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Basketball Collectors, Last Chance to Bid on “The Big O”

Lagune Niguel, Calif. (April 19, 2019) - The full uniform worn by Oscar Robertson when Team USA won the 1960 Olympic gold medal and the actual game ball from that final contest in Rome (signed by the entire U.S. squad) are among the headlines from the Hall of Famer’s personal collection currently taking bids at SCP Auctions. “The Big O” began selling off his prized basketball memorabilia in 2012 with SCP, and he has come full circle with the Laguna Niguel, CA auctioneer. It appears he has saved the best for last with this latest – and likely final – consignment of sixty historic lots. Multiple pieces are expected to reach six figures. Online bidding at www.scpauctions.com ends this Saturday, April 27.

In the history of basketball, no player was as dominant and versatile in all phases of the game. The 2-time Indiana high school state champion starred for the University of Cincinnati where he was named College Player of the Year three straight seasons before embarking on a remarkable NBA career in Cincy and Milwaukee. At the 1960 Rome Olympics, the 6’ 5” point guard led USA to gold medal glory on what many argue was the “original” Dream Team. Oscar *averaged* a triple-double for the entire 1961-62 NBA season and was named league MVP in ‘63-64 for the Royals before guiding the Bucks to the ‘71 title alongside a young Lew Alcindor.

Robertson led the dominant U.S. team to the gold medal at the 1960 Rome Games where they swept through the tournament by an average victory margin of 42 points. The blue number 14 jersey and matching trunks he wore in the Gold Medal Finals are being sold together and will likely fetch well over \$100,000. (In 2012 SCP sold Oscar’s white jersey worn earlier in the Olympic tournament for \$121,000.) The Gold Medal Finals game ball, also estimated at \$100,000 plus, dates to a transitional era in which Olympic basketballs looked more like volleyballs. As the team captain, Robertson took possession of the ball after the game and had each of his teammates sign it, including fellow Hall of Famers Jerry West, Jerry Lucas, Walt Bellamy and Bob Boozer as well as other players who went on to highly successful NBA careers.

In addition to the two monumental 1960 Olympic Finals items up for bid are his 1971 Bucks World Championship ring (\$100K+ est.), his 1960 Olympic Gold Medal Champions ring (\$50K+), two All-Star Game rings (each \$10K+), his 1959 Pan-Am Games USA gold medal full uniform (\$35K+), several game-worn garments from his NBA days, and dozens more rings, trophies and awards stretching from his college to pro playing career and beyond.

Oscar plans to donate a portion of his auction proceeds to the Jerome Lipper Multiple Myeloma Center and LeBow Institute for Myeloma Therapeutics at Dana Farber. This renowned cancer treatment center



“provides comprehensive care to patients with multiple myeloma, including promising new therapies through clinical trials rooted in an approach that brings laboratory discoveries quickly to the clinical setting” (<https://www.dana-farber.org/multiple-myeloma-program>).