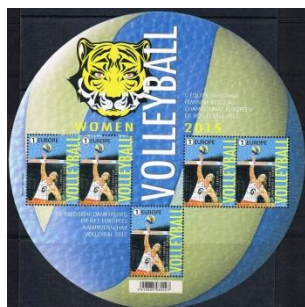


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The Lord of the province of Limburg Herman Reynders was particularly generous in his praise for the organization and the value of philately in particular. He also presented the document from the Court of Belgium confirming that Fila Limburg now can call themselves "Royal". Mayor Steven Mathei of Peer also joined in impassioned words.

Source: Newspaper Het Belang van Limburg.



The limited edition (number 15) from this stamp issue is a shape of a volleyball with five stamps. Pictured is Charlotte Leys, captain of the team. This season she will be playing for Galatasaray Istanbul (Turkey).

<http://www.galatasaray.org/haber/voleybol/bayan-voleybol/charlotte-leys-yeni-sezonda-galatasaray-da/27638>

Designer Kris Maes used photos made by Geert de Dobbeleer, General Director of the Belgium Federation. By choosing the other side of the net as a viewpoint he creates the illusion that Belgium is the opponent.

Printed are 24,298 blocs.



From this year on Bpost does not issue FDC's any longer but FD sheets. Printed are 2,700 sheets.

This sheet has the signature from Kris Maes, the designer.

Source: Philanews from Bpost.

Perforation.

In 2011 the sports issue with volleyball had a perforation difference between the specimen and the ultimate issue. This time it is the same.

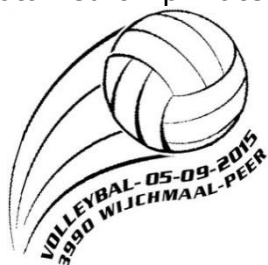
Two specimens have a perforation at the right side but the ultimate issue has no perforation on both sides at all.



According to information from Mr. B. Janssen, coordinator stamp issues it is a technical problem. With the present used perforation mold it is not possible to continue the perforation. But other information I got is more reliable, I think.

Limited editions as this one are issued for collectors and as they are not available in the post offices - only in the e-shop from Bpost - it seems to me that this information is more likely. With this perforation it is a bloc and not a sheet.

The issue has three different commemorative cancels. One from the advanced sale and two FD cancels as Belgium is a bilingual country. The FD cancels could be obtained on private covers.



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Worker's sport center



This meter cancel is also used on the opening day. (See VB Newsletter 21)

Georgia



Georgian Post issued on July 22, 2015 two stamps - also in a bloc - at the "Courtyard Marriott" hotel to commemorate the European Youth Olympic Festival 2015. The bloc with a face value 4 GEL has a picto from volleyball.

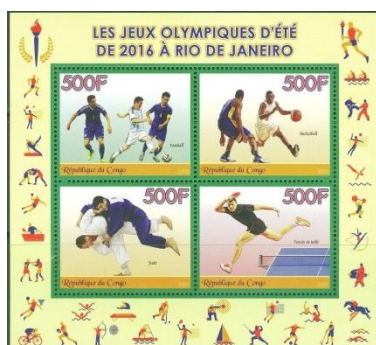
The currency in Georgia is the Lari (GEL – Georgian Equal Lari).

The designers are Tamar Demetrashvili and George Qartvelishvili. A FDC does not exist, I think. The festival was held from July 26 till August 1.

<http://www.tbilisi2015.com/en/volleyball>



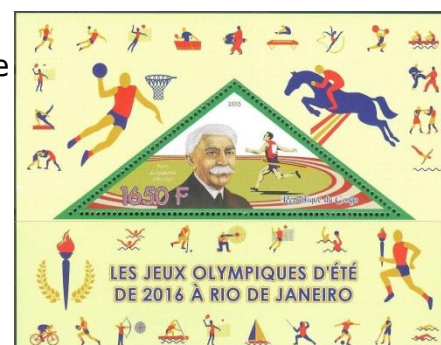
Congo Republic (Brazzaville)



On July 23, 2015 Republic Congo issued two blocs to commemorate the upcoming Olympic Games in Rio.

The blocs have a picto volleyball but not the picto from Rio 2016. Both have also a FDC.

See also the article at the end of this newsletter.



Italy

Recently three cancels were issued by Poste Italiane.



One on June 13, 2015 in Crotona Paternostro. Finali nazionali pallavolo under 18 femminile – 36° Anniversario ASD Pallavolo Crotona

One on Aug 30, 2015 in Pescara Centro.

The cancel was also available on August 31 and Sep 1,5 and 6.



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1[^] Edizione Giochi del Mediterraneo sulla spiaggia Beach volley
 1st Edition of the Mediterranean Games on the beach
<http://www.pescara2015.it/Sport/BeachVolley/Home>



And one in Torino Filatelico on October 12, 2015
 Mostra filatelica tematica sportiva CUT "la pallavolo protagonista a Torino"

Japan



After 2001 (Prefecture Miyagi) Japan Post (Prefecture Wakayama) issued a volleyball stamp again to commemorate what nowadays is called the National Sports Festival.

This 70th Festival was held for the second time in 44 years in Prefecture Wakayama.

The sheet – issued on August 28, 2015 - depicts ten events with the mascot of the game "Kii-chan" on the sheet margins.

The designer is Maruyama Satoru. A FDC does not exist.

The women's and men's teams and also the boys played their matches in Hashimoto and the girls in Gobo.

The soft volleyball matches were also played in Hashimoto

[http://www.japan-](http://www.japan-sports.or.jp/english/tabid/644/Default.aspx)

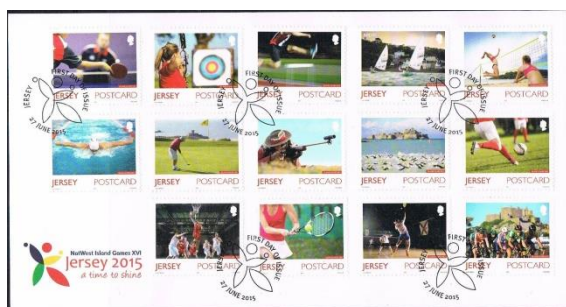
[sports.or.jp/english/tabid/644/Default.aspx](http://www.japan-sports.or.jp/english/tabid/644/Default.aspx)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Sports_Festival_of_Japan



Jersey

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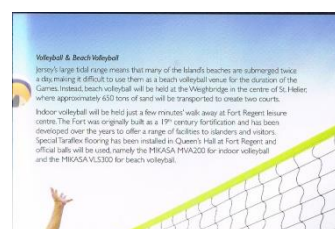


The FDC has the beachvolleyball stamp on the right place 😊.

The prestige booklet has all fourteen stamps twice in five panes. This explains the price of the booklet (28 x £ 0,62) = £ 17,36.

The booklet has ten pages with text about the sports and one of them is volleyball.

The page even mentions with which balls the tournaments will be played.



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Singapore



On June 5, 2015 Singapore Post issued four stamps to commemorate the 28th South East Asian Games. The games were held from June 5 till 16 in Singapore. Part of the presentation pack (set & FDC) is a sheet with all picto's from the Games. Volleyball is one of them.
<https://www.seagames2015.com/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1SE8-bITVA>

Olympic pictograms.

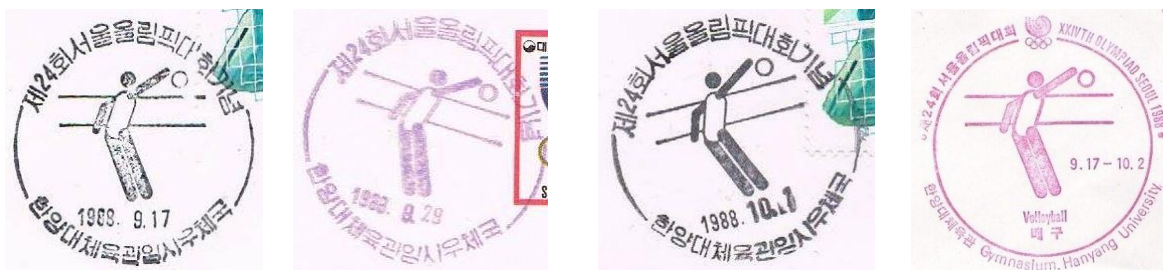


On June 23, 2015 the FIVB published a very interesting article about the Olympic pictograms. Unfortunately the one from Montreal 1976 is not correct as you can see on the entrance ticket.

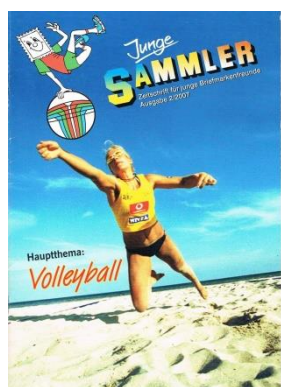


Many stamps but much more cancels have such picto. It is possible to set up a very nice and specialized collection with cancels from each day of the tournament.

Below you can find some of them from 1988 with even a cachet cancel.
<http://www.fivb.org/en/Volleyball/viewPressRelease.asp?No=53428&Language=en>



Volleyball in philatelic magazines



The "Deutschen Philatelisten-Jugend e.V." (German Philatelic Youth Club) from „Bundesverband der Jungen Briefmarkenfreunde" issues four times a year a magazine with a country or a topic in each issue.

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The second issue from 2007 (40 pages) was about our topic with 8 pages and many pictures.

One of our members Axel Brockmann was President during that period. Nowadays he is editor of the magazine.

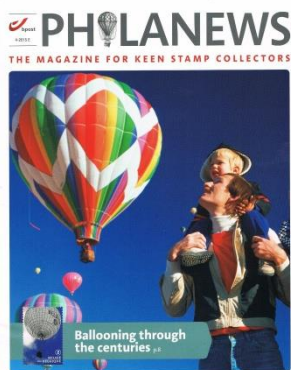


http://www.dphj.de/index.php?article_id=1&titel2=



The issue from April 2015 of the Dutch magazine „Filatelie“ had a review from our newsletter number 20. It was the second time that attention was paid to the newsletter.

<http://www.filatelie.nu/>



And last but not least the magazine „Philanews“ from Bpost (Belgium) published an interview with me in the chapter „The collector“.

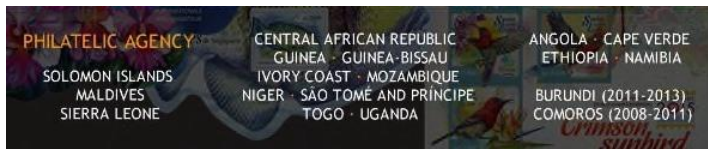
http://www.bpost.be/sites/default/files/product/philanews_4_2015_FR.pdf

And than this.....

In the September number of the Dutch magazine „Filatelie“ a list of countries is published from which new issues will not be published any longer. The reason is that commercial companies are in charge with new issues (sometimes partly) and that they will not be available in the local postoffices - in other words - they cannot be find in the normal postal traffic. The countries are: Aitutaki, Angola, Antigua & Barbuda, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo Republic (Brazaville), Congo Democratic Republic (Kinshasa), Cook Islands, Dominica, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Liberia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mozambique, Nevis, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Penrhyn, Rarotonga, Redona, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Sao Tomé & Principe, Sierra Leone, St. Kitts, St. Vincent/Grenadines

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(incl. Bequia, Canouan, Mayreau, Mustique Palm Island, Tobago Cays, Union Island), Tanzania, Togo, Tonga, Tuvalu and Uganda.



One of them is STAMPERIJA LTD | Production & Trade in Philately |

If these issues will be published in the next newsletters depends on you, so please let me know what you think about it.

Good to know.....

The dream team from the Women's European championship 2015.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_gtLIqqPN24

Preview Olympic Games 2016.

<http://www.rio2016.com/en/news/news/test-events-brazil-will-be-hard-to-beat-at-home-says-usa-volleyball-captain-david-lee>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGsGsbdffqg0>

Book about Beach volleyball in the Netherlands (in Dutch).



<http://netherlands2015.fivb.org/en/news/book-retraces-story-of-beach-volleyball-in?id=53289>

The Most Beautiful Women Volleyball Players.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftcpvJly0k>

Universidad 2015 in South Korea but no volleyball cancels found.

<http://www.fisu.net/en/Gwangju-Universiade-spoils-Philately-Collectors-3133.html?mbID=6536&nc=176&e=cGllldC5pbmZvQGhvbWUubmw%3D>

FD cancels India with volleyball in 2012. (See VBNewsletter 10).

<http://philamirror.info/2015/07/25/100000th-post-office-of-india/>

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