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Recently Uncovered Kobe Bryant Rookie Playoff Worn Photomatched Jersey Tops \$2.735 Million at SCP Auctions' \$8 Million Spring Premier

Laguna Niguel, Calif. (June 5, 2022) – SCP Auctions' 2022 Spring Premier Auction finished with a flurry of bids coming in on Saturday, June 4, led by the only Kobe Bryant jersey ever to be photomatched to his rookie season playoff run, which finished at **\$2.735 million**. This result is the second highest for any basketball game worn jersey ever. The astounding game worn jersey from the Lakers legend was photomatched by Meigray, Resolution and Sports Investors to the Lakers' 1997 playoff run, as well as multiple games at the end of Bryant's rookie regular season.

SCP President David Kohler said: "The overall auction brought extremely strong numbers and many record sales. The auction total went over \$8 million, which is the second biggest auction in company history. This incredible sale happened amidst stock market volatility and war overseas, too."

There were some excellent cardboard sales in the Spring Premier as well. None were bigger than the only known autographed Kobe Bryant Precious Metal Gems example, which ended at **\$403,664**. SCP also rewrote the record books with an astonishing **\$97,710** result for a 1914 Cracker Jack Joe Jackson graded PSA 1.5. This sale stands as the highest ever for this card in this grade. Other commendable card sales included a 1951 Bowman Mickey Mantle rookie graded PSA 8 that went for **\$342,379**, an autographed 1933 Goudey Babe Ruth card with a PSA 7 auto that sold for **\$275,696**, a 1934 Goudey #61 Lou Gehrig that brought **\$137,854**, and many more.

The ticket market continues to sizzle as well, with one monumental ticket setting itself apart in the auction. One of the eight PSA-slabbed copies of the ticket stub from Jackie Robinson's debut brought an amazing **\$230,291**. This result establishes a new record for this ticket in this grade.

The auction also included a variety of world-class results for highly desirable pieces of sports memorabilia. A 1920-22 Babe Ruth game used bat brought **\$227,856** when all was said and done. Championship jewelry was a hot commodity in the sale, particularly DeShawn Stevenson's 2011 Dallas Mavericks NBA championship ring, which sold for **\$73,253**.

Several rare and historic PSA/DNA Type 1 original photographs brought big prices in SCP's sale. A 1947 Jackie Robinson photo taken the day of his rookie debut went for a stunning **\$103,163**. Other exemplary original photo sales included a shot taken in 1920 by legendary photographer Paul Thompson of Babe Ruth during his first season with the Yankees that went for **40,819**, a 1923 New York Yankees team photograph that sold for **\$30,629**, and a Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio passport photo that brought **\$24,244**.

The auction was rounded out by one of the top vintage baseball advertising sign collections in the hobby, the Capital Vintage Baseball Advertising Collection. Extremely rare pieces brought big results on

Saturday night, such as a C. 1910 Walter Johnson Tuxedo Tobacco trolley car sign that raked in **\$50,062**, and a C. 1910 Christy Mathewson Tuxedo Tobacco trolley car sign that sold for **\$36,410**.

All results from SCP's \$8 million Spring Premier can be found at www.SCPauctions.com.

Auction Highlights

- ❖ Newly Uncovered 1996-97 Kobe Bryant Los Angeles Lakers Game Worn Rookie Home Jersey Photomatched to 5 Games Incl. 2 Playoff Games - ONLY KNOWN KOBE ROOKIE JERSEY MATCHED TO PLAYOFFS! – RESOLUTION PHOTOMATCHING LOA, SPORTS INVESTORS LOA, MEIGRAY LOA — **\$2,735,546**
- ❖ Freshly Graded 1997 Skybox Metal Universe Precious Metal Gems #81 Kobe Bryant (60/100) - PSA AA, MINT 9 AUTO - THE ONLY KNOWN AUTOGRAPHED KOBE PMG IN THE HOBBY! — **\$403,664**
- ❖ High End 1951 Bowman #253 Mickey Mantle Rookie - PSA NM-MT 8 — **\$342,379**
- ❖ 1933 GOUDEY #181 BABE RUTH AUTOGRAPHED CARD - PSA AUTHENTIC, AUTO 7 — **\$275,696**
- ❖ Monumental April 15, 1947 Brooklyn Dodgers Opening Day Ticket Stub - JACKIE ROBINSON MLB DEBUT TO BREAK BASEBALL'S COLOR BARRIER! - PSA AUTHENTIC (POP 5, ONLY 3 RATED HIGHER) — **\$230,291 (RECORD FOR THIS TICKET IN THIS GRADE)**
- ❖ 1920-22 Babe Ruth Game Used H&B Professional Model Bat - A MASSIVE 44 OZ. CLUB FROM THE BEGINNING OF RUTH'S YANKEE TENURE AND BASEBALL'S MOST TRANSFORMATIVE ERA - PSA/DNA GU8.5, MEARS A9.5 — **\$227,856**
- ❖ 1934 Goudey #37 Lou Gehrig - PSA NM-MT 8 — **\$137,866**
- ❖ 1934 Goudey #61 Lou Gehrig - PSA NM-MT 8 — **\$137,854**
- ❖ 1955 Topps Baseball PSA Graded Complete Set Of (206) With 7.93 GPA & Ranked #15 On PSA Registry - ALL PSA NM-MT 8 OR HIGHER WITH ONLY TWO CARDS BELOW PSA NM-MT 8 — **\$110,293**
- ❖ April 15, 1947 Jackie Robinson Original Photograph Taken Day Of His Rookie Debut - ONE OF MOST SIGNIFICANT & POWERFUL PAPER CAPTIONS KNOWN - PSA/DNA TYPE I — **\$103,163**
- ❖ 1914 Cracker Jack #103 Joe Jackson - PSA FR 1.5 — **\$97,710 (RECORD FOR THIS CARD IN THIS GRADE)**
- ❖ 1959 Topps Baseball PSA Graded Complete Master Set (572 + 9 Variations) With 8.06 GPA & Ranked #10 On PSA Registry - ALL PSA NM-MT 8 OR HIGHER WITH ONLY TWO CARDS BELOW NM-MT 8 — **\$82,727**
- ❖ 1957 Topps Baseball PSA Graded Near Complete Set (406/407) Incl. "Bakep" Error For 407 Total Cards - ALL PSA NM-MT OR HIGHER WITH 8.0 GPA — **\$80,750**
- ❖ 1960 Topps Baseball PSA Graded Complete Set - ALL PSA NM-MT 8 OR HIGHER WITH ONLY 4 GRADED BELOW - CURRENTLY RANKS #22 ON PSA REGISTRY — **\$80,750**
- ❖ DeShawn Stevenson's 2011 Dallas Mavericks NBA Championship Ring - 10K GOLD WITH DIAMONDS — **\$73,253**
- ❖ Coveted 1996-97 Kobe Bryant Dual-Signed Los Angeles Lakers Rookie Season Game Worn Adidas Sneakers (MEARS AUTHENTIC, JSA & PSA/DNA LOA'S) — **\$64,313**
- ❖ 1970 Topps #580 Pete Rose - PSA GEM MINT 10 — **\$55,152**
- ❖ 1972 Topps #559 Pete Rose - PSA GEM MINT 10 — **\$55,152**

- ❖ Cortez Kennedy's 2010 New Orleans Saints Super Bowl XLIV Champions 14k Gold Ring — **\$50,118 (RECORD FOR ANY SAINTS RING)**
- ❖ Circa 1910 Walter Johnson Tuxedo Tobacco Trolley Car Advertising Sign - EXTREMELY RARE! — **\$50,062**
- ❖ 1986 Fleer #57 Michael Jordan Rookie - BGS GEM MINT 9.5 — **\$46,693**
- ❖ 1920 Babe Ruth "Home Run Swing" 1st Season With Yankees Original Photograph By Paul Thompson - PSA/DNA TYPE 1 — **\$40,819**
- ❖ Unique And Rare Circa 1910 Christy Mathewson Tuxedo Tobacco Trolley Car Advertising Sign — **\$36,410**
- ❖ 1965 Pele Brazil National Team Match Worn Jersey With Ex-Brazil Player Provenance - MEARS LOA — **\$32,270**
- ❖ Incredibly Scarce & Important 1923 New York Yankees Original Team Photograph - FIRST WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP WITH 19 YEAR-OLD PRE-ROOKIE LOU GEHRIG! - PSA/DNA TYPE I — **\$30,629**
- ❖ Early Career 1981 Diego Maradona Match Worn, Signed & Inscribed Boca Juniors Jersey - LETTER OF PROVENANCE, MEARS A10 & BECKETT LOA — **\$27,584**

Note: High-resolution photos available upon request.

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