

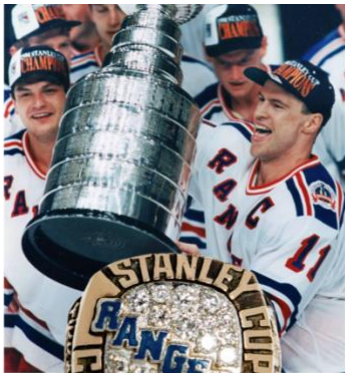
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4 of Esa Tikkanen's Stanley Cup Rings Headline Classic Auctions' June Catalog

Delson, Quebec, Canada – Classic Auctions, the premier destination for hockey memorabilia and cards, proudly presents the June 2024 Auction, featuring an extraordinary array of coveted items for collectors and sports enthusiasts. Bidding commenced on May 31st, 2024, and will conclude on June 25th.

You won't find Esa Tikkanen's name among the top 50 goal scorers in NHL regular season history. In fact, you won't find him among the top 350. You will find him on the list of the top 20 NHL playoff scorers in history, though—a testament to his legacy as one of the winningest players to ever skate. Now, the ultimate fruits of his clutch postseason play are up for auction.



The 14-year veteran retired from the NHL in 1999 having racked up five Stanley Cup championships and 72 career playoff goals, tied with Alex Ovechkin for 16th all-time.

Classic Auctions is offering [four of the Finnish legend's Stanley Cup championship rings](#), including the only 1994 New York Rangers players ring ever to reach the auction market.

Two game-worn jerseys—one from a Finals appearance with the Washington Capitals and another from the Rangers' run in '94—are also part of the sale.

A fourth-round pick by the Edmonton Oilers in 1983, Tikkanen made his debut in Game 2 of the 1985 Cup finals, earning the first of his five rings. While the '85 ring isn't among the listings, three other Oilers rings are: 1987, 1988 and 1990.

Tikkanen helped the 1987 Oilers to their third title in four seasons, with back-to-back two goal games against the LA Kings and the game-winner in Game 4 of the Division Semifinals.

In '88, he scored goals in series-clinching games against Winnipeg and Calgary and topping it off with a hat trick in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup finals, followed by another goal in Game 4 and two-more in the Cup-clinching Game 5. His six goals were one more than Wayne Gretzky tallied.

The Oilers would raise the Cup again in 1990, winning their fifth title in just seven seasons. In 24 postseason games, Tikkanen scored 24 points, which still stands among the most prolific playoff runs in hockey history.

In March of 1993, the New York Rangers worked a trade to acquire Tikkanen and the following season, he would score goals in each of the first three rounds of the playoffs as the Rangers captured their long-awaited title. Tikkanen's '94 Rangers ring will be the first opportunity for fans and collectors to land one that was originally presented to a player on that legendary squad.

All of the items from Tikkanen's personal collection will come with his personal letter of authenticity and are being offered for the first time.

The auction also includes items from the personal collections of Reijo Ruotsalainen and Darius Kasparaitis among more than 770 lots of game-used memorabilia, autographs, vintage cards and other items.

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