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Rare Larry Bird/Julius Erving/Magic Johnson Rookie Card Goes for Over Half a Million Dollars at SCP Auctions on July 9, 2021

Laguna Niguel, Calif. (July 12, 2021) – SCP Auctions’ 2021 Summer Premier Auction closed with a bang on Friday, July 9. Bidders came in hot pursuit of the valuable and important memorabilia and cards offered in the auction, especially a one-of-24 PSA GEM MINT 10 example of the Topps Larry Bird-Julius Erving-Magic Johnson rookie card that sold for over half a million dollars. Four decades after the treasured card was created, the card’s final price was **\$513,565** at the conclusion of the auction.

NBA legend Michael Jordan also had multiple prominent items featured in the Summer Premier, including an iconic highly valuable home Bulls jersey from his 1984-85 rookie season graded MEARS A10. The museum-quality jersey was rescued from a vintage clothing store in the recent past and went for **\$125,332** when all was said and done.

Other key cards in the sale brought some serious prices, including a 1986 Topps Jerry Rice rookie graded PSA 10 that sold for **\$96,510**, and a 1969 Topps Reggie Jackson graded PSA 9 that went for **\$50,137**. A 1986 Fleer Jordan rookie graded BGS 9.5 brought **\$50,137**. This was slightly down from the unfathomable numbers we were seeing during the height of the MJ craze earlier this year, but a promising result as the Jordan market stabilizes. A 1948 Bowman George Mikan rookie graded PSA 8 netted **\$120,000** shortly after the auction closed.

The auction also included a variety of world-class results for highly desirable pieces of sports history. Two significant early 20th century Boston Red Sox championship pieces fetched big returns. A rare 1903 World Series championship watch fob sold for **\$97,558** and 1916 Red Sox championship gold pocket watch garnered over **\$50,000**. One of the big surprises of the night came when a 1965 match worn and signed Pelé soccer jersey graded MEARS A10 ended up collecting **\$69,184**.

The rare original photo buyers were out in full force and brought significant action to the category during the sale. A 1919 World Series Joe Jackson original photo encapsulated PSA/DNA Type 1 led the way with a final price realized of **\$20,546**. Jackie Robinson was also on display and a very early 1947 International News photograph encapsulated PSA/DNA Type 1 brought **\$8,711**. In all, the original photograph category garnered **\$67,838** at the auction.

Complete results from SCP Auctions’ multimillion-dollar Summer Premier can be found [here](#).

The Auction Highlights

- ❖ 1980 Topps Larry Bird/Julius Erving/Magic Johnson Scoring Leaders Rookie - PSA GEM MINT 10 - **\$513,565**

- ❖ Highly Valuable 1984-85 Michael Jordan Home Rookie Chicago Bulls Game Worn Jersey - MEARS A10 - **\$125,332**
- ❖ 1948 Bowman #69 George Mikan Rookie - PSA NM-MT 8 - **\$120,000**
- ❖ 1903 Boston Red Sox World Championship Watch Fob Presented to Jake Stahl - **\$97,558**
- ❖ 1986 Topps #161 Jerry Rice Rookie PSA GEM MINT 10 - **\$96,510**
- ❖ 1965 Pele Brazil Match Worn & Signed Shirt from Brazil vs. West Germany - MEARS A10, PSA/DNA - **\$69,184**
- ❖ 1969 Topps #260 Reggie Jackson Rookie – PSA MINT 9 – **\$50,137**
- ❖ 1986 Fleer #57 Michael Jordan Rookie – BGS GEM MINT 9.5 - **\$50,137**
- ❖ Rare 1916 Harry Hooper Boston Red Sox World Championship Gold Pocket Watch - **\$50,062**
- ❖ Outstanding Early 1930's Babe Ruth Signed "Home Run Special" Ball – JSA & Beckett LOA - **\$44,126**
- ❖ Lot #10: 1972 Muhammad Ali vs. George Chuvalo II fight worn, Signed and Inscribed Trunks - Exceptional Referee Provenance - **\$31,129**
- ❖ Valuable 1994 Michael Jordan Birmingham Barons Game Worn and Signed Jersey - MEARS A10 /BECKETT/KOEHLER LETTER OF PROVENANCE - **\$30,343**
- ❖ Recently Discovered 1968 Mickey Mantle Game Used Bat – PSA/DNA GU 8 - **\$30,343**
- ❖ 2012-13 Stephen Curry Game Worn Golden State Warriors Home Jersey – NBA/MEIGRAY LOA - **\$29,372**
- ❖ Extraordinary Cy Young Single Signed Baseball – BECKET LOA - **\$27,354**
- ❖ 2002 Tampa Bay Buccaneers Super Bowl XXXVII Ring - **\$24,274**
- ❖ The Rolling Stones' "Tongue and Lips" Original Artwork By Logo Creator John Pasche - **\$22,226**
- ❖ 1919 World Series Joe Jackson Original Photograph - PSA/DNA TYPE 1 - **\$20,546**
- ❖ 1977 Reggie Jackson New York Yankees Game Used & Autographed Home Run Adirondack Bat - PSA/DNA - **\$17,762**
- ❖ Very Fine Honus Wagner Single Signed Baseball (Ex-Arthur Meyer Collection) - JSA LOA - **\$17,762**

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