Lockdales' Auction #243 Report:

Paper Collectables, Toys & Antiques: 30-31 August 2023

Total prices realised: £230,284 (incl. prem.)

1121 lots offered, 1022 sold: 91% success rate. This was a fascinating sale with many 'sleepers' and surprises. The impressive Commonwealth stamp collection lot 65 made £6600 hammer. There was overall high demand for stamps, the philatelic market seems strong. Healthy sales were seen throughout the postcards especially for comic cards. There was only one unsold in the entire cigarette & trade card section, so these are seeing strong demand also. We followed this with the sporting section and here we saw star results one after the other. A second batch from the Tottenham Hotspurs collection was offered and we saw prices go sky high. All entered at low reserves we saw results as high as £2100 hammer for individual programmes. These were among the earliest away matches you might hope to find for certain teams. In the books and ephemera section we sold an early edition of the King James Bible for £1050.

On Day 2 we began with a selection of maps, seeing fierce bidding for historic atlases. The picture section had some highlights including a Giles original at £1600, a small but charming oil by Joan Gillchrest for £650, and an oil on board of Bay Fine, Isle of Man by William Hoggatt for £3200. Among the ceramics the Moorcroft and Troika seemed most popular. Vintage toys and models were highly sought-after. The Matchbox cars were the most popular of the boxed vehicles. As expected, Star Wars material was fought over, but a couple of tins of Sindy dolls in at £100 made £800 as a nice surprise. A good collection of model trains and carriages sold well in its entirety. In the pens the highest price was £1150 for a Montblanc Meisterstuck Imperial Dragon. Of all the miscellaneous and curious items rounding out the sale we note that Zeiss binoculars, antique corkscrews, enamelled signs, fine walking canes, vintage port and Leica cameras performed well. A Sony Walkman with original box made £480. The chairs and stools for guests at the Coronations of George VI, Elizabeth II, and a chair from the Investiture of Charles as Prince of Wales all sold well. The Investiture guest chair reached £480 (top est £300).

Our next auction of Paper Collectables, Toys & Antiques is scheduled for 28-29 November. Accepting lots until 13th October for this sale. The cigarette cards and silk postcards consigned so far are extraordinary!





Lots 480 & 504: Spurs v Fulham 1904, and Spurs v Portsmouth 1902: Hammer prices £1900 & £2100