



# TORCH BEARER



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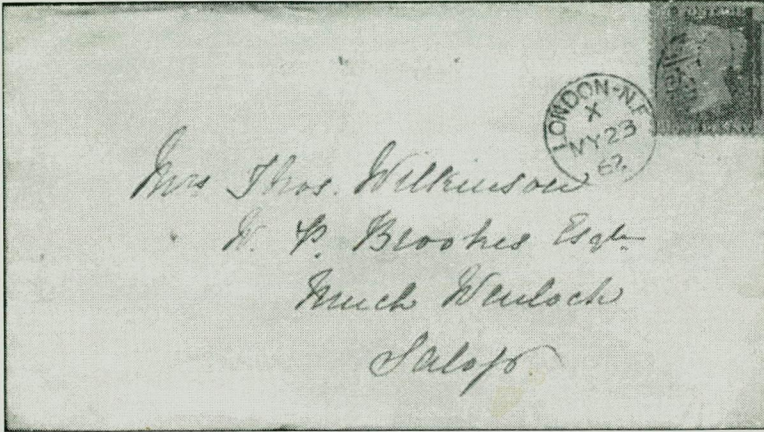
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## FRONT PAGE

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Another Olympic Year has arrived, and of course it is also the 20th. Anniversary of the Society of Olympic Collectors.

We are still planning an anniversary event at the Much Wenlock Games on the 10th. and 11th. of July, to include an anniversary dinner with invited guests and society members, an exhibition close to the sports fields, and of course an adjacent area to socialise and exchange material.

All members who have expressed an interest will be contacted direct as planning progresses with details of the agenda and options for local accommodation. Any members who have not yet expressed an interest should contact David Buxton (address in front cover) as soon as possible.

Brian Hammond would welcome enquires for either joining the International Exchange Packet as a purchaser, or vendor.

There are a number of forthcoming 'Olympic' events, and it is likely that the Society will have either representatives present, or committee members attending on a personal basis. If you are interested in further details please contact the editor in the first instance.

- May, Olympic Collectors Fair, Lausanne, Switzerland;

- June 25th, Olympic Torch Relay, Paris - this will also act as the opening event of an Olympic Exhibition;

- June 26th, Olympic Torch Relay, London.

- August, Olympilex, Athens (?), Greece.

And of course the Athens 2004 Olympic Games from 13th. - 29th. August.

Our Anniversary year also heralds a number of changes, which we hope you will find beneficial. The first you will have noticed, is a change in both the colour and format of the cover to Torch Bearer. Future issues will have an illustrated cover featuring one of the articles. The colour of the cover will be reviewed every four years (which may or may not result in a change).

Annual General Meetings will now be held by correspondence - through Torch Bearer. May issue will include the 2003 accounts and invite comment or submissions.

The responses received with the 2004 Renewal Forms did not raise any new topics for inclusion on the Agenda.

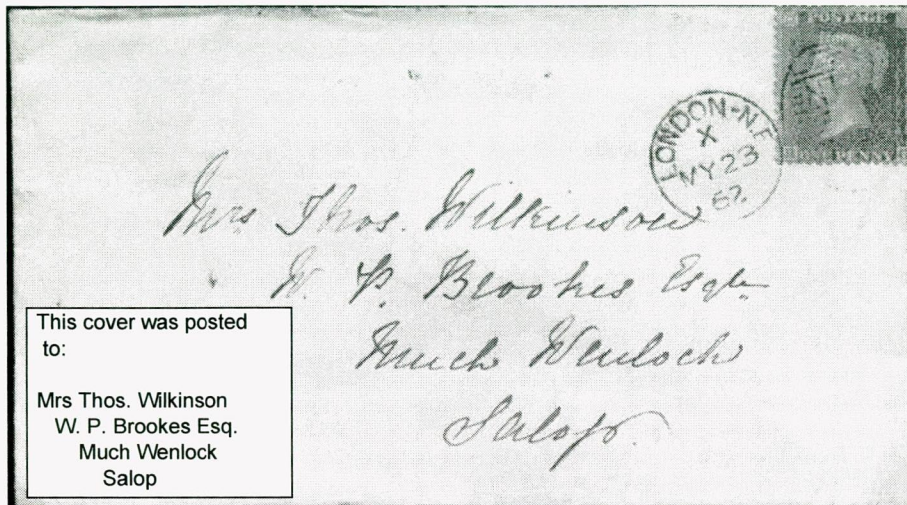
Torch Bearer will continue to try and keep abreast of 'news', but the level and timing of communication and information from both the Hellenic Post Office and F.I.P.O. are making this very difficult.

Even without further cooperation / communication, we can look forward to a varied content including significant articles on London 1908, Paris 1924, Melbourne 1956, and Athens 2004. Further information (currently being assembled) on Tokyo and Sapporo 1940. We will also of course be contacting those members who offered their services as authors on the renewal form.

Let's all look forward to another successful 'Olympic' year.

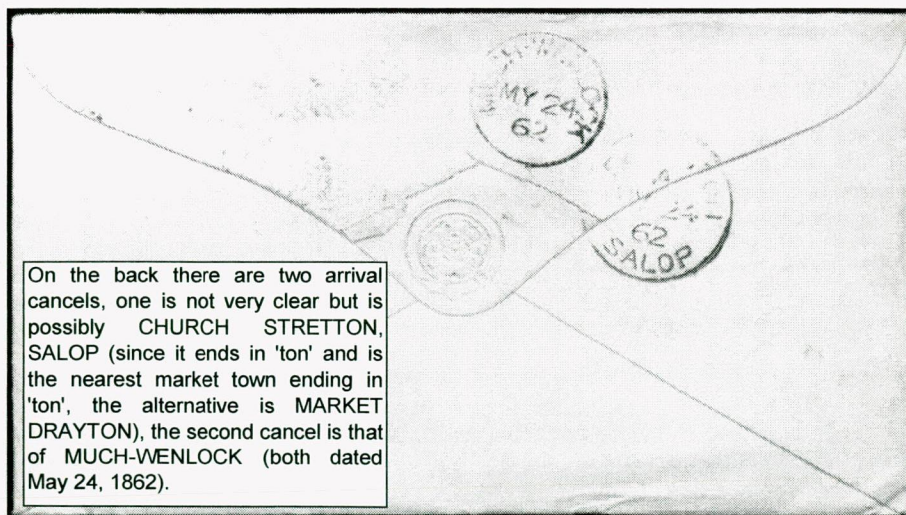
## 'COVER STORY' - PENNY BROOKES

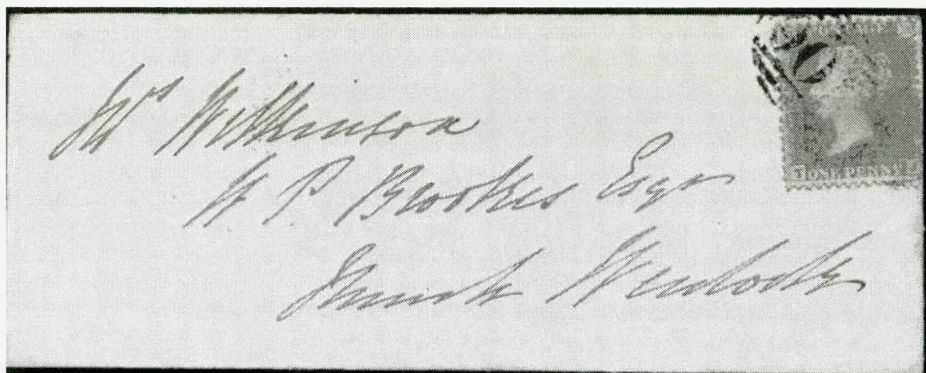
Mike Pagnamenos



On first sight this is a very ordinary penny red cover. The fact that it had been posted to Much Wenlock encouraged me to read the address more carefully. The name on the first line meant nothing to me. But the name on the second line made me smile.

On the front of this cover is a LONDON-NE X cds dated May 23, 1862.

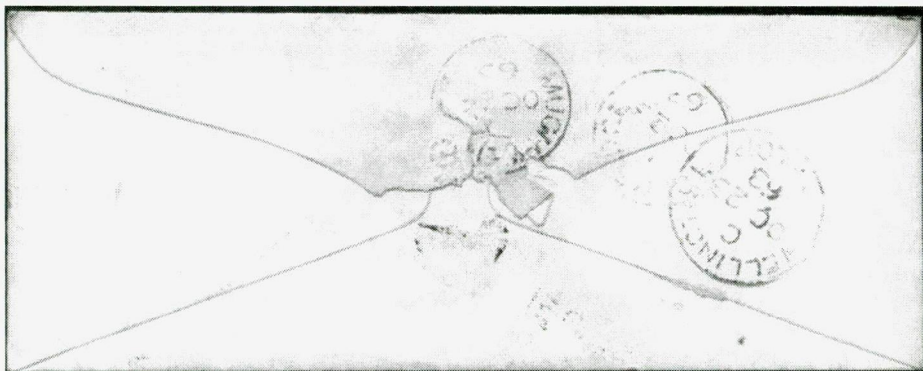




This second cover was posted to:

Mrs Wilkinson  
W.P. Brookes Esq.  
Much Wenlock

This cover was posted locally within Shropshire and bears three local postmarks on the back including: Wellington (23 October 1863), Ironbridge (23 October 1863) and Much Wenlock (24 October 1863). Unfortunately, the Much Wenlock postmark was placed near the original seal and was damaged when the envelope was opened. But the date and location is still readable.



Dr William Penny Brookes founded the Agricultural Reading Society (in 1841) which initiated "The Olympian Class" of that Society (in 1850) which was later separated (in 1860) and called the "Wenlock Olympian Society".

If you would like to know more about the history of the Wenlock Olympian Society then visit the website of the Wenlock Olympian Society at <http://www.wenlock-olympian-society.org.uk/> or the Museum at Much Wenlock. Their archives are beautifully presented. They have also published a booklet called "William Penny Brookes and the Olympic Connection" which is well worth reading.

Brookes was a relentless promoter of Olympic ideals and one of the human pillars that enabled the revival of the Olympic Games in modern times. I emphasise that Brookes was not the only person struggling to promote a revival of the Olympics but he was a key-player. Read "The Modern Olympics - A Struggle for Revival" by David C. Young (University of Florida, Gainesville) which is an essential reference on the history of the revival of the Modern Olympic Games. Dr Young documented the history from extensive research of archives which closely follow the works of Brookes, Zappas and Coubertin. In his book it shows how Brookes inspired Baron Pierre de Coubertin who later founded the International Olympic Committee. Brookes was also encouraged by the establishment of a National Olympic Games in Greece that was founded and funded by Evangelis Zappas.

"In Wenlock, Brookes anticipated the 1859 Athens Olympics by holding his local Olympics on July 27, 1859, several months before the Greek Games of November. The Greek revival had inspired Brookes to organize a far more ambitious, splendid, and Olympic festival than any of the previous Wenlock meetings. He expanded the program to include ... He imitated the Greek Games by adding a javelin throw event (at a target, like one 1859 Greek event) ...". [Reference 1] Anyway, if you want to know more about the modern Olympic history you need to go and borrow or buy some books. Let's get back to the cover. The name "Mrs Thos. Wilkinson" (or Mrs Thomas Wilkinson) is the married name of Anne Brookes, the sister of William Penny Brookes. [Reference 2]

Mr & Mrs Wilkinson resided for many years at Baschurch Station (probably the Station House). Thomas Wilkinson was an innkeeper. They had six children. [Reference 3]

I would very much like to hear, through correspondence to the Society of Olympic Collectors, about any other postally used items relating to William Penny Brookes. It certainly will make for some interesting reading.

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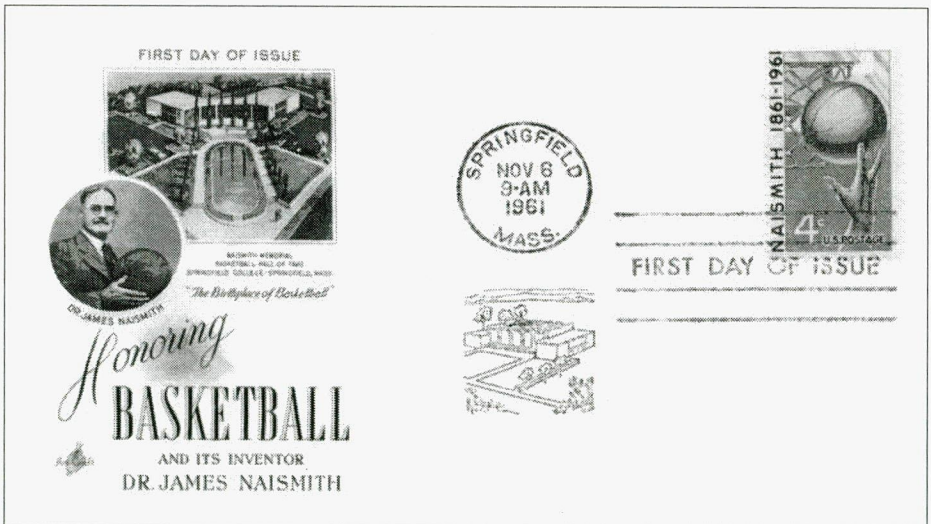
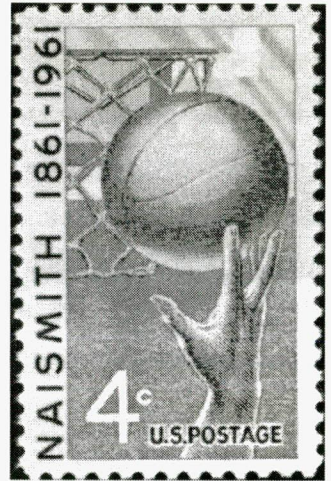
# OLYMPIC SPORTS - BASKETBALL

Materials provided from the collection of Vic Manikian.

The exhibit on which the article is based was prepared in the early 1970's. This should be considered when reading certain references in the text.

In Honor of Dr. James Naismith and the game of Basketball the United States issued a stamp in 1961 on the 100th anniversary of the doctors birth.

Scott 1189



First Day Cover issued in Springfield, Mass. The home of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

It was not until 1934 when the Philippines still under United States administration issued the first basketball stamp. Since that date some 200 perforated and imperforated stamps and 20 souvenir sheets have been issued by approximately 75 Nations.

### FIRST BASKETBALL STAMP

Issued in 1934 by the Philippines to commemorate the Tenth Far Eastern Championship Games.

Philippines  
Scott 382



### FIRST DAY BASKETBALL COVER

This hand stamped registered letter (registration on back) depicts the three stamps issued to commemorate the 10th Far Eastern Championship Games.



# BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

## *Naismith Memorial*

To honor those who had made the game of basketball competitive in 130 nations of the world the Basketball Hall of Fame was dedicated in 1961 on the campus of Springfield College, Springfield, Mass.



Stamps depicting basketball in some way range through the alphabet from Afars and Issas to Yemen Arab Republic

Yemen Arab Republic  
Gibbons 254



Afars and Issas Scott 316



## Men's Competition

College basketball while also highly competitive is the major training ground for the elite of the sport. The college player making a name for himself is watched carefully by the pros.

Such present day stars as Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, Elgin Baylor, Jerry West, and John Havlicek to name a few from the college ranks have made outstanding contributions to the professional game.



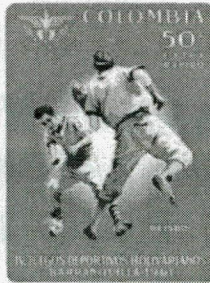
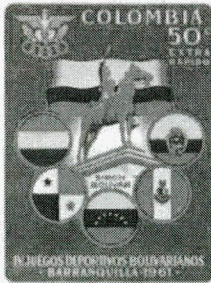
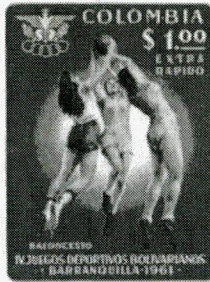
## International College Championships



Hungary  
Scott 1702

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IV JUEGOS DEPORTIVOS BOLIVARIANOS  
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**A Women's Game**

The First Souvenir Sheet  
Depicting Women's  
Basketball Issued 16th.  
December, 1961.

4th Bolivian Games  
(Imperforated).

Colombia Scott C419

Second Stamp honoring  
women's basketball.  
2nd International Youth  
Games

Poland Scott 702



Issued for 6th South American Women's  
Basketball championships.

Ecuador Scott C308 - C309.



**OLYMPIC STAMPS**

**17th Olympic Games, Rome - 1960**

San Marino issued a souvenir sheet and a set of stamps to honor the Olympics. The same basketball stamp design in different colours was used for the set and the souvenir sheet. The stamp from the set appears on a first day cover below.

*Scott 465a*



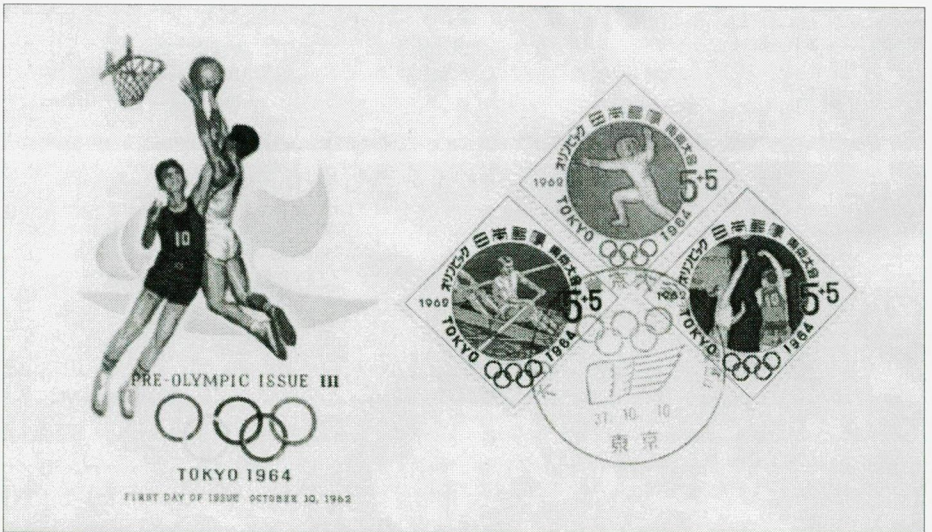
*Scott C111*

**OLYMPIC FIRST DAY COVERS**

17th. Olympic Games, Rome. Maldive Islands - Scott 47, 48, 49.



18th. Olympic Games, Tokyo. Japan - Scott B19.



OLYMPIC STAMPS

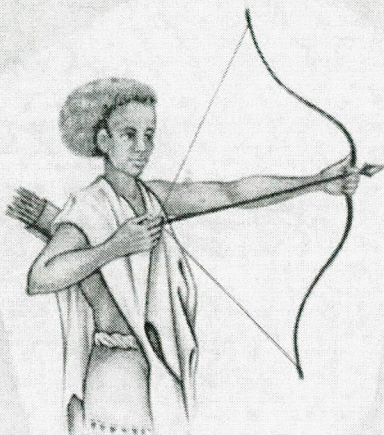
19th Olympic Games, Mexico city - 1968.  
Somalia, Scott 339a.

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**THIRD PANAMERICAN GAMES 1959**

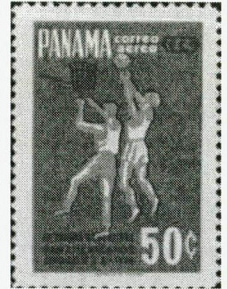
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Argentina - Scott B20,

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**WORLD-WIDE GAMES**

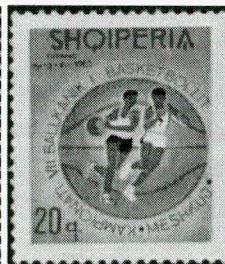
There are many world wide basketball championships or games. Except for the Olympics few countries as a group have specifically honoured basketball. A few tournaments for which sets of more than one stamp has been issued are shown on the following pages. Usually the host nation issued the only stamp or stamps.



**ABIDJAN GAMES - 1961**

Ivory Coast - Scott 194, Niger - Scott

110, Middle Congo - Scott C7.



**SEVENTH BALKAN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Albania, Scott 892 - 896.

Further games for which more than one or a set of stamps were issued to commemorate a tournament are shown below:

### FIRST AFRICAN GAMES - 1956

Gabon - Scott C35



Congo - Scott 528



Scott 531



### THIRTEENTH EUROPEAN MENS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Poland

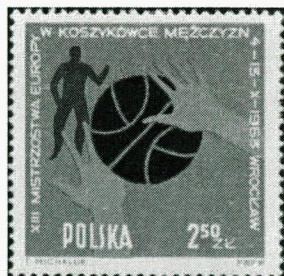
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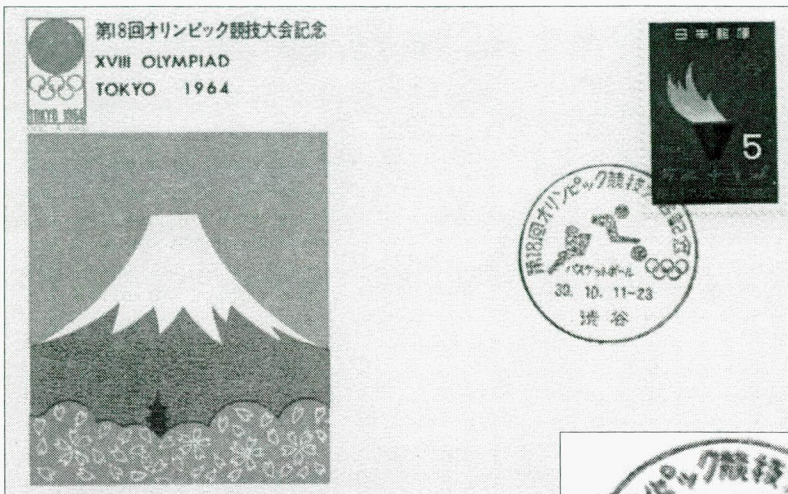
## WHEELCHAIR OLYMPICS



The International Stoke-Manderville Games held in Tel Aviv, Israel in 1968 provided competition in many sports for paralysed people from all over the world. Basketball in wheelchairs was one such sport with competition for both men and women. The United States teams have done well in the past however in 1968 Israel defeated the United States mens team in the finals. The womens team finished third. Rochester, New York was honored by having a Rochesterian Jo Ann Keyser, on the womens basketball team. In honour of the Games Israel issued a single stamp in 1968.



Photo – Courtesy of the National Wheelchair Athletic Association



### POSTMARKS

to commemorate the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo Japan used a series of 20 postmarks depicting various sports. One postmark illustrated on post card (821) and envelope (822) were used to publicise basketball. These games pictograms were not only used as postal markings but in many publications and signs as well.

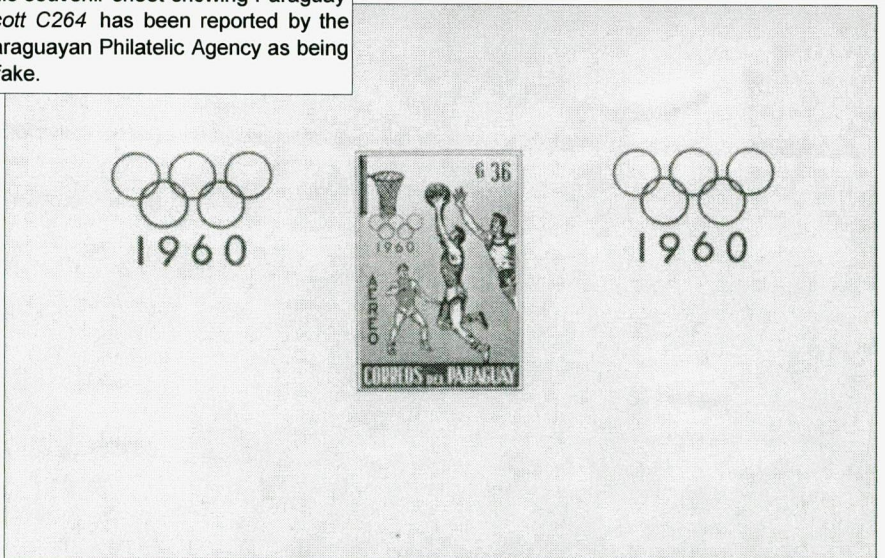


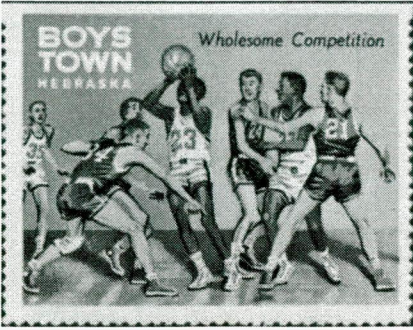
OLYMPIC FIRST DAY COVER 1968 OLYMPICS - POLAND, Scott 1596



ODDITIES - "SPURIOUS"

This souvenir sheet showing Paraguay Scott C264 has been reported by the Paraguayan Philatelic Agency as being a fake.





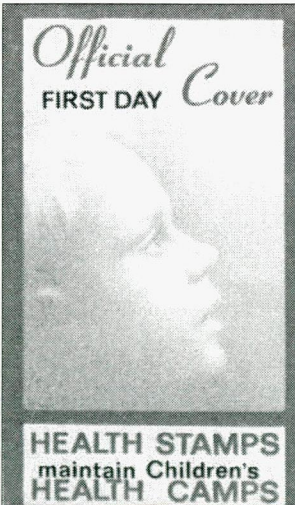
## CHRISTMAS SEAL

Boys Town, a home for boys depicts basketball as a competitive sport on one of its Christmas Seals. Boys town competes in sports at a high school level. This seal is the nearest thing to postal recognition of basketball since the Dr. Naismith stamp. It was quite odd that the United States had not issued action stamps on this and the many other nationally recognized sports by this time.

## GAME VARIATIONS

On August 5th, 1970, New Zealand issued a set of health stamps. One of the stamps is illustrated. This stamp does not depict basketball in its true sense but shows a variation of the game. This particular variation eliminates the backboard and is usually called netball or poleball. Netball is a competitive sport in the Commonwealth Games.

Some other variations require the game be played under conventional rules but on roller or ice skates or donkeys. A floating basket lacking a backboard, another variation of basketball, is used to play the game in many swimming pools.







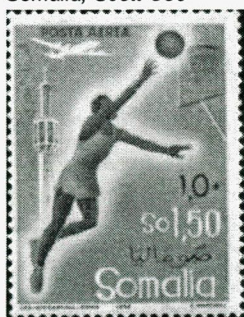
#### IMPERFORATES SOUVENIR SHEET

Several imperforated sheets will be found throughout this article. Russia in 1963 issued souvenir sheet *Scott 2763a* to commemorate the 3rd Spartacist Games. Also shown is a single imperforated stamp *Russia Scott 2762* issued to commemorate the same games note there is a variation in colour between the two similar stamps.

#### DEFINITIVES & SEMI - POSTALS

Regular and Semi - Postal issues of basketball stamps are few. The two together make up about 10 percent of the basketball stamps issued. Other Semi-Postal or "charity" stamps are shown with the olympic stamps.

*Somalia, Scott C56*



*Spanish Guinea, Scott 351, 355.*



*Reunion, Scott 318*

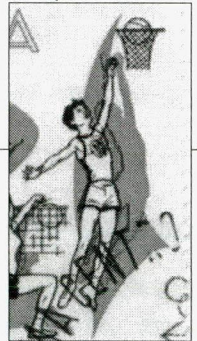
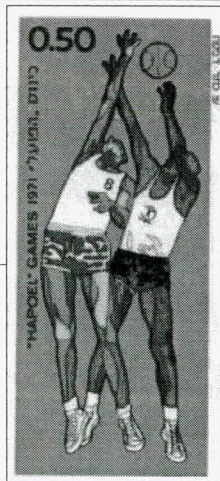


*Japan,  
Scott  
B19*



Illustrated are two sets of sports stamps issued by Italy and Israel in 1971. Both include basketball designs.

The First Day Covers commemorate the related events.



"HAPOEL" GAMES 1971 - תשל"א - הפועל תל אביב - ה-9

## 1908 OLYMPIC POSTCARDS - OR NOT?

Bob Wilcock

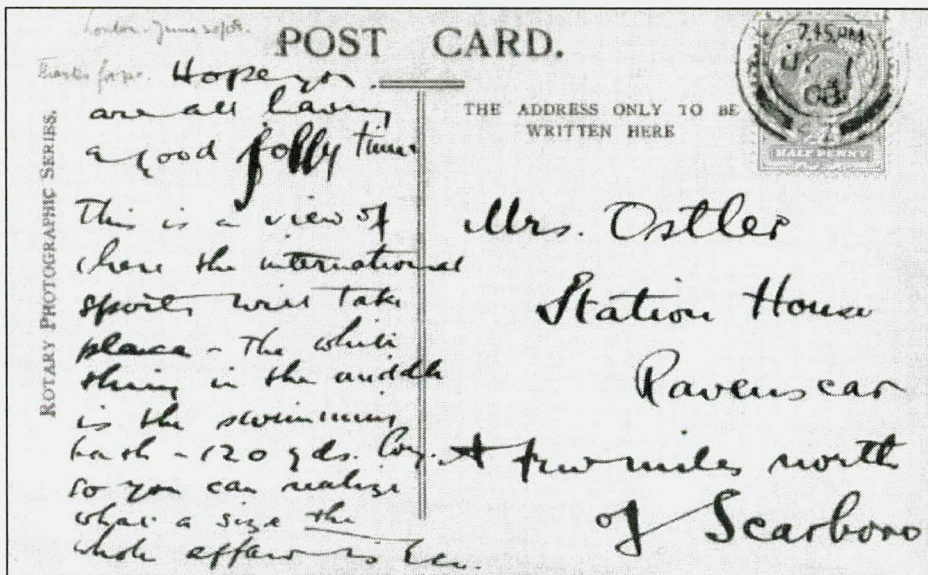
Most collectors will be familiar with this card. There are events going on in the stadium, but are they Olympic events?



The card exists in numerous versions, only two or three of which actually say "The Great Stadium – Olympic Games 1908", but is it during the Olympic Games? It is clear from the card itself, if you look closely, that it is not. The small crowd is no give-away because attendances in the first week of the Games were so poor that the price of many tickets for the second week were halved. It is the roof that is the clearest indication. If you look at the Imperial International card below you can see that the roof opposite the swimming tank (and Royal Box) has smart edging panels. (The central panel says "EDWARD VII – REX IMPERATOR", does anyone know what the other two said?) These panels were not in place when the photo was taken. Other copies of the view show more unfinished works in the foreground.



That the photo was taken before the Games is confirmed by a card posted 1 July, 12 days before the Games started:



The message reads ".... This is a view of where the international sports will take place - The white thing in the middle is the swimming tank - 120 yds. long, so you can realise what a size the whole affair is."

So if it was not taken during the Games, when was the photo taken? The obvious occasion is the Official Opening of the Stadium by King Edward VII and President Fallières on 26 May. However contemporary reports make it clear the weather was fine and dry on 26 May. The June 1908 issue of Polytechnic Magazine, published by the Regent Street Polytechnic Harriers, organisers of the event says "The pièce de resistance was the athletic pageant and procession of over 1,000 athletes, and those who figured in it had a much more enjoyable experience than a fortnight ago, when the rain fell pitilessly and ceaselessly." It is clear on some printings of the postcard that the cycle track is gleaming wet, so what was the event a fortnight previously? It was the Official Opening of the Franco-British Exhibition on 14 May by the Prince and Princess of Wales. The headline in the Daily Graphic was "Inaugural Ceremonies in Wretched Weather", and the report says that when the ceremonies moved to the stadium "rain was now falling harder than ever...." The unfinished works also support this date.

So it is now clear that the postcard is a view of the Opening Ceremonies of the Franco-British Exhibition. It may not show the Olympic Games, but it is still a worthy card for an Olympic collection.

Another postcard shows the Polytechnic Harriers procession during that Opening Ceremony, and there is no doubt it is raining! By contrast a photo in the Polytechnic Magazine of June 1908 shows the equivalent procession on 26 May, with not a raindrop in sight.

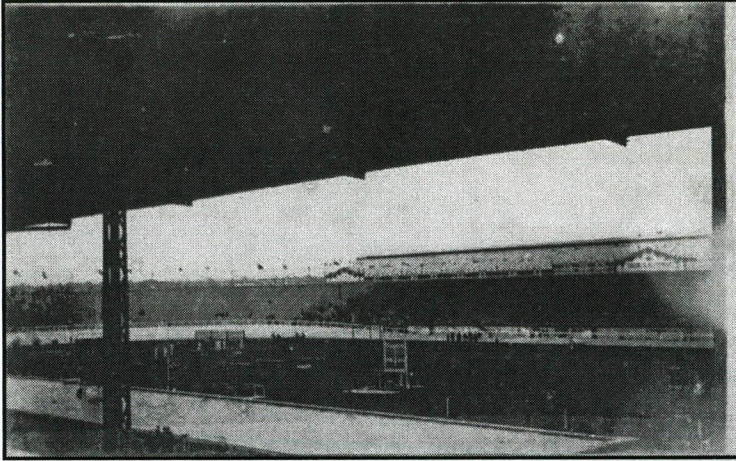


The card was published by Messrs Park & Barratt, Photographers, 89 Fleet St. London, probably for the Regent Street Polytechnic. The Polytechnic Magazine for June 1908 doesn't mention cards for the Opening Ceremony sports events, but does mention that "a very interesting series of postcards portraying the events at the stadium during the visit of King and French President are now on sale at the Bookstall and are well worth getting as a souvenir of this important event in Poly history." Does any reader have a copy of any of these cards? The author has never knowingly seen any, and the above card is the only one known from the Opening Ceremony. There must surely have been others.

The August issue of the magazine reports that "postcards of Olympic views by [Messrs Park & Barratt] may be obtained at the bookstall." Does any reader have a copy of any of these cards? In all my years of collecting I have never seen one. The only cards of events usually found are Scandinavian, or in the Health and Strength Olympic series of cards. The following postcard is British, but has no publisher's name on the back. It is a poor view however, and may well have been taken by a member of the public from the stand.

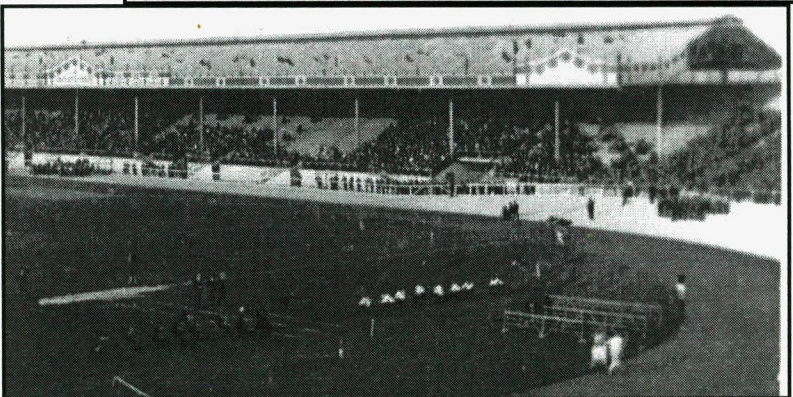
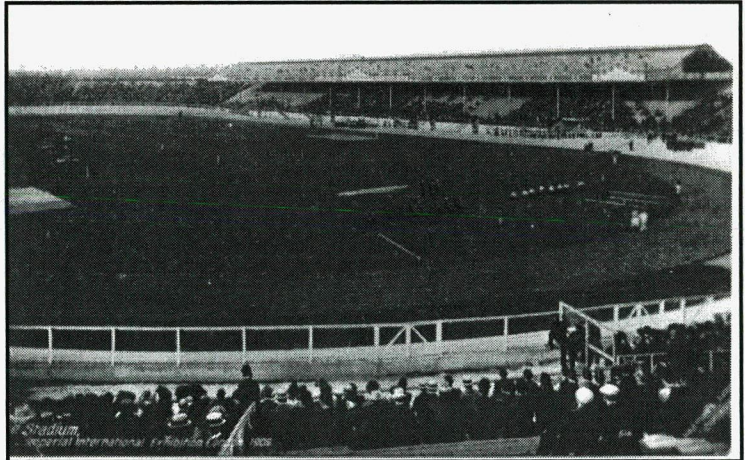
The last card is from the 1909 Imperial International Exhibition at White City. It shows the tug of war in progress, and runners on the track. The stadium roof panels are in place, and flags are flying, but is the photo of the Olympic tug of war, or of a subsequent event in 1908 or 1909? **Does any reader know?**

More cards will be examined in future issues of Torch Bearer. In addition we shall be publishing shortly the true explanation for the famous marathon distance of 26 miles 385 yards. Some say the start was altered for the benefit of the royal grandchildren, some the finish altered so that the race ended before the Royal Box. There is another explanation, rarely reported. Which of these explanations is right, if any? Find out in Torch Bearer later this year!!



*A postcard view from the stands. There are 3 cyclists on the track at the far left. Is this an Olympic view?*

*The caption says "The Stadium, Imperial international Exhibition London 1909" The tug of war, and runners on the track are more clearly seen in the partial enlargement. Is this an Olympic view?*



## CANADA POST ISSUE FOR THE XXI OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

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On July 11, 2003 just nine days after Canada was chosen as the host country for the XXI Olympic Winter Games, Canada Post issued a new overprinted definitive stamp to celebrate the selection of Vancouver, British Columbia as host city for the year 2010.

The Games will be held in Vancouver in Canada's southwest corner, and at the world famous Whistler ski resort 70 miles north of Vancouver. To ensure that its new celebration stamp would be available in a timely fashion, Canada Post overprinted 'Vancouver 2010' in red on its current 48c. definitive flag stamp.

Both the original issue of the definitive stamp and the overprinted version are available only in booklet format. A total of three million definitive flag stamps in booklets of 30 have been overprinted. Of the 100,000 booklets 60% were distributed in British Columbia, where the stamps were said to have been on sale on July 11 - the other 40% were distributed to outlets across Canada (with a proportion held for philatelic sales).

The term 'overprinted' has been used in this article because it reflects the way this issue has been reported. Overprinted stamps should actually refer to previously printed stamps that are sent through the printing press a second time to receive the overprint (additional text or design). In this case the inscription was added directly to the printing plate and the red text formed part of the printing of the new stamps.

Purists, therefore, may debate the validity of the term 'overprint' for this stamp, and favour reference to an amended design. However, if one looks at the stamp carefully, it certainly looks like an overprint since no part of the original design was removed to accommodate the additional inscription. The same red text was added three times to the 30 stamp booklet cover. The 30 stamp booklet is scored vertically so that it can be separated into three booklets of 10 stamps for counter sales.

As these are definitive stamps they could be reprinted should stocks of the flag booklets be exhausted before a new flag definitive is issued. (A new 49c. is planned for the revised domestic rate that is to take effect in January 2004), however such a reprint for the 'Vancouver overprint' is unlikely.

It is unlikely because of a Canada Post memorandum that accompanied the booklets when they were distributed to post offices. The memo reads:

"Your outlet has been selected to receive an automatic allocation of the definitive flag stamps, available in a booklet of 10 or 30 stamps. The stamps and booklet cover are over-printed with "Vancouver 2010". This product is not available for reorder, as they are a limited quantity to commemorate the communities of Vancouver and Whistler being selected to host the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympic Games".

No official Canada Post first day cover was prepared for July 11, however some privately prepared FDC's were processed.



Far left:  
48c. Flag definitive;

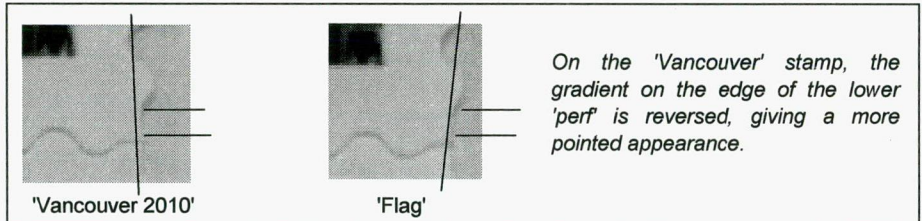
Left:  
'Vancouver 2010'  
overprint.

There are some differences between the regular definitive stamp and booklet and the 'Vancouver 2010' issue. The interesting differences are:

The colours of the stamp and booklet of both issues are the same except for the black printing which appears to be more of a grey-black than solid black on the 'Vancouver' stamp and booklet cover;

The adhesive that keeps the 'Vancouver' booklet closed is peelable and does not tear the booklet cover when a customer opens it - a major improvement for collectors;

There is also a difference in the wavy-line die-cut edges of the stamps, particularly visible in the cuts at the bottom two corners. The tips of the die-cuts are more pointed on the 'Vancouver' stamp than on the regular booklet definitive stamps.



On the 'Vancouver' stamp, the gradient on the edge of the lower 'perf' is reversed, giving a more pointed appearance.

Some criticism of this stamp may be expected, including that the design does not show either Vancouver or Whistler, or even that Canada Post is out to reap financial benefit. All this should not matter. The design is the current domestic rate definitive, and after all Canada Post was a strong supporter of the country's Olympic Winter Games bid. What really matters is that Canada Post did something, did it in a timely manner, and did it in a way that was financially responsible.

Canada Post, the fourth largest employer of Canada, was an early supporter of the Vancouver bid, and, we are told, will continue to be there for the long haul to 2010. Collectors can watch for more Vancouver stamps, but these will probably not appear until after the 2006 XX Olympic Winter Games take place in Turin, Italy. An unwritten rule prevents the issue of stamps by host countries until after the close of the previous Games.

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## **ATHENS 2004 - POSTCARDS (+OLYMPIA)**

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Bob Farley

In late October 2003, the opportunity for a short break in Greece to visit Athens and Olympia arose, which subject to finding accommodation offering either swimming pools or alternative activities for our wives allowed David Buxton and I the chance to go postcard hunting.

It was interesting to see an article in Picture Postcard Monthly shortly after our return that referred to the authors recent trip to Athens, and the absence of postcards commemorating the forthcoming Games. Our experience was rather different!

We landed in Athens on October 31st, and immediately sought out the Olympic Store at the airport. Postcards were certainly in evidence, but it became apparent very quickly that this trip could prove hard on the wallet. There were three types of postcards available at the store. Firstly 'sticker' postcards individually wrapped with a brochure at €2.80 each, secondly 'waterproof sticker' postcards individually wrapped with an envelope to allow mailing under cover (these cards have a car back with postcard layout of address lines and stamp space, but this is only attached to the front sticker sheet at one or two spots), also sold at €2.80 each, thirdly 'regular' postcards sold in packs of 12 different designs at €5.50 per pack.

Lacking any real knowledge of what was actually available, we selected copies of the different designs and then spent a rather bemused 10 minutes or so paying for the cards because the cash tills all rely on scanned bar-codes to determine price (and maintain stock records). A high proportion of the 'sticker' cards had to be unwrapped to expose the bar-codes on their backs and then resealed.

Two other facts became apparent as we relaxed over a coffee before collecting our hire car. The sticker cards at €2.80 were significantly more expensive than similar cards purchased in the summer months by David's daughter on one of the Greek islands and the packs of 12 cards had increased from €4.50 to €5.50 per pack between August and October (I had purchased three such packs on ebay), which came as a surprise because the price is printed on the back of the packs. A 25% increase looks difficult to justify as inflation!

All cards available at this Olympic Store were published by TOUBIS S. A. the Official Licensee for postcards, and incorporate official Olympic devices of the Organising Committee in their designs.

We collected our car, drove into central Athens, and by navigating a series of ever decreasing circuits, eventually arrived at our hotel. Brenda and I stayed at the same hotel in 1995, and I had thought that I could find my way down the one-way streets, but history repeated itself - we approached from three different directions only to meet a no-entry sign with the hotel in sight. When I eventually arrived in front of the hotel (by a legal route), David went to enquire about access to the parking. The response "Turn right down the street marked no-entry immediately after the hotel and the car park entrance is 100m on the right", made us wonder if we should have saved perhaps an hour getting this far by ignoring signs earlier.

Our first day came to a successful close after visiting the shop in the hotel foyer for more postcard purchases and an excellent meal in the restaurant.

On Saturday 1st., after breakfast we headed into Athens on foot in very bright and warm weather. We meandered towards a Post Office, only to find very limited weekend service (no philatelic sales), then split into groups for sight-seeing (Brenda and Rennie), and postcard hunting (David and I), after around four hours of very successful hunting for Olympic related cards and a visit to the Zappeion and the Panhellenic Stadium we met with our wives for a lunch-time drink. It transpired that they had probably seen more outlets than us for postcards in the central shopping area which we had skirted all morning.

Armed with directions from Brenda and Rennie we headed into the the real shopping centre of Athens while they headed for the peripheral sites, arranging to meet back at the hotel.

All afternoon, we really were a bit like the proverbial 'kids in a candy store', official cards were available at a number of outlets plus two Olympic stores, unofficial 2004 cards turned up, and a number of other Olympic related designs were found - some at prices as low as €0.15 each.

When we eventually arrived back at the hotel, after refreshments, we took the opportunity to look through our purchases before dining. It is at this stage that the benefits of buying multiple copies of postcards for friends, from different outlets again proved its value.

By the time we sat down to dinner, we were aware of two recognisable printings of the 'sticker' cards, and confirmation of the existence of the €4.50 and €5.50 packs of regular cards.

One amusing unofficial series had been found, but we were surprised to note that other unofficial postcards were actually published by TOUBIS S. A., the Official Licensee.

#### Official 'waterproof sticker' postcards, published by TOUBIS S. A.

1816	Thessalonika Olympic City / Football
1823	Heraclion Olympic City / Football
1830	Greek Flag / Football
1847	Olympic Flag / Swimming
1854	Greek Flag / Basketball
1861	Athens 2004 / Weightlifting
1878	Athens 2004 / Sailing
1885	Mascots / Football
1892	Paralympics
1908	Olympic Flag / Athletics
2004	Greek Flag / Rhythmic Gymnastics
2011	Mascots / Tennis
2028	Wreath x 3
2035	Green my day
2042	Athens 2004 logo x 4

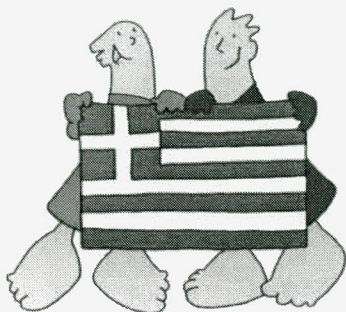
These cards are generally sold in a wrapper with an envelope.

The stickers and backing sheet are gummed to a true postcard back, but only by spots of adhesive which means that they would never survive the rigors of postal sorting and handling without either better attachment to the card backin or protecting in an envelope.

The sales display rack has 15 spaces, so it is assumed that this listing is the complete series.

'Waterproof sticker' postcards Top: Bar-code 002004; Bottom: Bar-code 002011.

Αυτοκόλλητη Κάρτα Self-adhesive Postcard  
Αδιάβροχη Waterproof



Ρυθμική  
Γυμναστική  
Rhythmic  
Gymnastics



ΑΘΗΝΑ 2004

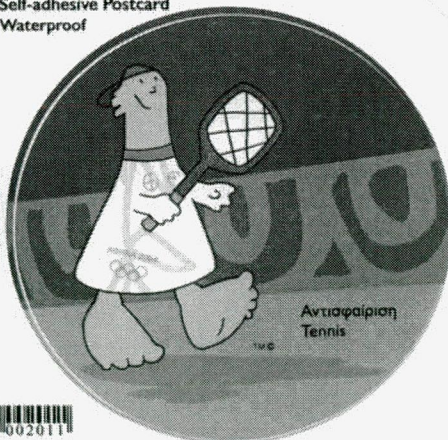


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Αυτοκόλλητη Κάρτα Self-adhesive Postcard  
Αδιάβροχη Waterproof



Ολυμπιάδα  
όλη η Ελλάδα



Αντισφαίριση  
Tennis



ATHENS 2004



Ολυμπιάδα όλη η Ελλάδα

**Official 'sticker' postcards, published by TOUBIS S. A.**

Column A = final digits of the bar-code.

Column B = postcard number (not visible when wrapped as sold).

A	B		I	II	III
796	5001	Football		✓	
802	5002	Diving	✓		✓
819	5003	Baseball	✓	✓	
826	5004	Handball	✓	✓	
833	5005	Judo	✓	✓	✓
840	5006	Beach Volleyball	✓	✓	✓
857	5007	Modern Pentathlon	✓	✓	
864	5008	Water Polo	✓	✓	✓
871	5009	Trampoline	✓	✓	
888	5010	Tennis		✓	✓
895	5011	Taekwondo	✓	✓	
901	5012	Table Tennis	✓	✓	
918	5013	Wrestling	✓		✓
925	5014	Weightlifting	✓	✓	✓
932	5015	Volleyball	✓	✓	✓
949	5016	Triathlon	✓	✓	
956	5017	Athletics		✓	✓
963	5018	Canoe/Kayak Flatwater		✓	
970	5019	Cycling			✓
987	5020	Synchronised Swimming	✓	✓	✓
994	5021	Softball	✓	✓	
1007	5022	Shooting	✓	✓	
1014	5023	Archery	✓	✓	✓
1021	5024	Rythmic Gymnastics	✓	✓	✓
1038	5025	Fencing	✓	✓	✓
1045	5026	Badminton	✓	✓	
1052	5027	Artistic Gymnastics	✓	✓	✓
1069	5028	Equestrian		✓	✓
1076	5029	Boxing	✓	✓	✓
1083	5030	Sailing		✓	✓
1090	5031	Swimming			✓
1106	5032	Rowing		✓	✓
1113	5033	Hockey	✓	✓	
1120	5034	Basketball			✓
1137	5035	Canoe/Kayak Slalom	✓	✓	
1144	5036	Mascots & Globe		✓	
1151	5037	Wreath (blue), Logo		✓	
1168	5038	Mascots [V]		✓	
1175	5039	Logo on blue background			✓
1182	5040	Mascots & Logo [H]			✓
1199	5041	Mascots / wreath / logo [H]		✓	
1212	5043	Mascots / wreath / Olympic City	✓	✓	

ΑΥΤΟΚΟΛΛΗΤΗ ΚΑΡΤΑ SELF-ADHESIVE POSTCARD

Τοξοβολία  
Archery

*Left - Type I heading  
without bar-code.*

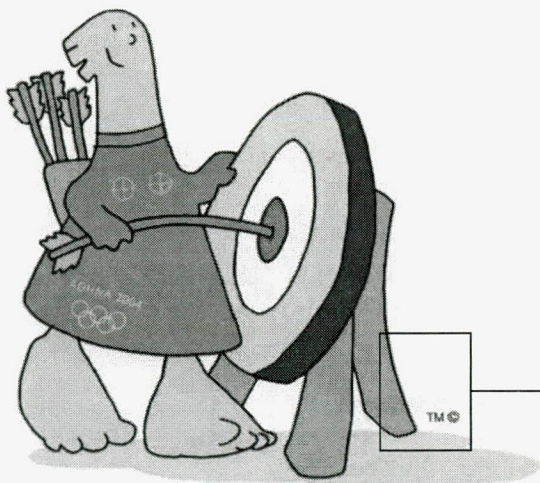
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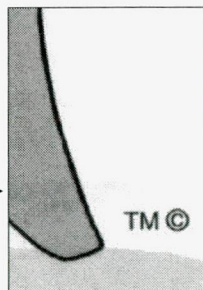
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Τοξοβολία  
Archery



*Above - Type II & III  
heading with bar-code.*



13-29 Αυγούστου 2004

Αγώνες του 28ου Ολυμπιακού, ΑΘΗΝΑ 2004

13-29 Aout 2004

Jeux de la XXXI<sup>e</sup> Olympiade, ATHÈNES 2004

13-29 August 2004

Games of The XXXI<sup>st</sup> Olympiad, ATHENS 2004

*Top detail - Type II  
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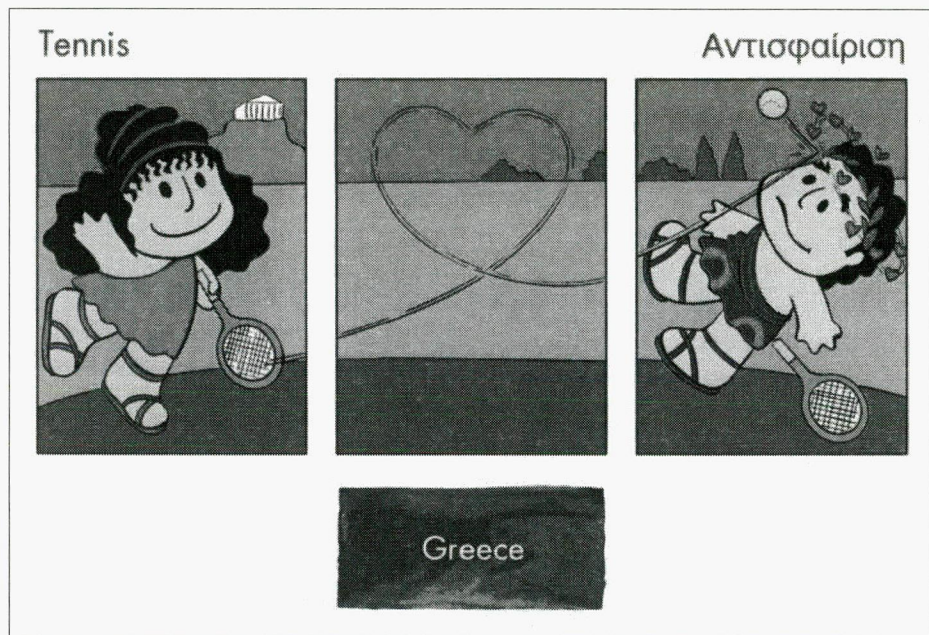
Phévos

*Lower detail - Type III  
with TM ©.*

Sticker postcard 5023 Archery - Type III.

Note that the text 'Archery' has moved from the left (Types I & II) to the right (Type III). This only occurs on a few designs.

Unofficial postcards, published by RESERVA.



This is an interesting set of unofficial cards for a number of reasons:

- It is on sale at one of the Official Olympic Stores;
- The banner on the sdales rack reads 'Games in Greece';
- The 'Greece' panel at the base of each card design has a blue background in very similar style to the Athens 2004 Official Logo.

All cards in the set are similar in layout - three panels of a cartoon (almost the ancient Greek equivalent of the 'love is' characters), in which the two characters are depicted participating in an Olympic sport.

These cards will prove popular with visitors to the Games and tourists because they are retailed as individual designs at prices in the region of €0.50 - €0.60 wheras the only official cards generally offered individually are the 'sticker' type at €2.80 each.

Designs of the RESERVA 'GAMES IN GREECE' postcards.

1	Tennis
2	Rowing
3	Fencing
4	Beach volleyball
5	Weightlifting
6	Swimming

7	Diving
8	Archery
9	Boxing
10	Football
11	Trampoline
12	Basketball

13	Artistic Gymnastics
14	Shooting
15	Rhythmic Gymnastics
16	Judo
17	Wrestling
18	Synchronised Swimming

On Sunday 2nd. We left Athens and headed for Olympia. A pleasant drive in record November temperatures, with just one refreshment stop enroute although we were disappointed to find that the new crossing of the Corinth canal did not offer any opportunity to park.

We arrived at our hotel in Olympia mid-afternoon, and after surveying our new surroundings, David and I could not resist the draw of the Main Street where we had seen the shops open as we arrived. The wives decided to relax beside the pool.

It transpired that our decision to visit the shops on Sunday afternoon was very wise. We bought single copies of most cards that we saw (to be able to prepare a list for purchasing for others on Monday). The 'stars' of these purchases being two Mexico '68 Torch Relay cards, which had been commissioned by a shop owner because his brother was one of the runners. With the purchase of these cards we received a verbal biography of all those pictured, which actually persuaded us to buy further copies. We were also pleased to find cards for lighting ceremonies, amongst which the Sydney 2000 Torch could be easily identified. Many lighting ceremony cards are available in Olympia, but these have featured Tokyo '64, Mexico '68 and Moscow '80 - most other Olympiads have been difficult to conclusively identify.

Later back at the hotel (over dinner), we decided to take some cards back to the shop owner with the Mexico '68 link to try and obtain the autograph of his brother.

On Monday David Rennie and I set off before breakfast to visit the ancient site (it needs to be viewed in the dawn mist if possible - if only to avoid the coach parties). Later at breakfast, the heavens opened, so a further tour of the ancient site was forsaken and replaced with a tour of the shops. We were horror-struck to find that many of the shops open on Sunday were closed on Monday. There were still plenty of shops to visit - some offering the Official postcards, as well as the Olympic Museum, and the Post Office, so with the occasional break for coffees we spent a peaceful day adding to our collections.

Relaxing in the hotel lounge, gloating over our 'finds', a member of staff casually mentioned that due to 'a problem', the restaurant would not be open. Whilst we were extremely annoyed at the time, our experience at a 'suggested' small taverna some 10 kilometres away later in the evening actually turned out to be one of the memorable experiences of the trip - the meal was excellent, very leisurely, and ridiculously cheap.

Tuesday saw us taking a final stroll in Olympia (shops were still shut), and then returning to Athens via 'the mountain route'. A scenic drive, followed by losing ourselves in the outskirts of Corinth and eventually finding the 'old road' to Athens allowing us to park and walk over the Corinth canal - despite the rain that was now falling. The final stage of the journey into Athens was reminiscent of our 1995 experiences - 2 hours for about 10 kilometres (which would have been 3 hours other than for a fortuitous 'wrong turn' that actually put us on a direct route to the hotel.

On Wednesday, we could not resist a visit into the centre to finally visit an open Post Office, and to try to complete sets of the official postcards.

Our experience of the Post Offices does not bode well for visitors in August.

The counters in the Post Offices offer designated services, so it was a pleasant surprise to see clear multi-lingual signage, and no queue at the counter marked 'Philatelic Sales'. After making a request for maxi-cards and mint stamps of the current Olympic issue, the sales clerk went into conference with her neighbour, and we were directed to a counter in the corner with wall display cabinets behind. Apparently this 'special' counter was to handle all 'Olympic Sales'. Undeterred (there was only one customer at the Olympic counter), we patiently stood in line. After what seemed like an eternity, the existing customer had selected two pins from what appeared to be the several hundred that he had viewed, and handled (carefully checking their backs for signs of authenticity), and we were about to be served.

Our requests were made, and maxi-cards for the current issue appeared. Stamps proved more difficult. The choice was limited to presentation packs or albums, all at a premium over face value. In trying to explain that I wished to purchase stamps for preparing covers during the Games, our sales clerk headed for the other sales counters to find a more fluent speaker of English. Once our requests were fully understood, our interpreter went to the regular counters and then returned to announce that there were no stocks of Olympic stamps at any counter, adding that she could not recall them being sold at the counters other than on the first day of sale - although there were plenty of earlier commemorative issues. Our only option would be to purchase presentation packs. Sadly, this experience was repeated at other Post Offices. Perhaps this explains the offerings on ebay of Greek Olympic Issues at starting prices that convert at around \$4 to €1 of face value the day after issue!

Our postcard experience negated our frustration at the Post Offices. We arrived at an Olympic store just after opening and had the shop to ourselves. We selected a number of cards carefully completing the quantities for friends, but found that we still had numerous gaps. The assistant had watched our careful selection, and queried the varying numbers of each design. On showing our list, she surprised us by opening the stock-cupboard and helping us to fill many of the gaps. This led to the discovery of a number of new packs of 12 'Images of' cards, and really cheered us up. We seemed virtually complete except for one pack. Our helpful assistant was not going to give up easily - she tried to telephone the Olympic store at the airport to reserve our requirements for us to collect on departure. She also explained that there were actually two stores at the airport before and after the security control.

We left Athens, very pleased with our purchases and headed for Marathon (a detour enroute to the airport to satisfy David's second interest in battlefields). Leaving proved almost as torturous as arriving on Sunday, but we eventually found ourselves on the coast road amid some 20 kilometres of improvement works (mentally noting that Marathon did not look like a viable option for the Games). As we approached Marathon, we were pleasantly surprised to find the museum signed to our left before entering the urban area. Several kilometres later down country lanes we arrived at the museum to be greeted by locked gates and a 'under refurbishment' sign - end of pleasant surprise!

Later at the airport, we found only one copy of the elusive pack (sorry David), but we all left Athens feeling that we had enjoyed a relaxing (?) and enjoyable few days.

In Athens, the Metro had been superb, but we had doubts about other means of transport.



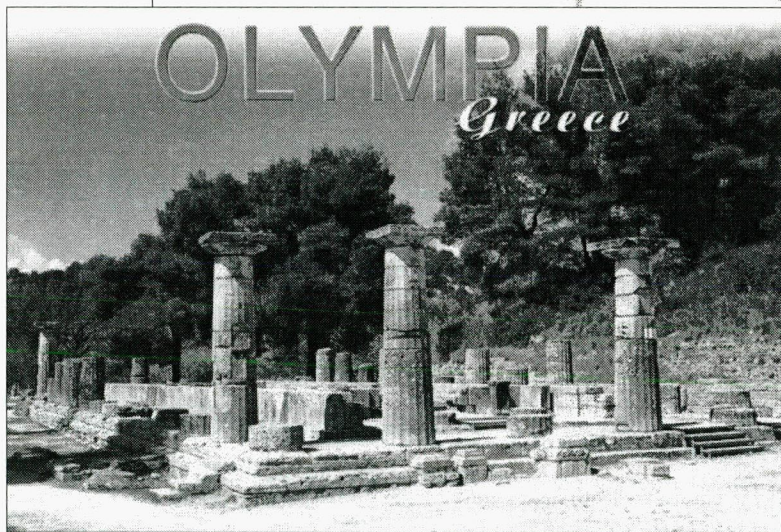
Two torch lighting ceremony cards.

**Top:** Mexico 1968, published by Adam Editions. Efstathios Achimastos, the brother of the shop owner is second from the right.

**Bottom:** Sydney 2000, published by TEXNH Editions, the torch (see detail at left) is easily identifiable.

'Finds' at  
Olympia  
Post  
Office.

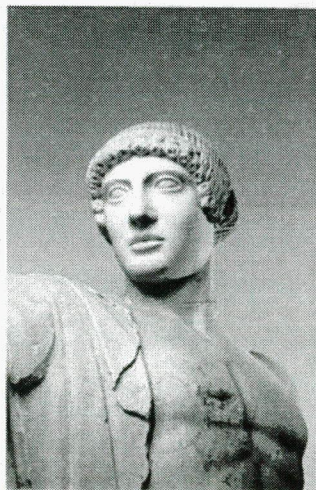
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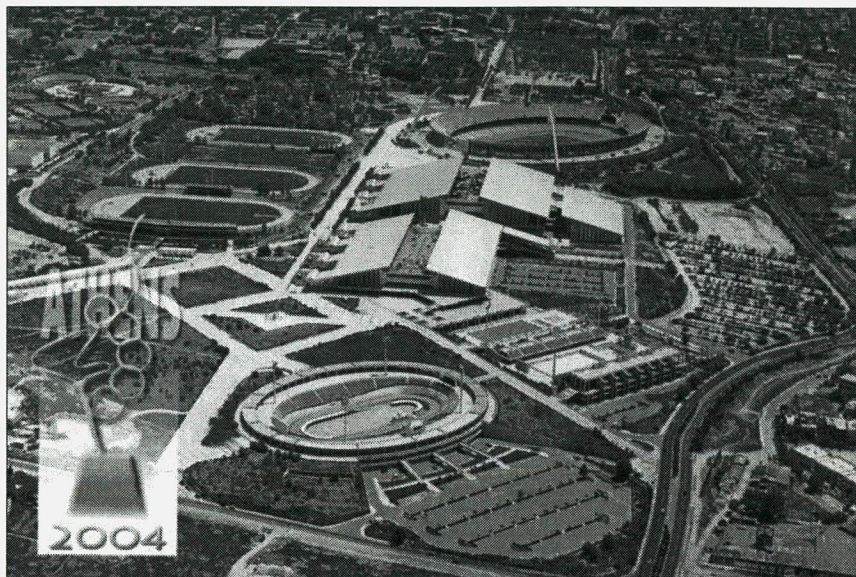
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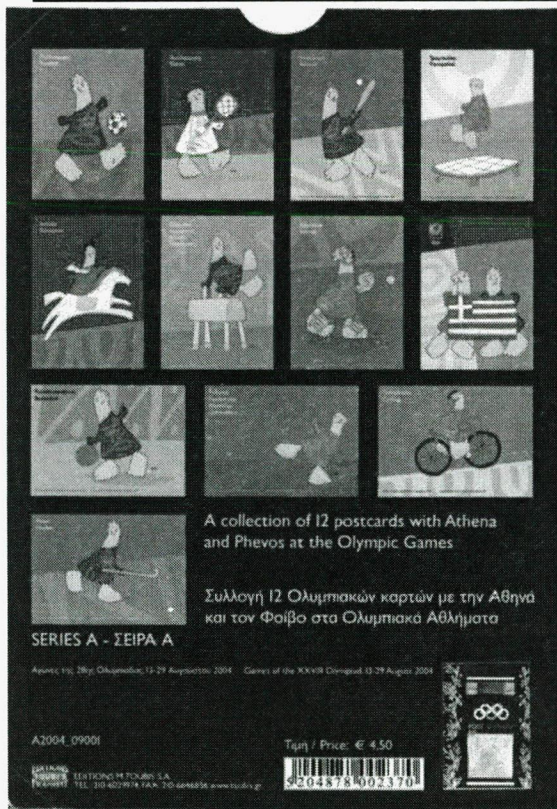
Two unofficial cards.

**Top:** The Olympic Stadium and complex, card no. 5385 published by Michalis Toubis.

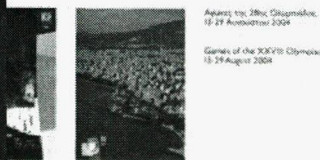
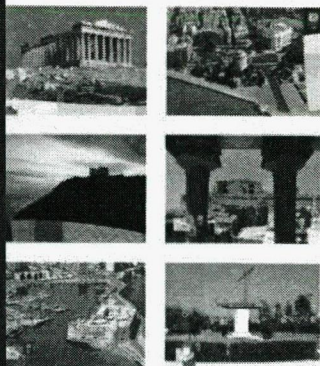
**Bottom:** 1896-2004, The spirit comes back, card no. E 60 published by Milihos.



Series A	Pack of 12 designs 'Athena and Phevos at the Olympic Games'.
Series B	Pack of 12 designs 'Athena and Phevos at the Olympic Games'.
Series C	Pack of 12 designs 'Athena and Phevos at the Olympic Games'.
Series D	Pack of 12 designs 'Images of Athens'.
Series E	Pack of 12 designs 'Images of the Olympic Cities'.
Series F	Pack of 12 designs 'Images of Olympia'.
Series G	Pack of 12 designs 'Images of Acropolis'.
Series H	Pack of 12 designs 'Images of Herakleio and Crete'.
Series I	Pack of 12 designs 'Images of Thessaloniki and Makedonia'.
Series J	Pack of 12 designs 'Images of Patra and Peloponissos'.



Back cover of Series A, €4.50 pack. Illustrations of the enclosed cards on a dark purple background (typical of the €4.50 printings). Series A, B and C exist in both pack types.



Authentic Olympic postcards

Back cover of Series E, €5.50 pack. Illustrations of the enclosed cards on a white background (typical of the €5.50 printings).

Συλλεκτική σειρά 12 Αuthentic Ολυμπιακών καρτ-ποστάλ  
Εικόνες Ολυμπιακών Πόλεων

A2004 09005 Price \ Τιμή: € 5.50  
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## HELLENIC POST - '2004' ISSUES and PROGRAMME

The issues planned for September and November 2003 appeared (although not all products were available outside Athens on the date of issue).

In addition, 'Official' release of 'P' stamps have also taken place with little or no warning.

January 2004 saw the release of two sets of stamps with associated products. The ELTA brochures containing the 2004 programme of issues was not however available until mid-February, and details for publication are awaited. The programme for 2004 does however include a further seven 'Athens 2004' issues, one 'Paralympic' issue, and provision for stamp(s) to honour Greek medallists. *{Full details should appear in May Torch Bearer}*.

The January 2004 issues raise some questions:

Can the issue of commemorative stamps with values of € 0.01, € 0.02, € 0.03 be justified?

These values appear to low to serve any real postal need - a simple first weight letter within Europe would require between 16 and 47 stamps!

Are these values required for 'make-up' between rates?

Again, for most rate differentials at least 3 stamps would need to be added.

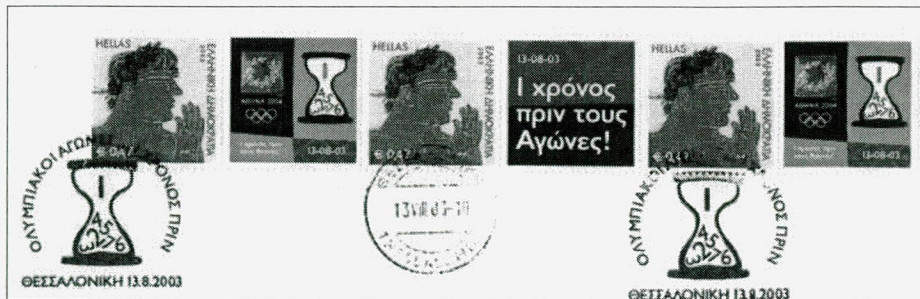
Considering the cost of colour printing, is the € 0.01 even viable at the time of sale?

If it is then used for franking can their really be any pretence that it is serving as a receipt for the provision of the delivery service?

It will be interesting to see how a clerk reacts to a cover mailed with all € 0.01 values in August!

As a result of these values, we have a range of 1:400 between lowest and highest value - can this really represent postal need?

'Illegal' issues or issues without approval have become very topical, and as collectors we all have to make our own decisions, but in many ways issues that do not fulfill any postal need regardless of their 'approved' status should receive similar comment. The fact that they are from a host nation, and appear as part of a set makes them far more difficult for the collector to 'avoid'.



€ 0.47 'P' stamp, officially issued by ELTA to commemorate '1 year countdown', issued on 13th. August, 2003. The sheet format is 3 x stamp and label horizontally, 5 rows vertically to produce an A4 sheet of 15 stamps and labels. Columns 1 and 3 have same label, column 2 has a different label.



Another ELTA issued 'P' stamp, promoting the Olympic City of Volos, issued in October 2003 in A4 sheets of 15 stamps with identical labels.

**Body and Mind** September 9th., 2003. (announced in Volume 20, page 32).

Issued as a set of five stamps and a sheetlet containing all five designs.

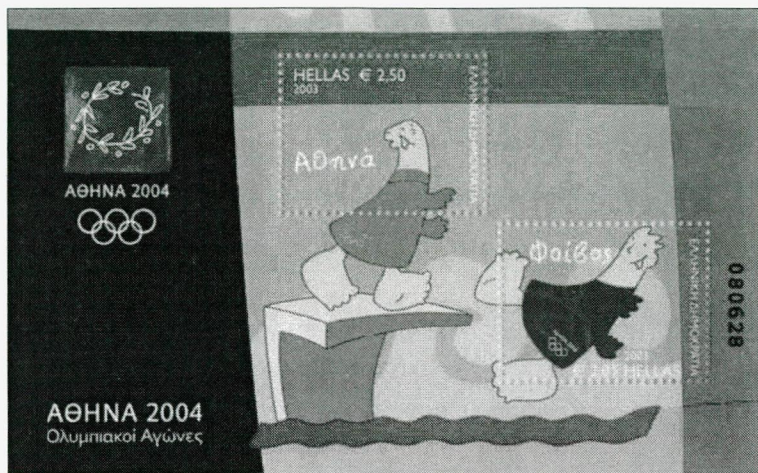
Values can be confirmed as:

€ 0.05 High jump;  
 € 0.47 Wrestling;  
 € 0.65 Running;  
 € 0.80 Cycling;  
 € 4.00 Sailboard.

5,000 sets of prepaid Maximum cards were issued, and the cancel to the face is impressed in gold foil.



**Mascots**, miniature sheet, September 9th., 2003. (announced in Volume 20, page 32).



Values confirmed as:  
 € 2.50 Athena on diving board;  
 € 2.85 Phebos diving.

Miniature sheets are individually numbered.

**Athletes in action** November 28th., 2003. (announced in Volume 20, page 33).



Issued as a set of six stamps and a sheetlet containing all six designs.

Values can be confirmed as:

€ 0.20 'Long jump';  
 € 0.30 'Javelin';  
 € 0.40 'Equestrian';  
 € 0.47 'Marathon';  
 € 2.85 'Discus'.

5,000 sets of prepaid Maximum cards were issued, and the cancel to the face is impressed in gold foil.

A number of distribution problems have been reported for the Athletes in action issue. Sheetlets, and maximum cards were not received by the date of issue at some provincial cities (including the 'Olympic venue' cities).



**Spiros Louis** was born in Maroussi in 1872. His performance at the Olympic Games in 1896 has created an unbreakable link between his name and the marathon event. In 1896, he was awarded his medal for the marathon - in 1936 at the Berlin Olympic Games he paraded at the head of the group of Greek athletes.



**Aristides Konstantinides** was one of the founding members of the Cycling Association of Athens. At the 1896 Olympic Games in Athens, he participated in the 'marathon' cycling event over 87 kilometres, winning the gold medal. Konstantinides is known as the first, and until now the last 'Golden Greek Olympic Champion of Cycling'.



**Ioannis Fokianos** was born in Athens in 1845. He was known as the 'Father of Gymnastics' through his role as a gymnastics instructor. In 1876 he took over the position of trainer in the '3 Class' College of Education in Thessaloniki and in 1879 he was appointed as Director of the Main Sport Centre of Athens, which was later named 'Fokianos' in recognition of his great contribution to sport.



**Ioannis Mitropoulos** was born in Athens in 1874. He was a student of Ioannis Chrisafis and a member of the National Gymnastics Association. He won the gold medal in the the 'rings' gymnastic event in 1896. Later he became a lawyer and an instructor in the Law School.



**Konstantinos Tsiklitis** was born in Pylos in 1872. He was an athlete of the National Gymnastics Association and a top jumper with many Pan-Hellenic and Olympic honours. In the 1908 Olympic Games of London, he received two silver medals and at the 1912 Olympic Games of Stockholm he secured a gold medal in long jump and a silver medal in high jump.

#### **Greek Olympic Champions 1896 - 1912.**

Issue date: 15th. January, 2004.

40 x 27 mm design size, in sheets of 25 stamps.

Design: Myrsini Vardopoulou;

Printing: Multicoloured offset and hot foil blocking;

- € 0.03 S. Louis
- € 0.10 A. Konstantinides
- € 2.00 I. Fokianos
- € 2.17 I. Mitropoulos
- € 3.60 K. Tsiklitis



The issue was accompanied by the following philatelic products:  
First Day Covers (45,000); Albums (5,000); Presentation Packs (5,000);  
Prepaid Maximum Cards (5,000 sets).



### Views of Olympic Cities.

Issue date: 15th. January, 2004.

40 x 27 mm design size, in sheets of 25 stamps, and -

Sheetlets of six stamps.

Design: T. Katsouldis;

Printing: Multicoloured offset.

€ 0.01 Volos.

€ 0.02 Patra.

€ 0.05 Iraklio Crete.

€ 0.47 Athens.

€ 1.40 Thessaloniki.

€ 4.00 Athens.

The issue was accompanied by the following philatelic products:

First Day Covers (50,000);

Set Albums (5,000);

Luxury set Albums (10,000);

Presentation Packs (5,000);

Prepaid Maximum Cards (5,000 sets).

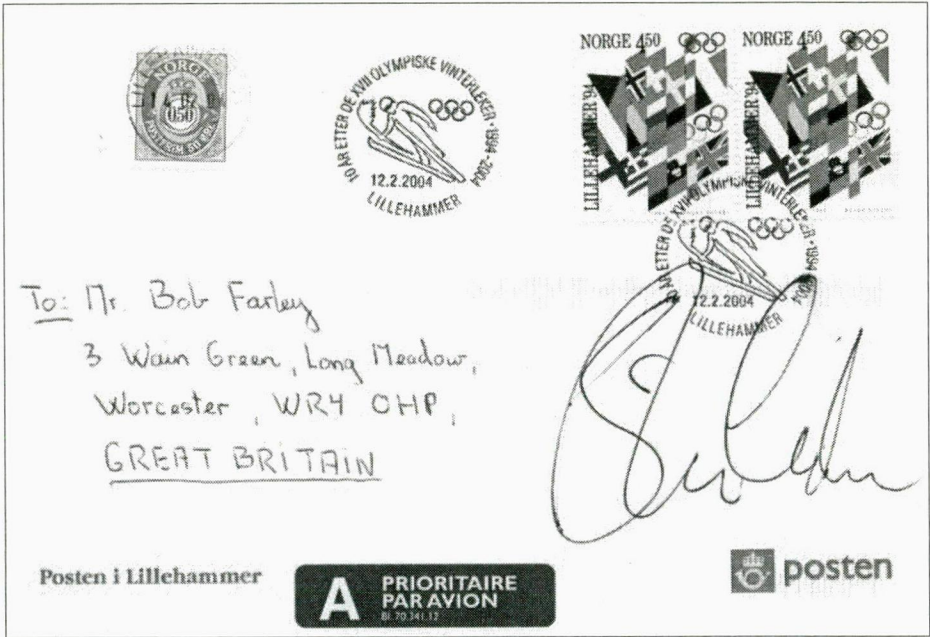
Individual maximum cards of Athens, Thessaloniki, Iraklio, Patra, and Volos will also be available in these cities (1,000 of each city).

Is the designer trying to place a subliminal message?

The designs are almost devoid of traffic - but the sheetlet border gives a more realistic impression!



# LILLEHAMMER - OPENING CEREMONY REMEMBERED



**Below:** Stein receives the torch for his historic jump.



This cover was received from Ragnvald Hansen, one of our Norwegian members.

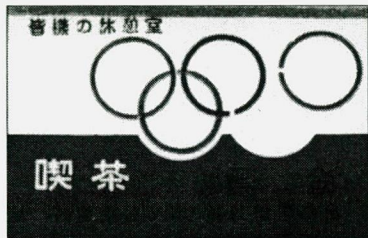


The cancellation shows a ski jumper with the Olympic Torch - a memorable moment from the Opening Ceremony of the 1994 Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer.

The cancel was used in Lillehammer on the 12, 13 and 14th of February, as part of the 10th. Anniversary celebrations.

Stein Gruben, the ski jumper in question, was available to autograph items - such as this cover, on the 12th.

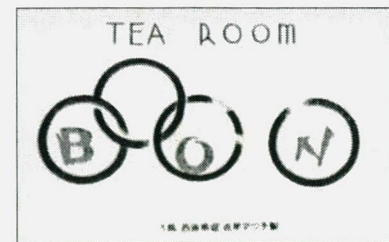
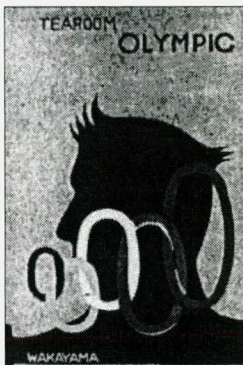
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Right:  
TEAROOM  
OLYMPIC  
WAKAYAMA

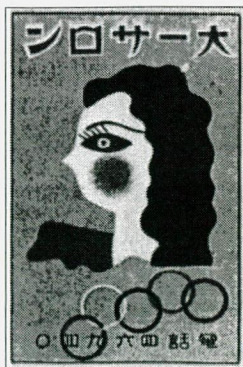


Left:  
REFRESHMENT  
TEA ROOM  
KIMURAYA  
ABE NO MATSUMUSHI  
BASU TEI MAE  
TEL TENGACYAYA 3795



Left:  
Tea Room  
Olympic  
nakamachi Otsu  
tel 158

Above:  
TEA ROOM  
B O N



David Bressler would welcome assistance with identifying the age and status of the illustrated labels, all appear to be approximately 35 x 55mm (suggesting matchbox labels). Where there is any English text, it is transcribed above.

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