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**New World Records Set For Vintage Cards, JFK Baseball at SCP Auctions' Spring Premier**

**Laguna Niguel, Calif. (April 30, 2023)** – SCP Auctions' 2023 Spring Premier closed with a flurry of bidding on Saturday night, led by some new world records for premium vintage cardboard and a President John F. Kennedy autographed baseball.

Leading the way was a 1911 T205 Gold Border Christy Mathewson graded PSA NM-MT 8 that went for **\$214,579**. This mark is nearly six times higher than the previous record for the card set in 2019. Also setting a new world record was a 1922 E120 American Caramel Babe Ruth graded PSA NM-MT 8, which sold for **\$166,818**.

The auction also included a scarce 1961 President John F. Kennedy single-signed baseball from his "Alliance for Progress" ambassador trip to South America that year. The ball fetched **\$166,818**, marking a new all-time high for any presidential signed baseball.

On the game used memorabilia side of the sale, some historic lumber garnered strong results. A 1922-25 Babe Ruth game used bat graded PSA/DNA GU 8.5 brought **\$137,866**, a 1941-42 Joe DiMaggio club graded PSA/DNA GU 7.5 took in **\$73,409**, and a 1925-28 Joe Jackson bat graded PSA/DNA GU 6.5 went for **\$56,501**. The jersey Joe Burrow wore in the Bengals thrilling victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on December 4, 2022 also saw a lot of activity and brought **\$82,864**.

Several rare and historic PSA/DNA Type 1 original photographs saw strong sales. An impeccable 1920 Babe Ruth Paul Thompson home run photo from his first season with the Yankees went for **\$65,048**, a 1947 Jackie Robinson photo from the day the Brooklyn Dodgers signed him to break the color barrier brought **\$32,310**, and a 1946 Jackie photo from his first day of Spring Training with the Montreal Royals took in **\$29,372**.

SCP proudly presented the collection of former Los Angeles Dodger and five-time MLB All Star Steve Sax. A portion of the proceeds from all items in the collection will benefit the foundation named for Steve Sax's son John, who was one of five U.S. Marines who died in a training flight crash last year in California. Sax's collection performed admirably in the sale, particularly his 1988 World Series ring that sold for **\$45,510**, and his 1988 World Series game worn home jersey from the on-deck circle when Kirk Gibson hit his legendary home run that brought **\$22,039**.

Valuable championship jewelry dazzled bidders in the sale. Warren Spahn's Baseball Hall of Fame ring brought **\$66,734**, Don Zimmer's 2003 New York Yankees ALCS championship ring took in **\$41,372**, and Chuck Knoblauch's 2001 NY Yankees ALCS championship ring sold for **\$27,584**.

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

### Auction Highlights

- ❖ 1911 T205 Gold Border (Piedmont) Christy Mathewson – PSA NM-MT 8 (Only One Higher) — **RECORD PRICE: \$214,579**
- ❖ 1922 E120 American Caramel Babe Ruth - PSA NM-MT 8 (Pop of 2, None Higher!) — **RECORD PRICE: \$166,818**
- ❖ Newly Discovered 1961 President John F. Kennedy Single Signed Baseball from JFK's "Alliance for Progress" Tour to South America (Photomatched to Venezuelan Newspaper w/ Direct Provenance - PSA/DNA LOA — **RECORD PRICE: \$166,818**
- ❖ 1922-25 Babe Ruth New York Yankees Hillerich & Bradby Professional Model Game Used Bat (AL MVP & 1st Yankees World Championship Era) – PSA/DNA GU 8.5 — **PRICE REALIZED: \$137,866**
- ❖ 12/4/2022 Joe Burrow Signed & Inscribed Cincinnati Bengals Game Worn Alternate Jersey from Clutch 27-24 Win Over Mahomes & Chiefs (Easily Photomatched) - Fanatics Authentic, PSA/DNA — **PRICE REALIZED: \$82,864**
- ❖ 1941-42 Joe DiMaggio Game Used Hillerich & Bradsby Pro Model Bat from 56-Game Hitting Streak, AL MVP and World Championship Era- PSA/DNA GU 7.5 — **PRICE REALIZED: \$73,409**
- ❖ 1973 Warren Spahn National Baseball Hall of Fame Induction 10K Gold Ring — **PRICE REALIZED: \$66,734**
- ❖ 1920 Babe Ruth "Home Run Swing" (1st Season With Yankees) Original Photograph by Paul Thompson - PSA/DNA TYPE 1 (Only One Other Known!) — **PRICE REALIZED: \$65,048**
- ❖ 1961 Topps Baseball PSA Graded Complete Master Set (596) Ranked #12 on PSA Registry with 8.07 Set Rating — **PRICE REALIZED: \$62,152**
- ❖ 1925-28 "Shoeless" Joe Jackson Game Used Hillerich & Bradsby Professional Model Bat - PSA/DNA GU 6.5 — **PRICE REALIZED: \$56,501**
- ❖ 1912 Stockholm Summer Olympics 1st Place Winner's Gold Medal Awarded to U.S. Men's High Jumper Alma Richards (Name Engraved) - Sourced from Family Estate Sale — **PRICE REALIZED: \$53,759**
- ❖ Steve Sax's 1988 Los Angeles Dodgers World Series Championship 14K Gold Ring – Sax Collection — **PRICE REALIZED: \$45,510**
- ❖ 2003 New York Yankees ALCS Championship Ring Awarded to Player/Manager/Coach Don Zimmer — **PRICE REALIZED: \$41,372**
- ❖ 1953 Topps #82 Mickey Mantle Autographed – PSA GD+ 2.5, PSA/DNA 8 Auto. — **PRICE REALIZED: \$37,610**
- ❖ April 10, 1947 Jackie Robinson Photograph Taken The Day Brooklyn Dodgers Signed Him To Become The First Player To Break MLB Color Barrier! - Image Used For His 1947 Bond Bread Rookie - PSA/DNA Type 1 — **PRICE REALIZED: \$32,310**
- ❖ 2022 Lionel Messi Argentina FIFA World Cup Final Match Issued Jersey (One of Five Official Messi Shirts Made for Epic WC Final Performance) – Teammate Provenance, Sports Investors LOA — **PRICE REALIZED: \$30,343**

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Note: High-resolution photos available upon request.

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