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Sorry if you did not make it into this issue - more next time!

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FRONT PAGE

Welcome to the New Year, the New Millenium, an Olympic Year, and of course a new Volume.

On behalf of the members of the Committee, I would like to thank all of those who took the opportunity to either cast a vote or add a comment on their subscription renewal form - the level of responses was far higher than previous years.

Our new Secretary, Paula Burger, is about to find out exactly what she has let herself in for, and I feel sure that she will fulfill a valuable role on the committee, and certainly brings enthusiasm with her.

Brian Hammond joins us as PRO, and I am sure that he would welcome any newsworthy items from members that he may be able to use to promote the Society in the philatelic press.

This year, we would like to introduce a 'New Issues' feature in Torch Bearer to advise of stamp issues around the world. Reliance on details published in the philatelic press will mean that many details will be relatively late compared to actual issue dates, so any information that our overseas members are able to provide would be very welcome (as would a volunteer to collate reports of new issues).

Tom D'Arcy has provided a wealth of information on vignettes and stickers from 1932 - 2006, which acts as either expansion or addition to the Dubois catalogue. This is currently being compiled for publication with supplementary information from a number of members. This should make Volume 17 a valuable future reference, and I am sure that by the end of 2000 we will all feel indebted to Tom.

The Collectors Fair in Salt Lake City advertised with your last Torch Bearer was postponed due to a clash with other events - mainly the staging of an Olympic Collectors Fair at the Olympic Museum in Lillehammer on February 12-13th, however, planning for the 2001 event in Salt Lake City is well advanced, and will be notified as details become available.

We would be grateful if any members who will be attending the Sydney Games, and would be interested in the opportunity to meet during the Games, could make themselves known to either Brian Hammond or Bob Farley, so that we can assess the viability of finding a suitable venue with the help of our Australian members. The dates that you may be available are of course the most important consideration.

If the Sydney Millenium celebrations were any indication, we are in for a spectacular Games!

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

ATHENS 2004

Further to the postcard commemorating **Athens 2004** (*Volume 16, page 103*). **Tom D'Arcy** has received a further card by the same publisher from a correspondent in Montevideo.

This example shows the bid logo in colour on a white background, and as the card is unused, the number can be given as 'ATHENS 21'. This is printed in the stamp space. The full text adjacent to the stamp space (which was partially covered by the stamp on the previously reported card) reads, "*The gods of the sun, / the sea and hospitality / have chosen Greece... / Why not you?*"



Details of the publisher, taken from the back of the card are repeated below. Can any of our Greek members help with information about the extent and status of this series? Strangely, all copies so far seem to originate from areas remote to Athens.



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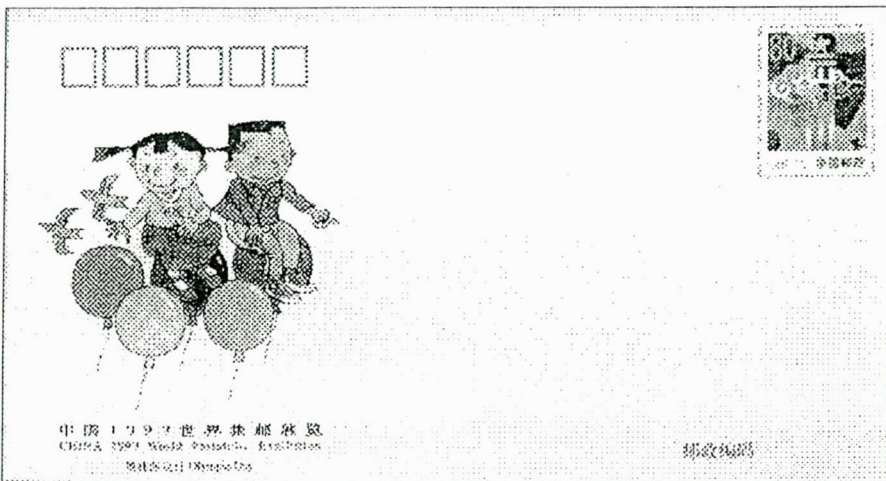
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AN OLYMPIC POSTAL STATIONARY FROM CHINA

KWAN, Kwok - Yiu

The "China 1999 World Philatelic Exhibition" was held in Beijing from August 21 - 30th, 1999. To commemorate the exhibition, the State Postal Bureau of the People's Republic of China issued ten postal stationary (pre-stamped) envelopes on August 21st. Each envelope design matches the theme of one of the ten days of the exhibition, and August 25th was Olympic Day.

The envelope for Olympic Day has a design with five balloons which mimic the layout of the Olympic Rings. A special pictorial cancel was also used on 25th August.



*The Olympic postal stationary issued by the State Postal Bureau,
People's Republic of China.*

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A REVIEW OF HONG KONG SPORT ISSUES

KWAN, Kwok - Yiu

As a result of Ms. Lai-Shan winning her first Olympic Gold Medal (in windsurfing), which proved to be the first and only gold medal for Hong Kong in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, the profile of sporting events was raised in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Post Office has reflected this by the issue of a number of stamps on sporting themes in recent years.

The Hong Kong Post Office issues announced for 2000 include the topic "2000 Olympic Games". A set of four stamps will be issued on 10th September 2000. This is still a few months into the future, but provides an opportunity to review sport stamps that have been issued by Hong Kong. The stamps considered here are restricted to true sports issues, this means for example that the stamp showing a football scene in the Hong Kong Park issue will not be mentioned further.

The Amateur Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong have also issued a number of philatelic products as fund raising ventures, these products are also detailed.

Topic: 3rd Far East & South Pacific Games For the Disabled

Issue date: 20th October, 1982.

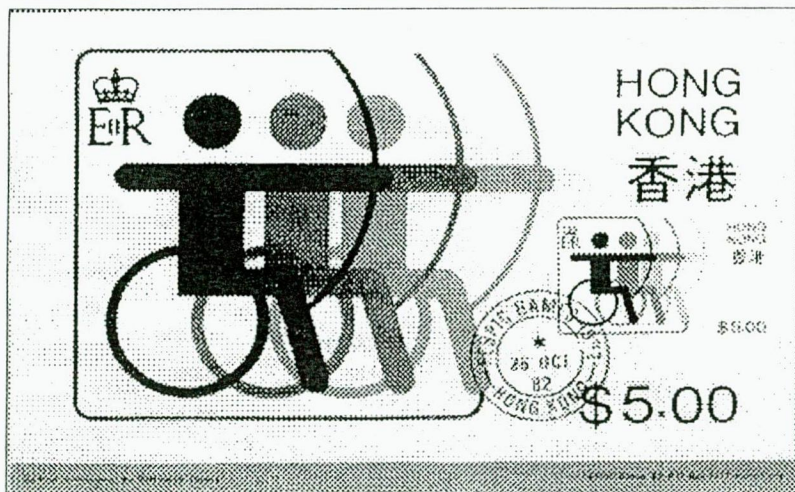
Set of 4 stamps, no miniature sheet.

- 30 c. Playing table tennis from wheelchairs;
- \$ 1.00 Disabled athletes in a wheelchair race;
- \$ 1.30 Wheelchair basketball;
- \$ 5.00 Wheelchair archery.



Maximum card: H.K.P.O.

Special cancellation.

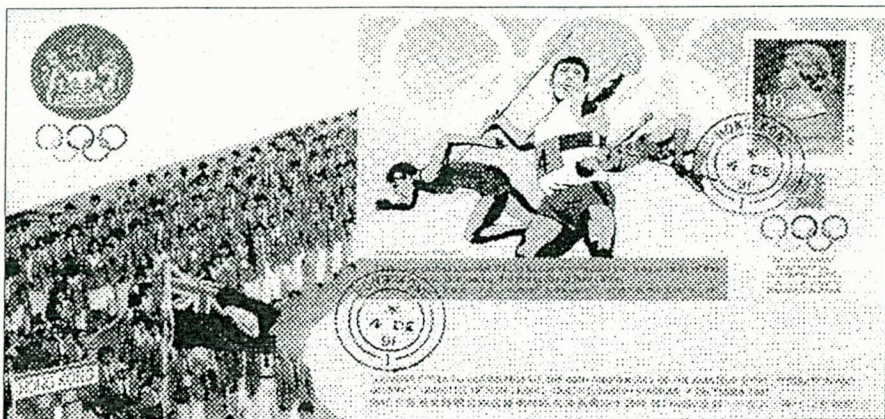


Topic: Commemorating the Sponsorship of the 1992 Olympic Games by the Hong Kong Post Office.

Issue date: 14th December, 1991. **Single souvenir sheet.**

\$ 10.00 The stamp is a definitive, and the souvenir sheet design shows the Olympic Rings, high-jump, pole-vault and running.

Cover: A.S.F. & O.C.H.K.



The Hong Kong Post Office have been issuing a series of souvenir sheets since 1990, known as "Definitive Stamp Sheetlets". The postal value of the sheetlet is provided by the inclusion of a current definitive stamp, the commemoration of an event or topic is achieved by the printed surround. For the past nine years, the designs of these sheetlets were usually in commemoration of an International Philatelic Exhibition.

This sheetlet (the third), was issued to celebrate the sponsorship of the 1992 Olympic Games by the Hong Kong Post Office (through the EMS agreement). The design includes the Olympic Rings and the dynamic logo of the Post Office.

Two souvenir covers, one blue, the other yellow, were issued by the A.S.F. & O.C.H.K. in conjunction with the sheetlet to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong (A.S.F. & O.C.H.K.).

The cover was designed by Ken Li, who also designed the 1992 Hong Kong Olympic stamp issue. The number of covers produced was; 50,000 yellow and 2,000 blue.

Topic: 1992 Olympic Games.

Issue date: 2nd April, 1992.

4 stamps and miniature sheet.

80 c. Running;
\$ 1.80 Pole vault;
\$ 2.30 Cycling;
\$ 5.00 High jump.

Special cancellation.

Maximum card: A series by A.S.F. & O.C.H.K.

Topic: Commonwealth Games.

Issue date: 25th August, 1994.

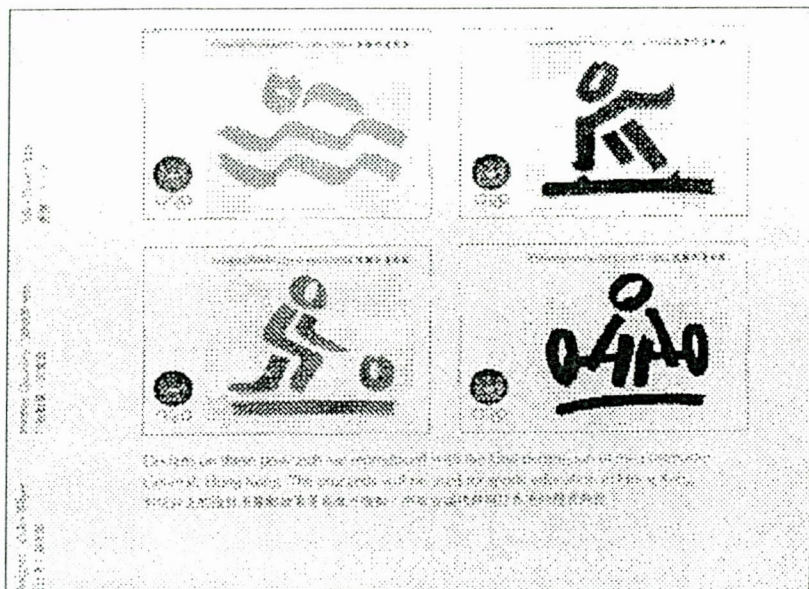
4 stamps.

\$ 1.00 Aquatics;
\$ 1.90 Lawn bowls;
\$ 2.40 Gymnastics;
\$ 5.00 Weightlifting.

Special cancellation.

Cover: by A.S.F. & O.C.H.K.

Maximum card: A series by A.S.F. & O.C.H.K.



In conjunction with the stamp issue, the A.S.F. & O.C.H.K. issued a set of four postcards to raise funds for sports education in Hong Kong. The designs were almost identical to the stamps, so they served as maximum cards. The quantity issued was 50,000 sets. In addition to the cards, the A.S.F. & O.C.H.K. also issued a souvenir cover to commemorate Hong Kong's participation in the 1994 Commonwealth Games held in Victoria, British Columbia. This was to be the last occasion on which the Hong Kong team would participate in the Commonwealth Games, as Hong Kong left the Commonwealth on 30th June, 1997. This cover is quite scarce, the quantity issued was only 1,500.

Topic: International Sporting Events in Hong Kong.

Issue date: 22nd. March, 1995. **4 stamps.**

- \$ 1.00 Hong Kong Rugby Sevens;
- \$ 1.90 China Sea Race (yacht).
- \$ 2.40 International Dragon Boat Races.
- \$ 5.00 Hong Kong International Races (horse racing).

Topic: 1996 Olympic Games.

Issue date: 20th March, 1996. **4 stamps and miniature sheet.**

- \$ 1.20 Gymnastics; **Special cancellation.**
- \$ 2.10 Diving;
- \$ 2.60 Athletics;
- \$ 5.00 Basketball.

Maximum card: A series by A.S.F. & O.C.H.K.



This was the second Olympic issue from Hong Kong. The individual sheet stamps bear a different inscription to those in the miniature sheet, although the designs are almost the same. On the individual stamps the Olympic Rings are in five colours, the Crown logo, the value and the English & Chinese versions of Hong Kong are in black. The stamps from the miniature sheet have the Olympic Rings, the Crown logo, and the English & Chinese versions of Hong Kong are in a gold colour.

The design of the miniature sheet shows the upper half of a gold medal, which compliments the lower half of a gold medal illustrated on the miniature sheet of the 19th July, 1996 issue. The sheets combine to show a whole medal, which is very appropriate as Hong Kong won her first Olympic gold medal at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The A.S.F. & O.C.H.K. issued a set of five postcards to raise funds for sports education in Hong Kong. The first four designs are similar to the stamp designs, whilst the last shows a torch. The printing quantity was 70,000.

Topic: Opening of the Centennial Olympic Games.

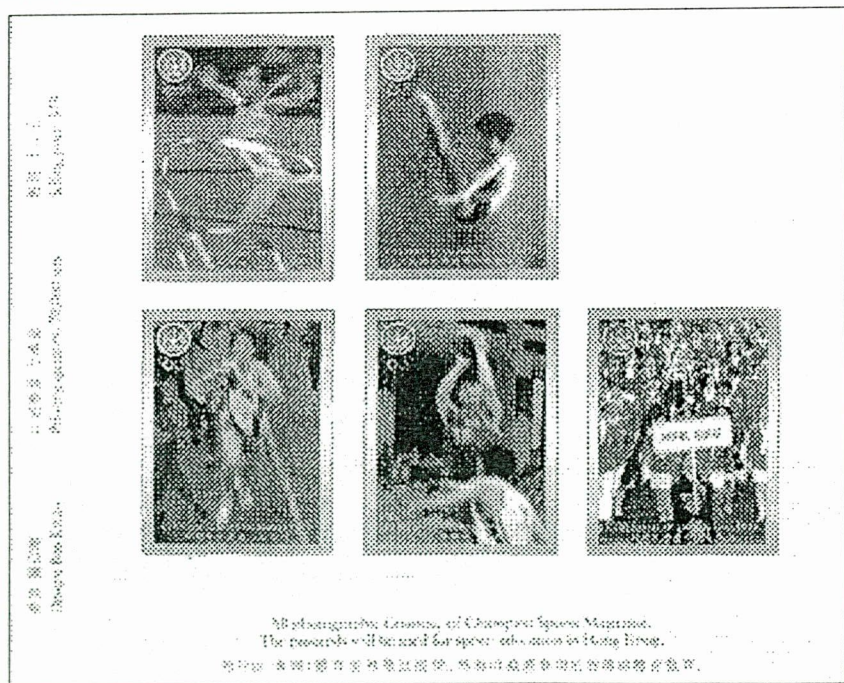
Issue date: 19th July, 1996.

4 stamps and miniature sheet.

- \$ 1.20 Gymnastics;
- \$ 2.10 Diving;
- \$ 2.60 Athletics;
- \$ 5.00 Basketball.

Special cancellation.

Maximum card: A series by A.S.F. & O.C.H.K.



The designs of this issue are the same as those issued on 20th March, 1996, but the colour combinations are different. The Crown logo and the Olympic rings are in gold. The value tablets of each value are in different colours. They are; pink (\$ 1.20); blue (\$ 2.10); green (\$ 2.60) and red (\$ 5.00).

For the stamps printed in the miniature sheet, the colours of the Crown logo, value and the Olympic rings are the same as on the miniature sheet issued 20th March, 1996, however the sheet design does show the lower part of a gold medal instead of the upper part.

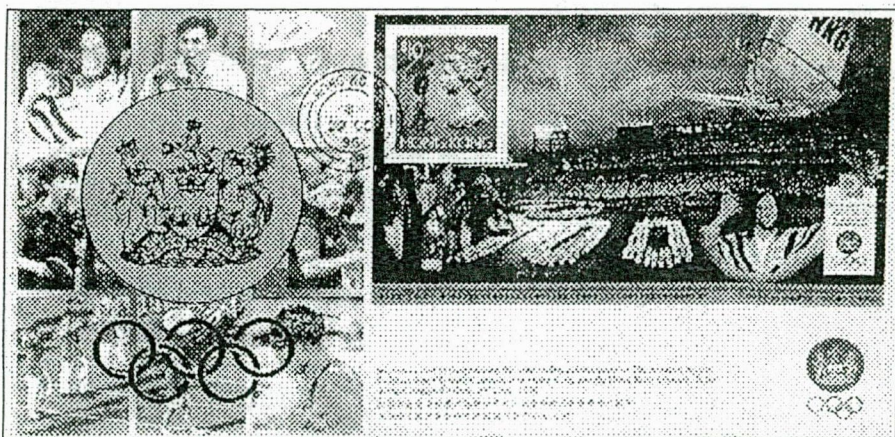
The A.S.F. & O.C.H.K. also issued a set of five postcards to raise funds. The first four postcards show the sports as depicted on the stamps, whilst the last shows the Hong Kong Team. The printing quantity was 70,000.

Topic: To congratulate the outstanding achievements of Hong Kong at the Centennial Olympic Games.

Issue date: 29th October, 1996. **Single Souvenir Sheet.**

\$ 10.00 The stamp is a definitive, and the souvenir sheet design shows the Olympic Stadium and the Olympic Women's Board (Mistral) gold medalist Lee, Lai-Shan.

Cover and Cards: by A.S.F. & O.C.H.K.



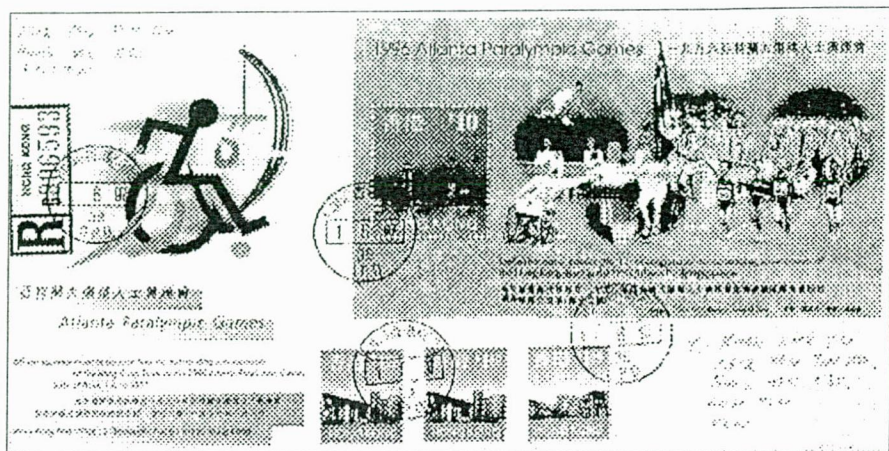
This is a definitive stamp sheetlet as described previously. The Hong Kong Post Office issued definitive stamp sheetlet No. 11 to celebrate Hong Kong's first Olympic gold medal. The A.S.F. & O.C.H.K. also issued a souvenir cover and a set of four postcards on the same day. The printing quantity of the cover was only 1,000, making it quite scarce.

Topic: 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games.

Single Souvenir Sheet.
Special cancellation.

Issue date: 1st June, 1997.

\$ 10.00 The stamp is a definitive, and the souvenir sheet design shows memorable moments in the Atlanta Paralympic Games.



This is again a definitive stamp sheetlet (No. 12). In the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games, the Hong Kong Team won 5 gold, 5 silver and 5 bronze medals. In the T34-37 Men's 4 x 100m relay, they also set a new world record.

Topic: To congratulate the outstanding achievements of Hong Kong at the 13th. Asian Games, Bangkok 1998.

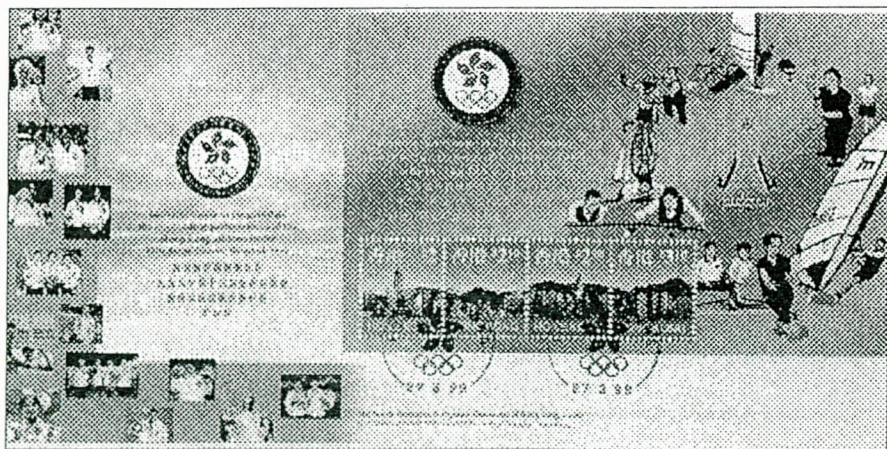
Issue date: 27th March, 1999.

Single Souvenir Sheet.

Special cancellation.

\$ 9.70 The stamps are four definitives, (\$2, \$2.10, \$2.50 and \$3.10) and the souvenir sheet design shows the medal winning events.

Cover: by A.S.F. & O.C.H.K.



This is definitive stamp sheetlet No. 13. In the 13th Asian Games held in Bangkok 1998, the Hong Kong Team won 5 gold, 6 silver and 6 bronze medals. This was also the first appearance of the new official territory name on a sports issue, or during participation at an Asian Games - China Hong Kong.

The following table details the achievements of the China Hong Kong Team, and is taken from information in the official first day cover from Hong Kong Post:

Medal	Athlete	Event
Gold	Lee, Lai Shan	Windsurfing, (IMCO Ladies)
Gold	Hui, Cheung Kwok	Bowling (Grand Masters)
Gold	Chan, Kwok Ming / Chan, Wai Tai / Fu, Ka Chun	Snooker (Team)
Gold	Ng, Siu Ching	Wushu (Women Nanquan)
Gold	Wong, Kam Po	Cycling (Men Road Race)
Silver	Chui, Wing Yin	Squash (Women Single)
Silver	Wong, Tak Sum	Windsurfing, (Men Raceboard Light)
Silver	Ng, Ka Loe	Rowing (Women Lightweight Single)
Silver	Ng, Ga Loe	Rowing (Women Open Single)
Silver	Leung, Yat Ho	Wushu (Men Nanquan)
Silver	Chan, Tan Lui / Song, Ah Sim	Table Tennis (Women's Double)
Bronze	Brian Lam Cook	Cycling (Men Downhill)
Bronze	Chan, Kwok Ming	Snooker (Single)
Bronze	Chan, Tan Lui / Wong, Ching / Song, Ah Sim / Tong, Wan	Table Tennis (Women's Team)
Bronze	Mou, Lap Kam / Lee, Chun Yi	Yachting (Women 420)
Bronze	Abdui Faheem Khan	Squash (Men Single)

Abbreviations:

A.S.F & O.C.H.K.	Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong.
A.S.F & O.C.H.K, China.	Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China.
F.E.S.P.I.C. Games	Far East and South Pacific Games for the Disabled.
H.K.P.O.	Hong Kong Post Office.

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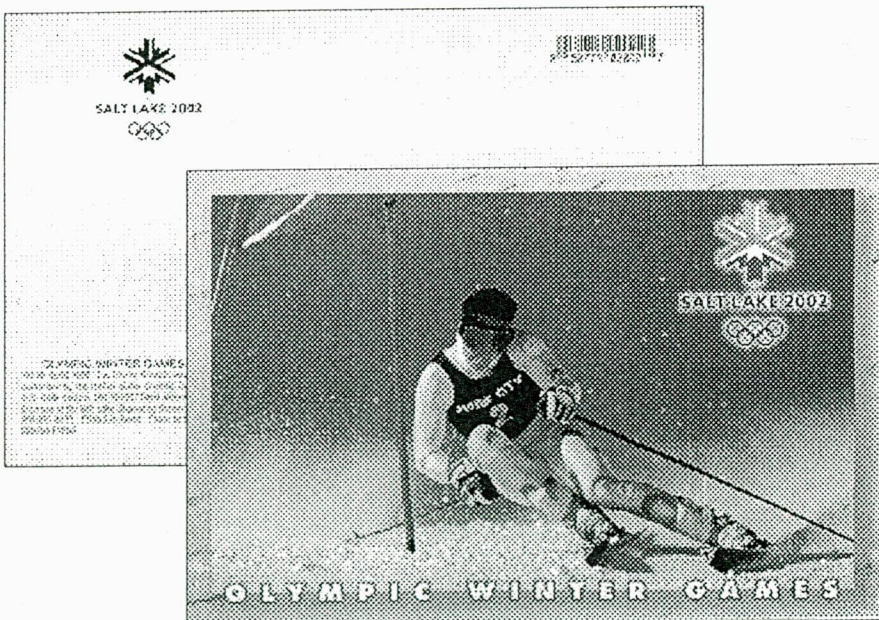
SALT LAKE CITY 2002 - COMMEMORATIVE POSTCARDS

Bob Farley

It has been previously reported that Great Mountain West obtained the status of licensee for postcards and related items (magnets, calendars, key rings etc.)

Following the award of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games to Salt Lake City, forty 7" x 5" (170 x 120mm) postcards were produced. These were produced on a heavy card stock, and had colour printed backs including the bid logo and colour address lines. The postcards were accompanied by a number of greetings cards utilising some of the postcard designs. This initial issue was featured in Torch Bearer.

Soon after adoption of the 2002 Games logo by the Salt Lake Organising Committee, Great Mountain West released a second series of 37 designs. This series included 6" x 4" (150 x 103mm) and 7" x 5" (170 x 120mm) format cards, and was printed in Korea with black backs featuring the new logo, on a thinner 'glossy' card stock.



Postcard 220704 EVENT,
Salt Lake City Logo in black on the back,
printed in Korea.

Four further postcards were found in the racks in Salt Lake City and Park during November 1999. These do not have an identifying number, and are premium priced (\$3.00 +) decal cards. Each has a number of die cut self adhesive decals on a backing paper which is printed as a postcard back.

Whilst such decal or sticker postcards have been produced since at least 1972, Great Mountain West have also added another category of cards for the collector - 'sew on' or 'iron on' patches are certainly being promoted as collectable souvenirs in the U. S. A., and for the patches commemorating the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, many are being sold stapled to backing cards which are printed with address lines and a 'stamp space', although text in this space does suggest mailing within an envelope. Unfortunately, this was a discovery made after we left the U. S. A., one patch having been bought as a souvenir, was not inspected until we were safely back home, so the number of designs available cannot yet be reported.

The following table lists all Great Mountain West cards found on the racks in the Salt Lake area during November / December 1999, and has been crosschecked with a retailers order sheets from Great Mountain West. Missing numbers are not listed as available on October 1999 sheets, and have therefore either not yet been produced, or have 'sold out'.

Card No.	Series	Size	Format			Description
				B	C	
219000	Mascot	6" x 4"	H		✓	'Rock' carvings of mascots.
219001	Mascot	6" x 4"	H		✓	The story of the SLOC mascots (text).
219002	Mascot	6" x 4"	H		✓	Plush mascots with bobsleigh & skis.
219003	Mascot	6" x 4"	H		✓	Graphic mascots, skiing disciplines, light background.
219004	Mascot	6" x 4"	H		✓	Graphic mascots, skiing disciplines, dark background.
219005	Mascot	6" x 4"	H		✓	Heads of graphic mascots, pictograms.
219006	Mascot	6" x 4"	V		✓	Heads of graphic mascots.
219007	Mascot	6" x 4"	H		✓	Large heads of graphic mascots.
219008	Mascot	6" x 4"	H		✓	Small heads of graphic mascots.
219009	Mascot	6" x 4"	H		✓	Pictograms of mascots.
219011	Mascot	6" x 4"	H		✓	Graphic mascots, skiing disciplines, view background.
219012	Mascot	6" x 4"	H		✓	Downtown view over mascot pictograms & motto.
219300	Mascot	7" x 5"	H		✓	Graphic mascots, skiing disciplines, view background.
219301	Mascot	7" x 5"	H		✓	Downtown view over mascot pictograms & motto.
219500	Salt Lake	9" x 4"	H		✓	'Rock' carvings of mascots, with story of mascots.
219501	Salt Lake	9" x 4"	H		✓	Large mascot heads over downtown at dusk.
220101	Salt Lake	7" x 5"	H	✓		View over city at dusk, Salt Lake border.
220103	Salt Lake	7" x 5"	H	✓		View over city at dusk (blue), 2002 at base.
220105	Salt Lake	7" x 5"	H	✓		Aerial view at dusk, Salt Lake 2002 at base.
220106	Salt Lake	7" x 5"	H	✓		Downtown at dusk, 2002 Olympic Winter Games.
220107	Salt Lake	7" x 5"	H		✓	Downtown sunrise (violet) 2002 at base.

Card No.	Series	Size	Format			Description
			B	C		
220208	Wasatch	7" x 5"	H		✓	Snow covered peaks, "Wasatch mountains".
220213	Wasatch	7" x 5"	H	✓		View over city to illuminated ski runs
220214	Wasatch	7" x 5"	H		✓	Snow covered valley & runs, "Park City, Utah".
220215	Wasatch	7" x 5"	H		✓	View over city to ski runs, "Park City".
220216	Wasatch	7" x 5"	H		✓	Ski runs 'XIX OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES / etc.'
220231	Wasatch	7" x 5"	H		✓	Snowy peaks at sunset 'Salt Lake 2002'
220312	Alpine	7" x 5"	H	✓		Off piste skier 'SALT LAKE 2002'
220400	Event	7" x 5"	V	✓		Salt Lake 2002 flag
220401	Event	7" x 5"	H	✓		Slalom skier
220402	Event	7" x 5"	H	✓		Downhill skier, Park City vest
220403	Event	7" x 5"	H	✓		Speed skater
220405	Event	7" x 5"	H	✓		Downhill skier, by Park City banner
220406	Event	7" x 5"	H	✓		Downhill skier
220407	Event	7" x 5"	H	✓		Short track speed skaters
220500	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H	✓	✓	Downtown with mountain background
220501	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H	✓	✓	Snow covered mountains at dusk
220502	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H	✓	✓	Illuminated downtown at dusk
220503	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H	✓		Aerial view, mountains and city
220504	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H	✓		Aerial view, downtown (mid distance)
220504	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H	✓		Aerial view, downtown (near distance)
220505	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H	✓		Aerial view over illuminated city
220506	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H	✓	✓	View over city to snow covered mountains
220507	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H	✓		City at daybreak, black border, white text
220507	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H	✓	✓	City at daybreak, white border, black text
220509	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H		✓	Downtown and mountains at sun rise
220510	Salt Lake	6" x 4"	H		✓	Delta Center

Postcard
220608
WASATCH
Salt Lake City
Logo in colour,
on the back,
printed in
Korea.





Postcard
220400 EVENT
Salt Lake City
Logo in black,
on the back,
printed in
Korea.

Card No.	Series	Size	Format			Description
			V	B	C	
220511	Wasatch	6" x 4"	V		✓	Salt Lake 2002 logo
220512	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H		✓	Panoramic map of venues
220598	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H		✓	Ski runs on mountains, three insets of skiers
220599	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H		✓	View over city to illuminated ski runs
220600	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H	✓	✓	View over city
220601	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H	✓		View over illuminated city
220602	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H	✓		View over city, balloons in sky
220603	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H	✓		Snow covered mountain slopes
220604	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H	✓	✓	Cloud over snow covered mountains
220605	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H	✓	✓	Seven summer views and logo
220606	Wasatch	6" x 4"	V		✓	Snow covered mountain slopes and peak
220607	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H		✓	Illustrated Utah map
220608	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H		✓	Snow scene, flags of nations as border
220609	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H		✓	Lake with snow covered mountains
220610	Wasatch	6" x 4"	V		✓	Rapids through forest
220612	Wasatch	6" x 4"	H		✓	Seven winter views, logo
220613	Wasatch	6" x 4"	V		✓	Flowering meadow with mountain background

Card No.	Series	Size	Format			Description
				B	C	
220700	Event	6" x 4"	H	✓		Ski jumper
220701	Event	6" x 4"	H	✓		Downhill skier by Park City banner
220702	Event	6" x 4"	H	✓		Downhill skier
220703	Event	6" x 4"	H	✓		Downhill skier, black vest
220704	Event	6" x 4"	H	✓		Slalom skier
220705	Event	6" x 4"	H	✓		Bobsleigh
220706	Event	6" x 4"	H	✓		Downhill, ski jump, speed skating, bobsleigh
220800	Alpine	6" x 4"	V	✓		Off piste skier
220801	Alpine	6" x 4"	V	✓		Skier in powder
220802	Alpine	6" x 4"	V	✓		Off piste skier in distance
220803	Alpine	6" x 4"	H		✓	Skier in powder
220804	Alpine	6" x 4"	V		✓	Four views, skiing and snow boarding
220805	Alpine	6" x 4"	H		✓	Three views, off piste skiing
220806	Alpine	6" x 4"	H		✓	Two views, snow boarding, skiing
220807	Alpine	6" x 4"	H		✓	Four views, snow boarding, skiing
220808	Alpine	6" x 4"	H		✓	Three views, snow boarding, skiing 'Go for the Gold'
220810	Alpine	6" x 4"	H		✓	Four views, snow boarding, skiing
220901	Salt Lake	9" x 4"	H		✓	Downtown in front of mountains
220902	Wasatch	9" x 4"	H		✓	Fourteen views, 3 winter, 11 summer
220904	Salt Lake	9" x 4"	H		✓	Downtown panorama at dawn
220905	Wasatch	9" x 4"	H		✓	Panoramic map and legend of venues
220929	Wasatch	9" x 4"	H		✓	Snow covered mountains
220950	Wasatch	9" x 4"	H		✓	Panoramic view of ski runs over Park City
220951	Wasatch	9" x 4"	H		✓	Illuminated Park City and ski runs at dusk
	Decals	6" x 4"	V	✓		3 circular, 1 rectangular (black on white)
	Decals	6" x 4"	V	✓		3 circular, 1 rectangular (white on white)
	Decals	6" x 4"	H	✓		2 'lightning flash', 1 circular, 1 rectangular
	Decals	6" x 4"	V	✓		3 square, 1 rectangular

Decal Postcard
(no number)
Salt Lake City
Logo in black,
on the back,
made in U.S.A.



For me, one of the attractions of collecting postcards, and particularly modern cards, is the fact that they are not security printed, from which flows the fact that they are never documented to the degree that stamps and official philatelic products are. There is no equivalent to Scott, Gibbons, Michel or Yvert for postcard collectors, and the number of publishers in any geographical area makes precludes this ever being the case. The possibility of both 'finds' and research is therefore increased, and for the sharp eyed or meticulous collector discoveries are waiting to be revealed.

The issues that already exist for Salt Lake City present a number of intriguing examples of such discoveries.

There are two 'golden rules' in discovering new varieties of postcards:

- *'Never rely on a publisher's reference number on a card as evidence of a unique design';*
- *Never be certain that a card is a duplicate until you have both copies side by side and compare them very closely'.*

The first of these rules is clearly demonstrated by two of the cards listed in the tables, 220507 has been reissued with the border colour changed, the reason seems clear when the two versions are viewed together - the original black border gives the appearance of a very sombre 'mourning' design. 220504 has been reissued with a wider view (although apparently from the same negative), one assumes that the revised view is considered to be more commercial.

The second of these rules can also be demonstrated in the case of current Salt Lake City cards, require the collector to consider observing another 'rule':

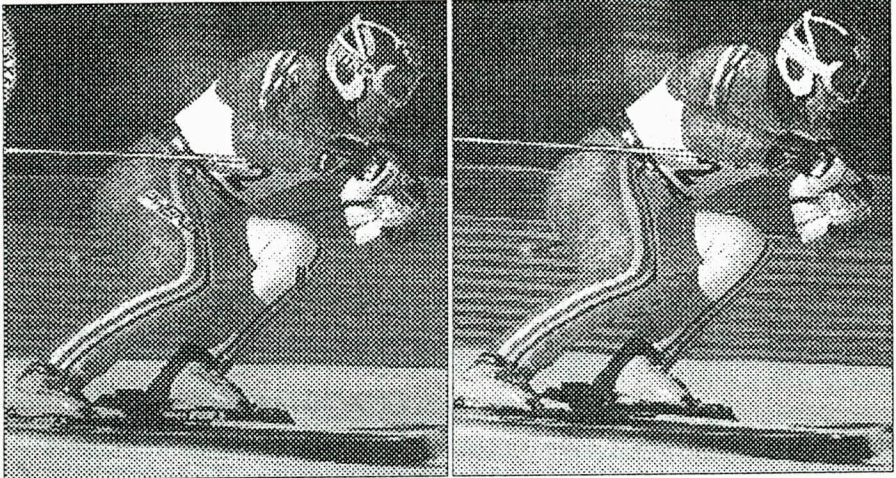
- *'When buying modern cards from their original points of sale, purchase two or three copies of each apparent design from different retailers'. This enables closer scrutiny in comfort later. The alternative is to carry your recent purchases with you, but I can assure you that retailers will need a lot of convincing that you carried copies of cards into their shop to compare with their stock, and you are likely to either end up paying for them again, or worse! Whilst there is an initial cost to consider, duplicates bought in this way can easily be disposed of to fellow collectors through the Society auction.*

Following these principles, led to two further discoveries amongst the Salt Lake City cards.

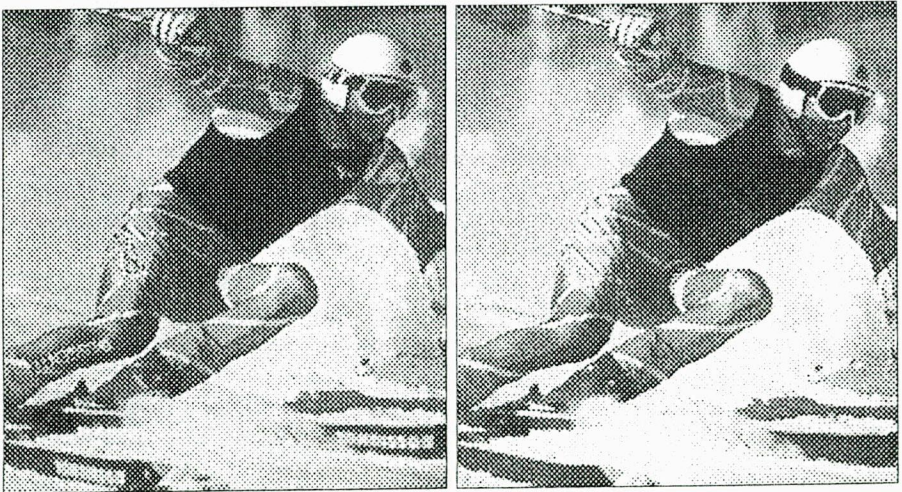
Postcards number 220702 and 220703 in the 'Event' series, are action photographs of actual alpine events (Park City?). Each card exists in two distinct types:

- Printed from what appears to be the original negative;
- Printed without any reference that could be construed as advertising retouched.

This is clearly visible in the illustrations that follow:



220702 Advertising removed from the skier's helmet, gloves and thigh.



220703 Advertising removed from the skier's goggle strap, thigh, shin and skis.

The images on the Great Mountain West postcards have been reused or recycled from the earliest issues, and it is interesting to compare the state of the images throughout all their known appearances.

Image on 220702 Event

220406 - Bid logo

No advertising displayed.

220406 - Salt Lake logo

Advertising displayed.

220702 - Salt Lake logo

Advertising displayed.

220702 - Salt Lake logo

No advertising displayed.

Image on 220703 Event

220402 - Bid logo

Park City 63 vest, no advertising.

225001 - Bid logo, greetings

Park City 63 vest, no advertising.

220402 - Salt Lake logo

Park City vest, advertising displayed.

220703 - Salt Lake logo

Motif on vest, advertising displayed.

220703 - Salt Lake logo

Black vest, no advertising.

Whilst it can only be speculation, it appears that the original approved designs for the 'Bid logo' issues printed in the USA had advertising removed, and the subsequent shift to printing in Korea was from original negatives (unretouched), a situation that has been redressed on reprints.

The variation in the details on the competitors vest also suggest that there is an attempt to retain anonymity, as well as suppress any advertising.

OLYMPIC IRON ON COLLECTOR PATCH

Mailable Souvenir

Olympic Collector Patch

Sold attached to a postcard, with fixing directions for applying the patch printed on the area covered by the patch.

The reverse is laid out as a postcard with address ruling, however the following text is printed in the 'stamp' position:

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This card represents our main failure in Salt Lake (Park City). It was slipped into a bag with purchases as an advertising flier, and not discovered until later in our hotel. Despite returning to the retailer (and their other three local branches!), the following day, no copies were available. The card provides a 1994 - 2002 link, and the 2002 logo appears on the lefthand bell.

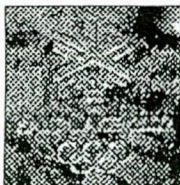
Ring a MOEN Bell & Let the Cheers Begin!

MOEN Bells were recognized by the world in 1994 at the Lillehammer Winter Olympics, but enjoy a much longer legacy. The first Moen Bells were produced in 1922 by Tobias Moen in the picturesque little town of Moi on the west coast of Norway

The bells are cut from iron sheets, formed, and coated with brass recycled from spent ammunition cartridges from Norwegian military practice ranges. . . from bullets to bells!

Bells are a popular tradition at European sporting events where their distinctive cheerful clamor applauds athletes. The bells have come a long way from their original use - - helping farmers find animals lost in mountain pastures.

Above and below:
The text from the
back of this
advertising
postcard.
The detail below
shows the 2002
logo on the
lefthand bell.



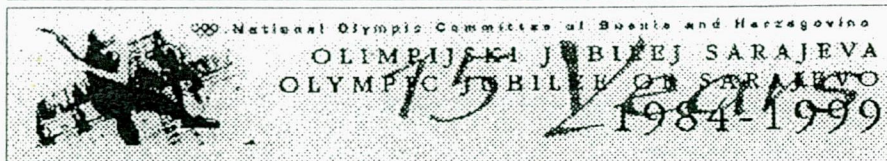
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SARAJEVO 1984 - 1999 - 2010



For 15 days in 1984 the eyes of the Sporting world were on Sarajevo, host city of the XIV Olympic Winter Games. At that time Sarajevo was in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Since then war has broken up the Federal Republic, broken the lives of so many people.

The War is now over, and slowly, very slowly, people are rebuilding their lives. At the height of the troubles Pero Bosnic, a banker and an Olympic collector had his home in Sarajevo made uninhabitable, was separated from his wife and children. Like all Bosnians he struggled to survive, and the occasional relief parcel from England was manna from heaven at the time.

Since the war he has been Deputy Finance Minister for the government of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and is currently working for USAID in Sarajevo, which is now the Bosnian capital. He has in recent months been able to find and send Olympic stamps and covers from the wartime period. His sendings have prompted this article, which will look at the Yugoslav and Bosnian stamps issued in connection with the Sarajevo Olympics, and other Olympic stamp issues from Bosnia.

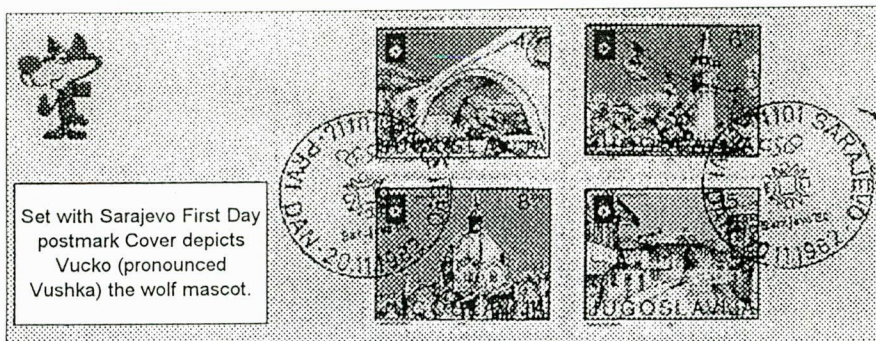
Pre-Olympic Stamp Issues

There were three sets of stamps issued by the Yugoslav Post Office to publicise the Sarajevo Olympics. All were designed by Andreja Milenkovic, a graduate of the Academy of Applied Arts in Belgrade. The stamps were issued in sheetlets of nine, with 13 ¼ comb perforation. A limited number of sheetlets were officially issued imperforate, as were uncut sheets of the miniature sheets that were issued (these are normally offered as uncut pairs) There was also a definitive issue, and a compulsory tax stamp.

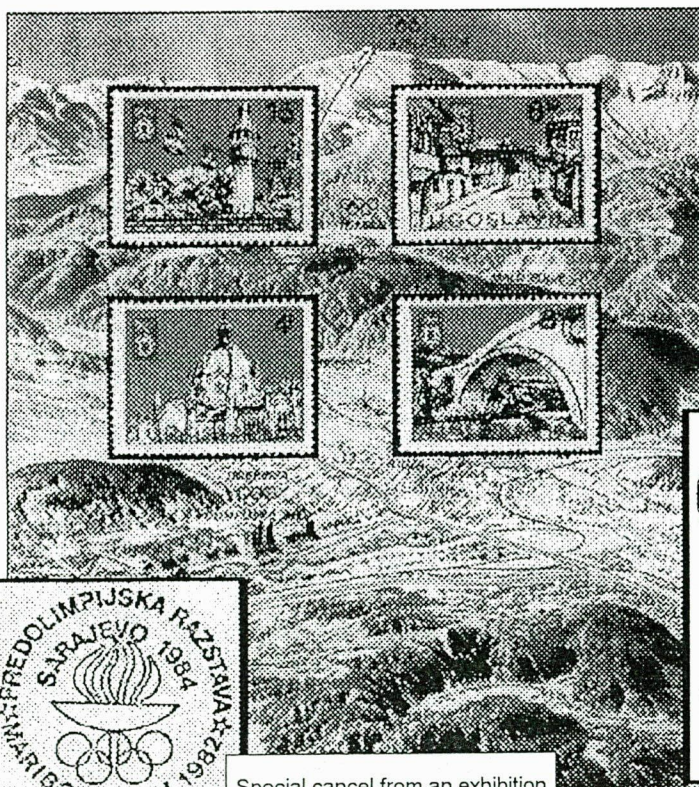
20 November 1982: Historic Sarajevo

A set of four stamps were issued printed in offset lithography, black and white line drawings on a blue background. Stamp size is 37 x 30mm, image size 33 x 26mm:

4	Dinar The Bridge over the Miljacka	Printing 1,000,000
6.10	Dinar The Minaret Mosque in Sarajevo	750,000
8.80	Dinar Sarajevo Evangelical Church	500,000
15	Dinar An Old Street In Sarajevo	300,000



Set with Sarajevo First Day postmark Cover depicts Vucko (pronounced Vushka) the wolf mascot.



Provisional designs on a Background of Olympic Sarajevo.

Below, first day post-marks From Belgrade (rarely) found Clear of stamps, and Zagreb.

Special cancel from an exhibition in Maribor 20.11.82

What happened to those Monuments in the War?

The Bridge over the Miljacks:

Pero writes that the Bridge on 4 din stamp was not damaged at all, although it was situated close to the confrontation line. It is in a steep canyon, and surrounding peaks were controlled by the Serbs, so it was very difficult to cross. Consequently there was no need to shell it.

The minaret Mosque in Sarajevo:

The mosque on the 6.10 din stamp survived, but the cable car system in the background was completely destroyed, and has not been replaced.

Sarajevo Evangelical Church:

The evangelical church depicted on 8.80 din stamp suffered just a little damage, The site is now an Art Academy.

An Old Street in Sarajevo:

The old part of the city, depicted on 15 din stamp, and the definitive below, was not greatly damaged. A recent photograph of the street shows it to be much the same now as it was in 1984. (Much more damage was done to the new part of the city, because that was where there was the confrontation line, with snipers in the skyscrapers.)

2 September 1983: Tourist Series Definitive: Old Sarajevo

A 10 dinar
definitive was
issued on 2
september
1983.



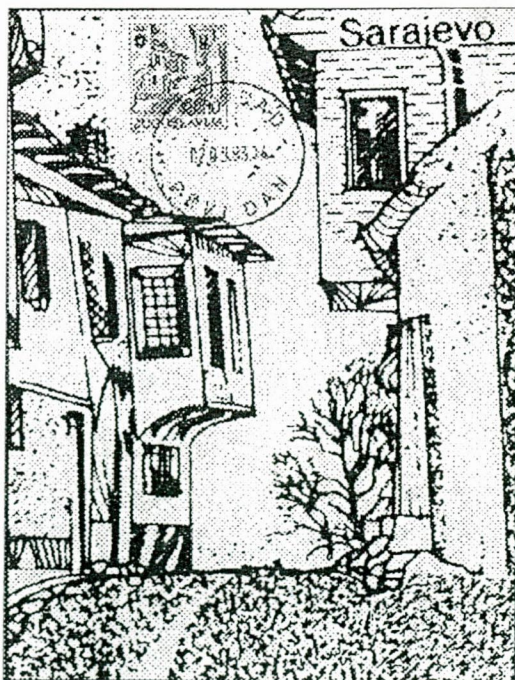
Designed by D. Cudov it depicts a similar street scene to that on the 15 din stamp in the pre Olympic series, with the Sarajevo Olympic logo top left.

Reported printing is 5,000,000 and two perforations exist.

(a) comb 13.25

(b) comb 13.25 x 12.5

There was no pictorial first day postmark. The maximum card shows a standard first day postmark from Belgrade:



Compulsory Tax Stamp

A 2 dinar tax stamp for the benefit of the Olympic Organising Committee was issued on **Monday 20 October 1993**. Its use was compulsory on all mail posted for one week.

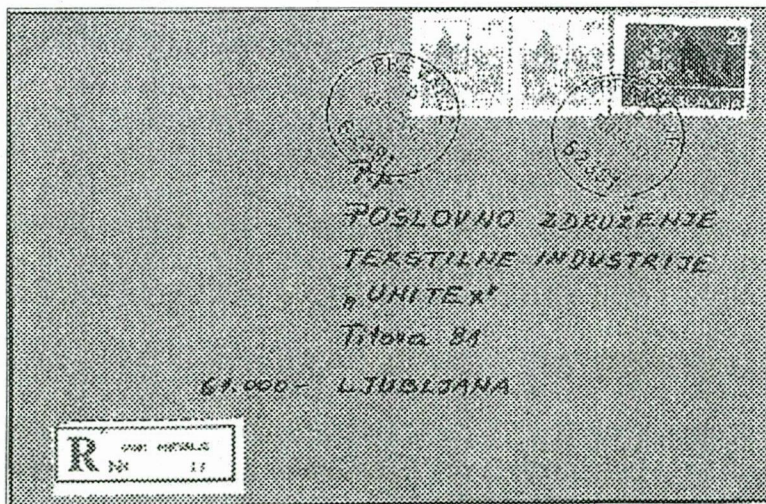
It was designed by Andreja Milenkovic, and depicts the Sarajevo logo, a skier and a cable-car.

A printing of 60,000,000 is reported, in sheets of 25 (with a plain border). It is litho printed, and there are two distinct shades: a blue background with the skier in dark blue, or a pale blue background with the skier in deep blue, as illustrated here with a non-Olympic Belgrade first day cancel:



On 20 January 1984 the stamp was re-issued in sheetlets of nine with the text "XIV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES / SARAJEVO 1984 IN FOUR LANGUAGES". The stamp is slightly smaller, and an even darker blue than the first issue.

The period of compulsory use was the week from 20 January 1984:



25 November 1983: Olympic Venues and the Sarajevo Logo

25 November 1983 saw the issue of a set of 6 values depicting Olympic venues, plus a souvenir sheet. The stamps are printed using multi-colour copper plate engraving, but the souvenir sheet is in three-colour offset litho (grey, red, and blue): the central stamp is imperforate, the apparent perforation holes being printed in grey. Once again, the designer was Andreja Milenkovic. The stamps were issued in sheetlets of nine, with border inscriptions above or below the corner stamps. Unlike the tax stamp, these inscriptions are only in Serbo-Croat, in cyrillic script top left and bottom right, and latin script top right and bottom left.

4 dinar	Igman-Malo Polje:	Ski Jump (& jumper)	Printing 500,000
4 dinar	Jahorina:	Slalom (& skier)	500,000
16.50 dinar	Trebevic:	Bob Run & one-man bob)	500,000
16.50 dinar	Bjelasnica:	Downhill (& skier)	500,000
23.70 dinar	Zetra Stadium:	Stadium (& hockey player)	335,000
23.70 dinar	Zetra Speed Skating Track:	Track (& speed skater)	500,000



There were first day postmarks from Sarajevo, Belgrade and Zagreb, plus another commemorative postmark from Maribor.

Souvenir Sheet

50 dinar

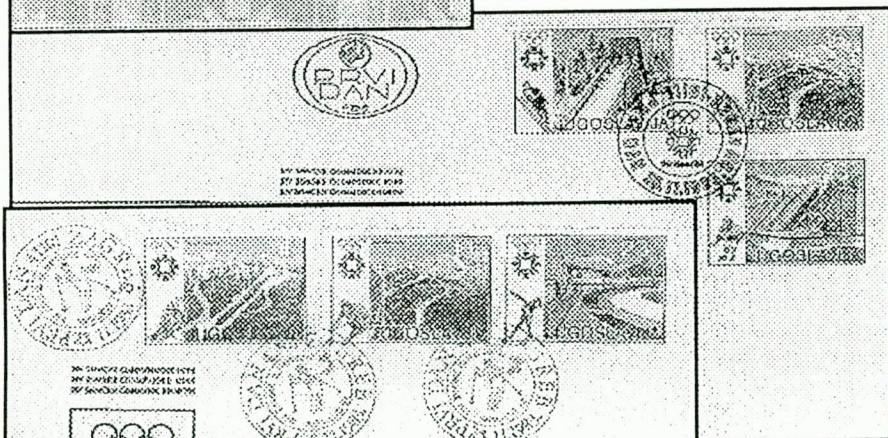
Sarajevo Olympic logo

Printing: 320,000



Note that the stamp in the miniature sheet is dated 1984, rather than 1983

First Day postmarks from Sarajevo, Belgrade and Zagreb



GLAVNA POŠTA
SARAJEVO
41000 ZAGREB

The Effects of the War

Sadly the Olympic facilities were virtually all destroyed. There was no need for the destruction, the facilities were simply in the wrong place at the time. The Ice Stadium at Zetra suffered a direct hit the football pitch nearby became and remains a cemetery. Recovery remains difficult.

Until 1992 Sarajevo had winter sports facilities of international standard. Now (as Associated Press reported) the only foreign visitors to Bosnia are those who come to help rebuild the land and they are the ones who visit the former Olympic sites on both sides of the boundary that divided Sarajevo under the 1995 peace agreement. The partitioning of Bosnia —the Bosnian Serb republic and the Muslim-Croat federation – left many Sarajevan skiers deprived of their favorite mountain Jahorina, now under Bosnian Serb control. They crowd the only two ski lifts, recently rebuilt, on Mounts Igman and Bjelasnica that are under Muslim-Croat control. Along the slope carved in the forest, yellow tape on both sides marks areas not checked for mines. At the first substation of the Igman ski lift, there is a sign warning, "Don't step down. Mines!!!" The start of the bobsled run on Mt. Trebevic is now in the Bosnian Serb entity and the finish in federation territory, but only sections of the run survive in any event. The one bright spot is the rebuilding of the Zetra Stadium and we shall return to that later in this article.

8 February 1984: Torch Run Souvenir Sheets



The Olympic flame was lit at Olympia on 29 January 1984. Surprisingly, the miniature sheets commemorating the Run were not issued until 8 February 1984, the Opening Day of the Games.

8 February 1984: Torch Run Souvenir Sheets & Sports Stamps

There were two sheets, printed in offset litho, each with a central stamp marked with printed perforations,:

50 dinar	The Olympic Torch	blue, pink, & silver	330,000
100 dinar	The Torch Route	blue, pink, red & gold	330,000

On the same day, and sharing the same first day postmarks, from Sarajevo, Belgrade and Zagreb, 8 stamps depicting Olympic sports were issued, also printed in multicolour offset litho. The images were designed by Andreja Milenkovic, and the linear designs for the stamps were by D. Andric, V. Cvetkovic, N. Hranovic and D. Matic.



4d Biathlon
(Igman Veliko Polje)



4d Slalom
(Jahorina/Bjelasnica)
(Exists in a distinctly darker shade)



5d Bobsleigh
(Trebevic)



5d Slalom
(Jahorina / Bjelasnica)



16.50d Ice Hockey
(Zetra)



16.50d Speed Skating
(Zetra)



23.70d Ski Jumping
(Igman-Malo-Polje)

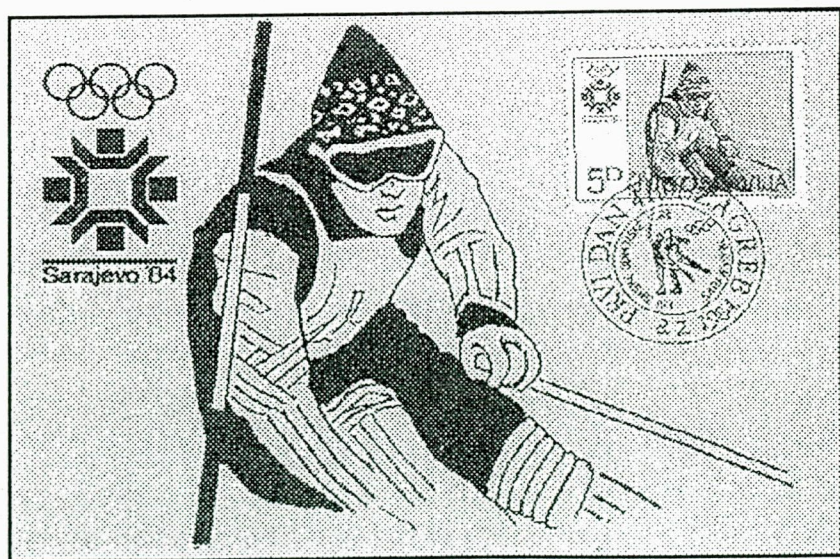


23.70d Downhill**
(Jahorina/Bjelasnica)

(all 500,000 except **
395,000)

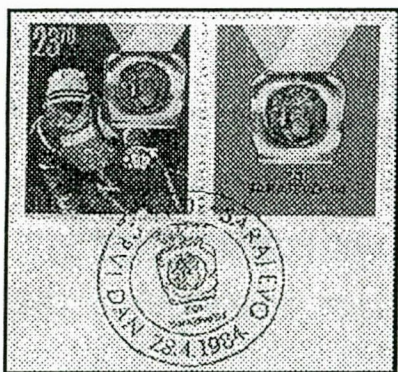


Above are genuine first day postmarks from Belgrade and Zagreb. Below is a forged postmark from Zagreb, usually found on postcards, as illustrated, occasionally on cover. It has a sheen from being printed, rather than hand applied, and there are breaks in the lettering:



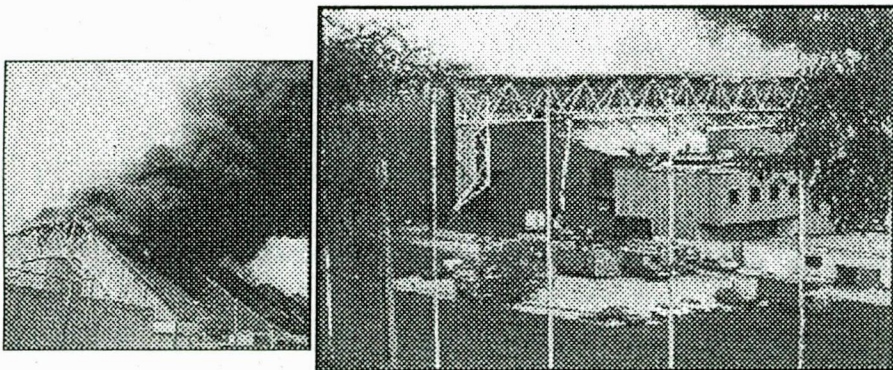
28 April 1984; June Franco, Yugoslav Medal Winner

Jure Franco gave Yugoslavia her only medal of the Games, a Silver in the Giant Slalom (behind Max Julen of Switzerland). A stamp was issued on 28 April 1984 to mark this success. The stamp was prepared by N. Hrankovic from a design by Andreja Milenkovic, and litho printed in shades of blue, yellow, and grey, with the country name in silver. It was issued in sheetlets of 8 with a central vignette depicting the medal. There were first day postmarks from Sarajevo and Belgrade, depicting the medal, and from Zagreb depicting the logo.



The Sarajevo Games were a great success, and we in Britain above all remember Torvill and Dean's Bolero.

Jugoslavia were represented in the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, but by then the Federation was crumbling, by April 1992 Bosnia was at war, and by July 1992 the Zetra Stadium was set ablaze by Serb shells...



All was not however lost....

8 February 1994: Tenth Anniversary of the Games.

The Sarajevo Olympics were the first Games presided over by H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch. (who had been elected President of the IOC in Moscow in 1980) He visited Sarajevo in February 1994, at the time of the Lillehammer Games and the tenth anniversary of the Sarajevo Olympics, to appeal for the observance of the Olympic Truce during the Games, and while there launched an initiative to rebuild Zetra when the war was over.

A Bosnian Post Office had been established in late 1993, and a set of seven definitive stamps were issued on 27 October 1993. Postal services were far from reliable however, and international mail then, and for some considerable time, was mostly facilitated by charitable organisations, or through the UN peace keeping forces.

It was on 8 February 1994 that the first Bosnian commemorative stamps were issued to mark the Tenth Anniversary of the Sarajevo Winter Olympics:

50,000 dinar: The Games logo and shadow in orange and black
Designed by M. Kolobaric
Printed in offset litho by the Survey Department Sarajevo
In imperf. Ungummed sheetlets of 8 plus a central label

Sheetlet of two stamps in blue, grey and with an orange logo, with a band to the right,
Designed by F. Catal (IMS/studio 4), also imperf and ungummed.

100,000 dinar 4-man Bob

200,000 dinar Ice hockey



The central panel translates as: 1994 / The Flame / is still burning / TENTH ANNIVERSARY XIV Winter Olympic Games / Sarajevo '84



Bosnian Post Office FDC of the sheetlet, with one of the three postmarks available {cover 1B/94 1A was used for the 50,000d stamp}

The stamp was also available as a maximum card, on an original 1984 postcard (in this case of Vucko – it is not known if other cards were used).

Note that the postmark is from 71104 Sarajevo.



A second postmark was available with the same postcode (71104), and with the text 'PRVI DAN' First Day, but Pero has only found it tying definitives (on a cover with a print of 500; whether this means that fewer than 500 of the Olympic stamps were available has to be just speculation).



There was also, despite the privations of war, a philatelic exhibition in Sarajevo's Paleta Gallery: *Duh Olimpijskih Igara, in the spirit of the Olympics*, in another part of town, Sarajevo 71120. The Olympic postmark mixed winter and summer sports, and again has only so far been seen cancelling a definitive;



31 December 1995: Zetra 1984-1992

By July 1994 wartime inflation led to a new currency in Bosnia, at a rate of 1 new dinar for 10,000 old dinar! It took another year before the war was over, and a real semblance of a postal service was re-established, and with it a rush of stamps. The first new definitives were printed in Slovenia, but from August 1995 stamps were printed by Helio Courvoisier S.A. of Switzerland, in litho. On 31 December 1995, two stamps were issued to mark the opening of the Zetra Stadium for the 1984 Olympics, and its destruction in 1992.

Designed by Mirza Pepic, a horizontal 35 dinar stamp shows the intact stadium with the outline of skater, speed skater and hockey player in the foreground.

A vertical 100 dinar stamp shows smoke pouring from the stadium, with a stylised Serb missile in the foreground.

The first day postmark, which can be found in black and in blue, has broken lettering to symbolise the damage to the stadium.

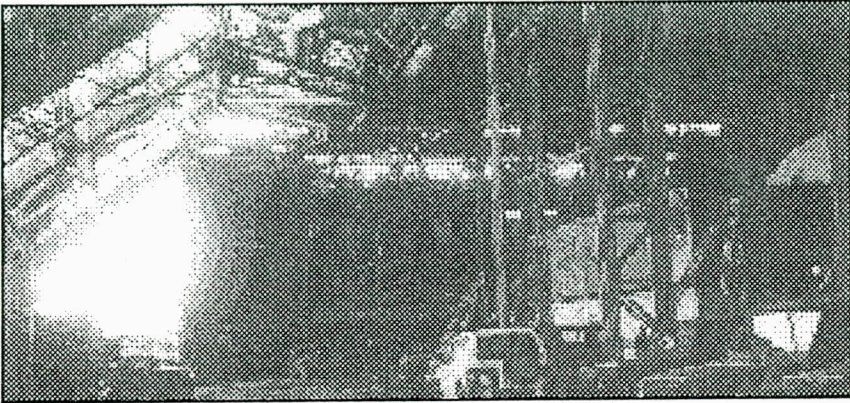


Reconstruction of the stadium was still some way off however – it was quite rightly not the first priority of a war-ravaged country! A United Nations worker has described on the internet what it was like at the end of April 1997.

(<http://home.sprintmail.com/~jakeblood/page2.html>):

"My first three weeks in Sarajevo were spent at Zetra Stadium. The same ice skating stadium that had seen Olympic hockey matches (naturally the USSR won the gold that year) and where, in figure-skating, Scott Hamilton won the gold for the USA and Katarina Witt won the first of her two gold medals for Germany. But it had been heavily damaged large holes in the roof, damaged structural beams, and broken windows...but it was home. We lived in a trailer-like containers, stacked two high (lower right in the picture.) There were three beds and three lockers per container. Some of the containers also served as restrooms and shower facilities. There was a large tent inside which served as the chow-hall. Besides housing us, the stadium also acted as a parking lot.

Zetra Stadium didn't look much better from the outside either. It had been an impressive structure, but the war had taken its toll. My first day there was warm and sunny, but when I awoke the second day it was freezing...I could see snow on the hills through the holes in the stadium walls, and watched snow flakes driftingdrifting inside, through those same holes. It warmed up again the next day and was beautiful outside, but inside Zetra it rained for several more days as the snow melted and dripped upon those of us living inside!"



U2 Brings Peace, Love And Rock 'N' Roll to Sarajevo

For two magical hours in September 1997, the Irish rock band U2 and its slashing Brand of rock 'n' roll achieved what warriors, politicians and diplomats have so far been unable to do: unite Bosnia.

Performing in the outdoor stadium built for Sarajevo's last magical moment – the 1984 Winter Olympics – and battered since by Serbian artillery, the sound of rock music echoed through a valley that for over three years had known only the terrifying explosions of shells and the ring of snipers' bullets.

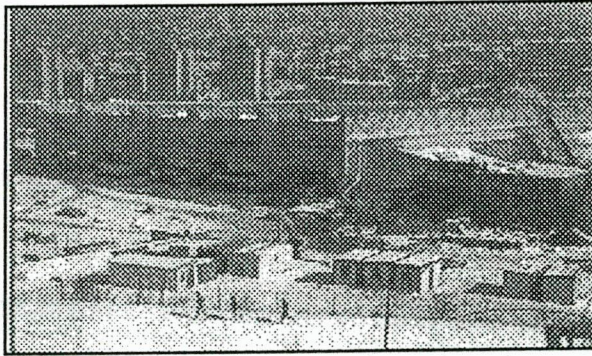
An estimated 45,000 people attended – Muslims, Croats and Serbs from all over bitterly divided Bosnia – dancing and singing with visitors from Austria, Bulgaria, Slovenia and other parts of Europe as well. They were joined by troops from all over the world serving with the NATO peace-keeping force, music lovers themselves.

Pop fans arrived with backpacks ,food and all kinds of clothes to keep warm during the long night. The battered Zetra ice stadium next door to the outdoor Olympic stadium was open for up to 3,000 people to sleep there in sleeping bags after the concert.

[Extracts from a CNN report posted on the web]

30 March 1999: Zetra to Re-open

Rebuilding finally started in mid-1998. The total cost was some 34m Deutschmarks (£11m), 85% of which was provided by the IOC. Other funding and support came from the European Union, the Canton of Sarajevo, the Sport Humanitarian Group KOSS, Norway, the Netherlands, Spain and the City of Barcelona, and the International Skating Union. The project was co-ordinated by the National Olympic Committee of Bosnia & Herzegovina.



A grand Re-opening Ceremony and Gala was planned for 30 March 1999. Under the title "The Olympic Sounds from Sarajevo to Nagano". The Highlights was to have been performances by the medal winners from the World Championships in Helsinki, which were held just a few days earlier, and the special appearance of Katarina Witt, who won her first Olympic Gold Medal at Sarajevo in 1984.

Sadly, war again intervened, this time the war in Kosovo, and NATO barred all civilian flights over Bosnia.

28 May 1999, Zetra Re-Opens



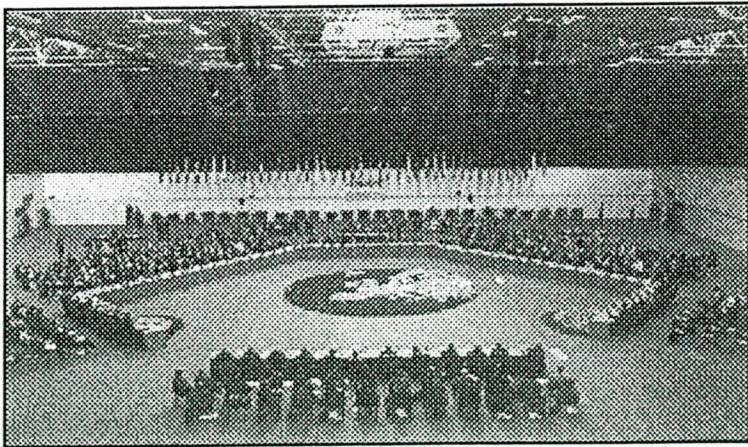
28 May 1999, Zetra Re-Opens

The dedication ceremonies were finally able to take place on 28 May 1999. President Smaranch, accompanied by the ISU president, Ottavio Cinquanta, and in the presence of the President and the General Secretary of the Bosnia NOC, the Mayor of Sarajevo, the Prime Minister of the Canton of Sarajevo, the Vice-President of the 1984 Sarajevo Organising Committee, and the Deputy Mayor of Barcelona, handed over the keys of Zetra to representatives of the people of Sarajevo. The first part of the display planned for March was performed, but the international gala is yet to take place.

Surprisingly perhaps, there was no stamp to mark the re-opening, nor has Pero tracked down any special postmarks, or any postcards.



The first major event in the rebuilt stadium was the Balkan Summit attended by world leaders, on 29 and 30 July 1999 at which the **Stability Pact For South Eastern Europe** was signed.



Sarajevo 2010 Bid

On 8 February 1999 the 15th anniversary of the 1984 Games, it was officially announced that Sarajevo would be putting in a bid to host the 2010 Winter Olympics. Will Zetra once more be the centrepiece of an Olympic Winter Games...?

Bob Wilcock

Other Bosnian Olympic Issues:

25 May 1996: Olympic Centenary & Atlanta '96.

A se-tenant block of four was issued, designed by O. Pavlovic, and printed by Courvoisier. The illustration is of a Bosnian Post Office Postcard depicting the stamps, with greetings text at the side.



15 January 1998: Nagano

A miniature sheet with two stamps, designed by N. Agdal and litho printed by Delo Tiskarna:

0.35 DM: slalom, bob, luge, speed skater, and Olympic Committee of Bosnia-Herzegovina logo.

1.00 DM: Nagano logo;

There was a first day postmark from Sarajevo.



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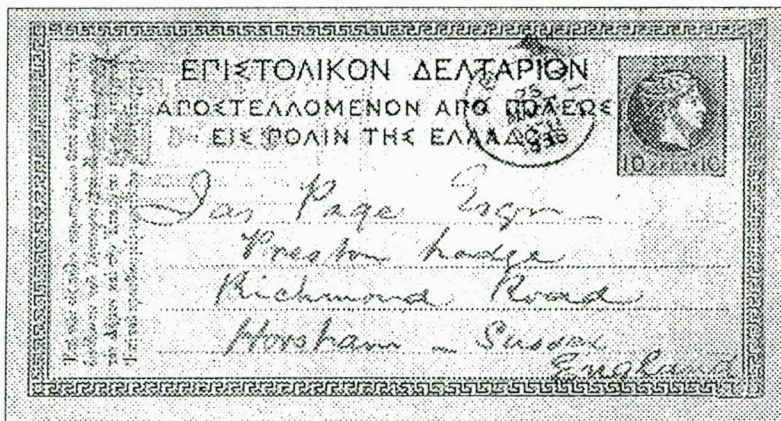
ATHENS 1896 - THE FIRST DAY

Bob Farley

Details of the following postal stationary item are published as a result of the article by Maurizio Tecardi on the subject of the numeral cancels of Athens. The revelation that the numeral cancellations of Athens used during the celebration of the First Olympic Games of the modern era in 1896 may relate to counter positions within a single post office, rather than the former belief that they represented different offices, offers us all the opportunity to review items in our collections, or research items illustrated in auction catalogues.

Registered mail provides the best chance of adding weight to the evidence already produced, particularly if the registration markings or vignettes can be reasonably identified as from a common source, used in conjunction with different number cancels.

Proof that items from geographically different areas of Athens received the same numeral cancel will also add strength to the theory, as it would be reasonable to assume that cancels on mail from a small region would bear the same numeral cancel if the cancels did represent separate post offices. Return addresses on envelopes would assist in such research.



The stationary card illustrated, was actually aquired because of an interest in Greek stationary. It was a number of years later that I realised the significance of the date 25th March, 1896 - the opening day of the Olympic Games.

On closer inspection the card has a number of other interesting features;

The writer has dated his correspondence 'Athens April 5, 1896'.

The postmark is 'ATHENS 1, 25 MAR, 1896'

The card bears a cachet hanstamp 'HOTEL GRANDE-BRETAGNE, 5- APRIL, ATHENES (GREECE)

Greece did not adopt the Gregorian calendar until 1923, and the postmark on the card is therefore based on the Julian calendar - representing 6th April, 1896 in Great Britain.

The writer, apparently British, has dated his correspondence as the 5th April, 1896 - the date with which he would have been familiar, which is understandable (typical example of the British failure to adopt local custom or convention!).

The puzzle, to which I would welcome a definitive answer if any of our Greek members can assist, is why the Hotel Grande Bretagne should be using the Gregorian calendar in the capital city of a country where it was not the norm - making advance bookings must have been a very risky business!

There are three possible explanations for the Hotel cachet being applied to the card;

- Identification for the point of sale of the card. This is unlikely, as the card is prepaid stationary, and the cachet is relatively large (hardly a discreet identification);
- The sender could have requested the cachet to act as a 'return address';
- The sender could have handed the card to the hotel for transmission to or collection by the postal service, and the cachet was used to record the first stage of it's journey.

The latter appears to fit the facts, as this would mean the card was written and handed to the hotel on the 5th April (24th March), and reached the postal service on the following day.

If this explanation is correct, it would place the ATHENS 1 cancel at the post office serving the area of the Hotel Grande Bretagne.

Of course there are further questions. The Hotel Grande Bretagne served as the residence of royalty and dignatories during the Olympic Games. Who was the writer? Why was he staying at the Hotel or visiting Athens? Was his visit related to the Olympic Games?

The message on the card gives no clue in it's content:

Athens, April 5 1896

Dr Ian,

*Just a line to say all
is well - and a.1. getting
on like 1000's of bricks*

I. Page

Further research is still needed. This item may not be truly 'Olympic', but I think that it has close enough ties to warrant a place in my collection for the foreseeable future.

ATHENS 2004 - FURTHER POSTAL MARKINGS

Constantinos Varotsis

A second series of postal cachets are in use by organisations involved in the preparations for the XXVIII Olympic Games in Athens.

Three further cachets can be recorded:

a).



Circular cachet, first used in 1999, with Greek text which translates as:

**REPUBLIC OF GREECE / INTER
MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE /
"OLYMPIADA 2004"**

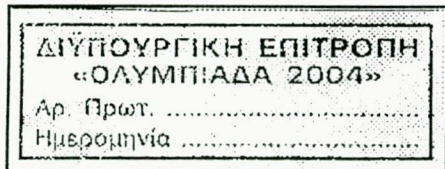
b).



Circular cachet, with Greek text which translates as:

**REPUBLIC OF GREECE /
NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE
OLYMPIC GAMES / "ATHENS
2004"**

c).

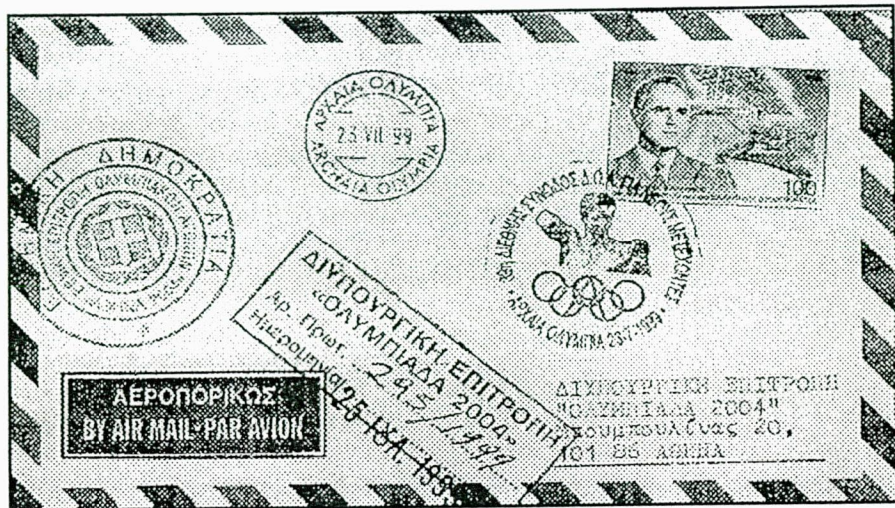


Rectangular cachet, first recorded use in May 1998, with Greek text which translates as:

**INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE
"OLYMPIADA 2004"
Ref No
Date**

All three of the above cachets were prepared for the exclusive use of the respective committees - National Committee and Inter-Ministerial Committee.

Generally the circular cachets identify mail emanating from the committees, the rectangular cachet is for the identification and recording of incoming mail.



This cover is cancelled with a commemorative handstamp from Ancient Olympia for the 39th International Olympic Academy (23-7-1999), and bears two cachets:

- b). NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES / "ATHENS 2004",
- c). INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE / OLYMPIADA 2004

REVIEW OF MAGAZINES WITH OLYMPIC INTEREST

PHILA-SPORT

Magazine of the Italian Union of Olympic and Sports Philatelists.

Issue number 31 celebrates the awarding of the 2006 Winter Olympics to Turin. Other features cover the 30th Canoe World Championships and a review of the philatelic items issued for previous World Championships; the second part of the story of the European Cup (Association Football). Although a non-Olympic sport, readers would be interested in the article of philatelic items issued for the Isle of Mann TT Races.

Issue number 32 includes philatelic articles on the European Volleyball Championships, World Cycling Championships, European Hockey Championships and the commemorative items issued for the 50th Anniversary of the tragic deaths of the members of the Turin Football Club in a plane crash. Another non-Olympic article featured the philatelic items associated with Silverstone Motor Racing Circuit.

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JOURNAL OF SPORTS PHILATELY

Volume 38 Issue Number 1 printed the second part of The 1968 Mexico Torch Run which followed the route of Christopher Columbus's first voyage to The New World. There were non-Olympic articles on Cricket and Philately covering the period 1300 to 1800; The 1906 South African Rugby Union Team "The Springboks" and the centennial of Barcelona Football Club. An unusual Olympic article covered Aeronautic Achievements and in particular the first balloon circumnavigation of Earth and its Olympic connections.

Volume 38 Issue Number 2 leading article was on The Competitive Swimming Pool in Philately. As well as covering a number of philatelic items, it covered the significance of dimensions, floating lane dividers and backstroke flags amongst others. Part one of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games covered the selection process and illustrated some of the philatelic material available during the 109th IOC session in Korea. A newly discovered 1932 Lake Placid First Day Cancel provided a follow up article to one printed in the November - December 1998 volume. Non Olympic articles covered the Davis Cup and the 100th Anniversary of the Argentine Rugby Union.

Available from Margaret A. Jones, 5310 Lindenwood Avenue, St Louis, MO 63109 U.S.A.

JOURNAL OF OLYMPIC HISTORY.

The International Society of Olympic Historians issued Volume 7 Number 5 in September. The main article was a tribute to Lord Killanin and a reflection on his life. There are two articles on the Sydney 2000 Olympics; an investigation into the myths, details and facts of the United States Flag-Bearing Incident in 1908. Another investigation reveals the presence of African athletes at the 1904 Games and to bring us up to date an article on the development of Pole Vault, computers and television at the Olympics.

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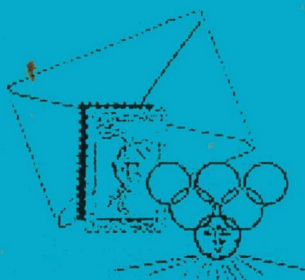
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