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“Little Mo” Poised to Grace Forever Stamp

Postal Service Honors 1950s Tennis Champ Maureen Connolly Brinker

- What:** The U.S. Postal Service honors the legacy of the extraordinary tennis champion Maureen Connolly Brinker (1934–1969) with the issuance of the “Little Mo” Forever stamp. The first-day-of-issue event is free and open to the public. News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtags #LittleMoStamp and #TennisStamps.
- Who:** Janice D. Walker, Vice President, Corporate Communications, U.S. Postal Service will be the dedicating official.
- When:** Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 11 a.m. CDT
- Where:** Southern Methodist University Tennis Complex
5669 N. Central Expressway
Dallas, TX 75205
- RSVP:** Dedication ceremony attendees are encouraged to RSVP at usps.com/littlemo.
- Background:** In the early 1950s, extraordinary tennis champion Maureen Connolly Brinker dominated her sport. Nicknamed “Little Mo,” the 5-foot-4-inch dynamo used powerful groundstrokes to become the first woman to win all four major tennis tournaments in a calendar year.

In 1953, she became the first woman to capture the single-season Grand Slam of tennis, winning the Australian Championships, the French Championships, Wimbledon and the U.S. Championships. Along the way, she dropped only a single set. Since then, no American singles player has won all four majors in a calendar year; only two men and three women in total have achieved that feat. After her playing career, Connolly Brinker coached tennis and wrote articles

about the game she once dominated. In 1968, she was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

The stamp art features an oil-on-linen painting of the tennis star by Gregory Manchess. Based on a black-and-white photograph taken in 1952, the portrait is a colorful interpretation of Connolly hitting a low volley. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp.

The “Little Mo” stamp is being issued as a Forever stamp and will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price.

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