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## **DREAM TEAM-SIGNED GAME-USED BASKETBALL SELLS FOR WORLD RECORD PRICE IN ONLINE AUCTION**

*1992 game-used and autographed gold medal-winning U.S. Men’s basketball (\$230,041) and coveted ‘68 Ernie Banks Cubs home jersey (\$137,865) lead way*

**Laguna Niguel, Calif. (August 24, 2015)** –A prized Dream Team-signed basketball from the Chuck Daly Estate Collection sold for \$230,041 to tally the highest bid in SCP Auctions’ Mid-Summer Classic, which concluded early Sunday morning. It is the highest price ever paid for a basketball at auction. The multi-signed, painted basketball (autographed by 11 players including Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Larry Bird plus Coach Daly) was used in the U.S. Men’s 117-85, gold medal-clinching victory over Croatia in Barcelona. The entire auction of nearly 1,000 sports memorabilia lots brought in \$2.5 million.

“The outstanding results of this auction prove once again that the market for historic memorabilia with exceptional provenance has never been stronger,” said SCP Auctions Vice President Dan Imler.

Other top lots included a rare 1968 Ernie Banks game-worn Cubs home jersey from a season in which “Mr. Cub” hit 32 home runs that sold for \$137,865; a 1960’S Dwight D. Eisenhower-used custom golf bag and full set of specially engraved “General Ike” Spalding clubs that went for \$121,122; and a 1970 Nolan Ryan New York Mets game-worn home flannel jersey captured \$60,667.

Overall, the Chuck Daly Estate Collection brought in \$333,547, led by the sale of the Dream Team-signed, game-used Barcelona Summer Games basketball. Part 4 of the Newport Sports Museum Collection realized \$274,901, led by the sale of presidential golf sets used by Eisenhower, Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford, while the Johnny Murphy Estate Collection took in a total of 72,620, led by the sale of his 1938 New York Yankees World Champs pocket watch which went for \$33,378.

Other highlights from the auction included:

- 1996 NBA 50 Greatest Players Signed Lithograph - NBA Edition (6 of 100) - \$34,190
- 1968 Boston Celtics 10K Gold NBA Championship Ring (Tom Thacker)- \$29,336
- Carl Erskine’s 1956 N.L. Champion Brooklyn Dodgers 10K Gold Cuff Links and Tie Pin - \$28,651
- 1976 Montreal Summer Olympic Games 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner’s Gold Medal - \$24,243
- Babe Ruth Autographed Hillerich & Bradsby Model 40 B.R. Signature Model Bat - \$20,724

The buyers of the items wish to remain anonymous at this time. All prices include a buyer’s premium. Full auction results are available at [www.scpauctions.com](http://www.scpauctions.com).

**About SCP Auctions**

SCP Auctions, Inc. has been a leader in brokering and auctions of important sports memorabilia and cards since 1979. The Southern California based firm conducts three online auctions every year, highlighted by their Premier Auctions in the spring and fall. SCP Auctions has handled some of the most significant individual items and prominent collections in their field, such as the record-setting sale of the earliest known jersey worn by New York Yankees legend Babe Ruth (\$4.4 million), the famed T206 Honus Wagner baseball card (\$2.8 million) and Babe Ruth's bat used to hit the first home run in Yankee Stadium in 1923 (\$1.3 million). Interested bidders can call (949) 831-3700 or visit SCP Auctions online at [www.SCPAuctions.com](http://www.SCPAuctions.com) for more information on how to participate.

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