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RARE CIRCA 1968-71 GORDIE HOWE RED WINGS GAME WORN & SIGNED HOME JERSEY APPROACHING \$70,000 IN ONLINE AUCTION

*Bidding for the late Mr. Hockey's jersey concludes on Aug. 20th;
high estimates say winning bid could likely reach \$100,000*

Laguna Niguel, Calif. (August 12, 2016) – Affectionately known as "Mr. Hockey," Gordie Howe, the late iron man of the NHL, is considered by many to be the greatest player in the history of his sport. Playing for a remarkable 32 years, Howe was an indomitable force with a relentless competitive fire. His stats (World Hockey Association included), counting the playoffs: In 2,421 games, 1,071 goals, 1,518 assists, 2,589 points and 2,418 penalty minutes. He held NHL records of 801 goals (regular season only) and 1,850 points until Wayne Gretzky came long. And besides the endurance, there was the ability and determination that enabled Howe to win six MVPs and six scoring championships with the Detroit Red Wings. He finally retired as a player in 1980 at age 52. Sadly, earlier this summer he passed away at the age of 88. Through August 20th, one of his game worn Red Wings jerseys is on the auction block at www.scpauctions.com as part of its 2016 Mid-Summer Classic.

SCP Auctions is pleased to present what must be considered one of, if not THE finest Gordie Howe game jerseys ever offered at auction. This conclusively photo-matched Durene Red Wings number 9 knit was worn by Howe during the year he hung up the skates (for the first time!). This all-original white dureen jersey is one of only two Gordie Howe game-worn jerseys that have been conclusively photo-matched by the MeiGray Authenticated system. Howe, who entered the NHL in 1946-47, primarily wore wool jerseys. The Red Wings did not switch to dureen jerseys until 1962-63, which makes this photo-matched dureen white jersey comparatively rarer than a photo-matched wool among the extremely limited population of photo-matched Howes in the hobby. Howe autographed the front of the jersey in red marker and added his iconic "#9" underneath his signature. The current high bid on the jersey is **\$64,835** with just eight days remaining in the auction.

"In the field of game worn hockey jerseys this is a pinnacle artifact, worthy of museum exhibition," said Dan Imler, vice president at SCP Auctions.

Online bidding is open to registered bidders and concludes Saturday, August 20. The auction is being conducted online at www.scpauctions.com. For more information, call 949-831-3700.

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Note: High-resolution photos available upon request.