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WORLD CLASS FOOTBALL SHIRTS AT CHRISTIE'S

Wednesday 24 March 2004 at 10.30am

Football Memorabilia Including the Jason Leonard Rugby World Cup 2003 Shirt Collection

South Kensington - Christie's first Football Memorabilia sale of 2004 takes place on Wednesday 24 March. Expected to realize in excess of £400,000, the sale features over 350 lots.

The auction features an excellent selection of international football shirts set to excite collectors across the globe. Worn by some of the game's true greats, highlights include:

- *Bobby Moore's 1970 World Cup England shirt, worn in the famous Group Three match against Brazil. Immortalized in the iconic image of Moore and Pele swapping shirts after the game, which Brazil won 1-0, the shirt carries an estimate of £50,000-£70,000. This shirt is the most significant football shirt to come to auction since Christie's sold Pele's 1970 World Cup Final shirt for £157,750 in March 2002 - setting a new world record for a football shirt at auction.*
- *Pele's 1959 Brazil shirt, worn in the Friendly International against England played at the Maracana, Rio de Janeiro (estimate: £8,000-12,000)*
- *Maradona's 1979 Argentina shirt, worn in the 1979 Scotland v. Argentina International played at Hampden Park - Maradona scored his first senior level International goal during the match (estimate: £3,000-5,000)*

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