He was the youngest competitor to win a World Cup Snowboard competition. Trevor will probably make the Canadian Olympic Team and I will be cheering for him. In my painting Trevor is doing a tail grab in the half pipe at the 1998 Olympics at Nagano, Japan. Trevor has worked really hard and his dream of winning an Olympic medal has a good chance of coming true." Matthew English, 11 years old, Canada ("Canada's rising son in the land of the rising sun")



The Russian contest, organised in partnership with Visa's member bank Rossiysky Kredit was promoted in 1,000 Russian orphanages with the support of the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation. One young artist was selected to attend the Winter Games in Nagano. The prize-giving ceremony included a special concert for winners and was shown on Russian television.

In Hungary, where more than 6,000 entries were received from 3700 schools, one grand prize winner was selected.

In Germany, Visa partnered with the Time Warner Movie World Complex theme park and more than 50 Visa financial institutions. The contest was publicised at 12,000 member bank branches. While it was originally planned to have only one winner in Germany, the competition was so stiff that ultimately two winners were selected and their names were announced in a special celebration at the theme park.

In the Czech Republic, where more than 1300 entries were received from 6,000 schools, one grand prize winner, age 9 years old, was selected. More than 16,000 posters, teachers guides and entry forms were used. In Poland, 5,000 schools worked with 17 Visa member financial institutions. One winner was selected from Poland.

In Sweden, 10,000 brochures about the program were distributed and one winner was selected from the entries.

In Norway, where the first Olympics of the Imagination was staged at the Lillehammer Winter Games, 1300 schools participated with one winner selected. Most of the entries in Norway featured either grandmothers or "The Spice Girls" as their "admired" person.

In the United States, Visa U.S.A. used direct mail to reach schools across the country and organised a prestigious celebrity panel of judges which included Olympian Matt Biondi and eleven year old child prodigy artist Alexandra Nechita to choose the four U.S. winners. More than US\$60,000 in art supplies were donated by Rosenbluth International in support of the contest in the U.S.A.

List of 'Visa Olympics of the Imagination' Winners (1998)

Country	Name	Age
Australia	Brandt Lipscombe	13
Canada	Matthew English	11
Canada	Michael Siu	13
Canada	Michhael Lai	13
Canada	Annick Levesque	12
Czech	Marko Cermak	10
Germany	Colja Wischnewski	10
Germany	Nadine Bitterer	12
Hungary	Anett Mester	12
India	Reeshav Chatterjee	11
Japan	Saori Watanabe	10
Japan	Tomoaki Kamijo	9
Japan	Yoshino Nagano	8
Japan	Yusuke Nakano	10
Korea	Namkoong Seung-Wan	12
New Zealand	Tamar Dorfliger	13
Norway	Eli Tjelle	10
Poland	Jakub Hubner	11
Russia	Anna Gatalskaya	10
Sweden	Joel Malmberg	9
USA	Zareen Mehmud	13
USA	Alyssa Wehr	13
USA	Philip Tanedo	13
USA	Sadek Ghaznavi	13
USA	Shuki Merlis	11
USA	Rachel Carter	15

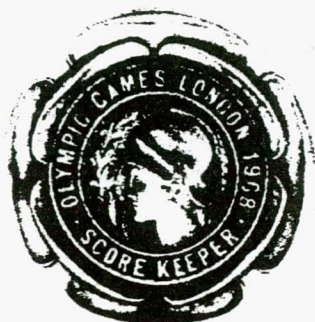
The US Post Office was also used to publicise the 1998 Olympics of the Imagination. A folder containing a number of the winning designs as postcards was given free to customers making payment with their VISA card. These cards are a different print / back from those in Japan. Ed.

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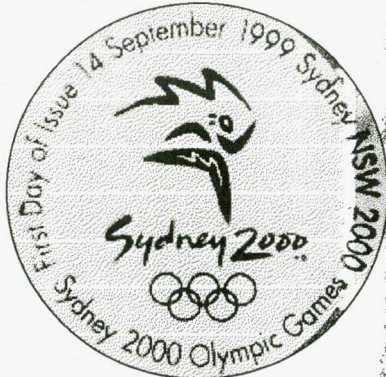
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Australia Post - Sydney 2000 Olympic Emblem



"Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Emblem



The Games of the new Millenium will take place in Sydney, Australia, between 15 September and 1 October 2000.

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The Sydney 2000 Olympic Games emblem, also known as 'the Millenium Athlete', symbolises this promise to the world's athletes. It features the figure of an athlete, formed by instantly recognisable shapes and colours."

-The 'mission statement' of SOCOG, as stated on the back of the First Day Cover envelope produced by Australia Post to accompan the 'Olympic Games Emblem' stamp issued on 14 September, 1999.

The single value issue of a 45c. Stamp was released in sheetlets of 10.

A presentation pack in which the sheetlet is sealed, is available at A\$ 4.90.

The back of the presentation pack carries an expanded version of the text from the FDC envelope, and tells us more of the 'Millenium Athlete'.

'It echoes the sails of the Sydney Opera House, and the inspirational qualities of the Olympic Torch. At the centre stands the athlete featuring three boomerang shapes, representing the importance of Australia's indigenous culture. Like the javelins, which the Greeks turned from conflict toward the unity of sport, the boomerang flies toward 2000 as an internationally recognised symbol of the Olympic athletes' skill.

In common with the majority of Australia Post stamp issues, a maximum card was produced.

The card has the printed globe design 'POSTAGE PRE-PAID AUSTRALIA' design on the reverse 'FOR POSTING IN AUSTRALIA / AND DELIVERY WORLDWIDE.



OLYMPHILEX 2000

Brochure number 1 is now available for *Olympilex 2000*. It contains the details of classes and requirements for qualification together with any exhibit specific regulations.

For those members wishing to, or considering entering an exhibit, copies of the brochure and entry forms are available from the editor (*A5 stamped addressed envelope would be appreciated*).

Frame fees have kindly been donated by the I.O.C.

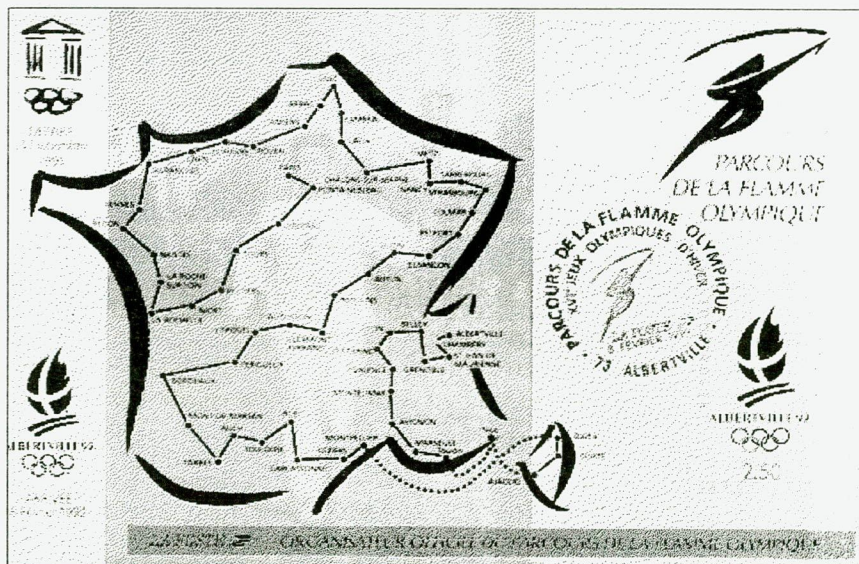
Closing date for receipt of initial entry forms is mid February 2000 so do not delay!

ALBERTVILLE - MY FIRST OLYMPICS

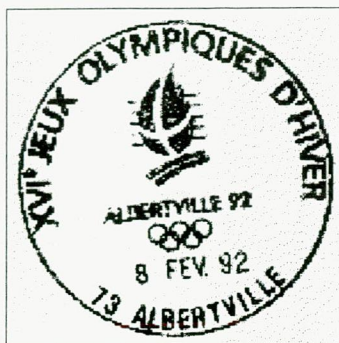
Brian Hammond

My interest in the Olympic Games started in 1948 when the games were at Wembley. Being only at junior school and living at Bedford I regret that I was not taken to the events. For personal reasons I had to forgo an opportunity to go to Canada for the 1976 summer games so when I was given the chance to attend the winter or summer games in 1992 I was overjoyed when a trip to France was booked. Early on Friday morning my friend and I set off for Heathrow. After checking in we met up with a member of SOC [a group we had not then heard of] who showed us a copy of the latest booklet on Albertville that he had received the previous day. We travelled via Geneva Airport where we boarded a coach for Talloires on Lake Annecy. Our coach was followed into Talloires by a coach full of school children armed with flags, etc. who had just witnessed the passing of the Olympic flame on the way to its final night's stop at Chambéry. The main road was lined with banners and a temporary welcome sign produced by the local children ready for the torch to pass through the next day.

We had planned to watch the torch relay on its way to Albertville but to avoid road congestion the coach for the opening ceremony had to leave early. Having previously built up an Olympic collection of host city material from summer and winter games from the revival in 1896 my first visit was to the 'La Poste' temporary post office to buy a few souvenirs. Regrettably my original collection, built up with some help from Ernest Trory who published one of the earliest books on collecting Olympic material, had been sold at auction when I purchased my own business at the end of the 1970s. Meeting members of SOC in France and reading the Albertville booklet inspired me to recommence collecting and join the society.

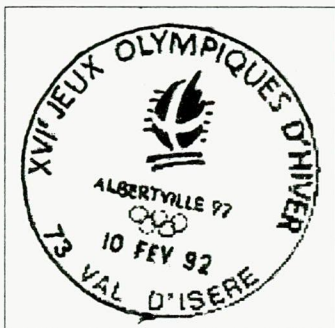


The opening ceremony was a wonderful display designed by Philippe Decouffe including a circus parade, snow sports and an air ballet, and as darkness fell it became even more spectacular.



Sunday morning saw us on the longest coach trip of our stay, from Talloires through the mountains to the resort of Val-d'Isere. On arrival we visited the post office and posted a few cards. Next we encountered some of the informal entertainment that visitors to the modern Olympics will be familiar with.

We took our seats in the stand and watched a display by the children of Val d'Isere before we watched Patric Ortlieb, the first man down the slopes in the men's downhill, win the gold medal. Back at Talloires we found a local café run by a local Frenchman and his English wife where we enjoyed the first of many hot meals during our stay.



Our package included a minibus service to Anney and as we only had tickets for the speed skating in Albertville we decided to spend part of Monday visiting this historic town. During our visit we discovered that the local philatelic society were putting on their own Olympic stamp show. The show told the story of the modern Olympic games and special cards and postmarks were obtained before we left.

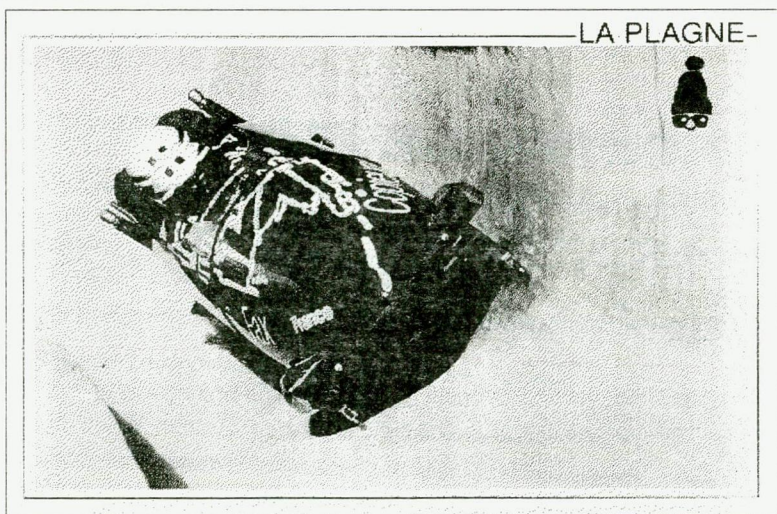
Later in the day, after a delay due to the condition of the track, we witnessed Bonnie Blair win one of her five Olympic gold medals, this time in the 500m speed skating in a new open air stadium next to the Olympic stadium.

Tuesday gave us a chance to see more of Albertville and to visit the philatelic exhibition at Grignon and to add to my limited collection of cancellations, etc. Pin collectors were everywhere and in comparison there was little on sale around town for stamp collectors. The ice skating hall at the Olympic Park was the venue for figure skating and that evening we watched the Russians battle between themselves for the gold. Due to the break up of the Soviet Union they competed as the united team and the Olympic anthem was played in place of the national anthem at the victory ceremony.

On the next two days we travelled to Meribel, a fashionable mountain resort near to the media centre at Moutiers. This involved a minibus trip to Ugine where tents had been set up to shelter in while waiting for our shuttle buses. On the first day we visited the ice hockey in the afternoon. Originally we had asked for tickets to the top match in the evening but these were unavailable. As it turned out, our match was a sell-out needle match between the host country, France, and Switzerland.



It was a well-balanced match with the Swiss bringing along large cowbells and the French replying with tom-tom drums, the final score being 4-3 to France who went forward to the final rounds. Bad weather had set in at Meribel by the time of our return for the Slalom event of the women combined the following day. Postal facilities were provided in a small tent within the area which was accessible only to those of us with event tickets. After delays the event was won by Petra Kronberger from Austria.



For the following two days we travelled on our own coaches direct to La Plagne to visit the controversial luge and bob course. From Aime, the roads up the mountains were restricted to Olympic traffic. Friday was the two runs of the mens twin luge event and the medal ceremony, with Germany winning gold and silver and Italy the bronze medal. However the highlight for me was on the Saturday when the first two runs of the two-man bobsleigh took place. The British team of Mark Tout and Lennox Paul from my home town of Ipswich put in the fastest first run and maintained it at the end of the day. Unfortunately, a poor run next day put them out of the medals.

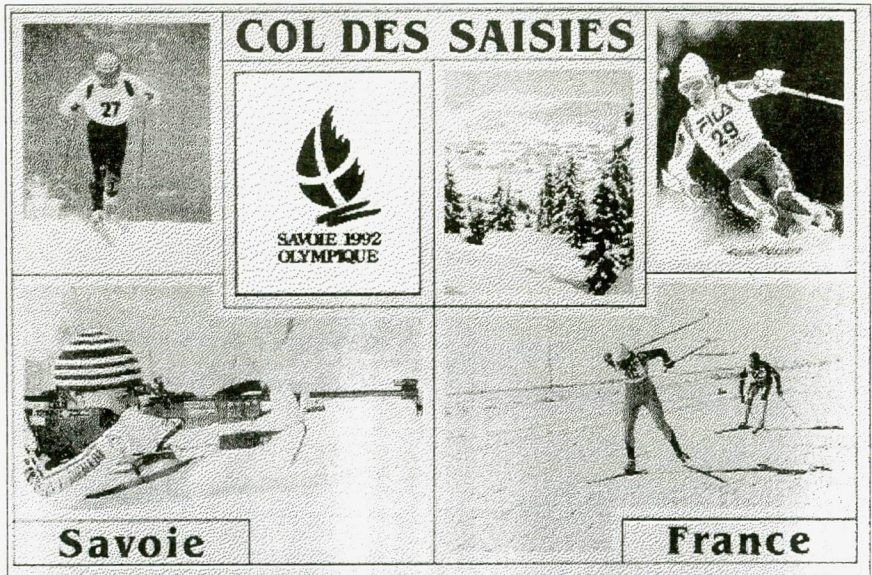
Back up the mountains by shuttle bus on Sunday, passing the main Olympic village at Brides-Les-Bains, to Courchevel and the new ski jump facilities. Competition was on the 120m hill and the young Finn, Toni Nieminen, put in the longest jump. Some jumpers had an extra jump due to changing weather conditions.



PRALOGNAN LEVANGISE

Pralognan the picture postcard village was the venue for the demonstration sport of curling. As we walked through the village, visiting the post and tourist offices for the usual souvenirs, it began to snow heavily. The curling teams were staying in the village but locals claimed that because of the games many of their regular visitors had stayed away. The Olympic flame burned brightly as we entered the hall for the opening matches of the games. Jean-Claude Killy, Co-President of the games and winner of three Alpine gold medals, flew in by helicopter and spoke to the few spectators present and American television was asking us all questions about this sport. Just as the event started we were joined by a large party of French school children who came to support their team. The heavy snowfall was causing problems by the time we left the hall and boarded the bus and this required a snowplough to go in front of about one in six of the returning buses.

Two visits to the resort of Les Saisies for cross country and biathlon were to take up our final days at these games. We had to go on the shuttle bus and on the day of the cross country this left very early as the French had promised the I.O.C. that all the spectators would arrive in good time. In fact we arrived so early that the officials did not arrive until about ½ hour later to open the site for us.



While we had tickets for the stand, we found that walking around this attractive course gave us a much closer view of the action, watching Norway win the team 4 x 10Km relay gold in the last mens event. Next day, A Misersky of Germany won the womens 15Km biathlon. This was the first time women had competed in Biathlon at a Winter Olympics.



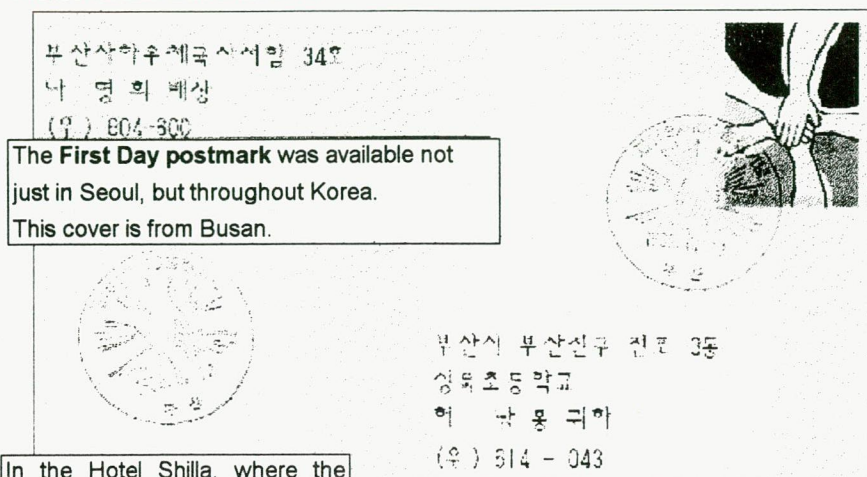
Tuesday also saw my final visit to Albertville to obtain some posters and postcards. The Olympic flame still burnt brightly in a stadium built and used only for the opening and closing ceremony of the games. Over in the ice rink the first night of short track speed skating as an Olympic sport took place. British hopes were high as Wilf O'Reilly had won two gold at Calgary when the sport had been demonstrated, but in the end there were to be no medals for Britain at the 1992 winter games. As we left the hall that night a band were playing their Alpine Horns outside. Our trip ended on Thursday but I returned home with many memories of my first Olympics.

109th IOC SESSION, SEOUL 17-19 JUNE 1999

The FIPO covers and cachets, and IOC meter were featured in the August Torch Bearerr (pp 105-6). This article looks at items from South Korea.

Stamp 12 June 1999

A 170won stamp was issued featuring the winning design from the Korean International Postal Stamp Design Contest 1998. The designer was in Mi-ae and depicts the harmony of the six continents and five oceans of the world. 2.2 million stamps were issued in sheets of 20 (4 x 5), perf. 13 on white unwatermarked paper. There was also a booklet of 10.



The **First Day** postmark was available not just in Seoul, but throughout Korea.

This cover is from Busan.

In the Hotel Shilla, where the Session was held a special handstamp was available from 12 June (meeting of Judicial Commission, followed by IOC Executive Board meetings). Note both 'First Day' and Session handstamps are dated 14 June in this example (Korean characters for Seoul at foot). [illustration courtesy of Thomas Lippert & IMOS]



TURIN 2006 WINTER OLYMPICS

Bob Wilcock



Following Turin's success at the 109th session of the IOC in Seoul on 19 June 1999, we set out below a summary of the plans, adapted from bid documentation posted on the IOC website (<http://olympic.org>). More information on all the candidates can be found on the website (which has links to the bid city websites), and in the IOC's Olympic Review for June/July 1999.

The XX Olympic Winter Games will be held from Saturday 4th February to Sunday 19th February 2006. The programme will run for 16 days, including the **Opening Ceremony** to be held on the first day of competition and the **Closing Ceremony**, which will include the presentation of the last medals.

Most medal ceremonies are planned to take place in an open-air plaza in the centre of historic Turin. The Opening and Closing ceremonies will take place in an existing 70,000 seat soccer stadium (which was used during the Italia '90 World Cup).

The Torino 2006 Organising Committee will be organising the **9th Paralympic Games** will be held from Thursday 9th March (Opening Ceremony), to Sunday 18th March (Closing ceremony) 2006.

Turin and its neighbouring winter sports resorts have a long tradition in the organisation of sports events, notably including World Skiing Championships at Sestriere. No competition site outside the city is more than fifty minutes from Turin. The Pre-Olympic trials will take place a year before the Games, also in February. The competitions will be held at 8 sites: S.Sicario, Beaulard, Turin itself (Torino), Pinerolo, Sestriere, Bardonecchia, Pragelato, Sauze d'Oulx.

BIATHLON

All Biathlon competitions will be held in San Sicario on a plateau lying between San Sicario and Borgata Pariol. The following competitions are planned:

Men: • 20 km Individual.

- 10 km Sprint
- 12,5 km Pursuit
- 4 x 7,5 km Relay

Women:

- 15 km Individual.
- 7,5 km Sprint
- 10 km Pursuit
- 4 x 7,5 km Relay

Training will also take place on the plateau between San Sicario and Borgata Pariol.

BOBSLEIGH

All Bobsleigh competitions will be held in Beaulard (Oulx), in the northern part of the Clottesse Grand Hoche.

Two-man and four-man events are planned.

LUGE

All Luge races will be held in Beaulard (Oulx), on the north part of the Clottesse Grand Hoche. There will be singles for men and for women, and a men's doubles event.

The Beaulard runs will also be used for training.

CURLING

All Curling competitions will be held in Turin, in the new Palasport Curling complex on Corso Tazzoli. There will be competitions for mens and womens teams.

Training sessions will also be held at the Palasport complex in Corso Tazzoli.

The facilities in Corso Tazzoli will be available to the City of Turin as a permanent ice-skating rink.

ICE HOCKEY

All Ice Hockey games will be held in Turin in the new Palasport Hockey 1 Stadium, in the Continassa area, in the Palasport Hockey 2 Stadium, in the Torino Esposizioni complex, and in the Palasport Hockey 3 Stadium, in Pinerolo.

There will be a Men's and Women's Tournament.

Training for Ice Hockey teams will take place at the three Hockey Palasport stadia and in Torre Pellice Ice Palasport.

SKATING

All figure skating and short track competitions will be held in Turin, in the Palavela complex, and speed skating in the Palasport Velocità complex in the Continassa zone.

Training for Figure skating and Short-track will take place in the Palavela complex, using both the indoor and outdoor rinks, whereas training for Speed skating will be held in the Palasport Velocità in the Continassa zone.

ALPINE SKIING

The alpine skiing competitions will be held in Sestrière, San Sicario and Bardonecchia:

Sestrière	Sestrière	Sestrière	San Sicario	Bardonecchia
Banchetta Nasi	Sises	Kandahar	Fraiteve	N° 1 Colomion
Super G M	Giant Slalom M, W	Slalom M, W	Super G W	Combined Slalom M, W
Combined Downhill M			Combined Downhill W	
Downhill M				

Training for the M/W Slalom, M/W G Slalom and M/W Combined Alpine slalom will take place in Sauze d'Oulx, Sestrière, Clavière and Bardonecchia. Training for the M/W Combined Alpine downhill, M/W Downhill and M/W Super G will take place in Bardonecchia, San Sicario and Sestrière.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

All Cross-Country Skiing competitions will be held in the locality of Pattermouche, a village in the municipality of Pragelato, on the "Upper Chisone Valley" course composed of three circuits.

The following competitions are planned:

Men:

- 30 km
- 10 km
- 15 Km Pursuit
- 4 x 10 km Relay
- 50 km

Women:

- 15 km
- 5 km
- 10 km Pursuit
- 4 x 5 km Relay
- 30 km

Cross-Country Skiing training will take place in Pragelato, Clavière and on the Sestrière high plateau.

SKI-JUMPING

All Ski-Jumping competitions will be held in Soucheres Hautes, a village in the municipality of Pragelato. The stadium is located in the area immediately beside the start of the Clotes della Soma chairlift. The starting altitude of the ski-jumping ramp is 1345 m above sea level, and the landing area is at 1170 m.

The following competitions are planned:

K 90 m Individual

K 120 m Team

K 120 m Individual

Training will take place in Pragelato.

NORDIC COMBINED

The Cross-Country Skiing courses in Pragelato will be used for the Cross-Country competitions, while the Ski-Jumping ramp in Soucheres Hautes will be used for jumping.

The following competitions are planned:

K 90 m - 15 km Individual

K 90 m - 4x5 km Team

The facilities at Pragelato will also be used for training, both for Cross-Country and for Ski-Jumping.

FREESTYLE SKIING

All Freestyle Skiing competitions will be held in Sauze d'Oulx on the Clotes course.

There will be moguls and aerials competitions for men and for women. Training will take place in Sauze d'Oulx and in Pragelato.

SNOWBOARD

All Snowboard competitions will be held in Bardonecchia. The Half Pipe competitions, for men and for women, will take place on the Campo Smith course, and the Giant Slalom, again for men and for women, will be held on Melezet Course 23.

Training will take place in Bardonecchia.

OLYMPIC VILLAGE

The Olympic Village will be built in Turin on a site previously occupied by an old ironworks owned by Ingest S.p.A. With a few alterations, the area can be used to provide accommodation for the athletes at the 20th Olympic Winter Games.

The Village will be built close to the green area within which the Environment Park, the city's first science and technology park, is now under construction. A number of large steel arches are still present on the site which were used to support the factory shed roofs. The decision has been taken not to demolish these structures - which preserve a link with the city's industrial identity (like the brick chimney) - and to build under the arches which will continue to provide cover for public spaces at a height of 25 metres.

The buildings will be surrounded by green areas and they will be laid out on a gentle South facing slope, about 30 metres from one another. The surface roads in the area will be solely used by pedestrians and electric vehicles. The services will be located in the centre of the Village and will be laid out around a square giving direct access to the main through-road which runs on top of an underground road. All the buildings will be designed to comply with requirements for low-energy consumption and minimum environmental impact. They will be connected to the teleheating system already present in this zone. Outdoor lighting and part of the public services will be powered by a photovoltaic energy system which, once complete, will become the largest in Italy. Two basement floors will be built under each house providing communal services: rooms for washing and ironing, storerooms, garages and areas used by refuse collection trucks. All the buildings will be cabled and fitted with the most sophisticated and up-to-date telematic infrastructures. After the Olympic Games are over, the Village will return to being a residential area which will include private homes and university residences available for use by the city.

The Olympic Village will be a green oasis in which a circuit of pedestrian roads will allow the athletes to move around on foot and to train outdoors, surrounded by nature.

Like the entire Olympic Village complex, the roads will be barrier-free and completely accessible to handicapped individuals.

The circuit of roads is flanked by a cycle track and all athletes will be supplied with bikes, as well as the necessary servicing facilities.

Only vehicles with a nil or minimal environmental impact will be allowed inside the Village, including utility vehicles used for services like refuse collection. (During times of atmospheric inversion the Suze Valley can have levels of transport related air pollution somewhat above World Health Organisation limits).

A 25-seat shuttle minibus will transport athletes to all areas of the Village in the space a few minutes. The shuttle buses will pass at intervals of not more than 5 minutes and will be powered in a variety of ways: electricity for transport inside the Village and within the high-altitude town centres, and green fuel for transport on main roads or motorways. In order to guarantee maximum environmental comfort in the area around the Olympic Village large car parks will be provided to allow interchange between ordinary vehicles and shuttle minibuses.

Coaches will be used to provide transport between the Olympic Village and the competition and training venues, and a specific transport system will be set up to reach the locations for the opening and closing ceremonies using luxury coaches.

Visitors to Turin will find a city which is extremely lively, offering countless opportunities for leisure and culture. In order to allow the athletes and officials of each NOC to reach any destination in the city, a shuttle service will be provided. Moreover, it is possible to get from the Village, which is well served by public transport, to the city centre in under 10 minutes using the light underground railway lines.

A support complex for the training facilities provided for individual disciplines will be available inside the Olympic Village, surrounded by the trees in the park.

LONDON 1948 MISCELLANY

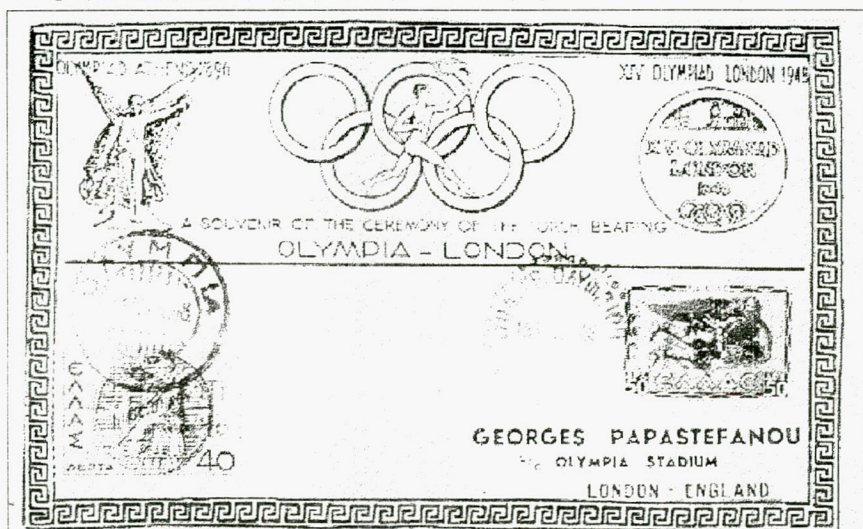
Bob Wilcock

This article looks at various items relating to the 1948 Olympics, many of which have surfaced at recent auctions in Great Britain and abroad.

The Torch Run

The Olympic flame was kindled in the ancient stadium at Olympia at Mid-day on Saturday 17 July 1948. The Flame was then taken to a spot near to where de Coubertin's heart is buried. In a simple ceremony, there were brief speeches and the Torch was handed to the first runner, Corporal Dimitrelis of the Greek Army. Entering in uniform and with rifle in hand, he laid down the rifle, removed the uniform, and appeared clad as an athlete, symbolising the tradition that was ceased during the period of the ancient Games.

A souvenir card was prepared by a Greek stamp dealer. It bears the Olympic Telegraph office handstamp of 16 July, and an olympia cancel of 17 July



The Torch was taken by boat to Italy, then by relay to Switzerland, with a ceremony at *Mon Repos*, the then headquarters of the IOC. Through France, Luxembourg, Belgium and back into France, the Flame arrived at Dover on the morning of 28 July. It arrived just 30 seconds late for the Opening Ceremony at Wembley the next day.

The organiser of the run was Commander F.W. Collins, R.N. (Retd.). On 12 August 1948 he wrote to those who had assisted in the organisation, and one of those letters is illustrated on the next page.

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12th August, 1948.

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Dear Sidney,

As you will know, the Olympic Torch Relay has been acclaimed as one of the events in the Olympic Festival which, perhaps more than any other, has given expression to the ideals of the Olympic movement. The symbol of the torch, illustrating as it does the efforts of all those who, in these troubled days, are striving for closer anxious life through the closer brotherhood of free and friendly nations, has caught the public imagination in a manner which few people would have believed possible.

There is no doubt that this would not have happened if the organisation had been faulty, while any small mistake world, I am sure, have been picked on by those individuals who always try to find fault with such an event of public interest. The many expressions of pleasure and satisfaction which I have received show that the organisation did not fail, and I wish to send you my very warmest thanks for the assistance you gave the Organising Committee and for the success of your part in this unusual and at times extremely complicated task.



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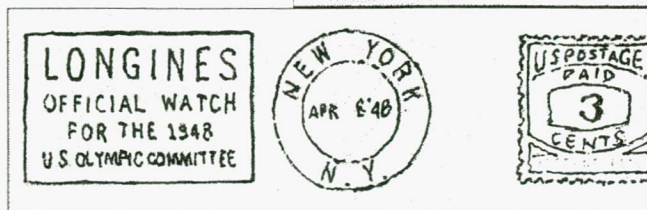
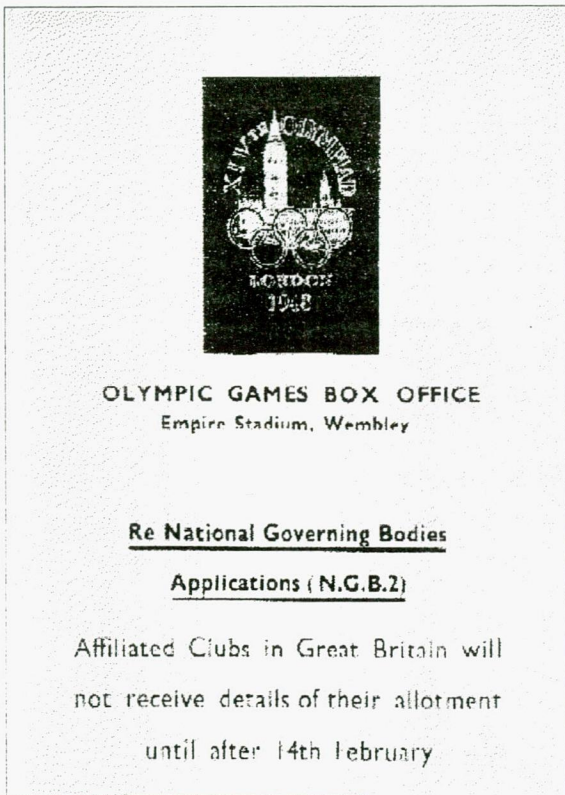
Until recently, the only known postage meter for 1948 was from this office. It was offered in a recent SOC auction on this card, buff, with the badge and text in dark blue. (The meter on the card is too feint for clear reproduction, so the illustration here is taken from a 'philatelic' copy run off during the Games; the date on the card is 29 1 48).

Longines, New York

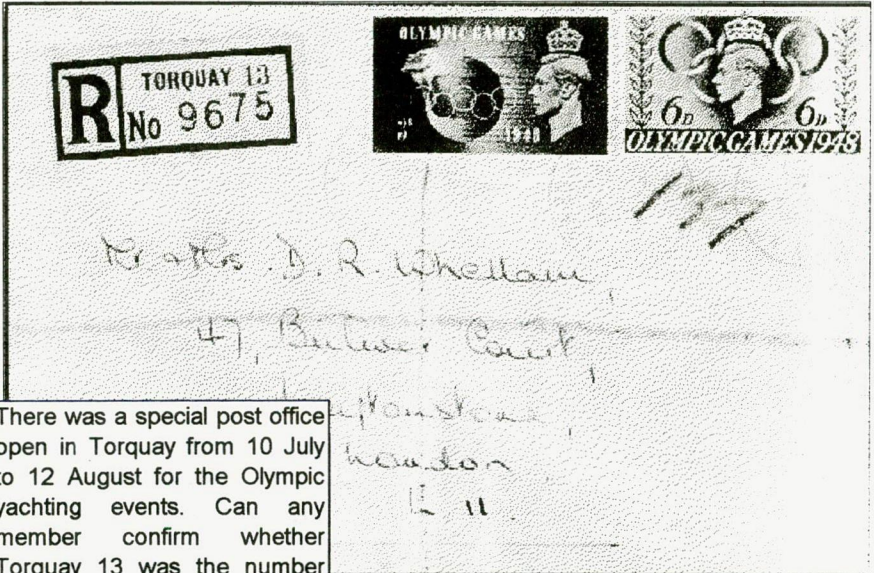
A recent auction in France brought to light a meter from

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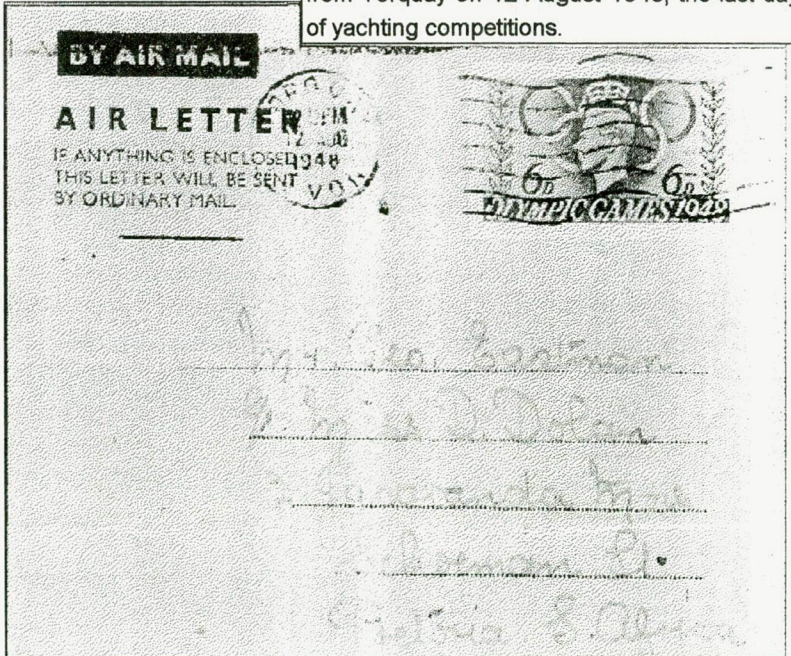


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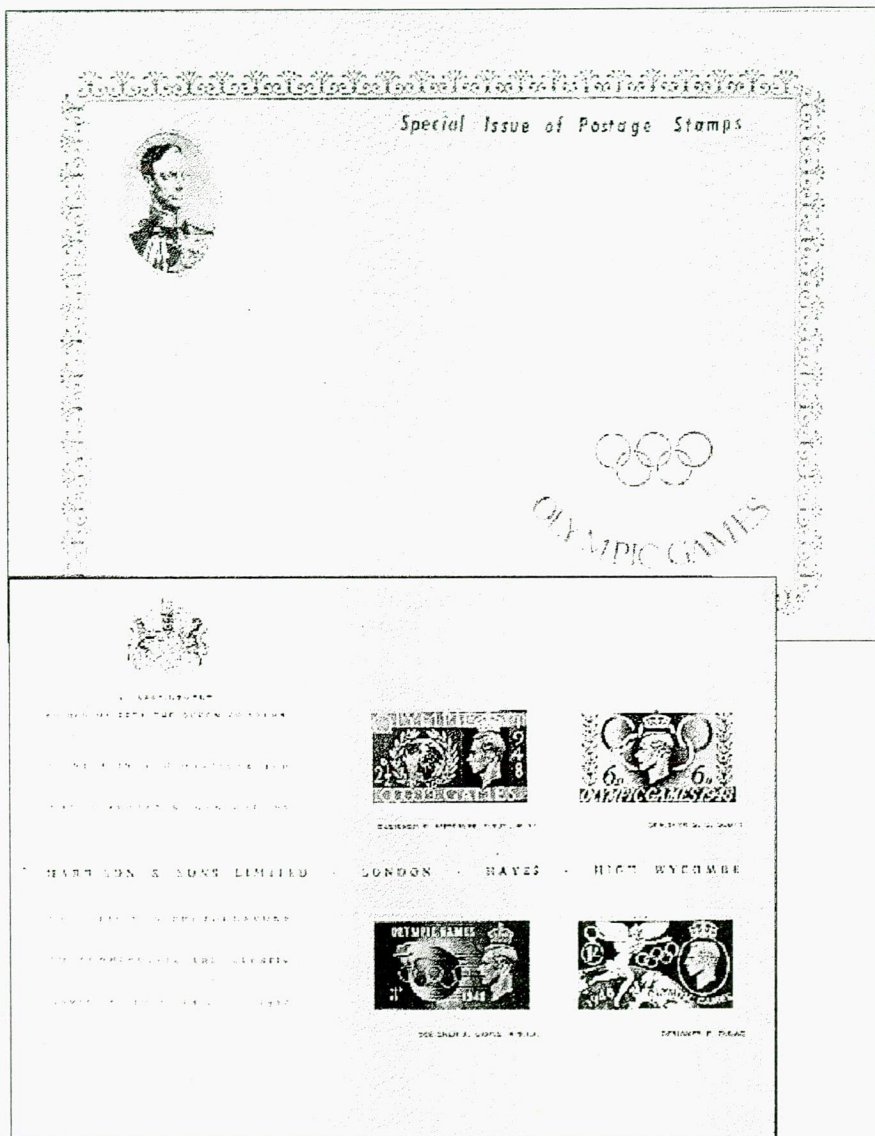
There was a special post office open in Torquay from 10 July to 12 August for the Olympic yachting events. Can any member confirm whether Torquay 13 was the number allocated to that office?

The Olympic aerogramme below was posted from Torquay on 12 August 1948, the last day of yachting competitions.



Presentation Folders & Cards

This pack, containing the 4 British stamps and 5 sets of overprints in glassine strips is believed to have been issued by the printers, Harrisons. 110 were prepared, numbered individually in ink on the reverse (this is No. 75):

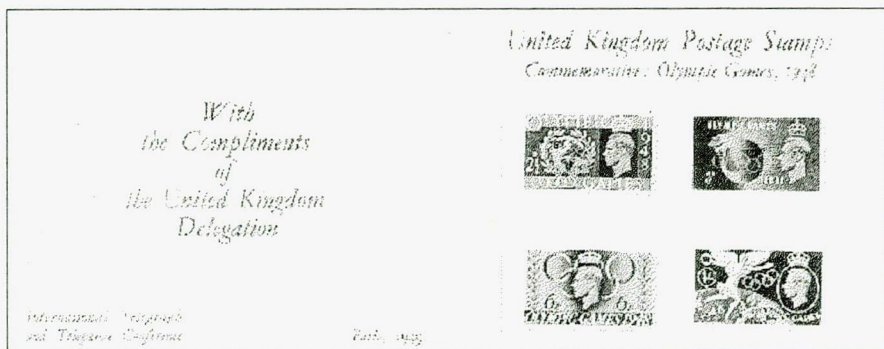
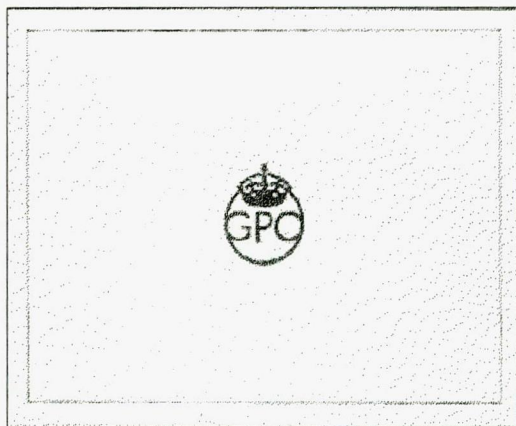


Harrison also, no doubt in common with other major printers, produced presentation cards incorporating stamps, as samples of their work. A card produced on or shortly after the Games, with the text "By Appointment Printers to His Majesty the King" is illustrated in the British Philatelic Bulletin of November 1988, in the first of a series of articles on the philately of the 1948 Olympics (distributed to SOC members at the time). Harrisons continued to use the Olympic stamps to advertise their printing skills through into the Queen's reign, as the card illustrated on the previous page shows (reduced).

International Telegraph & Telephone Conference, Paris 1949

This presentation folder is of buff card, with blue text, and was issued by the General Post office (as it was then known)

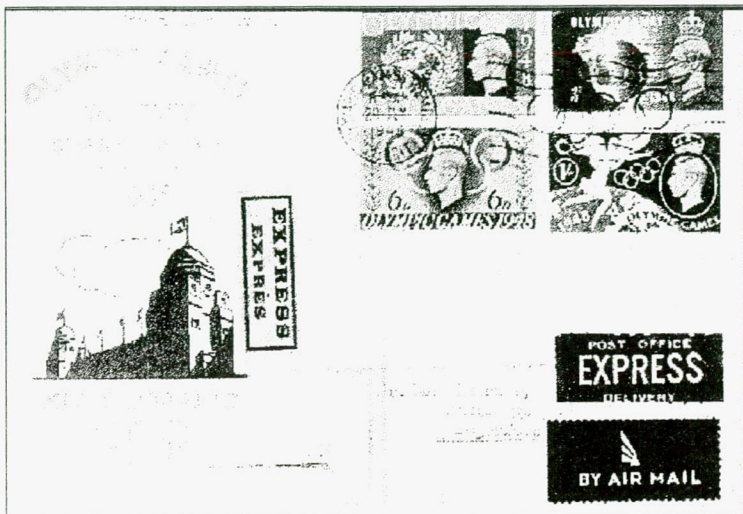
A copy was presented to each of the delegates at the ITT conference.



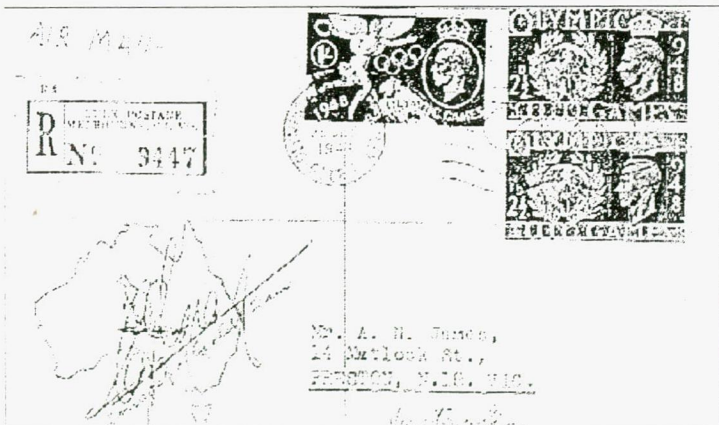
Registered and Express Mail

The Official Report states that "only unregistered items ... posted in [the special] posting boxes or handed over the counter at the Olympic Games Post Office at Wembley bore the special postmark." Items handed in for registration were given standard Wembley single ring date stamps (bearing index numbers 11-16).

This cover to Sweden received express treatment (a backstamp shows arrival in Malmo by 8 am on 30 July), and its 8.45am postmark suggests it was just put in a box since the special post office did not open until 9am.



How does this cover come to have an Australian registration label? It also was probably posted in a box with the registration lines applied.



On arrival in Melbourne the post office finding the cover was the Melbourne Mail Exchange, and so the 'Bulk Postage' label was applied in the registration section of the exchange.

Recent Postal History Items

Uruguay:

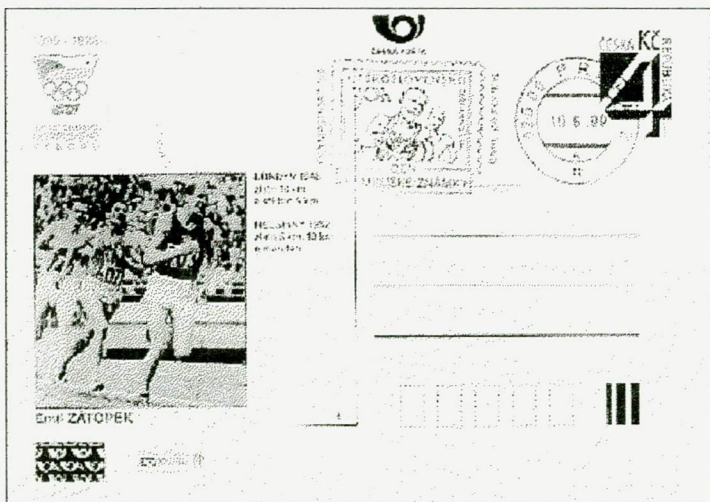
A 1995 postmark & vignette celebrating the Gold of **Delfo Cabrera** in the 1948 marathon, in a time of 2 hours 34 minutes 51.6 seconds.



A 1998 postmark celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Games, and Argentina's medals, in the marathon, women's long jump (**N.S.de Portela**, silver), boxing (**P. Perez**, flyweight gold; **A.R. Iglesias**, heavyweight gold; **G.M. Cia**, light-heavyweight bronze), Rowing is also listed, but no Argentinian took a rowing medal according to the Official Report.

Czech Republic

A postal stationery card honouring **Emil Zatopek**. He is also honoured in the postmark, but that only refers to Helsinki, where he had his greatest triumphs.



ALBUM SHEETS - Sohlberg Pekka

As mentioned in the August issue, it is intended to feature pages from the albums / collections of members - volunteers are wanted!

Our first volunteer for this new venture is Sohlberg Pekka, who kindly answered an earlier request with copies of over 30 sheets.

Preparation of this feature has highlighted some of the difficulties in showing information from an album page (A4 size or greater) in A5 format.

Straightforward reduction is not an option as all detail is lost, and maintaining margin size requires reduction to less than 65%.

The sheet shown on the following page is a true reduction of the sheets submitted - all of those following have been reconstructed from the elements of the actual sheets in an attempt to create larger illustrations.

Sohlberg Pekka,
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Finland

Is predominantly a collector of autographs. He aims to acquire the autographs of Olympic Gold medalists, with a particular interest in those of Finnish competitors.

If any members are in a position to either supply or exchange material, he would be very interested in hearing from them, and he can provide a 'wants list' of his requirements.

His album sheets came to the attention of our treasurer David Buxton, after the 1997 Collectors World Fair in Lausanne. David (and others) had purchased a number of postcards of Finnish athletes - both winter and summer competitors, many of which had facsimile autographs.

Unlike the others, David was determined to identify all of the athletes shown, and in his quest contacted Sohlberg Pekka. The result being that David received identities for the featured athletes, and examples of a few album pages. By request, more pages followed.

Sohlberg Pekka, presents his pages in a personal way, featuring his main interest - the autograph, but uses a variety of other items to illustrate the athletes achievements encompassing philatelic material, postcards, trade cards, magazine illustrations, vignettes and stickers - all within a format that he has established during his collecting career.

It also appears that he makes use of 'windowing' to mount the autograph from behind (although this is supposition).


A Typical Sheet

This sheet and layout illustrates the various elements that are used:

Title - The actual celebration of the Games, the Olympic Rings. The emblem of the Games (top left).

The autograph takes a central position, with text blocks and supporting material as a surround.


Paris 1924



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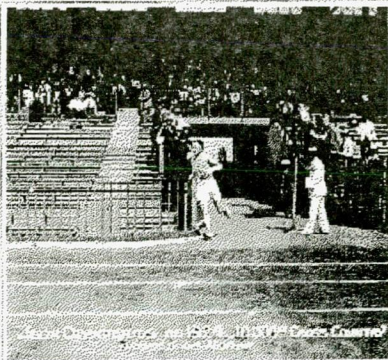
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Olympic Games




Paris	1924
Mäkeläjuoksu	Paavo Nurmi
32.54.6	SUOMI






The main photograph depicts the entrance to the de Ville stadium during the opening ceremony of the 1924 Olympic Games. The athletes are seen entering the stadium, and the large crowd of spectators is visible in the stands.



1924 Paris
Paavo Nurmi juoksu
Mäkeläjuoksu



Stockholm 1912

Olympic Games

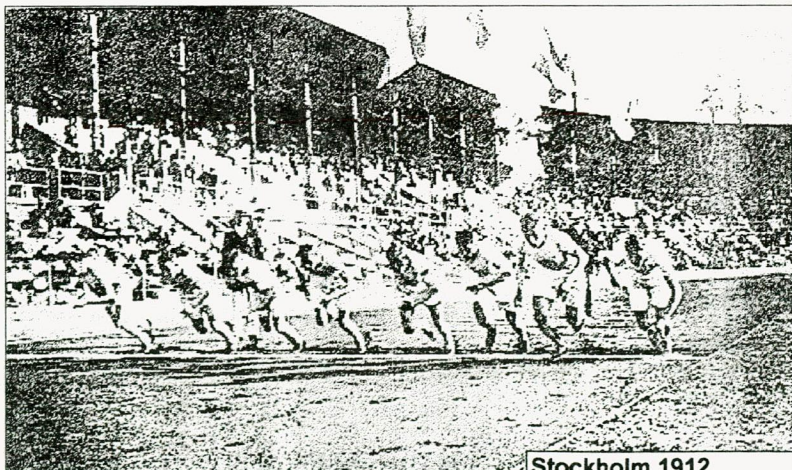


Gold medallist
Hannes
Kolehmainen
5000M, 10,000M.
Marathon



Stockholm 1912
10,000 M.
Kolehmainen leads
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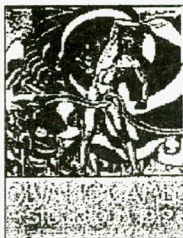
Hannes Kolehmainen



Stockholm 1912

800 m James Meredith
1.51.9 USA

Stockholm 1912



Olympic Games

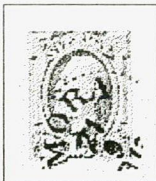


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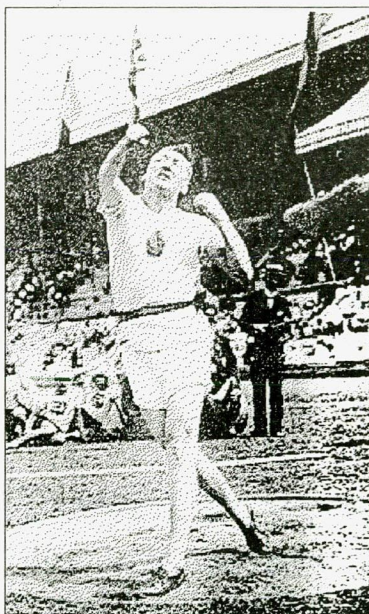
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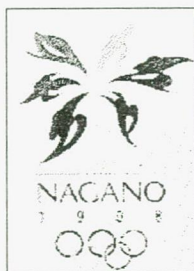
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Armas R. Taipale



Nagano 1998



Olympic Games



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M. Suurpuj Hermann Maier
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Nagano 1998



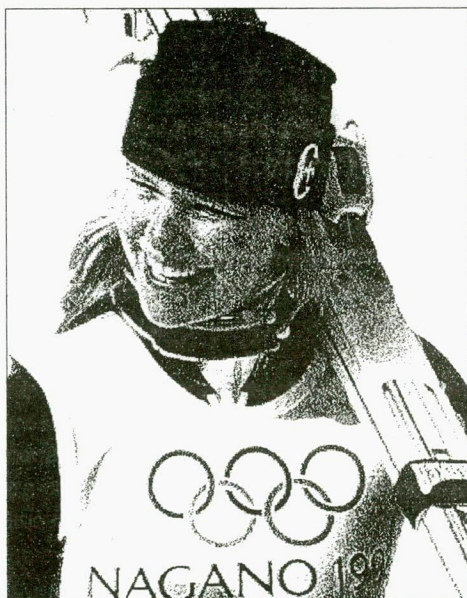
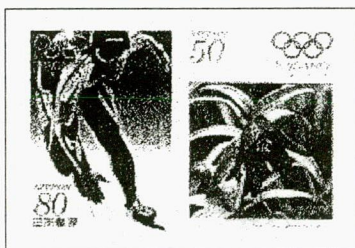
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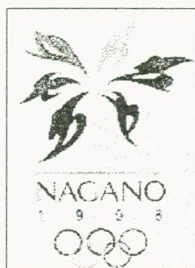
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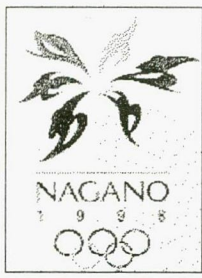
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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Hilde Gerg".



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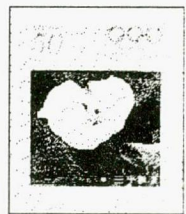


Olympic Games



Nagano 1998
M 30km P Mika Myllyla
1.33.55 Finland

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mika Myllyla".



ALBERTVILLE 1992 UPDATE

LUGE

The Men's Doubles result was accidentally omitted from the list on p.26 of *Albertville – The Facts: Part V*:

Date	Event	Medal winners
14 Feb	Men's Doubles	G: Stefan Krausse, Jan Behrendt * (Germany) S: Yves Mankel, Thomas Rudolph (Germany) B: Hansjorg Raffi, Norbert Huber (Italy)

* Jan Behrend is depicted on a stamp from Tanzania issued on 30 June 1993.

REGISTRATION FROM OLYMPIC POST OFFICES *Part V p.18 onwards*)

Albertville Main Post Office: Traditional paper labels are reported on 2 covers dated 8 February, numbers 2549 and 4150.

Courchevel St. Bon-le-Praz: The Olympic handstamp is reported on a cover registered, with a traditional paper label on 17 February (no 1195). It seems most likely a cover already bearing the handstamp was taken to St. Bon-le-Praz for posting by registered mail; the handstamp was not available at the post office itself.

Les Menuires: A machine was available on the Opening Day of the Games, at least 2 covers being known. Its breakdown meant a return to paper labels later.

Meribel: 2 different straightline handstamps have been used to mark the registration labels, one with text slightly bigger than the other.

La Plagne: Paper registration numbers in the series 31XX are also reported.

Pralognan: A paper label is reported used 17 February with a 2-line handstamp PRALOGNAN-LA -VANOISE / 73 207 (?)

Les Saisies Olympic Village P.O. Paper labels 4575 & 4576 are reported 8 February.

Val D'Isere: Paper '73-VAL-D'ISERE' (one line) reported 18 February (R no. 8871)

Aigueblanche; Paper 'Aigueblanche' known 10 and 15 February (nos 5419/5422)

La Lechere: Paper with one-line cachet 'LA LECHERE' known 12 February (no 7474)

POSTAL DOCUMENTS (Part V p.50)

DPD 1: Multiple registration receipt (La Poste form No. 518)

Thomas Lippert reports 3 printings:

2 5208 L Imprimerie Nationale - 2 202007 O 63

1 5291 P Imprimerie Nationale - 1 202291 O 84

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POSTAL STATIONERY ENVELOPES

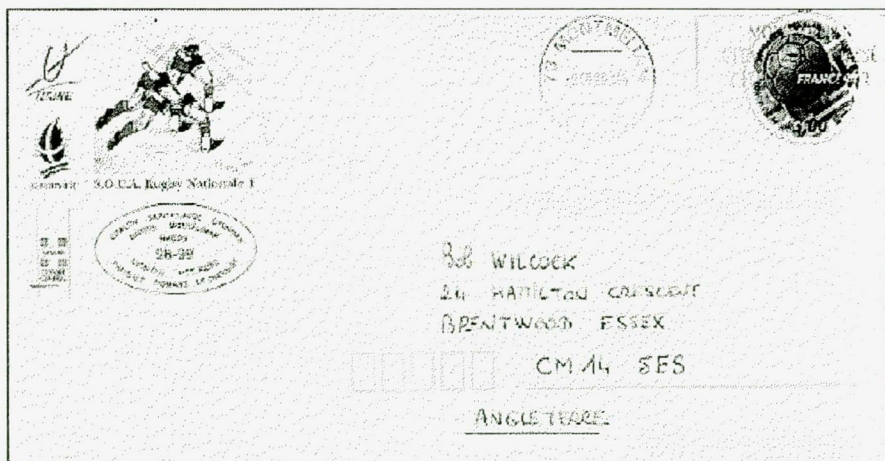
New envelopes appeared in 1998, overprints on DL size envelopes with the round World Cup Soccer stamp. The listing numbers continue from *Albertville – The Facts Part V*:

B15.PPI 220 x 110 Albertville Tourist Office Forum, 1998 events & logo.

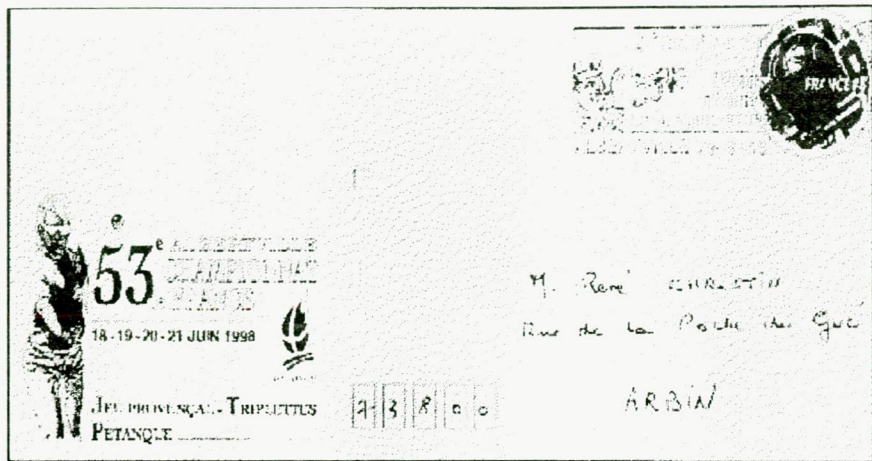


B16.PPI 220 x 110 Ugine Rugby Club Rugby scene, logos etc.

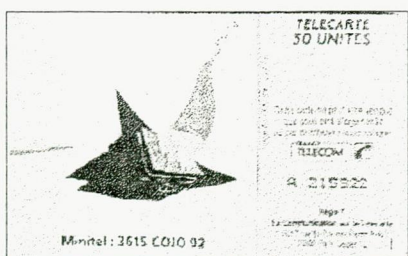
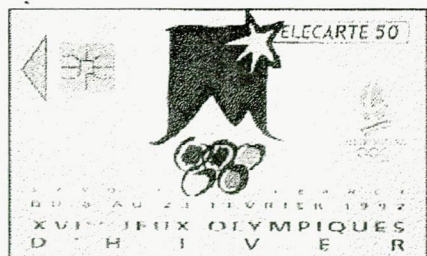
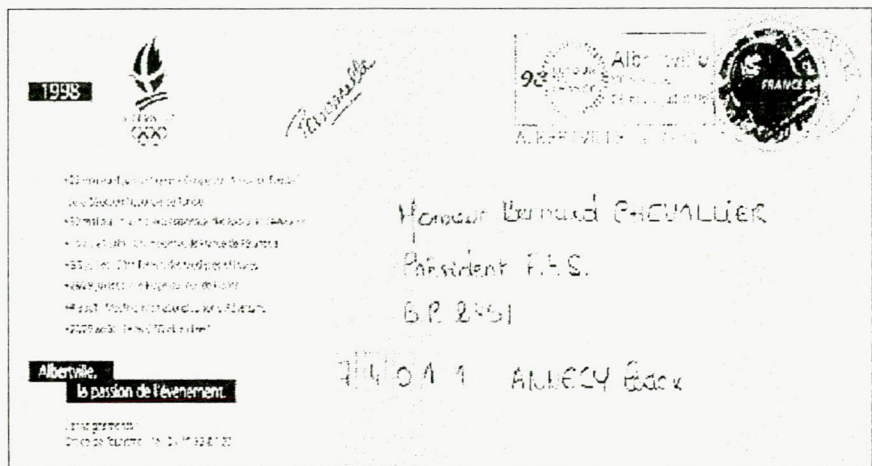
(Ugine is just a few miles from Albertville).



B17.PPI 220 x 110 Albertville Philatelic Society Player and Olympic logo.



C7.PPI Albertville Town Hall DL 1998 events and Olympic logo.



Both sides of a commemorative phonecard sold in a folder in 1992. (61000 issued). My thanks to Thomas Lippert and Rene Christin - Bob Wilcock

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I. M. O. S. Journal	No. 98, in 2 parts <i>{German}</i>		120 gr
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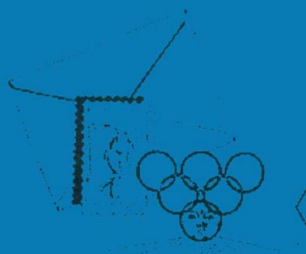
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