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SOCIETY of OLYMPIC COLLECTORS 2003 A.G.M and E.G.M.



Left: Attendees in the presence of Sir Steve Redgrave!

Below: Down to business (and a chance for some light reading)

The Annual General Meeting of the Society of Olympic Collectors, on 19th July 2003 at Henley Rowing Museum. Those present were all members of the Committee, with only three apologies from members.

All officers and managers gave reports which were adopted. The election of committee members saw Bob Farley, Paula Burger and Brian Hammond returned with the support of those present and postal votes from 70 members.

The Society had again managed a very close to 'break even' year, as budgeted. Subscriptions, and auction commission continue to cover the cost of producing and distributing Torch Bearer.

The extracts that follow cover key issues for the 2002 - 2004 period:



Extracts from Chairman's report for Annual General Meeting 19.07.2003

Much Wenlock Olympian Games:

In 2002 we were invited to mount displays in the Guild Hall at relatively short notice, but the day was eventually abandoned because the keyholder of the hall failed to appear.

In 2003, we were again invited to provide displays at relatively short notice. David Buxton, Mike and John Crowther represented the Society over the two day period.

2004 – 20th Anniversary Projects:

The scope of the indexing project reported to the 2002 A.G.M. has been amended, and it will not now be treated as an Anniversary Project.

Initial trials of indexing some earlier volumes made it obvious that to complete as originally intended would be far more time consuming than originally though – the number and complexity of cross-referencing being greater than anticipated.

The decision then faced by the Committee being either to produce a more simplified index, or extend the completion date – neither of the options making a suitable candidate as an Anniversary Project.

Trips or Events

We will conflict with at least four other events during 2004, namely:

A joint AFCOS / UICOS event (probably July in Paris);

Olympihex, if held which could still take place in Athens, or a Spanish city;

The Olympic Torch Relay;

The Olympic Games.

Consideration has been given to arranging a trip to Greece in advance of the Games, but initial costing of £7-850 per head for an eight day trip could make this an expensive venture.

An event in conjunction with the Wenlock Games, held over the full weekend is possible, but conflict with the above events could impact on attendance.

A further option, not yet discussed in Committee will be presented by the planned Torch Relay as it will involve a celebration (or the opportunity for a celebration) in London.

Developments:

During the 2002 – 2003 period, we have co-opted Mike onto the Committee. His enthusiasm is particularly welcome, and I hope that we will not be responsible for frustrating all of his ideas or curbing future enthusiasm.

Two former projects, an International Packet, and establishment of a Society Website, which have suffered rather prolonged gestation periods have seen progress during the period, and it is hoped that these will continue to develop.

As Kenny will report, the library has seen a number of additions during the period. Number of titles added other than Society Journals is not high, but the quality of publications available during this period was very high.

The E.G.M. following this meeting will deal with the other major proposal from the Committee.

Editor's report for Annual General Meeting 19.07.2003

Issue Dates:

We have suffered from erratic (late) publication dates during both 2002 and 2003. Some delays occur as a result of attempts to stay in touch with 'breaking news', others as a result of shortage of material, but the recent delays have generally been the result of other commitments on the time of those involved in preparation. Unfortunately, we have to recognise that the Society cannot always be at the head of everyone's personal list of priorities. Employment, family and other commitments have to occupy that particular slot at some time.

Particular difficulties have been experienced with the availability of the Auction Lists during 2002 – 2003. As our finances will confirm, the Society runs on a break-even budget each year, so that the options of either distributing separate Auction Lists and Torch Bearers, or reducing the number of auctions in a year would impact on finances, and reduce the service offered to members. The Committee is fully aware of the impact of erratic publication dates, and it is hoped that the situation will improve.

Articles:

Whilst we have enjoyed a number of new contributors, Torch Bearer is very dependent upon a small group of regular providers – all of whom, I would like to offer my personal thanks. The two articles that have generated most interest are 'Olympic Correspondence', and the current Tokyo 1940. Both have received responses and further material for publication.

Content is still biased towards modern or future celebrations of the Games, despite all material submitted for earlier Games being published.

Developments:

Bob Wilcock continues to prepare a CD-ROM version of Torch Bearer for annual sale / distribution, and the decision to offer pdf (Adobe) format should increase interest in obtaining Torch Bearer in this format. A favourable review has already been received in the philatelic press.

For 2004, the cover of Torch Bearer will receive a 'face lift', to celebrate our 20th Anniversary, and to reflect the advances in production now available to us.

Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society of Olympic Collectors, 19.07.2003

The following notified resolution was unanimously adopted:

That all references in the Constitution of the Society of Olympic Collectors to 'Annual General Meeting' and the business to be transacted at such meeting, be considered properly held or transacted if carried out by written notification and response provided that reasonable time be given for responses and that the opportunity for a fully convened Annual General Meeting remains available on the request of at least 5 fully paid up members of the Society, on receipt of an initial request on or before 28th February of the operational year, and the support of 5 members being obtained by 30th April of the operational year.

MELBOURNE 1956 OLYMPIC SLOGANS - Part 3: ADELAIDE

Bob Wilcock and Tom D'Arcy

In Volume 19, Issues 1 & 2 (February and May 2002) we introduced the slogans, and published a comprehensive study of those of Perth. This article looks at the Adelaide slogans.

There is a slight puzzle with Adelaide: for Perth, and for most if not all of the other cities, the number of dies issued corresponded to the number of cancelling machines in use at the time. Adelaide was allocated 9 dies, yet evidence from the daters suggests only three machines in use, or possibly four if the 'PAID' dies were used on a separate machine. Nonetheless at least 8 of the 9 dies were used at some time or other.

The Daters

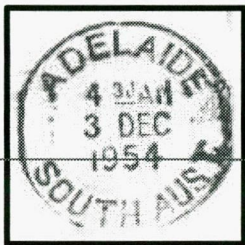
Circular:

A1 ADELAIDE / SOUTH AUST. Smaller text - 1954 - 1955

A2 Larger text - 1956

The precise date of change is not known.

A3 ADELAIDE / S.A.AUST.



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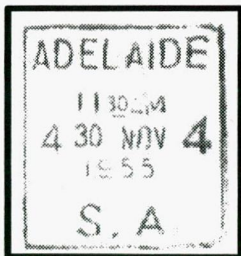
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Rectangular:

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A5 ADELAIDE / PAID (a) date / value / year (b) date / year / value

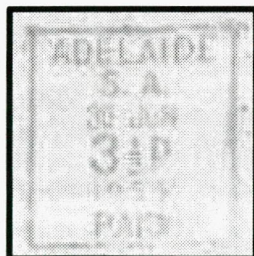
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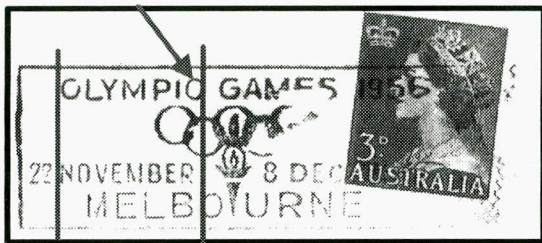
A5



A6

The Olympic dies are illustrated on the following pages. Some of the differences are very fine. Look first at **22**, then **R** over **B**, that will help you narrow the field as you seek out the more detailed differences to identify the dies of the slogans in your collection.

AD-1



The thick lines and arrow indicate the most easily seen differentiating factors: the **O** of **OLYMPIC** starts above 'N' and the **C** ends above the second ring. Thinner lines point out other features.

AD-2



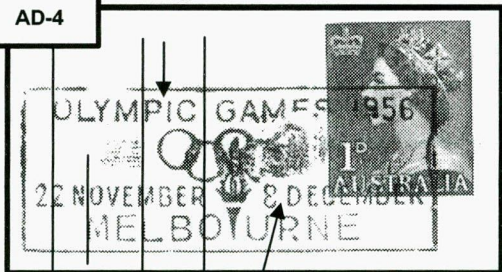
This is more difficult to distinguish from other dies. Note the raised **Y** with a short stalk, and the slight lean to **P**. The first **2** is slightly taller and wider than the second and the gap (about 1mm) before the **N**. Note also the shape of the **M** of **MELBOURNE**: slightly fat with the right upright taller than the left.

AD-3

(with dater A3)



AD-4



AD-3 and **AD-4** are not easy to distinguish; the extra length of **AD-3** in the illustration is just machine stretch.

In **AD-3** the first **2** is slightly lower than the second, in **AD-4** the second **2** is lower, and is fatter than the second **2** in **AD-3**.

In **AD-3** the **l** of **OLYMPIC** is nearer **C**, in **AD-4** it is nearer **P**.

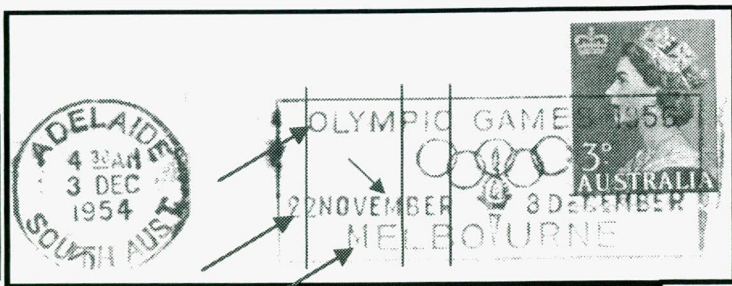
In **AD-3** the stalk of **P** is just aligned to the left of **L** in **MELBOURNE**; in **AD-4** the stalk of **P** is just to the right of **L**. In **AD-3** the upright of **L** points to the centre of **M**; in **AD-4** it is just left of centre.

These are the only 2 dies where the **R** of **NOVEMBER** ends well beyond the **B**, but it is further forward in **AD-4**

In **AD-4** there is a much wider gap between **8** and **D**

AD-5

(with dater A2)



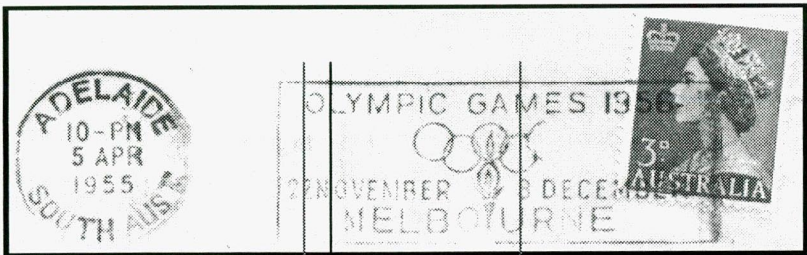
AD-5 and AD-6 are another pair not easy to tell apart at first, although the second **2** and **N** of AD-5 were damaged, and this helps identify later copies. The second **2** in particular is low set, and is close to the **N**. The **O** of **OLYMPIC** is high set and well rounded, the **P** is almost directly above **L**, the **I** is evenly spaced from **P** and **C**, and the **G** is above the central ring. The **M** of **NOVEMBER** has vertical uprights, and the **M** of **MELBOURNE** has short central lines.

For AD-6 the second **2** is not so low set and is further from **N**. The **P** lies to the left of **L**, and **I** is closer to **P** than **C**. The **G** starts above the second ring. The **M** of **NOVEMBER** has slanting uprights, and the **M** of **MELBOURNE** extends fully in the centre.

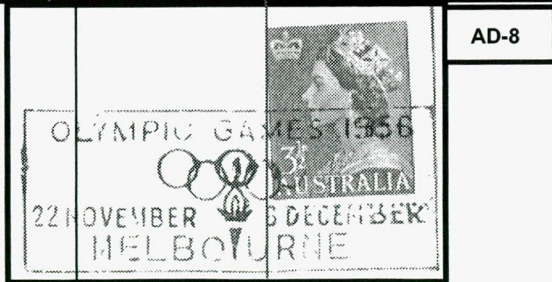


AD-6

AD-7 is very similar to AD-8, but once again the **22** is the starting point:



on AD-7 the numerals are about the same height as each other, and about the same height as **N**; in AD-8 the numerals are taller. Perhaps the key difference is that in AD-7 the **N** is equidistant from **2** and **O**, and the **O** is narrow, whereas in AD-8 the **N** is closer to the **O** which is much rounder. Also the torch in AD-8 is wider (4mm at the top, compared with 3mm), and the **8** starts above the right upright of the **U**, whereas in AD-7 the **8** is a little to the left.



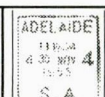
AD-8

Period of Use		A1	A2	A3	A4	
	Official Dates	Actual	Dater used with Olympic Die			
1954	1-4 December	1 Dec 2 Dec 3 Dec 4:30 AM 10:00 PM 4 Dec	AD-5		AD-7	
1955	2-8 January or 9-16 January	<i>Not seen</i>				
1955	20-25 February	<i>Not seen</i>				
1955	3-9 April	4 Apr 11:00 AM 5 Apr 10:00 PM 6 Apr 4:30 AM 7 Apr 8 Apr 9 Apr	AD-8 AD-7 AD-7			
1955	15-21 May	19 May 1:00 AM 20 May 10:00 PM 21 May			AD-2 AD-2	
1955	26 June - 2 July	26 Jun 27 Jun 4:30 AM 28 Jun 10:00 PM 29 Jun 4:30 AM 5:00 PM 10:00 PM 30 Jun 1 Jul 4:30 AM 3:00 PM 10:00 PM 2 Jul 4:30 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	AD-2		AD-3 AD-3 AD-3 AD-3 AD-3 AD-3	?
1955	21-27 August	21 Aug 22 Aug 5:00 PM 23 Aug 24 Aug 10:00 PM 25 Aug 4:30 AM 10:00 PM 26 Aug		AD-2	AD-4 AD-4	AD-7
1955	24-30 September	24 Sep 25 Sep 2:15 PM 26 Sep 27 Sep				AD-8



Period of Use			A1	A2	A3	A4
Official Dates	Actual	Dater used with Olympic Die				
1955	24-30 September	28 Sep				
		29 Sep 4:30 AM			AD-3	
		30 Sep 4:30 AM			AD-3	
1955	20-26 November	23 Nov				
		24 Nov 4:30 PM			AD-4	
		10:00 PM			AD-4	
		25 Nov 10:00 PM			AD-4	
		26 Nov				
		27 Nov				
		28 Nov 4:30 AM			AD-4	
		2:30 PM			AD-4	
		29 Nov				
30 Nov 11:30 AM				AD-3		
1956		10 Jan 4:30 AM		AD-6		
		NOON		AD-6		
		2:15 PM				AD-1
		2:30 PM		AD-6		
		11 Jan				
		12 Jan				
		13 Jan				
		14 Jan				
		15 Jan				
		16 Jan 4:30 AM		AD-2	AD-4	
5:00 PM				AD-1		
1956	21-27 February	21 Feb 4:30 AM		AD-6		
		22 Feb				
		23 Feb				
		24 Feb				
		25 Feb				
		26 Feb				
		27 Feb 4:30 AM		AD-6		
11:00 AM			AD-2			
1956	4-10 April	4 Apr				
		5 Apr				
		6 Apr				
		7 Apr				
		8 Apr				
		9 Apr 4:30 AM			AD-1	
		10:00 PM		AD-7	AD-1	
10 Apr 4:30 AM			AD-1			

Period of Use			A1	A2	A3	A4	
Official Dates	Actual	Dater used with Olympic Die					
1956 16-22 May	16 May 4:30 AM			AD-8 AD-8	AD-3 AD-3	?	
	17 May 10:00 PM						
	18 May						
	19 May 11:30 AM						
	20 May						
	21 May 10:00 PM						
	22 May 4:30 AM 5:00 PM						AD-2
1956 26 June - 3 July	26 Jun 4:30 AM			AD-8 AD-2 AD-2 AD-3	AD-2	AD-5?	
	27 Jun 10:00 PM						
	28 Jun 3:00 PM						
	29 Jun						
	30 Jun						
	1 Jul						
	2 Jul 4:30 AM						
3 Jul							
4 Jul 5:30 PM							
1956 8-14 August	<i>Not seen</i>						
1956 25 Sept - 1 Oct	<i>Not seen</i>						
1956 21-27 November	21 Nov			AD-5 AD-5 AD-5			
	22 Nov NOON 10:00 PM						
	23 Nov 4:30 AM						
	24 Nov						
	25 Nov						
	26 Nov 4:30 AM NOON						AD-7 AD-7
	27 Nov 2:30 PM 4:30 AM						AD-7 AD-7



There our researches currently end. **We have not been able to identify the ninth die.** However we have not had access to copies of the slogan used with the PAID dater of sufficient quality to enable identification of the die(s) used. **Can you help please?** Copies or scans to Bob Wilcock gratefully received (bob@towlard.freereserve.co.uk)

Postscript – PAID indicia – AD-9

At the time the article was written only two photocopies had been seen, one with dater 5(a) dated 4 April 1955, and another with dater 5(b) from 28 June, probably 1955, but possibly 1956, and it was not possible to identify the Olympic slogan die for either.

Then the die below appeared in an auction:



It is perhaps instructive to look at the process of identifying the die. It is not die

AD-1 because the **C** is over the first ring

AD-2 because the 2nd **2** is close to a fatter **N**, and the upright of **L** is between **M** and **B**

AD-3 because of the **22** and the position of **R** of NOVEMBER

AD-4 also because of the position of the **R**

AD-5 because of a different **P** and the **M** of MELBOURNE has a full-length central 'V' (**M** not **M** as in AD-5)

AD-6 because of the spacing between **I** and **C**, with the **I** being over the first ring rather than at its start, the **22**, and the **M** in NOVEMBER with parallel uprights, unlike AD-6.

AD-7 is very like the PAID die, but the **22** of AD-7 are taller numerals, and the **M** of GAMES is over the 4th ring, whereas the PAID die has it above the 4th and 5th. The **I** of 1956 falls after the last **E** of MELBOURNE, but a vertical line drawn through the **I** on AD-7 cuts through the **E**.

AD-8 seems even more similar, but the smaller **22**, and narrower gap before the **N** are clear differences. A line down from the **I** of 1956 on AD-8 touches the ends of the **E**. A line from the upright of **P** falls just to the left of **L**, whereas above it goes through the **L**. Apart from the **22** it is mainly to the right of the flame that alignment differences of the lettering emerge. It is the side most often obscured by stamps, so differentiation will always be more of a challenge.

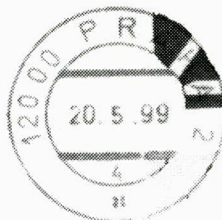
So although we have now identified the ninth die, we still welcome photocopies or scans. We should also like to thank Noel Almeida for copies of slogans in his collection.

100 YEARS OF THE CZECH OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

The Czech Olympic Committee celebrated its centennial in 1999. In conjunction with Olympsport the F.I.P.O. society in the Czech Republic, seven cancellations were produced to coincide with the anniversary.

Five of the cancels honour Czech Olympians, one the 100th Anniversary of the Czech Olympic Committee, and one F.I.P.O. / Olympsport.

The series of eight registered postal stationery cards illustrated on the following pages is available for € 11.00 or \$US 13.00 from Olympsport, P.O. Box 13, 282 23 Český Brod, Czech Republic (email: olympsport@iol.cz).



Emil Zátopek

London 1948, gold medal 10000m, silver medal 5000m.

Helsinki 1952, gold medals 5000m, 10000m and marathon.



Jri Skobla

Melbourne 1956, bronze medal in shot putt.

Hans Zdražila

Tokyo 1964, gold medal weightlifting.



Kveta Jeriova

Lake Placid 1980

bronze medal 5km.

Sarajevo 1984

silver medal 4 x 5km, bronze medal 5km.



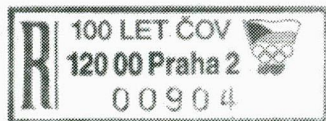
Vera Čáslavská

gymnast.

Rome 1960 silver medal;

Tokyo 1964 2 gold medals, 1 silver medal;

Mexico 1968 4 x gold medals, 1 x silver medal.



A commemorative registration label from 120 00 Praha 2 was also available.

Privately printed postal stationery to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Czech Olympic Committee. Numbers 1 and 2.

1999 - 1999



100 LET ČESKÉHO
OLYMPICKÉHO
VÝBORU

100 LET ČOV
120 00 Praha 2
00117



MELBOURNE 1956
bronz vrtk kouli

Jiří SKOBLA



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ČESKÁ KČR
REPUBLIKA

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1999 - 1999



100 LET ČESKÉHO
OLYMPICKÉHO
VÝBORU

100 LET ČOV
120 00 Praha 2
00858



ŘÍM 1960
stříbro družstva

TOKIO 1964
zlato osmiboj,
přeskok a kladina,
stříbro družstva


MEXICO 1968
zlato osmiboj,
přeskok, taradla,
prostná,
stříbro družstva
a kladina

Věra ČASLAVSKÁ




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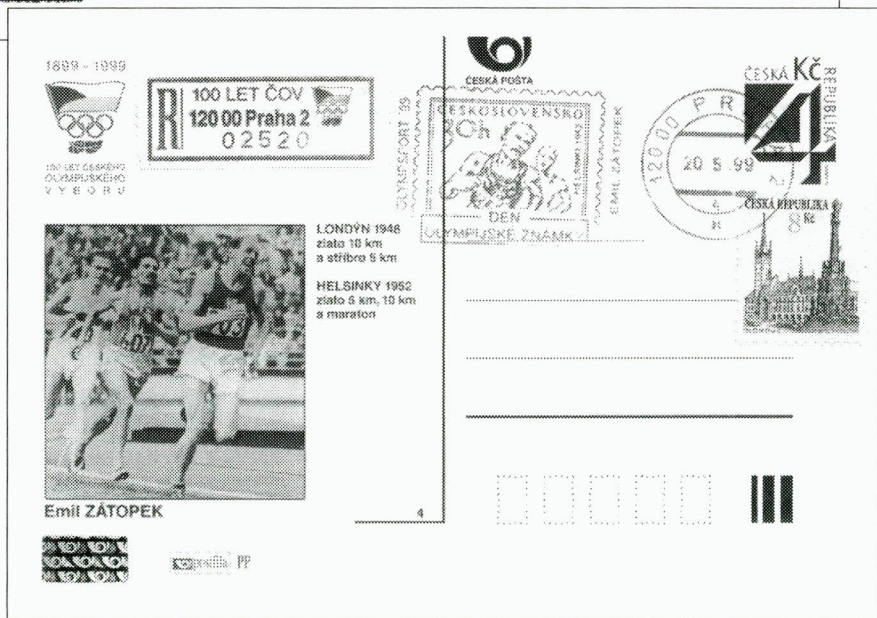
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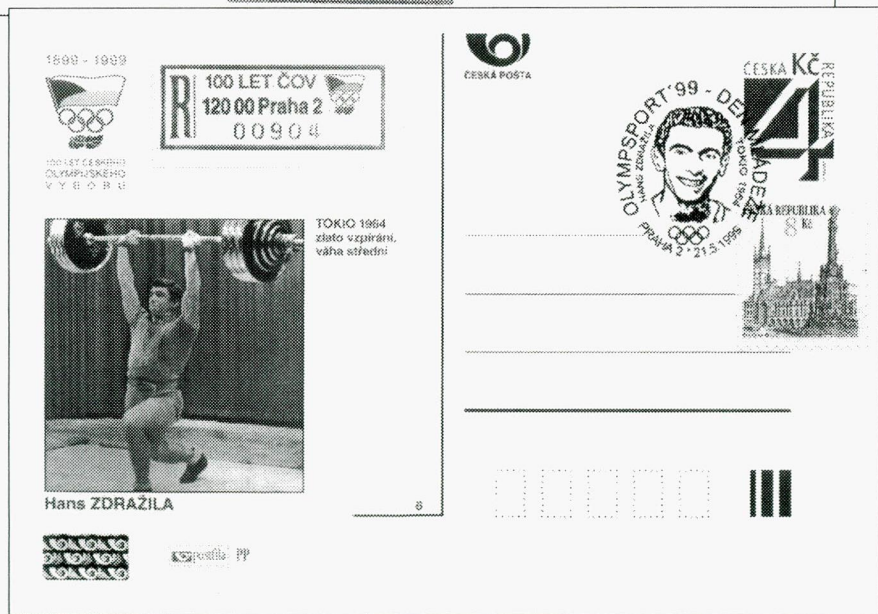
Jiří Skobla, Melbourne 1956 and Vera Čáslavská, Rome 1960, Tokyo 1964, Mexico 1968.

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Soccer team, Moscow 1980 and Emil Zátopek, London 1948, Helsinki 1952.


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Květa Jeriova, Lake Placid 1980, Sarajevo 1984 and Hans Zdražila, Tokyo 1964.


Privately printed postal stationery to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Czech Olympic Committee. Numbers 7 and 8.

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


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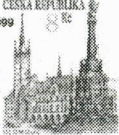
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100 LET ČESKÉHO OLYMPIJSKÉHO VÝBORU

PRAHA 01 * 18.5.1999

With Czech Olympic Committee centennial cancellation.

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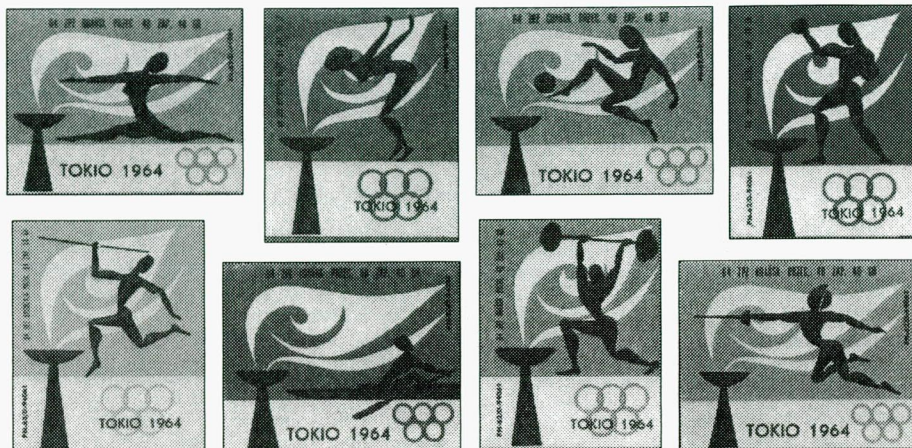
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Ludvík Danek, Tokyo 1964, Mexico 1968, Munich 1972 and Jarmila Kratochvílová, Moscow 1980.

TOKYO 1964 - POLISH MATCHBOX LABELS

John Miller



There is some doubt about the number of labels in this group and what may constitute a full set. Having checked an accumulation of them it is now certain that eight different disciplines are illustrated in the form of pictograms and that there are two sizes of label; large (50 x 33 mm.) and small (42 x 34 mm.). This could make a full set of sixteen. The problem regarding a total number remains however because the text on labels of the same size and pictogram varies. This is most noticeable in the name of a town or province in Poland which is included in the larger size print. The five localities noted so far are: BYSTRZYCA, CZECHOWICE, CZESTOCHOWA, GDANSK, and SIANOW.

The pictogram image, text and Olympic cauldron is printed in black. The upper part of the label has a background colour with the flame from the cauldron and the pictogram image cutting into it. The lower part of the label is plain and has in it the text "TOKIO 1964", in black, along with the Olympic rings in the background colour. All have the text PN-62/D-94061 in very small print on the lower left or upper right part of the label. Two portions of the text are always the same; "64 ZPZ", which precedes the town or province and "PRZEC" which follows it. All are difficult to read without the aid of a magnifying glass.

In both sizes, four of the labels are in landscape format and four in portrait format. Initially it seemed that all the small labels would have the text 48 ZAP. 40 GR and the large labels 64 ZAP. 50 GR, however the small 'Rowing' label for Bystrzyca and large 'Football' label for Czestochowa were seen to contradict this.

Certainly all the small labels in landscape format have their text along the top of the label and the small labels in portrait format have the text down the left side. The large labels of both formats have the text down the left side.

To simplify the listing of labels seen so far, the "64 ZPZ" and "PRZEC" parts of the text have been ignored as they are printed on every label. The listing is under locality; sub-titled, size and final part of text; Olympic discipline; colour and format.

BYSTRZYCA

Small; 64 ZAP. 50 GR

Rowing	blue-green	landscape
Javelin	yellow	portrait
Diving	blue-green	portrait
Weightlifting	brown	portrait
Handball	magenta	portrait

CZECHOWICE

Large; 64 ZAP. 50 GR

Football	light green	landscape
Fencing	grey	landscape
Diving	blue	portrait
Handball	magenta	portrait

CZESTOCHOWA

Large; 48 ZAP. 40 GR

Rowing	blue-green	landscape
Football	light green	landscape

GDANSK

Small; 48 ZAP. 40 GR

Gymnastics	orange	landscape
Rowing	blue-green	landscape
Football	light green	landscape
Fencing	grey	landscape
Weightlifting	brown	portrait
Handball	magenta	portrait

SIANOW

Large; 64 ZAP. 50 GR

Gymnastics	orange	landscape
Rowing	blue-green	landscape
Football	light green	landscape
Fencing	grey	landscape
Javelin	yellow	portrait
Diving	blue	portrait
Weightlifting	brown	portrait
Handball	magenta	portrait

It seems that each locality issued eight labels using only one size and one version of the final text at each locality.

This suggests a total of forty labels.

Some questions still remain:

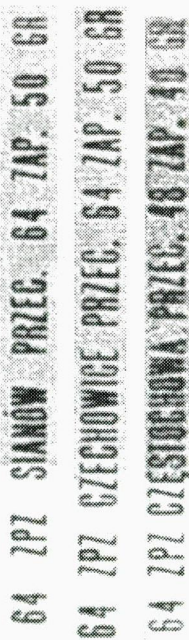
- How many towns or provinces were involved?

- Why are they named?

- Is it for taxation purposes or sponsorship?

- Is there actually a full set of eight labels for each locality?

Please check any examples that you have and let the Editor know if you can add more to the lists.



Details of the text from SIANOW, CZECHOWICE and CZESTOCHOWA labels

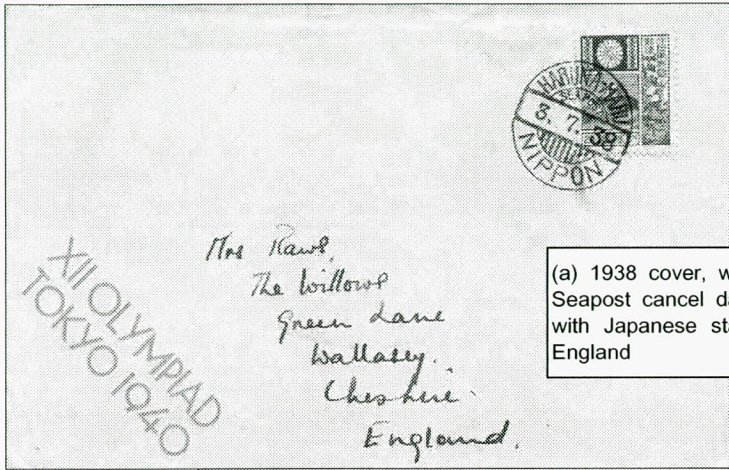
XII OLYMPIAD 1940 TOKYO - RESPONSES

Vic Manikian seems to have acted as a catalyst with our membership. The number of responses received following his 1940 Tokyo article in the last issue have been surprising, both because of the number of members who appear to have material, and the fact that many who do not regularly respond have forwarded copies of items.

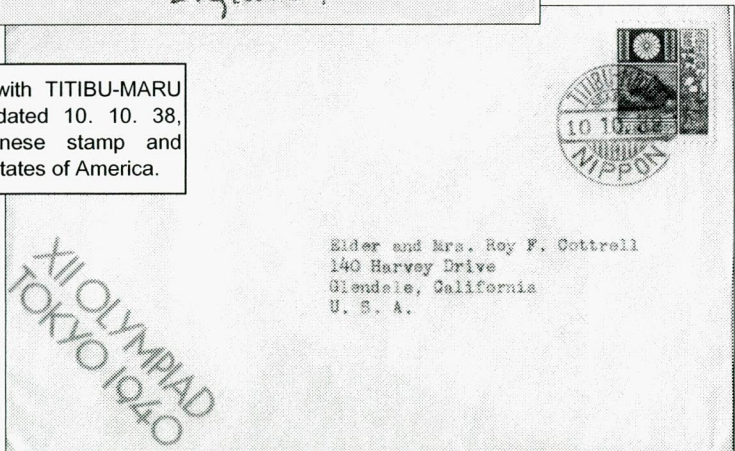
A further selection of material will be featured in November, and will also consider the 1940 Olympic Winter Games scheduled for Sapporo {*further contributions would be very welcome*}.

The following members have contributed to the items featured:
Steffen Eckstein, Naomi Beinart, Chris Cohen.

N. Y. K. Covers - further examples

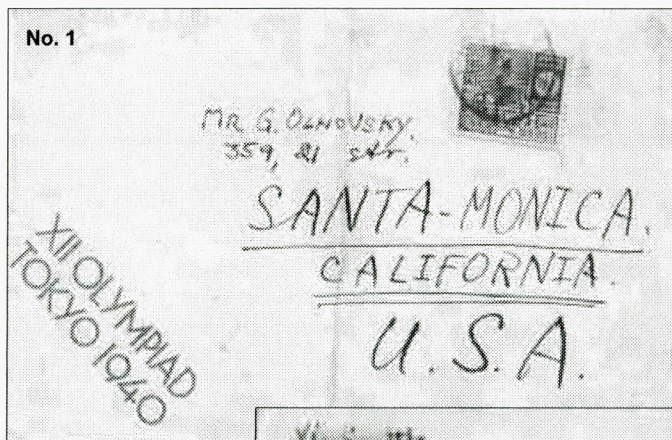


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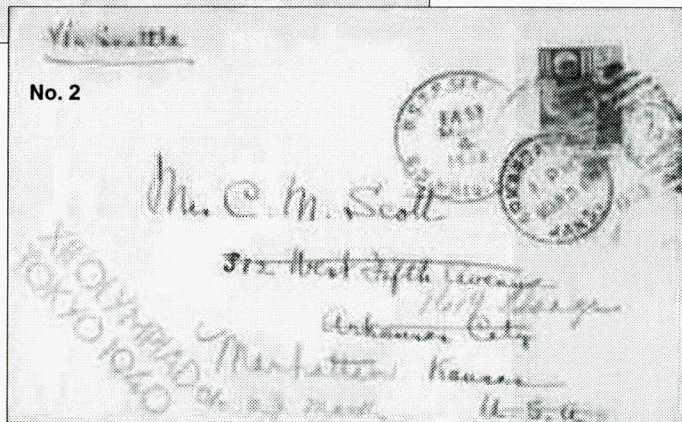


(b) 1938 cover, with TITIBU-MARU Seapost cancel dated 10. 10. 38, used with Japanese stamp and mailed to United States of America.

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3	London - Great Britain	British	Known collection
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5	Tatuta - Maru	Japanese	Volk 175- 96
6	??? Poor postmark	Japanese	Volk 210 - 99
7	HIKAWA-MARU SEA POST	Japanese	Healey and Wise No.16
8	japanese post mark	Japanese	Healey and Wise No.16
9	HARUNA-MARU SEA POST	Japanese	Healey and Wise No.15
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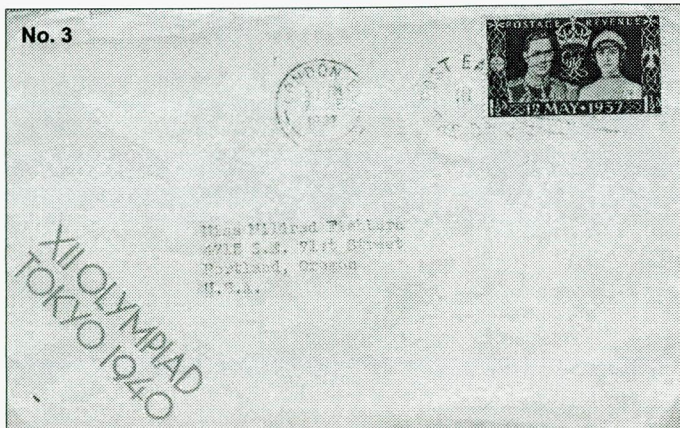


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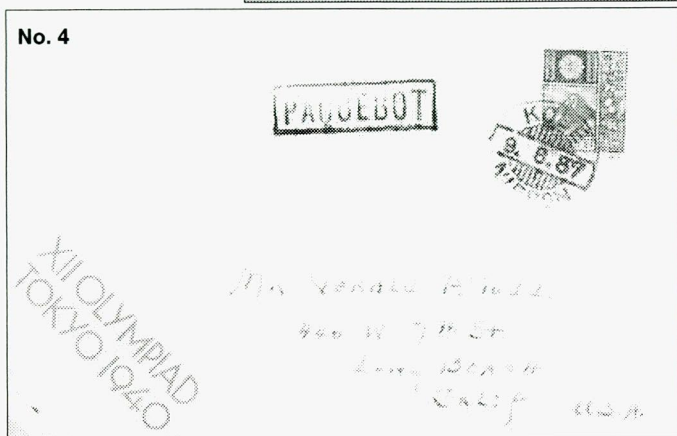


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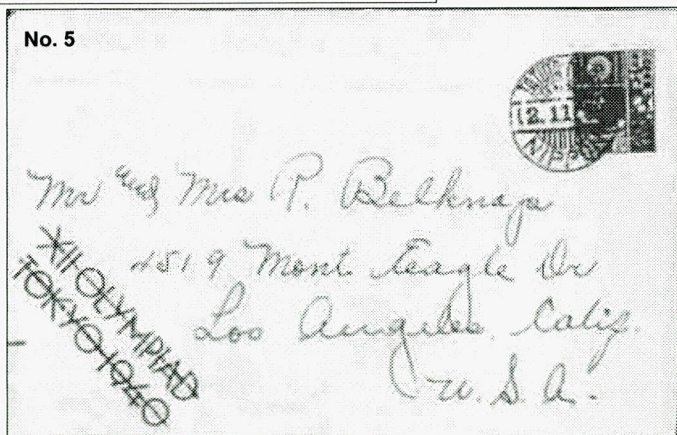


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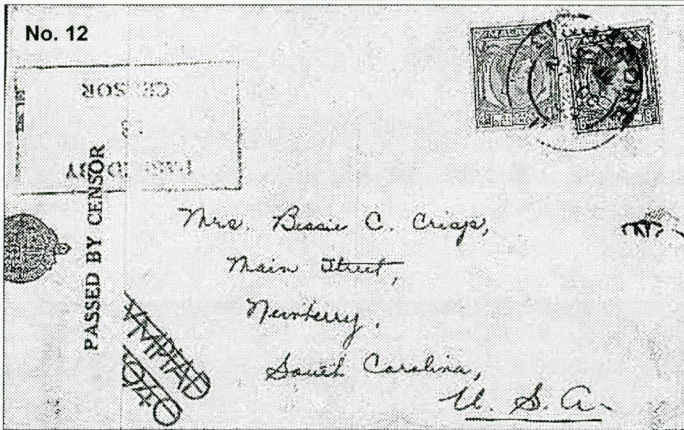
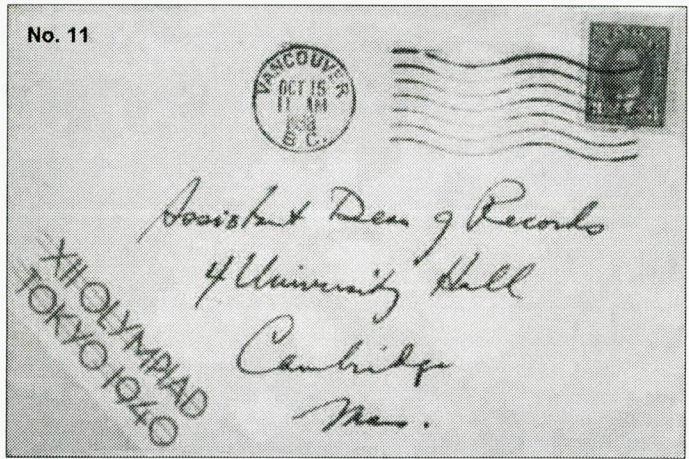
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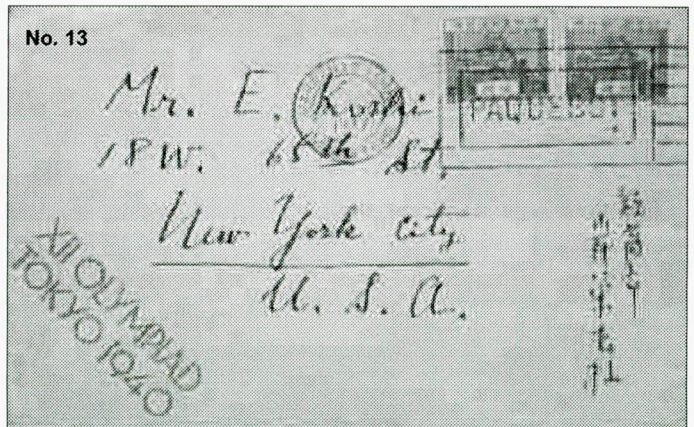
Note that the strike through appears to be a single line to each line of text.

Canadian usage of envelope with strike through text. Oct 15, 1938



Malaysian usage of envelope with strike through text and censor label.

Japanese usage of envelope with Marseille Paquebot cancel.



Other promotional covers:

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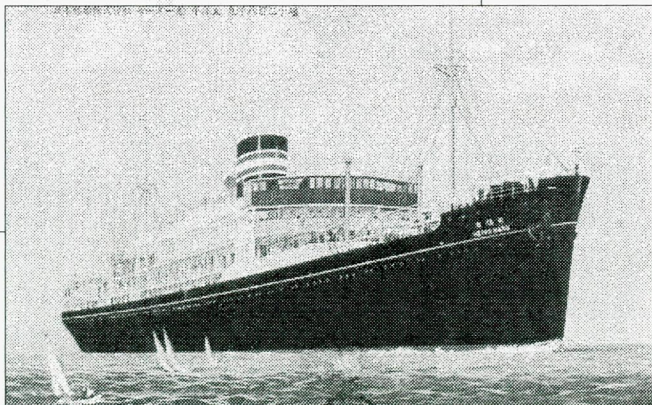


1940 cover, with Miyako Hotel, Kyoto return address in manuscript (then crossed through and Johannesburg, South Africa substituted).

N. Y. K. Line - promotional postcards:

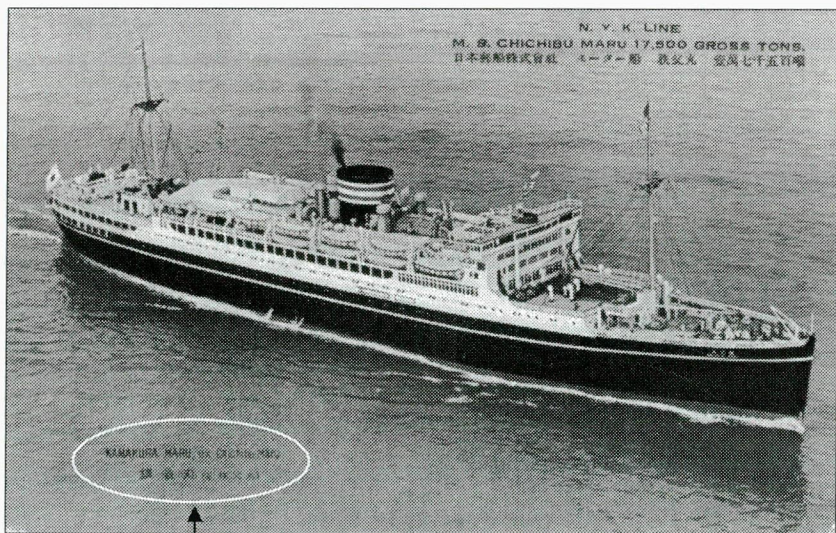


N.Y.K postcard of the Heiyo Maru with obliterated 'XII OLYMPIAD TOKYO 1940' text





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KAMAKURA MARU, ex Chichibu Maru
 鎌倉丸 (元秩父丸)

KAMAKURA MARU, ex Chichibu Maru
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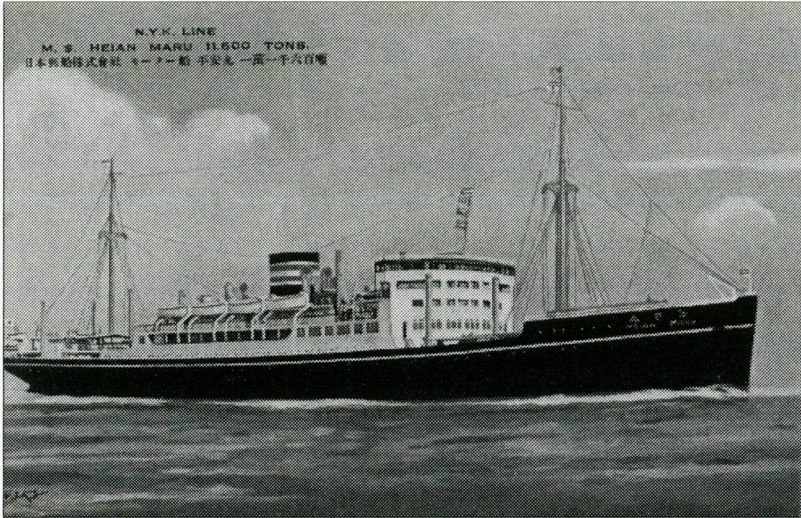
Dear folks,
Just a card to let you know that we are near San Francisco. We just passed under the Golden Gate Bridge. It sure is pretty. We also past Alcatraz, and for a minute I thought we were stopping to let him off. But nothing happened so he can stay on board. Lucky man. We were sure glad that you could bring us down. It sure was

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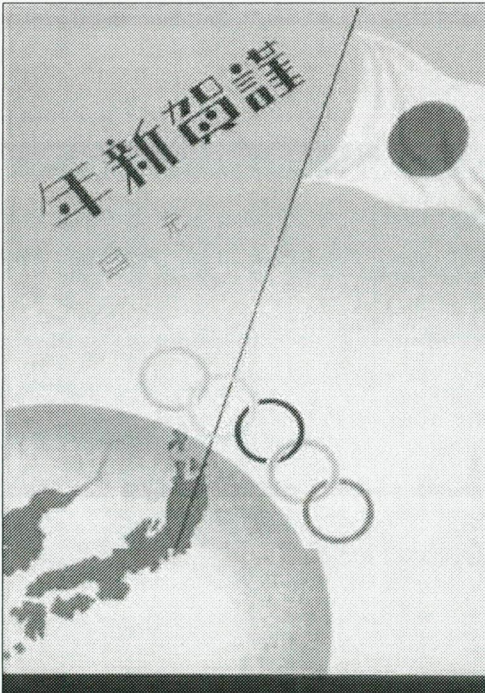
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Top: N.Y.K postcard of the M.S. CHICHIBU MARU with 'XII OLYMPIAD TOKYO 1940' text.

Bottom: N.Y.K postcard of the KAMAKURA MARU, ex Chichibu Maru with obliterated 'XII OLYMPIAD TOKYO 1940' text.



Other promotional postcards:



N.Y.K postcard of the M.S. HEIAN MARU with obliterated 'XII OLYMPIAD TOKYO 1940' text

Further contributions to the philatelic commemoration of these cancelled Games would be very welcome.

If information continues to become available, a summary listing of the N.Y.K. covers will be published.

The publication of a list of the N.Y.K. postcards together with details of their Olympic or obliterated Olympic text is also a future aim.

'Poster' style postcards such as that illustrated left are rarely seen, but again there does not appear to be a researched or published list of known designs.

From responses so far, the Society has the basis for preparing either a number of lists or a consolidated 'Tokyo 1940' publication.

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CYCLING (BICYCLE) EVENTS IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES AND TOUR DE FRANCE

Vic Manikian

Development of the Bicycle

A Bicycle is a vehicle consisting of two wheels fixed in tandem to a frame, steered by handlebars, and propelled by an arrangement of pedals and gears driven by the feet.

Little is known about the earliest history of the bicycle, although crude two-wheeled vehicles propelled by the feet were popular as early as the second half of the 17th century. In 1690 a Frenchman invented the celerifere, consisting essentially of a wooden beam to which the wheels were affixed. The vehicle had no handlebar, the rider sat on the beam and propelled and steered by pushing his feet against the ground. In 1816 a German nobleman designed the first two-wheeled vehicle with a steering device. Various improvements were later developed by French, German and British inventors.

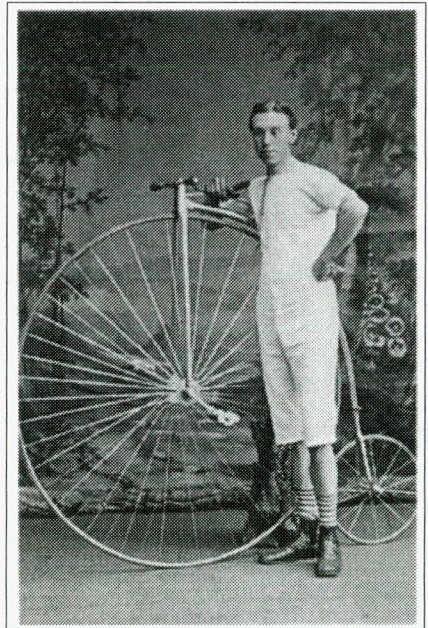
The direct forerunner of the modern bicycle was the French crank-driven, loose-pedaled handcar, which became popular in France about 1855. In 1869 in England, solid rubber tyres mounted on steel rims were introduced in a new machine, which was the first to be patented under the modern name bicycle. About 1880 the so-called safety machine was developed. The safety bicycle was universally adopted by manufacturers in the U.S., using wheels of equal size, adjustable handle-bars and a breaking device in the hub of the rear wheel.

Bicycle Racing and Wenlock Olympian Games

Cycling events have been included in all the modern Olympic Games held since 1896 and the Wenlock Olympian Games. Prior to the first revived Games in Athens bicycle races were also held in the Wenlock Olympian Games in England. The original objective of the Wenlock Olympian Society founder Dr. Penny Brookes was to "promote the moral, physical and intellectual improvements of the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Wenlock".

The first Games, held in October 1850, were a mixture of athletics and also traditional country sports such as football and cricket. From the beginning some events were open to allcomers of Wenlock. Later there were competitors from as far away as London in the south and Liverpool in the north.

T. Sabin of Coventry (figure 1.) was the winner of the three-mile bicycle race in 1877 and 1878.

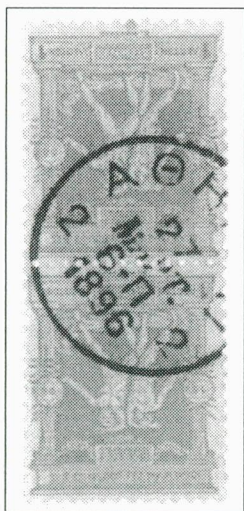


Athens, 1st. Olympic Games, 1896.

Bicycle racing events and winners.



Figure 2. The French winners Léon Flameng and Paul Masson



27 March, 1896

Figure 3 {left}.

100km. Bicycle race.
Léon Flameng (France).

30 March, 1896

Figure 4 {right}.

10km. Bicycle race.
2km. Bicycle race.
333.33m. Bicycle race.
All three events,
Paul Masson, (France).

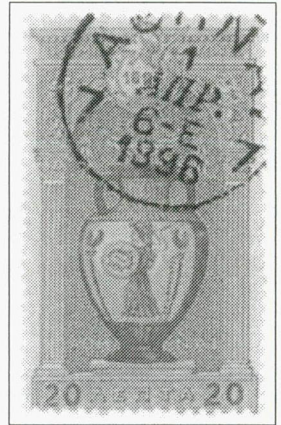




31 March, 1896

Figure 5 {left}.

87km. Bicycle race.
A. Konstantinides, (Greece).
Athens/Marathon/Athens



1 April, 1896

Figure 6 {right}.

Cycling race of 12 hours.
Adolf Schmal, (Austria).

Stockholm, 5th. Olympic Games, 1912.



H. MOREN. Veteranen å Mälaren runds. 1:e pristagare 9 år i följd (1902--1910).
Sieger 9 Jahre nach einander im Radrennen Rund um den Mälarsjö, ca 320 Km. The first man 9 years in sequence in the race Round Lake Mälars, about 320 km. Le vainqueur 9 ans en suite dans le Tour du Lac Mälars, 320 Km. env.

Figure 7. The only cycling event in 1912 at Stockholm was a 320km (199 mile) race around Lake Malar, with no less than 125 riders starting. This was a very severe race, over bad roads on 7 July, and the winner G. R. Lewis from South Africa, took 10hrs. 42 min. 39 sec. for the circuit. While racing in Germany, Lewis got caught up in World War I. He was wounded several times and imprisoned in prison camps. He returned to Johannesburg after the war in very poor health, but survived until 1933.

Amsterdam, 9th. Olympic Games, 1928.

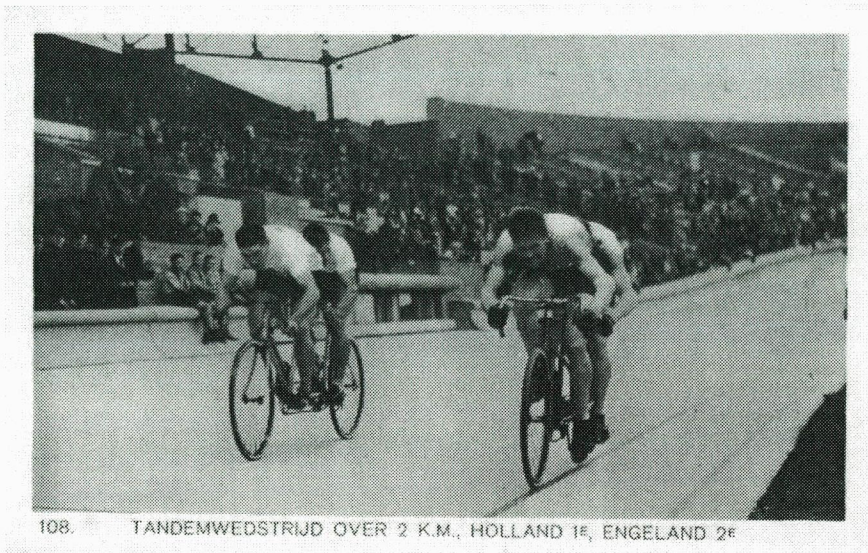


Figure 8. 2000 metre Tandem Race.

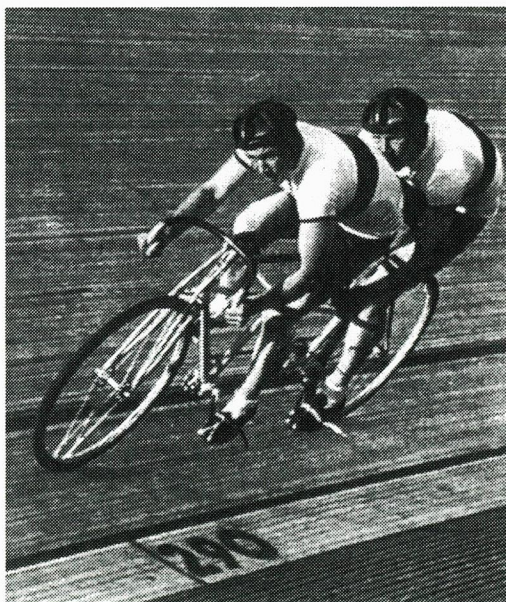
In the tandem race, which was held on 7 August the Dutch pair of Bernhard Leene and Daniel van Dijk were the winners. The English pair of Sibbit and Chambers came in second.

Berlin, 11th. Olympic Games, 1936.

The cycling championship track was located at the athletic field of the Berlin Sport Club in Charlottenburg. It was 400 metres long and 6.3 metres wide. The 2000 metre tandem race was part of the Olympic programme from 1906 until 1972.

Figure 9.

The winners of the 1936 Olympic Games tandem race were Ernst Ihbe and Carl Lorenz of Germany. The tandem race took place on 8 August 1936.



Sydney, XXVIIth. Olympic Games, 2000.

Olympic Cycling: There were a record eighteen events, eleven for men and seven for women, at the Olympic Cycling competitions which were held at the Dunc Gray Velodrome, the streets of Sydney and a mountain bike course. There were fourteen cycling events at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. The time trial race being held for the second time in the Olympics was three laps around a 9.2 mile course. The competition is a mass start, and the first rider across the finish line is the winner. The men's individual road time trial cycling race was held on Saturday, September 30 with the following results:

Gold:
Viacheslav Ekimov, Russia - 57 min 41 sec;

Silver:
Jan Ullrich, Germany - 57 min 49 sec;

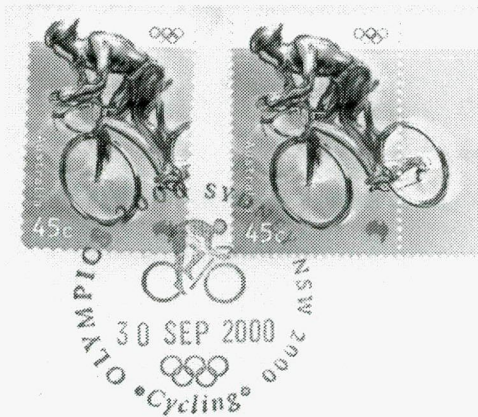
Bronze:
Lance Armstrong, U.S.A. - 58 min 14 sec.

Figure 10.

Lance Armstrong (right) with his bronze medal and good friend Russian Viacheslav Ekimov who snatched the gold medal.



Figure 11. Sydney cancellation for 30th September 2000.



Armstrong, the famous American cyclist from Austin, Texas, the four-time {now five-time} winner of the Tour de France, had travelled to Sydney for a gold medal in the individual time trial. Of his own bronze performance, which did not live up to expectations, Armstrong was blunt. As good as it had felt when he launched into his attack on the clock it simply had not been strong enough to chase down the maintained speed of Ekimov his friend who also rides for Team USPS (United States Postal Service).

Armstrong would allow himself no excuses, not even the accident that left him with a fractured neck vertebrae in mid-August when he was struck by a car during a training ride. "I gave everything I had and I got third place and the two riders in front of me were better, faster and stronger, and they deserve it."

Lance Armstrong and the Tour de France

U.S. National and World Champion cyclist, Olympian, cancer survivor and four *{five}*-time winner of the Tour de France, Lance Armstrong is clearly one of the most celebrated contributors to the sport of cycling. He is a passionate and fearless competitor.

The Early Years

Born 18 September 1971, Lance's natural athleticism was promoted by his mother, a single parent, while he participated in a variety of sports in their hometown of Plano, Texas. With the energy of youth Lance won the Iron Kids triathlon at thirteen and became a professional triathlete when he was just sixteen years old. The swimming and running components of triathlon competition eventually gave way to cycling. Lance maintains that he was "born to race bikes."

In 1989 Lance qualified for the junior world championships in Moscow. In 1991 he was the U.S. National Amateur Champion, and he remained as amateur through the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Lance fared considerably better throughout the following season. His ten titles in 1993 included winning the U.S. Pro Championship and his first stage victory in the prestigious Tour de France.

Lance's life took on the routine of a world-class cyclist. He spent approximately eight months a year in Europe racing on the professional circuit. Off-seasons were spent in his adopted home of Austin, Texas. He continued to grow as an athlete over the ensuing two years, often finding himself as the lone American amongst a field of Europeans. Winning the Tour du Pont in 1995 led to him being named as Velo News American 'Male Cyclist of the Year'.

Cancer: Lance roared into 1996 as the number one ranked cyclist in the world. He repeated his success at the Tour du Pont. Then the man who had been featured in attention grabbing headlines was literally forced off his bike in excruciating pain in October of 1996. Tests revealed advanced testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and his brain. This athletic young man would be operated on twice in the following weeks - once to remove the malignant testicle, and then dramatic brain surgery to remove the cancer that had spread upward. Cancer left him scarred physically and emotionally.

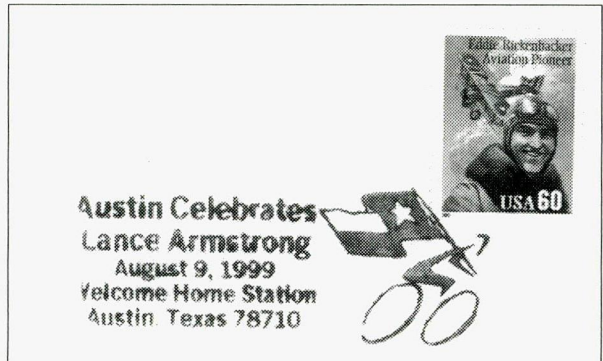
In May of 1998 Lance celebrated his victory over cancer and his "official" return to U.S. cycling by winning the Sprint 56K Criterium along the streets of downtown Austin. Though Lance's win marked an important milestone in his comeback to the sport many were still sceptical of his ability to compete at the top European level. Within months, Lance proudly announced a new affiliation with the United States Postal Service pro-cycling team with whom he still rides today. In 1998 Lance returned to the cycling circuit and scored stunning victories at the Tour de Luxembourg, the Rheinland-Pfalz Rundfahrt in Germany and other races.

The arrival of 1999 saw both Lance and Team USPS focusing on the fabled Tour de France as their primary quest. Lance started the season cautiously, training hard, picking and choosing his events as they related to the big race in July.

The 1999 Tour de France : Not wanting to leave any doubt as to what he was capable of, Lance won the opening Prologue Time Trial in convincing fashion. Showing their race savvy, the USPS team made sure that they always stayed up at the front of the pack. This decision proved critical after a major crash on the slippery Passage du Gois causeway; a pile-up that effectively removed half of the riders and Tour hopefuls. At the Stage 8 Time Trial, it was time once again for Lance to take matters into his own hands. Lance won the stage retook ownership of the famed "Mailot Jaune", after which his team would not release their grip all the way to Paris. Lance would add another time trial victory in Stage 19, and go on to win the Tour de France by over seven minutes - a tremendous victory not only for Lance, but for cancer survivors around the world. Lance then returned to Texas where a Welcome Home Station in Austin celebrated his victory. Another life changing event occurred for the American rider - his son Luke was born happy and healthy on October 12th.

Figure 12.

Austin, Texas
celebrates the
victory of Lance
Armstrong.



Results for Lance Armstrong in the Tour de France {excluding 2003}.

Total of 8 participations, with 4 victories and 15 stage wins.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1993 - Not ranked. | 1 stage win:
-Stage 8 : Chalons-sur-Marne - Verdun. |
| 1994 - Not ranked. | |
| 1995 - Ranked 36 th . | 1 stage win:
-Stage 18 : Montpon - Monesterol - Limoges. |
| 1996 - Not ranked. | |
| 1999 - Ranked 1 st . | Wore best sprinter 'Green Jersey';
Won the 'Yellow Jersey';
4 stage wins:
-Prologue : Le Puy du Fou.
-Stage 8 : Metz.
-Stage 9 : Le Grand Bornard Sestrières.
-Stage 19 : Futuroscope. |
| 2000 - Ranked 1 st . | Won the 'Yellow Jersey';
1 stage win:
-Stage 19 : Fribourg-en-Brisgau - Mulhouse. |

2001 - Ranked 1st.

Won the 'Yellow Jersey';

4 stage wins:

- Stage 10 : Aix Les Bains - l'Alpe d'Huez.
- Stage 11 : Grenoble - Chamrousse.
- Stage 13 : Foix - Saint Lary Soulan.
- Stage 18 : Montluçon - Saint Amand Montrond.

2002 - Ranked 1st.

Wore best sprinter 'Green Jersey';

Won the 'Yellow Jersey';

4 stage wins:

- Prologue : Luxembourg - Luxembourg. {Figure 14}.
- Stage 11 : Pau - La Mongie.
- Stage 12 : Lannemezan - Plateau de Beille.
- Stage 19 : Régnie Durette - Mâcon.

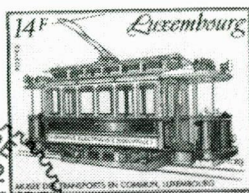
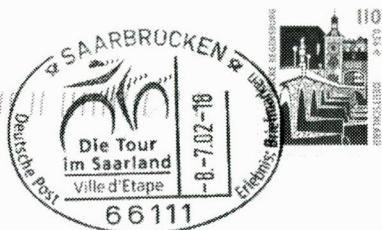
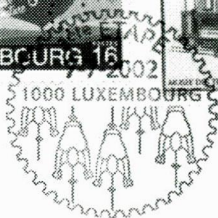


Figure 14.
Commemorative handstamp for 7th July, 2002.
Luxembourg. Prologue (1st) stage of the
Tour de France.



Figures 15 - 18
Stages of the 2002
Tour de France.
(Lance Armstrong's
finishing
positions
noted).

Figure 15. {above}. 4th place.
Stage 2 of the Tour de France.
8th July 2002.
Luxembourg - Saarbrücken

Figure 16. {right}. 3rd place.
Stage 4 of the Tour de France.
10th July 2002.
Epernay - Chateau-Thierry

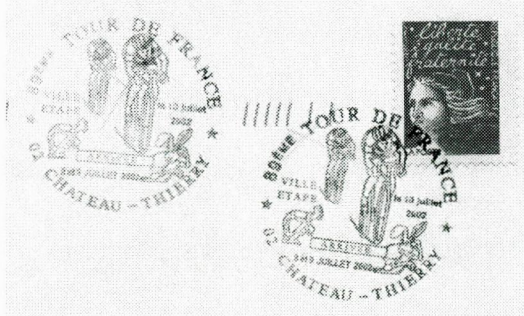




Figure 17. {left}. 3rd place.
Stage 6 of the Tour de France.
12th July 2002.
Forges-les-Eaux - Alençon

Figure 18. {right}.
Stage 14 of the Tour de France.
21st July 2002.
Lodève - Mont Ventoux



Other 2002 Armstrong Participation Races

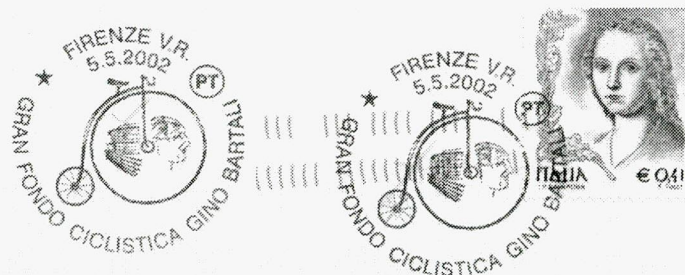


Figure 19. {above}.
5th May 2002.
Florence

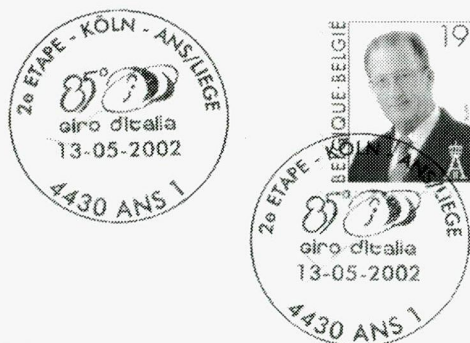


Figure 20. {left}.
13th May 2002.
Köln - Ans/Liege

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SYDNEY 2000 - POSTAGE PAID ITEMS

Front. Errol in training for the Olympic Games

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Errol the Merino ram was a superstar of television advertising during the Sydney Games.

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It was a great surprise to find that this recently acquired postcard was 'Postage Paid'.

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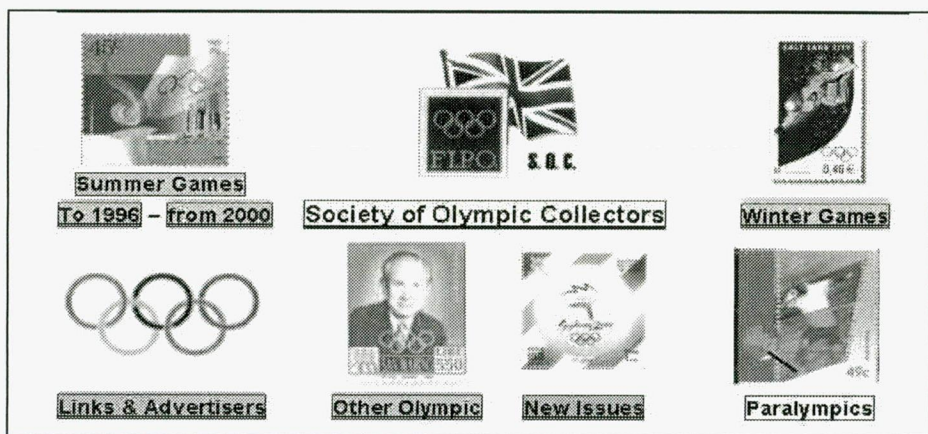
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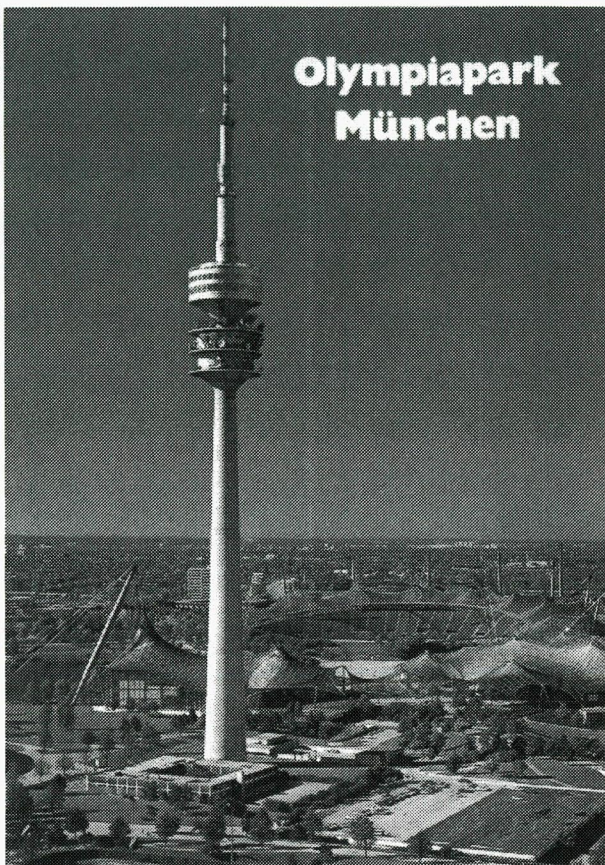
When organising our annual holiday, to allow a presence in Prague on the 2nd. of July, initial planning of the route seemed to suggest two obvious 'deviations'. The Olympic Park at Munich was virtually on the route, and Salzburg seemed another location for a stop-over.

The Olympic Park at Munich is always worthy of a visit and the sweeping architecture of the canopies still appear futuristic over 30 years after their moment of glory. The glazing sections seemed in better repair than I recall from a visit in 1987, suggesting that a renewal programme has taken place. On Sunday 29th. June, the area around the stadium was alive with potential basketball 'stars' taking part in an organised challenge with hoops set in all possible locations. This combined with numerous visitors to the scenic park and lakes, leisure users of the swimming pool and tennis courts, confirmed that the Olympic Park has become a vibrant asset to the city - a valuable Olympic legacy.

Salzburg displayed initial signs of it's candidacy - flags across the main river bridge, but there was little else to confirm the status of 'Bid City'. A single kiosk in the heart of the 'Old' city offered souvenirs

(but only Tuesday - Saturday 12:00 - 17:00). Posters advertising a 'party and open-air events' on the 2nd. July were placed around the city. As we were due to leave on Tuesday morning, we sought out the Bid Committee office, only to find that it was effectively closed with the delegation already in Prague. The ground floor housed a cafe / restaurant, an enterprising move by the Bid Team, so our trip was not totally wasted.

Rescheduling our Tuesday travel plans, we decided to visit Königsee in the morning (proposed site of bobsleigh, luge and skeleton in the Salzburg bid), and had a relaxing drink and ice-cream overlooking the picturesque lake from the terrace of a restaurant near to the finish of the bobsleigh course. A very helpful waitress agreed to mail some postcards for us on 2nd. July as Königsee does not have a post office.

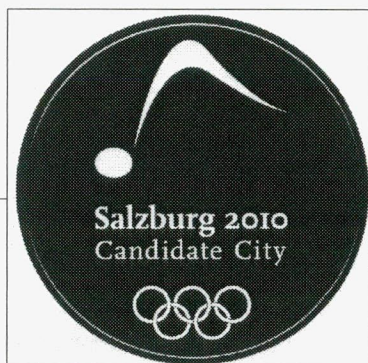


Registered cover mailed
from Salzburg on 2nd July -
'Decision Day'.



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Above: Self adhesive label, 80mm diameter, white text on dark blue.

Left: Self adhesive label, 80mm diameter, dark blue text, coloured rings on white.

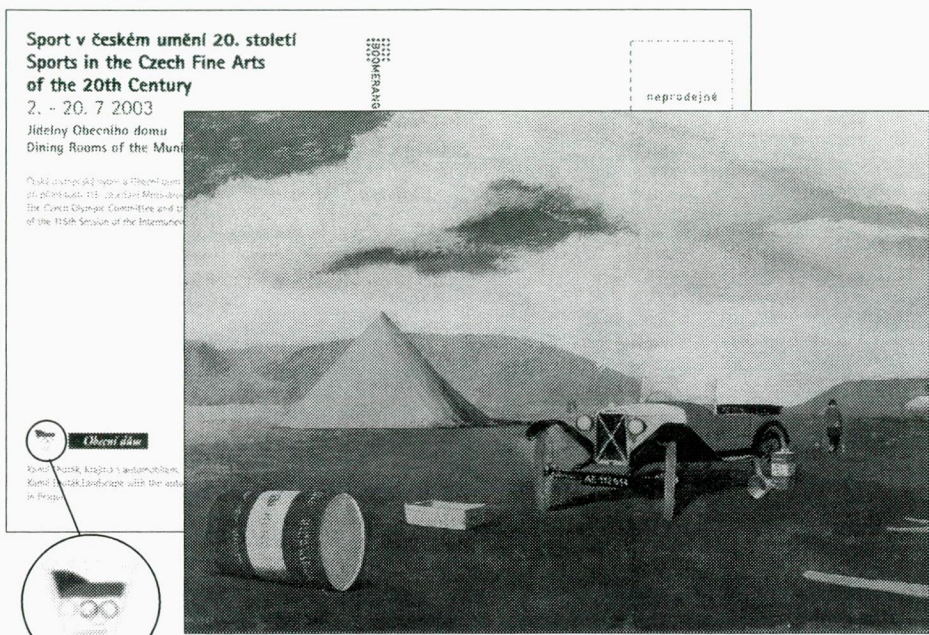
We now had to travel back through Salzburg on our way to Prague, and took the opportunity to visit the kiosk as it was just after midday. Brenda was delighted that we were able to purchase the bid mascot 'Snomo' as a plush figure - reduced to half price for the last two days of the bid. Copies of a bid sticker were also available. No postcards, and no philatelic items, but a few covers were left at the post office for mailing on the 2nd of July 'just in case'.

I have a tip here for future candidate cities. If you are on an obvious route for us to visit on our way to the IOC Session, save your bid for another year! We proved to be bad luck for Sion on our way to Budapest in 1995, and we certainly do not seem to have helped Salzburg in 2003!

The **115th Session** of the I.O.C. took place at the Hilton Hotel in Prague. Business included the selection of the host city to organise the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

The 1st of July was a 'welcome' and arrival day, with a number of cultural events - Samsung sponsored the organisation of a 'Run for All' in Prague, open to allcomers, an open-air concert was staged in the evening, and an exhibition 'Sports in the Czech Fine Arts of the 20th Century' was previewed by delegates and invited guests.

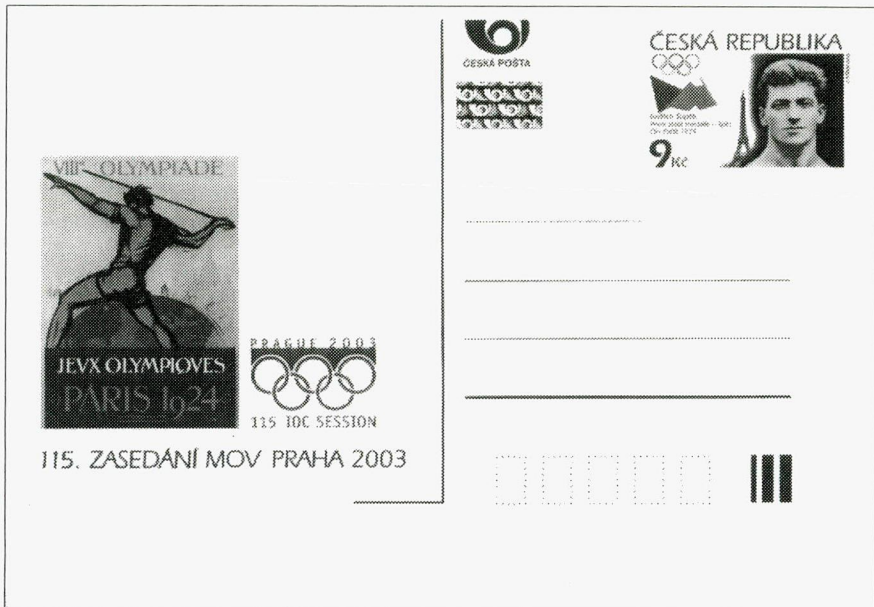
The exhibition was staged in the Dining Rooms of the Municipal House from 2nd.-20th. July, by the Czech Olympic Committee and the Municipal House. A postcard, published by Boomerang Media, and illustrated with 'Landscape with the automobile' by Kamil Lhotak (1963), was issued to promote and commemorate the exhibition.



Wednesday 2nd of July was 'decision day', for the selection of the host city for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Presentations by the three candidate cities, Pyeong Chang (South Korea), Salzburg (Austria), and Vancouver (Canada), took place during the morning and early afternoon and were followed by an initial vote which failed to produce a clear winner, resulting in the elimination of Salzburg. A second vote was then held by secret ballot, with the result declared by the President of the IOC on the opening of a sealed envelope at a televised ceremony at approximately 17:40 local time - 'The host for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games is the city of Vancouver'.

Czech Post, Olympsport (the Czech collectors group), and FIPO, were all present in the public area of the Hilton Hotel, occupying adjacent tables. On 2nd July a number of commemorative items were available for the 115th IOC Session, and the selection of the 2010 host city:

Czech Post



9 Kč. Postal stationery card, sold at 14 Kč. Postal imprint design shows Bedrich Supcik, the first Czech gold medallist at the Paris 1924 Olympic Games in the discontinued event of rope climbing. Vignette design, Paris 1924 poster and 115 IOC Session logo.



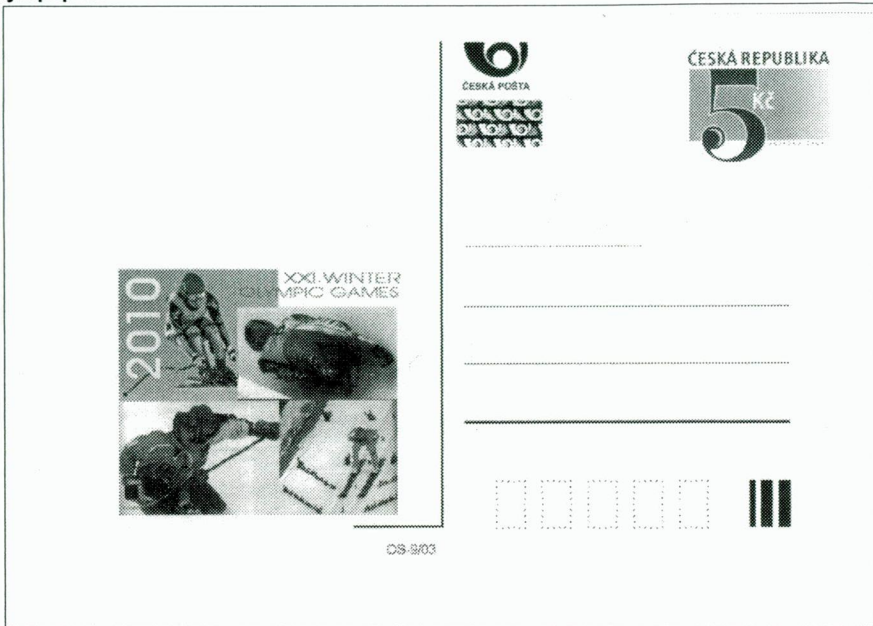
Commemorative handstamp, with variable date, in use from 1st until 4th July only at the Temporary Post Office counter at the Hilton Hotel Prague. 24 x 25.5 mm.

Commemorative Registration label, in use from 1st until 4th July only at the Temporary Post Office counter at the Hilton Hotel Prague. 43 x 19 mm.



Franking of mail to achieve correct postal rates including registration fee, is often difficult at temporary postal facilities as the range of stamp values is often very limited. Czech Post had a limited number of sport and Olympic stamps available on July 2nd. but supplies had dwindled by the 4th. To achieve correct value for registered mail to non-domestic locations required the use of 5 or 6 stamps unless supplies of higher values were obtained from nearby Post Offices. Domestic registration at 17Kc. could be achieved with two values.

Olympsport



5 Kc. Postal stationery card, With private vignette showing four winter sporting scenes and '2010 / XXI. WINTER / OLYMPIC GAMES'. OS-9/03

Olympsport had three cachets on 2nd. July, one for each candidate. Surprisingly, only the Koreans had responded positively to written requests for permission to use their candidacy logo



Olympsport cachet for Pyeong Chang, Korea struck in black. Impressions were available at 1Kc. per strike on 2nd. July, only.

Olympsport cachet for Salzburg, Austria struck in green. Impressions were available at 1Kc. per strike on 2nd. July, only.



Olympsport cachet for Vancouver, Canada struck in red. Impressions were available at 1Kc. per strike on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of July as a result of Vancouver's successful selection.



Thursday 3rd. July, saw the introduction of a congratulatory meter by Olympsport. Three designs had been prepared in readiness for the decision, with the appropriate 'Vancouver' version put into service at start of business on the 3rd.

A commemorative envelope was available illustrated with the vignette from the privately printed postal stationery card additionally inscribed VANCOUVER.

The postal stationery card, with privately printed cachet honouring the 2010 Olympic Winter Games was also released by Olympsport in both 'mint' or 'used with meter cancel' formats.

Meter strikes could be applied to 'customers' own covers by payment of the franking rate.

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F.I.P.O. cachet for the 115th. IOC Session, struck in purple - available in Lausanne and Prague. 51 x 30mm.



F.I.P.O. cachet for Pyeong Chang, Korea struck in blue. Copies seen were struck in Lausanne.



F.I.P.O. cachet for Salzburg, Austria struck in green. Copies seen were struck in Lausanne.

F.I.P.O. cachet for Vancouver, Canada struck in red. Copies seen were struck in Lausanne.



'Vancouver' cover from a set of three official covers marketed by F.I.P.O., the set includes similar covers for Pyeong Chang and Salzburg.



VANCOUVER 2010

Canada Poste overprint on definitive booklets :



Canada Poste reacted quickly to the successful selection of Vancouver as 2010 host.

Booklets of 48c. Definitive stamps were overprinted **Vancouver 2010** in red on each stamp, and on the booklet cover.

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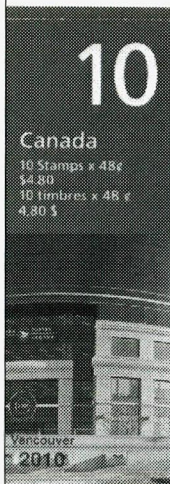


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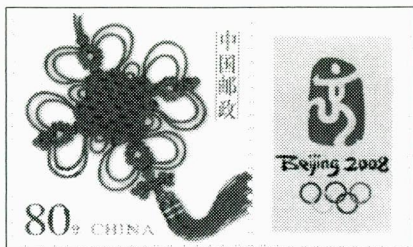
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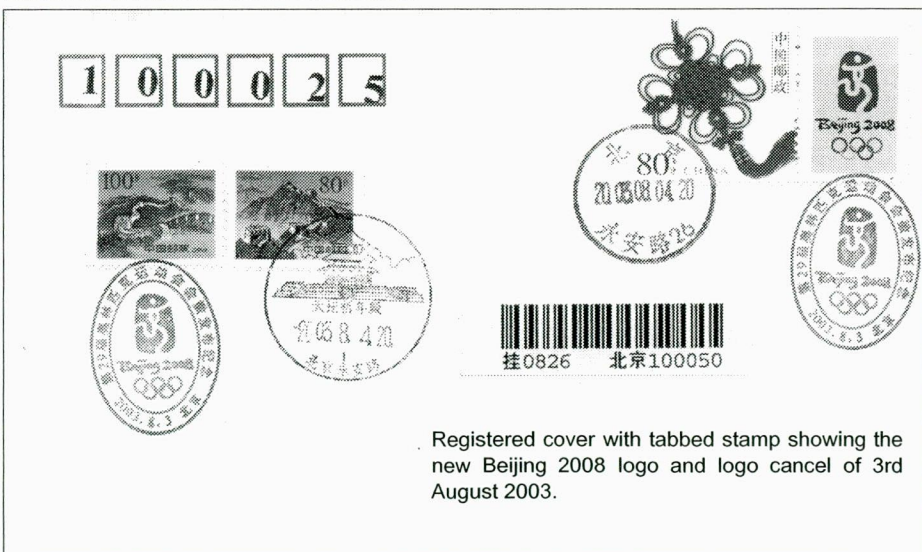
Whilst the amount of material appearing from China for the 2008 Olympic Games seems to have reduced, all major significant events during the 'preparation' period seem to receive philatelic commemoration.

The second anniversary of the selection of Beijing as host for the 2008 Olympic Games was commemorated by a special cancellation on 13th July 2003.



A New logo for Beijing 2008 was unveiled on 3rd August 2003.

The announcement was accompanied by a stamp 'tab', and special cancel. The cancel exists in either red or black.



Registered cover with tabbed stamp showing the new Beijing 2008 logo and logo cancel of 3rd August 2003.

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