

GOLDIN AUCTIONS MAY ELITE SPORTS COLLECTIBLES & TRADING CARDS AUCTION BREAKS ALL-TIME RECORD WITH \$50 MILLION IN SALES

Kobe Bryant Rookie Jersey Hits \$3.69 Million, an All-Time Record for Any Kobe Item, While Honus Wagner, Jordan, Jeter, Koufax & Others Also Set New Highs

Goldin Auctions Sees Rise in First-Time Buyers & Sellers As Enthusiasm for Hobby Grows

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Goldin Auctions, the leading marketplace for collectibles and trading cards, announced that its May Elite Auction closed \$50 million in total sales, eclipsing the industry record of \$45.2 million the company's previously set in March during its Winter Auction. The sales total was also a 50% increase over Goldin Auctions' last Elite auction, which ended January 31.

The May Elite auction featured a [1909-11 T206 White Border Honus Wagner](#), one of the rarest and most coveted trading cards in existence, which sold for \$3,751,500, breaking the previous all-time record for any Honus Wagner card and becoming the fifth most expensive card of all time.

One of the most notable items in the auction was Kobe Bryant's earliest known game-worn rookie jersey, which sold for \$3,690,000, an all-time record for any basketball jersey or Kobe item. The winning bidder was Bob Duggan, a Forbes 400 self-made multi-billionaire and the Chairman of the Board of Genius Inc., Pulse Biosciences and Summit therapeutics.

The jersey was part of a special Kobe Bryant Hall of Fame Announcement Auction, which included hundreds of additional items related to the 18-time NBA All-Star and totaled more than \$10 million in sales. An autographed patch card of [Michael Jordan](#), one of Kobe's mentors and close friends, also sold for \$2,103,300, an all-time record for any Michael Jordan item of any kind.

"We are honored to be Kobe Bryant's 'teammates' in contributing to the following all-time record price of the 1996-97 Kobe Bryant Rookie Season Game Used and Signed Lakers Home Jersey," said Duggan. "Bidding alongside me was my son, Shaun Zanganeh and his mom and my partner, Maky Zanganeh. Each of us have long admired the genius of Kobe Bryant; feet on the ground, head in the sky, big dreams, determination to win, being the dynamic best he could be, durable, persistent, and with the intention to set an amazing example for his fellow human beings. Each of us treasure our spiritual connection and celebrate our small role in establishing this all-time high valuation record alongside Kobe."

“What a stunning tribute to Kobe, one of the greatest players of all time and a truly amazing human being,” said Goldin Auctions Executive Chairman and Founder Ken Goldin. “We were honored to handle the sale of so many incredible Kobe items -- each its own slice of history and with its own unique memories. As the bids continued to roll in for his rookie jersey, what we already knew was solidified -- Kobe is sorely missed and his legacy will endure for generations.”

As the sports memorabilia and collectible hobby continues to draw interest from around the world, Goldin Auctions has also seen a rise in first-time users.

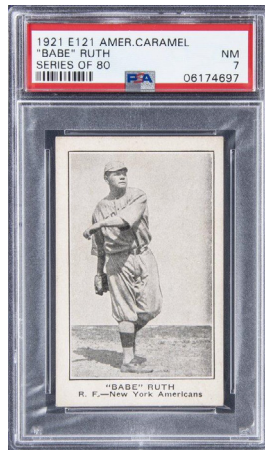
“In addition to our long-time consignors and buyers, we’ve seen a rise in first-time participants from both the U.S. and from around the world which is likely due in part to the incredible and educational new content that our team has been producing,” said Goldin. “As interest remains at all-time highs, we’re committed to providing long-time enthusiasts and new entrants with the most entertaining and insightful information in the business!”

Additional notable items from this auction include:

- The “Holy Grail” 1909-11 T206 White Border [Honus Wagner card](#) sold for \$3,751,500, an all-time record for any Honus Wagner card and the 5th most expensive card of all time (LOT #1)
- Kobe Bryant’s [earliest known game-worn rookie jersey sold](#) for \$3,690,00, an all-time record for any basketball jersey and Kobe item (LOT #10)
- An autographed [Michael Jordan NBA All-Star Game Used Patch Card](#), sold for \$2,103,300, an all-time record for any Michael Jordan item of any kind (LOT #3)
- A [2014-15 Panini “Immaculate Collection” Kobe Bryant card](#) sold for \$615,000, a record for this card (LOT #38)
- A [1993 Upper Deck SP Foil Derek Jeter Rookie Card](#) with a PSA GEM MT 10 grade sold for \$492,000, all-time record for any Derek Jeter card (LOT # 7)
- A 1996-97 Flair Showcase “Legacy Collection” Row o #31 [Kobe Bryant Rookie Card](#) sold for \$430,500, an all-time record for this card (LOT #29)
- A 1955 Topps [Sandy Koufax Rookie Card](#) sold for \$369,000 an all-time record for any Sandy Koufax card (LOT #17)
- A [1921 E121 American Caramel “Series of 80” Babe Ruth card](#) sold for \$270,600, an all-time record for this card (LOT #12)
- A 2019 [Bowman Chrome card featuring Wander Franco, baseball’s top prospect](#), \$198,030, an all-time record for any Franco card (LOT #452)
- A [2003 Roger Federer Signed Rookie Patch Card](#) sold for \$185,730, a tennis card record (LOT #729)



T206 Honus Wagner card



1921 E121 American Caramel Babe Ruth card



1993 Upper Deck SP Foil Derek Jeter Rookie card



Michael Jordan autographed NBA All-Star Game Used Patch card



Kobe Bryant Earliest Known Photo-Matched Rookie Jersey

Goldin Auctions has built a reputation as the trusted leader in trading cards, memorabilia and collectibles. The company has consistently broken auction records this year and the company has already done over \$200 million in sales in 2021.

Goldin Auctions is actively accepting consignments for its future auctions. To inquire about consigning items, email info@goldinauctions.com.

About Goldin Auctions:

Goldin Auctions is the leading marketplace for trading cards, sports memorabilia and other collectibles. Founder Ken Goldin has sold more than \$1 billion in memorabilia from many of the biggest names in sports, history, and pop culture. The company routinely sets records for the most expensive trading cards and other memorabilia ever sold. Lifelong collectors and new hobbyists alike trust Goldin Auctions because the company professionally authenticates everything it sells. Goldin Auctions is the official auction partner of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, The Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association, The Jackie Robinson Foundation and the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum.

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