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Top-Ranked 1922 American Caramel Baseball Card Set Up for Auction

Laguna Niguel, Calif. (April 22, 2019) -The finest 1922 American Caramel E121 set of all-time is currently taking bids at SCP Auctions (www.scpauctions.com) through April 27. But don't let its seemingly pedestrian 4.66 set rating fool you: the classic black-and-white E121 series is one of the most elusive pre-war sets in the hobby, boasting multiple variations of Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb and other hardball legends that romanticized America's pastime during the Roaring Twenties and beyond. Early auction estimates are \$50,000 to \$75,000 but a vintage top-ranked set of this caliber is certainly capable of climbing well past that.

This newly-surfaced near set (103/125, 82.4%) has sat dormant for almost 30 years until recently being graded and registered by PSA ('**SCP Auctions Spring 2019**'), easily surpassing the previous high set rating of 4.10. There is even greater separation when Weighted GPA (4.94 to 3.87) and GPA with Top Pop Bonuses (5.66 to 4.10) are considered. A mind-blowing 28 cards *stand alone* as the highest graded examples in the PSA pop report, with a total of 46 top-rated cards overall. Two of the three Ruth's are included ('Holding Bird' and 'Photo Montage') as well as one of the two Cobb versions. Five cards have earned a near impossible NM 7 status.

The Lancaster, PA-based American Caramel Company produced the 1922 E121 Series of 120 in a small-size format (2" by 3-3/16") similar to its 1921 Series of 80, the only difference being the top line in black print on the backs calling out the different number of cards in each series. Fronts feature screened images of refined player depictions surrounded by white borders, with the player and team name printed at the bottom. Several unique misspellings, title and photo versions further add to E121's mystique and critical acclaim.

Since acquiring the set from Sotheby's famed 1991 Copeland sale, the collector of this ground-breaking set kept each card virtually untouched in individual sleeves within a large spiral-bound binder. The remarkable EX preservation is unlike any countered before and likely ever to come, contradicting the acceptable norm of most candy-based cards from that era typically found in extremely low-grade condition due to abuse from rowdy, sweet-toothed boys.



Bidding on this wonderful set and other premium items in SCP Auctions' 2019 Spring Premier comes to an end on Saturday, April 27 (www.scpauctions.com).