Czech Republic

On September 12, 1956 the men’s team of Czechoslovakia won their first world title in Paris after being second in 1949 and 1952. For OLYMPSPORT, the Czech association for Olympic and sport philately, it was a reason to ask for a cancel to Czech Post. Milan Purnoch (1933) was pictured on the cancel from December 29, 2016 to celebrate this moment 60 years later. He was the third player from the team after Bohumil Golián (in 2000) and Joeph Musil (in 2006).

On the same date Olymport issued a private overprinted stationery with a caricature from the players of the team and a cancel from the opening day of the tournament.

From left (first row): Bohumil Golián, Jaromir Paldus, Josef Tesar, Karel Paulus.
Second row: Josef Musil and Ladislav Synovec.
Third row: Josef Kozak, Zdenek Maly, Karel Láznicka and Michal Purnoch

Missing are Josef Broz, Karel Broz, Frantisek Schwarzkopf, Josef Kozak (head coach) and Jaroslav Fucik (assistant coach)


China

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The cancel (1) seems to be a real cancel and not a cachet cancel.

Cancel (4) is from Aug 21, 2016 and postoffice Nanjing and not a cachet cancel.

A new cancel dated Aug 5, 2016 is from Qianghuangdao City, Province Hebei.
In preparation for the new season (2016/2017) the women’s volleyball team from Rote Raben Vilsbiburg (Germany) travelled in August to China to play three friendly matches against Liaoning Huanyu Club in Panjin. The matches were called the “2016 China Construction Bank championship”. The bank has branches in several countries in Europe. The Bank had organized three cancels for the matches and partly in German language. These cancels were all issued by Panjing City, Province Lioaning.

The first game was held on August 16 in the Jingcai Sport Centre.
The second one on August 19 in the Shuguang Sport Centre.

And the third game was held on 21st August, 21 in the Liaohhe Oil volleyball Sport Centre.

On the opening date – August 27, 2017 – of the 13th National Games in Tianjin, China Post issued a set of two stamps and a bloc with the same stamps.
One of the stamps has volleyball and tennis with mascot “Jin Wa”. Both issues have a FDC. The designer is Guo Zhenshan.

The National Games, inaugurated in 1959, bring teams from all provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions together.
According to the organizing committee, the 13th event had attracted 10,217 athletes to participate in 417 events of 33 sports with volleyball (indoor and beach) and roller hockey. Roller hockey is a new event introduced by the General Administration of Sport of China in preparation for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and for the training of elite roller hockey players. **Note from Volleyphil**: Opening Ceremony???
The city of Tianjin had called up 17,000 college students as volunteers for the Games. More than 1,000 medical workers form 36 hospitals in Tianjin started medical services in venues and the Games’ village.
The theme of the Games was "Quan Huimin, Healthy China".

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vw-FKvORhVw
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I62dK5HyeSE
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Cuba

On August 20, 2016 Correos de Cuba issued a set with six stamps and a bloc to commemorate the Olympic Games in Rio. One of the stamps is volleyball. The set has three FDC’s. The set exists also in an imperforated version. More information could not be found. The stamp has a face value of Centavos 30,00. The rate for covers till 20 gr. within Cuba is Centavos 15,00 and till 100 gr. Centavos 45.

Djibouti

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On March 15, 2016 Djibouti Post issued a set of four stamps and a bloc (boxing) to commemorate the Olympic Games in Rio. The set is printed in a M/S. But early 2017 (May 5) Stamperija offers four blocks from the stamps as deluxe - part III. These blocs have another layout than the bloc with boxing. So they cannot have the same date of issue.

Egypt

On July 1, 2017 Egypt Post issued a stamp and FDC to commemorate the golden jubilee of the national sports federation with a face value of 2,00 LE (= £ = EGP). The stamp has also a picto volleyball.

Germany

The German foundation “Deutsche Sporthilfe” issued on November 9, 2016 a set of seventeen (17) self-adhesive personalized stamps to commemorate the gold medals won by German athletes during the Olympic Games in Rio. One of them is from Laura Ludwig and Kira Walkenhorst to commemorate the medal in beachvolleyball. The stamp has a face value of € 0,25.

Another stamp with a face value of € 0,45 was part of a booklet with six stamps. In total three booklets were issued.
On December 18, 2016 Laura Ludwig and Kira Walkenhorst received the award for German’s ‘Team of the Year’. 
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany_at_the_2016_Summer_Olympics#Medalists

**Private Mail**

On August 25, 2016 the private company LVZ Post Leipzig (LVZ Logistik GmbH) issued a set of twenty (20) self-adhesive stamps to commemorate the participation in the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio from their inhabitants. The stamps were printed in sheets of ten stamps each with a value of € 0,65 being the rate for covers till 20 gr. within Germany. 

On two stamps Christoph Herzog and Alexander Schiffler (BV Leipzig) are pictured. The Germans ended with their team 6th in the sitting volleyball competition. The stamps are available on FD cards also.


http://www.behindertensport-sachsen.de/index.php?id=27&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=809&cHash=232196e4c42ad145e27a3e827fb85abc

**Honduras**

On November 7, 2016 Correo Nacional de Honduras issued a set of six stamps to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Francisco Morazán (UPNFM).

One of them has picto’s from different sports with a.o. volleyball.

The stamp has a face value of Lempira 10,00 being the rate for postcards (till 20 gr.) to countries in Central America.

The stamp has the text: El exito es la suma de pequenas acciones (Success is the sum of small actions) and all stamps have the logo of the anniversary. There is no FD cover.

Designer is Mrs. Ixchel Irina Paz Pineda. She designed two other stamps from the set also.
The 6th edition of the National University Sports Games were held from Oct. 31 till Nov. 4, 2016 and UPNFM was one of the four organizers. There were ten official disciplines: Athletics, Basketball, Chess, Football, Futsal, Karate, Swimming, Table tennis, Taekwondo and Volleyball. The volleyball tournament had three women’s teams and five men’s teams. It was intended that the Games can be established every two years and generate university coexistence.

Likewise, to form the national team of Honduras for its representation for the XVI Sports Games of University of Central America and the Caribbean that were held from April 23-30, 2017 in Venezuela. Approximately 1,200 athletes were expected at the Games in Venezuela.

Indonesia


Italy

On December 12, 2016 Modena Volley celebrated their 50th anniversary in Palasport G. Panini. The initiative entitled "50 years in the network" was sponsored and organized by the Municipality of Modena and could be visited by all fans, enthusiasts and lovers of the great Modena team. Before that date TRC TeleModena had organized - on internet - a voting for the favorite "dream team" and the result was announced on the same evening. The result of that voting was as follows: Luca Cantagalli, Andrea Giani, Bas van de Goor, Earvin N'Gapeth, Raul Quiroga, Bruno Rezende and Salvatore Rossini. As coach Julio Velasco. Poste Italiane issued on the same date in Modena Centro a commemorative cancel to this anniversary.
La storia giallo blu dal GS Panini a Modena Volley
50 anni sottorete.
The designer of the cancel is Afro Zironi.

On the same date Circolo Filatelico Cultural “A. Tassoni” from Modena issued a postcard with the team from 1966.

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

But from my point of view one person is still missing. When you visit a food store anywhere in the world you can find the name Panini between other Italian products or when you collect(ed) Panini football (soccer) prints in an album in the past century, you should know that it was Giuseppe Panini (1925-1996). He was one of the founders of the club and president from 1966 till 1993 and had a great influence in the development of Modena Volley.

Poste Italia issued on May 14, 2017 a cancel in 16121 Spazio filatelica Genova.
XXXVI Torneo nazionale giovanile di pallavolo XX Memorial Roberto Carmarino - Giochi di maggio

Poste Italia issued on June 9, 2017 a cancel in 95124 Catania centro.
CNU Catania 2017 – Campionati nazionali universitari
Perhaps the smallest ball is a volleyball but it can also be a handball.
Kazakhstan

On November 16, 2016 JSC “Kazpochta” released a set of eight stamps dedicated to Kazakhstani medalists from the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. The stamps are printed in a sheet with picto’s on the margin. The first stamp has a picto beach volleyball on the margin.

On December 30, 2016 JSC “Kazpochta” released a set of two stamps commemorating the medals won during the Paralympic Games with Zulliya Gabidullina (swimming) and Raushan Koishybayena (weightlifting). Also these stamps are printed in a sheet with picto’s on the margin. The first stamp has a picto of sitting volleyball on the margin.

Macau

The communications museum of Macau organize every year a contest for the best painter (three categories) through stamps. The contest is named: Draw My Story of Stamps and was won by Sio Kun Weng in the general group (no age limit). He made a painting from the volleyball bloc from 2016. The contest tries to encourage and discover more painters to participate in cultural creative arts and design through stamps.

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**Moldova**

On August 23, 2017 Posta Moldovei issued in Chişinău a sport set (and a FD cover) with tennis and volleyball. The stamps were printed in sheets with $2 \times 5 = 10$ stamps. The volleyball stamp has a face value of Leu 1,75. The stamp is valid for covers till 20 gr. within Moldova. Registered is Leu 4,00 extra. Issued were 100,000 stamps each and 400 FDC’s. The designer is Lilian Iaţco. It is the first volleyball stamps in Moldova.

The FD cancel can be seen as a volleyball - or tennis net.

**North Korea**

**Update from VBnewsletter 26**

On page 12 from VBnewsletter 26 I mentioned an official FDC from Aug 5, 2016, but…………… it is not only a FDC but a postal stationary also.

**Poland**

On June 9, 2017 Poczta Polską issued a cancel in Kędzierzyn Koźle 1 to commemorate the 22nd tournament of the veterans. Mistrzostwa im. Wojciecha Zielińskiego. XXII Mistrzostwa Polski Old Boyów

http://www.oldboysvolleyballcup.pl/

On August 10, 2017, Poczta Polską issued in Kraków 1 four stamps (on two FDC’s) with a face value of PLN 2,60 each to commemorate the 30th European Championship for men (Mistrzostwa Europy w piłce siatkowej mężczyzn Polska 2017). The stamps are issued in a sheet with two times the set but the composition of the stamps in se-tenant is different. The stamps show player(s) during a match with from left to right: serve with logo host city Gdansk; receipt with logo host city Katowice; attack with logo host city Szczecin and block with logo host city Kraków.
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Issued are 160,000 stamps each, this means 20,000 sheets. Designer is Jarosław Ochendzan. On February 1, 2017 Poczta Polską changed the rate for postcards and small domestic economy letters within Poland from PLN 2,00 to PLN 2,60. The rate for international economy letters and postcards is PLN 5,00 and remain unchanged. Some members of the Polish team were invited to the introduction of the stamps. “Due to other communication possibilities in these days it remains to be seen if we shall use these stamps” some of them said.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ie180Y_LPLI
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2mqgeEm_0s

Solomon Islands

On December 1, 2016 Post of Solomon Islands issued a set of four stamps and a bloc (on two FDC’s) to commemorate the Paralympics in Rio. The stamp in the bloc is high jump but on the bloc are pictured three female players from Team USA. From left: Heather Erickson; Katie Holloway and Lora Webster.

Sri Lanka

On December 7, 2016 Sri Lanka Philatelic Bureau of the Department of Posts issued a stamp to commemorate 100 years of volleyball in Sri Lanka. The stamp has a face value of Rs 10.00 being the rate for ordinary letters up to 20gr. within Sri Lanka. Volleyball is the national game of the country. It is since the year 1991 that the game of volleyball got crowned as their national game. However, over a period of seventy five years since 1916, volleyball had got established in the country. Printed are: 1,000,000 stamps (!!) and the designer is Mr. Jagath Kosmodara.

http://sportsinfo.lk/volley-ball/100-years-for-sri-lanka-volleyball
Taiwan

Chunghwa Post Co. Ltd. issued on August 16, 2017 a set of eight stamps and a bloc (on two FDC’s) to commemorate the 29th Summer Universiad in Taipei which were held from August 19-30, 2017. The stamps have a face value of NT$ 5,00 and NT$15,00 (volleyball NT$15,00) and are printed in a sheet with two times the set in a parallelogram format. The stamps with the same value are printed in se-tenant. The shaped perforation between two stamps includes the flame of the games.

The stamps depict eight popular sports in which Taiwanese athletes will compete: weightlifting, archery, athletics, taekwondo, baseball, basketball, volleyball and table tennis with the mascot Bravo Bear and the logo of the games. Bravo is shown taking part in the sports, while the background also depicts a setting or item related to the sport displayed.

The stamp with volleyball has the field, net and ball of it at the right side.

The stamp in the souvenir sheet (NT$ 25,00) depicts the same eight sports.

The bloc itself includes the logo of the games, the mascot Bravo Bear and drawings of the Taipei skyline.

The set has been designed by the Highlight Creative Company and printed by La Poste in France. Printed are 800,000 sheets and 700,000 blocs.

Chunghwa Post handed out free postcards decorated with themes from the Universiad on the first day of issue. The public was encouraged to write postcards of encouragement to the Chinese Taipei team. The postcards could be mailed for free to the athlete’s village.

The volleyball stamp is valid for ordinary mail between 51 and 100 gr. within Taiwan but also the rate to USA and Canada for airmail letters till 10 gr.

To Africa, Central- and South America and Europe the rate till 10 gr. is NT$ 17,00.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W75PKNpZlCE
https://www.2017.taipei/home/detail/content/ac4eb5e9-b6e7-43d2-b9e8-0a6c3ed6235d
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volleyball_at_the_2017_Summer_Universiade
Togo
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Stamperija Ltd. in Lithuania (Production & Trade) is the exclusive postage stamp agency for nine African countries. The issues are doubtful as it is unknown if the stamps are available at the post offices in these countries. But Togo is at least one exception as the Lomé GPO has a philatelic service where all stamps can be bought.

Cover sent on February 13, 2017 from Lomé Doumasséssé to 07170 - St. Germain (France) with Francs 750,00. Departure cancel from February 15, 2017 Lomé-CNTP (Centre National de Tri Postal) on backside.

USA

Under the slogan "Have a Ball" US Postal Service issued on June 14, 2017 a set of eight embossed self-adhesive stamps with a face value For Ever being US$ 0,49.

The eight sports balls are: baseball, basketball, football, golf, kickball, soccer, tennis and volleyball. The rate of US$ 0,49 is for standard-sized covers within the USA.

The stamps are printed in a “sheet” with 2 x 8 stamps with all eight stamps on a different position in the “sheet”. The designer is Mike Ryan; Daniel Nyari created the stylized stamp art and Greg Breeding was the art director.

Their First Day of issue ceremony took place at the Erin Hills Golf Course in Hartford, Wisconsin starting at the 117th U.S. Open Championship (Golf).

Two FD cancels were available. One regular black ink cancel and a color digital one. The last one costs US$ 0,50 per cover.

Stamp dealers issued a great number of FD covers (14 with black + 5 with digital cancels) with different or even without cachets.
Maximum cards were made by Terry Watson, President of the Maximum Card Study Unit, an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society.

The National Stamp Exhibition Milanofil in Italy

In March 2017 philatelists and numismatics met each other in Milan. UICOS, the Italian Olympic and Sports Collectors Association, celebrated their 25th anniversary on that occasion.

To celebrate this anniversary many members were prepared to present their collection during this exhibition.

Three collectors volleyball (who are members of this newsletter also) Fabio Bisogno, Pier Antonio Deangelis and Mauro Gilardi took part.

http://www.uicos.org/category/collezioni-online/pallavolo/

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Also this time again I publish only one of them per country.

**Benin (3)**  
**Gambia (1)**  
**Ghana (2 + 3)**
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Guine Bissau (2)  Haiti (1)  Uganda (1)

Opening match Lotto EUROVOLLEY 2017 in Poland


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