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As you may have seen England were the winners of the recent Rugby Union World Championship in Australia on 22 November. To mark this event the British Post Office produced a mini sheet on Friday 19 December, see figure 1. The cancellation of the mini



Figure 2

Rear of the Team. The mini sheet is bordered by the Cross of St. George.

An exploit of William Webb Ellis at Rugby School, England, was reputed to have started the "Rugby" game. This is commemorated by a plaque in the "Doctor's Wall" at Rugby School, see figure 2.



Figure 3



Figure 1

sheet is Twickenham, the home of the English Rugby Football Union.

The mini sheet has scenes from England's victory, 20 17, against Australia. There are two Inland First Class and two Airmail letter rate, 10 20 g., 68p, stamps. One of the two First Class stamps shows Flags, incidentally the St. George's flag for England rather than the Union Jack for the United Kingdom, and the other A Team Circle. The two Airmail stamps have the World Cup The Webb Ellis Trophy, and the

Incidentally William Webb Ellis went on to become a priest in the Church of England and was Rector of St. Clement Danes in the Strand, London. Fairly recently a statue Of William Web Ellis as erected outside Rugby

Up and Coming

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
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February 10 Club Meeting
Valentine Quiz
Presentation: "Heart & Soul:
The Story of Cardiology"
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English Rugby - continued

School, see Figure 3. An early game of Rugby is shown in Figure 4, with a background of Rugby School, much as it appears today

I have not been able to find whether

there was a First Day Cover produced with a special Rugby cancellation, as had been used for previous "Rugby" stamps, see Figure 5. As the sheet was prepared at short notice, it appears that there were reduced facilities for a launch.



Figure 4

Nova Scotia Stamp Club Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/>

Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

Dues are \$15 per person or \$22.50 per couple (\$20 US) payable to:

John Harvey, Treasurer
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Figure 5

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Stamp Oddities

In 1966, Czechoslovakia (Sc. 1408) issued a giant sized stamp (with tab attached) to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the formation of the International Brigade which assisted the Spanish Republican Army in their fight against Fascist insurgents during the Spanish Civil War. The stamp design is based on Pablo Picasso's anti-war mural 'Guernica' which he painted after Guernica, a Basque mining town, was destroyed by bombing on April 28, 1937, the day of the Town's annual fair.

Picasso had been commissioned to paint a mural for the Spanish pavilion at the Paris International Exhibition of 1937. He refused to allow the painting in Spain as long as General Franco ruled. The work hung in New York City's Museum of Modern Art during its exile.

Letters franked with the Czech stamp were not allowed into Spain. Postal authorities marked the first letters with a notation in French, citing Article 28, Section 1d, of the 1964 Universal Postal Union treaty in Vienna. Considered illegal in Spain, such letters were returned to sender.

Franco reversed his opposition to the Czech stamp a couple of years later and took steps to have the work brought to Spain. Picasso refused, and it wasn't until 1981 that **Guernica** came home.



On Oct. 25, 1981, Spain issued a souvenir sheet (Sc. 2252) shown above, welcoming *Guernica's* arrival at the Prado Museum in Madrid. It contains a 200-peseta stamp surrounded by a border area showing an enlarged detail of the painting.

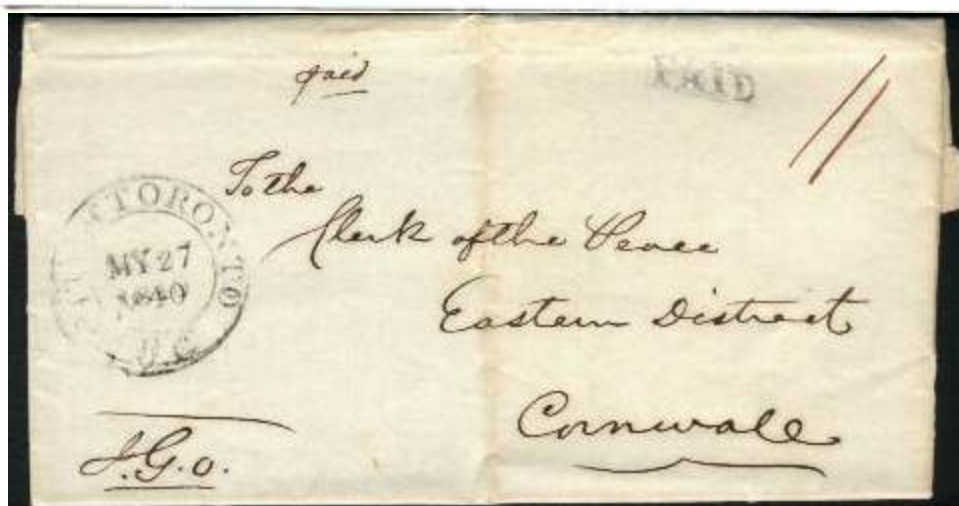


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Pictured Left: A German envelope with a 1996 Hamburg cancellation using 1977 issued stamps with a ships cachet that looks like the destroyer Rommel. There are a number of collectors of these types of envelopes as many Ships Navy and our own Coast Guard have a ships cachet or cancellation used on mail to and from the vessel.

Hamburg, a 1200 year old former city republic, has a transatlantic harbour and is Germany's second largest city (1.8 million inhabitants).

Pictured Below are two of the new 49 cent value flag definitives. The new rate came into effect on Jan 12th. These were used postally on Dec 30 2003 from Le Goulet NB.



A recent Ebay offering - Stampless cover marked from Toronto May 27, 1840 to the Clerk of the Peace, Eastern District, Cornwall.



Pictured above is a metered label from Thailand depicting an elephant and a list of numbers for some reason ??(may be a tracking or security device) down the left hand side of the label. This shows that post offices even in the smaller countries are expanding into the new technologies. There is always something different that you come across.

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VOLUNTEERS ROYAL 2004

Lots of volunteers will be required during Royal 2004 for set up, registration on Thursday, lots of things during the show, and tear down on Sunday evening. Remember that the show is being sponsored by our club and a smooth running show will reflect credit on the club.

Please make a note of the volunteer dates, **Thursday 27 May to Sunday 30 May.**

STAMP LAUNCH ROYAL 2004

There will be a stamp launch during Royal*2004*Royale. The stamps to be issued mark the exploits of shipping magnates Sir Samuel Cunard and Sir Hugh Allen. The stamp will be designed by the local partnership Page & Wood.

Fund Raising for ROYAL*2004* ROYALE

We are also looking for advertisers for the programme. The price of advertisements will be very reasonable, from about \$25 for a quarter page to a about \$100 for a full page. The prestigious spaces inside and outside the cover have already been allocated. If you can think of any names of potential advertisers, please contact Heather MacKenzie by email - h.mackenzie@ns.sympatico.ca.

Membership

Our newest members are Michael MacDonald, of Whites Lake who collects mint Canada and worldwide stamps.

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Ask Phil your philatelic questions. The Collectors Club of Chicago website has an amazing number of individually answered questions - www.askphil.org.

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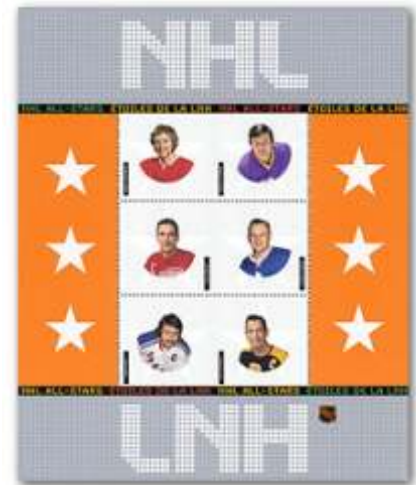
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The Royal*2004*Royale website:
<http://www.nsstampclub.ca/royal>

February Meeting

In addition to Heather MacKenzie's Valentine quiz, the February program will include a slide presentation called "Heart & Soul: The Story of Cardiology." The slide presentation was made by Asher Dubb of the Philatelic Federation of South Africa.



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