

1912 Stockholm

The fifth of the Modern Olympics saw the birth of the games as we know them today. For the first time since Athens they were held apart from any exposition and were no longer in the shadow of another event. The games were publicized by Sweden by cancels, official postal cards and vignettes.

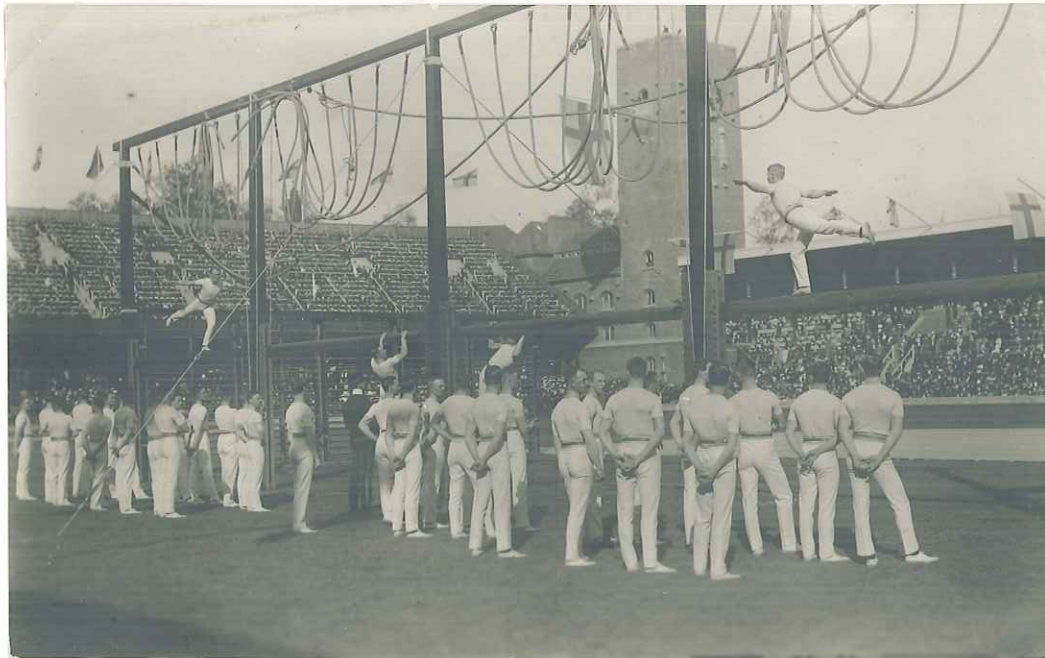
The continuous roller cancel used domestically on a postcard dated March 24, 1912.



The continuous roller cancel posted to Romania on a postcard dated July 6, 1912.



The Team, Combined All Around, Swedish System was competed on July 8th. This competition did not include the tradition gymnastics apparatus, but consisted of a series of exercises. Card No. 228 showing the Swedish gymnasts competing in the balance exercises.



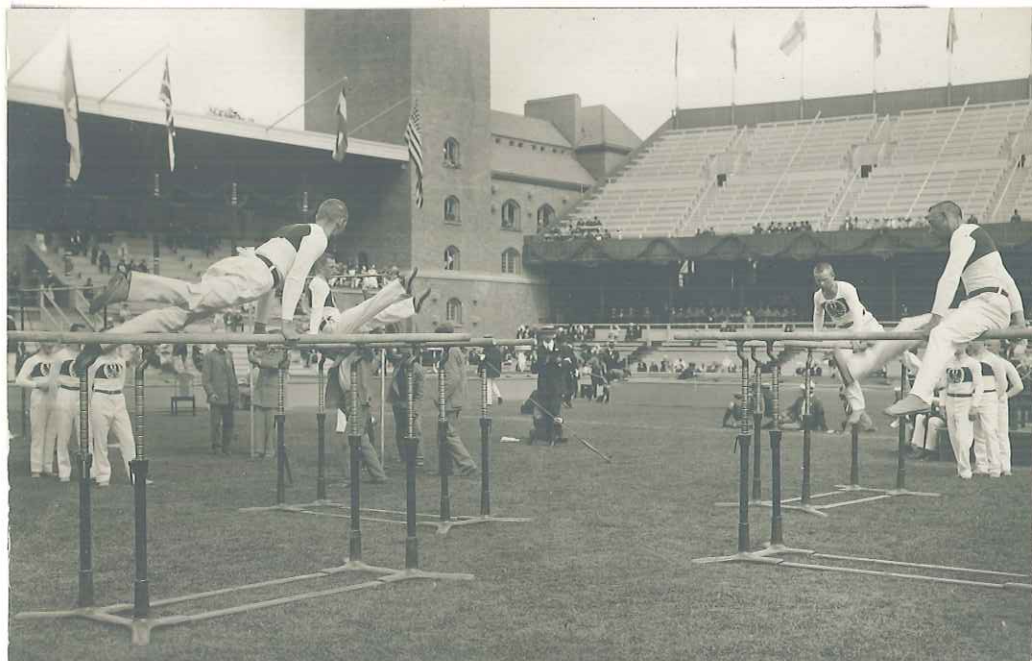
Card No. 91 showing the Swedish gymnasts competing in the flexicon exercises. They went on to win the gold.



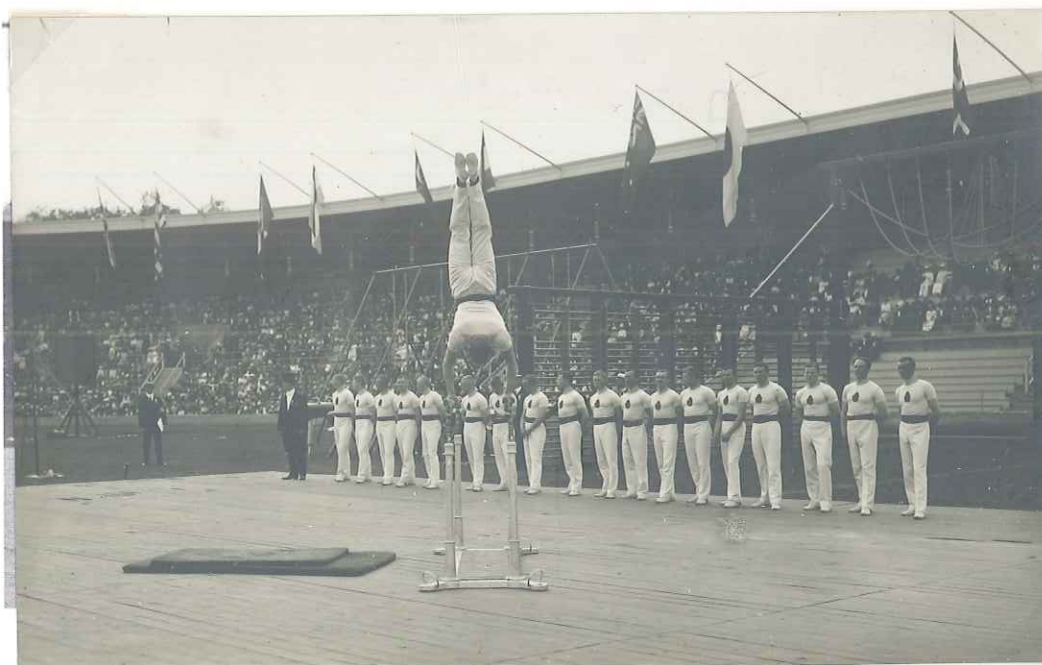
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Most of the gymnastics competition was a team sport in 1912 along the lines of the German Turnfests. A large number of official postcards were produced during the games including many showing the gymnastics competition.

The Team, Combined All Around, Free System was competed on July 10th. Card No. 120 showing the German gymnasts competing on the parallel bars.

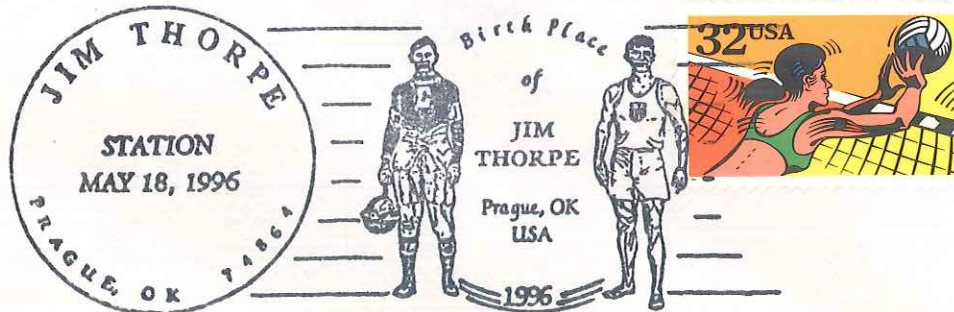


Card No. 156 showing the Finnish gymnasts competing on the parallel bars. The Finns took the silver medal.



1912 Stockholm Jim Thorpe

At the 1912 games in Stockholm the King of Sweden declared to Native American, Jim Thorpe, "You, Sir, are the greatest athlete in the World." Thorpe had just won the inaugural Olympic decathlon, as well as. The pentathlon, fourth in the high jump, and seventh in the long jump. Prior to the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Oklahoma decided to honor their favorite son. First, tiny Prague, Oklahoma honored it favorite son.



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Also the World Series of Philately show, OKPEX, celebrated their Olympic Athletes with a cachet featuring Jim Thorpe.

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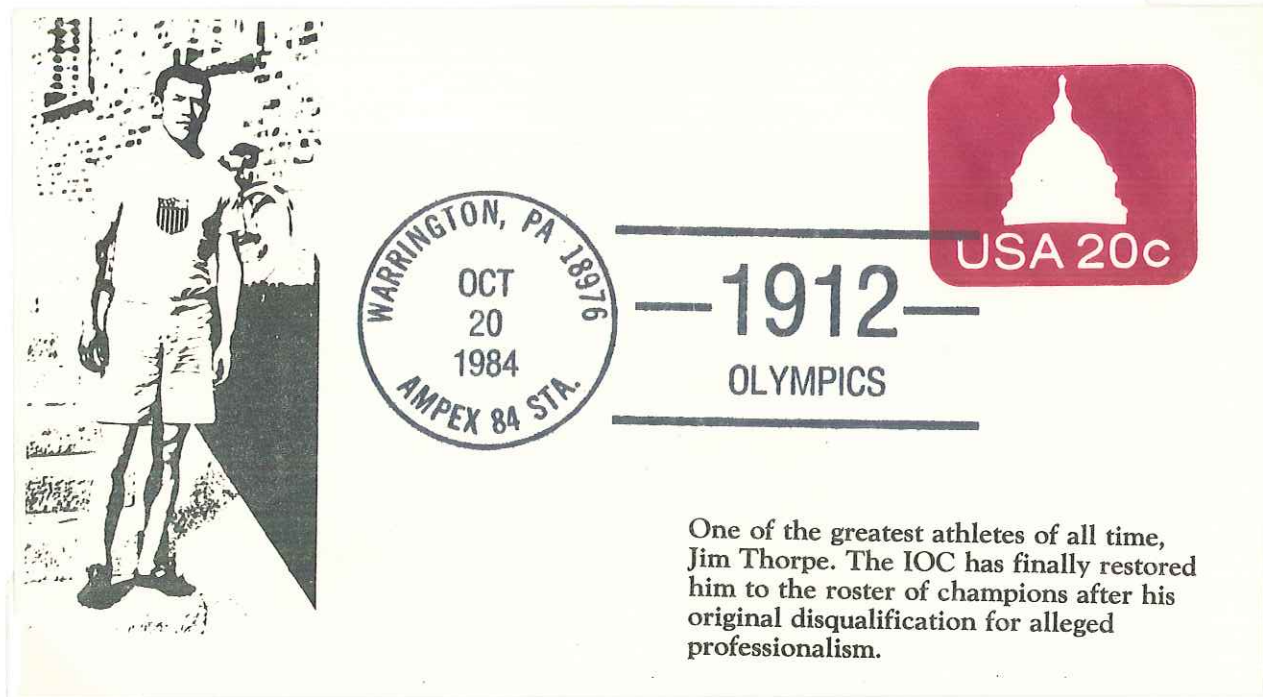
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Jim Thorpe was also honored in conjunction with the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, The organizers of AMPEX, the philatelic show in Warrington, Pennsylvania, sponsored a commemorative cancel mentioning the 1912 games, and included Thorpe in their show cachet.



1912 Stockholm - 50th Anniver-

On 1962 Sweden celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the 1912 Olympic games with a special hand cancel used at the Stockholm Stadium that hosted the games. This postcard includes a copy of the Official publicity label printed for the Stockholm games (in Czechoslovakian).

