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## **DODGERS' HALL OF FAME MGR. WALTER ALSTON'S MEMORABILIA HEADLINES SCP AUCTIONS' 2016 MID-SUMMER CLASSIC**

*The late MLB skipper's extensive lineup of coveted major league awards goes up for bid from August 3rd to the 20th at [scpauctions.com](http://scpauctions.com)*

**Laguna Niguel, Calif. (August 2, 2016)** – SCP Auctions is extremely proud to announce that it will be auctioning off the personal memorabilia collection of the late Walter Alston, a managerial fixture for 23 seasons with both the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers. The affable manager's distinguished assortment of baseball heirlooms encompasses more than 130 lots and will hit the online auction block starting on Wednesday, August 3, at [www.scpauctions.com](http://www.scpauctions.com). It features Alston's four World Series championship rings (1955, '59, '63 and '65), as well as a large assortment of game-worn Dodgers uniforms, caps and jackets worn by the six-time National League Manager of the Year. Alston's lineup even includes a 1950's game-worn catcher's mitt that was gifted to Alston's granddaughter by fellow Hall of Famer Roy Campanella, the late, great Dodger backstop.

"It is our distinct pleasure to conduct this auction," said SCP Auctions President David Kohler. "Walter was a great man and a great leader of men as evidenced by his success as manager of the Dodgers for 23 years. We are excited and anxious to see how well his impeccably preserved memorabilia does at auction."

A native Ohioan, Alston attended Miami of Ohio University from which he graduated and lettered in baseball and basketball before signing with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1935. In 1940, when it became apparent he wasn't in the Cardinals' future plans as a player, Alston was given the opportunity to play and manage in their farm system. He was released by St. Louis in 1944, but was spotted by former Cardinals General Manager and then-Brooklyn President Branch Rickey who signed him to play and manage in the Dodgers minor league system. Following the '53 season, Brooklyn Skipper Charlie Dressen insisted on a multi-year contract to continue as Dodgers' skipper. Brooklyn Owner Walter O'Malley balked at the demand and to everyone's surprise chose the little known Alston to pilot the club.

He led the Dodgers to a second-place finish in 1954, then won Brooklyn's first World Series title in 1955, defeating the Yankees in seven games. Always displaying a calm, professional demeanor, he managed the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers for the next 23 seasons. His teams won 90 or more games in 10 different seasons. On July 17, 1976, Alston became only the sixth manager in MLB history to win 2,000 games. Just before the end of that season he retired as Dodgers' skipper with 2,040 wins. He led N.L. All-Star teams to seven victories and was elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1983. He died a year later at age 72 of complications from a recent heart attack.

Bidding is open to registered bidders only at [www.scpauctions.com](http://www.scpauctions.com) beginning Wednesday, August 3 and closing on Saturday, August 20. For more information on how to participate, please call 949-831-3700.

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