

## **Magic's Dream Team Jersey, Red Holzman Collection, Banks & Mays Flannels, and Historic Cards, Photos, Letters & Contracts Headline SCP's Summer Auction: Bidding Ends September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Sept. 11, 2019)** – The first ever “photo-matched” Dream Team jersey, worn by the great Magic Johnson, is expected to fetch the top price in SCP Auctions’ 2019 Summer Premier Auction, which kicked off earlier Wednesday at SCP Auctions ([SCPAuctions.com](http://SCPAuctions.com)). In addition, 36 lots from the personal collection of legendary New York Knicks coach Red Holzman are featured in the sale, adding another Hall of Famer to SCP’s long list of notable estate collections as the Southern California auctioneer celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the hobby. Two exceptional game-worn jerseys – a 1968 Willie Mays home and a ‘69 Ernie Bank road – will also bring big numbers by the time the auction closes Saturday evening, September 28th.

The 1992 U.S. Men's Basketball is widely considered the greatest sports team ever assembled as they destroyed each Olympic opponent in Barcelona by an average of 44 points in taking gold. The most captivating “Dream Team” member was Earvin “Magic” Johnson who, after retiring from the NBA months earlier due to HIV, made a triumphant return at the ‘92 All-Star Game and ‘92 Olympics under much controversy. With his invaluable leadership and patented smile, Magic quieted the critics and won over his USA teammates. The blue USA #15 jersey being offered has been professionally photo-matched to the Quarterfinals vs. Puerto Rico and was more than likely worn multiple games during the Olympic tournament. No other Dream Team player’s jersey on record has been conclusively photo-matched. Early estimates are \$150,000 and up.

The 1969 Ernie Banks jersey comes directly from longtime Chicago Cubs executive and former GM “Salty” Saltwell. All-original and photo-matched with a perfect grade from MEARS, the gray road flannel was worn by “Mr. Cub” during his 14<sup>th</sup> and final All-Star season. Fresh to the market and immaculately preserved, it should clear six figures easily since the last three Banks gamers sold by SCP Auctions averaged \$150,000. The ‘68 Willie Mays S.F. Giants home jersey is another game-used gem, graded MEARS A9.5 with further documentation from the team’s memorabilia expert. It also has six-figure potential.

Red Holzman coached the New York Knicks to their first and only two NBA titles in the early 1970s, cementing his legacy in the Big Apple forever. He passed away in 1998 and now the family has decided to part with his prized memorabilia. Most significant is his 1970 World Championship ring, a virtual unicorn in the ring market. In fact, this is the only player-level ring from the Knicks first title team ever to be offered. Red’s Hall of Fame induction ring, nets used in the 1970 and ‘73 Finals clinchers, his 1970 NBA Coach of the Year trophy and vintage items from his 1940s and ‘50s playing days are among the listings.

Top trading card lots include three 1952 Topps #311 Mickey Mantles in varying PSA grades and a super rare SGC graded 1894 Mayo Cut Plug N302 football near set. A PSA Gem Mint 10 Rickey Henderson rookie, a T206 Sherry “Magie” (hobby’s most famous error), a 1915 Cracker Jack Ty Cobb PSA VG-EX+ 4.5 with amazing eye appeal, and two 1933 Goudey Babe Ruths in PSA EX 5 round out the key singles. There is also a diverse mix of complete/near sets, from 1951 Parkhurst and ‘53 Topps Baseball to ‘65 Topps Football and ‘86 Fleer Basketball.

Not to be overlooked are several significant original photographs, letters and contracts also up for bid. A never-before-seen, early 1930s “Original Celtics” team-signed photo is sure to captivate vintage basketball collectors. For baseball enthusiasts, two iconic Dodgers and Yankees photos stand out: Jackie Robinson in front of the Brooklyn clubhouse moments after Branch Rickey made the groundbreaking decision to call him up to the Majors and shatter the color barrier in 1947 (bidding already \$41K+); and Ruth hugging Gehrig after Lou’s “Luckiest Man” speech in 1939. With the market for original photos picking up steam of late, this auction presents quite the selection. Other historic documents include a 1889 handwritten letter by Harry Wright that helped bring “Spring Training” to Florida and one by umpire Bill Klem in 1910 that led to the installation of foul poles down the lines. Mickey Mantle’s 1957 Yankees original player contract is offered as is Vin Scully’s very first contract (also signed by Rickey) that began his unprecedented 67-year run as the Dodgers’ play-by-play man.

### Auction Highlights

- 1992 Magic Johnson Dream Team Game Worn & Photomatched Jersey: \$150,000+
- 1969 Ernie Banks Cubs Game Worn & Photomatched Road Jersey (MEARS A10): \$100,000+
- 1968 Willie Mays SF Giants Game Worn Home Jersey (MEARS A10): \$100,000+
- 1928-30 Lou Gehrig Game Used H&B Pro Model Bat (PSA/DNA GU 7.5): \$100,000+
- 1970 Red Holzman New York Knicks NBA World Champions Ring: \$75K+
- 1959 Don Drysdale LA Dodgers (WS Season) Game Worn Home Jersey (MEARS A10): \$50K+
- 4/10/1947 Jackie Robinson Original Photo – The Day Promoted to Majors (PSA Type I): \$50K+
- 1950 Vin Scully Contract That Began His 67-Year Dodgers Broadcast Career: \$40K+
- 1966 Don Drysdale Dodgers Game Worn Home Jersey (MEARS A10): \$40K+
- 1957 Mickey Mantle Signed Player Contract (Mantle Estate): \$40K+
- 1936 Winter Olympics Hockey Gold Medal – Jimmy Foster, GBR Goaltender: \$35K+
- 1894 Mayo Cut Plug N302 Near Set (29/35) – 28 SGC / 1 PSA Graded: \$30K+
- 1980 Topps #482 Rickey Henderson Rookie PSA GEM-MT 10: \$25K+
- Early 1930s “Original Celtics” Team Signed Original Photograph: \$25K+
- 1/12/1991 Jerry Rice 49ers Playoff Game Worn & Photomatched Jersey: \$25K+