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FOOTBALL'S FINEST MOMENTS UP FOR GRABS



Pelé's 1958 FIFA World Cup™ Final Shirt
Estimate: £70,000-100,000



Paul Gascoigne's 1990 FIFA World Cup™ semi-final shirt
Estimate: £15,000-20,000

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South Kensington, London – One of the most important lots of Sporting Memorabilia ever to be offered at auction, the shirt worn by 17 year-old Pelé as he scored two goals and carried Brazil to their 1958 FIFA World Cup™ Final victory (estimate: £70,000-100,000), leads Christie's September sale of Football Memorabilia. Also on offer is Paul Gascoigne's 1990 FIFA World Cup semi-final shirt, in which he cried football's most famous tears. The sale of approximately 450 lots offers items from some of the most memorable moments in the history of the beautiful game and is expected to realize in excess of £400,000.

The 1958 World Cup was played in Sweden, and it was Brazil's third game against the USSR that offered 17 year-old Pelé his debut with the Brazilian team, introducing the player to the world stage. The rest, as they say, is history. In the quarter-finals he scored the only goal of the game against Wales, and he went on to score a second-half hat trick against France in the semi-final. At just 17 years of age, Pelé went into a FIFA™ World Cup Final, and the

magnitude of the event did not faze him. Wearing this very shirt, he scored two goals in a 5-2 win over Sweden: the first saw him control a cross with his thigh, lift the ball over an opposing defender and volley the ball past the Swedish goalkeeper. After the final whistle, Pelé was in tears and had to be carried off the pitch on his team-mates' shoulders. Brazil had won the FIFA World Cup™ for the first time. Pelé went on to score 77 goals in 92 games for Brazil, was voted the 'Athlete of the Century' by the International Olympic Committee in 1999 and is widely regarded as the greatest footballer ever to have lived.

Also on offer is the shirt worn by Paul Gascoigne in the FIFA World Cup™ semi-final of 1990 between England and West Germany (estimate: £15,000-20,000), signed by the England Football Team. This was Gascoigne's first major tournament, and it was during Italia '90 that he showed himself as the driving force behind England's attack and a true world-class footballer. While his skill often lit up the quality of the game, this match is best remembered for Gascoigne's reaction to being shown a yellow card in extra-time. Wearing the shirt being offered in September's sale, and realizing that he would be banned from the Final should England beat the Germans, Gascoigne broke down with a torrent of tears, and his reaction lives on as one of the most striking images in English football history.

Other highlights in the sale include the FIFA World Cup™ Final 1994 shirts of Roberto Baggio and Romario (estimate: £3,000-5,000 each); four FIFA World Cup™ Final medals from between 1978 and 1990 (estimate: £1,000 each); a pair of David Beckham's worn football boots from the 2003-2004 season with Real Madrid, one inscribed 'Brooklyn', the other 'Romeo' (estimate: £2,000-3,000) and the Neil Webb Collection of football shirts and caps (estimate: £8,000-12,000). Dating to earlier football history are two FA Cup Winner's medals won with Everton in 1906 (estimate: £3,000-5,000 each); an FA Cup Winners Medal won with Barnsley in 1912 (estimate: £5,000-7,000) and various football shirts and caps from 1913 to 1990.

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