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CHESS PLAYERS ON STAMPS

This is a list of chess players depicted on stamps, along with the actual stamps. Each player's name is clickable – it will take you to the player's Wikipedia page (or, if one does not exist, to a different chess-related page), where you can view the player's biography and details of their career.

If a philatelic item depicts a specific chess contest, said contest is mentioned *in italics* following the item.

For each chess player, a short biography is given. It includes two types of competitions:

1. World Championship and its affiliate contests (Candidates Tournament, Interzonal Tournament, World Cup, FIDE Grand Prix, FIDE Grand Swiss Tournament), as well as major team competitions (Olympiad, World Team Championship, European Team Championship).

2. Victories (including shared) in major chess tournaments (according to a major tournament list combined on Wikipedia). Most of those are international tournaments, but in some cases they might be national championships (in which case the name of the country is given in brackets).

After each contest of type 1 (see above) and year in a player's biography, the following information is given in brackets:

1. The place in which the player (or their team) finished the competition. Note that “(?)” means the place is unknown at the time, while “(0)” means the player or the team was participating as a non-contestant.

2. In a team competition, the following personal achievements of the player:

-- being the best player at their board (BB)

-- showing the best individual performance of the tournament (BP)

If an achievement is actually depicted on a stamp or a philatelic item, the year of said achievement is **bolded**.

EXAMPLE: Let's look at Predrag Nikolic:

Predrag Nikolic



(Olympiad 1994)



(European Team Championship 1997)

Olympiad: Yugoslavia 1980 (3, BB), 1984 (8), 1986 (15), 1988 (6), 1990 (5), Bosnia and Herzegovina 1992 (12), **1994** (2), 1996 (7), 1998 (30), 2000 (18), 2002 (15), 2008 (30)

European Team Championship: Yugoslavia 1983 (2, BB), Bosnia and Herzegovina 1992 (10), **1997** (10), 1999 (13)

Interzonal Tournament: 1985 (10-12), 1987 (4-6), 1990 (8), 1993 (16)

Major Tournaments Won: Sarajevo 1987, Wijk aan Zee 1989, Bled/Rogaska Slatina 1991

World Cup: 1988/89 (22), 2005 (33-64), 2007 (33-64)

World Team Championship: Yugoslavia 1989 (2)

Candidates Tournament: 1991-93 (9-15)

Interzonal (FIDE) Tournament: 1993 (51)

World (FIDE) Championship: 1997/98 (34-64), 2001/02 (9-16), 2004 (65-124)

Predrag Nikolic is pictured on two stamps, and each one which depicts a specific team competition. The first one is Olympiad 1994, which is why the year 1994 is **bolded** on the "Olympiad" line, and the second one is European Team Championship 1997, and that is why the year 1997 is also **bolded** on the "European Team Championship" line.

Due to space considerations and for your viewing convenience, the list is broken into 26 parts, one per each letter of the English alphabet. Each part contains stamps depicting players whose last names start with a particular letter:

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