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## **Second Pair of Michael Jordan's 1984 Olympic Games Converse Shoes Sell for \$88,644 in SCP Auctions' Fall Premier**

*This pair was used in tournament, but not gold-medal-winning game*

**Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Nov. 6, 2017)** – For the second time in five months, SCP Auctions has sold a pair of Michael Jordan's game used and dual signed Converse shoes from the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Only this time, the pair was not the same one he wore in Team USA's gold-medal-winning game versus Spain – which sold for a record **\$190,373** in June – but rather another pair of the same model shoes he wore earlier in the tournament. Regardless, the second pair of Converse shoes just sold on Sunday for a whopping **\$88,644** in SCP Auctions' 2017 Fall Premier online auction.

The gold-medal-game pair that sold in June was gifted to Basketball Hall of Famer Gail Goodrich's son, who served as a ball boy. The second pair that sold yesterday was given to the other ball boy who worked alongside him, and the two ball boys remain good friends to this day. Thus, Sunday's pair of special sneakers are the second-to-last pair Jordan wore in amateur competition and represent one of his crowning athletic achievements as the then-21-year-old phenom led Team USA in scoring with a 17.1 points-per-game average during the '84 Games. Team USA's 96-65 victory over Spain in the gold medal game, in which Jordan scored a game-high 20 points, would be the last time he was ever seen wearing Converse. A certain four-letter brand based in Oregon would soon take hold of MJ's services and the rest is history.

The white and navy blue trimmed Converse sneakers have a mid-top design using sailcloth canvas and leather material. The navy blue Converse star logo appears on both sides and again on the upper heels. The size "13" and manufacturer codes are stamped on the interior. The original white laces and Converse insoles are present. The shoes are properly tagged and very well-preserved with all structural components perfectly intact. They display appropriate game use with evident heel drag, leather creasing at the ankles and light soiling around the outer heels. Jordan's pre-NBA era black Sharpie autographs on the outer ankle of each shoe rate 6-7/10 with slight bleeding into the sailcloth panels. Overall, this pair presents aesthetically better than the gold medal pair, which showed more scuffing, more off-white/cream fading, and were not uniformly dual-signed (right shoe was signed on inner ankle).

A detailed letter of provenance from the ball boy, who wishes to remain anonymous to the public, is included. He got the gig from then-Lakers great Gail Goodrich, who oversaw game operations at The Forum for the tournament, and worked nearly every USA game. The fortunate 14-year-old and

Goodrich's son procured their respective pairs straight from Jordan after the Olympic Finals in the locker room where he signed both pairs in person. Goodrich's son has confirmed the accuracy of this account.

The buyers of the shoes 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).

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