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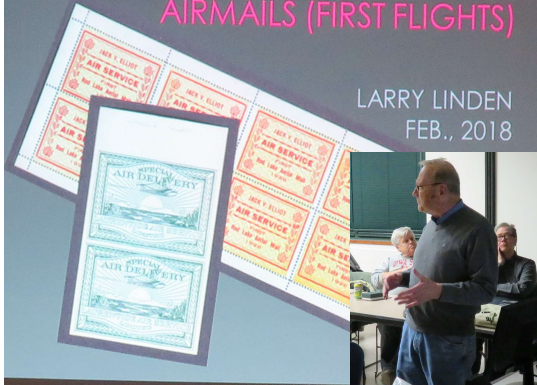
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Perforations



CANADIAN SEMI OFFICIAL AIRMAILS (FIRST FLIGHTS)

LARRY LINDEN
FEB., 2018



March Madness: noun 1) the time period during the month of March when the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball tournament is going on. 2) A period of time where US national productivity takes a plunge.

Last month, Larry Linden gave a talk on "**Canadian Semi-Official Air Mails (First Flights)**". This period of Canadian philately takes place before the Canadian government took over the administration of airmail flights into the great-white wilderness territories in the north of the country's provinces in the 1930s, the nation's parliament passed a law enabling private carriers to not only carry the airmails from cities into tiny encampments and remote towns, but they allowed to issue their own stamps.

For the March meeting (WARREN-NEWPORT LIBRARY), Bill Schultz will deal with the national pastime referred to as "**March Madness**". It is requested that members bring in stamps connected to the final four teams. What was predicted was: *Villanova*, *Virginia*, *Duke*, and *Michigan State*.

Basketball and Stamps.



Scott 5208

Basketball is a limited-contact sport played on a rectangular court. While most often played as a team sport with five players on each side, three-on-three, two-on-two, and one-on-one competitions are also common. The objective is to shoot a basketball (approximately 9.4 inches (24 cm) in diameter) through a hoop 18 inches (46 cm) in diameter and 10 feet (3.048 m) high that is mounted to a backboard at each end of the court. The game was invented in 1891 by Dr. James Naismith.

A team can score a field goal by shooting the ball through the basket being defended by the opposition team during regular play. A field goal scores three points for the shooting team if the player shoots from behind the three-point line, and two points if shot from in front of the line. A team can also score via free throws, which are worth one point, after the other team is assessed with certain fouls. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins, but additional time/overtime is mandated when the score is tied at the end of regulation. The ball can be advanced on the court by passing it to a teammate, or by bouncing it while walking or running (dribbling). It is a violation to lift, or drag, one's pivot foot without dribbling the ball, to carry it, or to hold the ball with both hands then resume dribbling.



Scott 1189



Treasures' Report: Total – \$3,526.24 (\$1,026.24 – Checking / \$2,500.00 CD)

Local
Stamp
Shows

MSDA Spring Show North
Ramada Inn-Chicagoland Executive
Airport
1090 S. Milwaukee Ave Wheeling IL
April 7 and 8

Complex 2018
Guerin College Preparatory High School
8001 W. Belmont Ave
River Grove IL 60171
June 1-3

MSDA Milwaukee Stamp Show
Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport
6401 South 13th ST
Milwaukee WI
June 30 and July 01

Next meeting:

7-PM on Wednesday 28 March 2017
at the Warren-Newport Library
224 O'Plaine Rd Gurnee, IL 60031



Officers:

Dr Tom Willer – President
Bill Schultz – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Ed Pieklo – Treasurer

The game has many individual techniques for displaying skill—ball-handling, shooting, passing, dribbling, dunking, shot-blocking, and rebounding. Basketball teams generally have player positions, the tallest and strongest members of a team are called a center or power forward, while slightly shorter and more agile players are called small forward, and the shortest players or those who possess the best ball handling skills are called a point guard or shooting guard. The point guard directs the on-court action of the team, implementing the coach's game plan, and managing the execution of offensive and defensive plays/player positioning.



Basketball is one of the world's most popular and widely viewed sports. In the United States, over 2,700 colleges field basketball teams. The National Basketball Association (NBA) is the most significant professional basketball league in the world in terms of popularity, salaries, talent, and level of competition.

Outside North America, the top clubs from national leagues qualify to continental championships such as the Euroleague and FIBA Americas League. The FIBA Basketball World Cup and Men's Olympic Basketball Tournament are the major international events of the sport and attract top national teams from around the world.

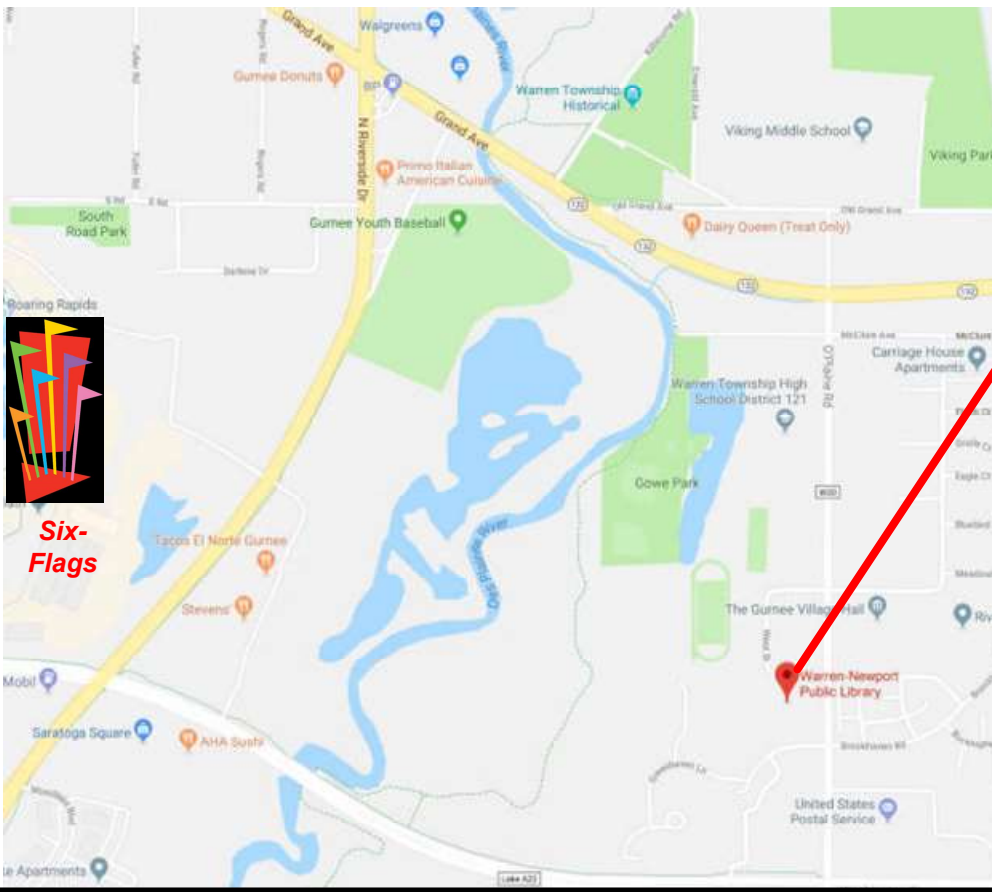
Next Two Meetings:

7 PM - Wednesday 28 March - Warren-Newport Library (Meeting Room "B")

7 PM - Monday 23 April - Warren-Newport Library (Meeting Room "A")

The May meeting will be at the Grayslake Library on Wednesday, 23 May at 7PM

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First US "Sports" Stamp Scott 855 3c Baseball Centennial

Issue Date: 1939 June 12

First City: Cooperstown NY

Quantity Issued: 81,269,600

Printed by: Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Printing Method: Rotary Press

Perforation: 11x10 ½

Color: Violet



This stamp commemorated the one-hundred-year anniversary of the beginning of baseball. While other forms of the game had been played for years before the 1839 date, Abner Doubleday is credited with formalizing the rules of baseball – most of which remain today. Historians have long disputed Doubleday's actual influence, but his efforts in the small Upstate New York town of Cooperstown are now part of baseball – and American folklore.

The baseball stamp was issued in conjunction with the opening of the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, also in Cooperstown. The first five players elected to the Hall of Fame were Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson, and Walter Johnson. They were elected in 1936, three years before the Hall itself opened. By the time of the opening, 21 other players, managers, and executives had been elected.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was the US President while the Hall of Fame was being established. During his time in office, Roosevelt often purchased full sheets and made First Day Covers for new stamps. He frequently autographed the sheets and covers, and got people connected to the topic to autograph whenever he could. At the opening ceremonies of the Hall of Fame, Postmaster General James Farley asked many of the ballplayers to sign FDR's sheet, before presenting it to the President.