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**Pair of Iconic Bill Russell Rings Headline SCP Auctions' Summer Premier**

**Laguna Niguel, Calif. (August 31, 2022)** – SCP Auctions' 2022 Summer Premier is live, with the late, great Bill Russell's Hall of Fame ring and NBA 50 Greatest Players ring among the featured items in the auction. The sale will conclude Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at [www.SCPauctions.com](http://www.SCPauctions.com).

With a heavy heart, SCP Auctions is honored to present the late Bill Russell's Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame induction ring and NBA 50 Greatest Players ring. Russell famously refused to attend his Hall of Fame induction ceremony in 1975, stating that other African-American players deserved the honor before him. In 2019, he received his long overdue and spectacular Hall of Fame ring offered in this auction. His 50 Greatest Players ring is also a superb 14k gold jewel and tribute to the only player in league history ever to win 11 rings.

The auction is chock full of high-grade vintage cards. A 1951 Bowman Mickey Mantle rookie graded PSA NM 7, a 1952 Topps Mantle rookie graded SGC VG+ 3.5, a scarce SGC Mint 9 1959 Topps Mickey Mantle, and a rare 1910 E98 Set of 30 Red Ty Cobb graded PSA Mint 9 are just a few of the many vintage cardboard treasures in the sale.

The sale also includes some premium modern cards. A BGS Gem Mint 9.5 2009 Bowman Chrome Draft Prospects Mike Trout autographed Blue Refractor rookie numbered 017/150, a 1996 Topps Chrome Kobe Bryant rookie refractor graded PSA Mint 9, and a 2009 National Treasures Timeline Materials Last Name Signatures Stephen Curry rookie graded BGS Gem Mint 9.5 are among the valuable modern cards.

On the game worn memorabilia side of the sale, a Wilt Chamberlain Los Angeles Lakers home jersey worn between 1968-73 is offered. The twice signed threads were given a MEARS A9 and an LOA from Sports Investors. The jersey worn by two-way sensation Shohei Ohtani when he hit his milestone 45<sup>th</sup> home run of the 2021 MVP season is also being presented. Shotime signed and inscribed the back of the jersey, which is authenticated by MLB and Fanatics. For Kobe Bryant fans, SCP is presenting the shoes the Mamba wore in Game 4 of the 2008 Western Conference Finals. Kobe signed the kicks he donned while dropping 28 points and 10 rebounds in a win over the Spurs. The shoes are photomatched by Resolution.

Several rare and historic PSA/DNA Type 1 original photographs have been consigned to SCP. These lots include a 1911 shot of Ty Cobb sliding into home at the first unofficial All Star Game ever played, a 1917 George Grantham Bain team photo of the World Series Champion White Sox including all "Eight Men Out" from the infamous Black Sox, an image of Mickey Mantle from the day he wore #7 for the first time, and more. In all, over 50 original photo lots grace this auction's catalog.

SCP is proud to present the collection of former Los Angeles Dodgers general manager Fred Claire. The longtime Dodgers executive has put five rings, as well as various other memorabilia items, on the

auction block via SCP. A portion of the proceeds from each of Claire's items in this auction will go to the City of Hope.

Also being offered in the auction are over 50 vintage boxing cards and memorabilia items relating to legendary fighter Jack Johnson. Johnson is known for being the first African American to win the heavyweight championship just after the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Johnson's 1910 letter challenging James Jeffries to the 1910 World Heavyweight Championship, and a vintage boxing glove signed by Johnson, Jeffries, and Jim Thorpe are among the lots presented.

Other significant and valuable championship jewelry is included in the premium sale. Oscar Robertson's Basketball Hall of Fame ring, Clyde Lovellette's Basketball Hall of Fame ring, Wes Matthews' 1988 Los Angeles Lakers NBA championship ring, and Devon White's 1997 Florida Marlins World Series championship ring are sure to dazzle bidders during this sale.

### **Auction Highlights**

- ❖ Bill Russell's Important 1975 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall Of Fame 14k Gold Ring With Russell Letter — \$200,000+
- ❖ C. 1968-73 Wilt Chamberlain Twice-Signed Los Angeles Lakers Game Worn Home Jersey (ONE OF THE FINEST WILT LAKERS JERSEYS KNOWN) - MEARS A9, SPORTS INVESTORS LOA, PSA/DNA LOA — \$200,000+
- ❖ Bill Russell's Significant NBA 50 Greatest Players 14k Gold Ring With Original Presentation Box And Russell Letter — \$100,000+
- ❖ 2012-13 Panini Prizm Basketball Factory Sealed Case (12 BOXES WITH 20 PACKS EACH) - BBCE AUTHENTIC — \$100,000+
- ❖ Monumental July 16, 1923 Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis Autographed Letter AS SENT TO SHOELESS JOE JACKSON REGARDING MLB REINSTATEMENT - PSA/DNA MINT 9 — \$90,000+
- ❖ 1951 Bowman #253 Mickey Mantle Rookie - PSA NM 7 — \$90,000+
- ❖ 2021 Shohei Ohtani Game Worn, Signed & Inscribed Jersey From His 45th Home Run Game! - MLB AUTH., FANATICS AUTH., BECKETT LOA — \$75,000+
- ❖ 5/27/2008 Kobe Bryant Game Worn & Dual-Signed Nike 'Kobe III' Shoes Photo-Matched To Western Conference Finals Game 4 At San Antonio - 28 PTS. & 10 REBS. IN WIN (RESOLUTION & SPURS BALL BOY LOA'S) — \$75,000+
- ❖ 1952 Topps #311 Mickey Mantle Rookie - SGC VG+ 3.5 — \$60,000+
- ❖ 1959 Topps #10 Mickey Mantle - SGC MINT 9 (ONLY TWO HIGHER IN PSA, SGC AND BVG POP COMBINED!) — \$50,000+
- ❖ 2009 Bowman Chrome Draft Prospects Blue Refractor #BDPP89 Mike Trout Rookie Signed (#017/150) - BGS GEM MINT 9.5, BECKETT 10 AUTO. — \$40,000+
- ❖ Oscar Robertson's Important 1979-80 Naismith Basketball Hall Of Fame Ring (ONE OF THE EARLIEST HOF INDUCTION RINGS AWARDED) WITH ROBERTSON LETTER — \$40,000+
- ❖ 1909-11 T206 Piedmont (350-460/25) Ty Cobb, Bat Off Shoulder - PSA EX-MT 6 (HIGHEST GRADED, POP 3) — \$40,000+
- ❖ 1910 E98 Set Of (Red) 30 Ty Cobb - PSA MINT 9 (ONLY THREE HIGHER) — \$40,000+
- ❖ 1914 Cracker Jack #30 Ty Cobb - PSA VG 3 — \$40,000+

- ❖ 1928 Yuengling's Ice Cream #26 Lou Gehrig - PSA NM-MT 8 (HIGHEST GRADED, POP 5) — \$30,000+
- ❖ Clyde Lovellette's 1988 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall Of Fame Induction Ring WITH LOVELLETTE FAMILY LOA — \$30,000+
- ❖ Super Scarce 2008-09 Upper Deck Ultimate Collection Century Legends Epic Signatures Update #CLLJ LeBron James (ONLY 14 ACCOUNTED FOR) - BGS MINT 9 / BECKETT 10 AUTO. — \$30,000+
- ❖ Incredibly Rare 2008-09 Upper Deck Ultimate Collection Century Legends Epic Signatures Update #CLKB Kobe Bryant (ONLY 11 KNOWN) - BGS GEM MINT 9.5 / BECKETT 10 AUTO. — \$25,000+
- ❖ 1951 Bowman #305 Willie Mays Rookie - BVG EX-MT 6 — \$25,000+
- ❖ 1996 Topps Chrome Refractor #138 Kobe Bryant Rookie - PSA MINT 9 — \$25,000+
- ❖ C. 1909-10 Jack Johnson Signed Letter Challenging James J. Jeffries To The Famous July 4, 1910 World Heavyweight Championship (THE ORIGINAL "FIGHT OF THE CENTURY") - SOURCED FROM STANLEY WESTON ESTATE — \$25,000+
- ❖ 2009 National Treasures Timeline Materials Last Name Signatures #5 Stephen Curry Rookie (8/30) - BGS GEM MINT 9.5, BECKETT 10 AUTO. — \$20,000+
- ❖ 2009 Upper Deck Exquisite Collection Autograph #72 Stephen Curry Rookie (201/225) - BGS NM-MT 8 / BECKETT 10 AUTO. — \$20,000+
- ❖ 1910 T206 Piedmont (350/25) Cy Young, Cleveland Portrait - SGC NM 7 (HIGHEST GRADED, POP 2) — \$25,000+
- ❖ Historic July 24, 1911 Ty Cobb Original Photograph Sliding Into Home Wearing Cleveland Naps Uniform At 'Addie Joss Benefit Game' (FIRST UNOFFICIAL ALL-STAR GAME EVER PLAYED) - PSA/DNA TYPE I — \$15,000+
- ❖ Stunning 1917 Chicago White Sox World Series Champions Original Photograph By George Grantham Bain WITH ALL "EIGHT MEN OUT" FROM INFAMOUS BLACK SOX - PSA/DNA TYPE I — \$10,000+

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