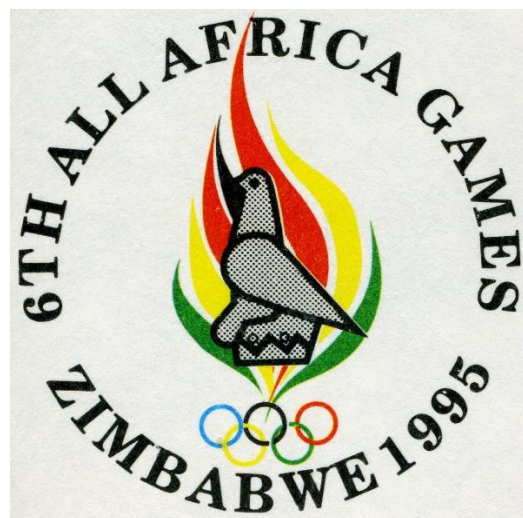


6th ALL AFRICA GAMES – ZIMBABWE

Issued 11th July 1995

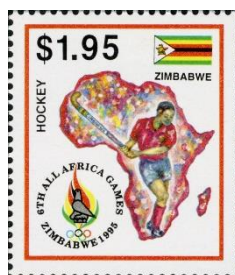
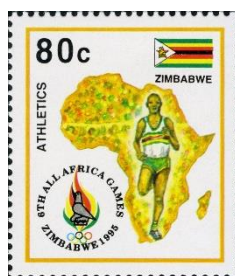
(Extracted from Philatelic Bureau Bulletin No 2 of 1995)²

The first All Africa Games was held in 1965 at Brazzaville in the Congo. Since then they have been held in 1973 - Lagos Nigeria, 1978 Algiers Algeria, 1987 Nairobi Kenya, 1991 Cairo Egypt and now in Zimbabwe. This year it is hoped that there will be competitors from over 45 African countries and for the first time South African athletes will be taking part. The National Sports Stadium in Harare will be the venue for the opening and closing ceremonies, track and field and football finals. A new swimming and diving complex is being built in Chitungwiza, two artificial turf hockey stadiums and a tennis centre are under construction. Athletes will be competing in the following sports:



Boxing	Cycling	Football	Athletics	Basketball
Gymnastics	Wrestling	Handball	Hockey	Diving
Tennis	Karate	Shooting	Swimming	Table Tennis
Weightlifting	Taekwondo	Volleyball	Judo	

The Stamps



Catalogue listings

SG	ZSC ¹	Value	Description
908	335	35c	Soccer (Football)
909	336	80c	Athletics
910	337	\$1.15	Boxing
911	338	\$1.75	Swimming
912	339	\$1.95	Hockey
913	340	\$2.30	Volley Ball

Technical details

Stamp size:	All values	30 x 35 mm		
Sheet Size:	50 stamps (5 rows of 10 stamps), two panes per printed sheet			
Artist:	Paula Ware			
Paper:	ZSC paper type D – HS8, fluorescent front and back, with cream PVA gum.			
Print colours:	Black, magenta, cyan & yellow			
Perforations:	SG 14 x 14½, ZSC 14 x 14¼ Right margin: Perforated through. Other margins: Imperforate			
Printer:	NatPrint, Harare, Zimbabwe			
Printer's Imprint:	Bottom Margin, below Row 5 Columns 5 & 6. Imprint printed in black			
Cylinder numbers:	Bottom margin below R5/1. Colours from left – cyan, magenta, yellow, black			
Colour register:	Type TL 4– round boxed – left margin opposite R5/1. Colours reading down – cyan, magenta, yellow, black			
Sheet Value:	Bottom margin, below R5/10, printed in black.			
Sheet Number:	Type SN 4a with 'PTC' prefix, right margin opposite R5/10, reading down			
Print numbers:	35c	1,000,000	80c	190,000
	\$1.15	190,000	\$1.75	190,000
	\$1.95	190,000	\$2.30	190,000
Issue date:	11 th July 1995			

Withdrawal from sale:



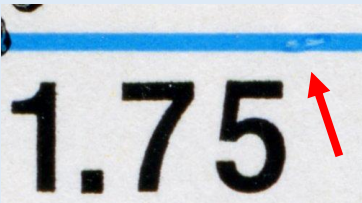
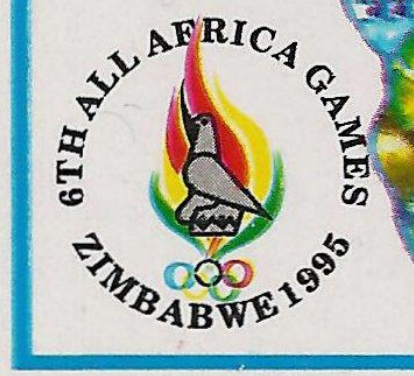
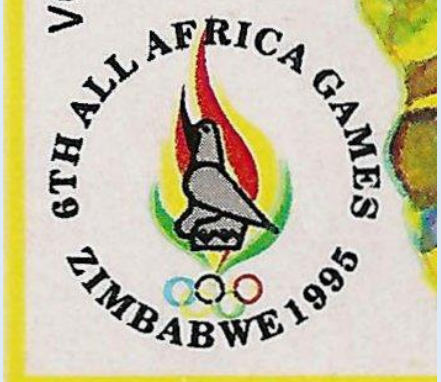
Demonetisation: 14th April 1999

Listed varieties

No listed varieties have been noted

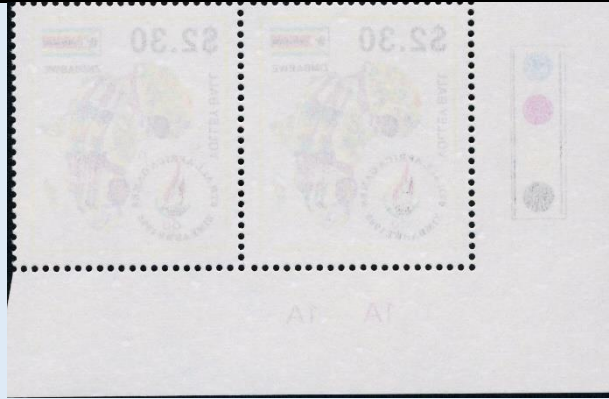
Unlisted Varieties

There are numerous small dots and specks in the printing of these stamps, particularly in the backgrounds. Some dots and specks shown below are a bit more distinctive, some may be constant.

 <p>80c: Cyan marks to left side of Games logo</p>	 <p>\$1.15: Plate shifts, resulting in three coloured lines to frame, and double rings on Olympic logo</p>	 <p>\$1.75: smudges to up frameline above 1.75</p>
 <p>\$1.75: doubling, and more, of all printing plates. Only Games logo shown here. <i>(Courtesy Narendhra Morar)</i></p>	 <p>\$2.30: doubling, and more, of all printing plates. Only Games logo shown here. <i>(Courtesy Narendhra Morar)</i></p>	



\$1.95: Yellow dots in Zimbabwe flag

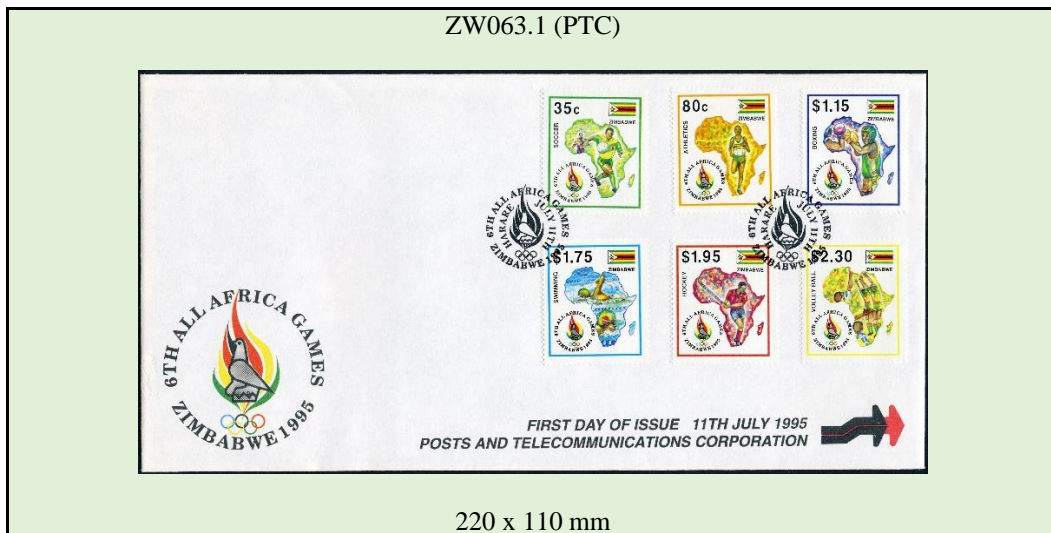


\$2.30: Offset of colours on gummed side

First Day Cover

The cover numbering comes from the catalogue produced by Geoff Brakspear.

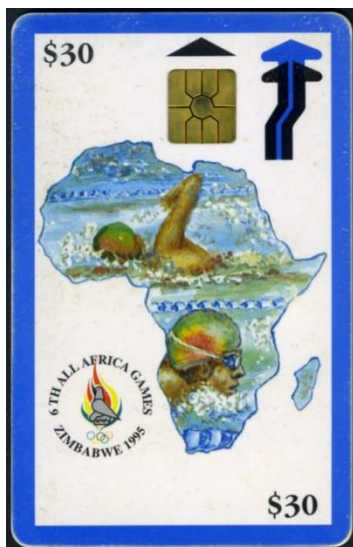
A pictorial first day of issue canceller was produced for this issued and was used by the Philatelic Bureau. Other first day cover cancellers continued to be used at main post offices.



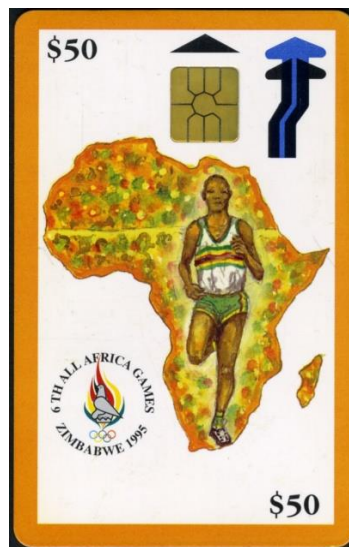
Related Material

PTC Telephone Cards

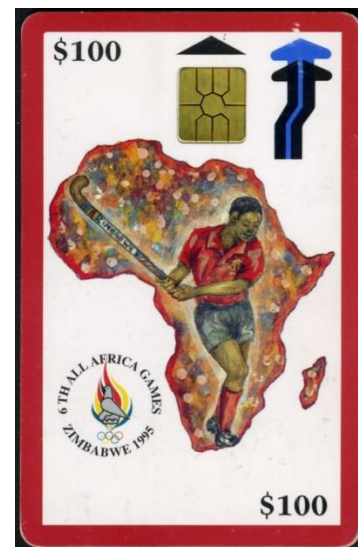
A set of four telephone cards were released at about the same as the stamp issue, and contained some of the designs found on the all Africa Games stamps. The four cards, of different values, had a validity until September 1999, indicating they were designed for a life of about four years.



\$30 - Swimming



\$50 - Athletics



\$100 – Hockey



\$200 – National Sports Stadium, Harare

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1. "The Zimbabwean Concise Postage Stamp Catalogue", published by Harare Stamp Company, edited by Ken Allanson, Mike Amos and Geoff Brakspear. The catalogue continues to be updated and expanded by Geoff Brakspear
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