Half of a T206 Honus Wagner Rakes in Nearly Half a Million at SCP’s 2022 Winter Premier


After the final tune-up game of the 1984 Olympic Trials in San Diego, California on July 25, 1984, Jordan gifted the Converse shoes he wore throughout the trials to the teenage son of the USA team physician, who was with the team on parts of their journey. Those are the kicks we are offering in this auction. The shoes are dual signed by Jordan in red ink, as well as fellow future Hall of Famer and 1992 “Dream Team” teammate Chris Mullin, plus ’84 USA players Vern Fleming, Alvin Robertson and Wayman Tisdale (D. 2009).

The auction also features a triple crown of Atlanta Braves lots, all home run balls smacked in the clinching Game 6 of the 2021 World Series. Perhaps the most talked-about homer of the three was World Series MVP Jorge Soler’s three-run, 446-foot moonshot that went straight out of Minute Maid Park in Houston. That bomb was followed by a two-run, 411-foot blast from Braves shortstop Dansby Swanson in the fifth inning. The Braves were still shutting out the ‘Stros 6-0 in the top of the seventh inning when Freddie Freeman put the cherry on top of the victory with a solo shot to put the Braves up 7-0, a lead they would never relinquish en route to the team’s first title since 1995.

One of the other iconic and historic lots in the auction is the Holy Grail of the hobby, a 1909-11 T206 Sweet Caporal Honus Wagner graded PSA Authentic. The card carries the PSA certification number 00000002. The example is slabbed in its original PSA flip, which states it is “PSA Genuine.” It recently resurfaced after dwelling in the consignor’s collection since the 1990s. Though slightly more than 50% of the card remains, in our opinion it is still more valuable than 90% of sports cards in existence.

Some of the other premium cards featured in the sale are also of great historical significance. A signed 1984-85 Star Co. Michael Jordan is his true rookie card and is being offered in a BGS NM-MT+ 8.5 grade with a 10 autograph. There is only one example graded higher than the beautifully signed 1952 Bowman Mantle graded PSA VG-EX 4 with a Mint 9 auto offered in this auction. No examples are graded higher than the 1933 Goudey #92 Lou Gehrig graded SGC Mint 9 in the sale.

This auction is also chock full of original photographs, the vast majority of which have been encapsulated Type 1 by PSA/DNA. One of these lots is a June 13, 1948, photo of “The Babe Bows Out,” believed to be the actual print used for the Herald Tribune the night the iconic image was shot. Among the many other significant Type 1 lots: a 1920 Shoeless Joe Jackson “Baseball Crook” photo, a signed and inscribed Lou Gehrig photo (George Burke) from the Earle Combs Family Collection, a shot from Sandy
Koufax’s 1954 rookie signing with the Dodgers, a February 1988 image of Michael Jordan winning his second-consecutive Slam Dunk Contest, and a Martin Luther King Jr. photo from his protest speech in Selma, Alabama.

There are some high-end modern cards available in the sale as well. A 2017 Bowman Mega Box Chrome Prospects Shohei Ohtani rookie is the only example in the PSA population report with two Gem Mint 10 grades for both the card and the auto. A variety of Patrick Mahomes cards are being presented, including a 2017 National Treasures Rookie Colossal Material Signatures graded BGS Mint 9 with a 10 auto. For those looking to get their hands on a rookie example of an NFL player on the rise, look no further than the two Mac Jones rookie patch autos offered — both numbered out of 5.

On the memorabilia side of the sale, SCP is presenting an 18-karat gold presidential Rolex engraved wristwatch owned by the great golfer Arnold Palmer. The watch is engraved on the case back with Palmer's monogram "ADP," for Arnold Daniel Palmer. This delightful timepiece was later included by Palmer as part of a black-tie charity dinner and auction held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in Manhattan, NY on June 13, 1995, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the U.S.G.A. (United States Golf Association).

For basketball memorabilia enthusiasts, SCP is pleased to present the Northeastern Gentleman’s Basketball Collection, an assembly of nearly 30 items used by ABA, NBA, and even ABL players. In this collection bidders can find a game-worn Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Lakers jersey, a Bob Cousy game-worn Celtics warm-up jacket, a Barry Liebowitz Pittsburgh Pipers warm-up jacket and pants, and more.

Other significant game-used memorabilia include the cap and sunglasses worn by Fernando Tatis Jr. in his 2019 MLB debut, a circa 1970 Pele Brazil match-worn shirt, and Joc Pederson’s 2021 bat he “stole” from Anthony Rizzo and used to hit three postseason home runs.

Highly significant and valuable championship jewelry rounds out the premium sale. A 1957 Milwaukee Braves World Series ring, 2010 Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup championship ring, 2006 Indianapolis Colts Super Bowl XLI ring, and a 1995 Atlanta Braves World Series ring are sure to dazzle bidders during this sale.

**Auction Highlights**

- 1984 Michael Jordan Olympic Trials Game Worn & Team-Signed Converse Basketball Sneakers - LETTER OF PROVENANCE FROM SON OF TEAM USA DOCTOR — $75,000+
- Signed 1984-85 Star Co Michael Jordan #101 - BGS NM-MT+ 8.5, AUTO 10 — $80,000+
- Jorge Soler’s 3-Run Blast Home Run Baseball from Final Game of the 2021 World Series - LETTER OF PROVENANCE — $150,000+
- Dansby Swanson’s 2-Run Home Run Baseball from Final Game of the 2021 World Series - LETTER OF PROVENANCE — $20,000+
- Freddie Freeman’s Solo Home Run Baseball from Final Game of the 2021 World Series - LETTER OF PROVENANCE — $25,000+
- 1909-11 T206 Honus Wagner - PSA AUTHENTIC — $250,000+
- 1933 Goudey Lou Gehrig #92 - SGC MINT 9 - POP 3, NONE HIGHER — $150,000+
❖ Beautifully Signed 1952 Bowman #101 Mickey Mantle - PSA VG-EX 4, AUTO 9 - POP OF 1! ONLY ONE GRADED HIGHER! — $100,000+
❖ Valuable 1952 Topps #407 Ed Mathews - PSA NM-MT 8 - RAZOR SHARP CORNERS — $80,000+
❖ 1920 Most Important & Historic Shoeless Joe Jackson "Baseball Crook" Original Photograph - EXTREME RARITY PUBLISHED AFTER BLACK SOX SCANDAL - ONE OF HIS MOST FAMOUS IMAGES - PSA/DNA TYPE 1 — $10,000+
❖ C. 1970 Arnold Palmer Owned 18k Gold Rolex Engraved Wristwatch - WITH AD — $75,000+
❖ June 13, 1948 The Babe Bows Out By Nat Fein (First Copy - Evening Post/Tribune Newspaper) - PULITZER PRIZE WINNING SHOT - PSA/DNA TYPE 1 - BELIEVED TO BE THE ACTUAL PRINT USED FOR FIRST NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION THE EVENING PHOTO WAS SHOT! — $100,000+
❖ Historical 1930's Signed and Inscribed Lou Gehrig Original Photograph by George Burke - PERSONALIZED FROM GEHRIG TO EARLE COMBS - EARLE COMBS FAMILY COLLECTION - PSA/DNA TYPE 1 — $50,000+
❖ 1980-81 Topps Scoring Leaders Bird/Erving/Johnson - BVG GEM MINT 9.5 - ONLY (2) GRADED HIGHER! — $50,000+
❖ Fernando Tatis Jr. MLB Debut Game Worn San Diego Padres Cap - MLB AUTHENTIC — $20,000+
❖ Fernando Tatis Jr. MLB Debut Game Worn & Autographed 'Speedcoupe' Sunglasses - BECKETT LOA — $5,000+
❖ 2021 Joc Pederson Game Used 'Stolen' Anthony Rizzo Marucci 'Rizz-H Custom Cut - M' BASEBALL BAT - 3 POSTSEASON HOME RUNS! - MLB AUTHENTIC — $10,000+
❖ Autographed 2017 Bowman Mega Box Chrome Prospects #BCP31 Shohei Ohtani - PSA GEM MINT 10, 10 AUTO. – POP OF 1! — $5,000+
❖ 2017 Panini Encased Rookie Triple Memorabilia #19 Patrick Mahomes Sapphire (16/25) - BGS GEM MINT 9.5 - $5,000+
❖ 2021 Panini National Treasures Collegiate #102 Mac Jones College Silhouettes Signatures -150TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO - PSA NM-MT 8 - POP OF 1! — $5,000+
❖ 2010 Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championship Ring - 14K GOLD WITH DIAMONDS AND RUBIES — $30,000+
❖ 1957 Milwaukee Braves World Series Ring Presented to Outfielder Bill Bruton — $20,000+
❖ 2006 Indianapolis Colts Super Bowl XLI World Championship 14k Gold And Diamonds Ring - PRESENTED TO ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER DAVID WALSTON — $15,000+
❖ 1995 Atlanta Braves World Series Championship Ring - PRESENTED TO STAFF MEMBER STROTHERS — $10,000+
❖ 1970 NBA Finals Los Angeles Lakers vs. New York Knicks Game 7 Ticket Stub (Knicks 1st Championship, Willis Reed Game) - PSA AUTHENTIC - POP OF 2! — $20,000+

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Note: High-resolution photos available upon request.

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