

**Azerbaijan**



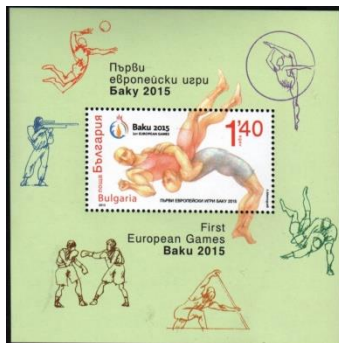
On April 23, 2015 Azermarka issued the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of the first European Games with five sheets with four stamps each. The 20 stamps have a face value of 20 qepik each and one of them has volleyball. The five FDC's have the stamps from the sheets. The designer is Kh. Mirzoyev and printed are 10.000 stamps of each.



<http://www.baku2015.com/news/article/baku-2015-venues-ready-for-action.html>

<http://www.eurolympic.org/en/>

**Bulgaria**



Also Bulgarian Post had an issue about the first European Games. On May 29, 2015 they issued a bloc (and FDC) of 1,40 Lev with volleyball on the margin. The designer is Lyudmil Metodiev. Printed were 11,000 blocs.

**China**

The meter cancel below is issued in Beijing on Nov 28, 2014. The "flag" has the text: Sport Centre for Workers. The picto's are basketball, volleyball and table tennis. The cancel refers to the development of sport in Beijing



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## France

On April 4, 2015 Tours Volley Ball issued four personalized stamps to commemorate the winning of the Coupe de France 2015 by defeating Beauvais. Issued were 200 "sheets" with a selling price of € 6,00. The face value of the stamps is 4 x € 0,76 (Lettre prioritaire 20 gr.) The face value of the stamps from Quimper Volley 29 Elite in my previous newsletter is € 0,68 (Lettre verte 20 gr.)  
<http://www.toursvolleyball.com/>



## Iceland



Islandspóstur issued on April 30, 2015 a (self-adhesive) stamp from 50g EVROPA = ISK 180,00 to commemorate the 16<sup>th</sup> Games of the Small States of Europe which were held in Iceland from June 1 till 6.

The stamp is printed in sheets of ten (5x2) stamps with sheet margins.

Picto's from beachvolleyball and volleyball are two of the eleven sports pictured.

One of the sheet margins has STRANDBLAK (beachvolleyball). A little curious is that BLAK (volleyball) is on the vertical sheetmargin.

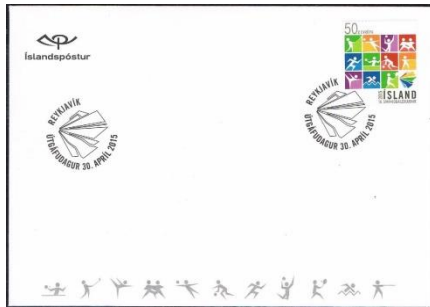
The designer is Elsa Nielsen.

The rates changed on April 1, 2015 from ISK 165,00 to ISK 180,00 for Priority mail till 50 gr. for European destinations.

The Games of the Small States of Europe can be traced back to the year 1981. There was widespread belief that a sports competition between small nations could promote the ideal of the Olympic Movement and strengthen the ties of friendship between nations. European nations with population under one million have the right to participate in the Games. These countries are: Andorra, Iceland, Cyprus, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, San Marino and Montenegro. The first Small States Games were held in San Marino in 1985. The Games are held every two years in one of the nine countries, organized with the support of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The National Olympic and Sports Association of Iceland (ÍSÍ) will host the Games for the second time, having previously hosted them in 1997.

In addition, ÍSÍ federations, the Ministry of Culture, the

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City of Reykjavik and Reykjavik Sports Association will support the Games which include six different sports.

The optional sports for the 2015 Games will be gymnastics and golf, which will be presented for the first time in the history of the Games.

Source: Iceland Post

<http://www.iceland2015.is/english/the-games/>

### Italy

#### World championship update



A real maximum card was issued with Youn-Joo Hwang (South Korea) and Francesca Piccinini (Italy). The card has the FD cancel from Sep 23, 2014.

Issued by: "Universal Postcards".

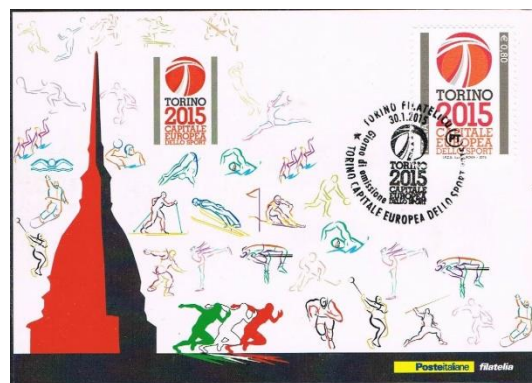
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South\\_Korea\\_women%27s\\_national\\_volleyball\\_team](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Korea_women%27s_national_volleyball_team)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francesca\\_Piccinini](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francesca_Piccinini)

Another maximum card was issued on November 29, 2014 by Poste Italiane celebrating the centenary of the Callipo Tuna, a very important Italian factory. Callipo is sponsor of the volleyball team from Vibo Valentia.

<http://www.callipo.com/callipo100/index.php/sport>

<http://www.volleytonnocallipo.com/index.asp>



On January 29, 2015 Poste Italiane issued a maximum card to commemorate that Turin is the European capital of sports in 2015. The postcard has two volleyball players.

<http://www.aceseuropa.eu/index.php/en/>

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Two cancels were issued in May 2015.



On May 14 in Turin to commemorate Convegno "Sport e sportivi piemontesi" Il Consiglio Regionale Piemonte per lo sport  
And on May 17 in Genoa to commemorate XXXIV Edizione torneo nazionale giovanile di pallavolo 18° Memorial Roberto Carmarino

### Jersey



On June 27, 2015 – the opening day of the Games - Jersey Post will issue a set of fourteen (14) stamps with a face value "postcard" = £ 0,62 to European destinations and commemorates the NatWest Island Games XVI. One of the stamps is beachvolleyball. The stamps are printed in sheets of ten (5x2) stamps each. The designer is Andrew Le Gresley.

The FDC has all fourteen stamps on one cover.



A prestige booklet - 21 pages - is also issued and has five exclusive panes of stamps. The price of this booklet is £ 17,36.

The stamps are also available in a presentation pack.

JERSEY POST IS ONE OF THE SPONSORS FROM THE NATWEST ISLAND GAMES.

<http://www.jersey2015.com/>

<http://www.iiga.org/>

### Uruguay



On March 11, 2015 the Federación Uruguaya de Voleibol (FUV) celebrated its centenary. On this occasion Correo Uruguayo issued a stamp to commemorate this anniversary on March 18, 2015 together with a basketball stamp in se-tenant as the basketball federation celebrated its centenary also.

Both stamps have a face value of Pesos 15,00, being the rate for normal covers till 20 gr within Uruguay. The rate till 100 gr is Pesos 30,00.

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The FD cancel has both anniversaries, of course.



The stamps are printed in sheets of 4x5 stamps. The designer is Alejandro Muntz



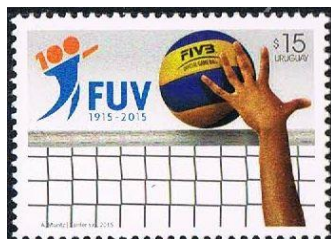
At the ceremony on March 18, 2015 with the President of the Uruguayan Olympic Committee: Julio Cesar Maglione; Correo representatives: Maria Solange Moreira and Paul Arretche; Alfredo Etchandy representing the Government and Julio Pérez, president of the FUV.



On April 7, 2015 Correo Uruguayo issued a commemorative cancel with the logo of the volleyball federation. The designer is Alejandro Muntz also.

<http://www.uruvoley.org.uy/index.php/historia>

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/Media/viewPressRelease.asp?No=50816&Language=en>



<http://www.fivb.com/en/about/news/uruguay-stamps-its-century-celebration-on-the?id=51502>

### Belgium maximum cards (and cancels)

The FIP rules for maximum cards are clear but in our topic it is very difficult to find (older) postcards.

The late Gerard Sluis (1916-2013) from Schoten (Belgium) did not look after postcards but he created them when a stamp and/or a commemorative cancel were announced by nowadays Bpost.

What did he do:

He took a piece of coloured paper (80 gr or more) and cut the dimensions of a postcard (10x15 cm) of it. Than he looked in magazines for photo's which he could use for that topic and framed the photo with a colour pencil.

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In case of a new cancel it was not always possible to find the right stamp as it did not exist till then.

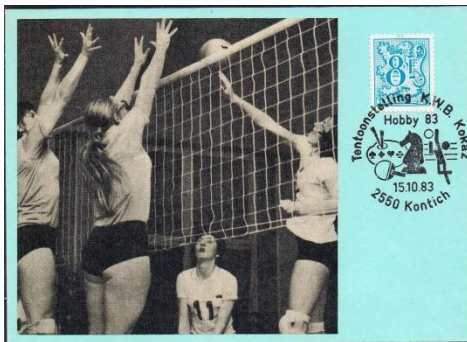
In that case he used another stamp but I THINK he always used the right rate for postcards in Belgium.

In more than 25 years he created about 5.000 maximum cards with all kinds of topics from stamps and/or cancels issued in Belgium.

For that reason I want to mention this kind of work as, I think, it will never happen again.

Below you can find three of them with a volleyball cancel.

Belgium issued so far eight commemorative or FD cancels with volleyball.



The photo is completely unknown to me. The cancel refers to: Tentoonstelling **Kristelijke Werknemers Beweging Kontich kazerne** - Hobby 83 - Kontich 15.10.83  
Translation (partly): Exhibition "Hobby 83" organized by **Kristelijke Werknemers Beweging Kontich kazerne**  
<http://www2.kokaz.be/index.php/sportief/ploegen/new-layouts/vvb-heren-1>

The photo is probably from a match in the Dutch competition in 1967 or 1968.

The spiker is Kees Tinga from AMVJ (YMCA) Amsterdam and member of the Dutch national team during the VII World championship in Bulgaria 1970 and the VIII European Championship in Italy 1971.

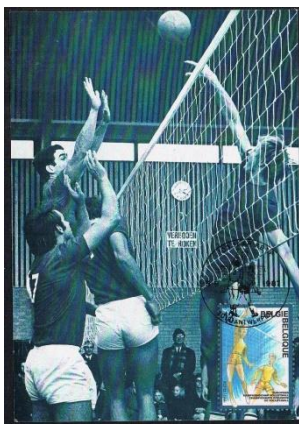
The best blocker could be Cor de Hond from Tornado Tilburg and member of the Dutch national team during the VII European championship in Turkey 1967.

The plate under the clock mentions: verboden te roken = no smoking. Kees Tinga confirmed it is him. But the copyright of the photo belongs to BELGA, a news agency in Belgium.

The cancel is one of the four FD cancels from the stamp issue from Sep 5, 1987.

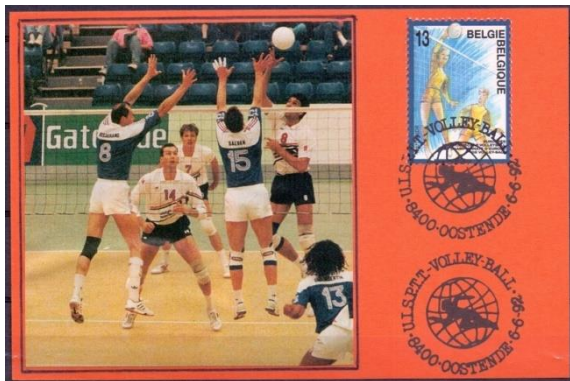
It is the cancel from Antwerp with 100 jaar **Koninklijke Bell Telephone Personeelsclub**.

[http://users.telenet.be/VLLY/alcatel/club\\_club.html](http://users.telenet.be/VLLY/alcatel/club_club.html)



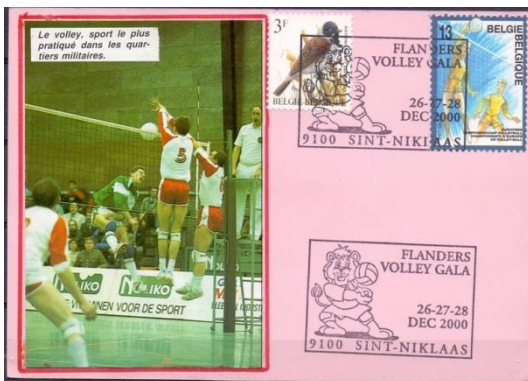
Another private made card shows Antwerps Sportpaleis where the Belgium cup finals were played this year. The postcard mentions Merksem but in Belgium (and Holland) everybody talks about Antwerps Sportpaleis.  
<http://www.cev.lu/News.aspx?NewsID=19643&ID=2>  
<http://www.sportpaleis.be/nl/kalender/2014-2015/beker-van-belgie-volleybal>

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The photo is taken during the match between France and Netherlands in the WVJ in Nantes on July 6 or 7, 1991. Pictured are from left: Arnaud Josserand (8), Philippe Salvan (15) and Laurant Chambertin (setter) (13) from France and Martin van der Horst (14), Marco Klok (7) and Ron Zwerver (8) from the Netherlands.

The cancel commemorates the 3<sup>rd</sup> European championship volleyball for Postmen.



The photo is from March 22, 1988 in Maaseik with the match **Koninklijke School voor de Medische Dienst (KSMD)** versus **Bataljon Bevrijding (BVR)**. It is the final of the Belgium military volleyball championship in 1988.

In front BVR with the players (from left): Marc Paredis (VC Tongerlo) (2); Roger Schoonbroodt (Noliko Maaseik) (5) and Marcel Baillien (VC Maaseik) (8).

The spiker is Philippe Decock (Knack Roeselare) (1). Referee is José Miechiels. Because of the 20<sup>th</sup> "Flanders Volley Gala" Belgium Post had a temporary post office in sports hall "De Witte Molen" on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000 with a cancel with the logo ("Digger") of the Gala.



The lady of the photo is unknown to me but the similarity with the stamp is perfect.

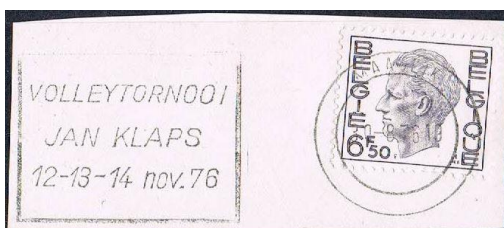
The Italian company "Generali" is on the shirt of the player so it can be somebody in the Italian Serie A.

The cancel is the FD cancel from the stamp issue.

The postcard is issued by:

<http://www.belgianmaximaphiles.be/index.htm>

The cancels which do not have a maximum card are:



A machine cancel from post office Maaseik.

This one is dated 30-8 76.

The cancel has been in use for a couple of months but hardly to find.

The organization had to pay for it.

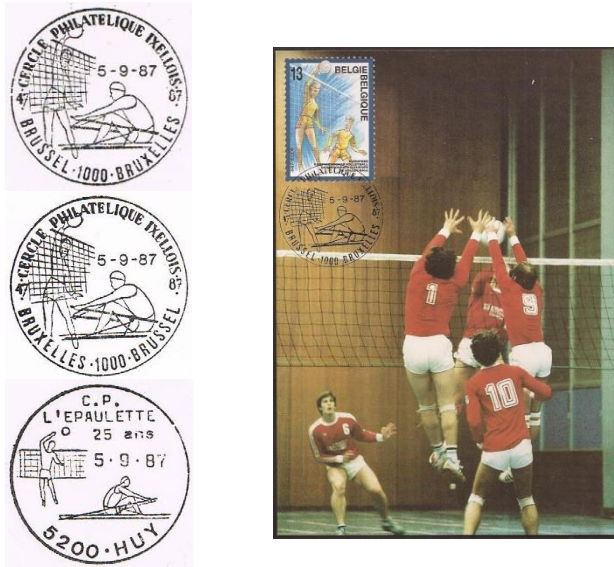
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Jan Klaps (15 April 1943 - 2 November 1963) was captain from Mavoc, Maaseik and member of the Belgium national team during the V World championship in Moscow 1962 and the VI European Championship in Romania 1963.

He died on the last day of the tournament. Belgium played his last match of this tournament in Cluj-Napoca against Denmark on the same date.

Source (partly): <http://www.noliko-maaseik.be/home>

The three FD cancels from 1987 are of no use for a maximum card as there exists a cancel with volleyball from the same date, but at least one exists.



### OTHER NEWS

FIP Thematic Philately Commission  
<http://www.fipthematicphilately.org/>

News from FISU

<http://www.fisu.net/en/2016-WUC-Beach-Volleyball-Inspection-Visit-3133.html?mbID=6404&nc=170&e=cGllcC5pbmZvQGhvbWUubmw%3D>

Digital (volleyball) net

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=14&v=GCdrstVb038>

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