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## **HONUS WAGNER T206 CARD, IMPORTANT JACKIE ROBINSON MEMORABILIA AND SIGNIFICANT BASEBALL JERSEYS TO BE AUCTIONED AS PART OF SCP AUCTIONS' 'FALL PREMIER'**

### *Auction of Wagner Card and Robinson Memorabilia Starts Today*

**Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Nov. 19, 2014)** – SCP Auctions' "Fall Premier" begins today, Nov. 19, and runs through Saturday, Dec. 6, at [www.scpauctions.com](http://www.scpauctions.com). It features more than 1,150 lots including the coveted Chesapeake Honus Wagner T206 card, a 1952 Topps Mickey Mantle Rookie Card (PSA 8), Part 2 of the Delbert Mickel Baseball Jersey Collection, Jackie Robinson's game-used Hillerich & Bradsby bat from his 1949 N.L. MVP season, the Bill "Moose" Skowron Collection, the Bill Riddell Bat Collection and Part 3 of the Newport Sports Museum Collection.

#### **The Chesapeake Honus Wagner Card**

In August, SCP Auctions' company principals' David Kohler and Dan Imler secured an astounding collection of more than 3,500 T206 Cards from a private collector living in the northeast. His lineup included the incomparable Honus Wagner T206, which was graded by Professional Sports Authenticator (PSA) on site at the 35th Annual National Sports Collectors Convention (NSCC) in Cleveland. It received a PSA 1 designation, making it only the 33<sup>rd</sup> example authenticated and encapsulated by PSA.

"Unveiling a fresh T206 Honus Wagner card is a dream scenario for any hobby professional," said Imler. "The known supply of T206 Wagner's will never begin to quench the exceeding collector demand for what is not just the most famous baseball card in the world, but one of our nation's most celebrated treasures. And to have it be a part of such an immense and diverse find of previously unknown T206s makes this one of the most exciting tobacco card finds in recent years." ***Pre-sale estimate: \$400,000***

#### **Important Jackie Robinson Memorabilia**

SCP Auctions is proud to present a small but highly significant group of Jackie Robinson related memorabilia including his spectacular Hillerich & Bradsby Model S100 ash bat, one of only two Robinson game-used bats that can be definitively documented as having been used during his 1949 MVP season. As such, it stands among the finest Jackie Robinson game-used artifacts known. Also included is Robinson's personal 1962 Hall of Fame Induction plaque from his estate as well as a remarkable handwritten note to a fan from Robinson that provides a compelling profile of Jackie's character.

#### **Part 2 of the Delbert Mickel Collection**

Baseball historian and fan A. Delbert Mickel acquired one of the finest collections of game-worn baseball jerseys in the world. An attorney from Arkansas, Mickel passed away in 2012 but not before amassing a museum-caliber collection beginning long before the internet-age simplified such pursuits. Some of his prized jerseys featured in the auction include: a Willie Mays 1967 San Francisco Giants jersey and matching pants (graded A10 by MEARS); a Hank Aaron 1968-69 Atlanta Braves road jersey (A10); a Pete Rose 1967 Reds home jersey (A8.5); a Don Drysdale 1969 Dodgers road jersey; and a Brooks Robinson 1966 World Series championship season Orioles home jersey (A9).

### **The Bill Riddell Bat Collection**

Over a 30-year period, the late Bill Riddell of southern California amassed an impressive and impeccable personal collection of vintage and modern-era game used bats. A total of 30 lots are showcased and include several sought-after bats including: George Kelly's 1920-22 Hillerich & Bradsby professional model bat; 1939 Charlie Gehringer H&B professional model bat; 1931 Mickey Cochrane Double-Vault marked H&B professional model bat; and Yogi Berra's 1958 All-Star autographed and game-used professional model bat. From the late '60s and 1970s, Riddell's collection includes some showstoppers like Johnny Bench's autographed and game-used 1970-72 H&B professional model bat as well as Roberto Clemente's 1971 autographed and game-used H&B professional model bat.

### **The Bill "Moose" Skowron Collection**

A popular first baseman for the New York Yankees from 1954 to '62, the late Bill "Moose" Skowron hit more than 20 home runs in four different seasons, batted over .300 five times and was an eight-time All-Star. He appeared in eight World Series and won five titles in a nine-year span. His collection includes his World Series rings, game-used and milestone baseballs, player contracts, and personal autographed items from dozens of teammates including the great Mickey Mantle.

### **Part 3 of the Newport Sports Museum**

SCP's 2014 Fall Premier Auction marks the third of a four-part offering from The Newport Sports Museum Collection. Highlights this time around center on significant items from John Hamilton's USC Football Collection including:

- 1929-31 College Football National Championship Trophy "The Albert Russel Erskine Trophy"
- 1931 USC Trojans National Champions team-signed football
- 1962 USC Trojans Football National Championship Trophy
- Collection of College Hall of Fame Certificates from 12 USC Trojans Greats
- Ricky Bell 1974-75 USC Trojans Football Rose Bowl/National Championship Ring

Bidding will open to registered bidders Wednesday, Nov. 19 and conclude Saturday, Dec. 6. The auction will be conducted online at [www.SCPAuctions.com](http://www.SCPAuctions.com). For more information on how to participate, visit [www.scpauctions.com](http://www.scpauctions.com) or call (949) 831-3700.

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