

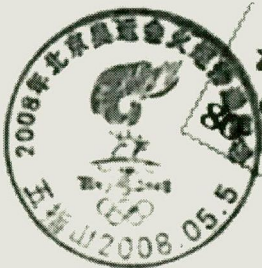


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2009 seems to be passing quickly (I am told this is a sign of growing older), and for me, it has not been the anticipated quiet spell between Olympic years.

Reports on visits to the Koln and Warsaw Fairs appear in this issue, and when you add the ongoing articles on Beijing, I think that you will all be able to see where my 'spare' time has been spent during the first half of the year.

Beijing is proving to be both interesting and challenging to collect and report. There are obvious difficulties - language (and particularly script - you cannot easily use a web translator if you cannot type the characters!), and geography (both distance from the U.K. and the vastness of China).

To balance the difficulties, there has been an opportunity to find correspondents and friends in China, initially through on-line auctions, then by meeting at the Collectors' Fair in 2007, at Olympex in 2008. A number of these meetings have resulted in ongoing correspondence, and assistance with the reports that are being published.

For a number of years reporting and knowledge of postal items and postcards for the celebrations of both the Winter and Summer Games have been based on the visits / exploits of Thomas Lippert, my wife Brenda and I, supplemented by local S.O.C. members or collectors, and for the Summer Games a small group of regular attendees at the Games - most notably our German colleagues.

Beijing is proving very different, as increasing reliance is placed on 'local' enthusiasts (local often being in excess of 1000km from Beijing). Of particular note are Ganxian Tang and Shaoqi Wu, who have both supplied material and information on a regular and ongoing basis.

A secondary problem arises as a result of my own interest in the complexity of 'sorting out' Beijing. It is so time consuming, that there is little chance to concentrate on other areas of interest, and preparing articles for you all to 'enjoy', becomes limited to adapting my own current research.

I am conscious of the fact that you may not all share my own interests, and would urge members to submit articles or items to help create the variety of content that Torch Bearer should provide. It is possible that we have some budding authors out there - please try your hand at preparing an article and sharing your knowledge or views with the membership.

Examples of simple short articles would be - sharing details of a favourite item, a visit to an Olympic venue, Museum or Exhibition, and with London 2012 approaching, attendance at events featuring potential Olympians.

It really is surprising how an article can really flow once you take that initial step and get started.

Any members visiting Vancouver for the Winter Games, who would like to meet, please email me, rfarleysoc@aol.com arrangements can be made.

## SARAJEVO 1984 - 25th Anniversary



Vluko the mascot of the Sarajevo 1984 Winter Olympic Games features on a 1.<sup>50</sup> stamp issued by Bosnia-Herzegovina to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Games.

The stamp was issued in a sheetlet of 8 stamps arranged around a central vignette that shows the Sarajevo '84 logo.

# ATLANTA 1996 - GAMES OF THE 26th or 27th OLYMPIAD?

Shaoqi Wu

An interesting error on postal stationery card 1996(BK)-0044 commemorating the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games - versions with '26' or '27' Olympiad. Copies seem to appear with both versions at the same modest price, so an interesting opportunity to add an error to collections.



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# French 2018 Winter Olympic Games Candidates

Information from Rene Christin

Expressions of interest to host the 2018 Winter Olympic Games were initially reported from five French cities, Annecy, Gap, Grenoble, Nice and Pelvoux. Gap withdrew in September 2008.

The French Olympic Committee (CNOSF) appeared reluctant to bid for a Winter Games, preferring to focus on a bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics.

However, on September 24, 2008, the Olympic Committee announced that it had considered the wishes of the remaining four cities and would support a bid in 2011. Annecy was elected as the official candidate city by the French NOC on March 18, 2009.

The host city for the 2018 Winter Olympics will be announced in July 2011 in Durban.



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**Nice 2018**  
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**Pelvoux Ecrins 2018**  
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*The logos of the defeated candidates.*

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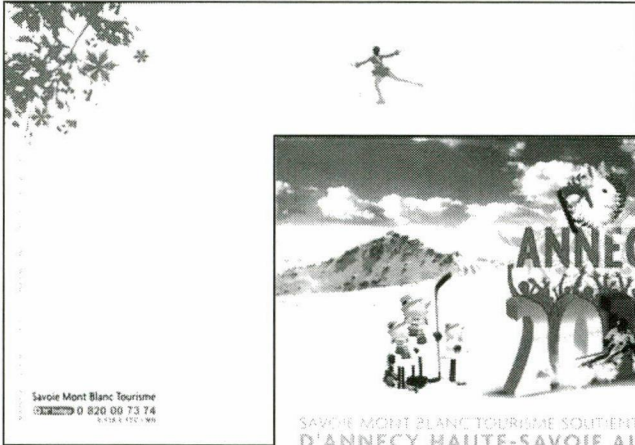
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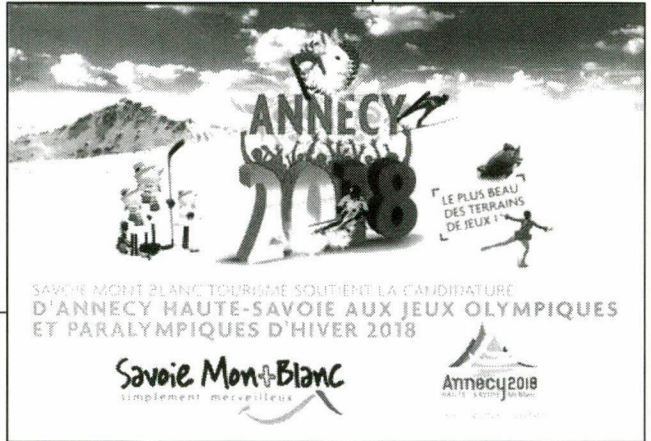
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Note that this postcard is actually a philatelic item as it is post-paid, and marked as valid for 20g, if mailed before 31/03/2009.

Second postcard for members of the public to declare their support for the candidacy of Grenoble.







The Logo of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay owes much of its inspiration to the traditional concept of "fire phoenix", and presents the image of two runners holding the Olympic Flame high.

Ancient Chinese legend has it that the phoenix is the king of all birds, and symbolizes good fortune, eternity, nobility and happiness.

The use of the phoenix image in the Torch Relay logo conveys the idea that the Torch Relay will send best wishes from the Beijing Olympic Games to people all over China and the rest of the world.

Lighting Ceremony:	◆	Olympia	24.03.2008
		<b>Relay through Greece</b>	
Day 1		Olympia Pirgos Ilida Patras Mesologi	24.03.2008
Day 2	●	Mesologi Agrinio Amfilochia Menidi Arta Ioannina	25.03.2008
Day 3	●	Ioannina Metsovo Grevena Kozani Veria	26.03.2008
Day 4	●	Veria Naoussa Skidra Edessa Giannitsa Ancient Pella Thessaloniki	27.03.2008
Day 5	●	Thessaloniki Dion Larisa Volos Lamia	28.03.2008
Day 6	●	Lamia Amfiarion Marathonas Rafina The Acropolis	29.03.2008
Day 7	●	The Acropolis	30.03.2008
Handing-over Ceremony:	◆	Panathenaikon Stadium	30.03.2008



The Beijing Olympic Torch boasts strong Chinese characteristics, and showcases Chinese design and technical capabilities. It embodies the concepts of a Green Olympics, a High-tech Olympics and the People's Olympics.

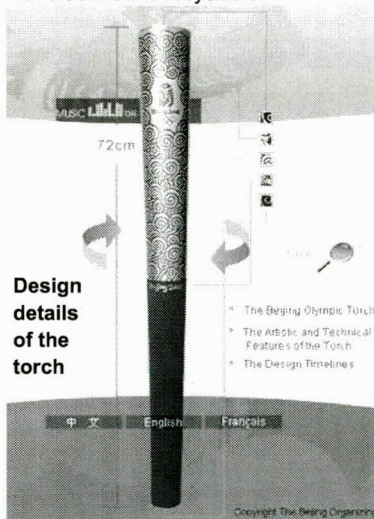
#### **The Key Facts about the Torch**

The torch is 72 centimetres high, weighs 985 grams and is made of aluminium. The torch is of a curved surface form, with etching and anodizing being used during its production. A torch can usually keep burning for approximately 15 minutes in conditions where the flame is 25 to 30 centimetres high in a windless environment. The torch has been produced to withstand winds of up to 65

#### **Global Relay**

31.03.2008	◆	Beijing
02.04.2008	●	Almaty, Kazakhstan
03.04.2008	●	Istanbul, Turkey
05.04.2008	●	St. Petersburg, Russia
06.04.2008	●	London, United Kingdom
07.04.2008	●	Paris, France
10.04.2008	●	San Francisco, U.S.A.
11.04.2008	●	Buenos Aires, Argentina
13.04.2008	●	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
14.04.2008	●	Muscat, Oman
16.04.2008	●	Islamabad, Pakistan
17.04.2008	●	New Delhi, India
19.04.2008	●	Bangkok, Thailand
21.04.2008	●	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
22.04.2008	●	Jakarta, Indonesia
24.04.2008	●	Canberra, Australia
26.04.2008	●	Nagano, Japan
27.04.2008	●	Seoul, South Korea
28.04.2008	●	Pyongyang, North Korea
29.04.2008	●	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
02.05.2008	●	Hong Kong
03.05.2008	●	Macao
	◆	

kilometres per hour and to stay alight in rain up to 50mm an hour. The flame can be identified and photographed in sunshine and areas of extreme brightness. The fuel is propane which is in accordance with environmental guidelines. The materials of its manufacture are recyclable.



### Design details of the torch

### The Artistic and Technical Features of the Torch

The torch of the Beijing Olympic Games has a very strong Chinese flavour. It demonstrates the artistic and technical level of China. It also conveys the message of a Green Olympics and the People's Olympics. The shape of the paper scroll and the lucky clouds graphic, expresses the idea of harmony. Its stable burning technique and adaptability to the environment have reached a new technical level. The torch of the Beijing Olympic Games is designed, researched and produced in China. BOCOG owns all intellectual property rights.

### Domestic Relay

<b>04-06.05.2008</b>	<b>Hainan Province</b>	
04.05.2008	Sanya	三亚
05.05.2008	Wuzhishan	五指山
05.05.2008	Wanning	万宁
06.05.2008	Haikou	海口
<b>07-10.05.2008</b>	<b>Guangdong Province</b>	
07.05.2008	Guangzhou	广州
08.05.2008	Shenzhen	深圳
"Shenzhen relay was delayed until noon, to leave the centre stage for the flame's ascent of Mount Qomolangma ( <i>Everest</i> ) in the morning ... .."		
09.05.2008	Huizhou	惠州
10.05.2008	Shantou	汕头
<b>11-13.05.2008</b>	<b>Fujian Province</b>	
11.05.2008	Fuzhou	福州
12.05.2008	Quanzhou	泉州
13.05.2008	Xiamen	厦门
13.05.2008	Longyan	龙岩
<b>14-16.05.2008</b>	<b>Jiangxi Province</b>	
14.05.2008	Ruijin	瑞金
15.05.2008	Jinggangshan	井冈山
16.05.2008	Nanchang	南昌
<b>17-19.05.2008</b>	<b>Zhejiang Province</b>	
17.05.2008	Wenzhou	温州
17.05.2008	Shaoxing	绍兴
18.05.2008	Hangzhou	杭州

## The Fuel for the Torch

Under the concept of a Green Olympics, environmental protection was a key element listed in the invitation documents to the design companies, by BOCOG. The fuel of the torch is propane, which is a common, economic fuel. It is composed of carbon and hydrogen. No material, except carbon dioxide and water remain after the burning, eliminating any risk of pollution.

## The Burning System

Its stable burning technique and adaptability to the environment have reached a new technical level. It can stay alight in severe weather conditions such as strong wind, rain, snow, hail, etc. The flame can also be identified in sunshine and areas of extreme brightness so as to satisfy the requirements of capturing photographic images and video footage.

## The Design Timelines

2005 August: BOCOG developed the design concepts and requirements of the torch.

2005 December: BOCOG solicited potential torch designs from the design community. In total, BOCOG received 388 submissions.

2006 June-August: BOCOG selected the structural designer, and the designer of the combustion system.

2007 January: Beijing Olympic Torch design was approved by the IOC.

*The torch relay was suspended for three days in recognition of the days of national mourning for victims of the earthquake in Sichuan province.*

*Numerous cachets were added to postal items to explain the change of date for the subsequent legs of the torch relay.*

*Substantial sums were collected from the spectators at torch relay celebrations to assist those affected by the earthquake.*

*The route was rescheduled as a result of the suspension original dates shown (dd.mm).*

<b>17-22.05.2008</b>	<b>Zhejiang Province</b>
22.05.2008	Ningbo 宁波 (19.05)
22.05.2008	Jiaxing 嘉兴 (19.05)
<b>23-24.05.2008</b>	<b>Shanghai</b>
23.05.2008	Shanghai 上海 (20.05)
24.05.2008	Shanghai (21.05)
<b>25-27.05.2008</b>	<b>Jiangsu Province</b>
25.05.2008	Suzhou 苏州 (22.05)
25.05.2008	Nantong 南通 (22.05)
26.05.2008	Taizhou 泰州 (23.05)
26.05.2008	Yangzhou 扬州 (23.05)
27.05.2008	Nanjing 南京 (24.05)
<b>28-30.05.2008</b>	<b>Anhui Province</b>
28.05.2008	Hefei 合肥 (26.05)
29.05.2008	Huainan 淮南 (27.05)
29.05.2008	Wuhu 芜湖 (27.05)
30.05.2008	Jixi 鸡西 (28.05)
30.05.2008	Huangshan 黄山 (28.05)



### The Torch Relay Graphic of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

The torch relay graphic is one of the key image elements for the torch relay of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. The torch relay graphic together with the torch relay symbol, torch relay colours, torch relay fonts, and torch relay slogan, forms the basic image of the torch relay of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. These elements will be applied in the torch relay image & look designs, including the torch relay uniforms, torch relay convoy, torch relay publications and the city landscape design of the provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities. They will create a unique visual image for the torch relay of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, spread Chinese culture and the torch relay theme, and build an excellent environment for the torch relay. The elements will create a celebrative atmosphere throughout the cities which the relay will pass, promote the sanctity of the Olympic flame, encourage Torchbearers and Escort Runners, enhance people's experience of the torch relay, and provide a visual setting for the recording and broadcasting of the torch relay to the world.

<b>31.05-02.06.2008</b>	<b>Hubei Province</b>
31.05.2008	Wuhan 武汉 (29.05)
01.06.2008	Yichang 宜昌 (30.05)
02.06.2008	Jingzhou 荆州 (31.05)
<b>03-05.06.2008</b>	<b>Hunan Province</b>
03.06.2008	Yueyang 岳阳 (01.06)
04.06.2008	Changsha 长沙 (02.06)
05.06.2008	Shaoshan 韶山 (03.06)
<b>06-08.06.2008</b>	<b>Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region</b>
06.06.2008	Guilin 桂林 (04.06)
07.06.2008	Nanning 南宁 (05.06)
08.06.2008	Baise 百色 (06.06)
<b>09-11.06.2008</b>	<b>Yunnan Province</b>
09.06.2008	Kunming 昆明 (07.06)
10.06.2008	Lijiang 丽江 (08.06)
11.06.2008	Shangri-La 香格里拉 (09.06)
<b>12-14.06.2008</b>	<b>Guizhou Province</b>
12.06.2008	Guiyang 贵阳 (10.06)
13.06.2008	Kaili 凯里 (11.06)
14.06.2008	Zunyi 遵义 (12.06)
<b>15-16.06.2008</b>	<b>Chongqing Municipality</b>
15.06.2008	Chongqing 重庆
16.06.2008	Chongqing
cancelled	Leshan

## The design concept of the torch relay graphic

Phoenix is the king of birds and belongs to Fire in Five Elements. It is the spirit of fire. The soaring phoenix with graceful bearing and dignified air is the totem of fire. The legend "phoenix nirvana and rebirth out of ash" also symbolizes man's constant striving spirit.

Down the ages, "Loong" (Chinese dragon) and "Phoenix" are the traditional totems embedded with people's blessing and hope.

Phoenix has left a deep imprint in Chinese civilization. The auspice and hope represented by it has always been a part of people's daily life.

**Visual creation concept:** Passion, Vigor, Culture and Celebration.

In conformity with the concept of "People's Olympics" of the Beijing Games, we aim to express Chinese people's hospitality in inviting the world and blessing the world, to exhibit the vitality and passion of the Olympic Games, and to deliver China's long history and unique culture with modern technique.

According to this design concept, we determined our ultimate goal as under the guidance of the basic values of the Olympic Games, taking the unique culture of the host country and host city as the basis of the visual design, to create a Chinese humanistic style, unique and vigorous core graphic for the Olympic Games.

The torch relay graphic is comprised of the core graphic of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and the traditional Chinese phoenix pattern.

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## 25-27.06.2008

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## Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Urumqi 乌鲁木齐 (25.06)

Zigong 喀什 (26.06)

Shihezi 石河子 (27.06)

Changji 昌吉 (27.06)

## Tibet Autonomous Region

Lhasa 拉萨 (21.06)

## Qinghai Province

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Yinchuan 银川 (04.07)

## Shaanxi Province

Yan'an 延安 (05.07)

Yangling 杨陵区 (06.07)

The torch relay graphic comprises the lucky cloud pattern exquisitely with the phoenix pattern, achieving the effect of vivid and distant. The modern design deeply expresses the unique integration of hardness and softness, implicitness and elegance in traditional Chinese arts.

The phoenix joins the great Olympiad, bringing the hope of luck and peace to the world, representing the core connotation of the torch relay graphic.

#### Torch relay route in Beijing and torch bearers

Details on the final stretch of the Olympic torch relay were revealed during a press conference on August 5th. The Beijing relay, August 6-8, took the flame through all 18 Beijing districts and along all 19 roads in the newly expanded Beijing Economic and Technological District. The entire relay covered 40km, and the torch passed through the hands of 841 torch bearers.

On Wednesday 6th August, the Beijing relay began at the Forbidden City. Over 4 hours, 16km, and 433 torch bearers later, the torch made its final stop of the day at another historical Beijing landmark, the Temple of Heaven.

On Thursday 7th August, the torch travelled another 14km, starting outside Beijing at the Badaling section of the Great Wall and ending back within city limits, in Ditan Park.

<b>02-04.07.2008</b>		<b>Shaanxi Province (cont.)</b>
03.07.2008	Xianyang 咸阳	(06.07)
04.07.2008	Xi'an 西安	(07.07)
<b>05-07.07.2008</b>		<b>Gansu Province</b>
05.07.2008	Dunhuang 敦煌	(28.06)
06.07.2008	Jiayuguan 嘉峪关	(28.06)
07.07.2008	Lanzhou 兰州	(30.06)
<b>08-10.07.2008</b>		<b>Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region</b>
08.07.2008	Hohhot 呼和浩特	(11.07)
09.07.2008	Ordos 鄂尔多斯	(12.07)
09.07.2008	Baotou 包头	(12.07)
10.07.2008	Chifeng 赤峰	(13.07)
<b>11-13.07.2008</b>		<b>Heilongjiang Province</b>
11.07.2008	Harbin 哈尔滨	(16.07)
12.07.2008	Daqing 大庆	(15.07)
13.07.2008	Qiqihar 齐齐哈尔	(14.07)
<b>14-16.07.2008</b>		<b>Jilin Province</b>
14.07.2008	Changchun 长春	(17.07)
15.07.2008	Songyuan	(17.07.)
15.07.2008	Jilin 吉林	(18.07)
16.07.2008	Yanji 延吉市	(19.07)
<b>17-19.07.2008</b>		<b>Liaoning Province</b>
17.07.2008	Shenyang 沈阳	(20.07)
18.07.2008	Anshan 鞍山	(21.07)
19.07.2008	Dalian 大连	(22.07)

On the morning of the Opening Ceremony, Friday 8th August, the torch appeared in front of the Peking Man Museum and passed through the hands of 140 torch bearers over the 8km route to Beijing's 101 District Middle School, from where the torch was later transported to the National Stadium for the Opening Ceremony.






Of the 841 torchbearers represented during the 3 days of the torch relay, 232 were members of the Beijing Olympic Committee, 90 were members of the National Olympic Committee, 60 were members of the International Olympic Committee, and 170 were associated with sponsor companies. The remaining 289 torchbearers were handpicked by the Beijing city government.

Among those chosen were NBA basketball superstar Yao Ming, Turin Olympics 500m. speed skating gold medalist, Wang Meng, and China's first gold medalist Xu Haifeng. Some of China's most famous actors and performers also joined the torch-bearing ranks. Comedian Feng Gong, actress Song Dandan, and opera singer Dai Yuqiang, were some of the better known stars who participated in the Beijing relay. Other Chinese celebrities included China's first astronaut Yang Liwei, designer of the Beijing mascots Han Meiling, and TV personality David. Teachers, students, factory workers, police officers, artists, and handicapped bearers joined their more famous counterparts during the Olympic torch relay.

In addition to hundreds of local participants, 64 foreigners and 3 Hong Kong residents participated in the final Beijing relay. The oldest torchbearer was 85, and the youngest, only 14.







<b>21-23.07.2008</b>		<b>Shandong Province</b>	
21.07.2008	Qingdao	青岛	(24.07)
21.07.2008	Linyi	临沂	(25.07)
22.07.2008	Qufu	曲阜	(25.07)
22.07.2008	Taian	泰安	(25.07)
23.07.2008	Jinan	济南	(26.07)
<b>25-28.07.2008</b>		<b>Henan Province</b>	
25.07.2008	Zhengzhou	郑州	(29.07)
26.07.2008	Kaifeng	开封	(28.07)
27.07.2008	Luoyang	洛阳	(30.07)
28.07.2008	Anyang	安阳	(31.07)
<b>29-31.07.2008</b>		<b>Hebei Province</b>	
29.07.2008	Shijiazhuang	石家庄	(01.08)
30.07.2008	Qinhuangdao	秦皇岛	(02.08)
31.07.2008	Tangshan	唐山	(03.08)
<b>01-02.08.2008</b>		<b>Tianjin</b>	
01.08.2008	Tianjin	天津	(04.08)
02.08.2008	Tianjin	天津	(05.08)
<b>03-05.08.2008</b>		<b>Sichuan Province</b>	
03.08.2008	Guang'an	广安	(15.06)
04.08.2008	Leshan	乐山	(16.06)
04.08.2008	Yibingji		(17.06)
04.08.2008	Mianyang	绵阳	(15.06)
05.08.2008	Chengdu	成都	(18.06.)
<b>06-08.08.2008</b>		<b>Beijing</b>	
06.08.2008	Beijing	北京	
07.08.2008	Beijing	北京	
08.08.2008	Beijing	北京	

### Hainan Province

			
2008.05.4 Sanya 三亚	2008.05.5 Wuzhishan 五指山	2008.05.5 Wanning 万宁	2008.05.6 Haikou 海口
	The postmarks that commemorate the Torch Relay in Hainan Province are typical of those for all Provinces:		
	The 'generic' Torch Relay postmark occurs with differing date and text settings.		
	Common differences include spacing between characters, size of characters and expression of numerals less than 10 with or without a zero eg.: '07' or '7' - this may occur in the month or day numeral.		
2008.05.6 Haikou 海口			

For most cancels a number of dies were used in the post offices of the named city, and these typically occur struck in black or red. For each cancel die(s) were also used by the philatelic service in Beijing, these are commonly struck in black and have finer text.

### Guangdong Province

		
2008.05.7 Guangzhou 广州	2008.05.7 Guangzhou 广州	2008.05.8 Shenzen 深圳
		
2008.05.8 Shenzen 深圳	2008.05.9 Huizhou 惠州	2008.05.10 Shantou 汕头

**Fujian Province**

			
2008.05.11 Fuzhou 福州	2008.05.11 Fuzhou 福州	2008.05.11 Fuzhou 福州	2008.05.12 Quanzhou 泉州
			
2008.05.12 Quanzhou 泉州	2008.05.12 Xiamen 厦门	2008.05.13 Longyan 龙岩	2008.05.13 Longyan 龙岩

**Jiangxi Province**

			
2008.05.14 Ruijin 瑞金	2008.05.14 Ruijin 瑞金	2008.05.15 Jinggangshan 井冈山	2008.05.15 Jinggangshan 井冈山
			
2008.05.15 Jinggangshan 井冈山	2008.05.16 Nanchang 南昌	2008.05.16 Nanchang 南昌	

Zhejiang Province

			
2008.05.17 Wenzhou 温州	2008.05.17 Wenzhou 温州	2008.05.17 Shaoxing 绍兴	2008.5.17 Shaoxing 绍兴
			
2008.05.18 Hangzhou 杭州	2008.05.18 Hangzhou 杭州	2008.05.19 ★ Ningbo 宁波	2008.05.22 Ningbo 宁波
			
2008.05.22 Ningbo 宁波	2008.05.22 Jiaxing 嘉兴	2008.05.22 Jiaxing 嘉兴	

★ The Torch Relay was rescheduled after 19th May as a result of the earthquake in Sichuan province. The Ningbo cancellation 2008.05.19 (and others marked with a star), are dated as the original programme. In the case of Ningbo, the original date was probably applied to items before the revision of the schedule became known. Other cancellations that were originally scheduled close to 19th May are known to exist with the original and rescheduled dates - possibly as a result of advance cancellation of mailed in items.

Shanghai

	
2008.5.20-21 ★ Shanghai 上海	2008.05.23-24 Shanghai 上海

# THE 1908 OLYMPIC GAMES, THE GREAT STADIUM AND THE MARATHON SECOND SUPPLEMENT

## THE GAMES REMEMBERED—STAMPS & POSTAL ITEMS

### A: GENERAL

*The Olympic Programme and Poster*  
**Palau 2008**

*The foil display Fencing Poster was designed by A.S. Cope ARA  
The stamp purporting to depict the poster in fact shows a  
programme cover.*



### B: MEDAL WINNERS

*Fuchs, Jenó— Hungary*  
*Fencing*  
*Sabre Gold*  
*Sabre, team Gold*

**Hungary**

Special Handstamp 2008



*Larner, George Edward— Great Britain*  
*Athletics*

*3500m Walk Gold*  
*10km Walk Gold*

**Fiji** 18 June 1996

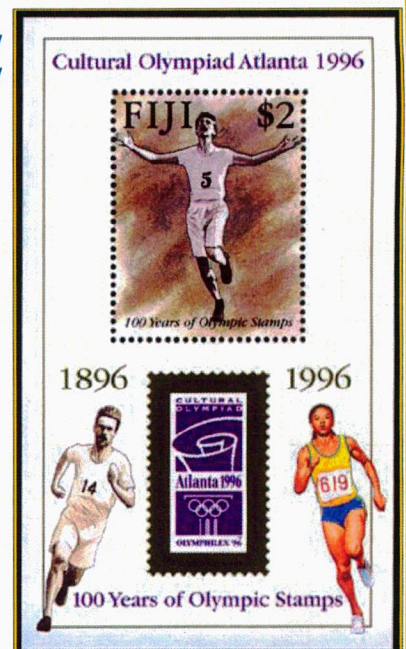
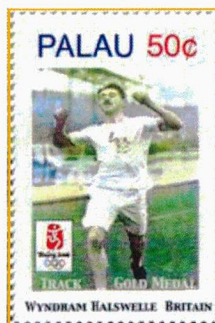
SG MS 955

*(Larner is the athlete  
on the \$2 stamp,  
wearing No. 5)*

*Hallswelle, Wyndham— Great  
Britain*  
*Athletics 400m Gold*

**Palau  
2008**

*(Technically there is an error on the  
stamp in that the running track was  
not green but grey, being made of  
ash.)*



Lemming, Eric— Sweden

Athletics Gold

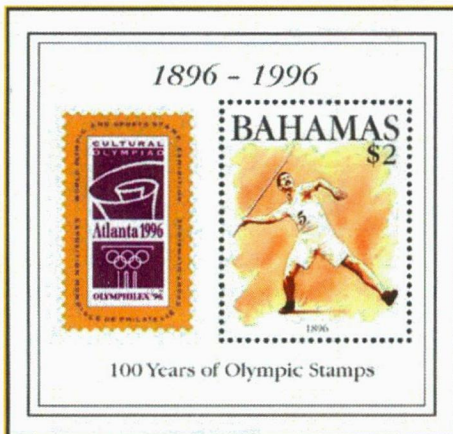
Javelin, & Javelin (Freestyle)

**Bahamas**

25 June 1996

SG MS 1083

Although the stamp bears the date '1896' javelin was not introduced into the Olympics until 1906 (at the Intercalated Games in Athens). Lemming was the first Olympic Champion in 1908. His number was '45', not '5' as shown on the stamp.



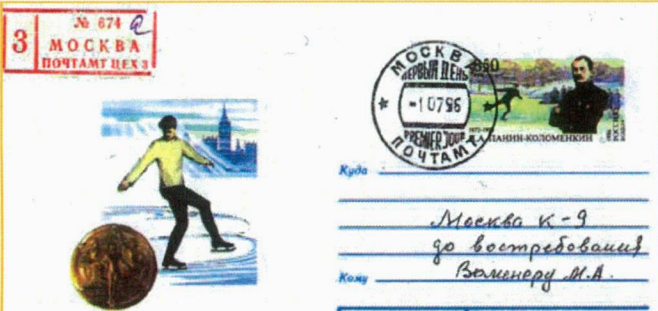
## POSTAL HISTORY: POST OFFICES

### Stadium Mobile Telegraph Office

*The Sportsman* reported (11 July 1908): "In the press room there is a telephone and a direct cable to America, while immediately outside is a Post Office travelling telegraph van such as is seen at Putney and Mortlake on the occasion of the boat race"

### Shepherd's Bush Exhibition B.O.

It has now been established that this was located in the inelegantly titled **Palace of British Various Industries**. The Official Guide to the Exhibition states: "... we pass Messrs. Williams Deacon's Bank and plunge into the smart-looking post office that faces us, to send picture postcards to unfortunate people who have not seen the Exhibition yet, or to telegraph a friend to dine with us at the Garden Club, the Grand Restaurant, or Chez Paillard, as the spirit moves us."



Panin (Kolomenkin), Nikolay — Russia  
Figure Skating Special Figures Gold  
(Маша Удальцова)

**Russia** 1996: Postal stationery envelope

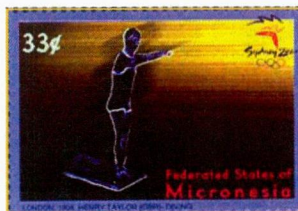
Sheridan, Martin— USA  
Athletics

Discus Gold  
Discus, Greek Style Gold  
Long Jump, Standing Bronze  
**Micronesia**  
2008



Taylor, Henry— Great Britain  
Swimming

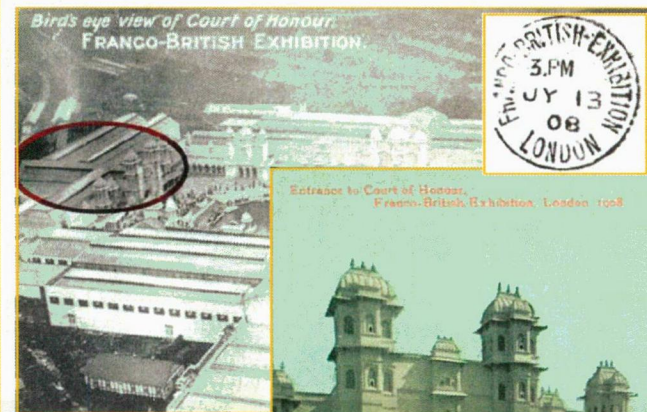
400m Freestyle Gold  
1500m Freestyle Gold  
4x200m Freestyle Relay Gold



**Micronesia**  
1 Jan 2000

**SOCCER**  
Great Britain Gold

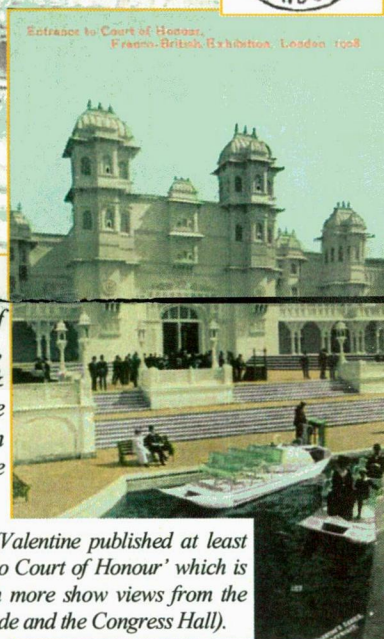
Paraguay 1970  
(not listed in Gibbons)



F32ex, F33ex

The 'Bird's eye view of Court of Honour', published by Millar & Lang, shows how the Palace of Various British Industries leads into the Court of Honour.

A large number of cards (Valentine published at least three) show the 'Entrance to Court of Honour' which is the exit of the PVBI. (Even more show views from the entrance towards the Cascade and the Congress Hall).



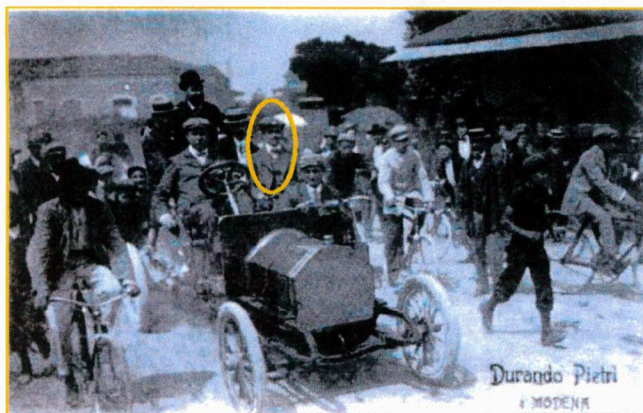
### Ballymaclinton Post Office



**F34** Ballymaclinton Post Office  
(McClinton's Town, erected by the makers of McClinton's Soap)

Publisher: Valentine 396  
Print type: Coloured litho  
Rarity: 3

## THE MARATHON



### M88—Dorando at the Florence

This photograph was almost certainly taken on Monday, 27 July, after the Florence Restaurant staff's annual athletics meeting at Paddington Recreation Ground. Dorando attended and "was warmly welcomed by his compatriots. He kindly acted as official starter for many of the races" (*The Sportsman*, 28 July 1908)

### M103

*Caption:* Durando Pietri a MODENA [sic]

*Image:* Dorando being driven through the crowded town, the nearest large town to Carpi

*Print type:* Real photo

*Rarity:* 5



### M104

*Caption:* G. CAMERON Champion of AMER[ICA] HAYES, MARATHON WINNER

*Image:* Cameron on a cycle, a starter with a pistol, Johnny Hayes and 2 officials on a grassy running 'track'

*Publisher:* Herbert Lumby, 106a Cox St. West, Balsall Heath, Birmingham

*Print type:* Real photo

*Rarity:* 5

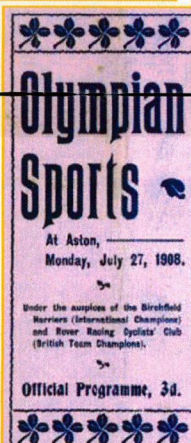
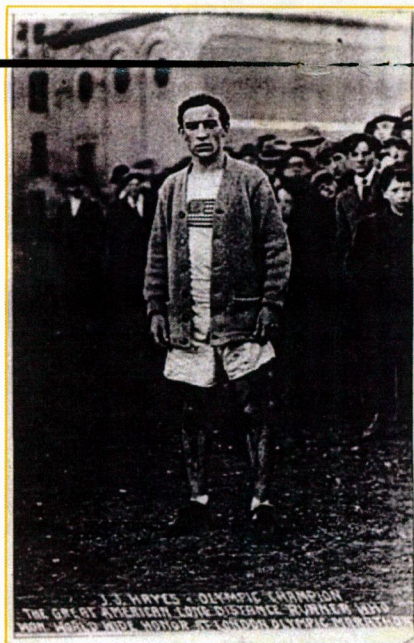
*Notes:* This card presented an interesting challenge: there are apocryphal stories of runners racing cyclists. Was this one such race? Where and when did it take place? The only clue was the Birmingham photographer. This led to the *Birmingham Evening Despatch Sporting Buff* of 28 July 1908:

### OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS—

#### ATHLETIC CELEBRITIES MEET AT VILLA PARK

Probably the most interesting sports meeting ever held in Birmingham was concluded at Aston yesterday [Monday 27 July 1908]. Inaugurated on Saturday under the auspices of the Birchfield Harriers and the Rover R.C.C. [Racing Cyclists Club], the meeting was concluded yesterday, and was made remarkable by the presence of a number of well-known athletes who won fame at the recent Olympic Games at the Stadium. It had been announced that Tom Longboat, the Indian, would appear, but he was unable to do so, having yet to recover from the effects of the Marathon race. *In his stead there appeared the actual winner of the memorable race, J. J. Hayes (U.S.A.). ...*

*Hayes, too, turned out and gave an exhibition run of a mile, being accompanied by George Cameron of the USA cycling contingent at the Olympic Games, who paced and coached him on Friday. A magnificent reception was accorded to the wonderful little runner from the States, and at the conclusion of his run he was presented with several beautiful bouquets. ...*



*From the programme cover*

### M105

*Caption:* J.J.HAYES—OLYMPIC CHAMPION THE GREAT AMERICAN LONG DISTANCE RUNNER WHO WON WORLD WIDE HONOR AT LONDON OLYMPIC MARATHON

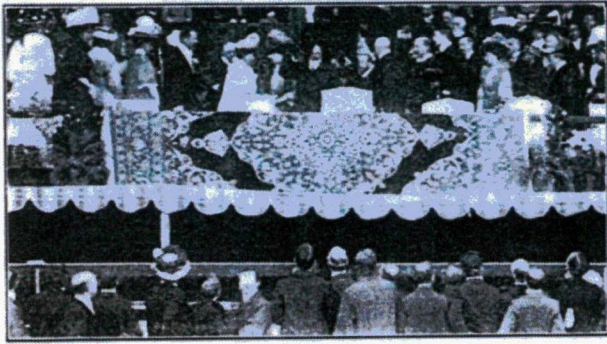
*Print type:* Real photo

*Rarity:* 5

George Cameron can be clearly identified as Hayes' attendant on card M48 (and others). A member of the US cycling team, he reached the semi-finals of the **One Lap Match Sprint** and the **1,000 Metres Match Sprint**, and also competed unsuccessfully in the **20km** race.

The BEDSB also identified the other cycle attendant as a Mr. Henry, and Hayes trainer as Mike Murphy, and reported that Hayes heard the news of his Gold Medal in the marathon at his hotel, the Saint Ermin, having taken a taxi there after the race.

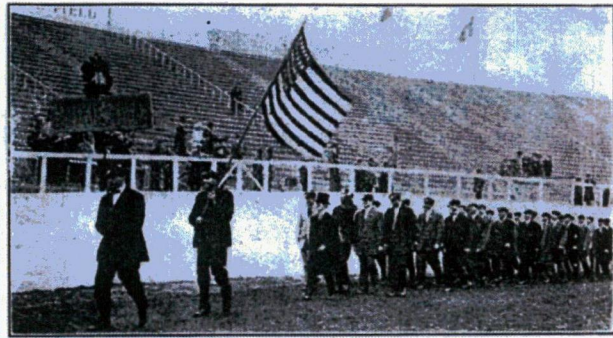
**PRIVATE MAILING CARD**



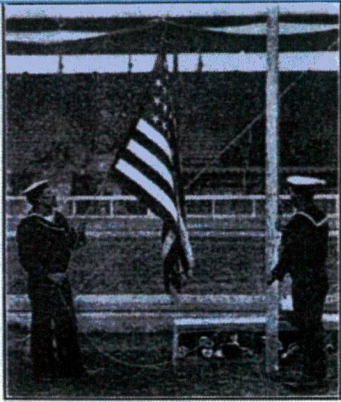
THE KING AND QUEEN OF ENGLAND IN ROYAL BOX

Private Mailing Card

Your Stamp Here



AMERICAN ATHLETES APPROACHING THE RINGS BOX



RAISING THE FLAG WHEN AMERICA WINS



J. P. GOLEVAN WINNING HEAT IN 1500 METERS RUN



THE AMERICAN CONTINGENT CHEERING THEIR COUNTRYMEN

Produced in the USA, the mailing card incorporated a folder with 6 litho-printed images of the Games. The publisher is not known.



JOHN HAYES  
Winner of Marathon Trophy

**BOXING**

**TENNIS**

**OS 3**

**Caption:**

A.L. OLDMAN

**Publisher:**

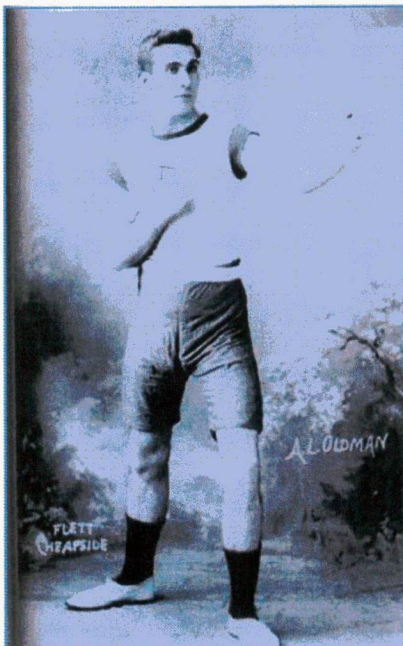
Flett,  
Cheapside,  
London

**Print type:**

Real Photo

**Rarity:** 5

**Oldman won Heavyweight Gold**



SOC sponsored hand-stamp for the Torch Relay 2004:



**OS 4**

**Caption:** MR. R.P. DOHERTY

**Print type:** Real Photo,

**Publisher:** Rotary Photo

No 3752 B

**Rarity:** 5

**Reginald Doherty won Gold with George Hillyard in the Men's Doubles on 11 July 1908**



## CANADIAN TEAM

**A95**

This postcard photo by an unknown British publisher shows the majority of the Canadian Team for the summer stadium events, with the name board from the Opening Ceremony in the background.

It is shown full-size for clarity, and thanks to Professor Emeritus Robert. K. Barney of the International Centre for Olympic Studies at The University of Western Ontario, the following team members have been identified:



<b>A5:</b>	<b>George Goulding:</b>	Marathon (22 <sup>nd</sup> ); 3,500m. Walk (4 <sup>th</sup> ); 10 mile walk (dnf)
<b>A6:</b>	<b>Donald Buddo:</b>	400m, 800m, 1,600m Medley Relay (unplaced)
<b>B7:</b>	<b>Tom Longboat:</b>	Marathon (dnf)
<b>B10:</b>	<b>Robert Parkes:</b>	800m, 1,600m Medley Relay (unplaced)
<b>B12:</b>	<b>Calvin Bricker:</b>	<b>Long Jump (Bronze); Triple-jump (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>
<b>C2:</b>	<b>Bobby Kerr:</b>	<b>200m (Gold); 100m (Bronze)</b>
<b>C5:</b>	<b>John Howard Crocker:</b>	Track & Field Team Manager
<b>C6:</b>	<b>Ed. Archibald:</b>	<b>Pole Vault (Bronze) . He also carried the flag in the Opening Ceremony parade.</b>
<b>F1:</b>	<b>William Sherring:</b>	Coach (Marathon victor 1906 Athens)
<b>F2 &amp; F3:</b>		Gymnasts Orville Elliott & George Keith

## ROWING



### Row 21

**Caption:** 1. OLYMPIC REGATTA 1908 MARKET PLACE HENLEY

**Print type:** Real Photo,

**Publisher:** Unknown;

**Rarity:** 5



### Row 22

**Caption:** LOU. F. SCHOLES  
Amateur Champion Sculler of the World.  
Winner of Diamond Sculls, Henley 1904

**Print type:** Black & white litho photo in coloured frame

**Publisher:** Warwick Bros & Rutter Ltd., Toronto

**Rarity:** 5

*Scholes was unplaced in the Olympic Single Sculls*



*SOC sponsored handstamp for the joint SOC-AFCOS meeting at the River & Rowing Museum, Henley, on 29 September 2001.*

*Images and information in this supplement thanks to:*

*Timothy Auty  
(cards on loan to the Rugby  
Museum, Twickenham)*

*Professor Robert Barney  
Gianni Galeotti  
Kevin Kelly,  
Brian Lund  
R Marsh*

# RUGBY



**THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM.**  
Photo by E. Scott & Co., Manchester. (For newspaper reproduction only.)  
 F. Collins, W. Davison, D. H. Curran, A. J. McCallin, J. Alan Isaac, J. Garwood, R. M. Workham, P. Plummer, G. McMurtrie, P. Morgan, T. Mather, J. A. MacLennan, P. H. Smith, T. Blandford, N. F. Ross, R. B. Cook, R. Parkinson, C. H. MacKinnon, M. Hamilton, H. McInnes, J. H. M. Brown (captain), Captain G. McMillan / Manager, F. Wood / Vice Captain, J. Hickey, H. McKinnon, W. Dill, H. Kelly, J. T. Everett, C. A. Hamilton, G. Brown.



**The Cornish Rugby Team. Feb\* 13/08 Redruth, who beat Devon 21 points to 3.**  
Photo by A.E. Belletti, Falmouth.

**RU7**  
**Caption:** THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM.  
**Publisher:** R. Scott & Co., Manchester  
**Print type:** Litho **Rarity:** 4  
**Note:** This photo was taken at the same time as RU6, but McMurtrie is looking away to his right.

**RU8**  
**Caption:** CHAMPIONS OF THE SOUTH WESTERN GROUP 1907-8  
 The Cornish Rugby Team. Feb\* 13/08 Redruth, who beat Devon 21 points to 3

**CORNWALL English RUGBY 1907-8.**

*Good luck to the Rugby boys.* *Only good luck to you.*

**Players.**

**Backs:** J. Jackett, B. Bennett, B. Solomon, L.F. Dean, J.T. Jose, Thomas Wedge, A. Davey, I.G. Milton.

**Half Backs:** T. Wedge, J. Davey.

**Forwards:** J.G. Milton, J. Wilson, J. Thomas, R. Jackett, D. Davy, W. Tregurtha, W. Lawrie, J. Mackay.

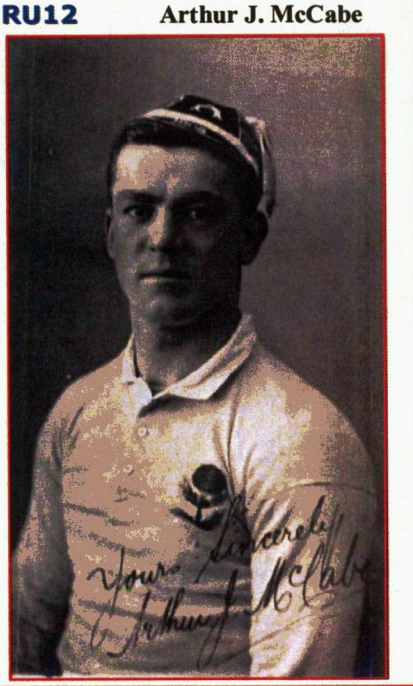
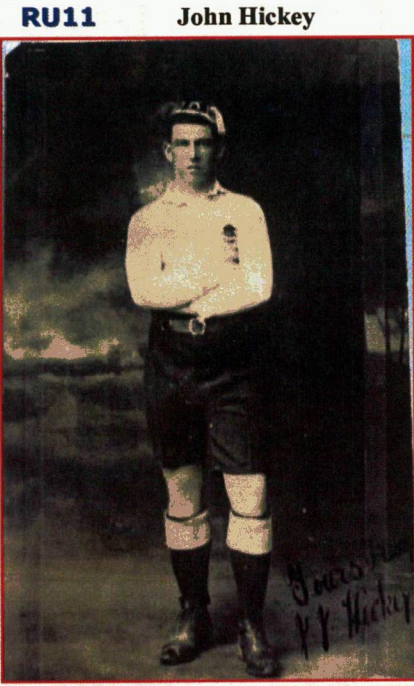
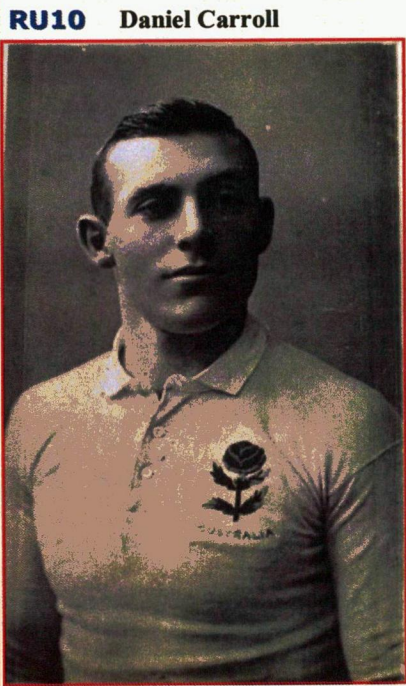
**Well done Cornwall! England is Proud of you.**

**Photo by:** A.E. Belletti, Falmouth  
**Print type:** Real Photo  
**Rarity:** 5  
**Note:** The team members in the photo are as follows; members of the Olympic team are in bold:

<b>Edward J. Jackett</b> (Leicester)	(back)
<b>Barry Bennett</b> (Devon Albion)	(3/4 back)
<b>Bert Solomon</b> (Redruth)	"
<b>L.F. Dean</b> (Devon Albion)	"
<b>J.T. Jose</b> (Devon Albion)	"
<b>Thomas Wedge</b> (St. Ives)	(1/2 back)
<b>A. Davey</b> (Redruth)	"
<b>I.G. Milton</b> (Camborne School of Mines)	"
<b>Richard Jackett</b> (Falmouth)	(forward)
<b>F. Jackson</b> (Leicester)	"
<b>J. Thomas</b> (Devon Albion)	"
<b>James "Maffer" Davey</b> (Redruth)	"
<b>Arthur Wilson</b> (Camborne SM)	"
<b>Nicholas Tregurtha</b> (St. Ives)	"
<b>W. Lawrie</b> (Redruth)	"

**RU9**  
**Caption:** CORNWALL The Champions of English RUGBY 1907-8. [etc]  
**Image:** Team photo with players names, two toasts and a rugby pitch  
**Publisher:** Not known  
**Rarity:** 5  
**Note:** Team composition differs slightly from RU8.

Australian team members (real photo, photographers unknown, each rarity 5):



### Jiangsu Province

			
2008.05.25 Suzhou 苏州	2008.05.17 Nantong 南通	2008.05.17 Nantong 南通	2008.05.23 ★ Taizhou 泰州
			
2008.05.23 ★ Taizhou 泰州	2008.05.26 Taizhou 泰州	2008.05.26 Taizhou 泰州	2008.05.26 Yangzhou 扬州
			
2008.05.24 ★ Nanjing 南京	2008.05.27 Nanjing 南京	2008.05.27 Nanjing 南京	

### Anhui Province

			
2008.05.28 Hefei 合肥	2008.05.28 Hefei 合肥	2008.05.29 Huainan 淮南	2008.05.29 Wuhu 芜湖

### Anhui Province (cont.)

			
2008.05.30 Jixi                    鸡西	2008.05.30 Jixi                    鸡西	2008.05.30 Huangshan            黄山	2008.05.30 Huangshan            黄山







### Hubei Province

		
2008.05.31 Wuhan                武汉	2008.06.1 Yichang                宜昌	2008.06.2 Jingzhou              荆州

### Hunan Province

			
2008.06.3 Yueyang              岳阳	2008.06.03 Yueyang              岳阳	2008.06.4 Changsha            长沙	2008.06.4 Changsha            长沙
			
2008.06.04 Changsha            长沙	2008.06.05 Shaoshan            韶山	2008.06.5 Shaoshan            韶山	2008.06.05 Xiangtan             湘潭

Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

			
2008.06.6 Guilin 桂林	2008.06.6 Guilin 桂林	2008.06.07 Nanning 南宁	2008.06.7 Nanning 南宁
			
2008.06.8. Baise 百色	2008.06.8. Baise 百色		

Yunnan Province

			
2008.06.09 Kunming 昆明	2008.06.9 Kunming 昆明	2008.06.9 Kunming 昆明	2008.06.10 Lijiang 丽江
			
2008.06.10 Lijiang 丽江	2008.06.11 Shangri-La 香格里拉	2008.06.11 Shangri-La 香格里拉	

Guizhou Province		
2008.06.12 Guiyang 贵阳	2008.06.13 Kaili 凯里	2008.06.14 Zunyi 遵义

Chongqing Municipality	
2008.06.15-16 Chongqing 重庆	2008.06.15-16 Chongqing 重庆

Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region			
2008.06.17 Urumqi 乌鲁木齐	2008.06.17 Urumqi 乌鲁木齐	2008.06.17 Urumqi 乌鲁木齐	2008.06.17 Urumqi 乌鲁木齐
2008.06.18 Kashi 喀什	2008.06.18 Kashi 喀什	2008.06.19 Shihezi 石河子	2008.06.19 Chongji 昌吉

### Tibet Autonomous Region



2008.06.21

Lhasa

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### Qinghai Province



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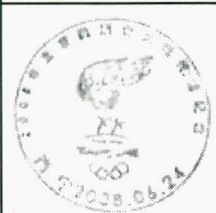
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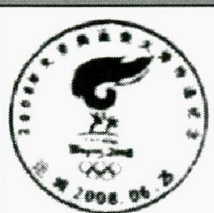


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### Shanxi Province



2008.06.25

Yuncheng

运城



2008.06.25

Yuncheng

运城



2008.06.25

Pingyao

平遥



2008.06.26

Taiyuan

太原



2008.06.27

Datong

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On June 28th. The Olympic flame visited the Jiuquan Space Centre as part of a video link with Chinese astronauts.

It is reported that there was not a local commemorative postmark - covers are cancelled with the Space Centre datestamp.

The copy illustrated appears to be from the Philatelic service in Beijing.

### Gansu Province





2008.06.28

Jiuquan

酒泉

**Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region**









			
2008.06.29 Zhongwei 中卫	2008.06.29 Zhongwei 中卫	2008.06.30 Wuzhong 吴忠	2008.06.30 Wuzhong 吴忠
			
	2008.07.01 Yinchuan 银川	2008.07.1 Yinchuan 银川	



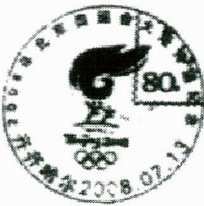

**Shaanxi Province**

			
2008.07.2 Yan'an 延安	2008.7.3 Yangling 杨陵	2008.7.3 Xianyang 咸阳	2008.07.4 Xi'an 西安

**Gansu Province**

			
2008.07.5 Dunhuang 敦煌	2008.07.06 Jiayuguan 嘉峪关	2008.07.6 Jiayuguan 嘉峪关	2008.07.07 Lanzhou 兰州

Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region			
			
2008.07.08 Hohhot 呼和浩特	2008.07.8 Hohhot 呼和浩特	2008.07.09 Ordos 鄂尔多斯	2008.07.9 Ordos 鄂尔多斯
			
2008.07.09 Baotou 包头	2008.07.9 Baotou 包头	2008.07.10 Chifeng 赤峰	2008.07.10 Chifeng 赤峰

Heilongjiang Province		
		
2008.7.11 Harbin 哈尔滨	2008.07.11 Harbin 哈尔滨	2008.07.12 Daqing 大庆
		
2008.07.13 Qiqihar 齐齐哈尔	2008.07.13 Qiqihar 齐齐哈尔	

Jilin Province			
2008.07.14 Changchun 长春	2008.07.14 Changchun 长春	2008.07.15 Songyuan 松原	2008.07.15 Songyuan 松原
2008.07.15 Jilin 吉林	2008.07.15 Jilin 吉林	2008.07.16 Yanji 延吉	2008.07.16 Yanji 延吉

Liaoning Province			
2008.07.17 Shenyang 沈阳	2008.07.17 Shenyang 沈阳	2008.07.18 Anshan 鞍山	2008.07.18 ??
2008.07.19 Dalian 大连	2008.07.19 Dalian 大连	2008.07.20 Yantai 烟台	2008.07.20 Yantai 烟台

### Shandong Province

2008.07.21 Qingdao 青岛	2008.07.21 Linyi 临沂	2008.07.22 Qufu 曲阜	2008.07.22 Taian 泰安
2008.07.23 Jinan 济南	2008.07.23 Jinan 济南		

### Henan Province

2008.07.25 Zhengzhou 郑州	2008.07.25 Zhengzhou 郑州	2008.07.26 Kaifeng 开封	2008.07.26 Kaifeng 开封
2008.07.27 Luoyang 洛阳	2008.07.27 Luoyang 洛阳	2008.07.27 Luoyang 洛阳	2008.07.28 Anyang 安阳

### Hebei Province

		
2008.07.29 Shijiazhuang 石家庄	2008.07.29 Shijiazhuang 石家庄	2008.07.30 Qinhuangdao 秦皇岛

	
2008.07.31 Tangshan 唐山	2008.07.31 Tangshan 唐山

### Tianjin

	
2008.08.1-2 Tianjin 天津	2008.08.1-2 Tianjin 天津

### Sichuan Province

			
2008.8.3 Guang'an 广安	2008.08.3 Guang'an 广安	2008.08.4 Leshan 乐山	2008.08.04 Mianyang 绵阳

Sichuan Province (cont.)		Beijing	
			
2008.08.04 Yibing?	2008.8.8-8.5. Chengdu 成都	2008.08.6-8 Beijing 北京	2008.08.6-8 Beijing 北京

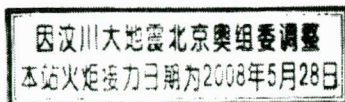
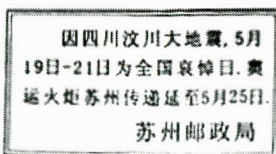
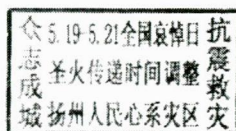
The illustrated list of the generic design postmarks for the domestic Torch Relay has been prepared with the advice and assistance of many sources, but major contributions were received from: Shaoqi Wu, Ganxian Tang.

Including the generic postmarks, in excess of 600 postmarks were produced to commemorate the domestic Torch Relay.

The disruption to the planned route that resulted from the earthquake in Sichuan Province has impacted in two ways:

- In some instances, the postmarks of cities visited during and immediately after the temporary cessation of the Torch Relay to allow a mourning period are incorrectly dated (the original planned date being used).

- Explanatory postal cachets were applied to items giving details of the disruption and change of date, as the examples shown:



Despite natural and political obstructions, the Torch Relay was successfully concluded on August 8th, 2008 with the lighting of the Olympic Flame in the National Stadium (Birds' Nest).

Numerous postmarks dated 2008.08.08 exist from cities around China that feature the Olympic Torch in their design to commemorate the Opening Ceremony.

## Regional Olympic and Sports Committees in France

A (small?) number of collectors are attracted to items of commercial mail from National Olympic Committees, and the increase in the number of NOC's that resulted from the creation of independent states following the demise of the Soviet Union in the 1990's presented such collectors with an expanded 'wants list'.

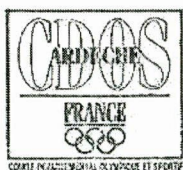
Now, over a decade later, these collectors may be seeking a new challenge.

The domestic structure of the Olympic movement in France offers an obvious opportunity to expand such a collection.

C.D.O.S. - Comité Départemental Olympique et sportif, exist in the French Départements to administer sporting events and facilities, and have used franking meters for their postal needs for many years. Meters have been used in varying designs, and in Fr. and € denominations.

An initial search of internet auctions produced the illustrated examples.

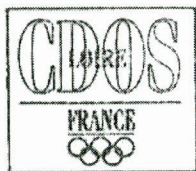
Is anyone up for the challenge of trying to form a collection?



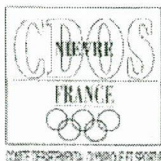
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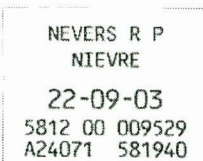
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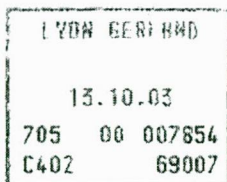
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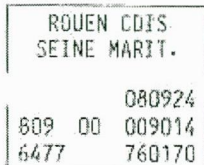
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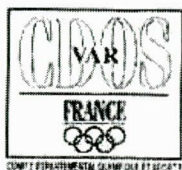
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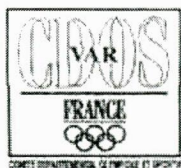
69 Lyon Comité Départemental Olympique et sportif



76 Rouen Comité Régional Olympique et sportif



83 Toulon Comité Départemental Olympique et sportif (Machine VL 851114)



83 Toulon Comité Départemental Olympique et sportif (Machine VL 850178)

The Toulon examples demonstrate that a number of meters may exist within each postal district, so what initially appears to be a narrow collecting field actually offers research opportunities and the added benefit of improving the collectors knowledge of the geography of France.

## COLLECTORS FAIR, COLOGNE 2009

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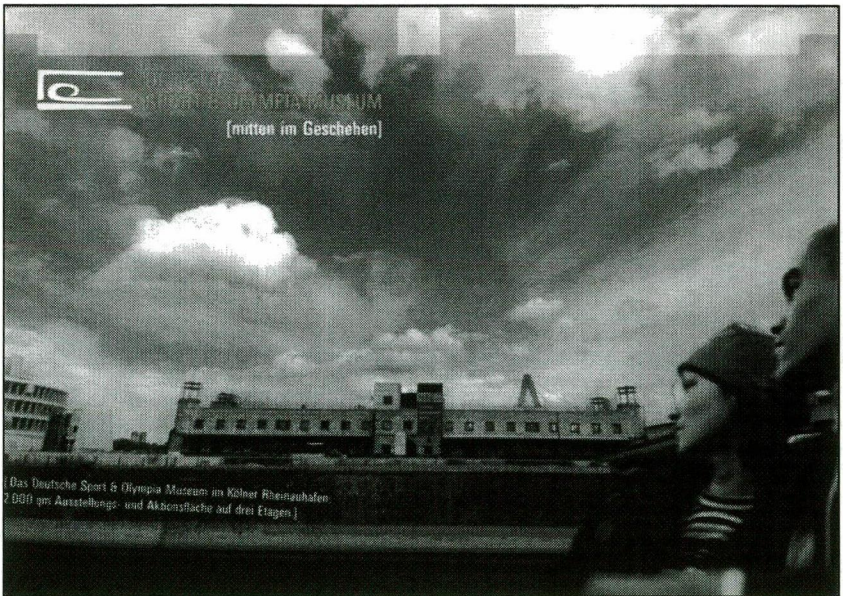
Bob Farley

The 10th Koln Collectors' Fair was held at the German Sports and Olympic Museum, 21-22 March, 2009.

It was the first attendance by the S.O.C. at a Koln Fair, David Buxton and I set off on the Friday afternoon to drive to Koln loaded with S.O.C. souvenir stocks and copies of 'The 1908 OlympicGames, the Great Stadium and the Marathon'.

We duly arrived in Koln at 8am on Saturday morning, but finding our way to the appropriate parking (via a tour of the city centre one-way system) meant that we finally arrived at the Museum with our stock at 8:45am.

Our first impression, and it was confirmed as the weekend passed, was of extremely courteous and helpful staff, who were determined that we should be given every opportunity to enjoy our visit.



*A museum postcard fshowing the German Sports and Olympic Museum, and to the left part of the Chocolate Museum.*

After arranging our table, we took alternating opportunities to visit the other dealers - many of whom were collectors, and familiar faces from previous visits to Germany, Norway and Lausanne.

Philatelic and postcard stocks were far more evident than other recent events, and I was soon annoyed at my own lack of preparation as I did not have any 'wants' lists with me.

Items available at the Fair covered the full Modern Olympic era from 1896 - 2008, and it should not have been a surprise to find quantities of Berlin 2000 candidature material.

By the end of the first day, I think that we were both considering that our next visit should be as visitors rather than stand-holders to allow more time to view the available stock. We certainly seemed to spend more time buying than selling.

A visit to the souvenir shop produced the postcard of the Museum, and a series of postcards with the Museum logo that will find a place in our collections. For football collectors the shop has a superb series of cards featuring World Cup Teams - the 1966 card stands out!



It is common practice in Germany to include autograph sessions with Olympians at such events, and on this occasion two such opportunities were provided. On Saturday evening a dinner was held with Olympian guests, and on Sunday Olympians and Paralympians attended the Fair.

The location of the Museum, with decking areas overlooking the busy river scene, the discussions with the Curator and staff, meeting collector colleagues (and the adjoining Chocolate Museum), made this a trip worth repeating - and saw us add an overnight stay in Kohn on our return from Warsaw.

The location is also viable for a future S.O.C. excursion, so watch this space!

## **Warsaw 2009 - 14th World Olympic Collectors' Fair**

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Bob Farley

The 14th World Olympic Collectors' Fair took place in Warsaw, Poland from 29th - 31st May. An exhibition "The Prestige Olympic Philately" was also staged at the Olympic Centre between 15th and 31st May. The exhibition of invited displays included some impressive material, and offered an interesting diversion during quiet spells at the trading tables.

The Fair was staged in Warsaw as part of the programme of events at the Olympic Centre to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Polish Olympic Committee, and also coincided with events in the city to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the return to democracy to Poland, offering the opportunity to witness a number of public 'street' events in the evenings.



*The FIPO souvenir postcard for the 14th World Olympic Collector's Fair, showing a collage of Warsaw landmarks including the Olympic Centre.*

Attendance at the Fair seemed to differ each day.

On Friday, the attractions of the Opening Ceremony (technically an invitation only event), and the temporary Post Office facility acted as attractions, and of course the hardcore collectors eager to be the first to view stock were in evidence. It was noticeable that a high proportion of the visitors were from adjoining countries.

On Saturday, attendance included a higher proportion of Polish collectors, with a steady stream of visitors, other than at lunch-time and late in the day.

Sunday, saw mainly inter-table trading as stand holders tried to reduce the stock they would have to carry away, and saw stand holders leaving for flights.

Memorabilia collectors appeared to have the widest selection of stock to peruse, and there were some very specialist items offered on the tables, a number of which were rare or unique. Pins were very evident, but there did not appear to be the traditional level of trading with visitors, many deals being trader to trader.

Philatelic stock was fairly limited, with a few well stocked tables, a number of Society tables, and local dealers / collectors.

For most collectors, opportunities did exist to search for those elusive 'gems', with a realistic chance of success.

EXHIBITION "THE PRESTIGE OLYMPIC PHILATELY"  
15<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2009  
14<sup>th</sup> WORLD OLYMPIC COLLECTORS' FAIR  
29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2009  
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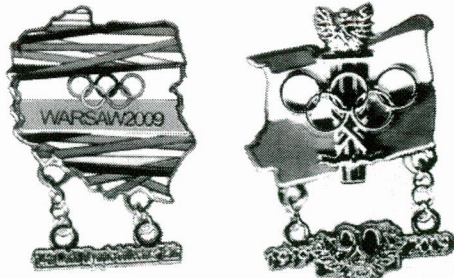
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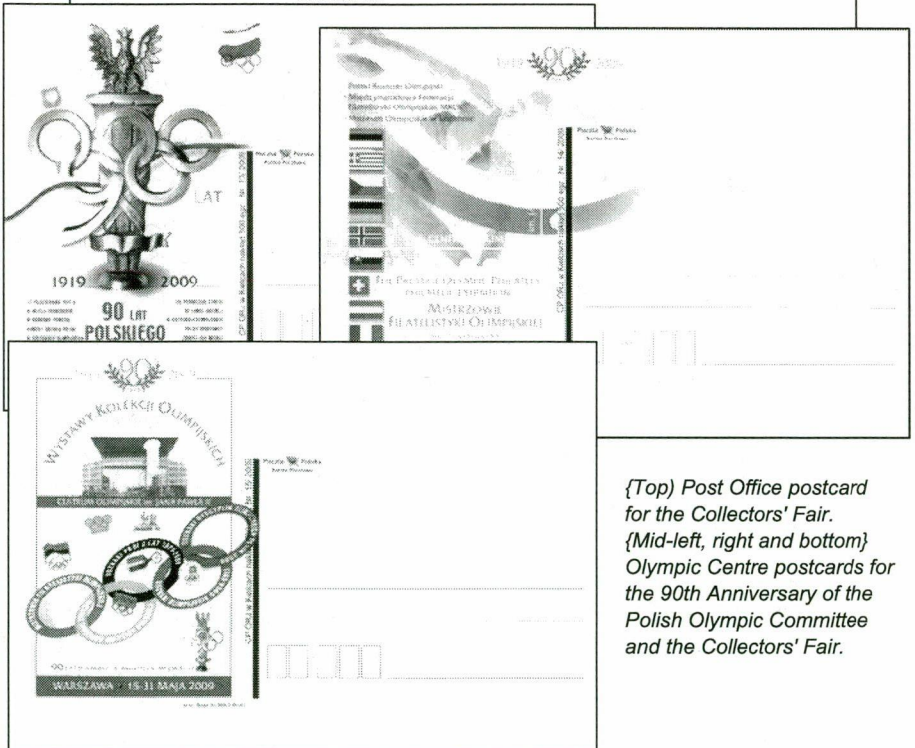
*The cancellation at the temporary postal facility commemorates the Collectors' Fair and the 90th Anniversary of the Polish Olympic Committee.*

For most seasoned visitors to the World Olympic Collectors' Fairs, the most lasting memories are usually those of socialising with friends and the opportunity to engage in conversation or exchange information with fellow enthusiasts. Warsaw certainly fulfilled expectations in this respect, and we were surprised to be introduced to an SOC member and his wife who live less than 20 miles from Worcester. A face was finally put to a name that I have seen on our membership list.



*For pin collectors, there were two designs that relate to event: {left} WARSAW 2009 Collectors' Fair pin; {right} Polish Olympic Committee 90th Anniversary pin.*

Postcards celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Polish Olympic Committee were available from the Post Office and the Olympic Centre shop.



{Top} Post Office postcard for the Collectors' Fair.  
 {Mid-left, right and bottom} Olympic Centre postcards for the 90th Anniversary of the Polish Olympic Committee and the Collectors' Fair.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY OF OLYMPIC COLLECTORS

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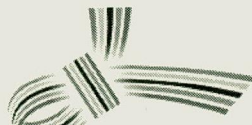
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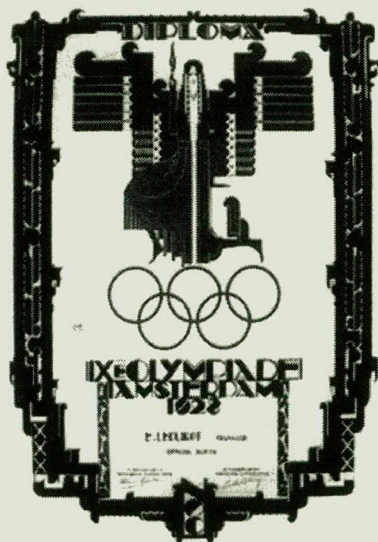
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