Synopsis

Turning Over the Stone: The Hidden Story of a 1962 World Cup Postcard

This article came out of an interesting post card I found at Boston 26, where a fan had obtained a number of signatures of the 1962 West German World Cup team. That in and of itself would make an interesting story, especially in this journal (Journal of Sports Philately) as the sender also used some of the stamps issued for this World Cup by the host Chile. Such cards exist, but are uncommon in that era. But it turned out there was more to this cover than originally met the eye.

One of my favorite writers, the late W.E.B. Griffin, had a motto—"turn over the stone under the stone". I've always found it interesting to research the sender, recipient and addresses, where possible, and this article is an example of this thinking. I found that there was much more to the story, as told in this article. So, this article is also an encouragement to the collector to do a deeper dive via the Internet on a cover in their possession, as that may unlock a more interesting story.