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Michael Jordan's '84 Olympic Converse Shoes have already Set New World Record Price in SCP Auctions' Spring Premier

Initial online bidding closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 10

Laguna Niguel, Calif. (June 8, 2017) – The online bidding in SCP Auctions' 2017 Spring Premier auction is gaining plenty of momentum with two days to go and already a new world record has been established. Lot #464 – Michael Jordan's game worn and dual signed Converse shoes from the 1984 Olympics' gold-medal-winning-game against Spain – is already at **\$144,222** and therefore shattered the previous auction record of \$104,765 for game-worn shoes. The prior mark was set in 2013 for a pair of Nike Air Jordan XII shoes "His Airness" wore in Game 5 of the 1997 NBA Finals. In addition to Jordan's Olympic gamers, the online auction (www.scpauctions.com) is featuring a coveted 1909-11 Honus Wagner T206 baseball card. The sought-after card, which is being called "The Original Wagner" based on the fact that it was the first of its kind to be featured in mainstream media (1930), is currently at **\$417,724** with initial bidding set to close at 5 p.m. (PDT) on Saturday, June 10.

"There's still plenty of bidding activity to take place once the auction goes into its extended bidding period on Saturday, but we're pleased by the incredible momentum the auction has generated," said Dan Imler, SCP Auctions' vice president.

Overall, the auction boasts 723 different lots that include 20 coveted baseball items from the personal memorabilia collection of late Pittsburgh Pirates' Hall of Famer Willie Stargell. Each of the pieces were consigned by Stargell's widow, Margaret Weller-Stargell, and include the slugger's 1979 World Series ring as a member of the Pirates (currently at **\$47,158**) and his '79 National League MVP Award (**\$40,262**). Other top lots include a circa 1955 Heisman Trophy (**\$47,158**) and Babe Ruth's signed Last Will & Testament from Dec. 26, 1933 (**\$35,431**).

The historic sneakers are the last pair Jordan ever wore in amateur competition and represent perhaps his crowning achievement before turning pro. A 21-year-old, baby-faced Jordan led Team USA in scoring (17.1 points per game) during the '84 Games and scored a game-high 20 points in the United States' 96-65 victory over Spain to claim gold while sporting these classic Converse shoes. It marked the last time MJ was ever seen wearing a non-Nike pair.

Bidding is open to registered bidders only at www.scpauctions.com and closes on Sat., June 10. For more information on how to participate, please call 949-831-3700 or visit www.scpauctions.com.