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ICE HOCKEY ON STAMPS: "U" COUNTRIES

This is a part of my "[Ice Hockey on Stamps](#)" collection. It includes stamps and other philatelic materials from countries whose names start with "U".

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'98 Winter Olympics

UKRAINE



Ukrainian Hockey Anniversary, 1910-2010

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'17 World Championship (Division I, Group A) (Volodymyr Romanenko)



XVI ЗИМОВІ ОЛІМПІЙСЬКІ ІГРИ 1992, АЛЬБЕРВІЛЬ
Житник Олексій – олімпійський чемпіон з хокею

'92 Winter Olympics, Alexei Zhitnik (CIS), Gold

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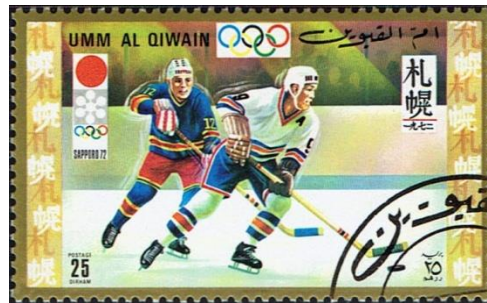
'68 Winter Olympics

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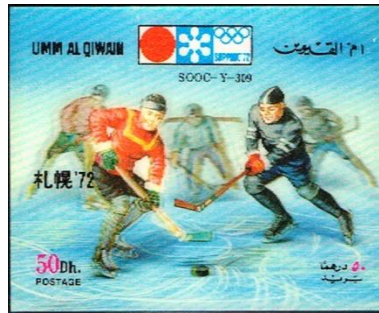
'72 Winter Olympics

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'72 Winter Olympics, USSR, Gold

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'68 Olympics, West Germany - East Germany 4:2

(Leonhard Waitl, Heinz Bader - Lothar Fuchs)

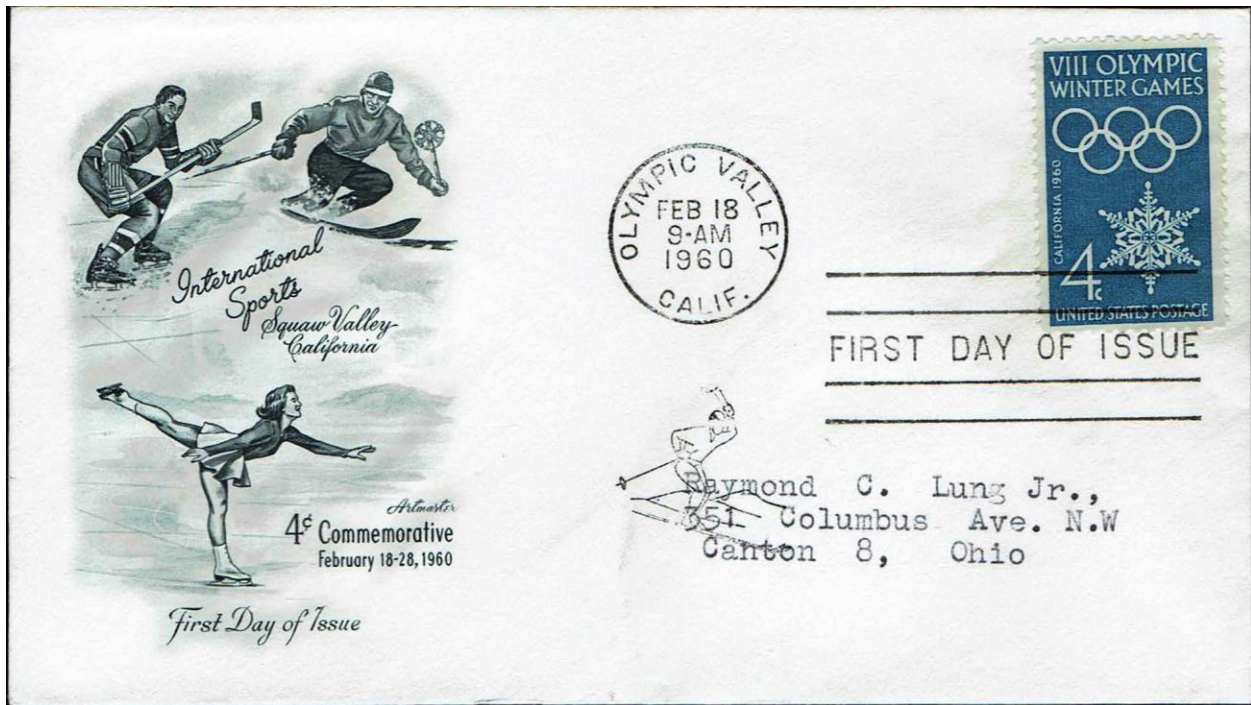
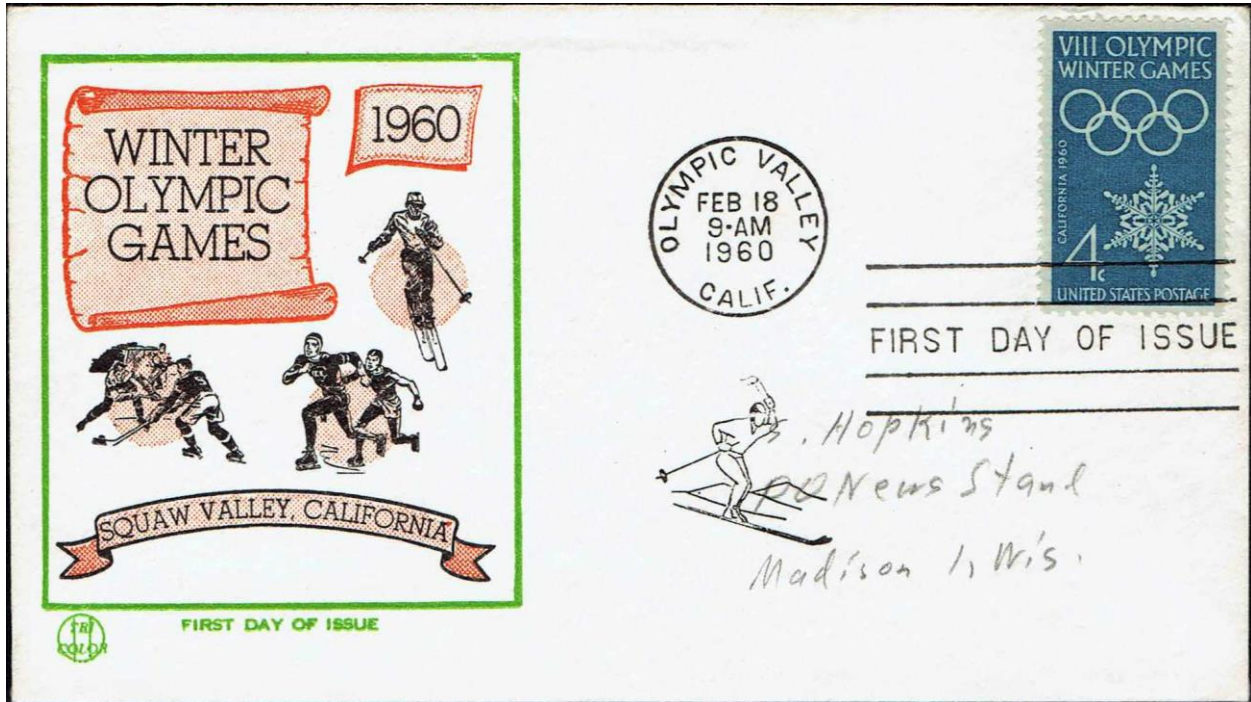
UNITED NATIONS

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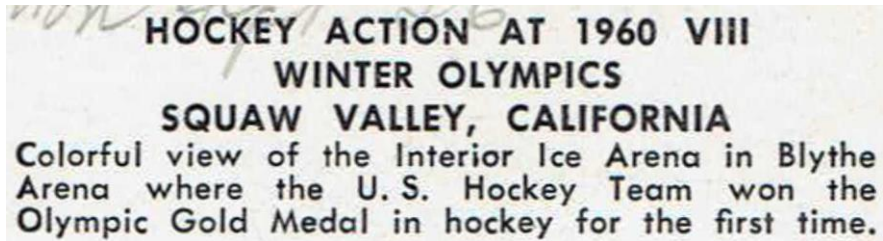
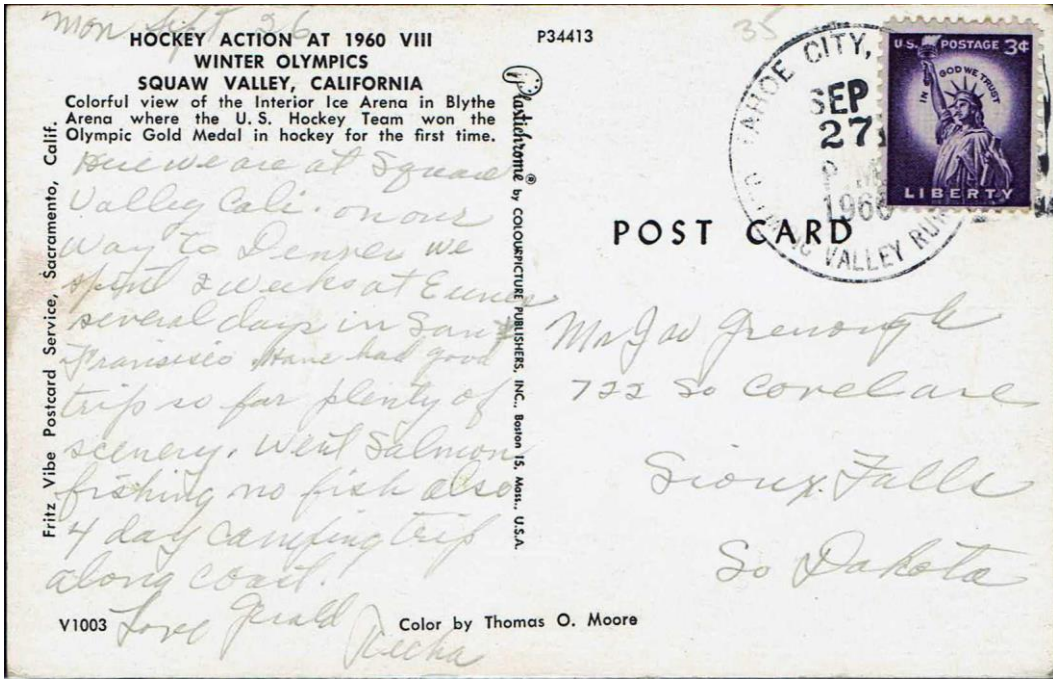


'22 Winter Olympics

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'60 Winter Olympics



'60 Winter Olympics, USA, Gold

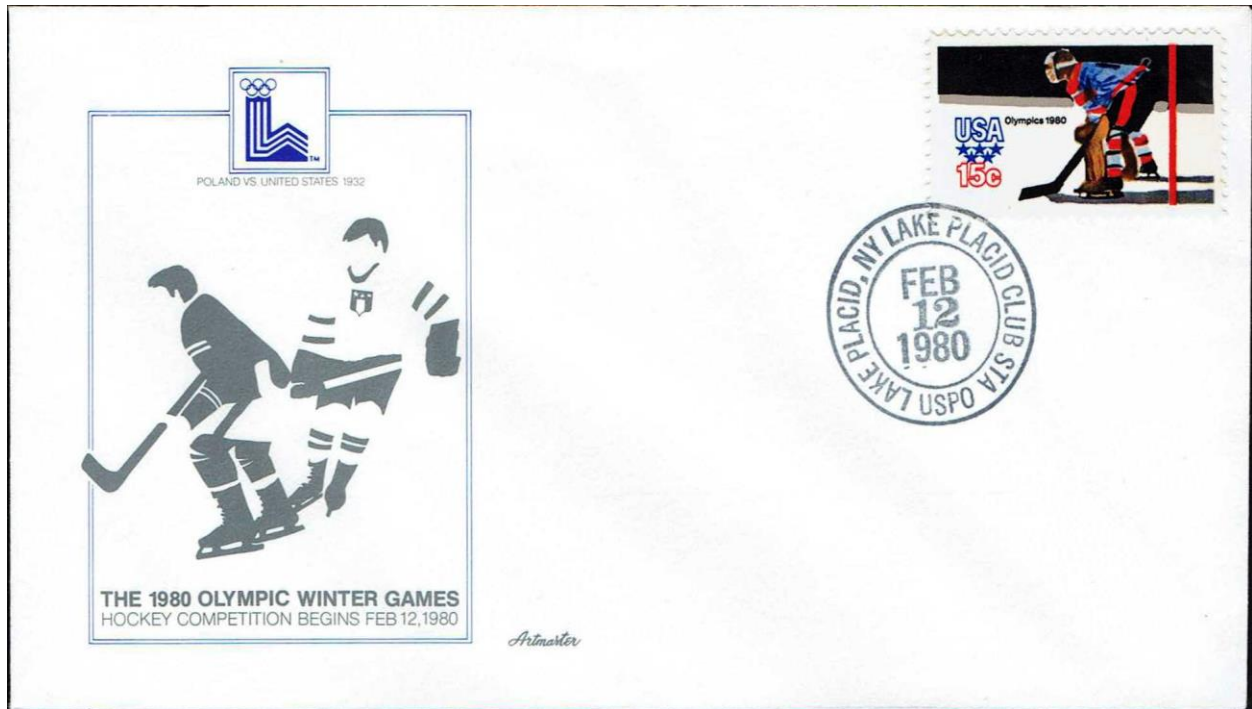


'60 Winter Olympics, Final Round, USSR - Germany 7:1

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'80 Winter Olympics





Hockey
 Official First Day Cover
 U.S. Olympic Committee

*The Official
 United States Olympic Committee
 First Day Cover Collection*

HOCKEY

The fastest team sport in the entire world, hockey is also one of the most difficult of all games to play. While performing on skates and wearing a dozen pieces of protective equipment, the athlete must keep his head up at all times, avoiding body checks and errant hockey sticks. Yet, he must also control the little black puck at the end of his own stick and keep his balance and composure despite severe blows from all angles. As he darts down the ice, in all of hockey's complicated maneuvers, he dare not break his skating stride lest opponents steal the puck and cost his team valuable time. To prevent such interceptions, players often slam the puck down the ice at speeds reaching 100 miles per hour. It is this speed and continuous movement that make hockey both difficult

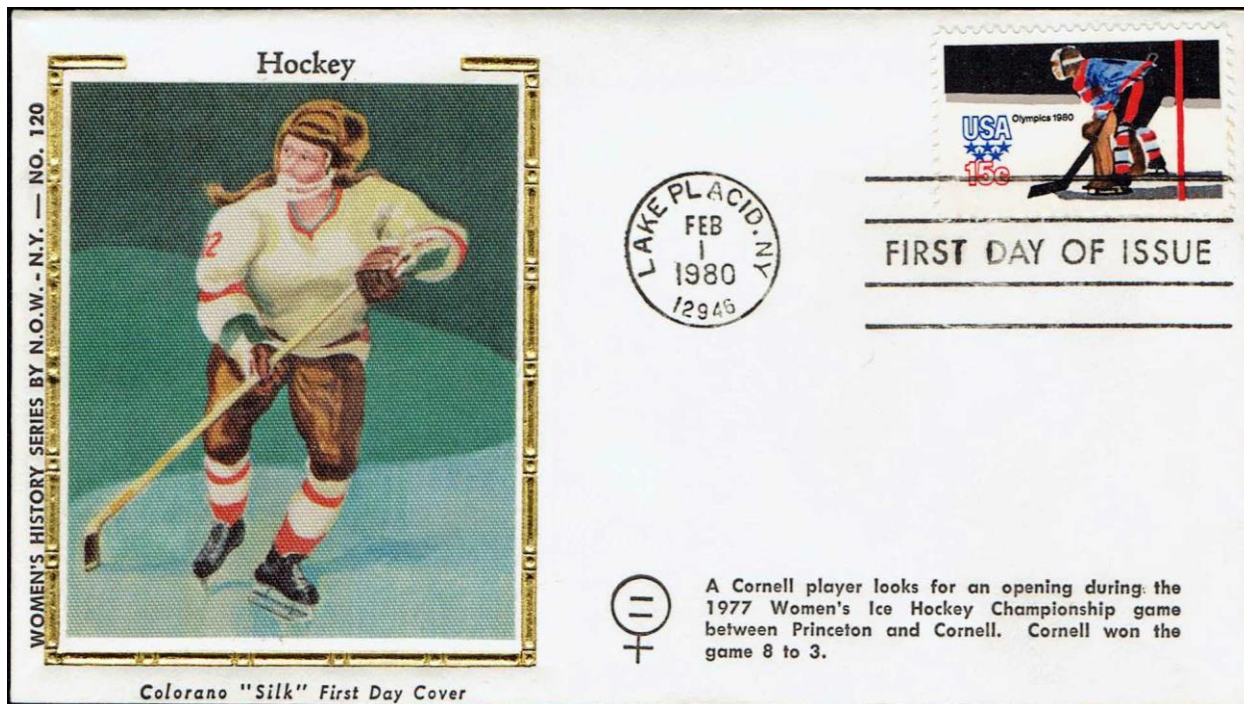
and exciting. One rule in particular keeps the action fast. Hockey is the only major sport that allows the substitution of players while play is in progress. This fast-paced sport first joined the Olympics in 1900 at the Paris Games. In this very first Olympic competition, all challenging teams were pitted against a team from France, the host country, and therefore, no official winner was declared. The United States first excelled in this sport in 1960 when the American team won at Squaw Valley. Today, Olympic hockey has developed into an intensive all-out contact sport with keen defense and man-to-man coverage. As interest in the sport of hockey grows everywhere, the Olympic contests become more thrilling for both spectators and athletes.

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'60 Winter Olympics, USA, Gold



'28 Winter Olympics



'77 Women's Ivy League Final, Cornell - Princeton 8:0

(NOTE: the cover indicates the score was 8:3, but that might have been a typo).



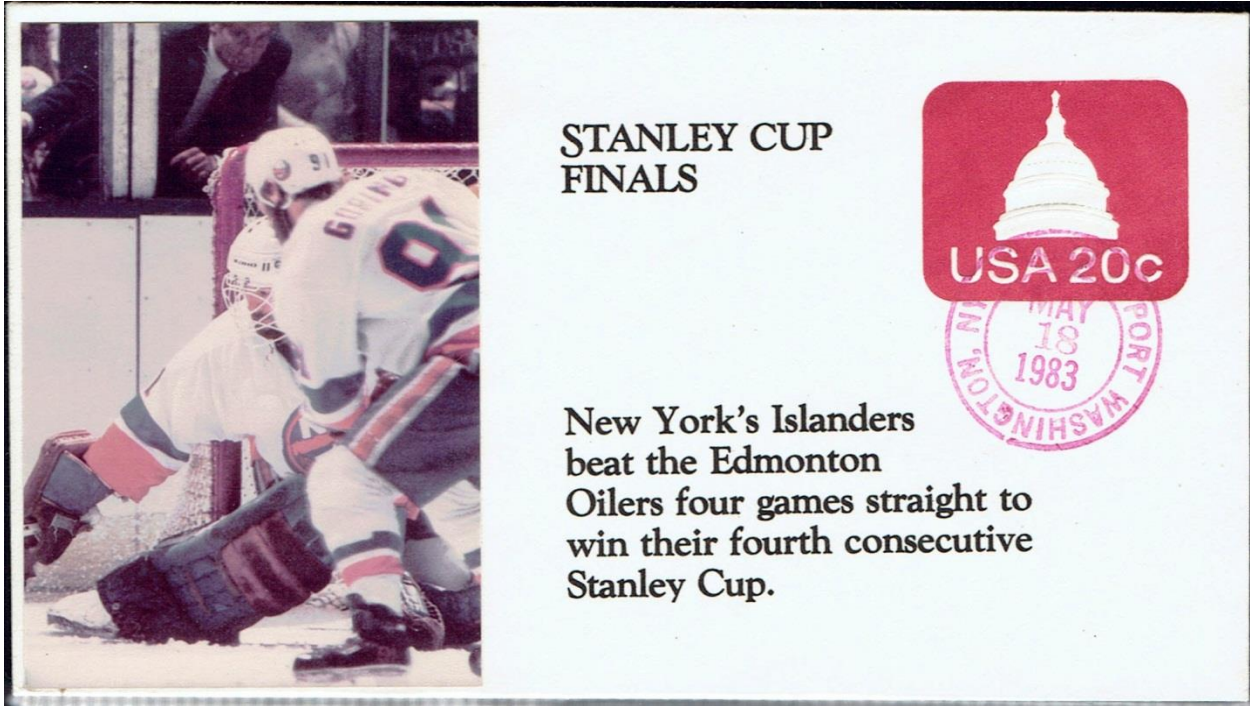
'80 Winter Olympics:

USA, Gold

Jim Craig (USA), Gold

Final Round Game, USA - USSR 4:3 (Mike Eruzione (scores the last goal), Bill Baker – Vladimir Myshkin, Sergei Makarov, Vasili Pervukhin)

Final Round Game, USA - Finland 4:2



'83 Stanley Cup Final (New York Islanders - Edmonton Oilers 4-0). New York Islanders win fourth straight Cup (1980-83).

(Billy Smith, Butch Goring (New York Islanders))

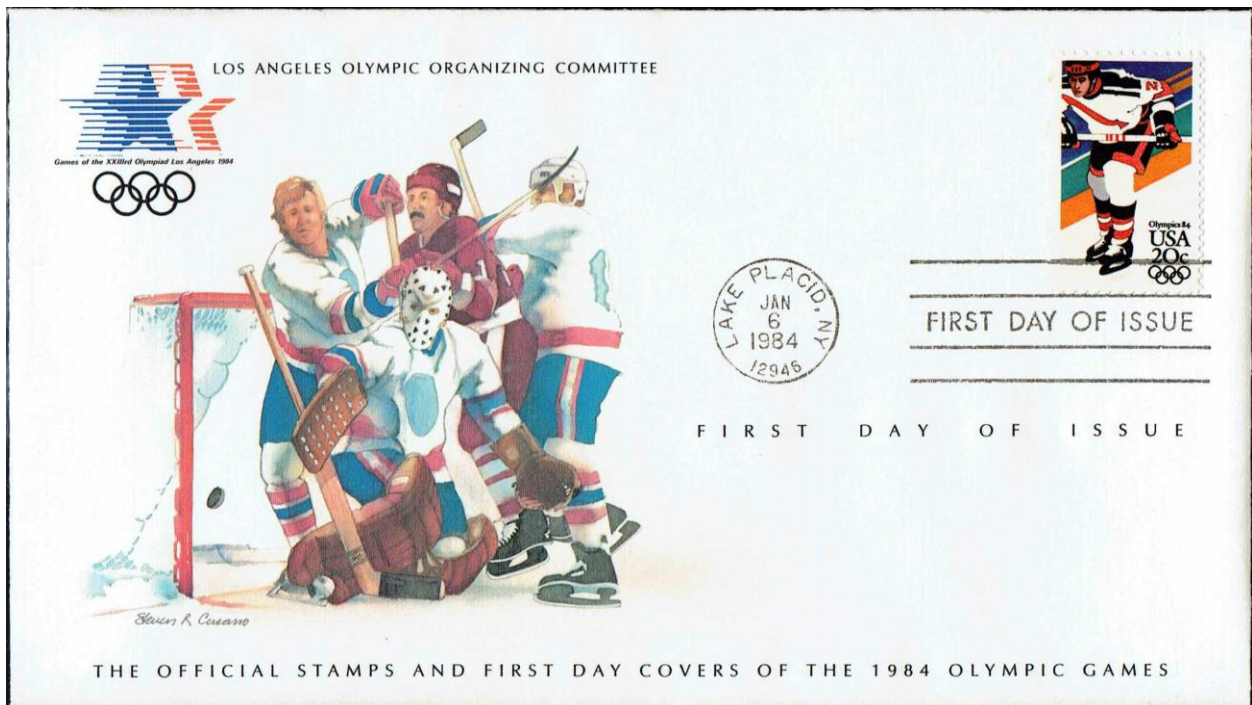
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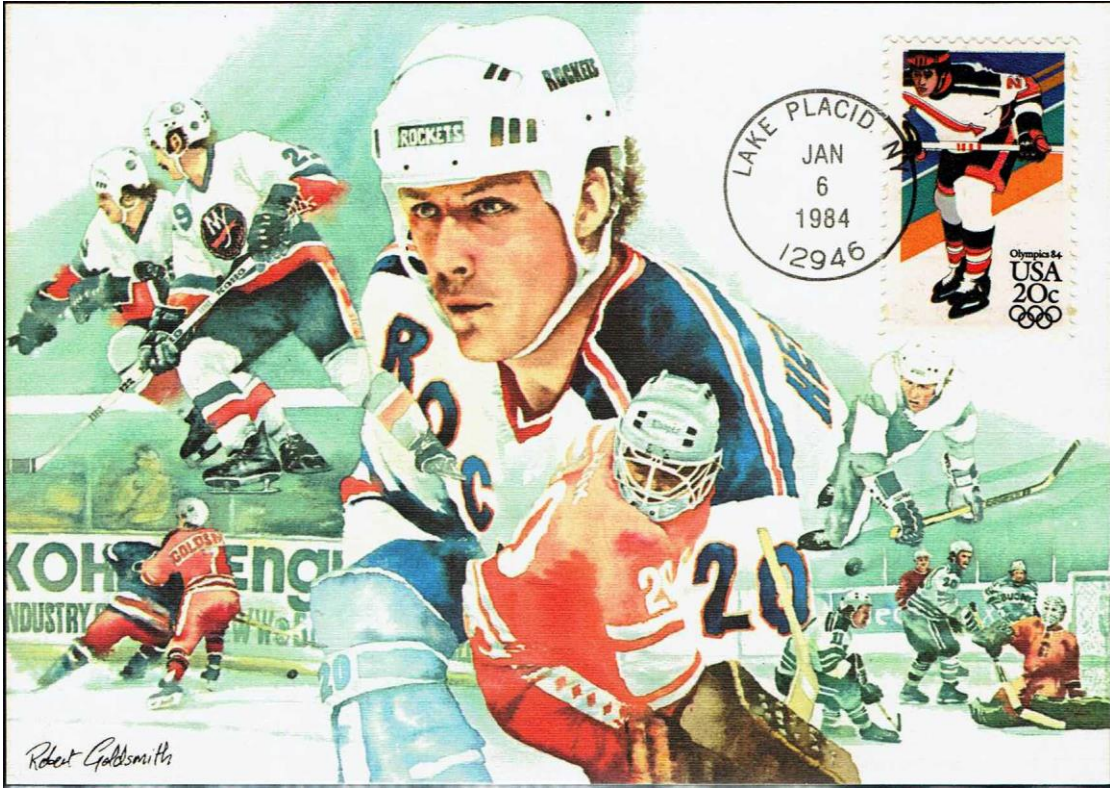
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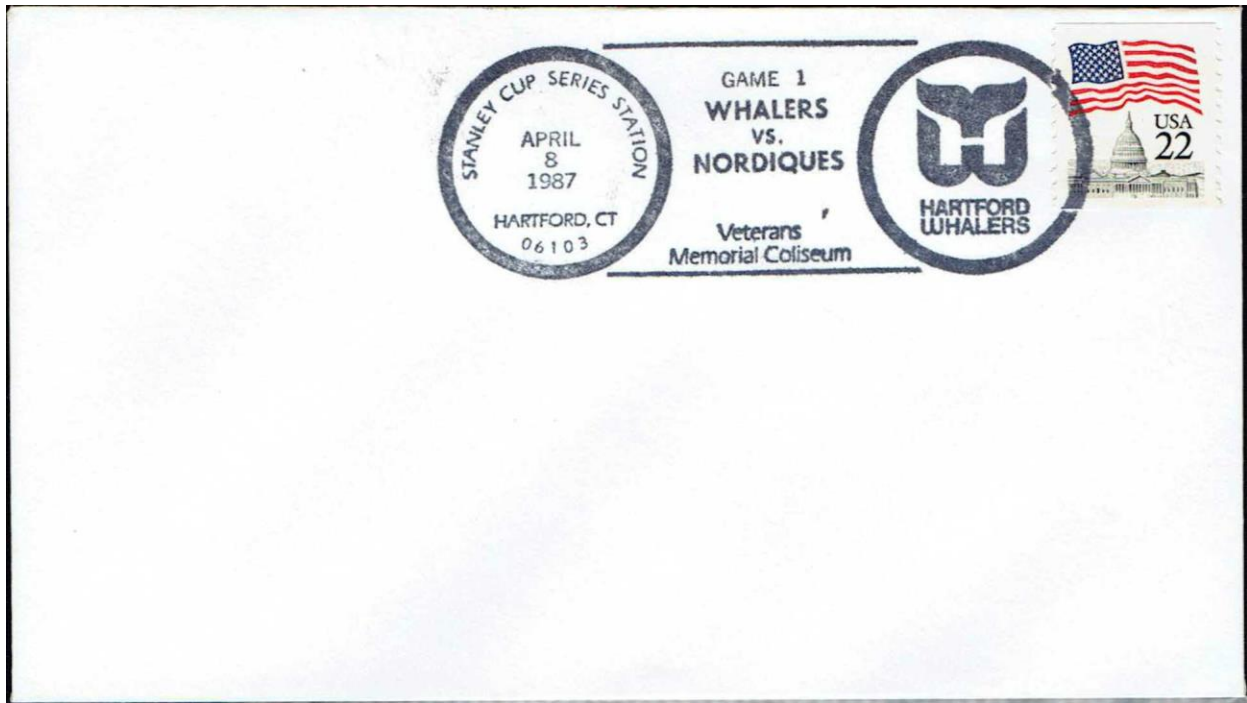


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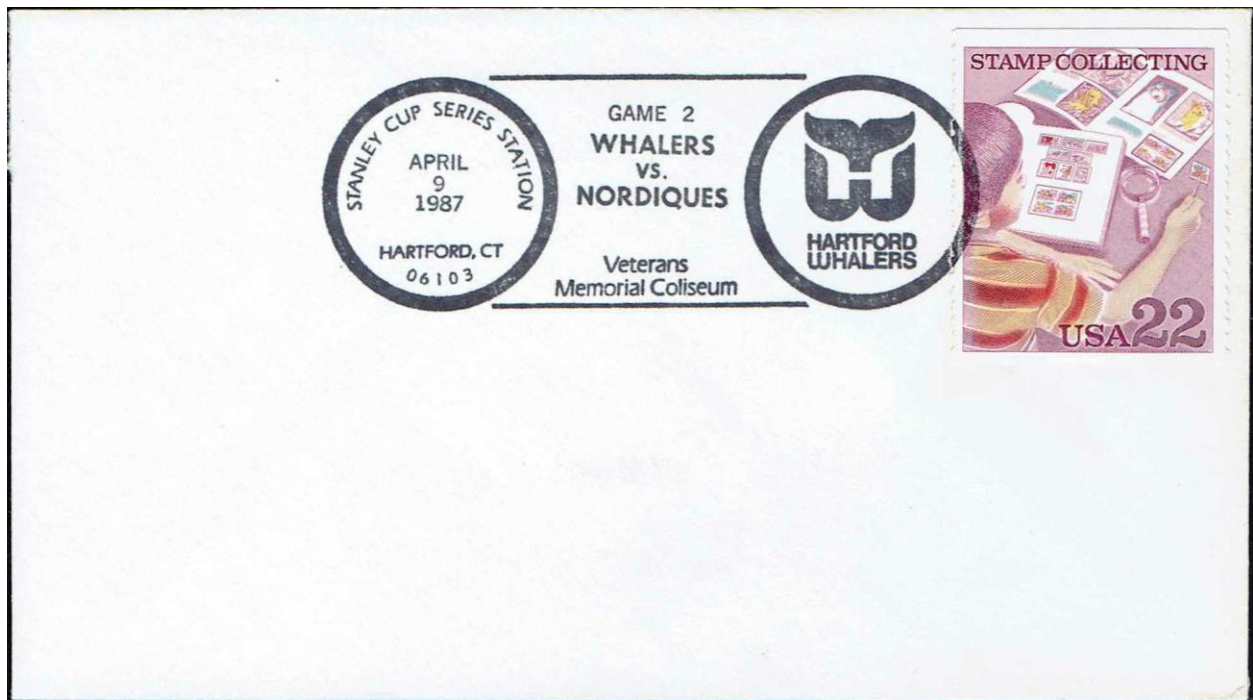


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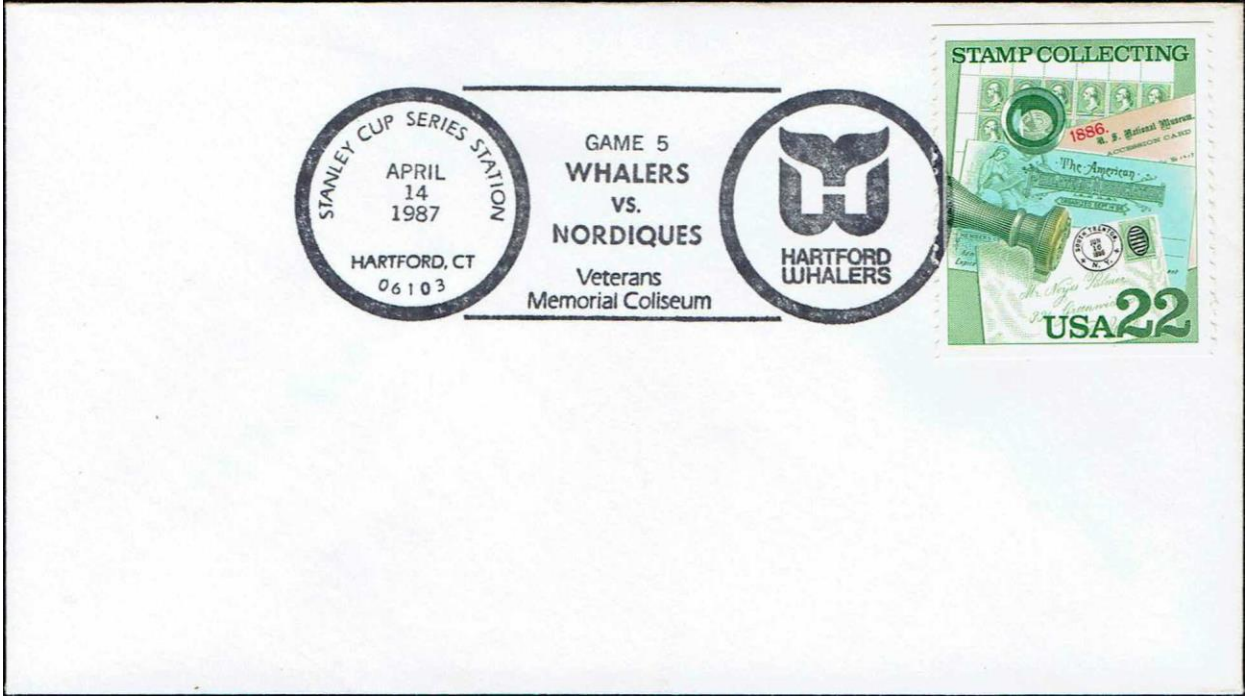




'87 Stanley Cup, First Round, Game 1, April 8, Hartford Whalers - Quebec Nordiques 2:3 (OT)



'87 Stanley Cup, First Round, Game 2, April 9, Hartford Whalers - Quebec Nordiques 5:4



'87 Stanley Cup, First Round, Game 5, April 14, Hartford Whalers - Quebec Nordiques 5:7

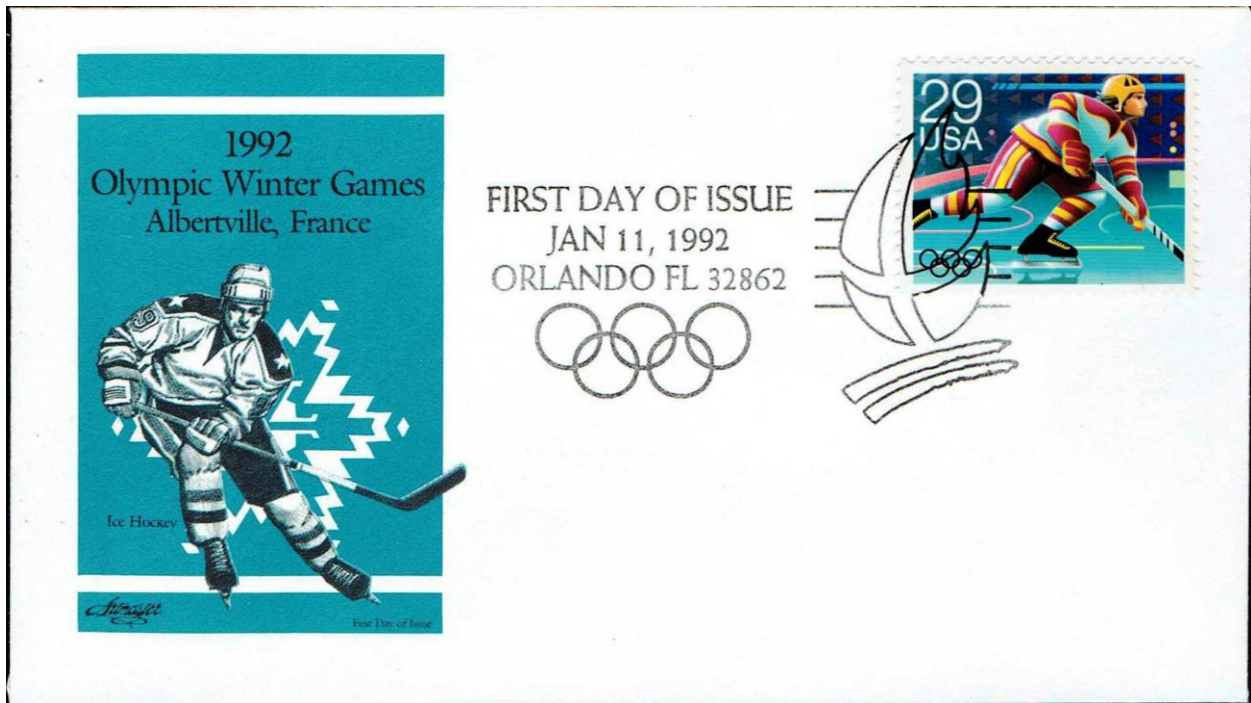


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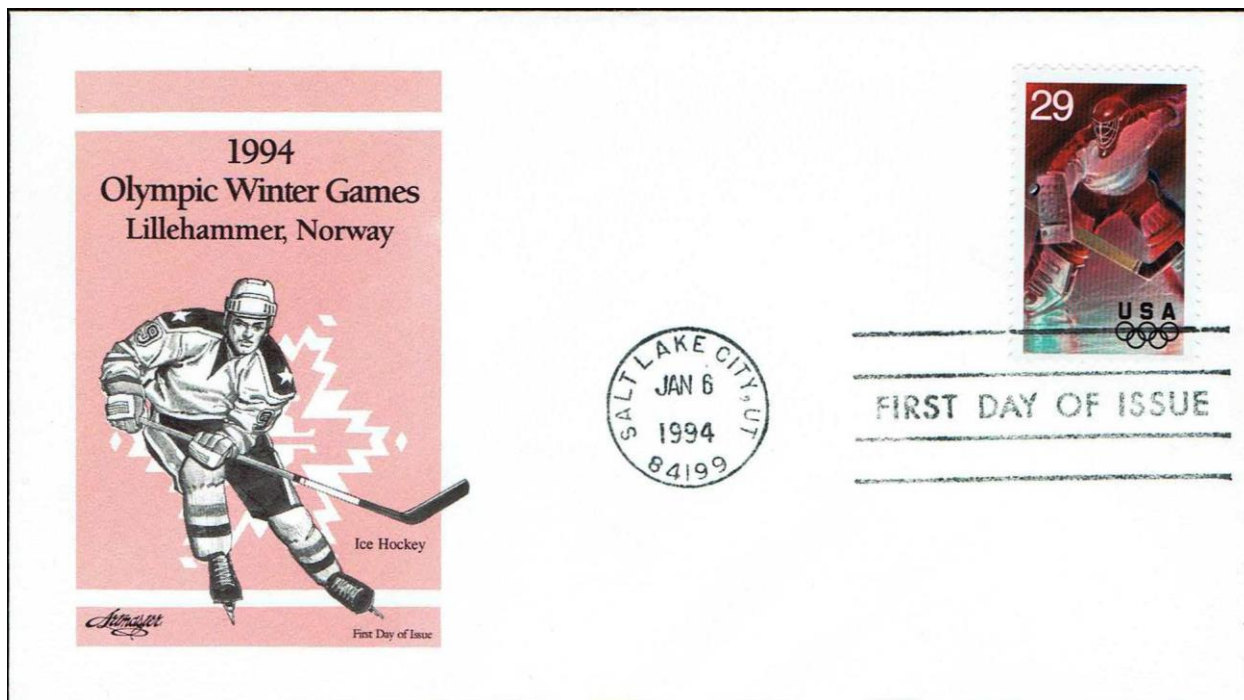


'92 Winter Olympics

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'94 Winter Olympics



'94 Winter Olympics

WINTER SPORTS

The modern Olympic Games were organized in 1896, largely through the efforts of Baron Pierre de Coubertin of France, to promote world peace and support amateur athletics. Today the Olympics are an international showcase for the talents of thousands of the world's best athletes from about 160 countries and are viewed by hundreds of millions of people worldwide. Beginning in 1994, the Summer and Winter Games are no longer played in the same year, although they still take place on a four-year cycle. (The Winter Games are scheduled for 1994 and 1998, and the Summer Games for 1996 and 2000.) The 1994 Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway are saluted by this set of five stamps featuring winter sports.

Skiing originated in Scandinavia, where a ski dating from 2500 BC was found in an ice bog. The Olympics include Alpine events for men and women in downhill, slalom, giant slalom, super giant slalom, and a combined competition that includes a downhill race and a slalom. Downhill racing emphasizes speed, the slalom emphasizes maneuverability, and the giant and super giant slaloms require both. Alpine events made their first appearance in the 1936 Olympics. Nordic events include cross-country races, cross-country relays, ski jumping, the Nordic combined (cross-country and jumping), and the biathlon (cross-country and riflery). Nordic competitions were part of the first Olympic Games, held in 1924 at Chamonix, France.

The exciting **Luge** competitions are popular with many spectators. A luge is a small sled about four feet long with two runners and a contoured fiberglass seat. In a race, the drivers position themselves on their backs on the sleds, and speed feet first down a steeply banked ice course, steering by pressing in with their legs and down with their shoulders. Each luge makes several runs, and the sled with the fastest combined time wins. The Olympics include single-seater luge events for men and women, and a two-seater event for men. **Figure skating** includes events for men, women, pairs and ice dancing. Singles and pairs skate the original program for one-third of their scores, and the long program for the other two-thirds. Pair skating is popular with Olympic crowds for the spectacular lifts often performed. Unlike pair skaters, ice-dancing partners do not separate or perform individually, and no high lifts are allowed. Olympic competition in ice dancing includes compulsory dances (20% of the final score), the original set pattern dance (30%), and free dancing (50%). All skaters are judged on both technical merit and artistic expression.

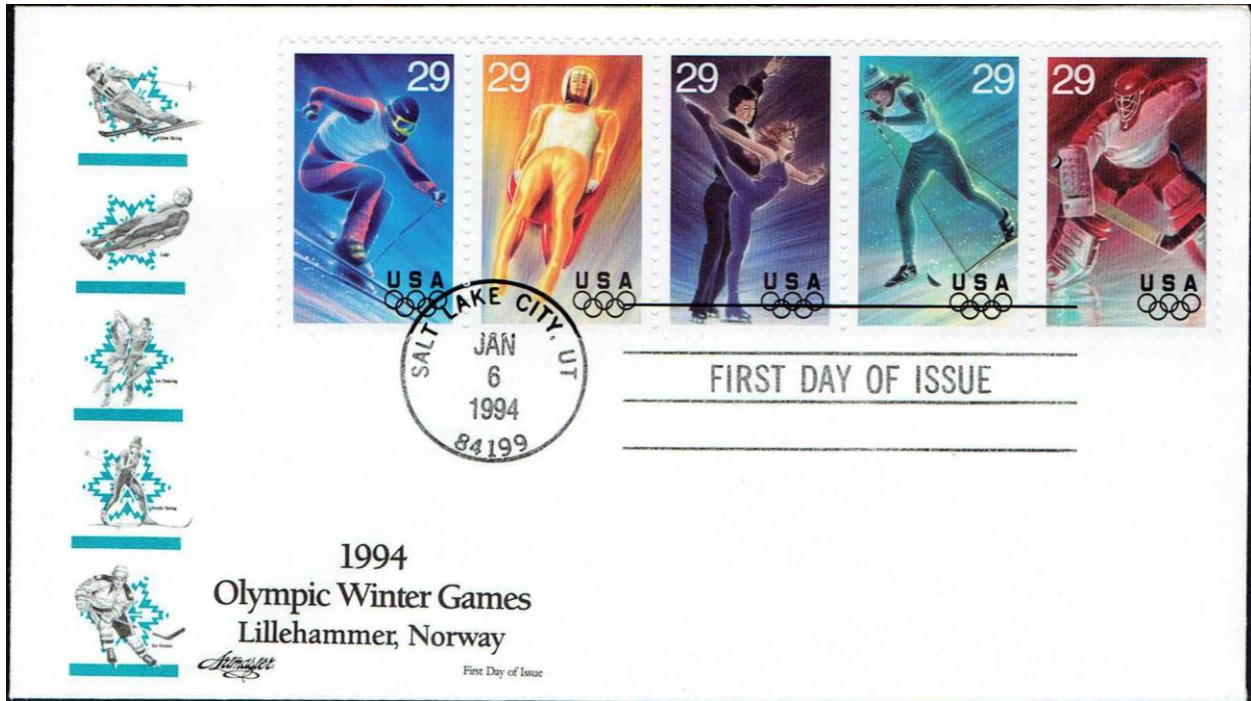
The final game of the **Ice Hockey** competition is often the highlight of the Winter Games, as spectators support their favorite national team. Ice hockey as we know it today was first played in Canada in the mid-19th century and is considered that country's national sport. The USSR and Canada have dominated Olympic ice hockey, winning seven and six gold medals respectively. (The gold was won by the Unified Team, formerly the USSR, in 1992 as well.) Ice hockey was one of the original sports played in the first Winter Games in 1924.

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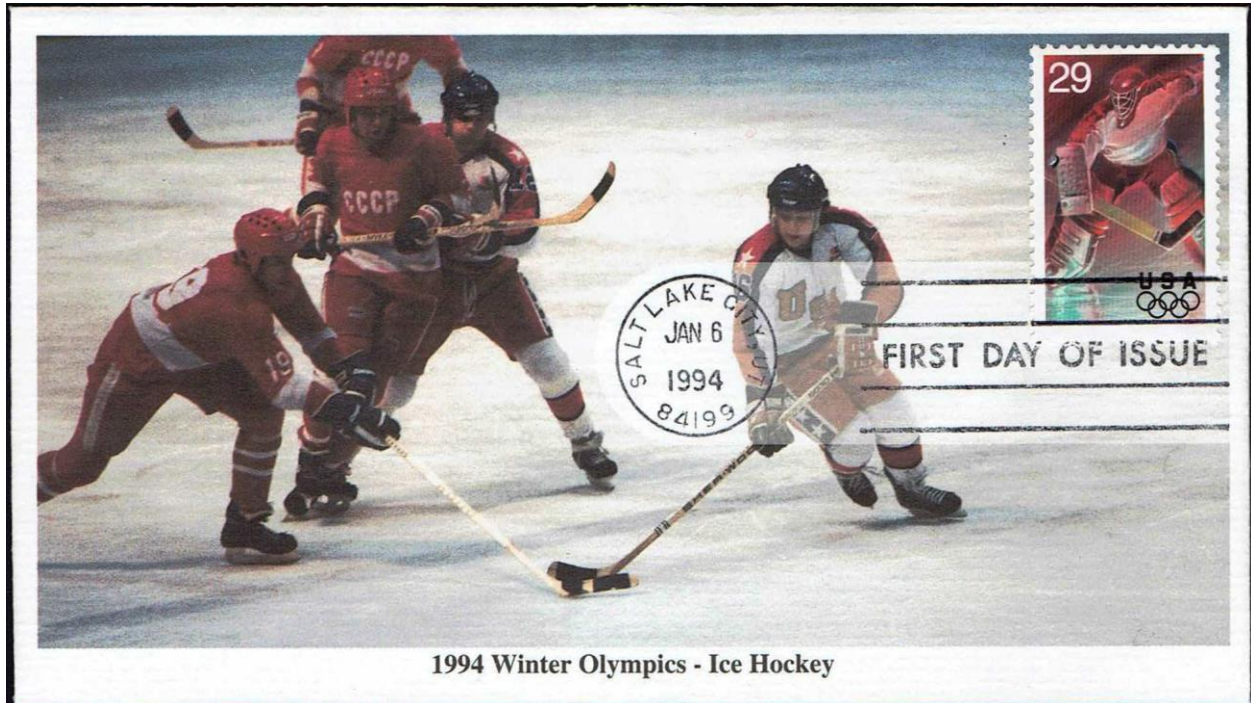
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'92 Winter Olympics, CIS, Gold



'94 Winter Olympics

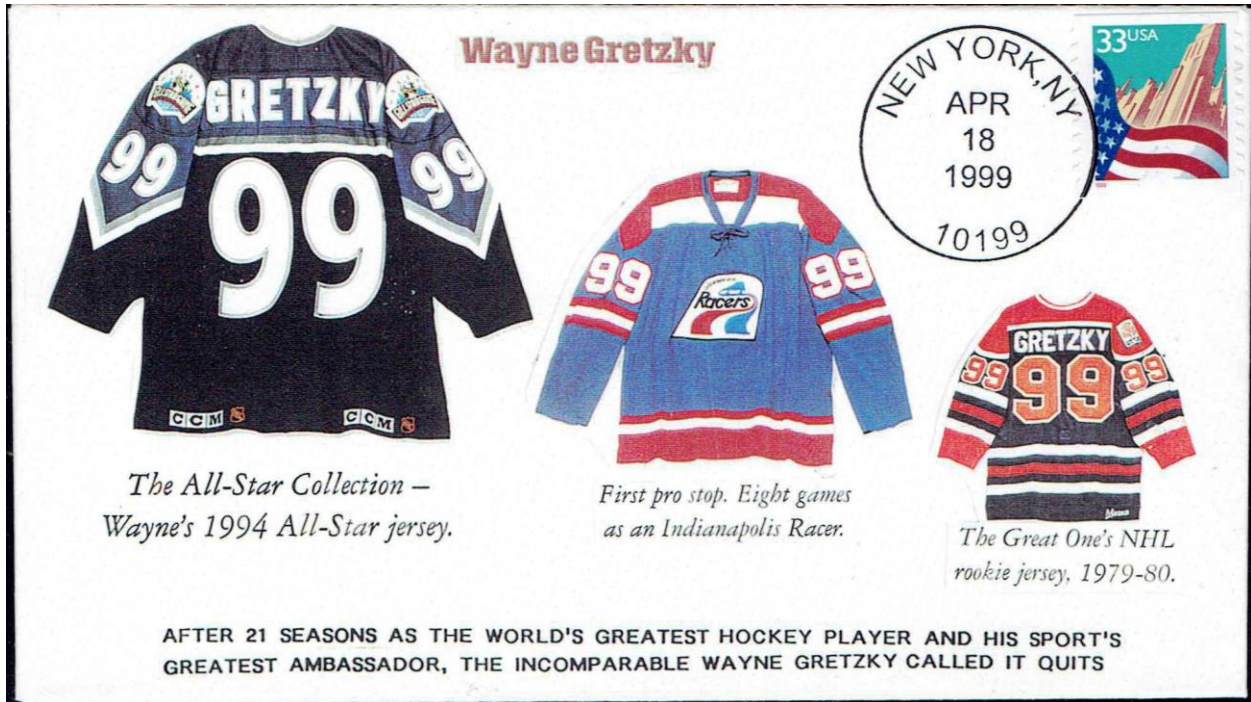


'83 Friendly International Series, USA Olympic Team vs USSR "B" Team (Eddie Olczyk, Pat LaFontaine - Vladimir Golikov)



'96 NHL All-Star Game

April 18, 1999. Wayne Gretzky's last game (New York Rangers - Pittsburgh Penguins 1:2 (OT))



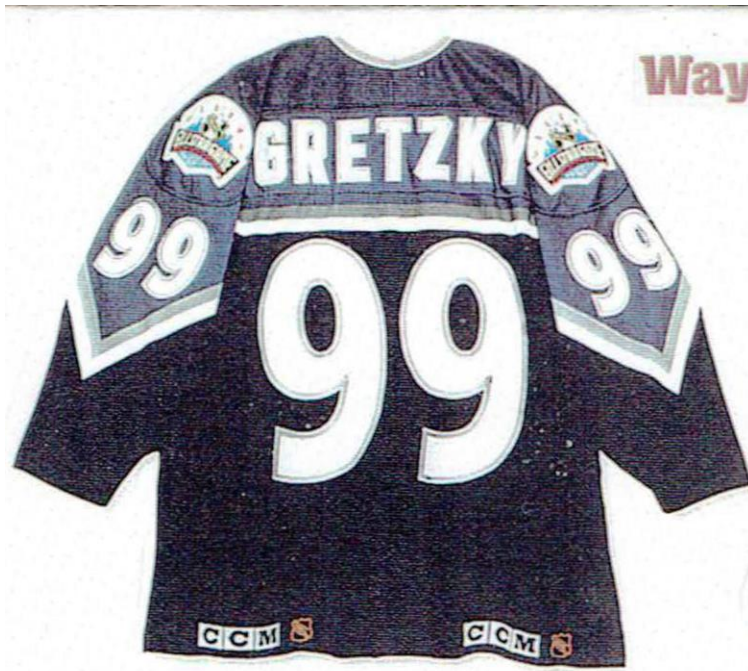
First pro stop. Eight games as an Indianapolis Racer.

(1978/79, Wayne Gretzky's professional debut (WHA, Indianapolis Racers))



*The Great One's NHL
rookie jersey, 1979-80.*

(1979/80, Wayne Gretzky (Edmonton Oilers) debuts in the NHL)

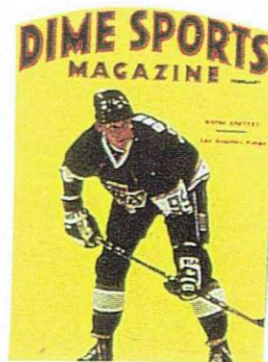


*The All-Star Collection –
Wayne's 1994 All-Star jersey.*

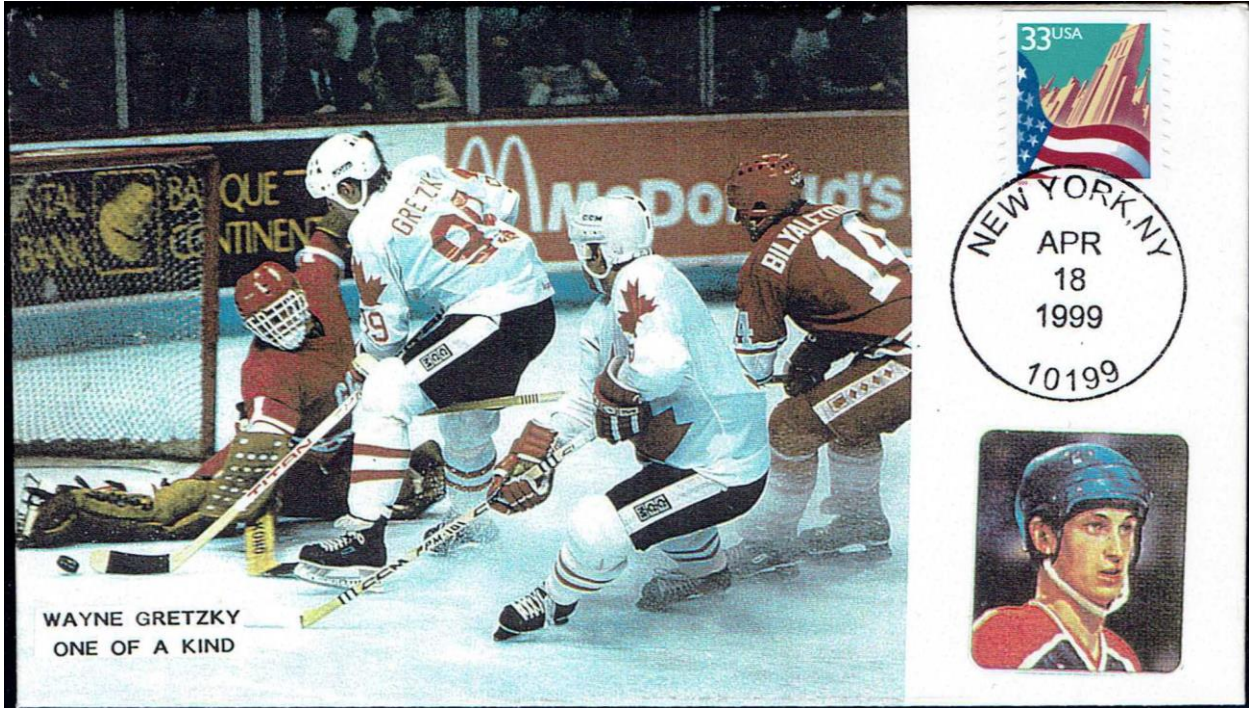
(’94 NHL All-Star Game, Wayne Gretzky)



WAYNE GRETZKY, THE GREAT ONE, RETIRES
ON APRIL 18, 1999, AFTER 20 NHL SEASONS




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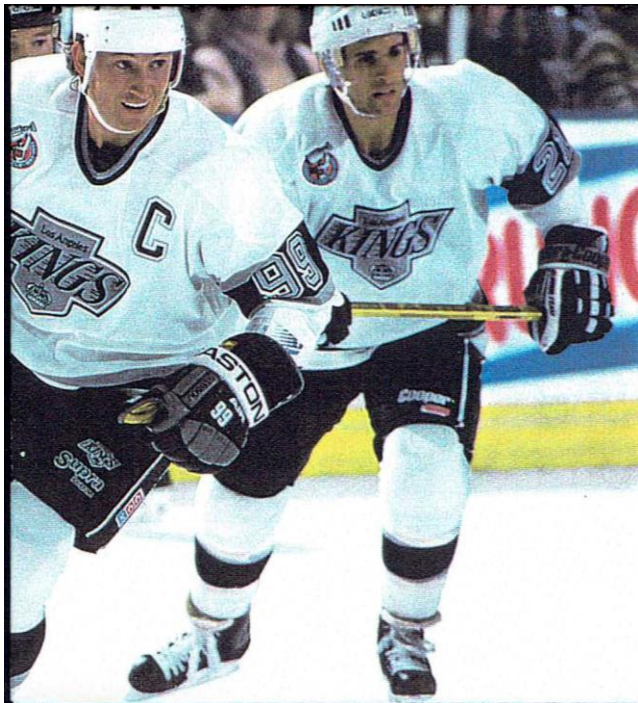
WAYNE GRETZKY
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('81 Canada Cup, Round-Robin Tournament, Canada - USSR 7:3 (Wayne Gretzky, Marcel Dionne - Vladimir Myshkin, Zinetula Bilyaletdinov))

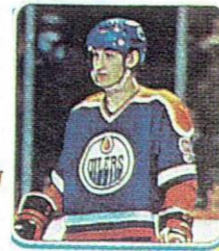
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● 894 GOALS	● 382 POINTS	● 92 GOALS
● 1,962 ASSISTS	● 260 ASSISTS	● 163 ASSISTS
● 50 HAT TRICKS	● 122 GOALS	● 215 POINTS
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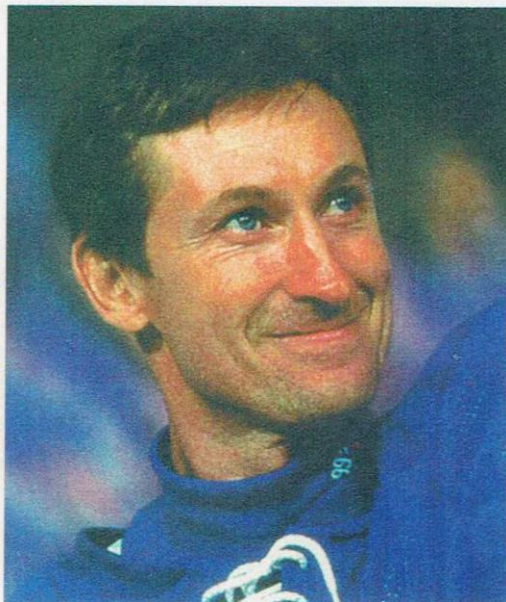
GRETZKY'S FAREWELL IS GREAT ONE
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 AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

(Wayne Gretzky, Tony Granato (Los Angeles Kings), 1992/93)



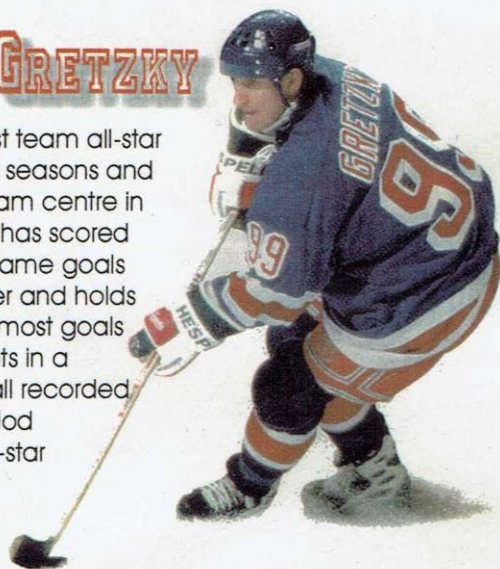
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**WAYNE GRETZKY
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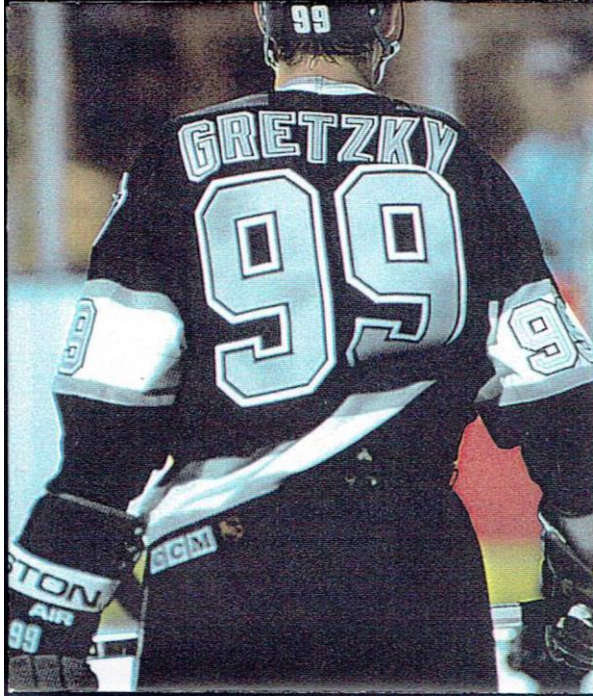


WAYNE GRETZKY

Named the first team all-star centre in eight seasons and the second team centre in five others. He has scored more all-star game goals than any player and holds the record for most goals and most points in a single period—all recorded in the third period of the 1083 all-star game.



Wayne Gretzky scored most goals and points in a single period of the NHL All-Star Game ('83 NHL All-Star Game (NOTE: The inscription says "1083" instead of "1983", but it is obviously a typo))



WAYNE GRETZKY, THE GREAT ONE, RETIRES
PLAYS LAST GAME ON APRIL 18, 1999.

Making His Point

IN 1981-82 Wayne Gretzky became the only NHL player to finish with 200 or more points in a season, a feat he accomplished four times. Here are the 10 highest single-season point totals in league history.

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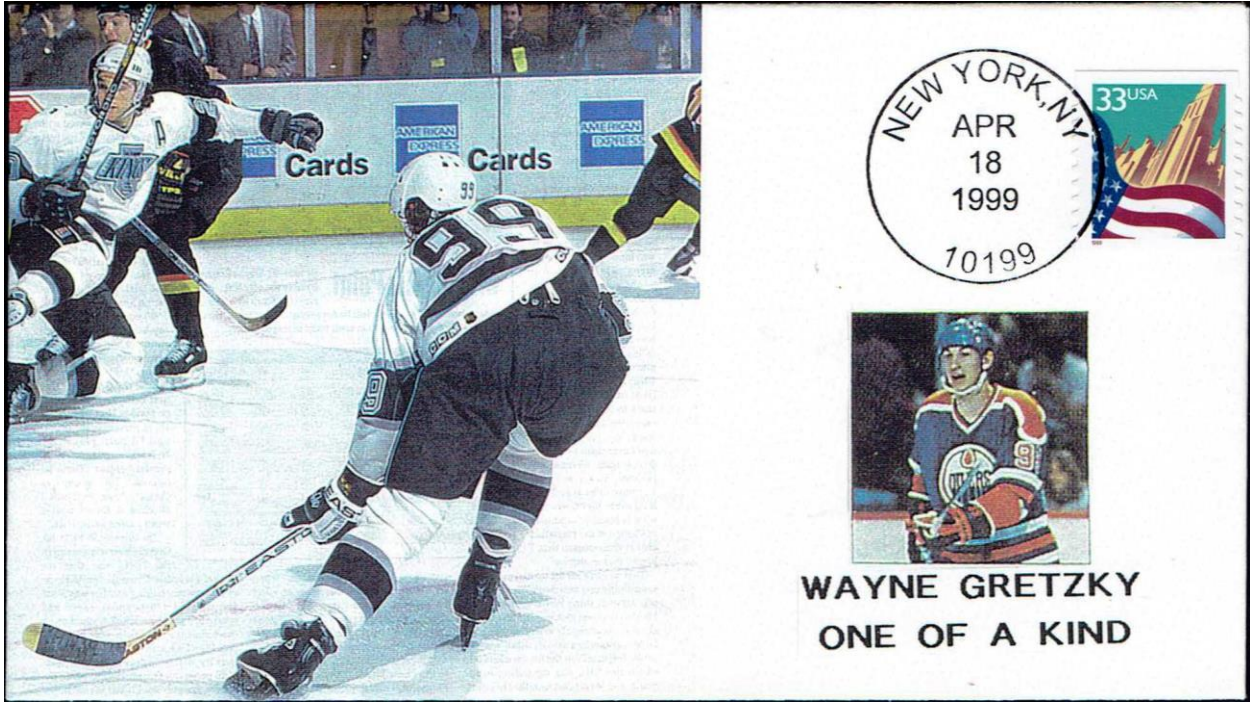
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(NHL, Wayne Gretzky (Edmonton Oilers), Top Scorer in 1980/81, 1981/82, 1982/83, 1983/84, 1984/85, 1985/86 and 1986/87

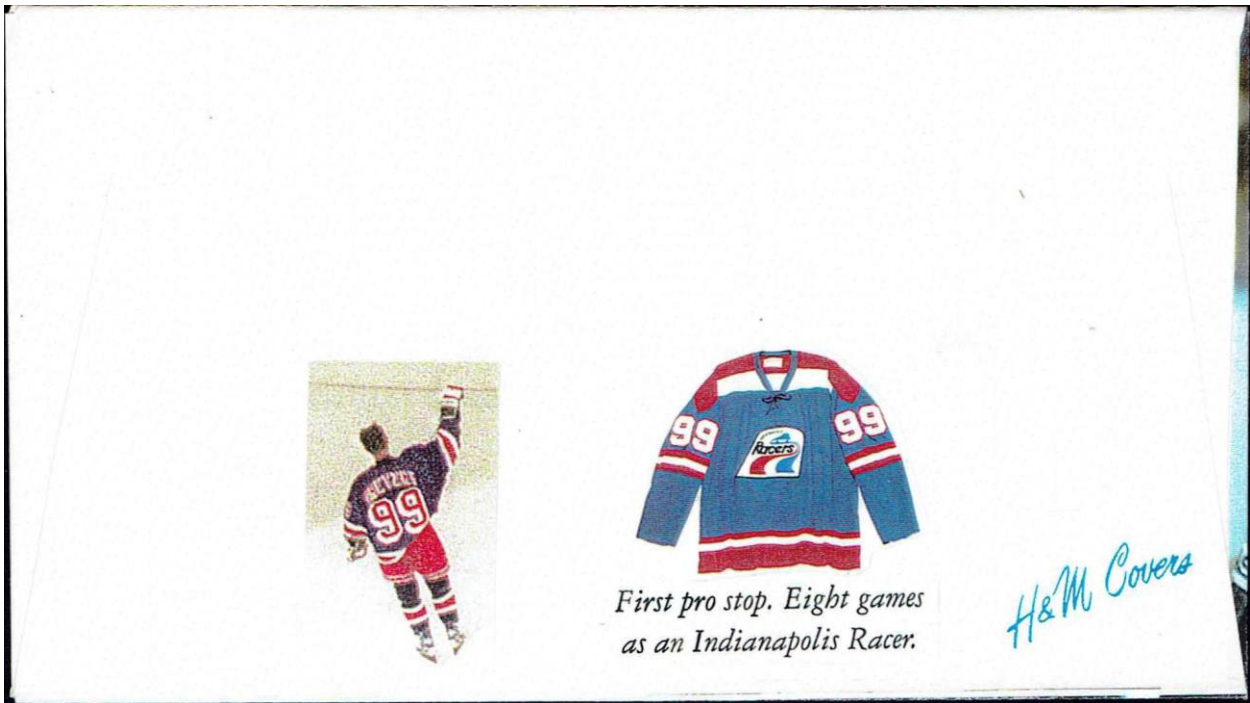
NHL, Mario Lemieux (Pittsburgh Penguins), Top Scorer in 1987/88 and 1988/89

NHL, Wayne Gretzky (Los Angeles Kings), Second-Best Scorer in 1988/89)

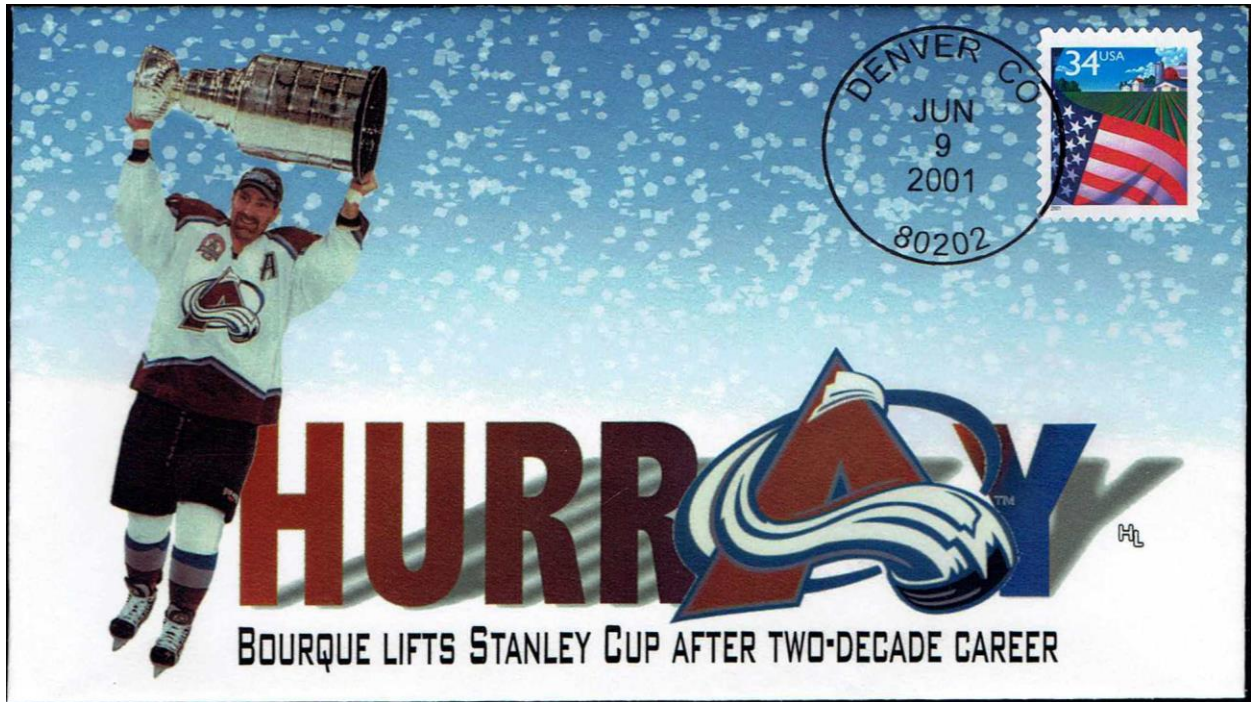


(March 23, 1994. Los Angeles Kings - Vancouver Canucks 3:6

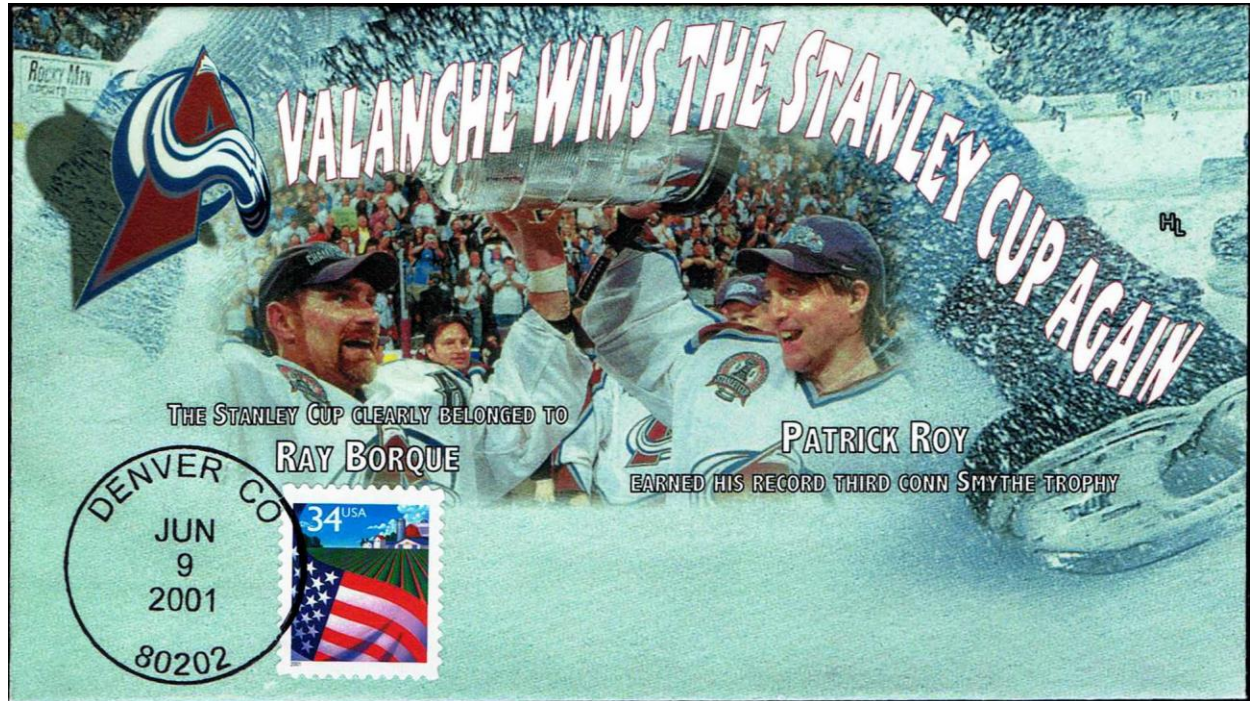
(Wayne Gretzky (scores his 802th goal, which is the new NHL goal record), Luc Robitalle - Brian Glynn, Geoff Courtnall))



'01 Stanley Cup victory celebration, Colorado Avalanche:



Ray Bourque

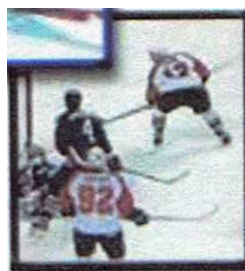
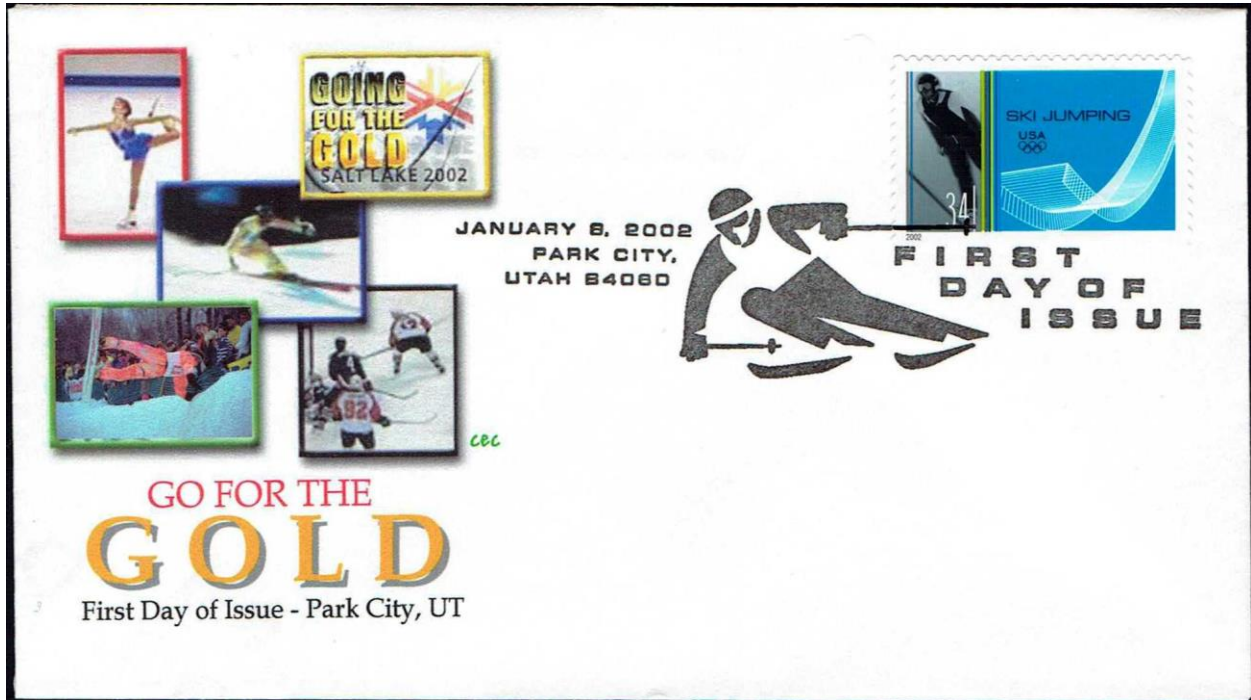


Ray Bourque, Patrick Roy (Conn Smythe Trophy winner), Dave Reid

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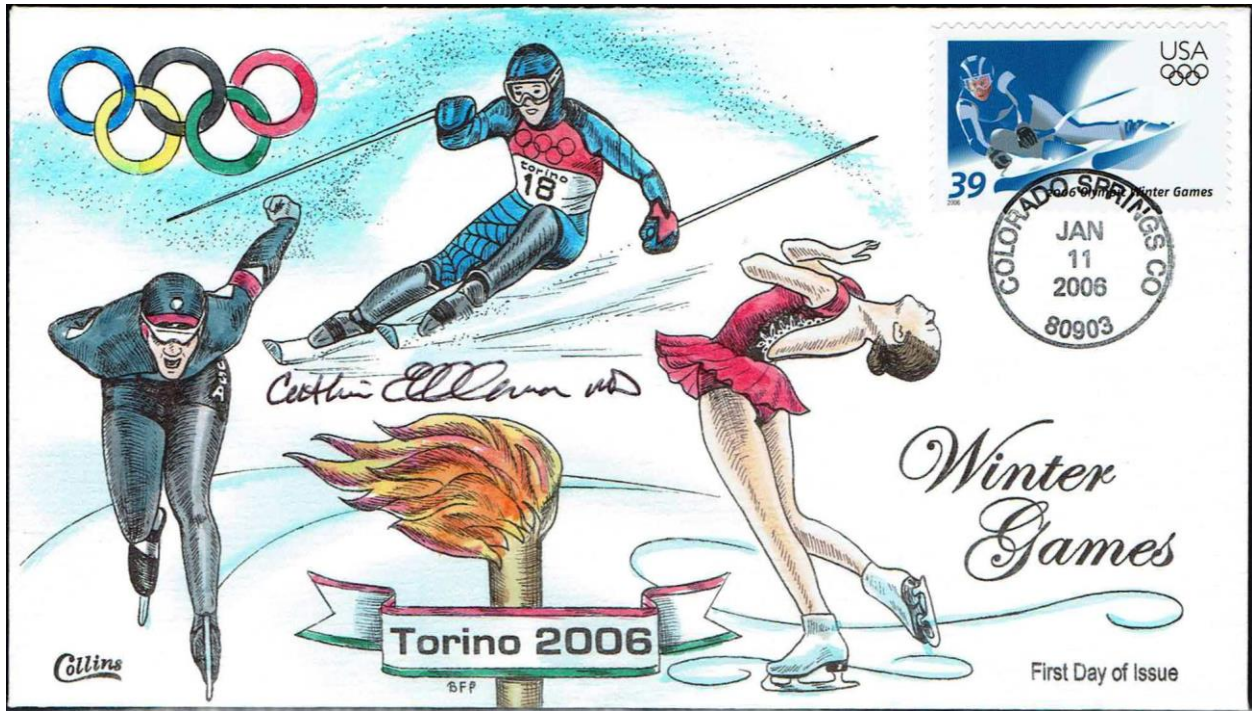
'02 Winter Olympics



(Simon Gagne, Rick Tocchet (Philadelphia Flyers), at some point within 1999/2000 - 2001/02 time interval)



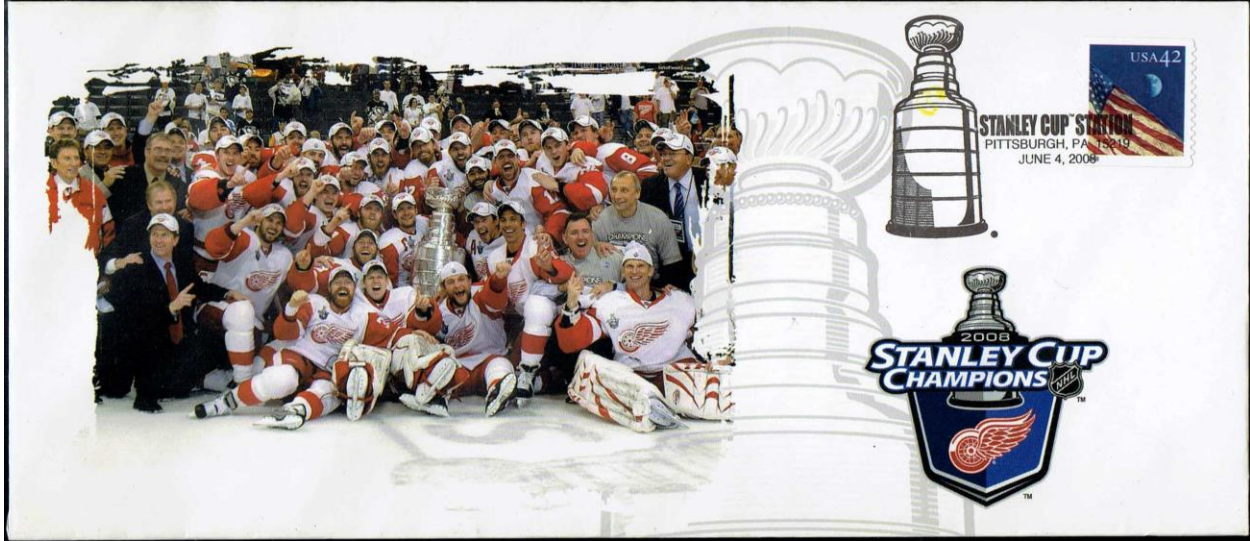
'88 Winter Olympics, Group B Game, USSR - USA 7:5 (Sergei Mylnikov, Igor Stelnov - Corey Millen)



Cathy O'Connor M.D.

'06 Winter Olympics

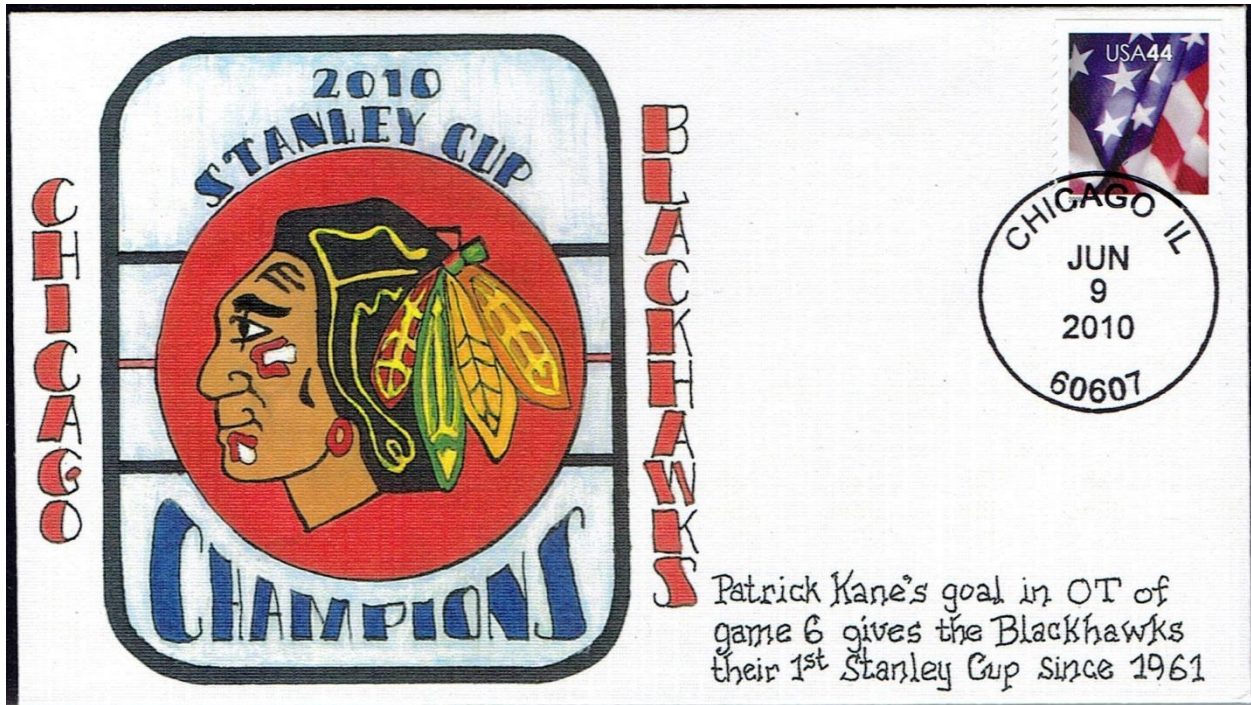
(Signed by Cathy O'Connor, M.D., the U.S. women's hockey team doctor)



'08, Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup

(Final, Game 6, Pittsburgh Penguins - Detroit Red Wings 2:3)

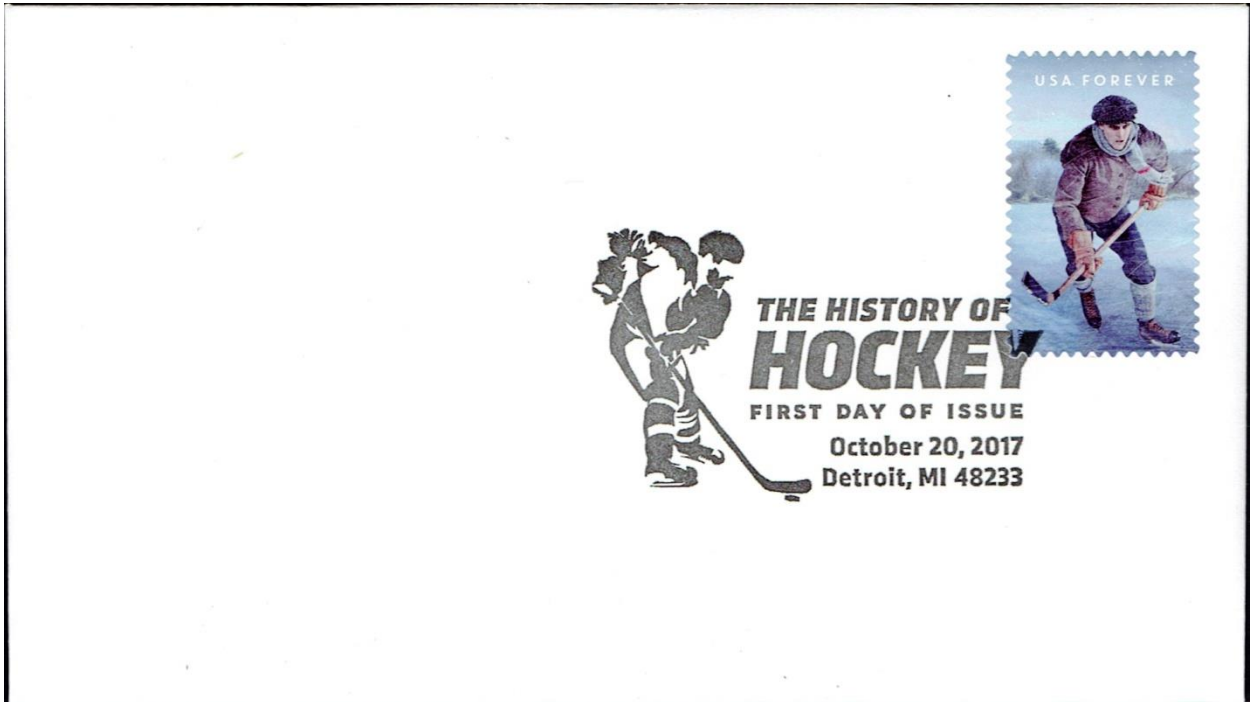
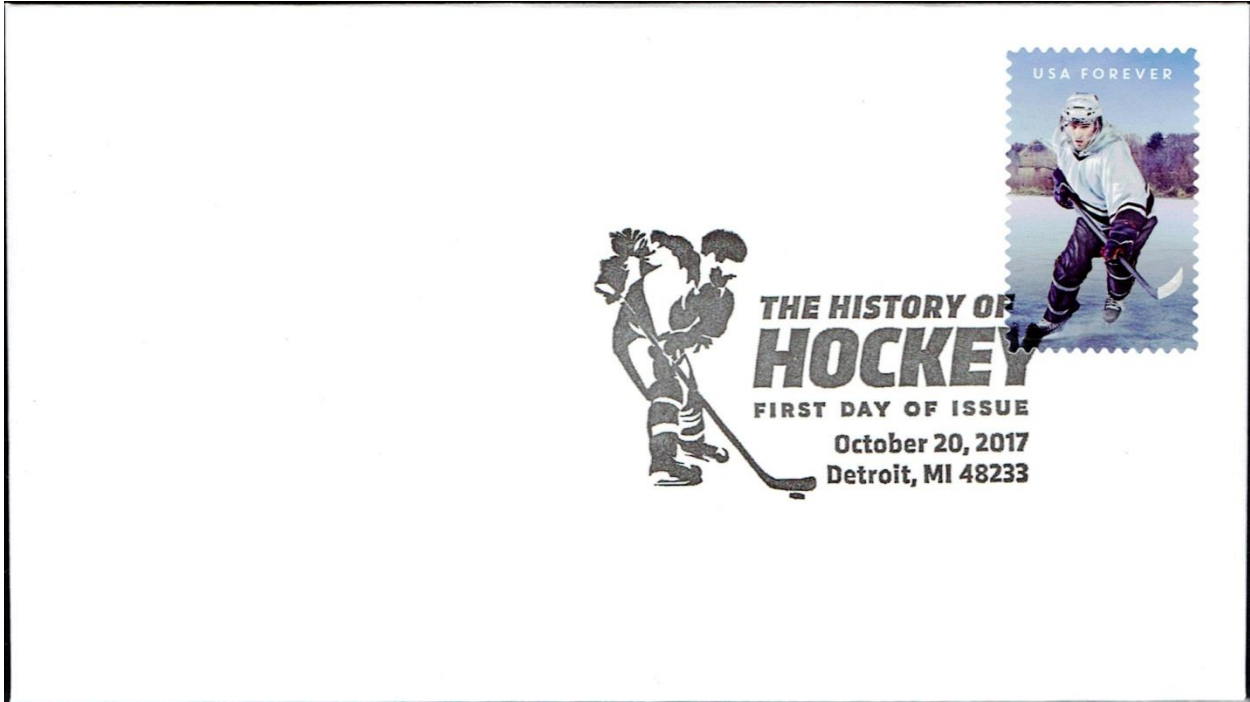
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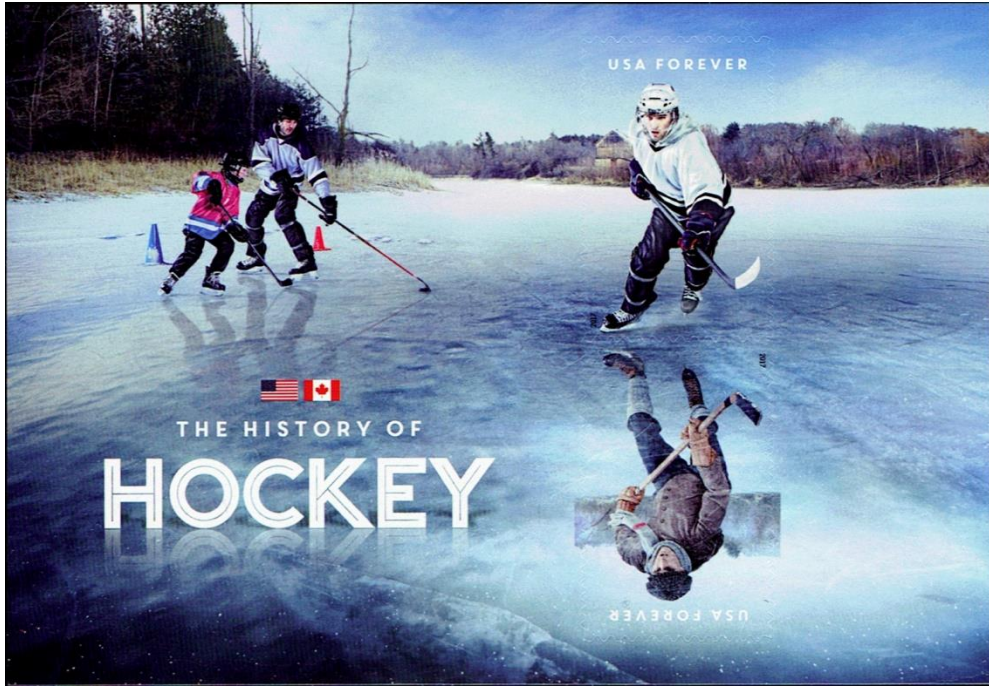


'10 Stanley Cup Final (June 9, Game 6, Philadelphia Flyers - Chicago Blackhawks 3:4 (OT), Patrick Kane scores the winning goal in OT, Chicago wins the series 4-2)

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The History of Hockey (joint issue with Canada)





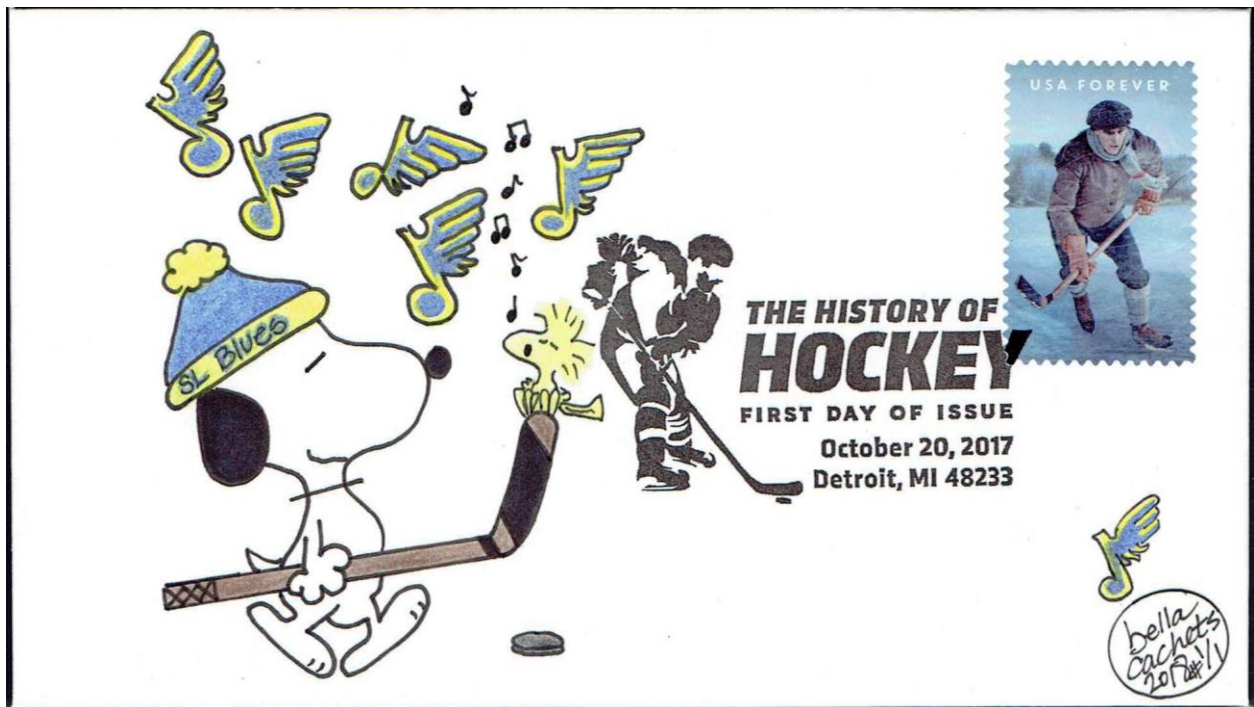
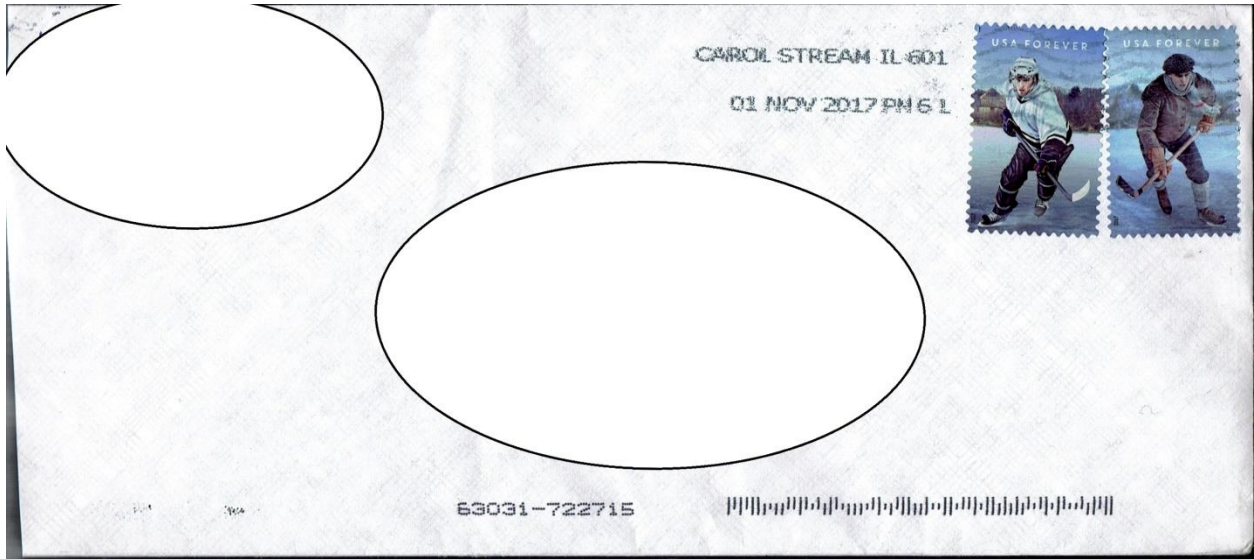
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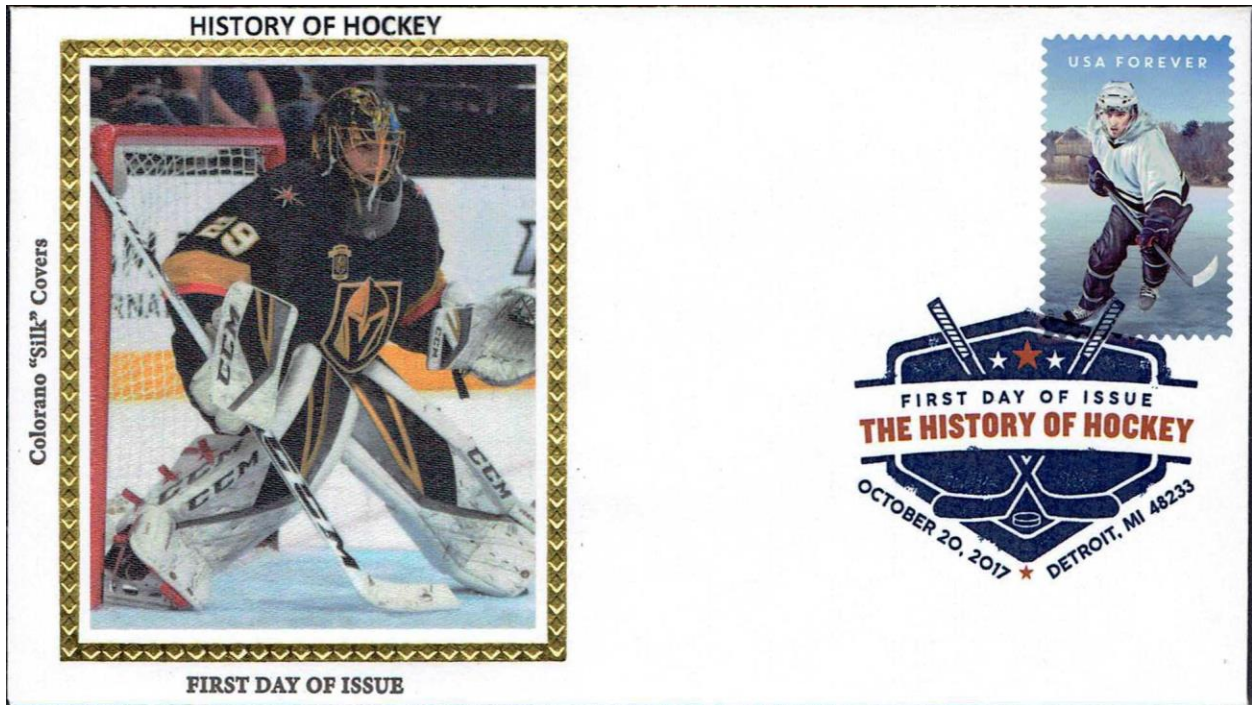
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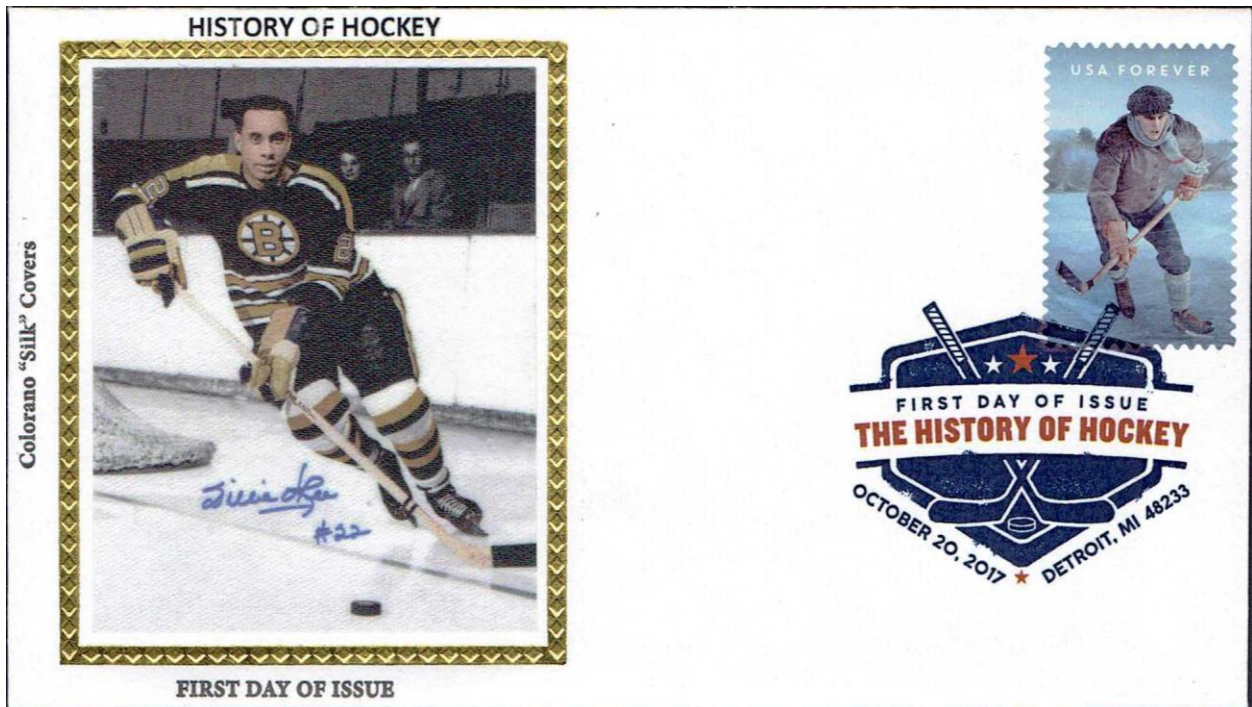
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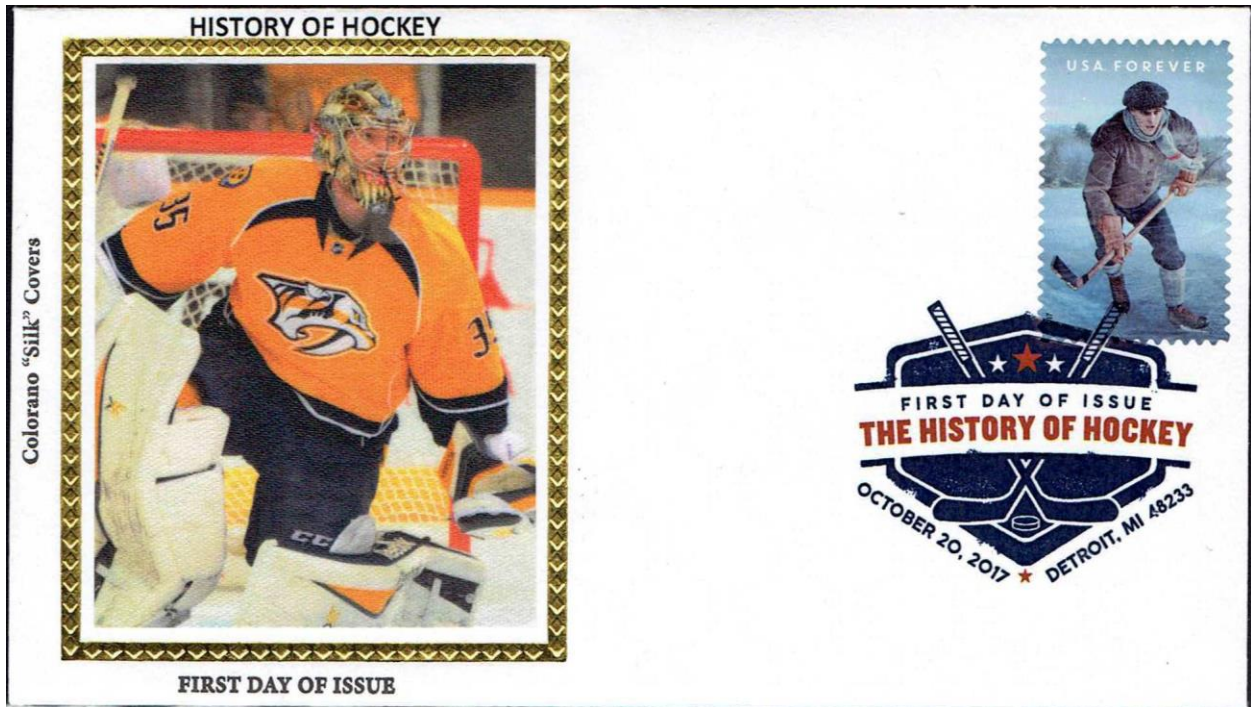
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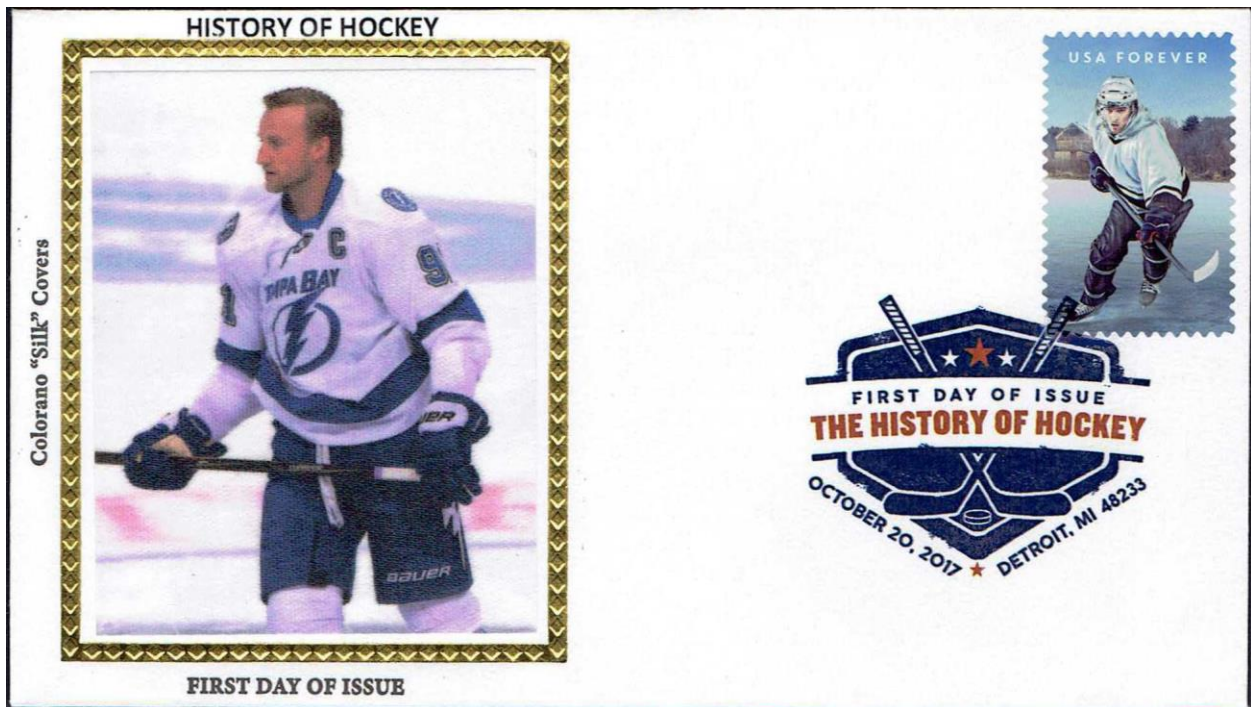
Marc-Andre Fleury (Vegas Golden Knights), 2017/18



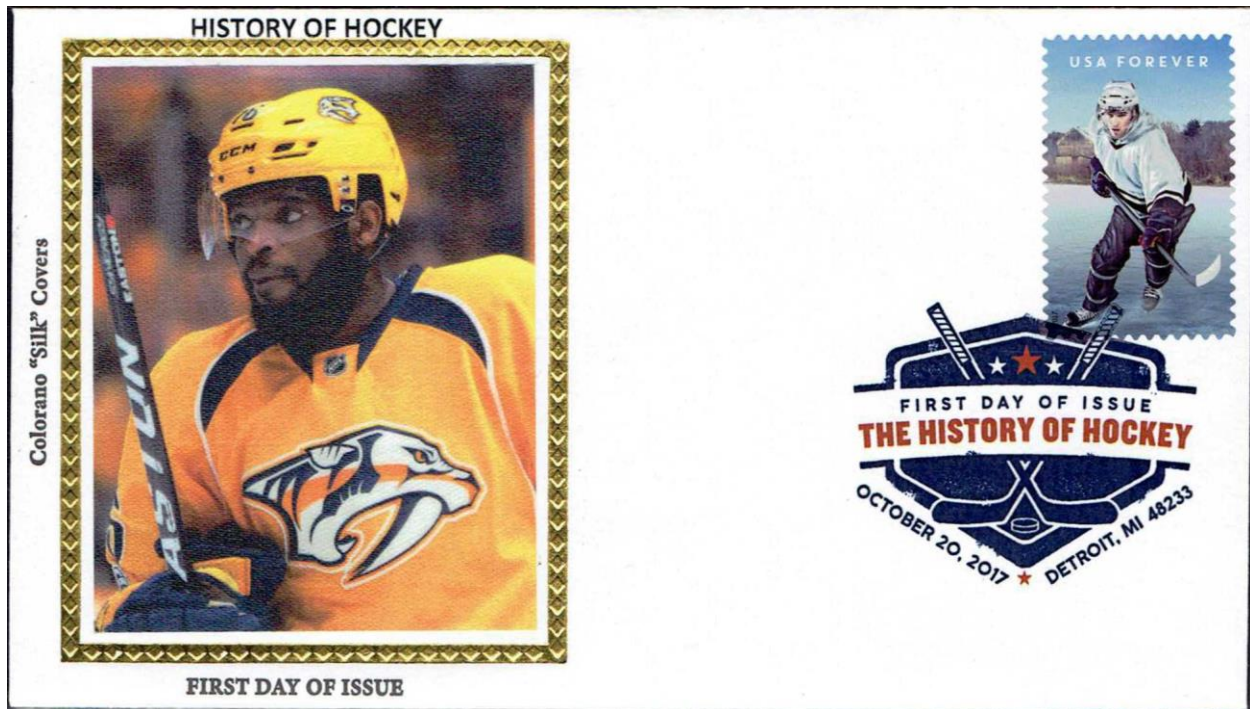
Willie O'Ree (Boston Bruins), 1960/61



Pekka Rinne (Nashville Predators)



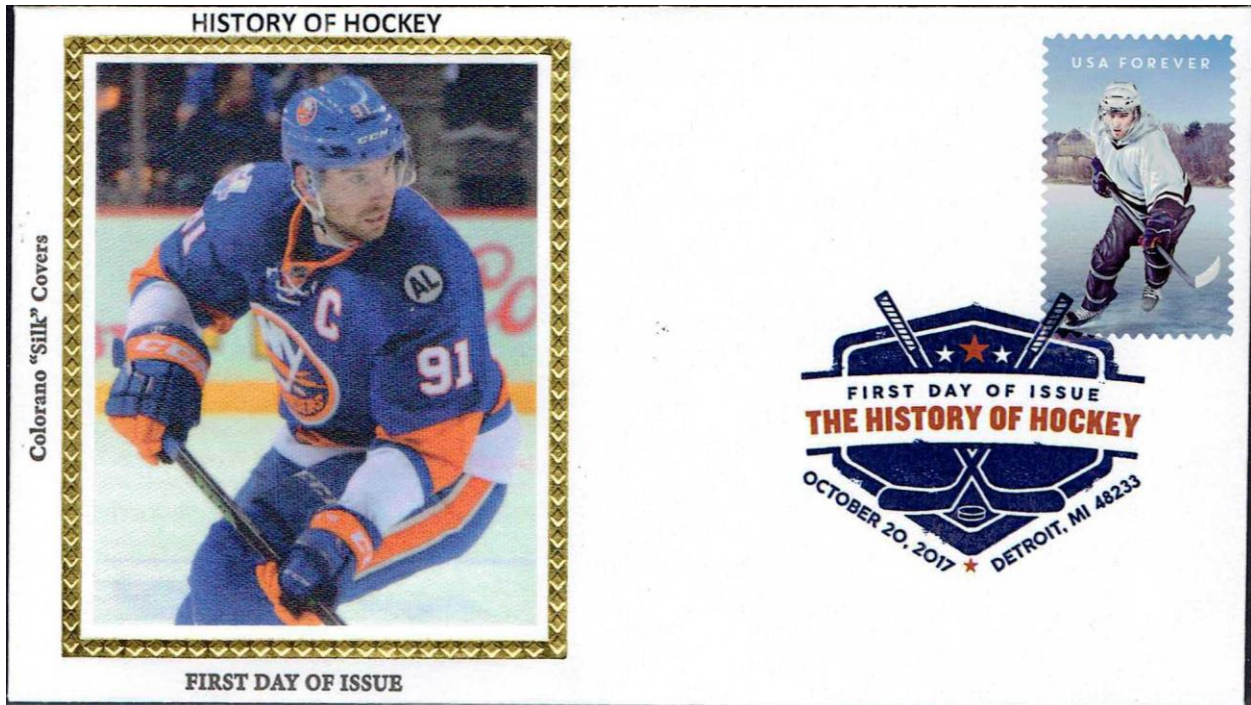
Steven Stamkos (Tampa Bay Lightning)



P. K. Subban (Nashville Predators)

'17 Stanley Cup Semifinal, Nashville Predators - Anaheim Ducks, one of three games:

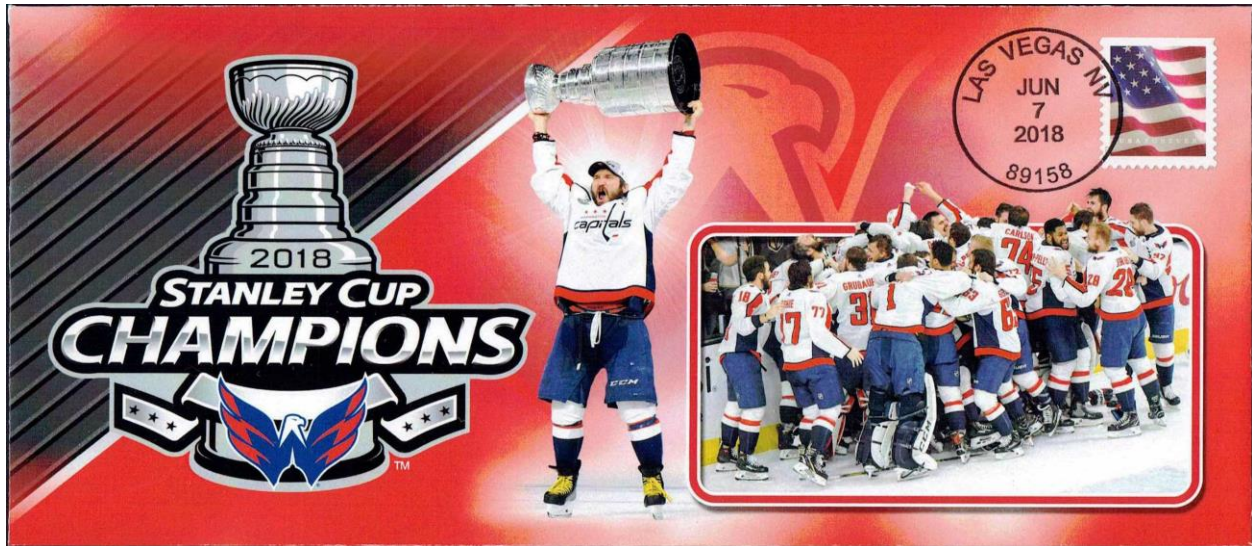
- Game 3: Nashville Predators - Anaheim Ducks 2:1
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- Game 6: Nashville Predators - Anaheim Ducks 6:3



John Tavares (New York Islanders), 2015/16



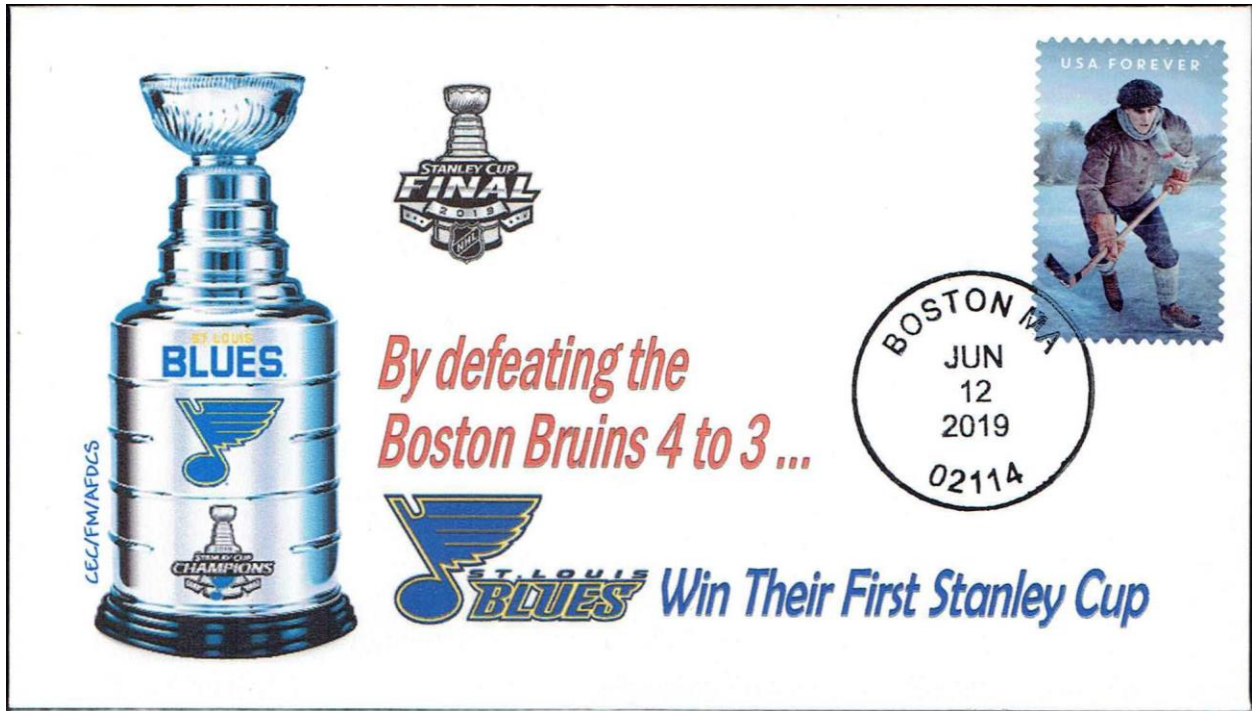
'18 Stanley Cup Final, Washington Capitals - Vegas Golden Knights 4-1, Washington wins



'18, Washington Capitals win the Stanley Cup

(Final, Game 5, Vegas Golden Knights - Washington Capitals 3:4

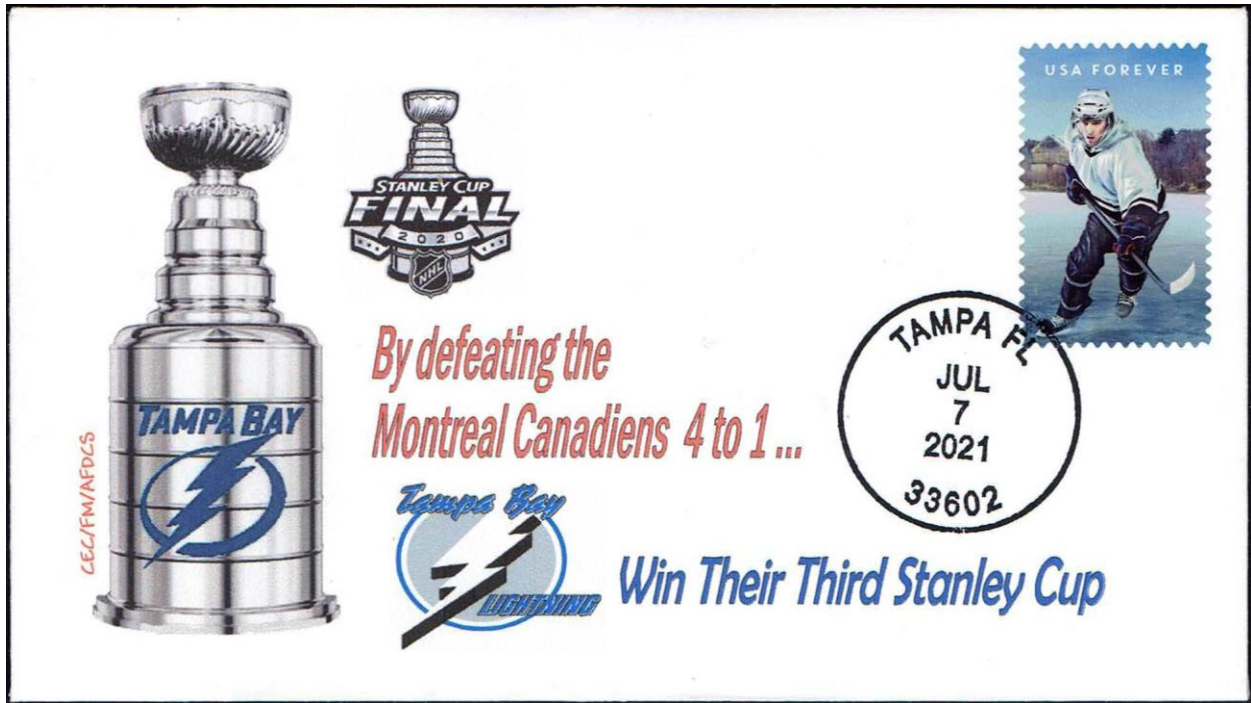
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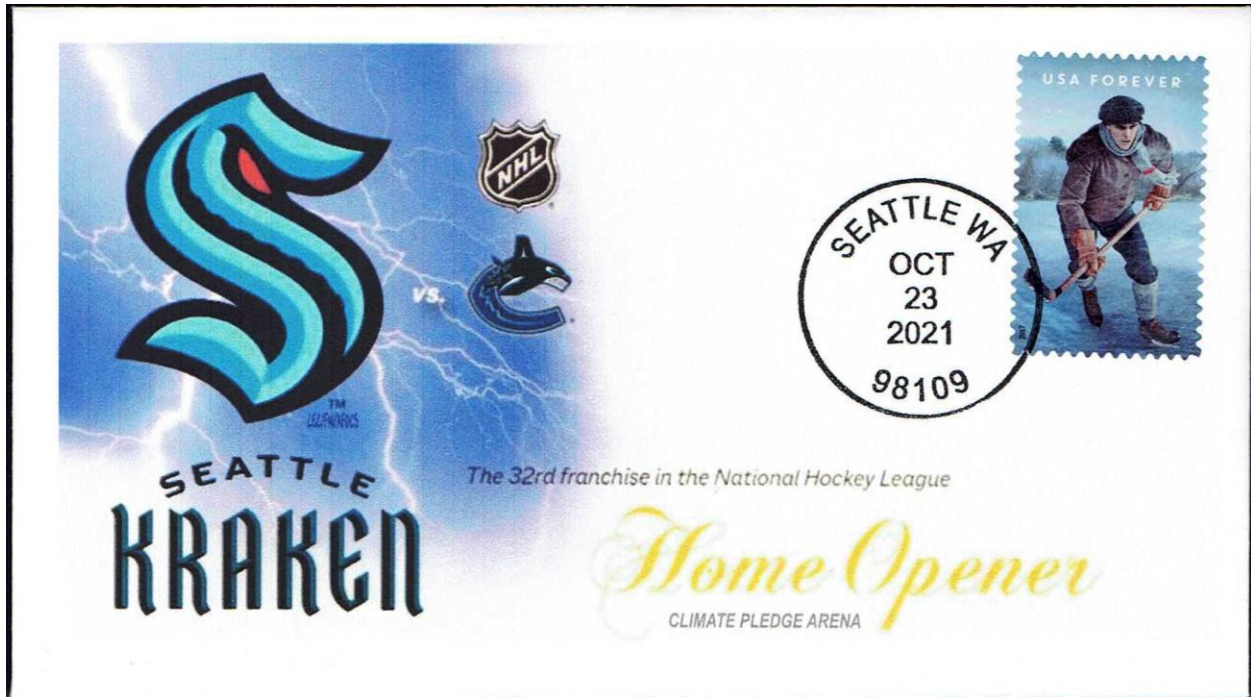
'19 Stanley Cup Final, St Louis Blues - Boston Bruins 4-3, St Louis wins



'20 Stanley Cup Final, Tampa Bay Lightning - Dallas Stars 4-2, Tampa Bay wins

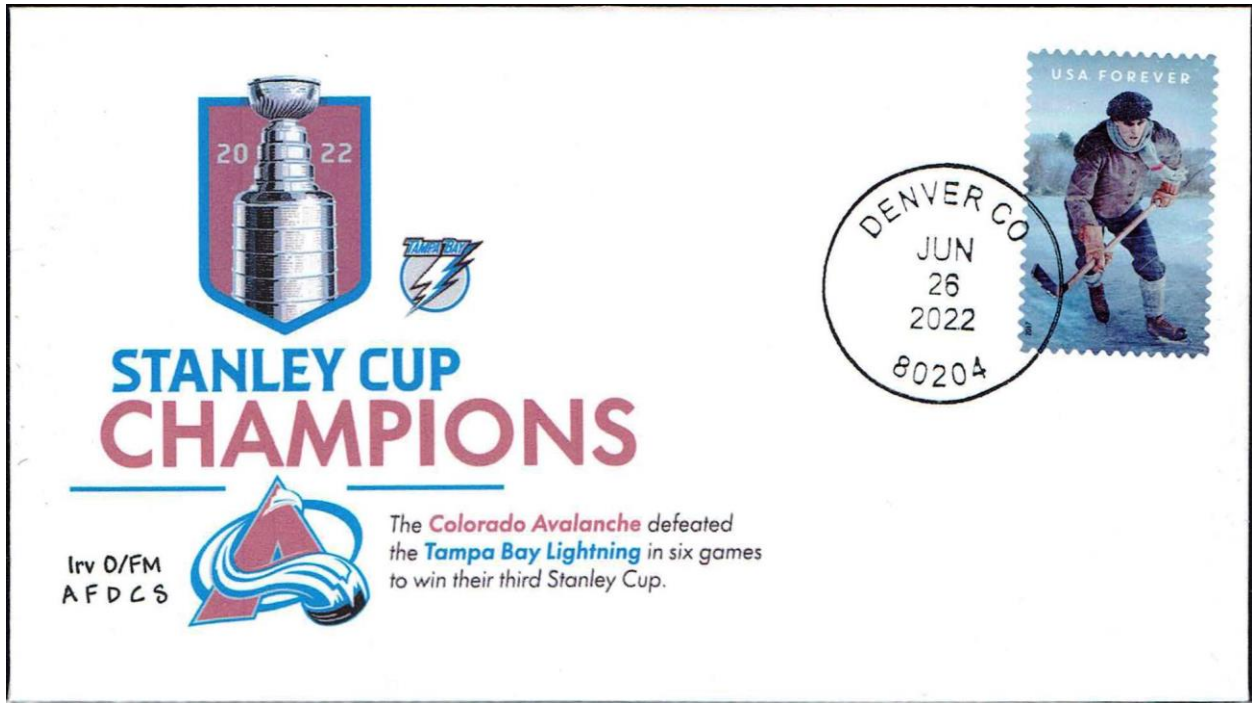


'21 Stanley Cup Final, Tampa Bay Lightning - Montreal Canadiens 4-1, Tampa Bay wins



October 23, 2021. Seattle Kraken - Vancouver Canucks 2:4

(Seattle Kraken's inaugural home opener).



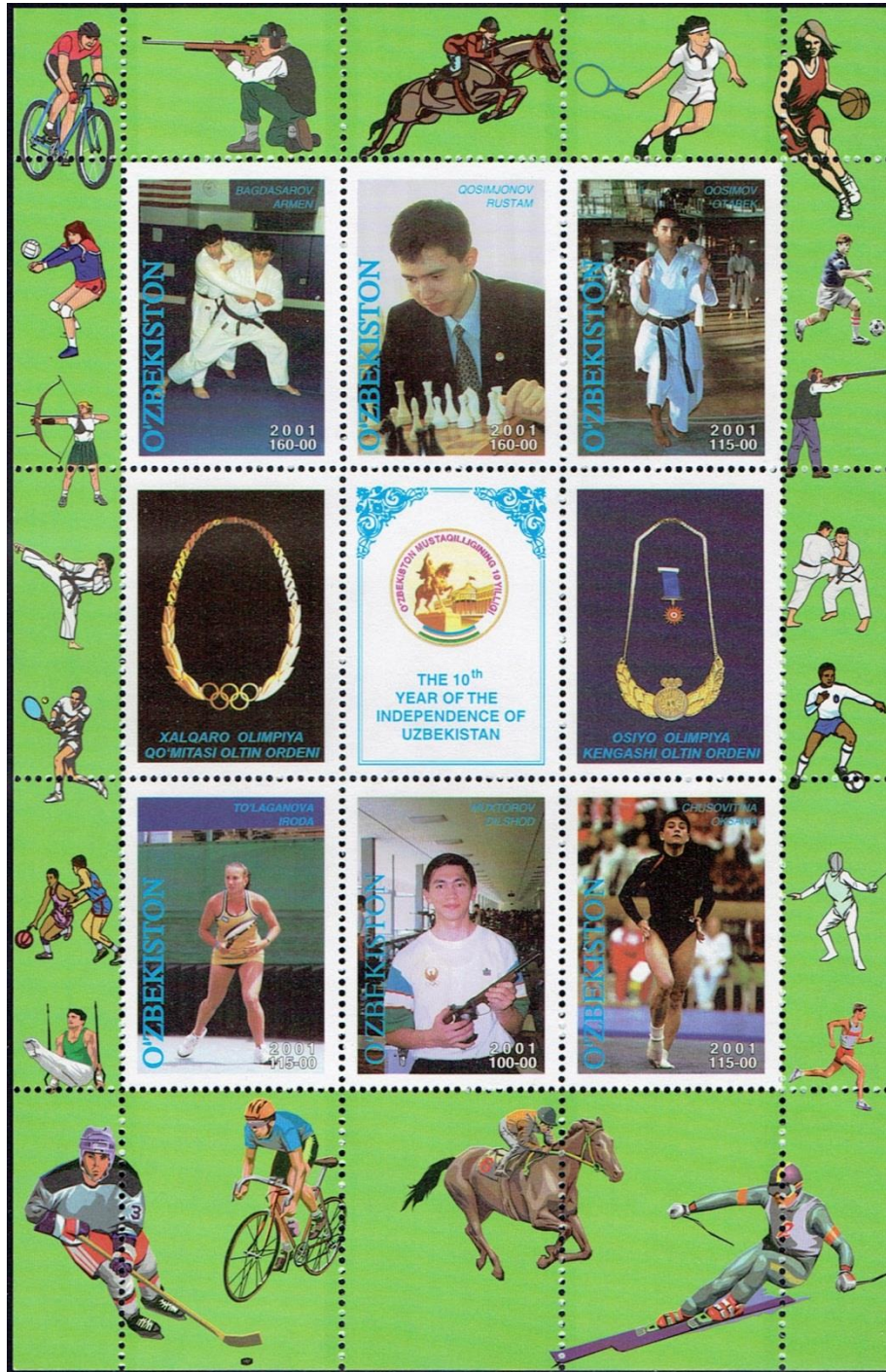
'22 Stanley Cup Final, Colorado Avalanche - Tampa Bay Lightning 4-2, Colorado wins



'23 Stanley Cup Final, Vegas Golden Knights - Florida Panthers 4-1, Vegas wins

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Uzbekistani Independence Anniversary (1991-2001)

945 (including 945a-b)



Uzbekistani Independence Anniversary (1991-2021)



Humo Arena (the biggest hockey arena in Central Asia)



August 23, 2019. Uzbekistani Independence Anniversary Tournament, HC Tashkent Veterans - Premier Moscow 4:3 (Vladimir Chernenkov, Anton Milov (Premier Moscow))

Ice Hockey on Stamps

"T" Countries

"V" Countries