



DISCOVERED – RARE LOU GEHRIG 1938 GAME USED BAT SOLD FOR \$715,120 AT AUCTION - BIDDING CONCLUDED WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2021

A PROMINENT AMERICAN COLLECTION HAS BEEN SOLD AT SCP AUCTIONS; ONE OF THE FINEST AND MOST IMPORTANT COLLECTIONS OF SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT RARITIES SELLS IN WINTER PREMIER AUCTION

Laguna Niguel Calif. (April 4, 2021) – One of Lou Gehrig’s final game used bats from the 1938 season and possibly during that year’s Fall classic sold for **\$715,120** at SCP Auctions on Saturday April 3rd. Derived from the personal collection of teammate and Yankee Hall of Famer, Earle Combs and freshly graded and authenticated by PSA/DNA who scored the gorgeous Gehrig monument GU 10; this is one of the most important pieces of lumber ever sold from the Iron Horse. Ordered in September of 1938, this is one of the final bats Gehrig used during his illustrious career and may have been used during the ’38 World Series and possibly during Spring Training in 1939. The order date of this specimen points to September 7, 1938, the last month of his New York Yankees career.

In addition to the Gehrig bat, a collection of ultra-rare and highly desirable pieces of sports and entertainment history was featured at the Winter Premier Auction on April 3, 2021. The items offered were consigned by Al Tapper, **A Passionate American Collector**. The collection spans a near century of American history beginning with the original home plate from Yankee Stadium in 1923 which sold for **\$303,277** on Saturday night online at www.scpauctions.com.

In addition to the home plate, a letter from Babe Ruth to his mistress circa 1922 sold for **\$201,851** while Bobby Thomson’s 1951 New York Giants Cap worn to hit “The Shot Heard ‘Round The World” brought **\$137,866**.

The Auction Highlights

- ❖ Highly Important 1938 Lou Gehrig Game Used H&B Louisville Slugger Bat (Gifted to Earle Combs & Delivered From the Earle Combs Family) PSA/DNA GU 10 - **\$715,120**
- ❖ Recently Discovered 1927 New York Yankee Autographed Team Photograph From the Estate of Don Miller – PSA/DNA Type 1 & Authentic - **\$444,031**
- ❖ 1923 Original Home Plate from Yankee Stadium – PSA/DNA - **\$303,277**
- ❖ Rare Babe Ruth handwritten letter to his mistress, Circa 1922 - **\$201,851**

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- ❖ Bobby Thomson's 1951 New York Giants Cap worn to hit "The Shot Heard Round the World" - **\$137,866**
- ❖ "The Bloody Sock" worn by Curt Schilling in game two of the 2004 World Series - **\$75,330**
- ❖ Ted Williams Cleats worn when he hit his last home run in the final at bat of his career in 1960 - **\$70,745**
- ❖ Highly Important Jackie Robinson signed 2-page letter with original correspondence from sender regarding the holocaust and the slave trade - **\$70,745**
- ❖ Sugar Ray Leonard's fight-worn gloves from 1980 bout vs. Roberto Durán - **\$66,734**
- ❖ 1960 Ted Williams signed Boston Red Sox players contract – His final season - **\$65,048**
- ❖ 1933 Goudey #53 Babe Ruth - SGC EX 5 - **\$58,734**
- ❖ 2019-20 Panini National Treasures #108 Zion Williamson Rookie Auto Patch (19/99) - PSA NM 7 & PSA/DNA 10 AUTO - **\$55,152**
- ❖ Joe DiMaggio autographed letter to Marilyn Monroe Circa 1954 - **\$51,450**
- ❖ 1911 T3 Turkey Red Ty Cobb (Checklist Back) - PSA VG-EX+ 4.5 – **\$40,115**
- ❖ One of a kind 1967 LeRoy Neiman Original Drawing of Mickey Mantle - **\$38,653**
- ❖ Scarce 1888 N162 Goodwin "Champions" King Kelly PSA NM-MT 8 – None Higher - **\$37,610**
- ❖ Rare 1948 original photo "The Babe Bows Out" by Nat Fein - **\$25,686**
- ❖ Ken Keltner Pro Model glove used in the DiMaggio July 17, 1941 56 game hit streak ending contest - **\$21,260**
- ❖ Large Bronze Metal Plaque Memorial that Marked the birthplace of Lou Gehrig 1953 - **\$18,840**
- ❖ James Dean signed and handwritten letter of biography file for Theater World in 1954 - **\$15,972**
- ❖ Lou Gehrig Signed 8 x 10" Photograph in PSA/DNA MINT 9 Black Pen - **\$15,569**
- ❖ Christy Mathewson's Personal Dog Tags from World War I - **\$15,071**
- ❖ Mark Scott's own autographed "Home Run Derby" baseball Circa 1960 - **\$12,737**
- ❖ Thomas Edison's 5 Keys to his Menlo Park Laboratory Circa 1886 - **\$10,900**
- ❖ 7/31/1969 Muhammad Ali handwritten and double signed, "Cassius Clay" letter regarding Chappaquiddick tragedy - **\$9,424**
- ❖ Arthur Ashe's necklace worn in 1975 Wimbledon win in finals over Jimmy Connors - **\$9,007**

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