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### JESSE OWENS' OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL SETS WORLD RECORD FOR OLYMPIC MEMORABILIA IN SCP AUCTIONS' FALL AUCTION

*Other top lots included items from the private collection of Jackie Robinson*

**Laguna Niguel, Calif.** (December 8, 2013) – Olympic athlete Jesse Owens' 1936 Gold Medal sold for \$1,466,574—the highest price ever paid for a piece of Olympic memorabilia—in SCP Auctions' fall auction which concluded early Sunday. The record price surpassed that of a silver cup won by the winner of the first modern-day Olympic marathon in 1896 that sold for \$865,000 in April 2012 and the highest price paid for a U.S. Olympic item—the "Miracle on Ice" jersey worn by team captain Mike Eruzione—that sold for \$657,250 this past February. The auction, including more than 1,000 sports memorabilia items, brought in a total of nearly \$4.5 million.

Other top lots included Jackie Robinson's game-used bats from his historic 1949 National League Most Valuable Player season and the 1955 World Series that sold for \$183,500 and \$128,617, respectively; plus a Jackie Robinson single-signed baseball attracted a record sum of \$104,765.

“We are honored to have handled what we consider to be among the most inspiring sports artifacts ever offered at auction,” said SCP Auction Vice President Dan Imler. “The worldwide attention garnered by the auction of Jesse Owens 1936 Gold Medal and the extraordinary auction result proves that Owens' triumphant legacy continues to endure.”

The buyer of the medal wishes to remain anonymous at this time. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the medal will be donated to the Jesse Owens Foundation.

MLB great Goose Gossage's collection of personal memorabilia garnered more than \$365,000 including \$66,734 for his 1978 New York Yankees World Series Champions Ring and \$41,372 for his 2008 National Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ring.

Legendary quarterback Warren Moon's personal memorabilia collection brought in just under \$210,000 including \$42,955 for his 2006 Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction Ring.

Other highlights of the auction include:

- Elvin Hayes' Personal NBA 50 Greatest Players Autographed Lithograph – \$68,368
- 1960's Wilt Chamberlain Los Angeles Lakers Game-Worn Road Jersey - \$60,667
- 4/30/78 Muhammad Ali vs. Jimmy Young Fight-Worn Robe – \$60,667
- 2004 New England Patriots Super Bowl XXXIX Championship Ring – \$55,152
- c. 1928 Willie Foster Chicago American Giants Negro League Game-Worn Jersey - \$55,152
- Boston Red Sox outfielder Shane Victorino's grand slam home run ball from the 2013 ALCS - \$18,840

Full auction results are available at [www.scpauctions.com](http://www.scpauctions.com).

**About SCP Auctions**

SCP Auctions, Inc. has been a leader in brokering and auctions of important sports memorabilia and cards since 1979. The Southern California based firm conducts online auctions throughout the year, highlighted by their Premier Auctions in the spring and fall. SCP Auctions has handled some of the most significant individual items and prominent collections in their field, such as the record-setting sale of the earliest known jersey worn by New York Yankees legend Babe Ruth (\$4.4 million), the famed T206 Honus Wagner baseball card (\$2.8 million) and Babe Ruth's bat used to hit the first home run in Yankee Stadium (\$1.3 million). Interested bidders can call (800) 350-2273 or visit SCP Auctions online at [www.SCPAuctions.com](http://www.SCPAuctions.com) for more information on how to participate.

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