

THE SPORTS ARENA

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USPS To Designate Unique ZIP Code to Dodgertown, CA 90090

[From the official press release, May 1, 2009]

“The Los Angeles Dodgers announced today that the United States Postal Service will designate Dodger Stadium and the associated property with a new signature Zip-90090. The unveiling at Dodger Stadium is scheduled to take place Saturday, June 6, before the Dodgers play the Philadelphia Phillies at 1:10 p.m. on national television.”

“The Los Angeles City Council designated the property as “Dodgertown” in October, 2008.”

“We welcome letters in any language, from any person, anywhere in the world,” said Dodgers CEO Jamie McCourt. “Baseball is a universal language; baseball is a unifying language.”

“The official unveiling June 6 will allow special stamp cancellation opportunities for fans and collectors alike.”

Collectors wishing to obtain the special postmark on June 6 may send their stamped covers with a SASE to: Kathy Clements, 3976 Olmsted Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90008-2626.

Mysterious “Penguins” Postmark

Regular contributor, Kon Sokolyk, recently contacted me with this rather interesting color postmark on what appears to be a USPS-produced cacheted cover from Pittsburgh, PA dated January 20, 1996, honoring the NHL Penguins. Kon hadn’t seen this before, nor had I. Can any of our ice hockey or winter sports fans out there provide a little background on this “cool” item?



3-Volume Catalog of Olympic Games Stamps

A full-color catalogue of Olympic Games stamps has been published in China by China Philatelic Publishing House. Printed in 3 volumes, the full set comprises 1,816 pages measuring 142 x 211 mm. The set weighs in at about 3 kg. An introduction and titles of each entry are in English.



Our Membership Chairman, Peg Jones, purchased the set. She noted that it did indeed cover both summer and winter Olympic Games stamps and seemed to be current to about 2006. She also noted some Paralympic issues and spotted both Scott and a few Michel catalog numbers as she thumbed through the volumes.

The price in June 2008 when she ordered the set was \$107 which included registered surface mail.

Those interested may contact the publisher’s representative, Mr. Xu Gang, Fang Cheng Yuan 2-4-1805, Fang Zhuang, Feng Tai District, Beijing 100078 P. R. China. He may be contacted by email at: francoxg8000@yahoo.com.cn

