

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

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

September 2009 (#53). René Christin opens this issue of *Esprit* with the colorful story, told through philately and old movie posters, of Olympic champions who have made it from the awards podium to the silver screen. Included, among others, are ice skating queen, Sonja Henie, and famous skiers, Toni Sailer and Jean-Claude Killy.

In "Variations on #185," Christin explores the third value in the set of stamps issued by France for the 1924 Olympic Games: the 30c stamp portraying Milon of Croton (Yvert #153). Shown are many interesting usages on cover, card and postal stationery.

Jean-Pierre Picquot presents an interesting discovery: programs in both French and English for a golf competition at the 1920 Antwerp Olympic Games. Originally, an optional golf (for men only) competition had been approved by the organizing committee, but subsequently cancelled. These two programs are rare examples and support the evidence that a golf competition was nearly held.

Additional articles include rare tennis postcards (Picquot), and the 2009 World Athletic Championships in Berlin (Christin & Reiter).

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

July 2009 (#143). In addition to the usual updates of sport and Olympic postmarks and stamps from around the world, this issue presents articles on a variety of subjects. These include: German private post stamps with the theme of soccer (Wolfgang Marx); modern internet-based postage with thematic elements (Thomas Lippert); the 2009 German Sporthilfe stamps imprinted on postal stationery (Lippert); and more on the philately of the Beijing Olympic Games (Lippert).

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

August 2009 (#29). *Filabasket* begins its August issue by presenting the philately of the 2007 and 2009 Eurobasket Women competitions held, respectively, in Italy and Latvia.

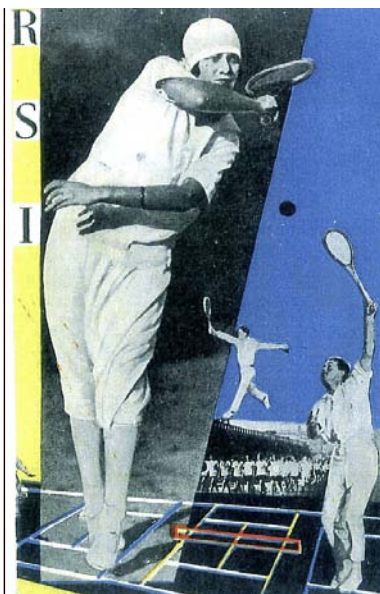
This is followed by a lengthy analysis of the various elements of a collection (e.g., philately, numismatics, posters, pins, tickets, etc.). Philatelic collectibles are further divided into various types of stamps, souvenir sheets, booklets, postal stationery, cancels, maximum cards, etc. Those "types" that are deemed less desirable (or indeed unacceptable) in philatelic exhibits are identified as well. While the examples given are basketball related, the various elements may be applied to virtually any sport or Olympic Games collection.

Lastly, updates of new stamps issued and follow-ups to previously printed items are presented.

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September 2009 (Vol. 26, #3). This year marked the bicentenary of the birth of William Penny Brookes, founder of the Much Wenlock games – a precursor to the modern Olympic Games. The special exhibition held to celebrate the event is reviewed. In an interesting article by Mike Pagomenos, the postal history of the Brookes Family is presented dating back to the early and mid-19th century.

More current are articles detailing the stamp booklets issued for the Vancouver 2010 Games, and an update on the construction of 2012 London Olympic Games facilities. The recent issue of 10 stamps by Royal Mail for the 2012 Olympics are also discussed. Finally, on the eve of the XIII Olympic Congress in Copenhagen, Brian Hammond reviews the philately of the prior dozen congresses dating back to the first in 1894 in Paris.



Rare Spartakiad tennis post card from the Soviet Union dating to the 1920's. [Esprit]