

LÁSZLÓ PAPP WAS BORN 100 YEARS AGO



Magyar Posta is marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of László Papp (1926–2003) by issuing a commemorative stamp. The stamp pays tribute to the Hungarian boxer and three-time Olympic champion, who gained international renown, bringing prestige to his country and his sport. Forty thousand copies of the stamp designed by the graphic artist Anita Laczkó were produced by the Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. printing company. The new issue goes on sale at Filaposta in Hungary, philately specialist services, certain post offices and www.posta.hu from 25 March 2026.

László Papp began his amateur sports career at the Vasutas Sports Club in Budapest, then moved on to Budapest Bástyá, and ended it at Budapest Vasas SC. Between 1946 and 1956, he won seven national championships. He was European amateur champion twice. Papp won as a middleweight at the 1948 London Olympics, and as a welterweight in Helsinki in 1952 and Melbourne in 1956. He also achieved great repute internationally with his unprecedented feat of being the first boxer to win three consecutive Olympic gold medals.

He is still highly regarded today as one of the greatest names in boxing history. During his professional career from 1957 onwards, Papp became the European champion, and was undefeated in 29 matches, winning 27 and drawing two. After his retirement, he worked as a coach and sports manager.

The commemorative stamp features a portrait of László Papp from a head-on view in a stylised ring, with scenes from boxing matches on a smaller scale to his right. The stamp also includes the years of his Olympic successes. The commemorative first day cover shows a full-length picture of László Papp holding several pairs of boxing gloves tied together in his hands. The graphic design of the postmark on the first day cover features a ring standing on its corner and a pair of high-top boxing shoes.

Order code:

2026050010011 (stamp)

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Issued on: 25 March 2026**Face value:** HUF 815

(On the date of issue, HUF 815 pays the postage of a domestic non-priority letter up to 500 g.)

Printing technique: offset**Number of copies:**

40,000 stamps (50 stamps/5 barcodes/sheet)

Perforated size:

40 x 30 mm

Paper type:

White, wood-free, surface-treated, gummed stamp paper with optical whitener

Printed by Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. (stamp), Pátria Nyomda Zrt. (FDC)

Source:

National Sports Agency, Hungarian Olympic and Sports Museum

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