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Only Known Jackie Signed Game Used Bat, Finest ‘Overall’ MJ Rookie Card and 1914 Texas Tommy “Yahtzee Box Find” Highlight SCP’s Summer Auction

Laguna Niguel, Calif. (August 18, 2020) – SCP Auctions’ 2020 Summer Premier is off and running with the newly discovered 1914 Texas Tommy Joe Jackson and Ty Cobb cards, Jackie Robinson’s autographed 1955 World Championship season game used bat, and the highest dual-graded Michael Jordan signed 1986 Fleer rookie card leading the way. Bidding kicked off last Wednesday, August 12th and will conclude next Friday, August 28th at www.SCPAuctions.com.

Barry Bonds’ 762nd and final career home run ball to set the bar as MLB’s Home Run King, Babe Ruth’s 136th career home run baseball to start his 53-year reign as the original Home Run King, a pair of significant Super Bowl rings off the fingers of two dominant Hall of Fame defenders, and three high-ranked 1950’s Topps Baseball complete sets round out an impressive group of featured lots up for bid. Six items are expected to exceed six figures and then some.

An old Yahtzee game box stored in a closet for decades was recently uncovered by the great-grandson of an early 20th century baseball card collector. Among the 400+ cards inside were several never-before-seen gems in what is being billed as one of the hobby’s greatest “candy card” discoveries. The highlight is eight 1914 Texas Tommy cards including a Shoeless Joe (PSA GD+ 2.5) – one of two ever graded – and the only Ty Cobb (PSA PR 1) ever authenticated from the nearly extinct E224 issue. Some have estimated each card to reach mid six-figures when all is said and done (high bid nearly \$100K as of Aug. 18). Many significant 1911-29 Zee-Nut PCL and 1922 American Caramel cards are also included

The 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers finally got over the hump against their cross-town American League rivals from The Bronx, giving ‘Dem Bums a long-awaited taste of victory. Leading off the auction as Lot 1 is “the only known documented Jackie Robinson game used bat from the Brooklyn Dodgers World Championship 1955 season,” according to bat expert John Taube’s PSA/DNA authentication letter. It is graded a perfect GU 10, but the real prize is Jackie’s signature on the barrel. “Judging by the amount of use present and the attention given to the bat, it is clear this was one of Robinson’s preferred game bats,” Taube claims. “When you add the bat’s impeccable provenance and the pristine autograph, it is safe to say this is the foremost Jackie Robinson known.” It could surpass Jackie’s 1947 rookie bat that went for \$478,000 in 2016.

Michael Jordan’s 1986-87 Fleer #57 rookie card has been on fire of late, with a couple unsigned Gem Mint 10 examples reaching \$100K. High-grade autographed versions are fewer and far between. In May, a Beckett dual-graded example (BGS 8.5 card / BAS 10 auto.) became the highest selling MJ card at \$125,000. SCP has one in their current auction with better *overall* marks, graded Mint 9 for both the card (more important) and autograph, that is expected to break the record. The consignor Tim Gallagher, who owns one of the largest basketball autograph collection in the world, had it signed by Jordan in December of 1986 during a Bulls road trip.

Barry Bonds and Babe Ruth were the two most intimidating batsmen ever to step into the box. Pitchers gulped, opposing fans groaned, and jaws would drop whenever one of these left-handed sluggers connected. Listed in the same auction are a pair of milestone home run balls: one that tied Roger Connors

in 1921 to start Babe's long reign as Home Run King; and the other that put a bow on Barry's seat atop baseball's hallowed throne. SCP is no stranger to auctioning famous Bonds HR balls, having sold #'s 756, 755 and this same No. 762 back in 2007 well before anyone knew it would be his last.

Thirty-three years separate the Super Bowl rings awarded to Green Bay Packers linebacker Ray Nitschke and Baltimore Ravens defensive back Rod Woodson. The two first-ballot Hall of Famers provided invaluable veteran leadership on two historically dominant defenses. Few were as gritty and determined as Nitschke, Vince Lombardi's reliable 'QB on D' for every one of the legendary coach's five titles. His offered Super Bowl II ring sold for over \$91,000 back in 2013. One of the speediest cornerbacks in NFL history, Woodson made a seamless transition to safety in his later years to get his only ring in 2000; it is being offered for the first time. Each ring comes with a letter from the player and may clear \$100,000.

Three 100% PSA-graded Topps Baseball sets from 1955, 1957 and 1959, with GPA's of 7.93, 8.0 and 8.06, respectively, have received serious bid activity since the auction opened a week ago. The '55 set is already at \$73,409 (including buyer's premium), with the '59 set at \$41,372 and climbing. An impressive group of championship rings (six Lakers, one ABA) awarded to Hall of Fame shooting guard and front office executive, Bill Sharman, with letters from his family, are offered publicly for the first time. In addition, a former Knicks ball boy is selling his incredible collection of game-worn basketball sneakers, from Hall of Famers like Ewing, Jordan and Kobe, to current superstars Curry, Giannis and Doncic. Michael Jordan memorabilia is well-represented among the 450-plus lots, with debut tickets, multiple rookie cards and MJ autographs dating as far back as the 1981 McDonald's All-American game.

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- ❖ 1952 Topps #311 Mickey Mantle SGC EX-NM 6 - \$70,000+
- ❖ 2019-20 Panini National Treasures Zion Williamson Rookie Auto Patch - \$50,000+
- ❖ Walter Alston 1988 L.A. Lakers World Champions 14K Gold Ring - \$40,000+
- ❖ 1956 Paul Hornung Notre Dame Heisman Season Game Worn Jersey - \$40,000+
- ❖ 1952 Topps Complete Set w/ All 97 High #'s PSA Graded - \$30,000+
- ❖ 1969 Topps Complete Master Set (8.15 GPA) Ranked #11 on PSA Registry - \$30,000+
- ❖ Bill Sharman 1988 L.A. Lakers World Champions Ring - \$30,000+
- ❖ 1931 Babe Ruth Single Signed & Inscribed "Mistress Ball" - \$30,000+
- ❖ 1994 San Francisco 49ers Super Bowl XXIX World Champions Player's Ring - \$25,000+
- ❖ Rollie Fingers 1973 Oakland A's World Series Champions Full-Size Trophy - \$25,000+
- ❖ Lenny Wilkens Hall of Fame Ring as 1992 Olympic "Dream Team" Member - \$25,000+
- ❖ 1994 FIFA World Cup Champions Gold Medal Awarded to Brazil - \$25,000+
- ❖ Carl Hubbell's 1947 National Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ring - \$25,000+
- ❖ 1968 Topps 3-D Roberto Clemente (Rare XOGRAPH Proof) - \$25,000+

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