

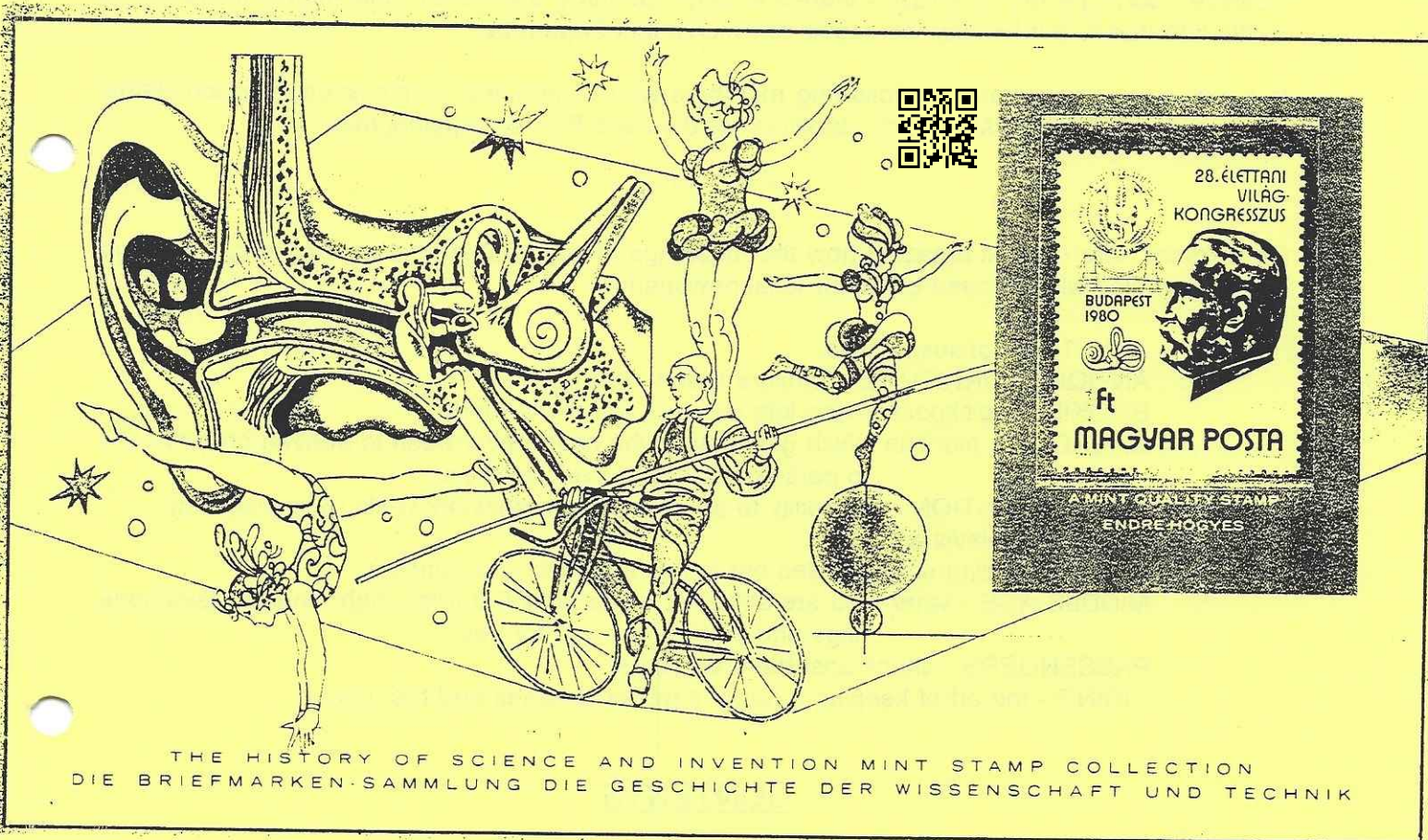
Bicycle Stamps

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New Issue Update

ABKHAZIA	00.00.96	SHEET	REAR OF BIKE WITH FLAT - 4 DIFF SE-TEN	S	21B COVER
<u>BARBUDA MAIL</u> <u>ANTIGUA & BAR</u>	<u>16.07.96</u>	\$6	ATLANTA OLYMPICS SHEET OF 1	6+2S	
BERNERA ISLANDS	00.00.84	8P	LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS GOLD LEAF CYCLIST	?	
<u>BURKINA FASO</u>	00.00.95	650f	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CTCLIST IN MARGIN	4+4S+S+S	19B-CS
CAMBODIA	00.00.95	1000r	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	5+S	18A-4
CANADA	00.00.92	BOOKLET	PART OF OLYMPIC STAMP PICTURED	B	
<u>CENTRAL AFRICA *</u>	<u>19.07.96</u>	350f	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLING & BOXING	4+4S	20B-6
<u>CENTRAL AFRICA *</u>	<u>19.07.96</u>	SHEET	CONTAINS THE ABOVE	4+4S	21A-9
<u>CENTRAL AFRICA *</u>	<u>19.07.96</u>	600f	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - WEIGHT LIFTING & CYCLING	4+4S	20B-6
<u>CENTRAL AFRICA *</u>	<u>19.07.96</u>	SHEET	CONTAINS THE ABOVE	4+4S	21A-9
<u>CENTRAL AFRICA *</u>	00.00.96	200f	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	S+2S	21B-8
<u>CENTRAL AFRICA *</u>	00.00.96	SHEET	ATLANTA OLYMPICS 9 DIFF CONTAINS ABOVE	S+2S	21B-8
CENTRAL AFRICA	00.00.96	300f	SCOUTING - CYCLIST	S	
CENTRAL AFRICA	00.00.96	SHEET	SCOUTING - CYCLIST SHEET OF 6 + 2L	S	
* DATES TO BE CLARIFIED					
CHAD	00.00.96	300f	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	2S + S	21B-8
CHAD	00.00.96	SHEET	ATLANTA OLYMPICS 4 DIFF CONTAINS ABOVE	2S+S	21B-8
<u>CHILE</u>	<u>02.05.96</u>	SHEET	ROAD SAFETY ONE WITH CYCLIST	S	20B-7
<u>CHILE</u>	<u>02.05.96</u>	\$50	ROAD SAFETY - CYCLIST	1	20B-7
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	00.00.96	\$3	CHILDRENS PAINTINGS POSTMAN/BICYCLE	3 	
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	16.07.76	200f	OLYMPICS - VELODROME	1	22A-CS
<u>ERITREA</u>	<u>20.11.96</u>	2b	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	4+S+2S	21B-7
<u>ERITREA</u>	<u>20.11.96</u>	SHEET	ATLANTA OLYMPICS SHEET OF 9 DIFF CONTAINS ABOVE	4+S+2S	21B-7
<u>ERITREA</u>	<u>20.11.96</u>	3b	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	4+S+2S	21B-CS
<u>ERITREA</u>	<u>20.11.96</u>	10b	ATLANTA OLYMPICS CYCLIST SHEET OF 1	4+S+2S	21B-7
GRENADA	12.02.97	\$2	HONG KONG '97 - GOOFY ON BIKE	6+S	
GRENADA	12.02.97	SHEET	HONG KONG '97 - DISNEY SHEET OF 6 DIFF	S	
GUYANA	00.01.94	\$600	125th ANNIV OF BASEBALL	2	
HAITI	00.00.97	4G	50TH ANNIV. UNICEF - CYCLISTS IN STREET	5	22A-CS

✓	HAITI	00.00.97	5G	AS ABOVE	5	22A-CS
✓	HAITI	00.00.97	6G	AS ABOVE	5	22A-CS
✓	HAITI	00.00.97	10G	AS ABOVE	5	22A-CS
✓	HAITI	00.00.97	20G	AS ABOVE	5	22A-CS
✓	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	500m SHEET	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - BASKETBALL - BICYCLE PICTOGRAM IN SELVEDGE	2S	21A-11
✓	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	600m SHEET	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - JUDO - BICYCLE PICTOGRAM IN SELVEDGE	2S	21A-11
✓	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	30m	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	9+9S	21A-CS
✓	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	30m SHEET	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST - ABOVE STAMP WITH CYCLING PICTOGRAM IN SELVEDGE	9+9S	21B-6
✓	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	60m SHEET	AS ABOVE - PISTOL SHOOTING	9+9S	21B-6
✓	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	80m SHEET	AS ABOVE - WEIGHT LIFTING	9+9S	21B-6
✓	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	100m SHEET	AS ABOVE - BOXING	9+9S	21B-6
✓	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	350m SHEET	AS ABOVE - EQUESTRIAN	9+9S	21B-6
✓	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	400m SHEET	AS ABOVE - WRESTLING	9+9S	21B-6
✓	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	350m SHEET	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	9+9S	
	MONGOLIA	 00.00.96	SHEET	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - PICTOGRAM 100 CENT O/P	2S	
	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	SHEET	AS ABOVE	2S	
	MONGOLIA	00.00.96	350m	ATLANTA OLYMPICS 2245 100 CENT O/P	9	
	MORDOVIA	00.00.96	50	PANDA BEAR ON BIKE	6	
	MORDOVIA	00.00.96	SHEET	INCLUDES ABOVE - 2 X 3 DIFF SE- TEN	6	
	MORDOVIA	00.00.96	50	AS ABOVE BLUE O/P HONG KONG '97	6	
	MORDOVIA	00.00.96	SHEET	AS ABOVE - 2 X 3 DIFF SE-TEN	6	
✓	NETHERLANDS	00.03.96	SHEET	WESTERWOLDE & WESTERWOL ISSUES AS DETAILED IN BS20A	3S	20A-6
✓	NETHERLANDS	00.11.96	NO VALUE	TRICYCLE - 16 DIFFERENT COLOUR COMBINATIONS ISSUED ON DULL & SHINY PAPER	16S	
✓	NETHERLANDS	00.00.96	80c	ELFSTEDENTOUCHT BATAVIUS JERSEY	1	
✓	OMAN	00.00.96	100	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST 4 DIFF SE-TEN	4	21B-CS
	RWANDA	00.00.92	M/SHEET	BARCELONA OLYMPICS CYCLIST PICTOGRAM ON SELVEDGE	?	20B-6
✓	SAINT VINCENT & GRENADINES	00.00.97	10c	GOOFY AS BICYCLE MESSENGER	5S+S	
✓	SAINT VINCENT & GRENADINES	00.00.97	SHEET	DISNEY CHARACTERS AT WORK 8 DIFF	5S+S	



SINGAPORE	00.00.95	M/SHEET	SINGAPORE '95 - 2 SE-TEN M/S - RICKSHAWS ON SELVEDGE	M/S	19B-CS
TURKEY	16.08.60	40k	SMALL CYCLIST IN STREET	?	22A-CS
UZBEKISTAN	00.00.96	20r	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - 2 CYCLISTS	4+S	21A-CS
VIETNAM	00.00.64	SHEET	DIEN BIEN PHU - SHEET OF 4 DIFF - BIKE IN SELVEDGE	?	
WALLIS & FUTUNA	00.00.96	1000f	100th ANNIV OLYMPICS TINY CYCLISTS	1	21B-CS
ZAIRE	00.00.96	2000nz	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	3S	
ZAIRE	00.00.96	SHEET	ATLANTA OLYMPICS 4 DIFF SETEN	3S	

1. Undated issues will remain on the list until such time as a date of issue is established.
2. Corrections or additional information to previously listed items are underlined, as is the country.
3. Number or letter 'S' in brackets after the country show where stamp appears in Steve Malone's Checklist. The number, ie: (8), is Steve's reference number, whereas an (S) means that it is in the 1996 Supplement.
4. The last column shows where the stamp is illustrated, with BS number, followed by page number or 'CS' (colour supplement).

Festival Theatre beside the Torrens River, Adelaide

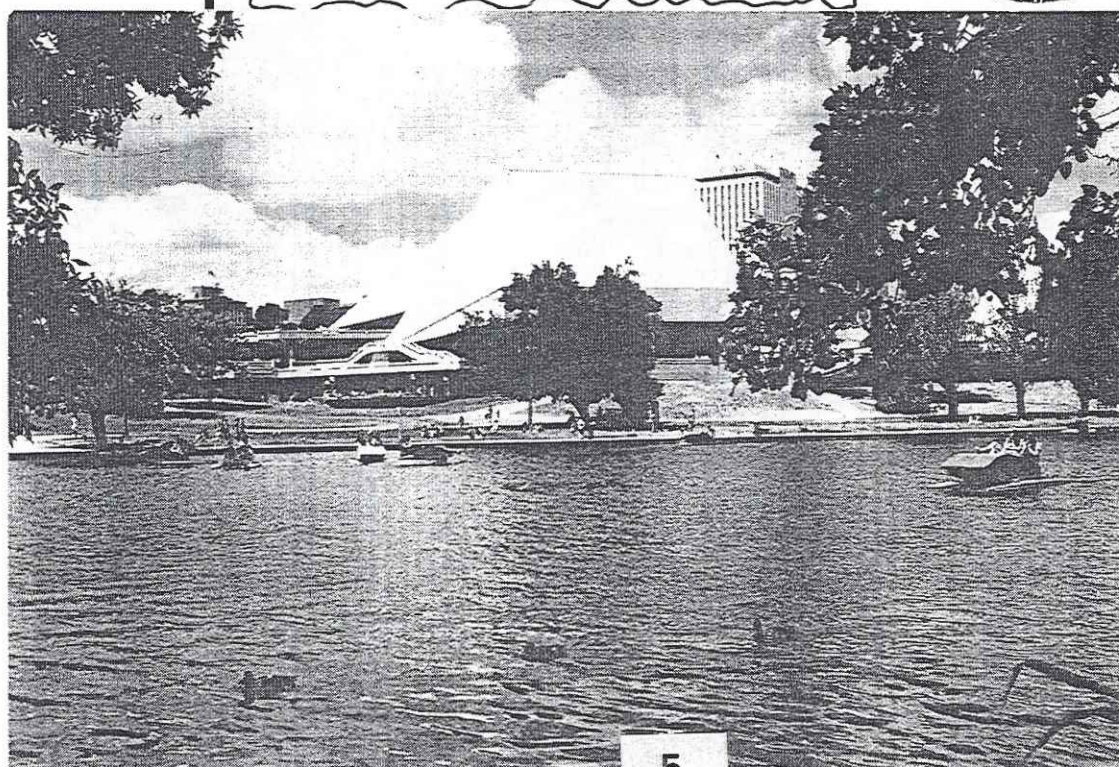
Australian postcard discovered by Martin Scheer - a bike stamp collector from Holland. There are 36 different coloured views in the set, with each scene miniaturised as the stamp imprint. These were issued 31.12.76. Card shows pedal-boats on the Torrens River.



Australia



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1998 Commonwealth Games by Lim Lik

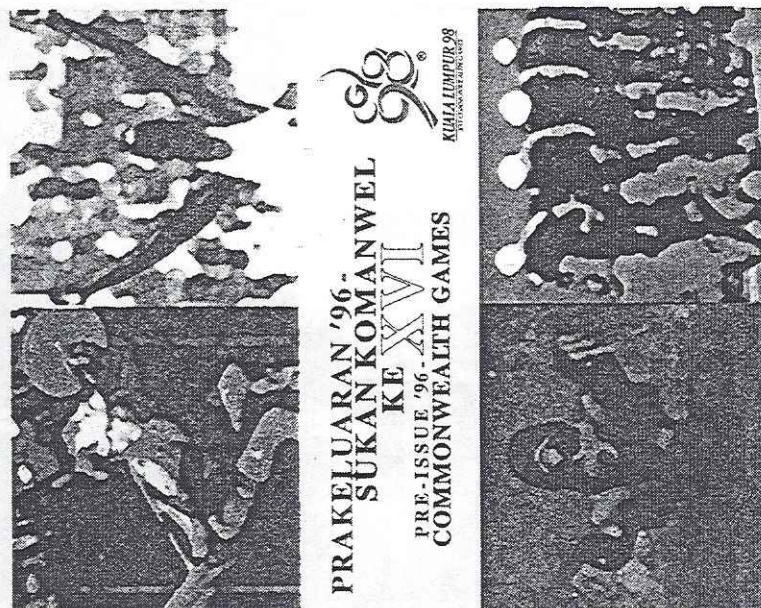
From information originally published in The Journal of Sports Philately
Volume 35, Number 2, November-December 1996

Malaysia was awarded the rights to host the 1998 Commonwealth Games during the Commonwealth Games Federation General Assembly held at Barcelona, Spain on 10 September 1992.

On 26 October 1995, the games organizing committee, better known as SUKOM 98, appointed Meko Offset Printing and Holoart as licensees for the production of educational products, including postcards. This article examines those postcards issued to date by Meko.

Meko's first postcard was issued on the day of their appointment. However, it was limited in sales as the company wished to test the market potential of its postcards. This initial card was sold primarily around Penang Island.

This initial offering was followed on 24 May 1996, by a series of 17 cards. They made their debut at the Putra World Trade Center in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Most depict the official games mascot, a monkey named "Wira." Wira is portrayed competing in each of the 14 sports on the Commonwealth Games schedule of events. Of the 17 cards issued the 4 that picture a cyclist are illustrated here.

The design of the reverse of the postcards is standardized. The area for affixing the stamp (upper right corner) is delineated with a box in which the mascot is depicted. A short explanatory appears at top left. The licensee's logo is illustrated in the bottom left corner.

The XVIth Commonwealth Games will be held in and around Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital, from 10-20 September 1998. These will be the first Commonwealth Games held in Asia since their debut in 1930 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

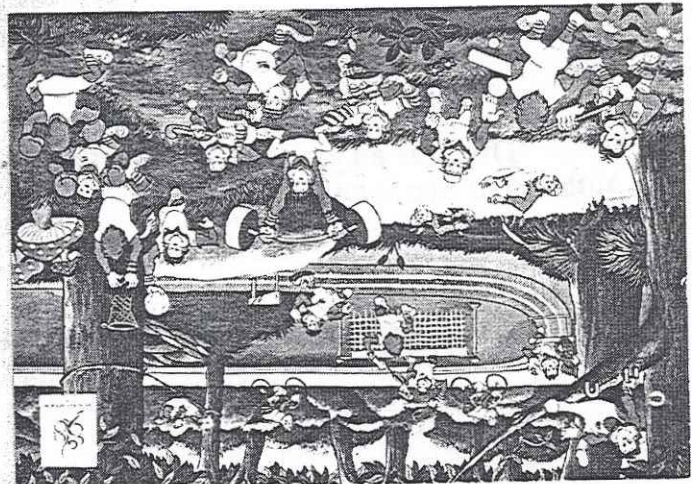
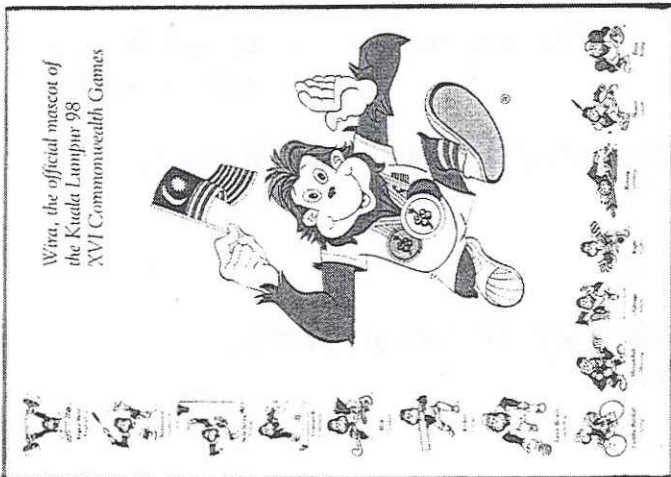
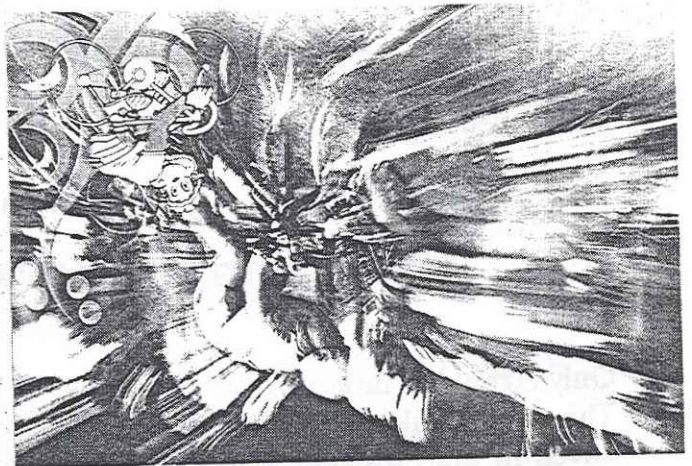
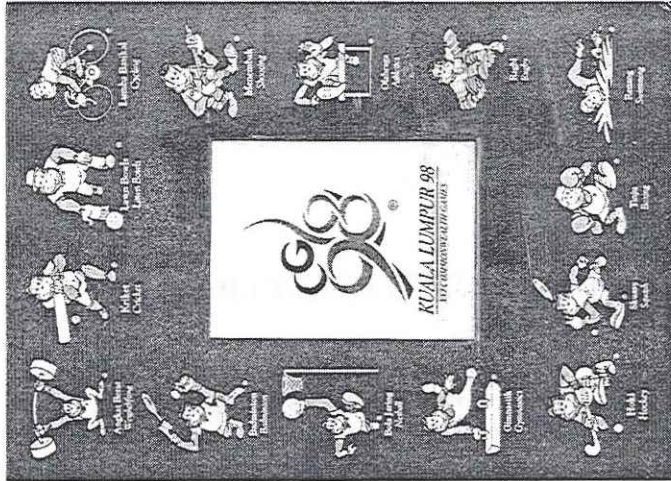
These cards were, available from the author in January 1997 as a complete set mint (US\$14.00) or with a SUKOM Meter attached (US\$28.00). This includes postage for overseas shipment. To order, send payment, with name and address to: Mr. Lim Lik, c/o Pejabat FELCRA Negeri Perak, W.D. 678, 30990 Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia.

In addition to the set of postcards 2 30 sen and 2 50 sen postage stamps were issued. They were issued in pairs with a gutter between in which "Wira," participating in four different sports, including cycling, is pictured.

The date of issue as given on the First Day Cover was 21.12.96.



Wira, the official mascot of
the Kuala Lumpur 98
XVI Commonwealth Games





REVENUE STAMPS OF COSTA RICA

Extracts from "History of Revenue Stamps of Costa Rica" by Alvaro Bonilla Lara - the Society of Costa Rica Collectors (pages 215 & 216).

Article 1.- Authorize the circulation of the following revenue stamps:

Archive revenue stamps	Sport revenue stamps
200,000 of 1 colon	100,000 of 5 colones
500,000 of 50 centimos	200,000 of 1 colon
2,000,000 of 10 centimos	

Article 2.- This decree takes effect upon publication.

Given in the Presidential House.- San Jose, on the 19th. day of December 1951.

OTILIO ULATE.

The Minister of Economy and Finance,
A.E. HERNANDEZ.

1951. Type H, printed by ABNCo. with printer's imprint.

13	1C light green	200,000
14	5C strawberry rose	100,000



After the issue was exhausted the Government requested new stamps with identical design from Waterlow & Sons Ltd of London. The issue and circulation was authorized in two parts.

No. 10

THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
Decrees:

Only Article.- Authorize the circulation of 25,000 sport revenue stamps of one colon.

This decree takes effect upon publication.

Given in the Presidential House.- San Jose, on the 8th. day of April 1954.

JOSE FIGUERES.

The Minister of Economy and Finance,
JORGE ROSSI.

This was an advance shipment sent as an emergency, the balance of the issue was authorized two months later.

No. 12

THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
Decrees:

Only Article.- Authorize the circulation of 475,000 sport revenue stamps of one colon.
This decree takes effect upon publication.

Given in the Presidential House.- San Jose, on the 16th. day of June 1954.

JOSE FIGUERES.

The Minister of Economy and Finance,
JORGE ROSSI.

1954. Type H, printed by Waterlow & Sons Ltd. with the printer's imprint

15 1C light green 500,000



A new issue of sport stamps was printed by Waterlow & Sons Ltd in 1958.

No. 1

THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

Decrees:

Only Article.- Authorize the circulation of the following revenue stamps:

Forensic revenue stamps: 1,000 of 4 colones
1,000 of 3 colones
50,000 of 1 colon

Consular revenue stamps: 50,000 of \$5
50,000 of \$1

Sport revenue stamps: 70,000 of 5 colones
350,000 of 1 colon

This decree takes effect upon publication.

Given in the Presidential House.- San Jose, on the 10th. day of May 1958.

MARIO ECHANDI.



The Minister of Economy and Finance,
A.E. HERNANDEZ.

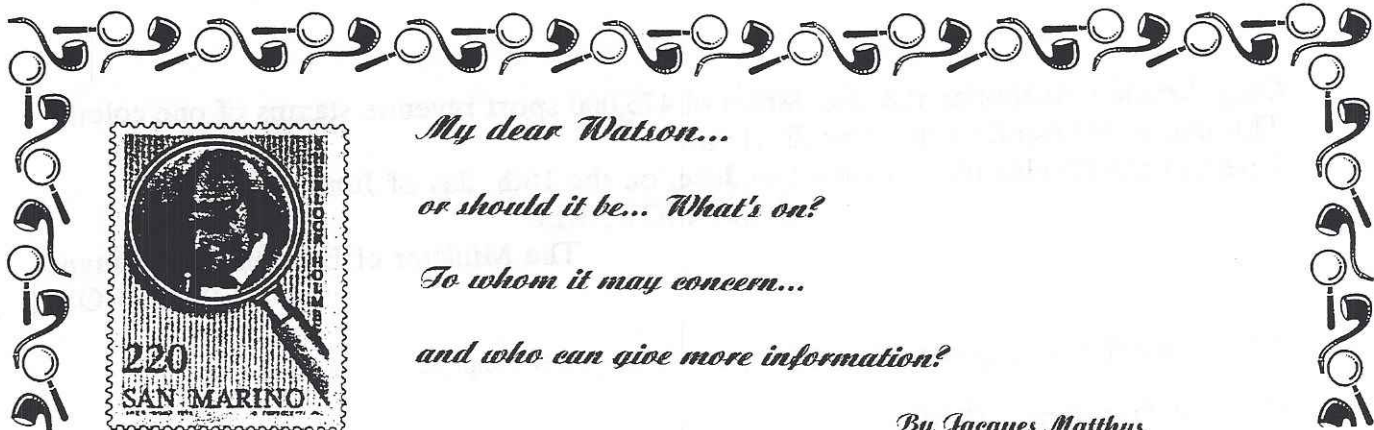
The 1 colon sport revenue stamp appears to be a reimpression of the No. 15 but there are two tones of green, and evidently one corresponds to 1954 and the other to 1958.

1958. Type H printed by Waterlow & Sons Ltd. with the printer's imprint

16 1C dark green 350,000

17 5C strawberry rose 70,000





My dear Watson...

or should it be... What's on?

To whom it may concern...

and who can give more information?

By Jacques Matthys

Some of the BS members are very interested in ulterior motives about cycling. Everyone is free to choose and when it gives pleasure, why not?!

- * I was surprised about the interest in the William Saroyan stamps (USA & Russia), also the Astrid Lingren stamps (Sweden) - see BS19A & BS20A respectively. I respect these collectors, nevertheless, I think it's going too far (but who am I to criticise)?

You know where it begins... but not where it ends! The only one who must at least be considered in this area is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle MD. Not for his story "The Adventure of the Priory School", in which his brain-child Sherlock Holmes informs Watson: "I am familiar with the 42 different impressions left by tyres. This, as you perceive, is a Dunlop..." We know that A. Conan Doyle knew John Boyd Dunlop very well.

A. Conan Doyle should be considered for his prescription in the "Scientific American Magazine", 18.01.1896: "When the spirits are low, when the day appears dark, when work becomes monotonous, when hope hardly seems worth having, just mount a bicycle and go for a spin down the road, without thought on anything but the ride you are taking".

I hope you agree... And now to your marks, dear fellow collectors, is there a stamp anywhere which portrays Sir Arthur Conan Doyle? If so, let us know. There is a 'cancel', of which I have a copy (*Editor's note: unfortunately the photocopy submitted would not reproduce*).

Biography: "Bike Cult" ... David B. Perry
 "Hearts of Lions" ... Peter Nye
 "Michel/Rundschau 4/96"
 Archives ... Jacques Matthys

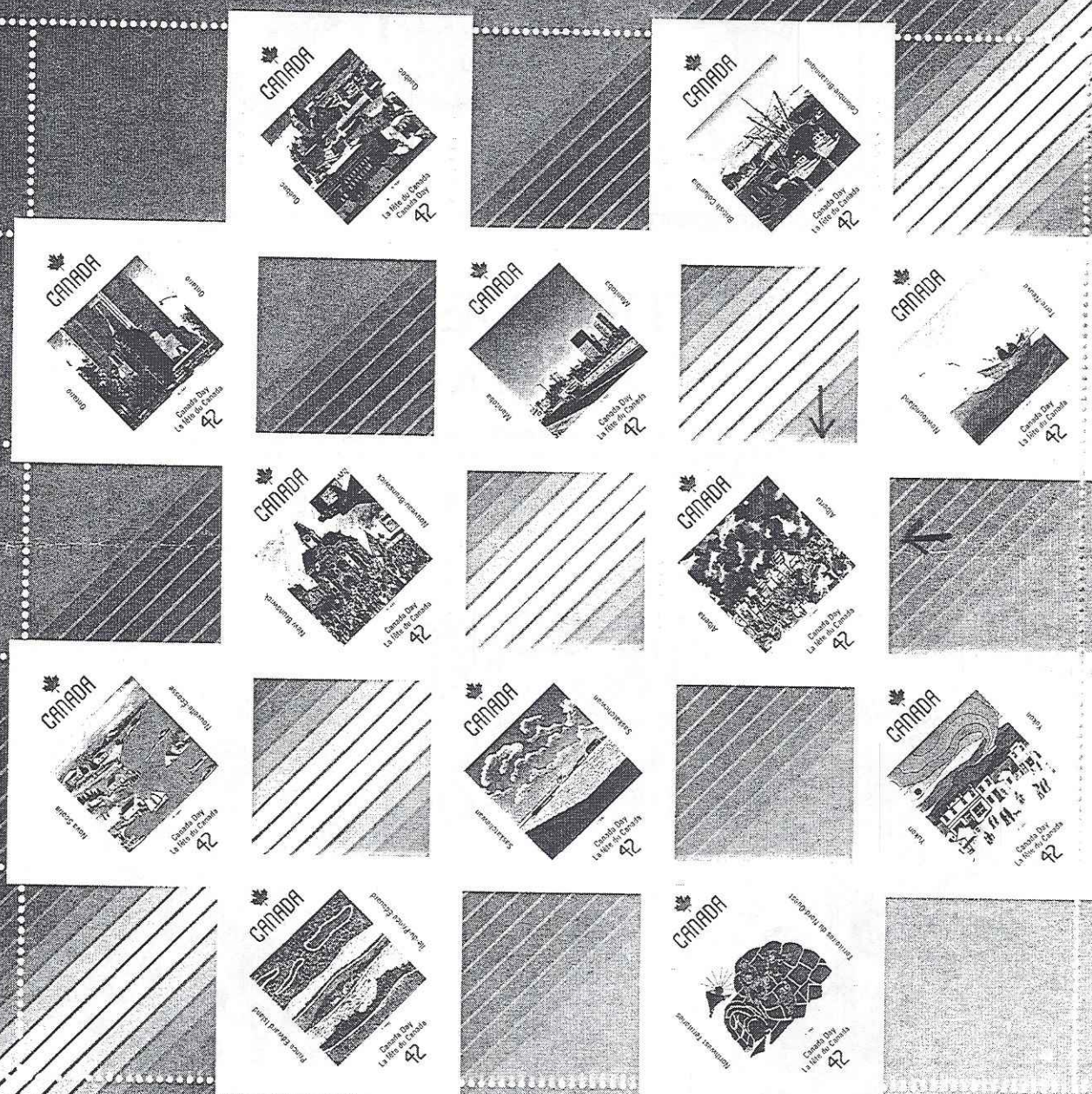
- * For those who are always looking for bikes on stamps, the Canadian sheetlet "1992 - Canada, Our Home and Native Land" - 12 x 42c stamps; on the Alberta stamp, Janet Mitchell - "Across the Tracks to the Shop" - there is a bike!! (See page 11)
- * France - the most bizarre bicycle - "L'art est révolte" - Jean Tinguely.
 The sculpture is a tricycle?? My dear, you be the judge! (See page 12)
- * Special memorial card - "Pierre Giffard" (1853-1922) - man of letters, author, journalist. Issued in his honour for the 65th Tour de France, with his famous and delightful French definition of bicycle: "La petite reine" - 'the little queen' on the cover. (See page 13)

In the eulogy inside the card, R. Berthon wrote: Pierre Giffard wrote in 1890: "The bicycle is more than sport, it has a social benefit!" He was also founder of several sporting events: Cycling - Paris-Brest, 1891; Walking - Paris-Belfort, 1892; Marathon - Marly-le-Roi, 1893; Car Racing: Paris-Rouen, 1894; Pigeon Racing: over the sea, 1895. He also campaigned for low-budget holidays for everyone. Many personalities were present, on their "old-timers" and velocipedes, at the 1923 unveiling of his memorial, a bench in the middle of the forest at St Germain. A bronze medallion of Pierre Giffard was created by Fraisse (Prize of Rome), but this was taken by the Germans during WWII!

The phrase: "La petite reine" is still used by cycling journalists today...

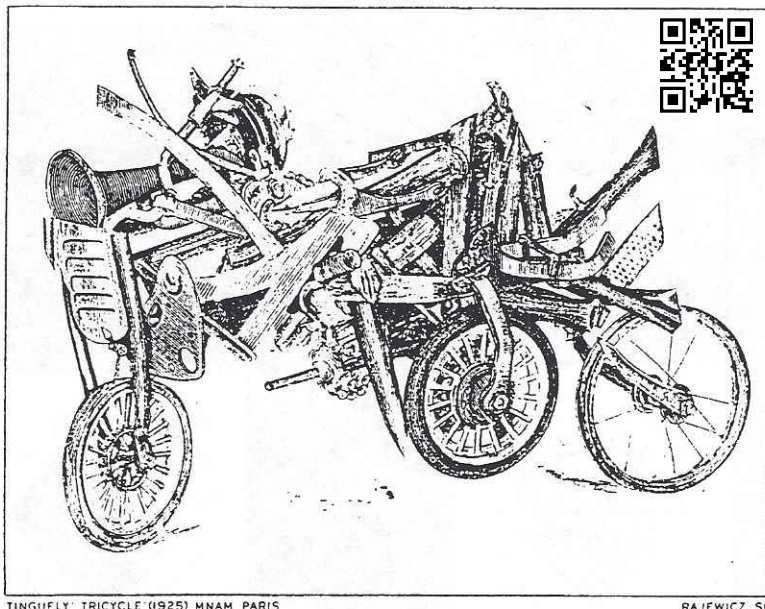
Canada
Our home and native land...

Canada
Terre de nos aïeux...



- Ontario
Viceroy's Palace
Toronto / Limited
of Time
- Quebec
Quebec
Antoine Dumas
Quebec, gaspésie montebell
- Nova Scotia
Nouvelle-Écosse
Joseph Morris
Cape Sable
Ottawa / Detail
- New Brunswick
Nouveau-Brunswick
Molly Robak
Crowd at City Hall
Detail / Detail
- Manitoba
Store Gumbo
Near the Forks
Detail / Detail
- British Columbia
Columbia-Brannan
Edward J. Hughes
Christie Pasanga
Herald Island, B.C.
Detail / Detail
- Prince Edward Island
Île-du-Prince-Édouard
Erica Rutherford
Country Scene
Detail / Detail
- Saskatchewan
David Thibodeau
United / Sans titre
Detail / Detail
- Alberta
James Macdonald
Across the Tracks
Detail / Detail
- Newfoundland
Terre-Neuve
Reginald Shephard
Off Cape St. Francis
Detail / Detail
- Northwest Territories
Territoires du Nord-Ouest
James Macdonald
Playing on an Igloo
- Yukon
Ted Harrison
Town Life
Detail / Detail

Ashley Potter Limited
Design: Pierre-Yves Pellerin



TINGUELY TRICYCLE (1925) MNAM PARIS

RAJEWICZ SC

TINGUELY

«META»

« Art moderne: jouer-forgier-souffrir-bouillir-limer-exposer-forer-trépanner-poncer-brûler-ériger-vendre-jurer-démonter-souder-emballer-monter-faire enlever-etc... ».

Jean Tinguely - L'art est révolte.



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PIERRE GIFFARD

(1853 - 1922)

CRÉATEUR DU MOT

"LA PETITE REINE"



65^e TOUR DE FRANCE
ST GERMAIN-EN-LAYE
2 JUILLET 1978

*** MEMORIAL CARD - SHOWN REDUCED ***

PIERRE GIFFARD

(1853 - 1922)

CRÉATEUR DU MOT "LA PETITE REINE"

AU CŒUR DE LA FORÊT DE SAINT-GERMAIN, AU CARREFOUR DE LA CROIX DE NOAILLES, SE TROUVE UN VASTE BANC DE PIERRE INAUGURÉ LE 18 NOVEMBRE 1923, EN L'HONNEUR DE PIERRE GIFFARD UN MÉDAILLON EN BRONZE REPRODUISAIT SES TRAITS. ŒUVRE DE FRAISSE (PRIX DE ROME). PENDANT LA DERNIÈRE GUERRE, LES ALLEMANDS ÔTÈRENT CELUI-CI.
AU DESSOUS AVAIT ÉTÉ GRAVÉ : PIERRE GIFFARD (1853-1922) "JOURNALISTE, HOMME DE LETTRES, AUTEUR DRAMATIQUE, EUT L'INTUITION DE LA VIE MODERNE ET SE CONSACRA TOUT ENTIER À EN RÉPANDRE LES BIENFAITS". IL ÉCRIVIT EN 1890 "LA BICYCLETTE EST AUTRE CHOSE QU'UN SPORT, C'EST UN BIENFAIT SOCIAL".

IL CRÉA LES COMPÉTITIONS SPORTIVES : CYCLISME : PARIS BREST 1891 - MARCHÉ : PARIS-BELFORT 1892 - COURSE À PIED : MARATHON DE MARLY-LE-ROI 1893 - AUTOMOBILE : PARIS-ROUEN 1894 COLONBOPHILIE : RALLYE DE PIGEONS AU DESSUS DE LA MER 1895. LES VACANCES POUR TOUS - CAMPAGNE DES PETITS TROUS PAS CHERS.

LE JOUR DE L'INAUGURATION, IL Y EUT UN DÉFILE DE SCOUTS, DE DEUX VÉLOCIPÈDES, DE NOMBREUX CYCLISTES, D'AUTOMOBILES DONT UNE VIEILLE PANHARD-LEVASSOR, CONDUITE PAR L'ABBE GAVOIS ET UN "VIS À VIS" PEUGEOT DE 1898, CONDUIT PAR M. DUFRESNOIS VENU AVEC CET ENGIN DE SAINT-MENENOUËL À PARIS. PLUSIEURS DISCOURS FURENT PRONONCÉS DONT UN D'HENRI DEFERT, PRÉSIDENT DU T.C.F. ET UN DU CHEVALIER DE KNIFF, AU NOM DE L'AUTOMOBILE CLUB DE FRANCE.

PIERRE GIFFARD HABITA MAISONS-LAFFITTE ET AIMAIT BEAUCOUP LA FORÊT. AU MOMENT OÙ SAINT-GERMAIN-EN-LAYE A LE PLAISIR D'ACCUEILLIR LE 65^e TOUR DE FRANCE, IL ÉTAIT BON DE RAPPELER LE SOUVENIR DE CELUI QUI, POUR LA PREMIÈRE FOIS, APPELA LA BICYCLETTE : "LA PETITE REINE"

R. BERTHON

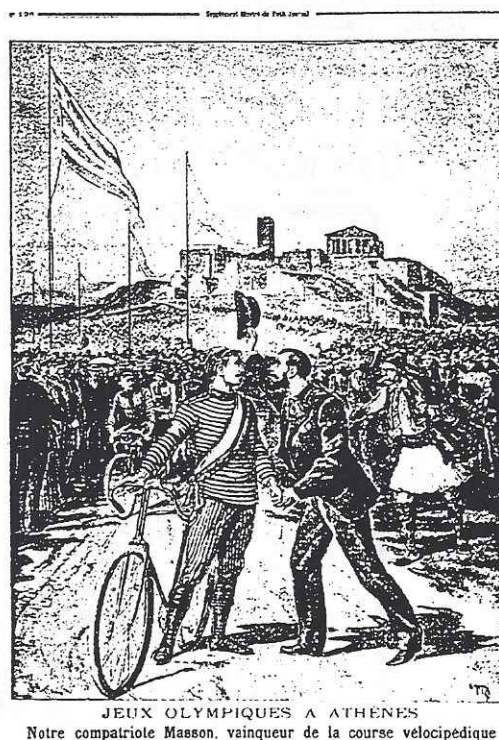
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- * Sherlock Holmes needs your help:
"Poste Ciclistiche Mondial - Luigi Masetti", (Italian), addressed to Luigi Masetti, cancel: Ceuta-Capo Nord-Bosforo 1900, on a Russian postcard!?



Please take up your pen if you know anything about this. Someone was responsible for this "slip"! The stamp is light green and the frontside (*not shown*) shows a country-woman in a cornfield, holding a sickle.

- * Memorial card of the Centennial Olympic Games (15.6.96), French Post Office edition, depicts Frenchman, Paul Masson, winner of 3 gold medals in Athens 1896: Time Trial, Sprint and 10k Scratch Race.



- * Some unknown Italian semi-official sheetlets - Cyclo-Cross World Championships, Saccolongo, January 27-28 1979; Bank of Legnano Grand Prix, 24 June 1984; also FDC with stamp and cancel for the 1997 Mediterranean Games in Bari. Cancel date 13.9.96. (See page 15)

CAMPIONATI MONDIALI DI CICLOCROSS

SACCOLONGO (Padova)

27 - 28 GENNAIO 1979



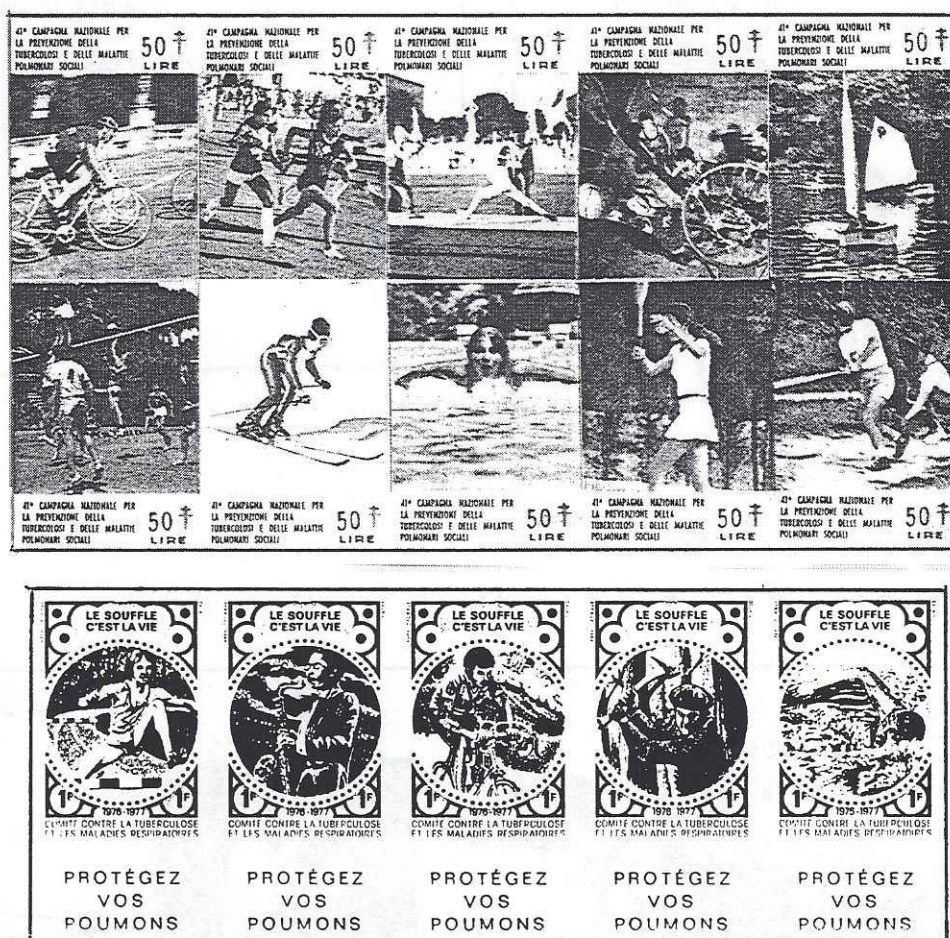
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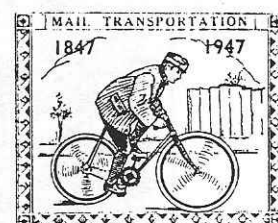
- * I suspect my compatriot fellow-collector, Hubert Lahousse, is slightly biased regarding the Belgian Champion, Eddy Merckx, stating that "Merckx is perhaps the sportsman who has the honour of being portrayed on the most postage stamps in the World" (see BS18B). Merckx in fact was portrayed on 7 stamps, but a recent Central African "Atlanta '96" issue, depicts him in his "Molteni" jersey, with no name mentioned, brings the total to 8.

Don't forget that a certain French 'amateur', Daniel Morelon, was honoured with 12 stamps - not very fair, I agree! But, credit where credit is due... Morelon, a French Police Drill-Sergeant, was paid by the authorities, but spent his time training and preparing himself for World Championships and Olympics, with no financial worries. All this trouble to evade the severe rules of the IOC President, Brundage! France did the same thing with ski champion Jean-Claude Killy - he was a Customs Officer. Morelon is now the official coach for the French teams for the Olympics and World Championships and Killy is now President of the "Tour de France Company", organising cycling events.

- * A sheetlet (5 x 2), with cinderellas of Italy, for the 41st campaign to prevent Tuberculosis and associated respiratory infections. A similar French se-tenant (5), with the caption "Le souffle c'est la vie" (The breath, it is life).



- * Still an enigma: the Mail Transportation cinderella, first queried by Douglas Marchant (BS4&5 1988). Norman Batho found further information (BS6 1989) but the problem was not resolved! I have now found the same cinderella with overprint "1847-1947" in dark blue, the centre is dark fuchsia, the frame is green! Is there an association with the "New York 1947. Grand Central Palace" overprint found on the previous issue? (BS6 1989)



Does anyone know of anything about the above "stamp"?

THE RARE EXPORTA BICYCLE STAMP OF MEXICO

Article supplied by Bert Schapelhouman

Not many collectors know that the rarest bicycle Exporta stamp is the 1.60 bicycle airmail with phosphorescence coating, by error, on the back-side, instead of the front of the stamp. It is probable that this error was caused by application of gum to the wrong side of the sheet.



In the November 1993 Exporta catalogue of James O. Vadeboncoeur, this stamp is classified in the first Exporta series of 1975-78. The normal stamp was issued in 1975. The answer to some unanswered questions were supplied by Calvin V. Whitsel of McAllen, Texas, who did some serious checking into the background of this stamp.

Calvin Whitsel hit paydirt by finding the person who discovered the error, a collector in Mexico City. Three or so mint sheets (of 50 stamps each) were found. After keeping some copies for himself, he turned over what was left to a Mexico City dealer to sell. That is how mint copies came into the market. This person, being very much in a position to know what is going on, has made great efforts to see if there were any more mint sheets in existence. After quite some years, none have been found. Also, this person notes, there is a total of about 25 used copies known. Therefore, the total in existence appears to be four sheets of 50 (or 200 stamps in total); 150 of which are mint. This is one of the many cases where the used stamps are more valuable than the mint.

When such errors are on a piece of paper, the phosphorescence on the back-side can often be detected by a yellow fringe around the perimeter of the stamp, when viewed under long-wave ultraviolet light.

The stamp is listed in the Scott catalogue as NR. C 491A. I finally obtained my used copy in July 1995.

Information supplied by: Calvin V. Whitsel of McAllen, Texas.

James O. Vadeboncoeur of Los Altos, California.



From My Musette

* Part of an article which appeared in an Australian magazine:

TONGA, THE FRIENDLY ISLES

South of Samoa and south-east of Fiji lies the Kingdom of Tonga, the only surviving Polynesian monarchy, with a Royal Family that has ruled the Kingdom for over a thousand years. Seventy-nine year old King Taufa'ahua IV is reputed to be the World's heaviest Head of State, yet, in spite of this, he is a sports and physical fitness enthusiast. Not only does he take regular exercise on his bicycle, surrounded by puffing bodyguards jogging to keep up with him, he also rows and uses a step machine and, in his youth, was a champion pole vaulter. Because of this, cycling, rowing and physical fitness feature regularly on Tongan stamps and the King is always extolling the virtues of physical fitness and dieting to his overweight fun and feast loving subjects.

* Sheree Cohn has copies of "Cycle Clips", "Spoken Word" and "Bicycle Stamps" issues 1-4 for sale. Will sell them for cost, plus postage. If interested, contact her direct.

* Anil Aggarwal has decided to collect only bicycle related stamps and wants to sell others in his sets. He will sell them at any price offered by members or will exchange for mint cycling stamps. Please contact him direct. Anil has advised that, in December 1997, India is hosting the World Philatelic Exhibition and he wishes to know if any members are interested in participating...

A Danish Postal Peloton

This article is a follow-up to the article "Danish Porto Betalt Imprints" in issue 21A, which discussed the purpose and use of this imprint. This article will add a bit more detail and provide a number of examples of the range of variations to be found among these imprints.

While researching the previous article, I sent a very rough draft to the Danish Philatelic Federation in the hope that someone could verify



Figure 1. The absorption characteristics of different papers result in heavier lines and perforations which are more pointed on the imprint on the left. It was printed in violet gray on inexpensive paper, while the imprint on the right was printed in light brown ink on higher quality paper. The appearance that the imprint on the left is smaller is likely due to ink bleeding which reduces the amount of "white" space (images slightly enlarged).

the accuracy of the information or provide additional detail. It was several months before I received a reply from one of their members, Carsten Hansen, in which he sent me a selection of these imprints that I would like to share with the rest of the Club.

The following page depicts the "peloton" of postmen I have assembled. The images are all full size, most scanned from originals, with a few taken from photocopies. Except for some minor distortion caused by scanning with a hand-held scanner, the images are accurate in both height and width.

The first thing I noticed in looking at the originals of these imprints is that the absorption characteristics of the paper caused noticeable differences in the images (illustrated in Figure 1). Those printed on hard, smooth,



Figure 2. Examples of different fonts used by the same bulk mail permit holder.

glossy papers tend to have squared perforations and crisp text. Those printed on rougher, softer papers tended to have more pointed perforations with bolder, less clean-looking text and graphics.

The permit number occurs in a number of different font styles and sizes. It is applied by the printer when laying out the card or envelope design, so the font selection is at their discretion. In fact, for the "66" imprint alone, three of the four variations that I possess bear different fonts, as shown in Figure 2.

Of all the imprints, those illustrated in Figure 3 stand out as the most noticeably different from the rest. The "44" imprint, which was printed in black on thick brown cardboard stock, is significantly larger in both height and width than the average imprint. The Porto Betalt text is also higher than in other examples. The first "805" imprint shows some distinct differences in the Porto Betalt text, both in size and alignment (see Figure 4). The "1000" imprint is not only nearly as large as the "44" imprint, but it seems that it may have been applied by means of a rubber stamp, either mechanically or hand applied, as there would seem to be no other way to explain the gross distortion of the image.



Figure 3. Three of the most distinct variations of size, text positioning, and print quality (images slightly enlarged).



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1029



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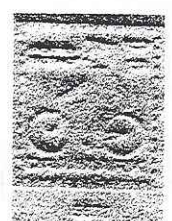
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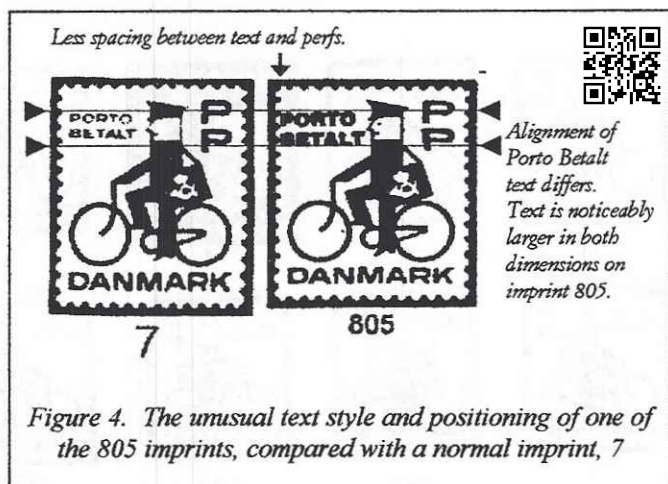


Figure 4. The unusual text style and positioning of one of the 805 imprints, compared with a normal imprint, 7

A representative of the Danish Post Office had said that a permit number was required beneath each imprint. Even their own philatelic announcements follow this rule. Yet I have four examples of the imprint without a permit number. One example is intact on a complete

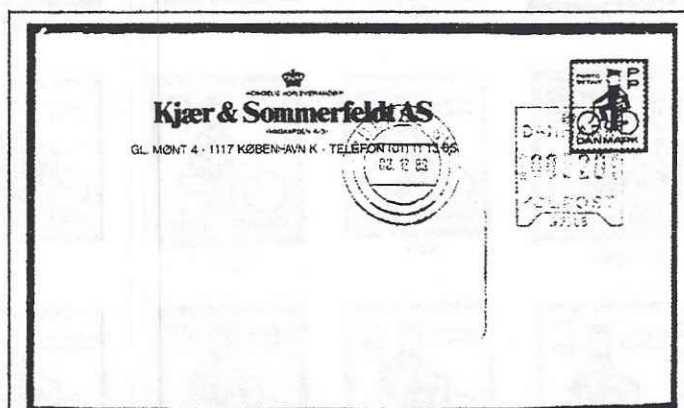


Figure 5. An imprint without a permit number (image reduced).

cover and is shown in Figure 5. Unfortunately, it does not tell us much since it has been canceled (with a date three years after the imprint was said to be pulled from service, no less!). It appears that in this case the imprint was not valid for payment of postage. So it remains a mystery whether in some instances the imprint, without a permit number, was used to send items

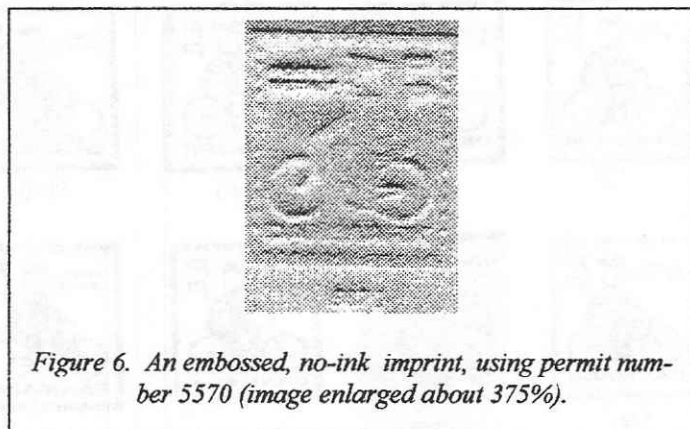


Figure 6. An embossed, no-ink imprint, using permit number 5570 (image enlarged about 375%).

through the mail. The other numberless imprints that I have are all cut squares, so there is no way of knowing if they had been used postally or are from unused postal reply cards.

Three of the imprints that I have are embossed. Number 31 is printed in light blue ink and 1131 is printed in dark violet blue, while 5570 is embossed only, using no ink at all. It is printed on a light lilac-colored paper.

As discussed in the previous article, the imprints came on various types and colors of paper and in a variety of ink colors. The "7" was printed on silver paper. One "805" had the white portion of the design in very light green, created by the printer's use of a screen of dots. The "1651" was similarly shaded in blue.

Occasionally, the imprint was combined with additional text and graphics by the mailer, which adds interest and variety. A few examples are shown in Figure 7.

With these imprints having been in common use for 23 years, there is likely no end to what is available to be collected. Indeed, they can make a substantial and interesting collection in and of themselves!

- Steve Malone

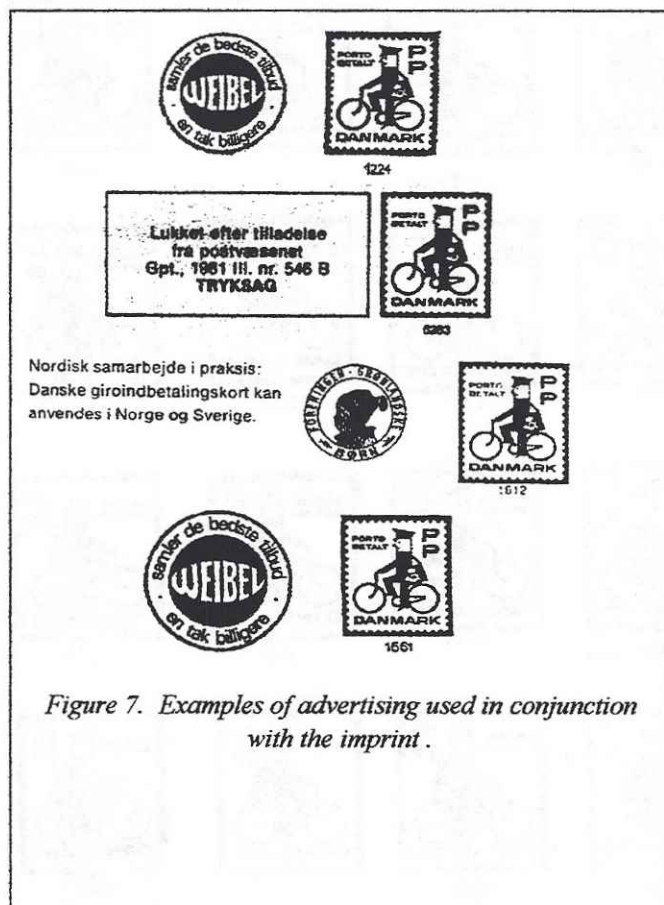


Figure 7. Examples of advertising used in conjunction with the imprint.

GENT-WEVELGEM

INTERNATIONALE KLASSIEKER VOOR BEROEPSRENNERS

By Jacques Matthys

PART III.

1974 - Race distance: 244km; average speed of winner: 44.383kph;

1. Barry HOBAN (GB).
2. Eddy MERCKX (B).
3. Roger DE VLAEMINCK (B).
4. Alain SANTY (Fr).
33. Hennie KUIPER (NI), (World Champion 1975; Netherlands Champion 1975; Winner Paris-Roubaix 1983; Milano-San Remo 1985; Giro di Lombardia 1981).

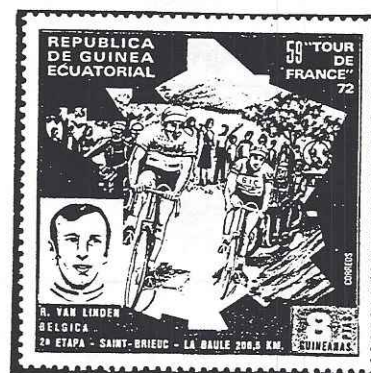
In a mass sprint, Eddy and Roger sprinted side-by-side, suddenly a gap appeared between them and, slippery as an eel, Barry was through and beat both of them!



1975 - Race distance: 250km; average speed of winner: 40.106kph;

1. Freddy MAERTENS (B) (World Champion 1976 & 1981; Belgian Champion 1976; Winner Paris-Brussels 1975, Paris-Tours 1975; Tour of Spain 1977; Paris-Nice 1977).
2. Frans VERBEECK (B).
3. Rik VAN LINDEN (B) (Winner Paris-Tours 1971 & 1973).
4. Gerben KARSTENS (NI) (Netherlands Champion 1966; Winner Paris-Tours 1965).
10. Michel POLLENTIER (B) (Belgian Champion 1977 & 1978; Winner Tour of Flanders 1980; Giro l'Italia 1977; Tour of Switzerland 1977).
15. Franco BITOSI (I) (Italian Champion 1970 & 1971; Winner Giro di Lombardia 1967 & 1970; Tour of Switzerland 1965).

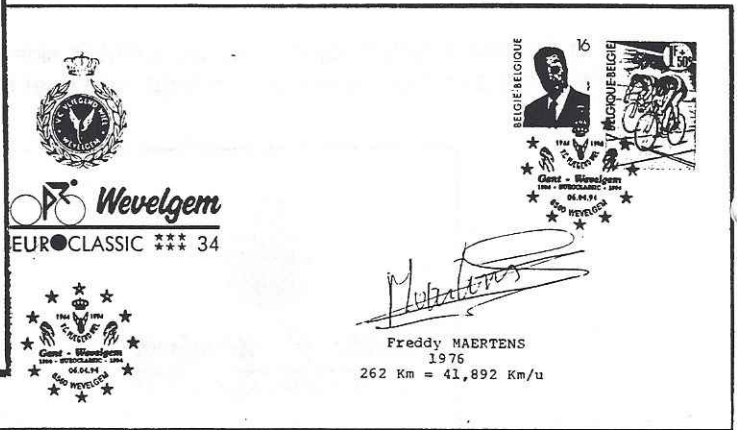
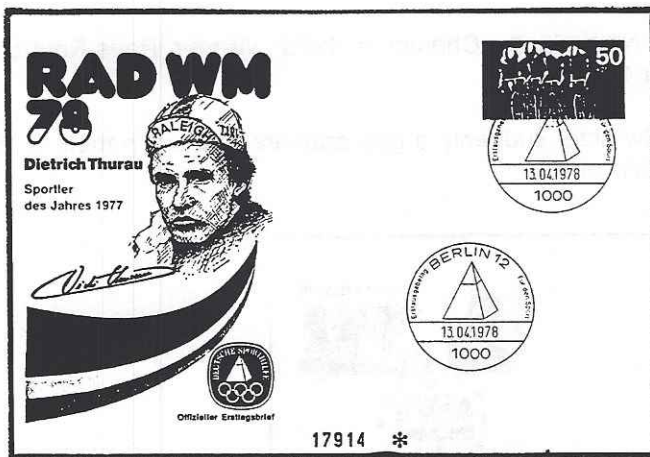
A hard race in very bad weather conditions!



Rik VAN LINDEN (B)

1976 - Race distance: 262km; average speed of winner: 41.892kph;

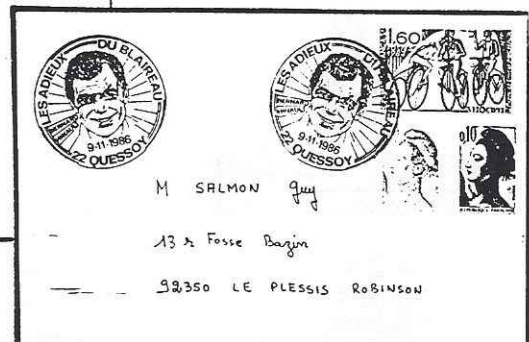
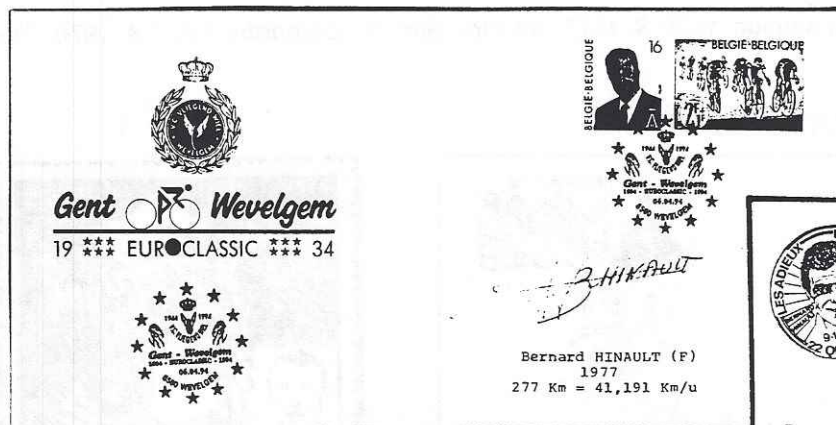
1. Freddy MAERTENS (B) (His second Ghent-Wevelgem).
2. Rik VAN LINDEN (B).
3. Frans VERBEECK (B).
4. Piet VAN KATWIJK (NI).
7. Francesco MOSER (I).
8. Dietrick THURAU (D) (German Champion 1975 & 1976; Winner Liege-Bastogne-Liege 1979; 29 6-Day Races).
11. Joop ZOETEMELK (NI) (World Champion 1985; Netherlands Champion 1971 & 1973; Olympic Champion 100km RTTT 1968; Winner Tour de France 1980).

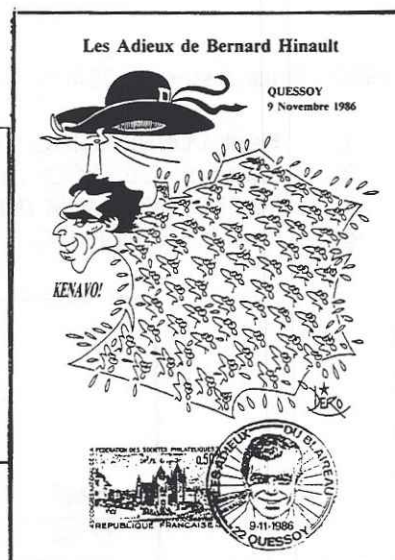
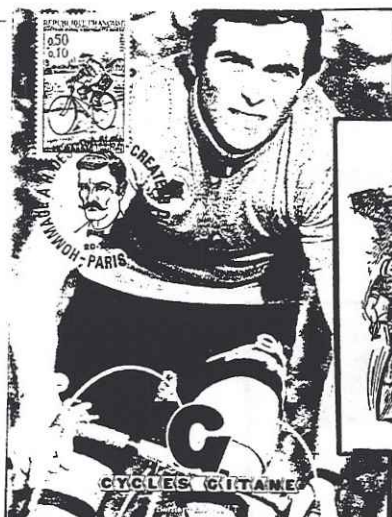


1977 - Race distance: 277km; average speed of winner: 41.191kph;

1. Bernard HINAULT (Fr) (World Champion 1980; French Champion 1978; Winner Tour de France 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982 & 1985; Giro l'Italia 1980, 1982 & 1985; Paris-Roubaix 1981; Liege-Bastogne-Liege 1977 & 1980; Giro di Lombardia 1979 & 1984).
2. Vittorio ALGERI (I) (Italian Champion 1984).
3. Piet VAN KATWIJK (NI).
12. Bernard QUILFEN (Fr).

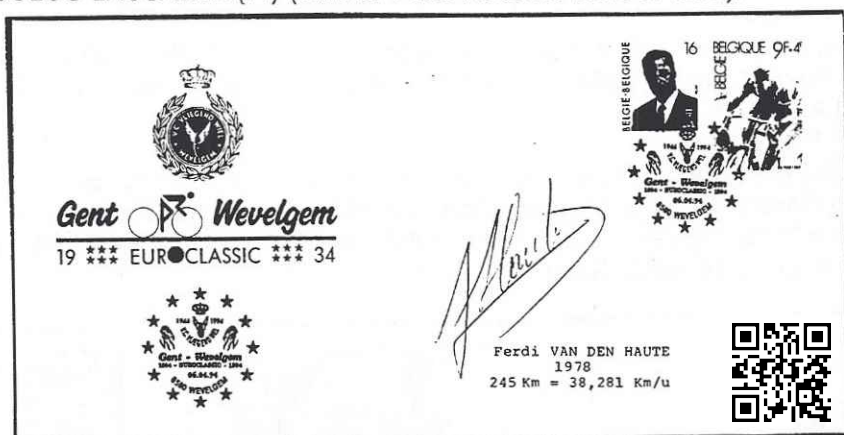
The first international victory for the newcomer, Hinault (also known as "the badger"), and the beginning of a tremendous career!. A journalist wrote of this unknown Breton, that he considered the win a "fluke" and commented: "...in the country of the blind, the one-eyed man is king!..." It was the end of his credible cycling-journalism because, 4 days later, Bernard won the Liege-Bastogne-Liege!





1978 - Race distance: 246km; average speed of winner: 38.437kph; (Again classified as a World Cup Race)

1. Ferdi VAN DER HAUTE (B) (Belgian Champion 1987).
2. Walter PLANCKAERT (B).
3. Francesco MOSER (I).
4. Jan RAAS (NI).
18. Gilbert DUCLOS-LASSALLE (Fr) (Winner Paris-Roubaix 1992 & 1993).



1979 - Race distance: 252km; average speed of winner: 43.448kph;

1. Francesco MOSER (I) (World Champion 1977; Italian Champion 1975; Winner Milano-San Remo 1984; Paris-Roubaix 1978, 1979 & 1980; Grio di Lombardia 1975 & 1978; Paris-Tours 1974; World 1-Hour Record Holder: 50km 808m 1984; 51km 151m 1984).
2. Roger DE VLAEMINCK (B).
3. Jan RAAS (NI).
4. Marc DEMEYER (B) (Winner Paris-Roubaix 1976).
5. Henk LUBBERDING (NI).
8. Bernard HINAULT (Fr) (Co-Director Tour de France Company).
10. Hennie KUIPER (NI).
65. Jean-Francois PESCHEUX (Fr) (Co-Director Tour de France Company).



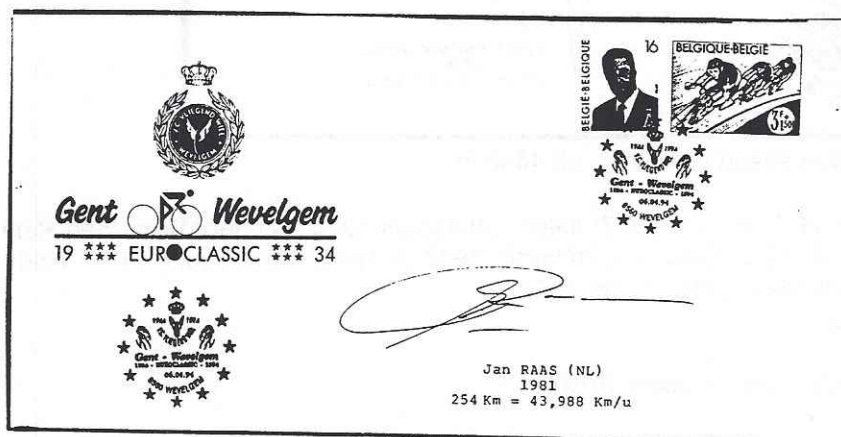
1980 - Race distance: 264km; average speed of winner: 42.127kph;

1. Henk LUBBERDING (NI) (Netherlands Champion 1978 & 1979).
2. Alphonse DE WOLF (B) (Winner Milano-San Remo 1981; Giro di Lombardia 1980).
3. Piet VAN KATWIJK (NI).
8. Hennie KUIPER (NI).



1981 - Race distance: 254km; average speed of winner: 43.988kph;

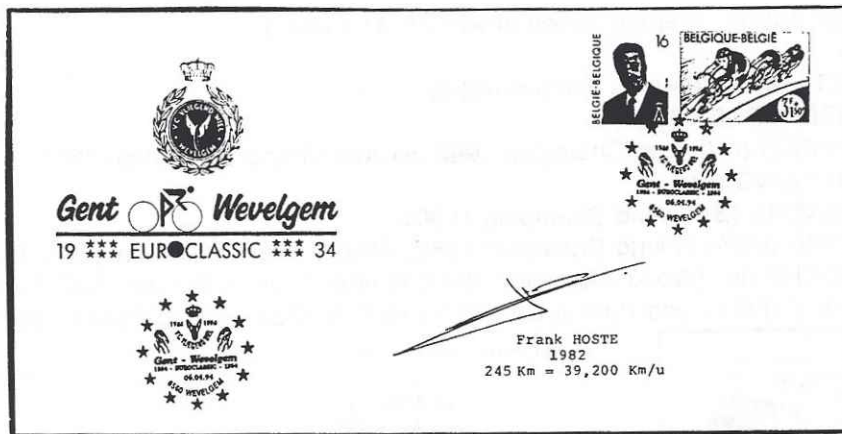
1. Jan RAAS (NI) (World Champion 1979; Netherlands Champion 1976, 1983 & 1984; Winner Milano-San Remo 1977; Tour of Flanders 1979 & 1983; Paris-Roubaix 1982; Paris-Tours 1978 & 1981).
2. Roger DE VLAEMINCK (B).
3. Alphonse DE WOLF (B).
4. Gregor BRAUN (D) (World Pursuit Champion 1977 & 1978; Olympic Pursuit Champion 1976; Olympic Team Pursuit Champion 1976; German Champion 1978, 1980 & 1983; Winner Tour of Germany 1980).
9. Guiseppe SARONNI (Itl) (World Champion 1982; Italian Champion 1980; Winner Giro di Lombardia 1982; Milano-San Remo 1983; Giro l'Italia 1983).



Gregor BRAUN (D)

1982 - Race distance: 255km; average speed of winner: 40.800kph;

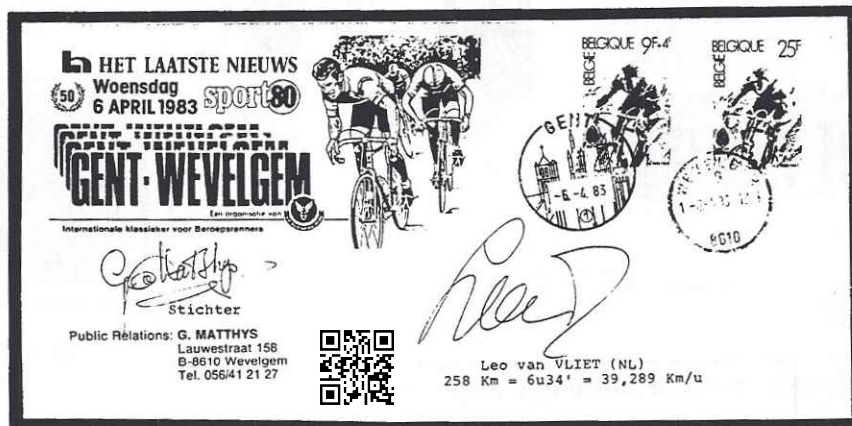
1. Frank HOSTE (B) (Belgian Champion 1982).
2. Eddy VANHAERENS (B).
3. Alphonse DE WOLF (B).
4. Eddy PLANCKAERT (B) (Winner Paris-Roubaix 1990; Tour of Flanders 1988).
6. Johan VAN DER VELDE (NI) (Netherlands Champion 1980 & 1982).
7. Phil ANDERSON (Aus).
9. Henk LUBBERDING (NI).
10. Gregor BRAUN (D).
12. Greg LEMOND (USA).
13. Stephan MUTTER (Ch) (Swiss Champion 1981).
14. Gilbert DUCLOS-LASSALLE (Fr).



1983 - Race distance: 255km; average speed of winner: 39.331kph;

1. Leo VAN VLIET (NL).
2. Jan RAAS (NL).
3. Frank HOSTE (B).
4. Adri VAN DER POEL (NL) (World Cyclo-Cross Champion 1995; Netherlands Champion 1987; Winner Liege-Bastogne-Liege 1988; Tour of Flanders 1986).
5. Etienne DE WILDE (B) (Belgian Champion 1988; Winner 29 6-Day Races).
6. Gregor BRAUN (D).
11. Gilbert DUCLOS-LASSALLE (Fr).
12. Greg LEMOND (USA).
16. Marc MADIOT (Fr) (French Champion 1987; Winner Paris-Roubaix 1985 & 1991).

The race was again a World Cup Race. Gilbert Duclos-Lassalle had broken away on his own at Ypres, 24k from the finish he arrived at a guarded level crossing and, in accordance with the rules, the officials made him wait for the peloton. His chance for victory was gone!



1984 - Race distance: 255km; average speed of winner: 41.463kph;

1. Guido BONTEMPI (I) (Winner Paris-Brussels 1986).
2. Eric VANDERAERDEN (B).
3. Pierino GAVAZZI (I) (Italian Champion 1982; Winner Milano-San Remo 1980).
4. Francis CASTAING (Fr).
8. Rudy DHAENENS (B) (World Champion 1990).
9. Greg LEMOND (USA) (World Champion 1989; Winner Tour de France 1986, 1989 & 1990).
16. Stephen ROCHE (Irl) (World Champion 1987; Winner Tour de France 1987; Giro l'Italia 1987).
66. Alain BONDUE (Fr) (World Pursuit Champion 1981 & 1982; French Pursuit Champion 1981 & 1982).



16. Stephen Roche



9. Greg LeMond



Alain BONDUE (F)

1985 - Race distance: 262km; average speed of winner: 41.957kph;

1. Eric VANDERAERDEN (B) (Belgian Champion 1984; Winner Tour of Flanders 1985; Paris-Roubaix 1987).
2. Phil ANDERSON (Aus). Beaten by a narrow margin in the sprint. (Winner Paris-Tours 1986).
3. Rudy DHAENENS (B).
4. Francis CASTAING (Fr).



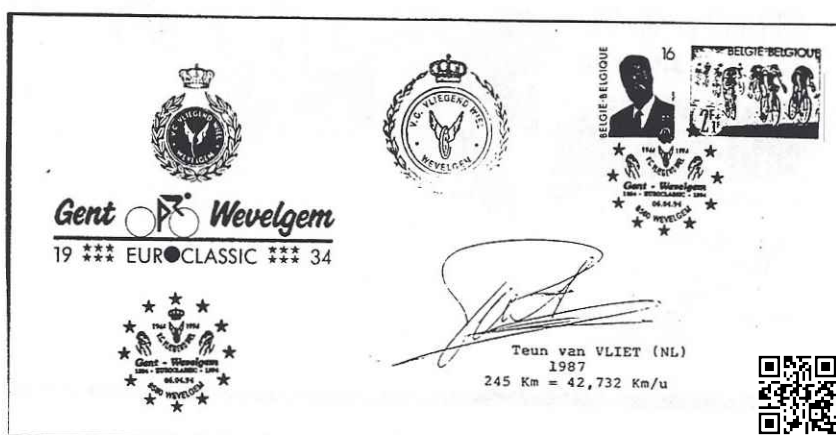
1986 - Race distance: 250km; average speed of winner: 44.776kph;

1. Guido BONTEMPI (I) (His second Ghent-Wevelgem).
2. Toine POELS (NI).
3. Jean-Marie WAMPERS (B) (Winner Paris-Roubaix 1989). In the final km Jean-Marie & Toine were in a breakaway but refused to do their "turn" and subsequently the breakaway was caught in the final 100m.
4. Heinz IMBODEN (Ch).
5. Steve BAUER (Can).
6. Ludo PEETERS (B).
8. Kim ANDERSEN (Dk) (Danish Champion 1987).
11. Francesco MOSER (I).



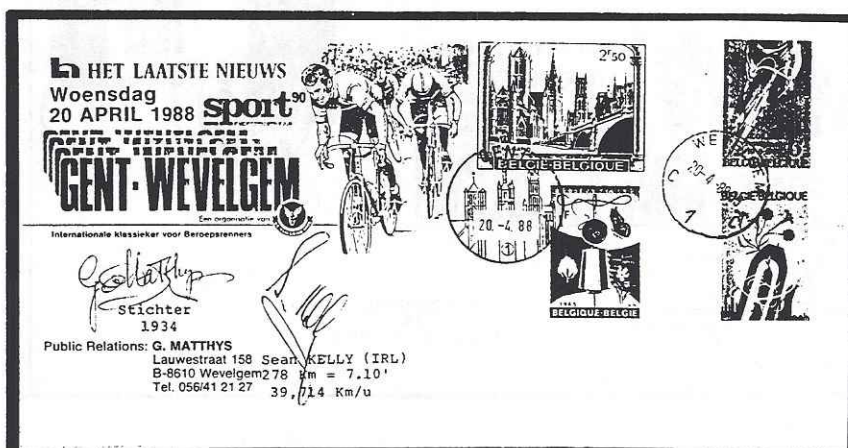
1987 - Race distance: 243km; average speed of winner: 42.384kph;

1. Teun VAN VLIET (NI).
2. Etienne DE WILDE (B).
3. Herman FRISON (B).
4. Roberto PAGNIN (I).
5. Alan PEIPER (Aus).
7. Yvon MADIOT (Fr) (French Champion 1986).
16. Rolf SORENSEN (Dk) (Winner Paris-Brussels 1992 & 1994; Liege-Bastogne-Liege 1993).



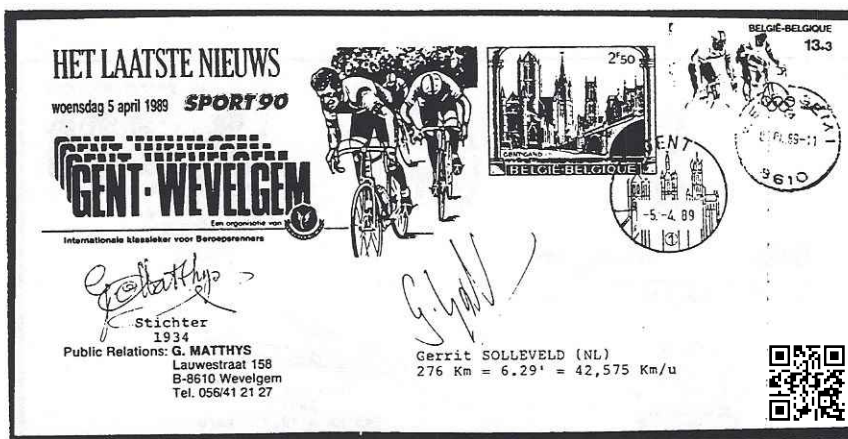
1988 - Race distance: 275km; average speed of winner: 38.364kph;

1. Sean KELLY (Irl) (Winner Milano-San Remo 1992; Paris-Roubaix 1984 & 1986; Liege-Bastogne-Liege 1984 & 1989; Giro di Lombardia 1983, 1985 & 1991; Tour of Spain 1988; Paris-Tours 1984; Paris-Nice 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 & 1988; Tour of Switzerland 1983 & 1990).
2. Gianni BUGNO (I) Bugno, who fancied himself as a sprinter, was surprised when he was beaten by Kelly. (World Champion 1991 & 1992; Italian Champion 1991 & 1995; Winner Milano-San Remo 1990; Tour of Flanders 1994; Giro l'Italia 1990).
3. Ron KIEFEL (USA) (American Champion 1988).
4. Ludo PEETERS (B) (Winner Paris-Tours 1985).
5. Claude CRIQUIELION (B) (World Champion 1984; Belgian Champion 1990; Winner Tour of Flanders 1987).
6. Steve BAUER (Can).
9. Soren LILHOLT (Dk) (Danish Champion 1988).
11. Jelle NIJDAM (NI) (Winner Paris-Tours 1989).
17. Dag-Otto LAURITZEN (N) (Norwegian Champion 1990).



1989 - Race distance: 276km; average speed of winner: 42.570kph;

1. Gerrit SOLLEVELD (NI).
2. Sean YATES (GB) (British Champion 1992).
3. Rolf SORENSEN (Dk).
7. Adriano BAFFI (I).
27. Dag-Otto LAURITZEN (N).
28. Bjarne RIIS (Dk) (Danish Champion 1992, 1995 & 1996).
37. Gilles DELION (Fr) (Winner Giro di Lombardia 1990).
38. Claudio CHIAPPUCCI (I) (Winner Milano-San Remo 1991).



***** This article will be finalised in BS22B *****