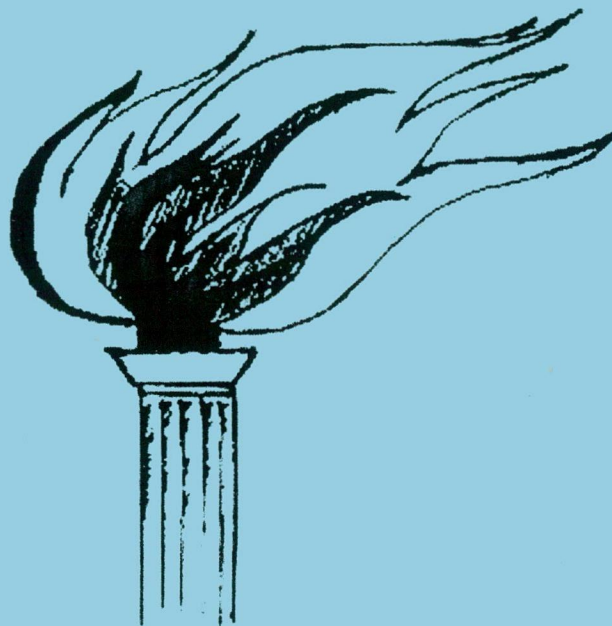


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FRONT PAGE

Welcome to another new Volume, and a special thank-you to those of you who have paid your subscriptions promptly, purchased Society souvenirs, and offered your views or assistance by completing the various sections of the Renewal Form. (If you have not renewed your subscription yet, please remember that this will be your last Torch Bearer until payment is received, so mail payment before you forget!)

It was really heartening to be able to spend the majority of a committee meeting debating your responses. We actually had views from more members than ever before. There were a number of particularly pleasing responses: Many of you suggested subjects for future articles, and better still a number of you are offering to write articles - the bonus being that there is actually a good match between articles requested and articles offered. All of those who have offered to contribute to Torch Bearer will be contacted personally in the near future.

The level of interest in a joint meeting with AFCOS was also encouraging, and things have progressed since November.

It is now proposed that we host a function in September 2000, with our French colleagues acting as hosts in January 2002. Provisionally the meeting in 2001 will take place at the River and Rowing Museum at Henley (1908 Olympic venue) on the 29th September, and will include displays, a bourse, lunch, and the opportunity to tour the museum, socialise and exchange material. Henley offers some interesting sights and shops for partners. It is possible that a programme will be arranged for Sunday in London with a visit to the London Eye.

The reciprocal event was initially proposed to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Albertville Winter Olympics, but as the dates would clash with the 2002 Games in Salt Lake City, a date in January is anticipated - possibly to coincide with a stamp issue or postmark from La Poste. More details will be given in May, including prices.

It appears that a circulating packet will be reinstated during 2001, and by the use of scans or copies it will be possible to circulate internationally, it is unclear whether this will be an SOC or joint SOC/SPI venture at the moment, but progress is being made.

One of the most popular requests, was for a listing of new stamp issues. This issue contains a first attempt, and I would be very grateful for comments on the level of information provided. A volunteer to make this a regular feature of future issues would also be very welcome.

You will see that the cover has been amended. The 'bars' on the spine will still indicate the issue number within the volume (one bar = issue 1 etc.). The Years of the Summer and Winter Olympic Games on the right and left margins will appear each issue, those 'marked' will indicate that there is an article or item within the issue relating to that celebration of the Games (watch out for references in the New Issue section).

Kenny, our Librarian, has completed a listing of all the Philatelic volumes currently held in the library. Part one of the listing appears in this issue, Part two will appear in May.

An interesting year lies ahead, with Syney reports, and the September function.

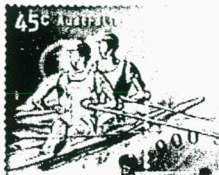
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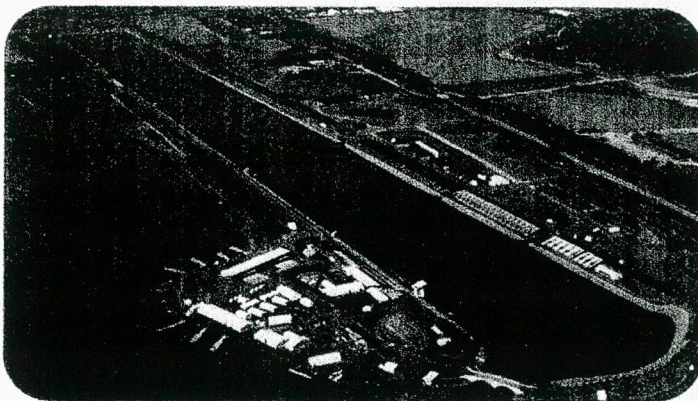
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Dr Bomi Kavarana is a collector of rowing ephemera who was present for some events during the Sydney Games. He writes "I managed to bring home with me an interesting postcard with cancellations.... The postcard is of the Regatta Course at Penrith where the rowing events took place and the cancellations include one at the Penrith Plaza Post Shop near Penrith railwat station, and one of Olympihlex post office - both on 23rd September when Steve Redgrave added an unprecedented fifth gold medal to his tally."

This postcard led other members to a series showing the Olympic venues published by Bartel - which the postcard collectors had missed! Rowing 1 - Postcard collectors 0.

20th February, 2000 - Homebush cancel.

In response to the request for information in the last issue, Tom D'Arcy has supplied the following information:

Regarding the Millenium Man pseudo-maxicard. This was produced by Michael Hudson of Sydney Stamp Centre ... For a start, there is no Post Office at Homebush. There was one but it closed some years ago. There was also a pictorial postmark - State Sports Centre Homebush N.S.W. 2140 - that was shifted to Concord West Mail Centre and was in use until early 2000. Michael Hudson told me that the "cancellation" was actually a cachet held by Stadium Australia. He told me that they had two or three different cachets, but that they were probably put away until the Olympics were finished.

That seems to be a fairly definitive answer to the query, and I can confirm that copies I have seen offered are from Sydnev Stamp Centre. Ed.

An offer to our members from the B.T.A., received by our Secretary:

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The catalogue will be distributed with the copy of Themenscene sent to you in June 2001, but I realise that only a very few of your members will have the opportunity to read the list. In an attempt to offer all members of the BTA the chance to obtain material I would appreciate it if you would consider including a request in your club magazine for interested members to **send an sae (or 2 x International reply coupons for overseas)** to me for a personal copy which I will post at the same time as Themescene. (Adress as above)

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SARAJEVO Part 3: The Torch Relay



Continuing the series of articles on the 1984 Olympic Winter Games in Sarajevo we look at the cancels for the Torch Run which commenced from Olympia on 29 January 1984.

There were cancels from Olympia (bottom left on the cover above) and from Athens. The cover has hand cancels, but machine versions can be found on general philatelic covers. The cover also bears an Athens Airport cachet, and a cachet in green declaring that the cover was flown aboard the flight transporting the Olympic Flame to Dubrovnik from where it was carried throughout Jugoslavia.

There were two routes, a northern route taking in Ljubliana and Zagreb, and a southern route through Titograd, Pristina, Skopol, Belgrade & Novi Sad. These were the main towns on the route, and are named on one of the two miniature sheets issued to mark the torch run (see part 1 in Torch Bearer for February 2000). They were issued on 8 February 1984, the day the Torch Run finished and the Games commenced. Yes, the Torch Run only took a week!

Interestingly, not all these towns marked the event philatellically, but other, smaller, places did. There are a number of handstamps, and some but not all of these cancels are also found as machine cancels, as shown in the table. There were souvenir covers or cards (many of which are illustrated here), some of which were private overprints on plain postal stationery; there was no official Olympic postal stationery item for the Torch Run.



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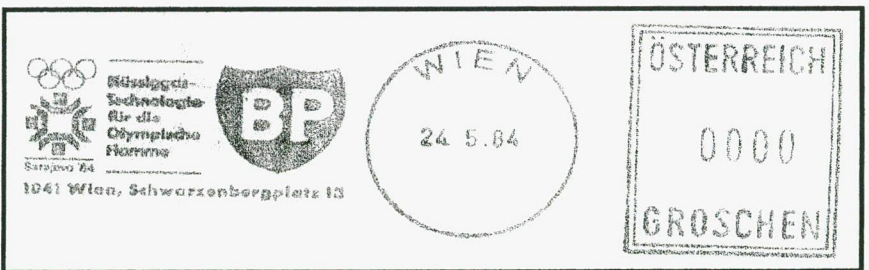
Dubrovnik

On 29 November 1983 the Organising Committee for the Olympic Torch Run held its final planning meeting in Dubrovnik. The occasion was marked by a special cover and cancel – handstamp (Winterheimer D5) and machine cancel (Wi. E5).

For the arrival of the Torch itself there was another special cancel, again available as a hand cancel (Wi. D8) and machine cancel (Wi. E7):



Power for the Flame



British Petroleum (BP) provided the fuel and technology for the Flame, as indicated in this meter from Austria.

THE NORTHERN ROUTE

Sibenik - 31 January 1984



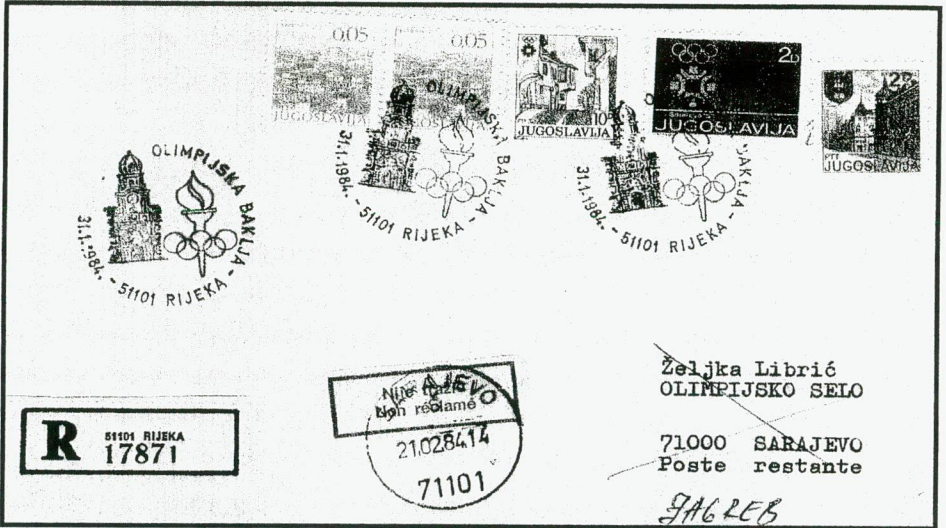
Machine cancel, full size (Wi. E8).

Hand cancel (Wi. D9) on Express cover. The use of the 2 Dinar tax stamp was compulsory on this date.



Rijeka – 31 January 1984

There was only a hand cancel for Rijeka (Wi. D10), here on registered cover (reduced), with tax stamp:



Pula – 1 February 1984

The card bears the machine cancel (Wi. E10) on the ski-jump stamp, and the hand cancel (Wi. D12) on the tax stamp:



Maribor – 2 February 1984

This cancel can be found as a handstamp (Wi. D11), and a machine cancel (Wi. E9) as illustrated here.

Kumrovec – 3 February 1984

There is just a handstamp (Wi. D13)



Karlovak – 3 February 1984

There is again just a handstamp. It is shown on a privately overprinted postal stationery card (Wi. B5). This general Torch Run overprint was used throughout the Torch Run.



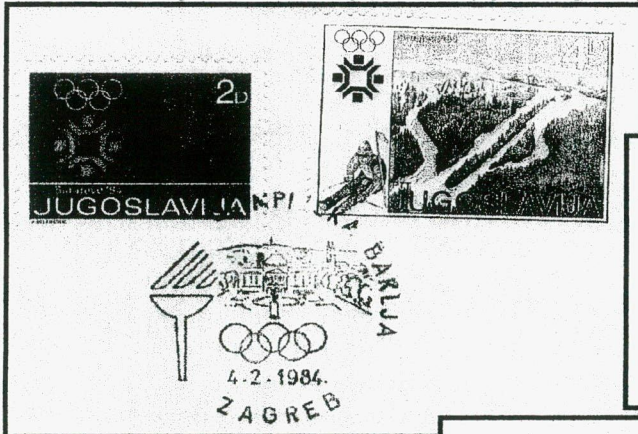
There is a post paid envelope (Wi. B6) similarly overprinted.

Zagreb - 3 & 4 February 1984

The Torch arrived at Zagreb on 3 February, the 75th Anniversary of the Yugoslav Olympic Committee (Handstamp [Wi. D16]) and commemorative envelope.



The Torch left Zagreb on 4 February (Handstamp [Wi. D15]) and passed through



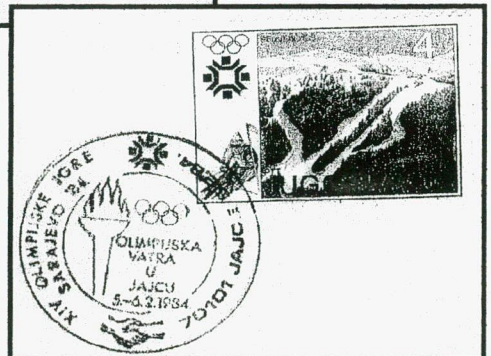
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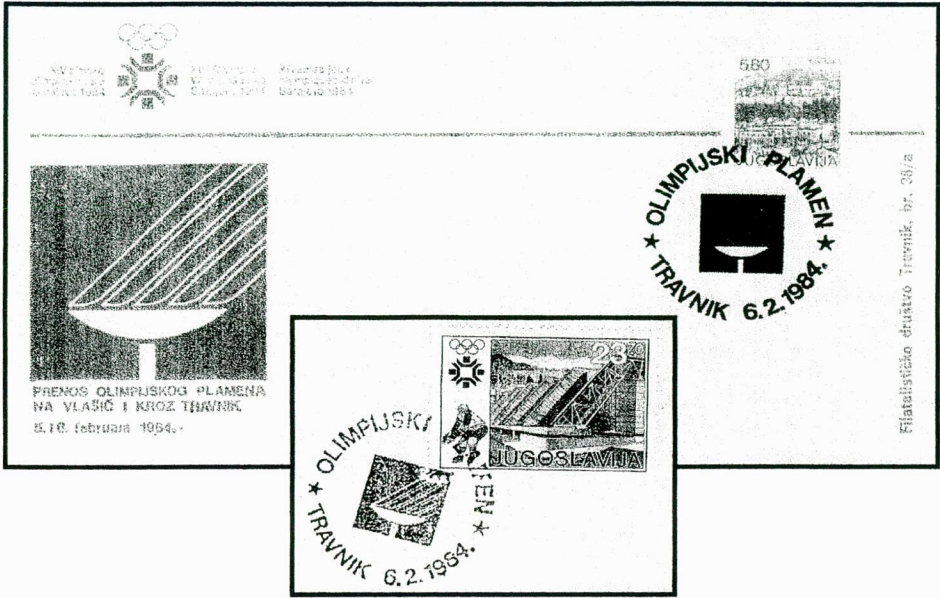
Jajcu - 5 & 6 February 1984

The Torch spent the night of 5-6 February in Jajcu (hand cancel Wi. D18)



Travnik – 6 February 1984

Souvenir cover and machine cancel (Wi. E11 – reduced), and hand cancel (Wi. D19)

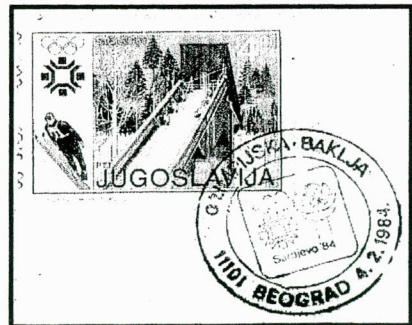


THE SOUTHERN ROUTE

Belgrade

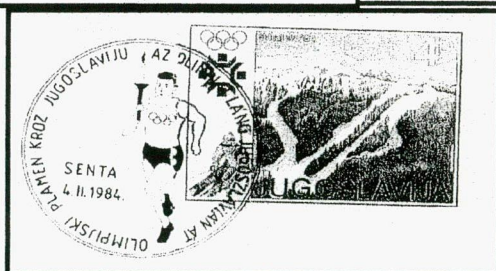
Surprisingly perhaps, all the cancels for the southern route are for the one day, 4 February 1984.

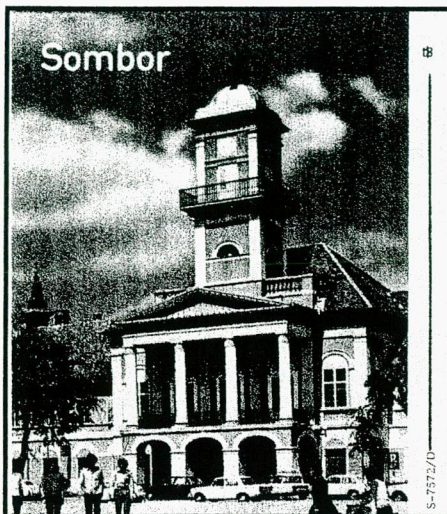
The Torch started the day's run in the Yugoslav Capital City, **Belgrade**. Surprisingly, only a hand cancel was available, and it is notoriously difficult to find a legible copy. The top illustration is a computer cleaned copy, the bottom copy a hand-drawn example to show the detail. If you have a good clear copy in your collection hang on to it!



Becej, Ada, Senta, Kanjiza

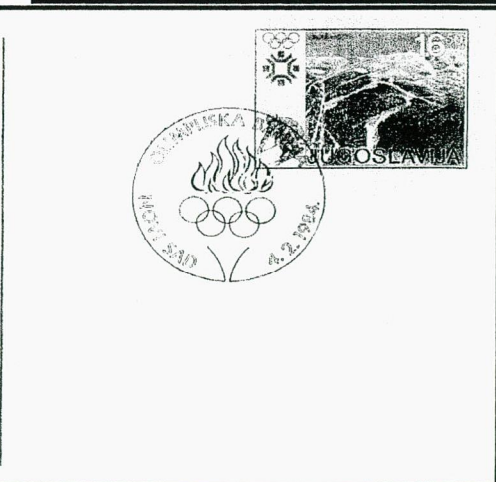
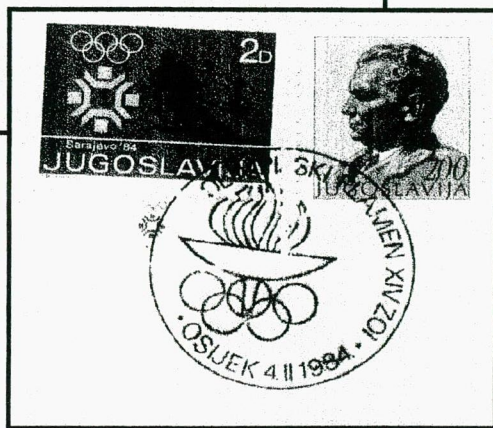
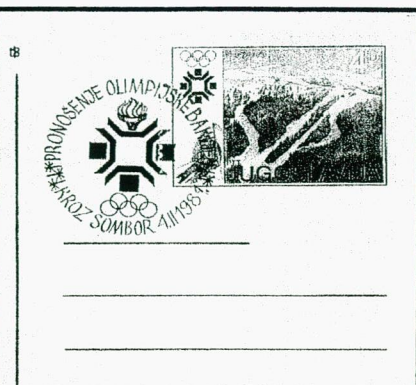
These 4 towns had a cancel in a common design. Each is available as hand and machine cancel. There was an attractive commemorative card.





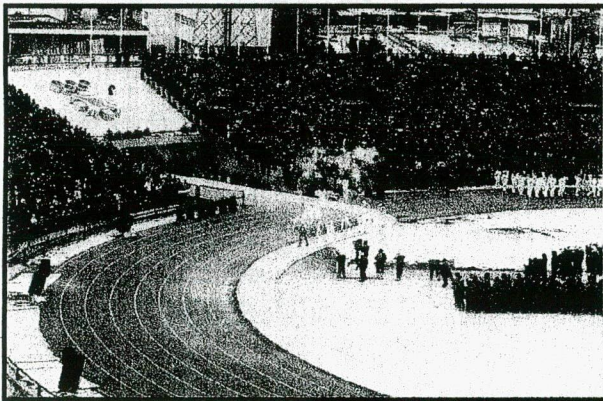
The final three cancels are from
Sombor, Osijek and Novi Sad

Osijek just had a hand cancel, Sombor and Novi Sad had machine cancels as well.



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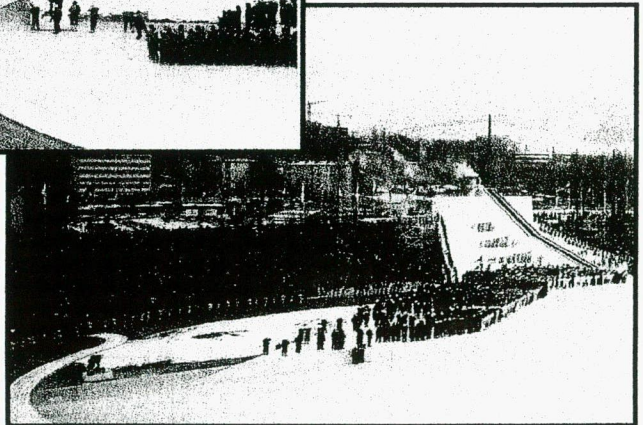
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Rijeka	31 January 1984	D10	
Pula	1 February 1984	D12	E10
Maribor	2 February 1984	D11	E9
Kumrovek	3 February 1984	D13	
Karlovak	3 February 1984	D14	
Zagreb	3 February 1984	D16	
Zagreb	4 February 1984	D15	
Sisac	4 February 1984	D17	
Jajcu	5-6 February 1984	D18	
Travnik	6 February 1984	D19	E11
Belgrade	4 February 1984	D20	
Becej	4 February 1984	D21	E12
Ada	4 February 1984	D22	E13
Senta	4 February 1984	D23	E14
Kanjiza	4 February 1984	D24	E15
Kroz Sombor	4 February 1984	D25	E16
Osijec	4 February 1984	D26	
Novi Sad	4 February 1984	D27	E17



The arrival of the Olympic Torch in the stadium, and the lighting of the Cauldron.

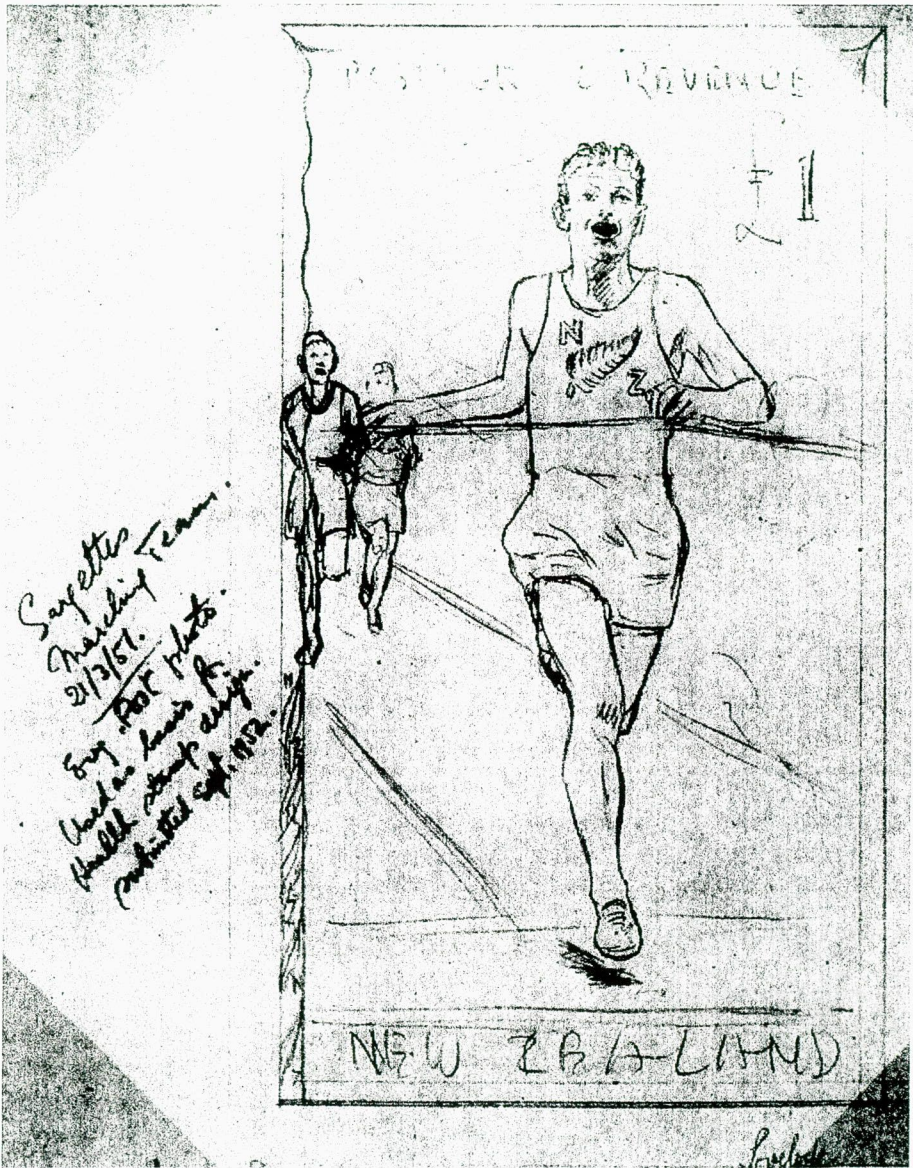
Both views are taken from postcards. There will be a detailed look at Sarajevo Olympic postcards in a later article.

Bob Wilcock



Jack Lovelock, 1500m Run Gold Medalist of 1936 Berlin

Vic Manikian



The one mile and its Olympic counterpart, the 1500 metres, which is 119.58 yards short of a full mile, always arouse major interest whenever they are run. It is however, with the 1500 metres and Jack Lovelock that we are mainly concerned in this article.

Jack Lovelock of Otago University, New Zealand went up to Oxford University in the autumn of 1931 as a Rhodes scholar. Lovelock was already an athlete and a boxer of some note. On October 30, 1931, he signalled his arrival at Oxford by winning the Freshmen's Mile on the Iffley Road track by 60 yards in 4 min. 37.6 sec. On November 17 a significant event took place when the noted runner Jerry Cornes (Oxford University Athletics Club), returned 4 min. 22 sec. for the mile, defeating Lovelock by 12 yards. A fortnight later, Lovelock, for the first time in England, gave evidence of running with good judgement and cool courage in a 4 x 1 mile relay with a great run to keep his place and send off Cornes with a 15 yards advantage on the final mile.

Lovelock, emerging from the shadow of Jerry Cornes, the O.U.A.C. president he had still to beat, running for Oxford, then made up his mind to stage a make-or-break mile performance. Before the race he asked his second string, M. J. Alberry, to take him along from the very flash of the starter's pistol at the fastest pace he could produce. This Alberry did, running the initial quarter mile in 57 sec., and with Lovelock audibly urging him to go faster he struck it out until the 600 yards mark was passed. Then the New Zealander took over and with a great burst dropped the two experienced runners Harris and Winfield. Bill Thomas, the O.U.A.C. coach who was destined to play a big part in Lovelock's athletic life, held a stop watch in trembling hands, and with only 100 yards to go, was telling the pressmen that four minutes had not yet been clocked. The official timekeepers could not believe their stop-watches, but Lovelock burst through the tape 50 yards ahead of A. A. Harris who had won the 1931 Army title in 4 min. 24.4 secs. Lovelock's time was 4 min. 12 secs., and in his first year in Oxford he had broken the British Record of 4 mins. 13.4 secs. achieved by R. H. Thomas in 1931.

What Lovelock would have done with opposition from Thomas, Cornes and Jules Ladoumeque, the French World's record holder, one hesitates to think; but it is believed that the inspired Lovelock might have produced, that afternoon, the so-far-mythical mile in four minutes. He ran like a man possessed, and wasted much breath urging Alberry to run faster after that first lap. Famous Italian coach Sam Mussabini was amazed, but said sadly, "if he could only have run to one of my even-time lap schedules he might have got the four-minutes mile." The following tables show where Lovelock was erratic in his lap times.

J. Ladoumeque, 1931 French and World Mile Record			J. E. Lovelock, 1932 British Mile Record		
1 st. lap	=	60.8 sec	1 st. lap	=	57.0 sec
2 nd. lap	=	63.4 sec	2 nd. lap	=	65.0 sec
3 rd. lap	=	63.8 sec	3 rd. lap	=	71.0 sec
4 th. lap	=	<u>61.2 sec</u>	4 th. lap	=	<u>59.0 sec</u>
Total time	=	4 min. 9.2 sec.	Total time	=	4 min. 12.0 sec.

A month later Lovelock went to the international inter-club meeting in Antwerp, Belgium. He won the 1500 metres in 3 min. 57.8 secs., which approximates closely to his British record of 4 min. 12 sec. for the mile. These two championships produced a surprise and created some doubt as to whether - that being the year of the Olympic Games at Los Angeles - the young New Zealander had not made his efforts too early in the season at Oxford and again at Antwerp.

Los Angeles was to witness the ninth official celebration of the Games. Even with a world-wide depression, record crowds and record performances in every field of sport were the characteristics of the great gathering at Los Angeles. So far Great Britain had won the 1500 metres four times, the U. S. A. three, and Finland twice. The U. S. A. counted upon Glenn Cunningham, the galloping iron-horse man from Kansas. The British middle-distance men commanding respect were Jerry Cornes and Jack Lovelock of Oxford University. There was also, the Canadian Negro war-horse, Phil Edwards. World record holder Jules Ladaumegue was banned from competition by the French Federation after being charged with accepting pay for running in certain meets, and in 1932, Paavo Nurmi "the Flying Finn" was an Olympic spectator, barred from amateur competition for alleged expense account irregularities. No one seemed to think much of the chance of 23 year old Luigi Beccali from Milan.

The 1500 metres Olympic final started with the field of a dozen splendid runners all jockeying for position. At 100 metres Lovelock was in front and held his position up to the end of the first lap. The lead changed hands several times in the early going. By the time the bell had rung to signal the final lap Cunningham and Edwards were in front, but Cornes, Lovelock and Beccali began to move up front. The New Zealander, Cunningham and Edwards were however drooping when Cornes and Beccali swept into the lead round the last bend. Down the home stretch they came with the Italian sprinting just ahead of the Englishman and so **Beccali** won in the Olympic record time of 3 min. 51.2 sec., **Cornes** was a close second and **Edwards** came in third. **Lovelock** came in seventh with a time of 3 min. 57.9 sec. The winning time represented somewhere about 4 min. 11 sec. for the full mile. This time was well within the successful reach of Lovelock, had he reserved himself for the big Olympic occasion, as he was to do four years later.

Lovelock had learned his lesson and, although he scored notable triumphs in the four years between Olympic celebrations, it was a few occasions that he extended himself to the limit. The acquiring of individual championships was entirely his own affair, and lose them he did - always with the exasperating smile on his face. In 1935 Sidney Wooderson beat him in the comparatively slow time of 4 min. 17.4 sec., and repeated his success in 4 min. 15 sec. On both occasions Lovelock, still smiling, was close enough to make one feel that he could have won. But maybe his "success" in losing was of great psychological value, for thus he had taken the measure of Wooderson. Meanwhile, Lovelock was collecting data from all over the world as to the potentialities of all possible opponents who might reach the final stage in the Olympic championship. It was for that reason that he competed in the U. S. A. for Oxford to race against Cunningham.

As the date of the 1936 Games drew nearer and when his own powers of speed with endurance were approaching perfection through training, Lovelock became more and more interested in the distance over which his potential rivals would be able to maintain a sustained burst of sprinting speed at the finish of the race. In other words, at what rate of speed would his rivals be running in the last lap of the Olympic 1500 metre final, and what distance would they be able to sustain that sprint finish? Lovelock knew that all depended upon his own speed in the last lap, and in that lap how far and how fast would he have to sprint to have the others played out behind him, as he flashed past the finishing post?

Of the dozen runners in the final, there was not a single man in the 1936 Berlin 1500 metres run, who had not beaten 4 min. 15 sec. for a mile, or it's equivalent at 1500 metres. In the minds of people present in the stadium on that memorable day of 6th August 1936, there was no doubt that Beccali's world record of 3 min. 51.2 sec. would be beaten. The vast Berlin stadium was packed to it's utmost capacity and a hush descended upon the spectators as the men took their places at the starting line.

When the great race finally began at 4:18 p.m., there was a good deal of jockeying for position. Cunningham took the lead at 400 metres with Lovelock right behind on his heels. The first lap was covered in approximately 61.5 sec. Then Ny of Sweden decided to go after the leaders with Beccali following just behind him.

During the last lap, first Cunningham and then Ny moved ahead, but Lovelock, still running with apparently effortless grace, was waiting to reach the spot from which he had decided to strike, for he knew the finishing capacities of all his opponents. With three long hundred yards to go, Lovelock cast aside restraint and struck with great determination. Never in his life had he weighed more than 135 lbs., but what there was of him that afternoon seemed to be all sheer dynamite. A slim, tow haired figure in New Zealand black, he slipped by Cunningham and then Ny. Could any man living hold such a speed as his, over such a distance? The great Glenn flashed the fastest finish of his brilliant career in competition, and the dark haired Italian again produced that sprint which had borne him Olympic victory four years earlier, but they could not catch the great runner drifting along with the lightness of an air-borne leaf.

Lovelock's winning time for 1500 metres was 3 min. 47.8 sec. **Cunningham** came in second and **Beccali** was third. Lovelock won by stupendous running combined with brilliant generalship. He was in control throughout the race. He gave the impression of supreme and unbeatable confidence. The confidence came as a result of careful preparation and the knowledge acquired beforehand of the ultimate sprint finishing ability of his potential competitors. *[Author's personal note: In normal circumstances knowledge of sprint finishing ability of competitors might not be obtainable, but the determination of when to start the maximum and sustainable sprint to the finish line is still the great puzzle for middle distance runners.]*

In 1940 Jack Lovelock was thrown from a horse during a hunt and lay unconscious for an hour before he was discovered. He recovered, but suffered double vision and occasional dizziness for the rest of his life. He and his wife moved to New York, where Lovelock obtained a position as assistant director of physical medicine at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

On December 28, 1949, Lovelock began having dizzy spells and telephoned his wife to say that he would be coming home early. He was standing on the platform of the subway in Brooklyn when he suddenly pitched forward onto the tracks. He was struck by an oncoming train and died instantly.

Figures 1 to 3 provide details of an unadopted stamp design submitted in September 1952 by James Berry. Mr Berry was one of the world's leading coin and postage stamp designers. In New Zealand he was the chief contributor to the excellence of stamp and coin design for over thirty years. James Berry was furnished with the O.B.E. by the Governor-General, Sir Arthur Porritt. He died in Wellington in 1979.



Fig. 2. Final design submitted by James Berry in September 1952. The following notation was part of the submission:

"This design shows Jack Lovelock - Olympic gold medalist. Besides indicating how health and physical fitness can lead to world championship this design also publicises the New Zealand emblem."

Fig. 3. James Berry's stamp design was based on Lovelock's photograph in the "Great Moments in Athletics" (Reference 2).

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Figure 4 illustrates the issued stamp design by T. Crilley. The semi-postal se-tenant stamp design features two New Zealand sporting heroes, Jack Lovelock and George Nepia.



NEW ZEALAND SPORTING HEROES

JACK LOVELOCK

1910-1949

Athlete and Rhodes Scholar.
 1932 - British Mile Record, 4 min. 12 sec.
 World record three-quarter mile,
 3 min. 2.2 sec.
 New Zealand Olympic team
 - Los Angeles - eighth
 1933 - World Mile record, 4 min. 7.6 sec.

1934 - British Empire Games mile,
 4 min. 12.8 sec.
 1935 - Mile of the Century, 4 min. 11.2 sec.
 1936 - World record 1500 metres,
 Berlin Olympics, 3 min. 47.8 sec.

GEORGE NEPIA

1905-1985

Played 36 times, 9 tries, as All
 Black 5/lock
 Member of 1924 Invincibles
 Scored 20 points from 3 tries, 16
 conversions and 6 penalty goals

JACK LOVELOCK

1910 - 1949

Athlete and Rhodes Scholar.

1932 - British Mile Record, 4 min. 12 sec.

World record three-quarter mile,

3 min. 2.2 sec.

New Zealand Olympic Team

- Los Angeles - unplaced.

1933 - World Mile record, 4 min. 7.6 sec.

1934 - British Empire Games mile,
 4 min. 12.8 sec.

1935 - Mile of the Century, 4 min. 11.2 sec.

1936 - World record 1500 metres

Berlin Olympics, 3 min. 47.8 sec.

AUSTRALIA POST - 'P' STAMPS and the PARALYMPICS

One section of our membership has certainly suffered from under representation in Torch Bearer - those who collect Paralympic material. This reflects the fact that few (if any) of our regular contributors seem to treat the Paralympic Games as seriously as the Olympic celebrations, with the exception of Bob Wilcock reporting postal activity for Tignes in 1992.

The Paralympic Games have never been afforded as much publicity as the Olympic Games by the host postal administration, and whilst this remains the case for 2000, Australia Post have certainly devoted more effort to promotion and commemoration of the Paralympic Games.

In addition to the commemorative stamp issues, an array of 'P' stamps have been produced. These really need to be collected in full sheets as the margins contain much of the commemorative design work.

Illustrations on the following pages are given as an overview of the 'types' of sheets produced, and ***it would be very helpful if any of our readers could provide further details on the full extent of items actually produced.***

The 'P' stamp sheets illustrated fall into three distinct groups:

Australian Paralympic Team 2000 - with decorative margins illustrating the named athlete and an 'action shot' of them participating.

Australian Paralympic Team 2000, State fund raising - A New South Wales example is shown, with decorative margins showing a montage of events.

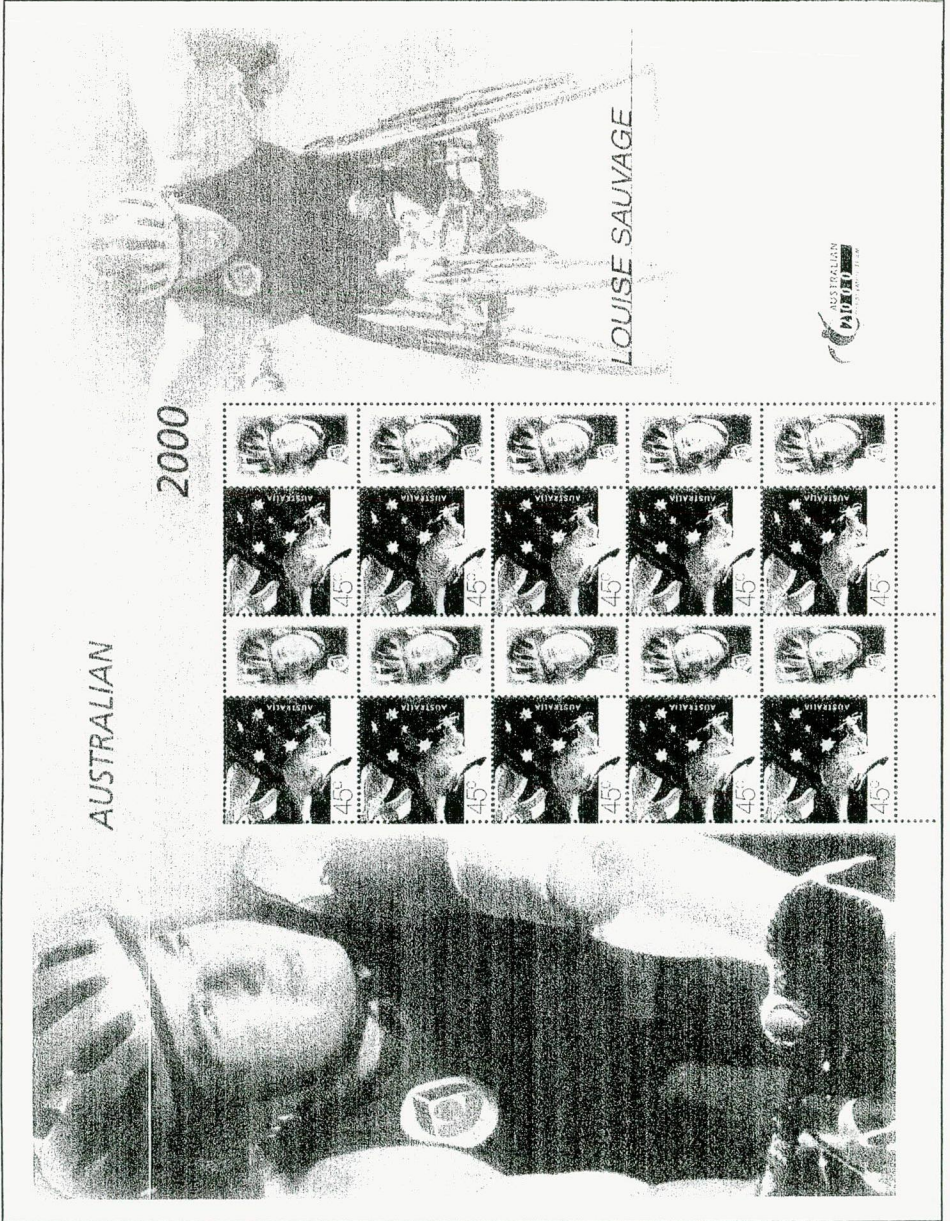
Australian Paralympic Team 2000, Team Member Stamps, with decorative margins showing the stylised torch which also forms the stamp design.

'P' stamps will undoubtedly prove contentious with many collectors. The real link to the subject may only be through decorative margins, or the attached personalised label - it does not form part of the postally valid design (and removal of all the personalised commemorative sections does not reduce the validity of the stamp).

Innovation, such as 'P' stamps will invariably attract a following of devotees, some will be existing collectors, and some will probably be newcomers, in much the same way as automated stamps have their following. What to collect remains a matter of individual choice, but these Paralympic issues provide a method of illustrating the events and individual athletes who competed in the 2000 Games.

Australia Post have almost placed these issues in philatelic limbo, as they have not been given the status of full commemorative issues - reflecting the fact that the basic stamp issue is the same, regardless of the variations of margins or attached labels.

What would have happened had similar material been produced for the Australian Olympic Team or the perceived medal prospects? Perhaps collectors of the Sydney Games should be grateful (and breath a sigh of relief)!



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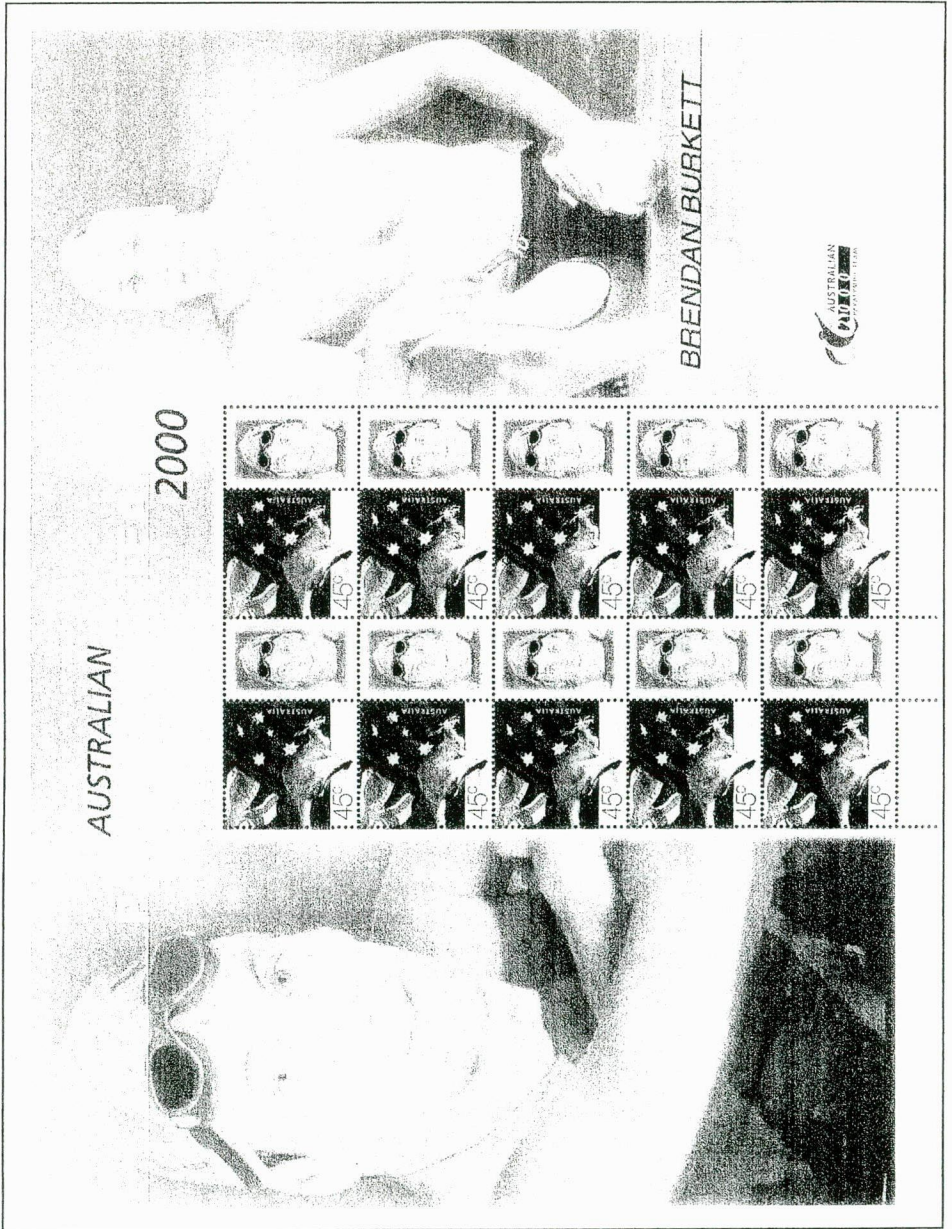
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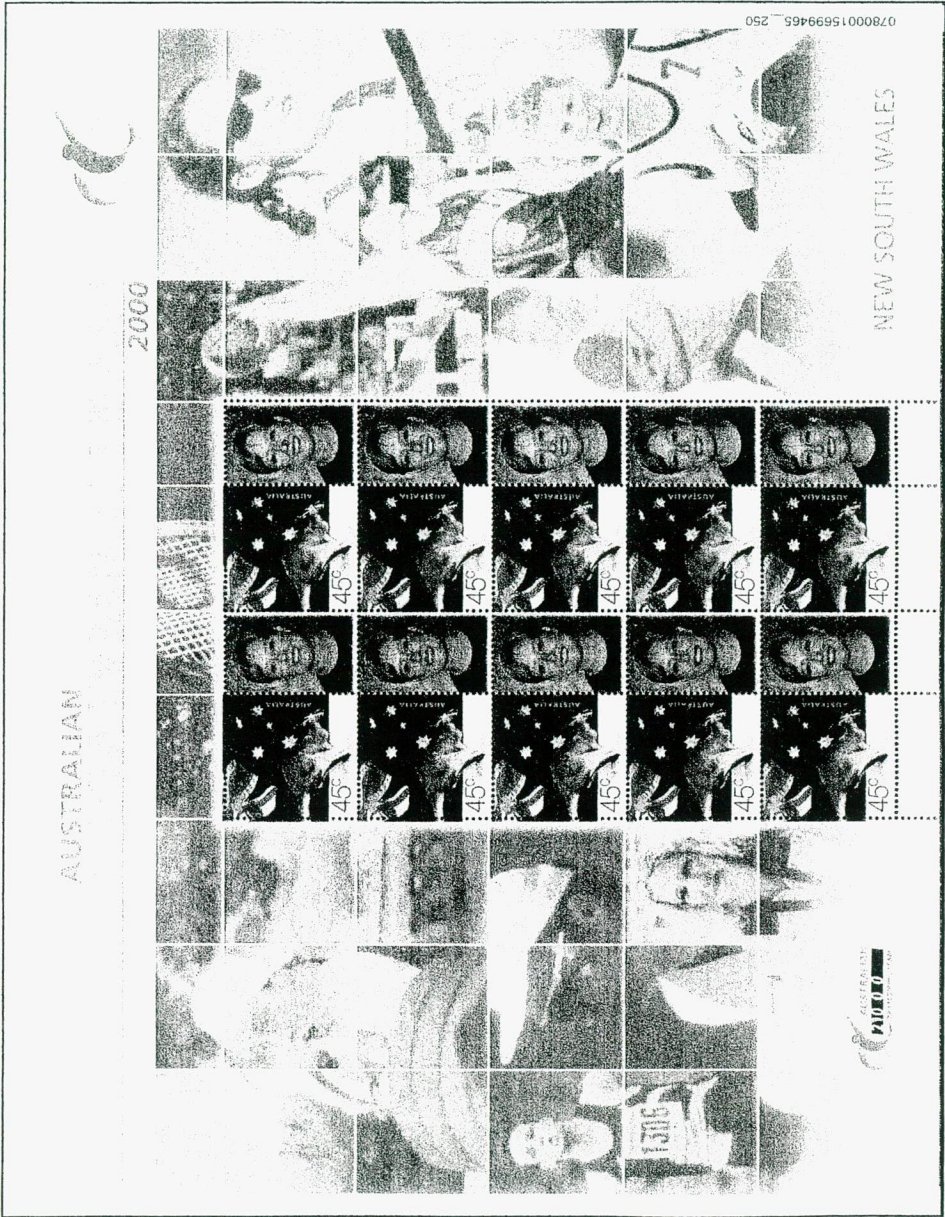
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One of the commonest requests received on the subscription renewal forms was for a regular listing of 'Olympic' stamp issues - Here is the initial attempt.

The following listing has been compiled from the European philatelic press, and combines the information given in a number of magazines. For some issues, conflicting dates of issue have been published - generally, the earliest has been stated, but all should be treated with caution.

A volunteer to supply a listing for future issues of Torch Bearer would be very welcome!

Host Nations:

Australia

15 September, 2000

Olympilex, Philatelic Exhibition, Sydney

'OLYMPHILEX 2000' and logo added to margin of Sports issue sheetlet.

45 c.	Water polo	45 c.	Equestrian
45 c.	Hockey	45 c.	Tennis
45 c.	Swimming	45 c.	Gymnastics
45 c.	Basketball	45 c.	Running
45 c.	Cycling	45 c.	Rowing

Note: This overprint is in yellow, outlined with orange. The sheet also exists a private overprint in gold. The sheets with gold overprint are also numbered.

Australia

10 October, 2000

Opening Ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games.

45 c. Kathy Freeman with Torch and Cauldron.

Australia

18 October, 2000

Paralympic Games, Sydney.

45 c. Torch

45 c. Torch

Greece

15 September, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney (Joint issue with Australia).

200 Dr. Olympic flag and flame.

650 Dr. Olympic flag and flame.

Greece

7 November, 2000

Olympic Games, Athens 2004

10 Dr.

50 Dr. Common design

130 Dr. shows the emblem

180 Dr. of the 2004 Olympic

200 Dr. Games.

650 Dr.



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Issues from non-host countries:

Antigua

26 June, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney

2 \$. Cyclist - *M L Hurley, St. Louis 1904*

2 \$. Woman diver

2 \$. Flaminio Stadium - *Rome 1960*

2 \$. Ancient Greek javelin thrower

Printed as a sheetlet of four, two se-tenant pairs with a large central label showing Harbour Bridge, torch runner and Opera House.



Azerbaijan

5 May, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney

500 m. Wrestling.

500 m. Weightlifting.

500 m. Boxing.

500 m. Relay race.

Printed as a se-tenant block of four within the sheets.

Austria

15 September, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney

9 sch. Symbolised sailing



Bahamas

17 July, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney - *Bahamas Participation*

15 c. Swimming - *Barcelona*

65 c. Triple Jump - *bronze, Barcelona*

70 c. Women's 4 x 100m relay - *silver, Atlanta*

80 c. Yachting - *gold, Tokyo*

Boznia and Hertzegovina

10 April, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney

Miniature sheet (104 x 72mm.)

1.30 m. Map of Boznia and Hertzegovina

1.70 m. Map of Australia, stylised yachts.



*** New Issues - New Issues - New Issues - New Issues ***

Bulgaria

- 28 April, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
- | | |
|---------|---------------------|
| 0.10 L. | Men's judo |
| 0.18 L. | Women's tennis |
| 0.20 L. | Pistol shooting |
| 0.60 L. | Women's triple jump |

Canada

- 13 September, 2000
 25th Anniversary of Petro Canada
- | | |
|-------|---|
| 46 c. | Corporate images including 1988 Calgary Torch runner. |
|-------|---|

Issued in a self adhesive booklet of 12 stamps.



Cyprus

- 14 September, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
- | | |
|-------|------------------------|
| 10 c. | Woman archer |
| 15 c. | Male gymnast on pommel |
| 25 c. | Diver and swimmer |
| 35 c. | Diver |

Czech Republic

- 30 August, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney, and Ancient Olympic Games
- | | |
|--------|------------------|
| 9 kc. | Chariot at speed |
| 13 kc. | Stylised sculler |

Estonia

- 5 September, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
- | | |
|------|----------------|
| 8 k. | Discus thrower |
|------|----------------|

Fiji

- 8 August, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
- | | |
|----------|--------------|
| 44 c. | Swimming. |
| 87 c. | Judo. |
| 1.00 \$. | Running. |
| 2.00 \$. | Windsurfing. |

France

- 9 September, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
- | | |
|---------|--------------------------|
| 3.00 F. | Cycling, fencing, relay. |
| 3.00 F. | Relay, judo, diving. |
- Issued se-tenant as a composite design.*
 Miniature sheet (210 x 143mm.)
- | | |
|---------|--------------------------|
| 3.00 F. | Cycling, fencing, relay. |
| 3.00 F. | Relay, judo, diving. |
- The sheet contains five pairs of the stamps plus a label.*

Georgia

- 7 December, 1999
 10th Anniversary of N. O. C.
- | | |
|-------|--------------------------|
| 20 t. | Grecian style jumper and |
| 50 t. | wrestlers, NOC emblem |

Grenadines of Grenada

- 20 March, 2000
 People and Events of the 20th Century
- | | |
|-------|---|
| 20 c. | Terrorist and flag, Israeli murders, Munich 1972. |
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Part of a 17 stamp set, issued se-tenant.

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Guyana

8 December, 1997
75th Anniversaries, 1997 - 2001
60 \$. Skiier, Chamonix Winter
Olympics, 1924

This is one value of a 12 stamp set.

Israel

25 July, 2000
Olympic Games, Sydney
2.80 sh. Olympic rings and Koala
Printed in sheets of 15 with 5 tabs.

Jamaica

1 September, 2000
Olympic Games, Sydney
10 \$. Four different designs
25 \$. based on a sculpture
30 \$. "The Runner" by Alvin
50 \$. Marriott.

Japan

21 January, 2000
The Twentieth Century (5th Issue)
80 y. Tsuruta Yoshiyuki, gold medal,
Amsterdam 1928.
80 y. Oda Mikio, gold medal,
Amsterdam 1928.
80 y. 2nd August Programme,
Amsterdam Olympics.
80 y. Hitomi Kinue, silver medal,
Amsterdam 1928.

*Part of a set of 10 stamps issued se-tenant
in a sheetlet.*



Mauritius

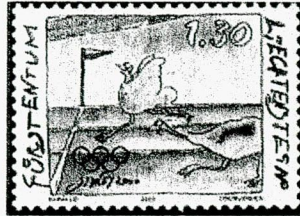
28 June, 2000
Olympic Games, Sydney
1 R. Women's handball
2 R. Men's Archery
5 R. Sailing
15 R. Judo



Lesotho

12 June, 2000
Olympic Games, Sydney
6 M. Fencing - *N Nadi, Italy*
Antwerp 1920
6 M. Men's swimming, butterfly
6 M. Aztec Stadium - *Mexico 1968*
6 M. Ancient Greek boxers

*Printed as a sheetlet of four, two se-tenant
pairs with a large central label showing
Harbour Bridge, torch runner and Opera
House.*



Liechtenstein

4 September, 2000
Olympic Games, Sydney - Comic designs.
80 r.
1.00 F.
1.00 F.
1.80 F.

Lithuania

2 September, 2000
Olympic Games, Sydney
1 Lt. Cycling
3 Lt. Men's swimming

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Morocco

15 September, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
 6.50 D. Flame over pictograms

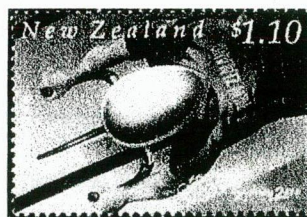
Nevis

1 August, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
 2 \$. Women's discus -
G Mauermeyer, Berlin 1936
 2 \$. Woman gymnast
 2 \$. Wembley Stadium - London
 1948
 2 \$. Ancient Greek horse rider

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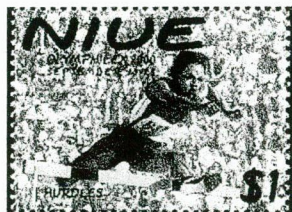
New Caledonia

15 September, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
 10 F. Archery.
 30 F. Boxing.
 80 F. Cycling.
 100 F. Fencing.



New Zealand

4 August, 2000
 (A) Olympic Games, Sydney
 40 c. Rowing
 80 c. Equestrian
 1.10 \$ Cycling
 1.20 \$ Triathlon
 (B) non-Olympic Sports
 1.50 \$ Bowls
 1.80 \$ Netball



Niue

15 September, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
 50 c. Pole vault
 70 c. Diving
 1.00 \$ Women's hurdles
 3.00 \$ Men's gymnastics



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Portugal

15 September, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney

- 52 E. Running.
- 85 E. Show jumping.
- 100 E. Dinghy racing.
- 140 E. Diving.

Miniature sheet (140 x 112mm.)

- 85 E. Fencing.
- 215 E. Beach volleyball.



Rumania

7 September, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney

- 1 700 L. Boxing.
- 2 200 L.
- 3 900 L.
- 6 200 L. Gymnastics.

Miniature sheet

11 300 L.



8 September, 2000

Olympilex, Philatelic Exhibition, Sydney

Miniature sheet

- 14 100 L. Portrait of Gabriela Szabo.

Senegal

- ----, 2000

Hommage to Mohamed Ali

Miniature sheet

1 000 F.

Sierra Leone

29 May, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney

- 1500 L. Hurdles - *F Smithson, USA, London 1908*
- 1500 L. Football
- 1500 L. Olympic Stadium - *Helsinki 1952*
- 1500 L. Ancient Greek wrestlers

Printed as a sheetlet of four, two se-tenant pairs with a large central label showing Harbour Bridge, torch runner and Opera House.

Singapore

15 September, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney

- Sold at 22 c. High jump & swimming.
- 60 c. Discus & badminton.
- 1.00 \$. Hurdles & football.
- 2.00 \$. Gymnastics & table-tennis.

The first value is inscribed 'For local addresses only'

Slovakia

11 April, 2000

Slovolympia 2000, Olympic Philatelic Exhibition

Postcard with imprinted stamp

- 4 skc. View of Bratislava, emblems of FIPO and SSOSF.

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Slovakia

27 June, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
 18 Sk. Rifle shooting.
Se-tenant label shows Sydney Opera House, and Harbour Bridge.

South Africa

1 September, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
 1.30 r. Athlete with South African flag
 1.50 r. Elana Meyer (medallist 1992)
 2.20 r. Joshua Thugwane (medallist 1996)
 2.30 r. Olympic rings, South African flag.
 6.30 r. Penny Heyns (medallist 1996).

Switzerland

15 September, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney - Triathlon
 0.90 F. Circular, self adhesive
 0.90 F. designs, issued in a
 0.90 F. booklet of three values.

Switzerland - International Olympic Committee

15 September, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney - *Official Stamps*
 0.20 F. Circular, self adhesive
 0.70 F. designs, issued in a
 booklet of two values.



Turkey

15 September, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
 125 000 L. Gymnastics
 150 000 L. Swimming
 275 000 L.
 300 000 L. Archery

Uruguay

30 September, 1999
 75th Anniversary of Victory of the Uruguay Football Team
 Team at the Olympic Games, Paris 1924.
 7 p. Olympic Poster and gold medal.
 7 p. Winning football team.
Printed in se-tenant pairs forming a composite design.



Yugoslavia

28 June, 2000
 Olympic Games, Sydney
 6 D. Mascot
 12 D. Mascot
 24 D. Mascot
 30 D. Football

Issued in sheetlets of each design with central non-postal vignette.

* New Issues - New Issues *



United Nations

15 September, 2000

World Peace Flag Design Competition

33 c. Globe with smiling sun and
Olympic Rings

*Designed by Mateja Prunk (Slovenia)
when aged 12.*

Vanuatu

15 September, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney

56 v. Running.
67 v. Weightlifting.
90 v. High jump.
96 v. Boxing.

Vietnam

-- ----, 2000

Olympic Games, Sydney

400 D. Foot race
6 000 D. Shooting
7 000 D. Taekwondo

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GOLDEN OARS EXHIBITION - 1896 - 2000

David Buxton

The Golden Oars 1896-2000 was the title of an exhibition of rowing at the Olympic Games which was held at the River & Rowing Museum, Henley-on-Thames from June until October. It was a celebration of British Gold Medal Winners and opened by, amongst others, Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent winners of the 1992 and 1996 coxless pairs and continuing together as the famous part of the coxless fours who were hoping to help Steve Redgrave achieve his 5th Gold Medal. The British Olympic Rowing squad was also announced at a special event held at the museum in June.

Rowing was a founding sport at the first Olympic Games, and the exhibition was held in two large halls. The displays were in chronological order and although the exhibition was to honour British success, it gave an introduction to the founding of the Olympic Games and a background to each Olympiad - the political scene, famous incidents, the personalities of each games (and not just the rowers) and the boycotts. There was even mention of the recent bribery allegations. The centre piece was a cabinet with many of the medals won by the British Rowers. As well as posters, pictures and continuous videos of Olympic finals there were hands on models, so that you could take part in an Olympic Rowing event, sit in a boat and that would rock as though you were on the river and handle an oar with the voice of a cox encouraging you to go faster and keep in rhythm at the same time!

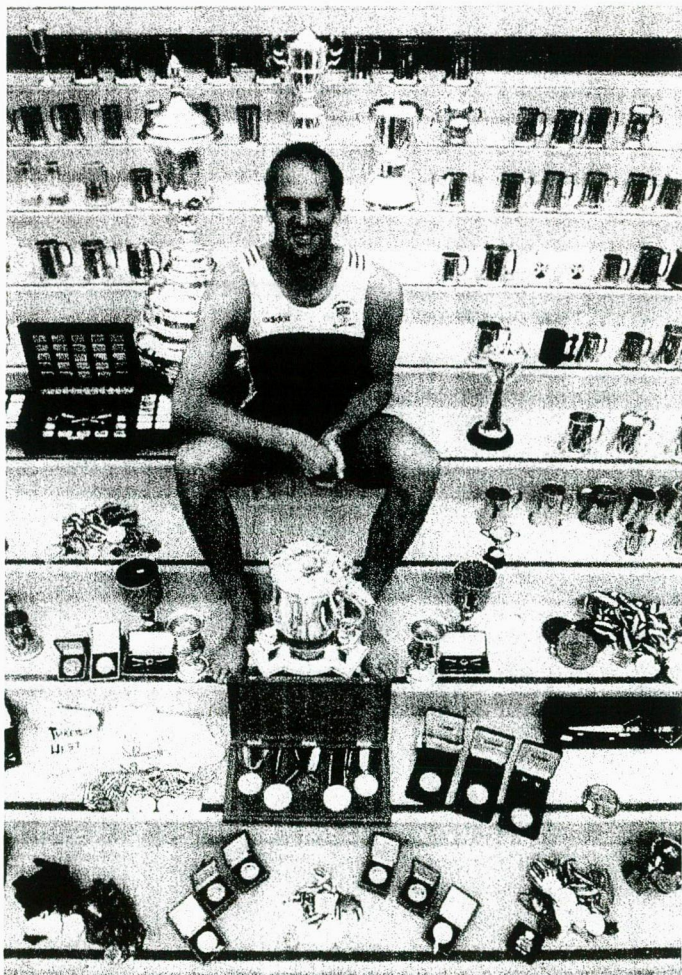
A feature of the displays were the personal items of the rowers, including the wreath given to Jack Beresford in 1936, and the boat that Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent rowed to Gold in 1996.

The famous Henley Regatta was featured both in its own right and as a competition that Olympic crews attended to assess their medal chances. For the children there was an Olympic quiz which appeared to be very popular. The personal side of rowing came through with many quotes from the competitors - from A.H. Berthold Kuttner the German Double Skull Champion in 1986 who commented on three weeks of fantastic weather and calm water until the day of the race when he struggled to get to the fishing vessel that was his starting position because of the swell of the waves which kept everyone else on dry land. Ran Laurie on training for the 1948 Olympic Regatta " We did a bit of fitness training in the Sudan...." (I wonder what Steve Redgrave thinks about that?). Colin Moynihan the cox of the GB eight in 1980 " With 200 metres to go my rudder wires snapped. I reached back for the T bar and held it steady. For once, I'd said nothing for 200 metres. The crew hadn't noticed...." (The rudder wires had snapped or the cox not talking!). The understatement (and not the quote that you are expecting) " I am just an ordinary bloke from Marlow who has won a few rowing races" Steve Redgrave, Atlanta 1996.

The exhibition was fantastic, my wife (not an Olympic fanatic) and I spent three and a quarter hours there, and I did not want to leave. There is also an excellent permanent display on the River Thames on the whole of the first floor. The Gift shop had many souvenirs including GB Olympic mugs, Tee shirts, and Benhams Silk Covers. The star item for me was the set of six postcards of Gold Medal winning crews from 1908 to 1996. A close second were the postcards of Steve Redgrave, including one with all his medals and cups and the exhibition souvenir booklet.

I was so impressed with the exhibition that I made a return visit, this time with Bob Farley and Bob Wilcock to attend a talk which was originally going to be on Rowing at the Sydney Games and how the exhibition was put together, but due to the success of the British Rowing Squad turned out to be the Sydney memories of some of our medalists. Two members of the British Ladies Coxless Fours who won our first Ladies rowing medals Miriam Batten and Gillian Lindsay were in attendance along with James Cracknell from the Men's Coxless Fours. Miriam and Gillian handed round their Silver Medals, Miriam Batten spoke of her career in rowing which began at University ten years before, her success at World Rowing events and the lead up to Sydney when she and Gillian had originally trained for the coxless pairs. They were then encouraged to find different partners in the pairs and eventually finished up in the fours with Guin Batten (Miriam's sister) and Katherine Grainger.

Gillian Lindsay spoke of the training whilst in Australia and the actual races, with the nail biting finish and wait of over 20 minutes for the result, a silver by one hundredth of a second. It was Gillian's 27th birthday and a birthday that she would never forget. Miriam Batten announced her retirement from rowing. The inspiration of Steve Redgrave was a constant theme in all the presentations and James Cracknell talked of the preparation over four years of the mens Coxless four. He mentioned the various injury and health problems that upset training routines and the success of the crew at the World Championships over the four years.



James spoke of the Olympic races in Sydney and the confidence in the boat that they would not be overtaken in the final, and the support from the British and Australian spectators. In the audience was Mr T. Askwith who was a member of the Olympic rowing eight of 1932 and 1936, finishing 4th in the final on both occasions. He is 82 and rowed his last race two years ago. He joined the speakers after the talk to sign autographs and pose for photographs. More souvenirs were obtained including a listing of all the British Rowing Crews since 1900 and a special Olympic issue of the magazine Regatta which had all the results, stories and pictures from Sydney. Another memorable Olympic Experience for me.

REVIEW OF MAGAZINES WITH OLYMPIC INTEREST

JOURNAL OF SPORTS PHILATELY.

Volume 39 Number 1, opened with an article on the Australia Post Office Olympic Stamp and Cancel Programme. Details of the stamps and cancels for the period 17th August to 1st October and how to obtain them were given. Other articles of Olympic interest included the 1956 Melbourne Games covers, an article written as a result of a member preparing their collection for display in their local library and the first part of an article on the Olympic Flame Journey from Olympia to Sydney, a journey of over 660 miles by land and 500 nautical miles making it the longest Torch relay ever conducted.

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

JOURNAL OF OLYMPIC HISTORY.

Volume 8 Number 3 includes articles on the release of the 1956 official film of the Melbourne Games including footage never previously seen. The 1928 Amsterdam Stadium has been refitted and was reopened in May of this year following a fight to save the stadium from demolition. Another article to cover 1928 is on Kinue Hitomi, known as Asia's first female Olympian. The earlier Games are well covered with articles on the 1908 Olympic Pole Vault Champion, Alfred Gilbert; The 1920 Antwerp Tug-of-War; The 200th Birthday of Evangelos Zappas who first suggested the holding of the Olympics to the Greek Government; and a case of disputed citizenship at the 1920 games where a Canadian represented the USA and an American represented Canada.

Available from Ian Buchanan, Old Fighting Cocks, Burgh-next-Aylsham, Norfolk. NR11 6TP. Great Britain.

PHILA-SPORT.

Magazine of the Italian Union of Olympic and Sports Philatelists.

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