

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

by Mark Maestrone

Esprit: Sports et Olympisme: Jean-Pierre Picquot, 172 Bd. Berthier, 75017 Paris, France. [In French]

March 2008 (#47). This year, the Stade de France, Paris' main stadium, celebrated its decennial. René Christin reports on the special anniversary postmark and reviews major sporting events, such as the 1998 World Cup, that have taken place there. Other articles in this issue include philately linking "Alpinism and Olympism"; a look back at the sporting triumphs of famed French skier, Jean Claude Killy, as seen through the covers of French publications; a review of the 2007 Women's World Handball Championships held in Dijon, France; and a report (in color) on the AFCOS General Assembly Meeting in Grenoble, France on the 40th anniversary of the 1968 Olympic Winter Games.

July 2008 (#48). Philippe Estang presents an article on Louis Gassiat, a pioneer French golfing professional. Also presented are reports on: the centennial of the IIHF, the International Ice Hockey Federation, along with a look at some past ice hockey world championships; the famous 1908 Olympic Marathon involving Dorando Pietri and a review of Bob Wilcock's new publication on the 1908 Games; and a colorful pictorial review on the visit of the Olympic torch relay to London and Paris. Jean-Pierre Picquot looks at the first tennis stamp, issued by the Philippines in 1934.

Filabasket Review: Luciano Calenda, POB 17126 - Grottarossa, 00189 Rome, Italy. [Color, in English]

April 2008 (#25). The first basketball stamp was issued by the Philippines in 1934 (coincidentally, from the same set featuring the first tennis stamp discussed in the July 2008 issue of *Esprit*, above). Luciano Calenda discusses this stamp in detail including FD covers/cancels and later commercial usages. Of interest to many sports collectors is an article clarifying use of the three different types of Thai postal markings and their usage: general, FD, and commemorative.

August 2008 (#26). Not surprisingly, the many new Olympic basketball stamps issued in honor of the

2008 Beijing Olympic Games are featured. Updates to previous articles include discussions of the Philippine 1934 and Lithuania 1939 basketball issues, as well as recently reported information from Canadian sources on the first Olympic basketball competition which occurred at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. A fascinating item reported on in this issue was a very colorful Western Union telegram form called a "Pep Telegram" featuring the sports of basketball, baseball, football, track & field, and ice hockey. An unused example is illustrated (below). This is the only U.S. sports-related telegram I'm aware of; do others exist?



IMOS Journal: Diethard Hensel, Dorfstr. 15, OT Koselitz, D-01609 Röderaue, Germany. [In Ger.]

February 2008 (#137). Dr. Christian Hochhold's series on the philately of Olympilex continues with a look at the Sydney 2000 Games. The conclusion of Thomas Lippert's article on the 75th anniversary of the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games is also presented (the entire article appeared in English in the Fall 2007 issue of *JSP*). Stefan Breitfeld discusses some of the 1936 Olympic flight covers. German ice hockey team, Nordhessen, is featured on private post stamps produced by PTN, as reported by Wolfgang Marx.

April 2008 (#138). The IMOS annual convention was held in Werder (Havel), Germany this year. This special volume of the IMOS journal features stories on sports and Olympics relating to the city and region. Located in the lake country southwest

of Berlin, it's no surprise that the area has produced many well-known rowers. A number of articles discuss the sport. Potsdam, the capital of the state of Brandenburg, was famous for two figure skating champions, Luduwika Jakobson-Eilers (born in Potsdam, but who competed for her husband's native Finland) and Gillis Grafström (a Swede who lived and trained in Potsdam). Their stories are discussed.

OSPC Bulletin: *Thomas Lippert, PB 102067, D-18003 Rostock, Germany. [In German]*

#1, 2008. Air China was a sponsor of the Beijing Olympic Games, playing an important role in transporting the Olympic torch on its round-the-world relay. Thomas Lippert discusses their involvement accompanied by philatelic documentation. Vancouver's 2010 Olympic Winter Games are just around the corner. Additional articles in this informative publication include: Klaus-Jurgen Alde on the Vancouver 2010 Games; Wolfgang Marx on the 2007 Women's World Football Championship held in China; a detailed examination of the rowing postmarks from the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games by Eberhard Büttner; and the 75th anniversary of ice sports (primarily ice hockey) in Weisswasser.

Olimpiafila: *MOSFIT, Vorosmarty u. 65, 1064 Budapest, Hungary [In Hungarian; English synopses]*

December 2007 (Vol. X, No. 1-2). Sándor Szekeres presents an interesting article on the seal stamps (vignettes) of the Olympic Games starting with the 1894 IOC seal and continuing through the 1932 Los Angeles Games. Also of interest, though not strictly philatelic, is a table listing the qualification schedule for each of the sports on the Beijing Olympic schedule. I know how difficult this task was for Csaba Tóth as I tried to ferret out this information myself! For soccer fans, there is a nice tribute to famous Hungarian soccer star, Puskás Ferenc, who passed away in 2006.

Phila-Sport: *UICOS, CP 14327 Roma Trullo - via Lenin, 00149 Rome, Italy. [In Italian]*

October 2007 (#64). Maurizio Tecardi reports on the upcoming new Chinese stamp issues for the Beijing 2008 Games. Germania 2006 soccer issues are described and illustrated by Giancarlo L'Imperio. Other short articles include: the XXXIth Euro-

pean Women's Basketball Championships; motor-sports events reported by Mauro Gilardi; and the 22nd edition of the Venice Marathon.

January 2008 (#65). This issue of the Italian journal focuses on the centennial of the famous 1908 Olympic Marathon event in which Dorando Pietri competed. A special exhibition was held in Italy to commemorate the event. Included in this issue are articles on fencing, javelin, and soccer.

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February 2008 (Vol. 25, #1). SOC celebrates the centennial of the 1908 London Olympic Games with a series of articles in this issue. First, Bob Wilcock introduces his new book, "The 1908 Olympic Games, the Great Stadium & the Marathon." Bob discusses the difficulties and rewards in putting the book together. [Editor's Note: the book will be reviewed in the December issue of *JSP*.] Bob also reviews the special exhibition as part of the celebration in Carpi and Correggio (near where Dorando Pietri was born) held in Pietri's honor. Reports of more 1940 Tokyo Olympic postcards are presented, along with updates on new Beijing Olympic stamps, cancels and postal stationery.

June 2008 (Vol. 25, #2). As to be expected, SOC devotes most of this issue to the (then) upcoming Beijing Games with reports on the postmark program, torch relay, new stamp issues and wave of cancellations and cachets appearing in the Chinese philatelic marketplace. Once again, some additional 1940 Tokyo Olympic postcards have been uncovered by readers (an example is at right).

1937 New Year Greeting postcard showing women swimmers, the Olympic rings and Japanese flag.

