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**THE JASON LEONARD 2003 RUGBY WORLD CUP SHIRT
COLLECTION TO BE AUCTIONED AT CHRISTIE'S**

*Football Memorabilia including the Jason Leonard 2003 World Cup Shirt Collection
Wednesday 24 March 2004 at 10.30am*



*Jason Leonard's No.17 match-worn white England 2003 Rugby World Cup Final short-sleeved shirt, part of his eight shirt 2003 Rugby World Cup Shirt Collection
Estimate: £100,000-150,000 for all eight shirts*

South Kensington - Christie's is delighted to announce the sale of the Jason Leonard 2003 World Cup Shirt Collection, to take place at Christie's South Kensington on Wednesday 24 March. With an estimate of £100,000-150,000, the collection of eight shirts, to be offered as one lot, is the most significant Rugby lot ever to appear at public auction.

Offered for sale by the most capped International Rugby player in history, England prop forward Jason Leonard OBE, the collection comprises his match-worn 2003 World Cup Final shirt; an Australian World Cup Final spare shirt; and six match-worn international swap shirts from the England 2003 World Cup campaign. The seven match programmes from all the games are also included.

Sold for charity, the shirt collection will raise funds for The Walton Leigh School, Down's Syndrome Association, The PRA Benevolent Fund and the Bill Davidson Testimonial Fund.

To be sold during the first Football Memorabilia sale of 2004, the eight shirts in the collection are:

- *Jason Leonard's No.17 match-worn white short-sleeved England shirt from the 2003 Rugby World Cup Final, England v. Australia, played on 22 November 2003 in Sydney*
- *Matt Dunning's No.17 spare gold and green short-sleeved Australia shirt from the 2003 Rugby World Cup Final, England v. Australia, played on 22 November 2003 in Sydney – Leonard swapped his England spare with Dunning after the match*
- *Olivier Milloud's No.17 match-worn blue and white short-sleeved France shirt from the 2003 Rugby World Cup Semi-Final, England v. France, played on 16 November 2003 in Sydney – this match marked Leonard's World Record 112th cap, making him the most capped player in Rugby Union history*
- *Adam Jones's No.3 match-worn red short-sleeved Wales shirt from the 2003 Rugby World Cup Quarter-Final, England v. Wales, played on 9 November 2003 in Brisbane*
- *Pablo Lemoine's No.3 match-worn blue short-sleeved Uruguay shirt from the 2003 Rugby World Cup Group C match, England v. Uruguay, played on 2 November 2003 in Brisbane*
- *Jeremy Tomuli's No.3 match-worn blue short-sleeved Samoa shirt from the 2003 Rugby World Cup Group C match, England v. Samoa, played on 26 October 2003 in Melbourne*
- *Lawrence Sphaka's numberless (torn off during the game) match-worn green short-sleeved South Africa shirt from the 2003 Rugby World Cup Group C match, England v. South Africa, played on 18 October 2003 in Perth*
- *Sosso Nikolaneke's No.17 match-worn black and maroon short-sleeved Georgia shirt from the 2003 Rugby World Cup Group C match, England v. Georgia, played on 12 October 2003 in Perth*

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