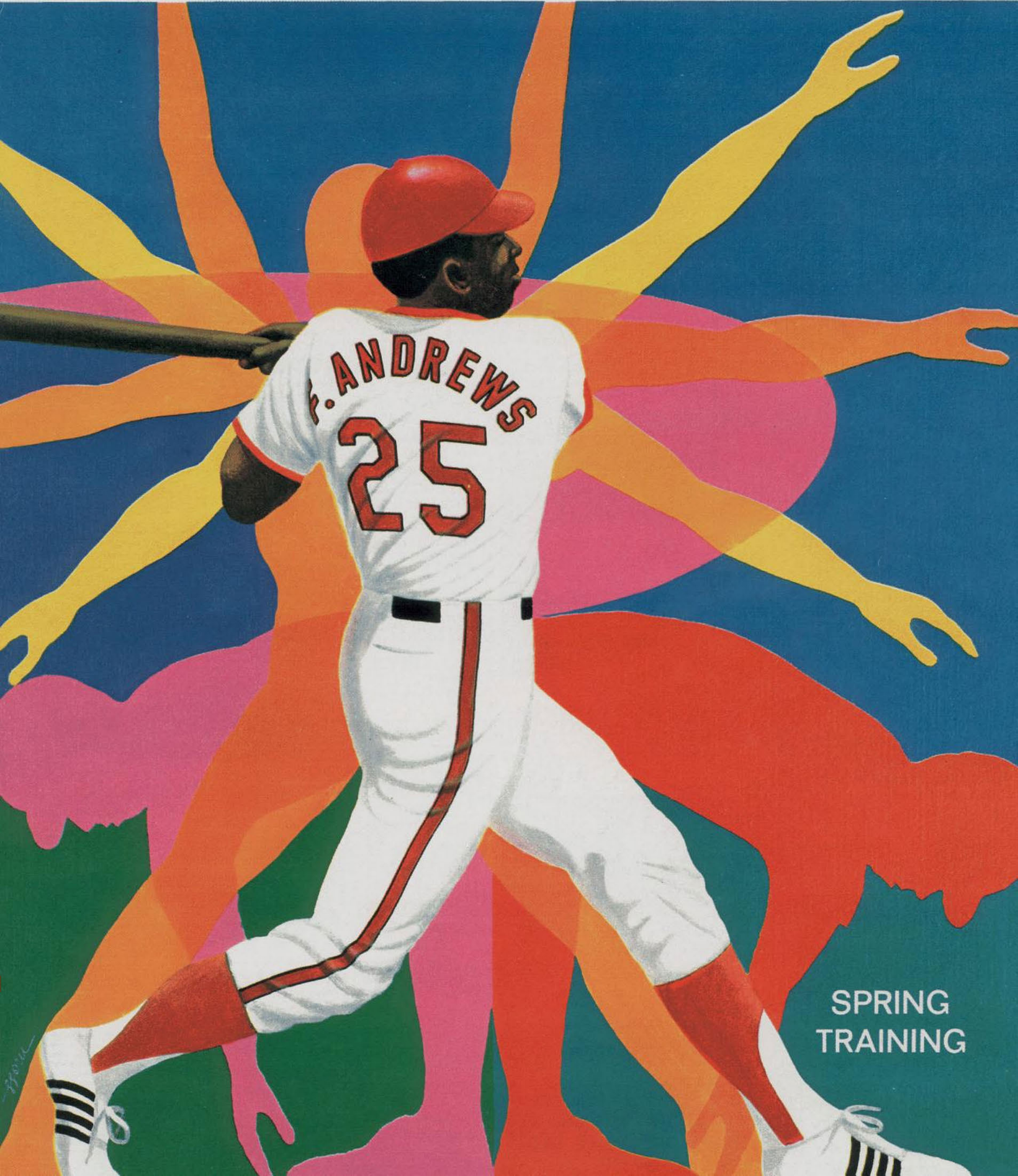


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FROM MOOSE TO MOUNTIES. In 1973, Canada honored the 100th year of service by its Royal Canadian Mounted Police by changing the design on the reverse of their coins from the head of a moose to a mounted police officer carrying a flag.—\$5 to Gerald Haider, Mandan, N. Dak.

TOO MANY STARS. In 1946, a three-cent U.S. stamp was issued to mark the 100th anniversary of General Stephen Watts Kearny's expedition into New Mexico. The stamp (Scott No. 944) shows General Kearny's army in front of the governor's mansion in Santa Fe. The U.S. flag portrayed on this stamp bears 48 stars; however, the U.S. flag of 1846 actually had only 28 stars.—\$5 to Carl Huntley, Hayward, Calif.

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CACHETS AND FDC'S. I was surprised to find out from a local stamp dealer that first day covers don't need the cachet (a design or inscription on the envelope, usually located on the left side, to commemorate a postal or philatelic event) to be considered first day covers.—\$5 to E. Simons, Pomona, N.Y.

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