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Athens  
1896



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First Olympic Games postage stamps issued



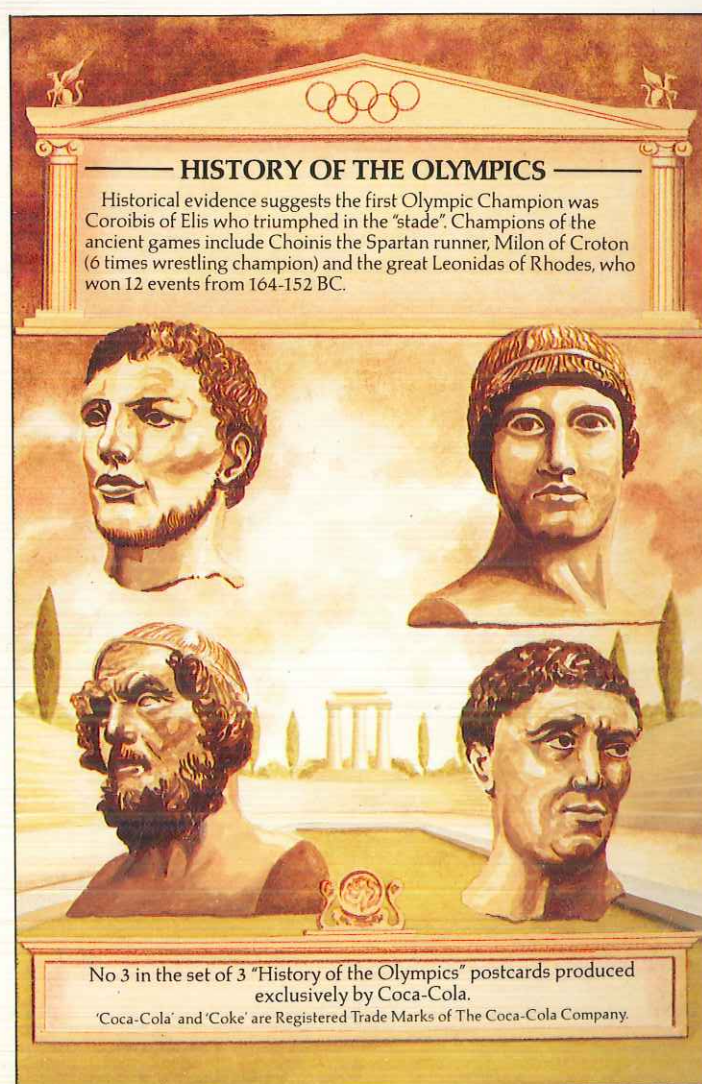
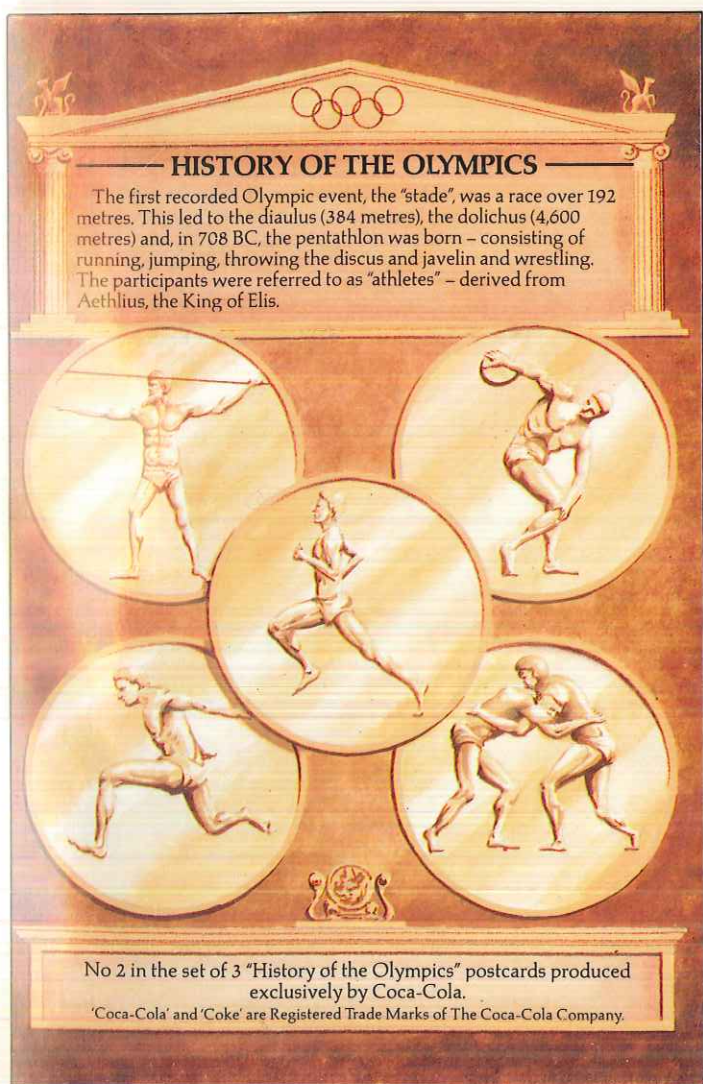
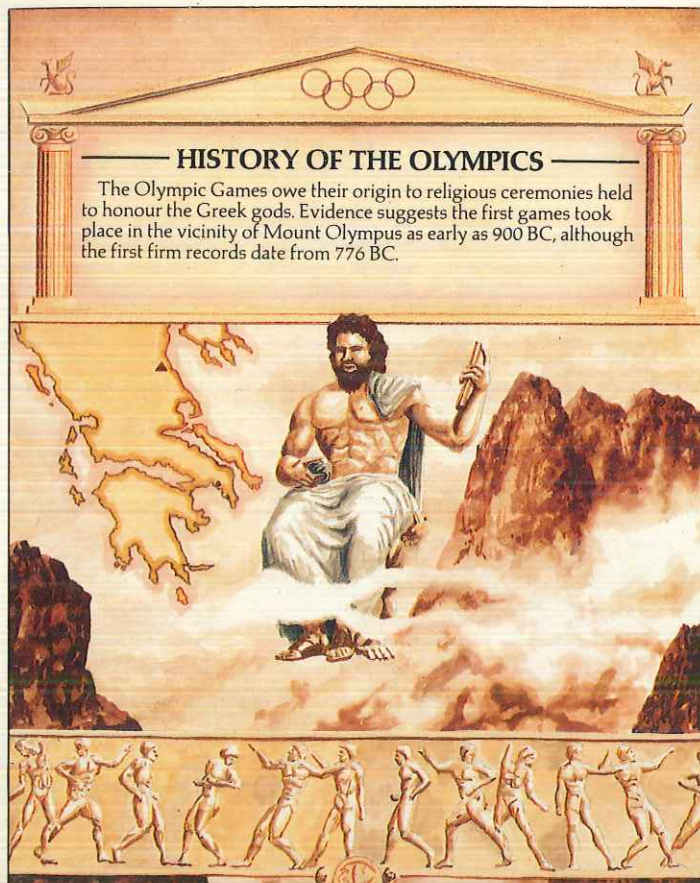
No Football competition was played at the Games





# Ancient

# Games

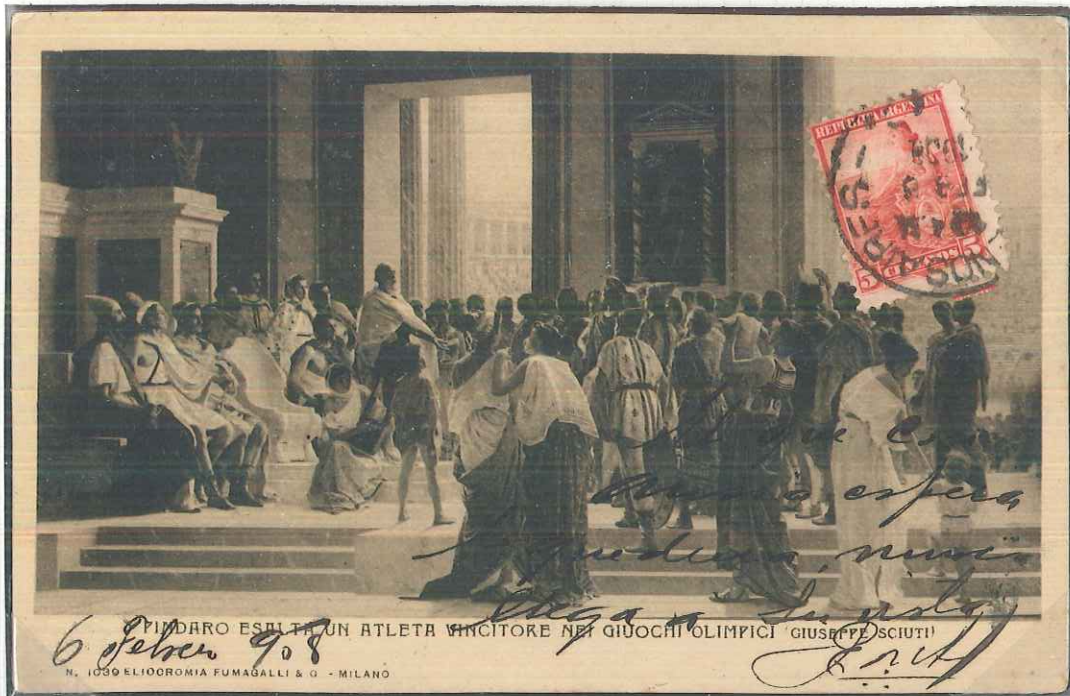




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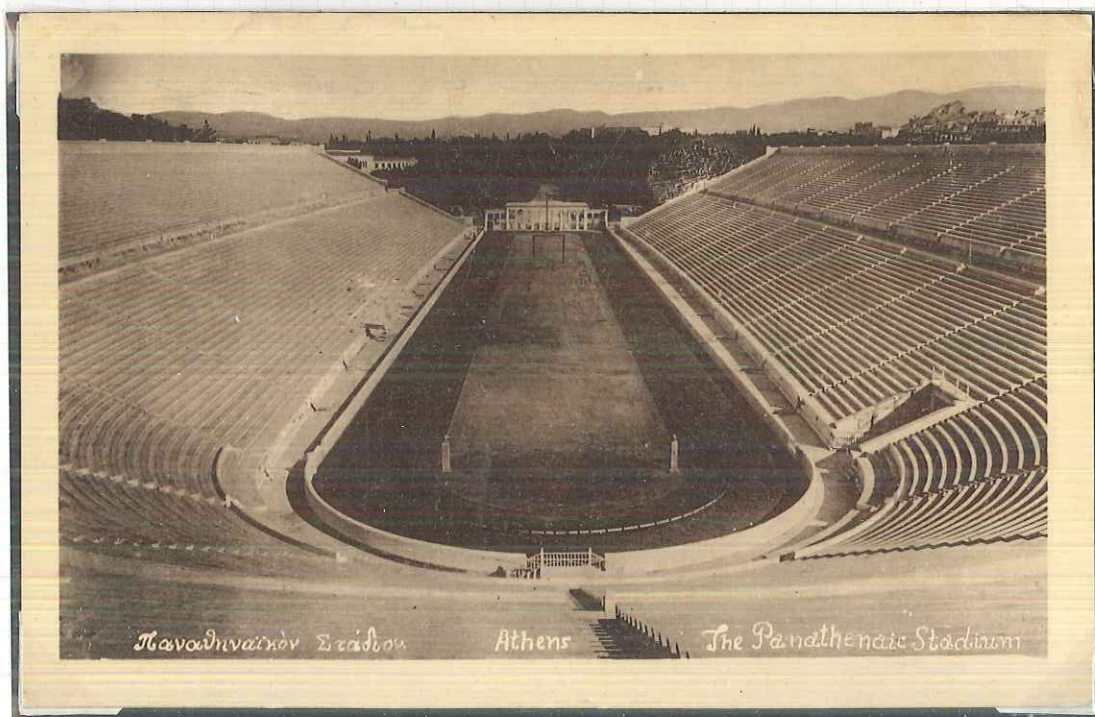
## THE ANCIENT GAMES

### Crowning Olympic heroes



## 1st MODERN GAMES STADIUM

1896

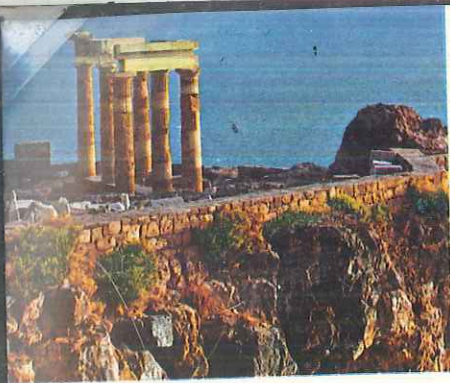




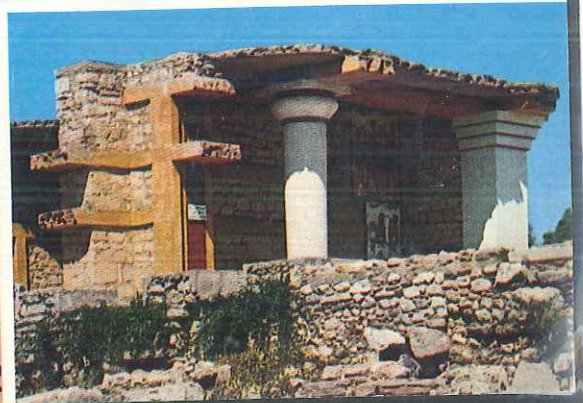
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The Ancient Games

884 B.C. to A.D.393



## ANCIENT GREECE



### The ancient time events

Running  
(With shield)



Javelin



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Discus



High Jump  
(With stones)



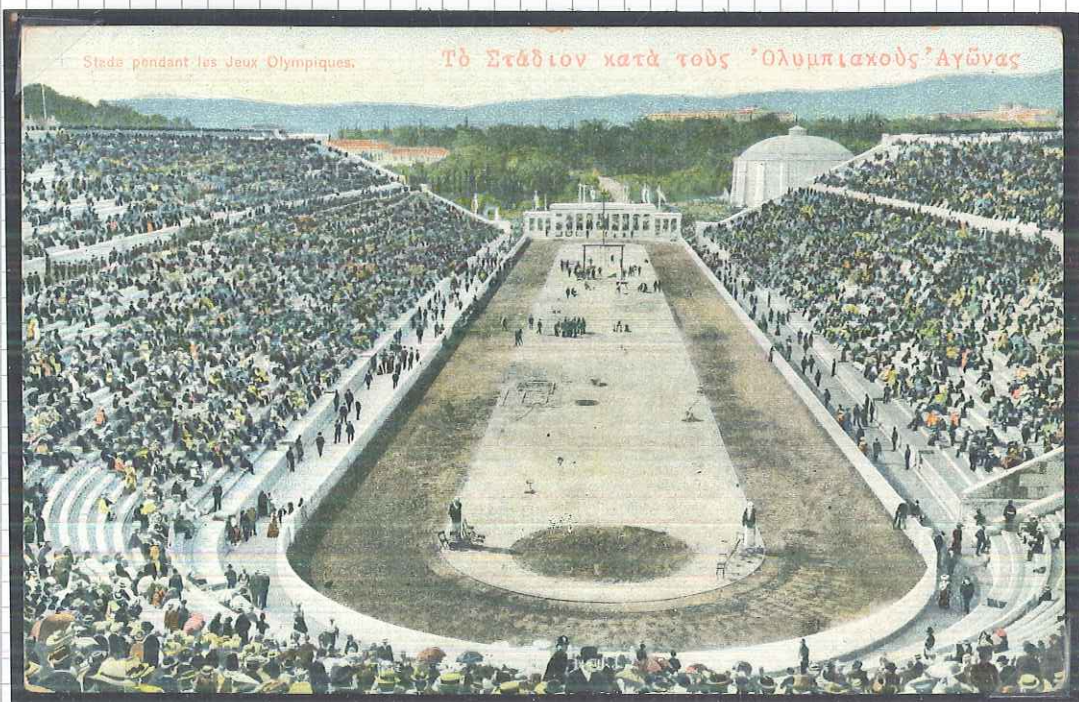
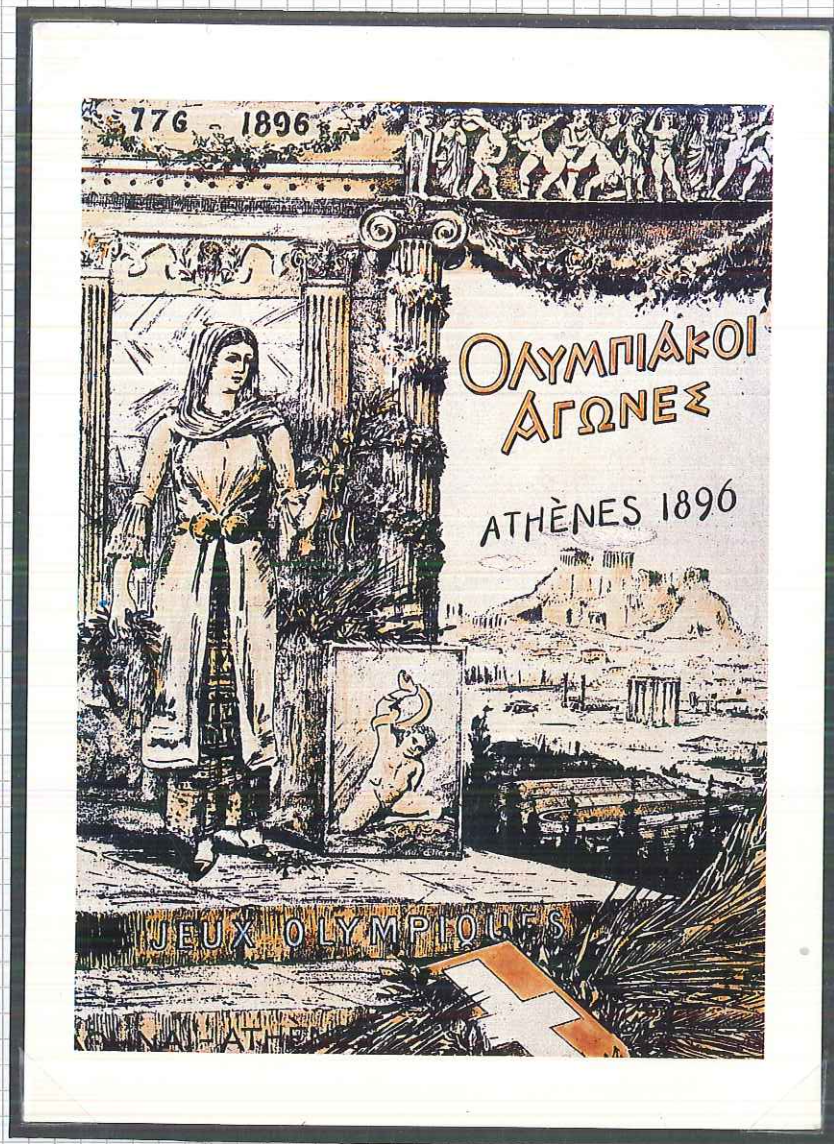
### 1896—The 1st Games at Athens

On April 6, after a gap of 1,503 years, 80,000 Athenians witnessed the revival of the Olympics.

Despite the support of 34 nations at the Paris Conference only 13 sent representatives to Athens. The white marble stadium was a splendid sight, but too long and narrow for track events. The small American team won 9 out of the 12 track and field events, while the Germans dominated the gymnastics, and the French the cycling. The Greeks became depressed as the titles, even those which they regarded as their national specialities, such as the discus throw, were won by foreigners. Happily, the last event—the Marathon—(24 miles 1503 yd 40 km) was dramatically won by Spyridon Louis, a post office messenger from Marusi near Athens, one of 21 Greek starters.

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THE OLYMPIC STADIUM  
"ATHENS"



The restoration work on the "Stadium of Herodis" (330 B.C.) to the present day stadium was financed completely by a wealthy Greek merchant of Alexandria - M. Averoff - at the cost of U.S. \$ 386,000.

The culmination of this magnificent gesture took place on 6th April 1896 when 50,000 seated spectators witnessed the start of the first Modern Olympic Games.



The Panathenaic Stadium, Athens, 61.

Παναθηναϊκόν Στάδιον



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VUE DU STADE

ATHÈNES

ΣΤΑΔΙΟΝ

## The Stadium



ΑΘΗΝΑΙ — ΤΟ ΣΤΑΔΙΟΝ

ATHÈNES — LE STADE

“Έκδοσις τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς ταχυδρομικῆς ὑπηρεσίας”.  
«Edition du service des Postes Helléniques».





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SPIRIDON LOUIS

Greece

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OLYMPIC MARATHON CHAMPION

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Awards

Gold Medal - Antique Vase - Gold Cup

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Olympic Stadium's Approach



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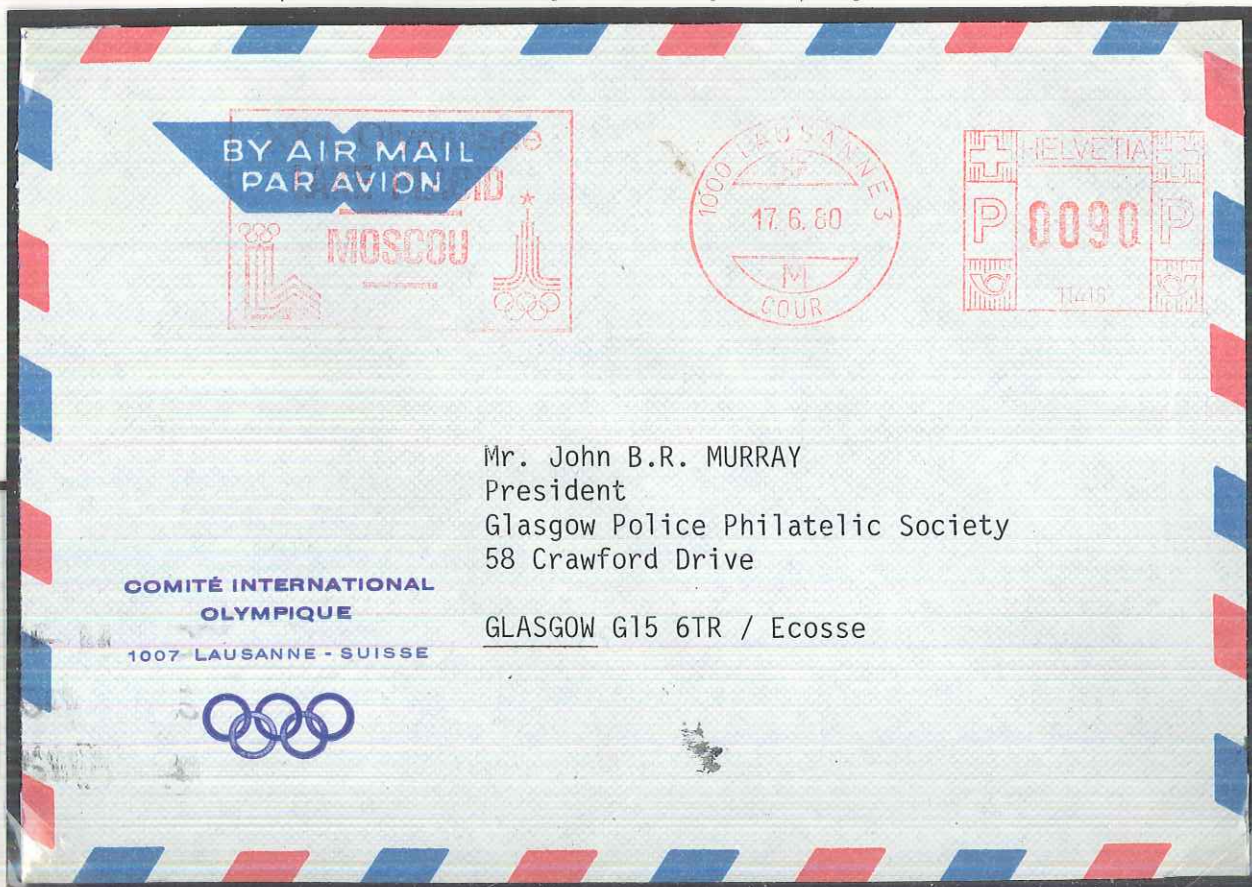
Re: Football - Games of the First Olympiad

Dear Mr. Murray,

Thank you very much for your letter of 2nd June concerning football at the Games of the First Olympiad held in Athens in 1896.

According to our records no football matches, either exhibition or tournament, were in fact played at this Olympiad.

I hope that this fully answers your query.



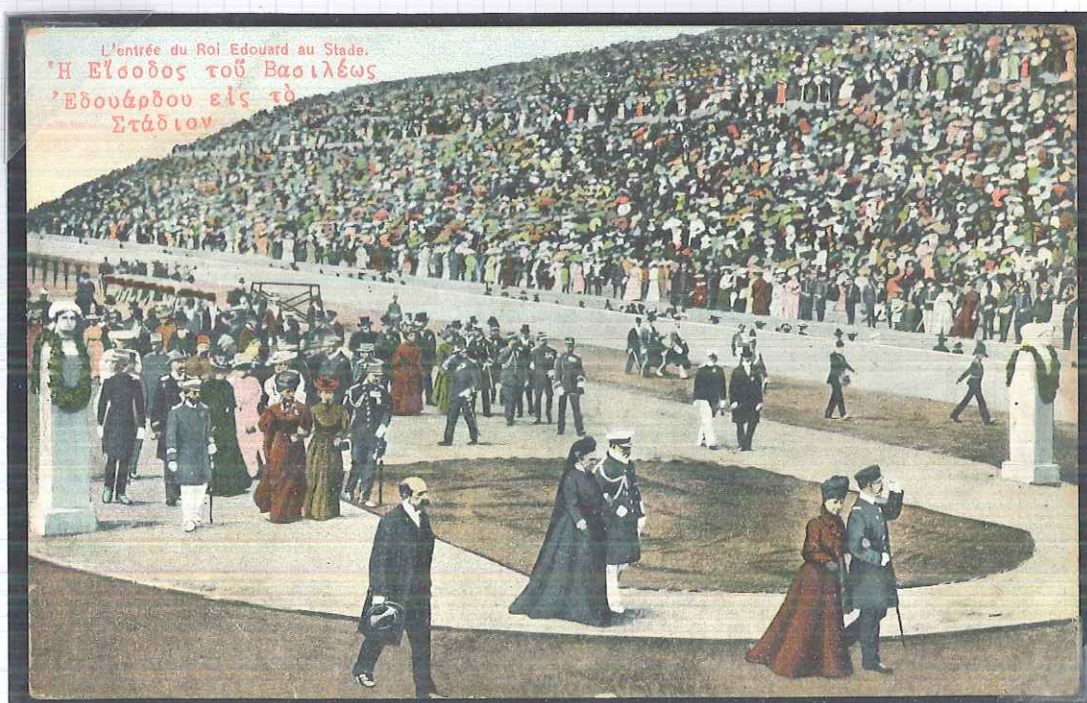


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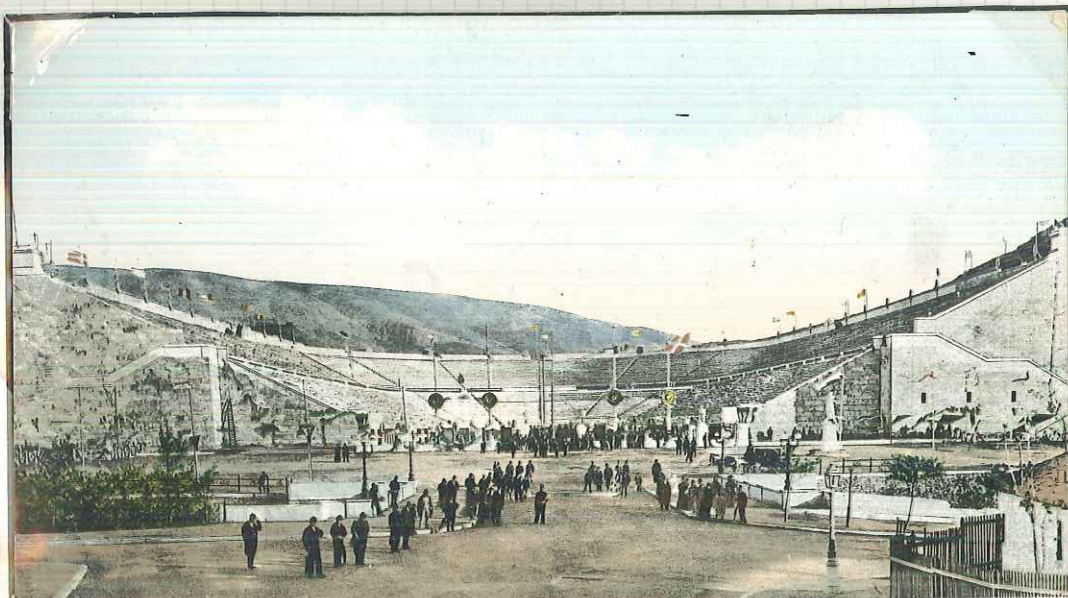




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The New Olympic Stadium

1896 - ATHENS - 1896



Grèce. Athènes. — Stadion.

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