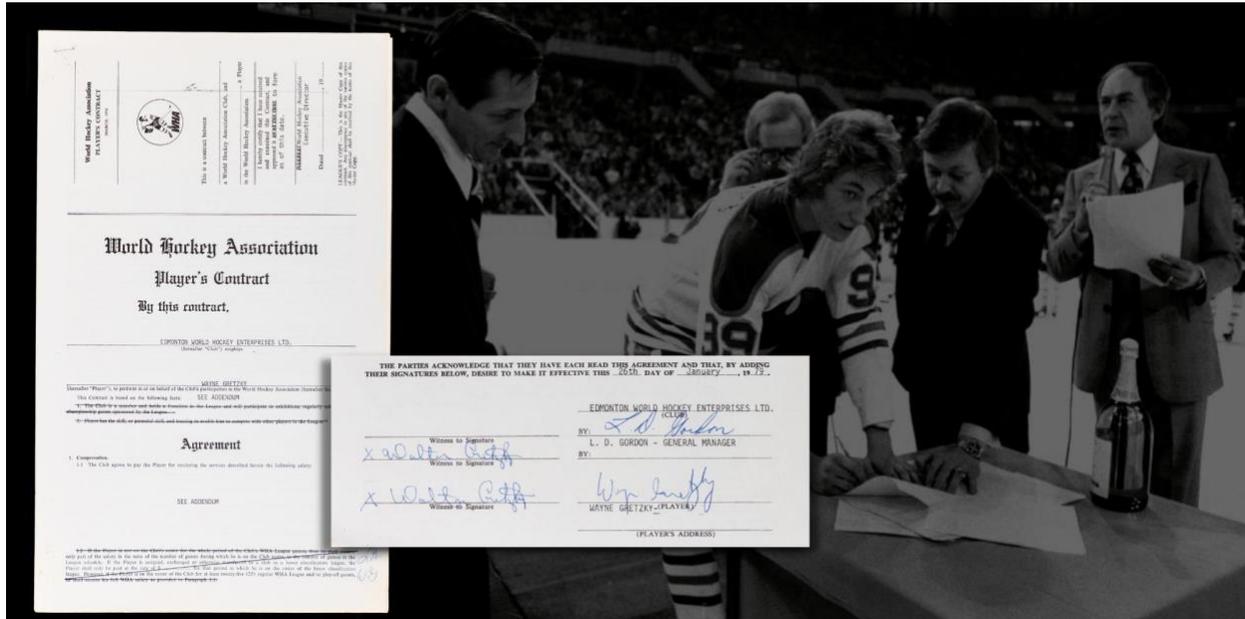


Wayne Gretzky signed rookie contract at auction



Auction Ends March 1, 2022

Delson, Quebec, Canada – February 11, 2022 – Wayne Gretzky signed a 21-year contract with the Edmonton Oilers on his 18th birthday, midway through the World Hockey Association's final season, and it was in effect for his and the Oilers' first NHL season in 1979-80.

This extremely rare piece of hockey history announced the Great One's arrival on the pro scene and it is a highlight of Classic Auctions' Winter 2022 auction.

Other great Gretzky items currently up for bids include a photo-matched pair of Wayne's 1988-89 Jofa game-used gloves from his first season with the Los Angeles Kings following his blockbuster trade from the Edmonton Oilers' Stanley Cup dynasty, and his 1976-77 Seneca Nationals signed game-used pre-NHL stick, one of the earliest models used by the Great One on his road to immortality.

And there is high demand for modern, vintage and historical cards. Bidding is heating up for a 1979-80 O-Pee-Chee unopened wax box that holds the potential to yield a Gretzky rookie card, possibly even more. Items from the personal collections of Team Canada 1972's Pat Stapleton and Hall of Fame defenseman Ray Bourque are also featured among the 1,180 lots available in our Winter 2022 Auction, closing March 1.

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