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1920 Babe Ruth Photo Sets World Record at SCP's Multimillion-Dollar February Finest Auction

Big Results Across All Categories in the Auction

Laguna Niguel, Calif. (February 4, 2023) – SCP Auctions' special February Finest Auction closed with a bevy of bidding on Saturday night, with numerous sports cards and memorabilia items seeing spectacular sales.

Leading the way was USA Hockey player Steve Christoff's gold medal from the 1980 "Miracle On Ice" team, which went for **\$375,961**. The forward helped lead the Americans to one of the greatest upsets in sports history over USSR at the 1980 Winter Olympics.

Some vintage cards also performed admirably in the multimillion-dollar auction. A 1909-11 T206 complete set fully PSA graded with a 4.27 Set Rating brought **\$275,706**, one of a few known autographed 1934 Goudey #37 Lou Gehrig examples sold for **\$137,865**, and a popular 1952 Topps #312 Jackie Robinson miscut card with part of the #311 Mickey Mantle clearly visible took in **\$48,316**.

Several rare and historic PSA/DNA Type 1 original photographs saw showstopping sales, particularly a pair of 1920 Babe Ruth Paul Thompson photos. A Thompson image of Ruth swinging for the fences sold for **\$153,389**, which is a new world record price for any Ruth Yankees photo. Another shot showing the Babe picking out his home run bat brought **\$52,417**. An oversized Babe Ruth autographed photograph signed months after the historic 1927 season took in **\$34,190**.

Game used memorabilia garnered strong numbers as well. An Aaron Judge jersey from three of the home runs he hit during his 2022 record-breaking 62 home run season sold for **\$82,864**, a Ted Williams glove photomatched to multiple images from 1955-56 brought **\$60,667**, and a 1965 Pelé Brazil jersey with a MEARS A10 designation took in **\$45,578**.

Other unique items brought plenty of bidding activity. Ted Williams' 1947 Triple Crown trophy sold for **\$124,289**, Muhammad Ali's 1965-66 United States passport took in **\$91,151**, and a 1962 Cassius Clay poem predicting his victory over Sonny Liston brought **\$35,801**.

Valuable championship jewelry dazzled bidders in the sale. Bill Russell's NBA 50 Greatest Players ring brought **\$82,864**, Samaki Walker's 2002 Los Angeles Lakers championship ring went for **\$34,190**, Rubén Sierra's 1996 New York Yankees World Series ring took in **\$25,686**, and a 2006 Indianapolis Colts Super Bowl XLI player's ring sold for **\$25,686**.

SCP Auctions is now accepting consignments for the company's Spring Premier Auction. For more information and to view the full February Finest results, visit www.SCPauctions.com or call (949) 831-3700.

Auction Highlights

- ❖ 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics USA Hockey "Miracle On Ice" Gold Winner's Medal Presented to Center Steve Christoff (Goal & Assist in Olympic Final) - Christoff LOA — **PRICE REALIZED: \$375,961**
- ❖ Sensational 1909-11 T206 Complete Set of 520 (Only Missing Big 4) 100% Graded & Currently Ranked #17 on PSA Registry with 4.27 Set Rating — **PRICE REALIZED: \$275,706**
- ❖ 1920 Babe Ruth Home Run Swing First Season With NY Yankees Original Photograph by Paul Thompson - PSA/DNA Type 1 — **PRICE REALIZED: \$153,389**
- ❖ Incredibly Scarce Lou Gehrig Autographed 1934 Goudey #37 Card - PSA Authentic, PSA/DNA 7 Auto. — **PRICE REALIZED: \$137,866**
- ❖ 1947 Ted Williams Triple Crown Award Trophy - Williams Family Provenance — **PRICE REALIZED: \$124,289**
- ❖ 1965-66 Muhammad Ali United States Passport - PSA/DNA LOA, Beckett LOA — **PRICE REALIZED: \$91,151**
- ❖ Bill Russell's Significant NBA 50 Greatest Players 14K Gold Ring With Original Presentation Box and Russell Letter — **PRICE REALIZED: \$82,864**
- ❖ 2022 Aaron Judge NY Yankees Game Worn, Signed & Inscribed Three Home Run Jersey from AL Record 62-Homer Season incl. HR #19 off Shohei Ohtani - Photomatched to 7 Games! - ResMatch LOA, Fanatics & MLB Auth. — **PRICE REALIZED: \$82,864**
- ❖ C. 1955-56 Ted Williams Game Used Wilson Professional Model Fielder's Glove with Multiple Photomatches & Fantastic Provenance - PSA/DNA LOA — **PRICE REALIZED: \$60,667**
- ❖ 1920 Babe Ruth Picks Out Home Run Bat First Season With NY Yankees Original Photograph by Paul Thompson - PSA/DNA Type 1 — **PRICE REALIZED: \$52,417**
- ❖ 1952 Topps (Partial #311 Mickey Mantle) #312 Jackie Robinson - CSG PR 1 - The Most Coveted Miscut Sports Card In The Hobby! — **PRICE REALIZED: \$48,317**
- ❖ 6/6/1965 Pelé Brazil Match Worn Jersey (Scored Goal vs. West Germany) Signed by Entire Brazil National Team! - PSA/DNA LOA, MEARS A10 — **PRICE REALIZED: \$45,578**
- ❖ C. 1962 Cassius Clay Boldly Autographed Archie Moore Knockout Poem with Inscription Predicting His Heavyweight Title Victory Over Sonny Liston - PSA/DNA 9 Auto. — **PRICE REALIZED: \$35,801**
- ❖ Samaki Walker's 2002 Los Angeles Lakers "Three-Peat" NBA World Champions 14K Gold Ring — **PRICE REALIZED: \$34,190**
- ❖ 1950 Bowman #22 Jackie Robinson - PSA NM-MT 8 — **PRICE REALIZED: \$34,190**
- ❖ 1928 Babe Ruth Autographed 11.75" x 16.5" Oversized Photograph Signed Months After Historic 1927 Season! - Ex-Halper Collection, Beckett & JSA LOAs — **PRICE REALIZED: \$34,190**
- ❖ C. 1925 Ty Cobb Single Signed OAL (Johnson) Baseball - PSA/DNA & JSA LOAs — **PRICE REALIZED: \$33,378**
- ❖ Historic 2009 Panini Next Day Signatures #SCU Stephen Curry Autographed Rookie Card - PSA NM 7, 10 Auto. (1st Card In Warrior Uniform!) — **PRICE REALIZED: \$30,343**