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Wilt Chamberlain's 100-Point Game Scoresheet to Hit Big Numbers at Auction

Laguna Niguel, Calif. (April 23, 2019) - March 2, 1962 will forever be etched into basketball lore as the night Wilt Chamberlain did the unthinkable: 100 points in a single game. It was a home contest for the Philadelphia Warriors against the New York Knicks in little Hershey, PA, with just 4,124 on hand as witnesses. No members of the New York press showed up. The game was not televised and no video footage has turned up. The only audio recording is from the 4th quarter. The colossal achievement holds an almost mythological place in sports history.

Newly discovered and fresh to the hobby via SCP Auctions comes the actual home team's official scoresheet from Wilt's epic 100-point performance. It is currently taking bids at www.scpauctions.com and is expected to sell for well over six figures.

The official scorer that evening for the Warriors was team statistician Toby DeLuca, who scored the game for Philly's play-by-play announcer on WCAU radio, Bill Campbell. Not only did Wilt The Stilt set the single-game scoring record (breaking his own record of 78 set a few months earlier), but the two teams combined for what was, at the time, the highest scoring game in NBA history, with the Warriors beating the Knickerbockers, 169-147. With 46 seconds left, the Big Dipper reached the century mark, sending the crowd into a frenzy as they stormed the court. Chamberlain finished 36-63 from the field and 28-32 from the line, while grabbing 25 rebounds. He would average 50.4 points and 25.7 rebounds for the 1961-62 season, numbers that simply defy logic.

The end result on paper was this busy, convoluted scoresheet in multiple colors with Chamberlain's endless row of points overflowing into teammate Guy Rodgers' line below. This is the very score sheet precisely documented in best-selling author Gary Pomerantz's critically acclaimed book *Wilt, 1962* – right down to DeLuca's switch to red to differentiate from Wilt's point totals in the 2nd half. Chamberlain blessed the important document with his very own signature and "Best Wishes" inscription in blue ballpoint pen. PSA/DNA's main authenticator, Kevin Keating, believes the era-appropriate, early 60's autograph was "most likely done that same night" using the same blue ballpoint pen that added up each team's 3rd and 4th quarter scoring totals on the sheet.

This official home scorer's sheet is one of the only well-documented artifacts from the game to surface. (The Knicks' visiting team score sheet sold for over \$100,000 in 2012.) Toby DeLuca kept the sheet he filled out that night and it remained in his possession for nearly half a century until his death in 2011. The consignor, who lost his father to cancer at age 12, met DeLuca in 1970 – then the Philadelphia 76ers public relations director. DeLuca had no children and became almost a father figure, mentoring him and inviting him to Sixers games. They remained close friends for several decades, and after Toby's passing, our consignor received the treasured keepsake as a gift from DeLuca's widow. She insisted our consignor have it since he was like a son to Toby.

Bidding for this monumental piece in SCP Auctions' 2019 Spring Premier concludes this Saturday, April 27 (www.scpauctions.com).