

#### 4.5 GAMES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

National Cycling Championships on road, track and cyclo-cross are held in most countries throughout the world.



Below: First National Games Caracas, 1961



Above: National Championships in Holland



Liberation Day Sports Meeting Pyongyang 1960



Above: Trans-German Cycle Race. Issued 15 May 1949. N.B. The blue Obligatory tax stamp 'Aid for Berlin'.

Above far left: Even smaller Islands - Jersey, hold Games.

Left: Italy and all the European countries hold Championships including Cyclo-Cross.

Below: Abidjan Games 1961



#### 4.5 GAMES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS - International

Countries linked geographically and politically compete against each other in regular Games.



The Balkan Games are contested by countries in the S.E. Region of Europe including, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.



10 l Orange Bulgaria stamp first to show racing cyclists, reissued 1933.



Central American and Caribbean countries also compete together.

Note dry black print above stamps, normal right.

Asia is a vast continent. Games held as far apart as Indonesia, Thailand and India. (NB Junior Championships in Delhi)



#### 4.5 GAMES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS - International

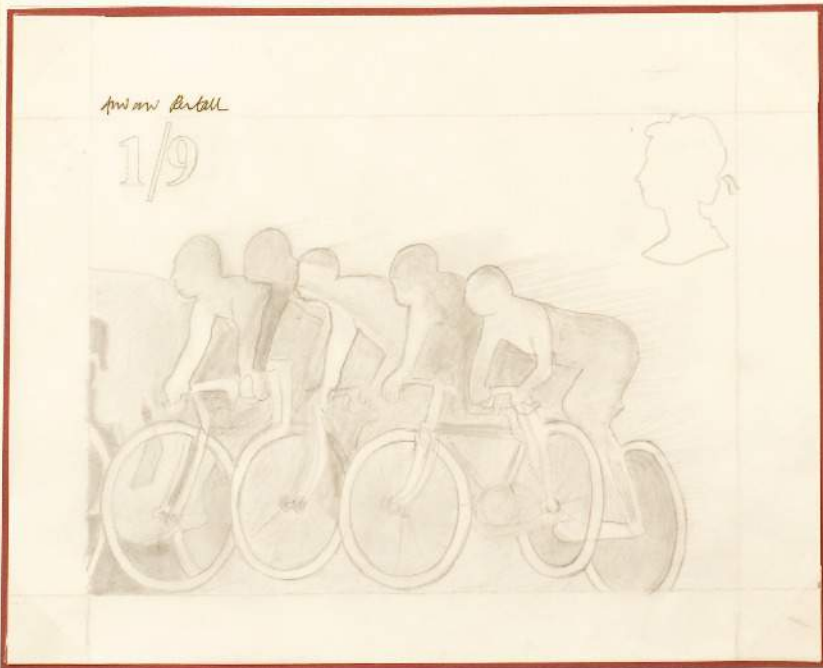
Member countries of the Commonwealth, formerly British Empire & Commonwealth, hold Games every 4 years.



Note Changes - 8th British Empire and Commonwealth Games; 9th British Commonwealth and 11th Commonwealth Games



Below  
Original pencil drawing of 1/9, (stamp on left) signed by artist Andrew Restall.



#### 4.5 GAMES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS - World Championships

It is every cyclist's dream to win a World Championship title and wear the Champions Rainbow jersey.



1951 Track Milan.



1967 World Cycling Championships held in Heerlen, Netherlands



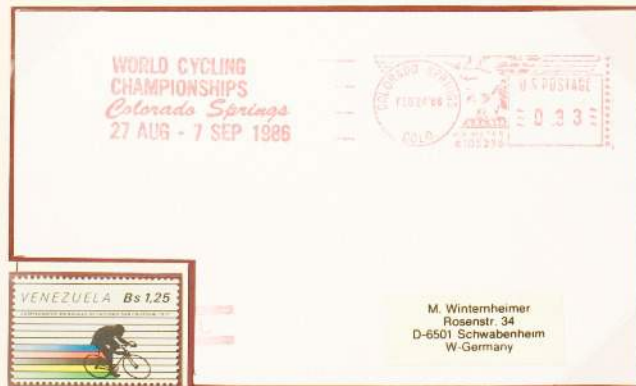
G.B. Leicester track used 1970 for World Championships



Luxembourg - hosts of Championships 23/24 August '52.

Below: Colours on jersey worn by reigning World Champion.

United States of America were the hosts in 1966



Uruguay hosted 1966 Amateur Championships  
Below: Orange printed gummed side of stamp.

M. Winterheimer  
Rosenstr. 34  
D-6501 Schwabenheim  
W-Germany



4.5 GAMES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS - Olympic Games

Principles of Olympic movement "blown apart" by Russia who boycotted the 1984 Games in Los Angeles

Enlarged primer's cards, in black, for each of the four colours required to print the Costa Rican Olympic stamp; below, is Negro (black) rojo (red), azul (blue), amarillo (yellow). (Colours - "blown apart")

COSTA RICA CORREOS



Without opposition from U.S.S.R., U.S.A. collected 4 gold, 3 silver & 2 bronze medals in cycling events.



4.5 GAMES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS - Olympic Games

Both Road Racing and Track events included in Olympic programme. Mountain Bike racing added in 1996.



Track and road races in first modern Games, 1896. Morelon won Gold, 1972



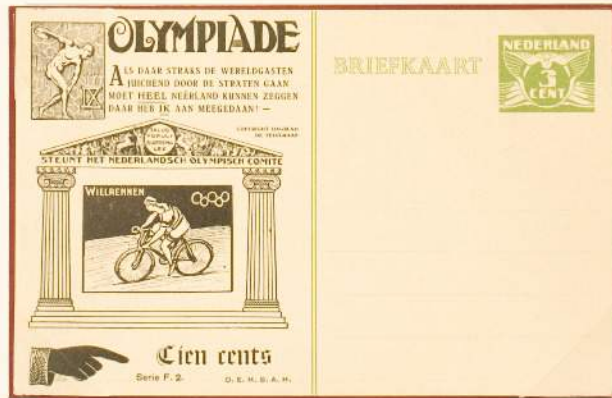
First Mountain Bike race held Atlanta 1996.



P Trentin, France won two gold and a bronze medal in Mexico, 1968



Cycling included in Sydney Paralympics



1928 Olympics in Amsterdam.

Holland beaten 3 times in track events for gold. Gained 3 silvers.

#### 4.6 STAGE RACES - Europe (excluding Italy and France) and Colombia.

Many countries organise Cycle Races, held over several days, particularly on the continent of Europe

Right  
Spain's  
64 th.  
Cycle  
Race in  
Catalonia  
6-19 Sep.  
1984.



Left-  
Tour of  
Rumania  
Amateur  
Race '51.

NB Pair  
of stamps  
tête-bêche.



Left-  
Tour of  
Switzer-  
land '99.  
Prologue

(Prelim.  
T.T. on  
1st day)



20th Tour Bulgaria  
Issued 30 Sep. '90.

Britain's Tour of Britain known as "The Milk Race" because sponsored by Milk Marketing Board



F. B. SOLE ESQ.  
3 STOCKFIELD ROAD  
CLAYGATE, ESHER  
SURREY  
KT10 0GG



Trans-German race  
Issued 13 May '49.

7th Tour of Colombia  
Issued 6 July 1957.



#### 4.6 STAGE RACES - Giro d'Italia

The second most important Stage Race began in 1909; usually held in May, 2 months before the Tour de France



Note. Same design used on 1983  
postmark as on stamp issued 1967.



Giro route varies and may go via San Marino and elsewhere, e.g. Austria



I - 7078  
Mr Sole Brian  
3, Stockfield Road  
GB - Claygate Esh. KT1000G ( Engl.)

Below:

Giro makes front page news in "La Gazzetta dello Sport" Fausto Coppi won Giro d'Italia in 1940, 1947, 1949, 1952 & 1953. He died after illness in 1960, but still remembered by cyclists.





#### 4.6 STAGE RACES - East European Peace Race

The first race was held over a route from Warsaw to Prague and back to Warsaw; winner Zoric Yugoslavia



Polish currency was revalued in September 1950 and some stamps overprinted with new currency "Groszy".

2nd race, 1 - 9 May 1949, over 8 stages from Warsaw to Prague.

4th race, 1 - 10 May 1951 over 9 stages from Prague to Warsaw.



George A. B l i z i l  
 president of the Czechoslovak philate-  
 lic society of North Amerika  
 2364 Guenston Road

#### 4.6 STAGE RACES - East European Peace Race

First held 1948, route Warsaw - Prague- Warsaw, became most important annual amateur stage race in world.



Right -  
 Souvenir  
 Card from  
 Poland for  
 8th Race  
 Held 2-17  
 May 1955



9th race, Warsaw -  
 Berlin-Prague held  
 2 - 15 May 1956



colour proofs



7th Race  
 13 stages  
 held 2-17  
 May 1954.



Above -  
 Proof signed  
 by the artist.



gummed on back



One of a set  
 of 6 postcards.

8th race of 13  
 stages, Prague  
 via Berlin, to  
 Warsaw.

#### 4.6 STAGE RACES - Tour de France

Henri Desgranges remained as "Directeur de la Course" from 1903 into the 1920s and maintained tough rules.



For many years riders carried spare tyres around neck. Had to change own tyres if punctured



Race leader wears yellow jersey with initials "HD" on left breast. L'Auto printed on yellow paper.

From the start there was always a Team Race winner.

In 1923 that was Auto - Moto and the winner of the race was French - Henri Pelissier.

Henri Desgranges responsible for the publicity caravan ahead of riders.



Cars allowed for Race Directors and others.



#### 4.6 STAGE RACES - Tour de France

Eddy Merckx and Miguel Indurain had won the Tour 5 times but in 2004 Lance Armstrong won for the 6th time.



Above: Françoise Faber, Luxembourg winner 1909 Tour. Swiss Newspaper in p.s wrapper, on left, would have carried full details of the Race.



Left: Indurain won Race for 4th time in 1994 when Tour came to England. He won a 5th time in 1995. Eddy Merckx also won Tour 5 times, 1969-72 & 1974, but Lance Armstrong won for 6th time 2004.





4.6 STAGE RACES - Tour de France

The Tour de France is often won in the mountains. Jacques Anquetil, shown here riding the Col du Galibier in the Alps, was a 5 times winner in 1957 and 1961-4 incl.



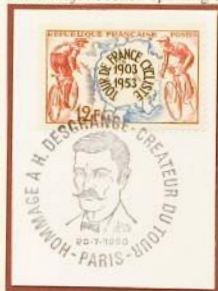
#### 4.6 STAGE RACES - Tour de France

The most famous cycle race in the world and a major French sporting event; held over 3 weeks in July each year.



Maurice Garin was winner of the first Tour in 1903.

First Tour organised by Henri Desgranges.



He was Editor of L'Auto and a racing cyclist.



Color trial for the stamp issued on 26 July 1953.



The Tour always ends in Paris along the Champs Elysees.



Jacques Anquetil riding past the monument to the founder, Henri Desgranges on the Col du Galibier.

The proof, colour trial and stamp issued 12 Dec. 1963





4.6 STAGE RACES - **Tour de France**

Known as "La Grande Boucle" (The Big Loop), race clockwise around France, and sometimes into adjoining countries, one year, and anti-clockwise the following year.



The field breaks down into smaller groups, when the mountains are reached.

The leading rider, in the "King of the Mountains" wears red polka dot jersey.



Tours dogged by drug scandals, despite tough action taken against riders who test positive for drugs.



Points awarded to leading riders for each stage. Leader on points wears green jersey.



Arc de Triomphe, Memorial to 2 World Wars' dead; finish of Tour Leads onto "The Bicycle at War"

Right

*Drawing of stamp issued by France 26.7.53, signed by artist. One of 3 known drawings in private hands.*

