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Championship Rings, Vintage Cards, Game Jerseys Among 1,000+ Lots in Classic Auctions Catalog

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Ray Nitschke's Super Bowl I ring leads off the final major catalog sale of 2022 for Classic Auctions. The Hall of Fame linebacker's 14k gold and diamond ring is being offered 56 seasons after the Green Bay Packers kicked off a new era in pro football with a 35-10 win over the Kansas City Chiefs in Los Angeles in January of 1967.

The ring is expected to fetch a six-figure price when the auction comes to a close on December 13. Nitschke's Super Bowl II ring sold for \$121,324 in August of 2020.

The auction has 28 different lots of championship rings and awards including a Packers Super Bowl XLV ring (Chris Campbell), a 2012 Baltimore Ravens Super Bowl XLVII ring (Omar Brown), another from the 2003 Florida Marlins World Series title (Michael Tejera) and Montreal Canadiens Stanley Cup championship player rings from 1967 (Karl Elieff) and 1978 (Rick Chartraw).

In all, Montreal-based Classic has over 1,000 lots of memorabilia and cards on the block.

The catalog includes an important collection of complete hockey card sets from throughout the 20th century including a 1951-52 Parkhurst collection that includes 80 of the 105 cards in grading company holders headlined by a rookie card of Maurice Richard (PSA 6); Gordie Howe (PSA 7) and Terry Sawchuk (PSA 8). Other sets include a 1912-13 Imperial Tobacco C57 set with 14 PSA graded cards, a 1979-80 OPC Hockey set with a PSA 7.5 Wayne Gretzky rookie card and a 1966-67 Topps Hockey set with Bobby Orr's rookie.

Among the other card related offerings are a Richard rookie graded PSA 7, a 1952 Topps Mickey Mantle (PSA 1.5 and a 1985-86 OPC unopened wax box.

The auction has a significant collection of game-worn jerseys. Among them:

- Serge Savard 1974-75 Montreal Canadiens
- Guy Lapointe 1978-79 Montreal Canadiens (Photo-matched to 1979 Stanley Cup Playoffs)
- Eddie Giacomin late-1960s/early-1970s New York Rangers (autographed)
- Auston Mathews 2018-19 Maple Leafs

Classic is also presenting several items from the personal collection of Leafs legend Ted Kennedy, the first player in NHL history to win five Stanley Cups. His 1948-49 and 1950-51 silver championship trays are among pieces being offered. There are also several items—including some game-worn material, from Ulf Nilsson.

Baseball memorabilia collectors will find a single signed Babe Ruth autographed baseball, a ball with a dated “Merry Christmas” inscription from Jackie Robinson obtained during his visit to a Brooklyn orphanage in 1949 and a team-signed 1952 Dodgers baseball with Robinson.

Classic Auctions was established in 1994 and is renowned as the world’s largest hockey auction house. Its record-setting \$1.275 million sale of Paul Henderson’s iconic 1972 Team Canada jersey (Guinness World Record for the most expensive hockey uniform ever sold) is only one example of its sterling record in achieving the best possible results for its clients, both buyers and sellers. Classic Auctions offers three online auctions every year and has gained the trust of thousands of customers from Canada, United States, Europe and even Asia.

You may access our Historical Hockey Memorabilia Auction at www.classicauctions.net. Bids will be accepted until December 13th at 11:00 PM (EDT). We invite you to contact us by phone (450-638-7058), by fax (450-638-2643), or by email at info@classicauctions.net for any information or media requests.



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