

Sports Museum of America - Artifact Captions

Negro Leagues Baseball Poster

Negro Leagues Baseball poster from the 1940s, highlighting legendary player Satchel Paige. On display in the Baseball Gallery, Negro Leagues case.

Courtesy: Tom and Angela Sarro

Heisman Playbook

Playbook featuring handwritten notes from Coach John Heisman's years with Georgia Tech (1904-1919). The influential coach led his team to its first national championship in 1917. On display in the Heisman Gallery, The History of John Heisman and the DAC case.

Courtesy: John Heisman Family

Kristi Yamaguchi Dress

Kristi Yamaguchi's dress from the 1992 Olympics in Albertville, France where she won the gold medal in women's figure skating. Yamaguchi wore the outfit during the long program. On display in the Olympic Gallery, Women's Figure Skating case.

Courtesy: Kristi Yamaguchi

Jim Craig Flag

American flag draped around the shoulders of goalie Jim Craig during the 1980 US Olympics in Lake Placid, New York. After years of rivalry due to decades-old Cold War disputes, the U.S. Hockey Team upset the heavily favored Russian rivals 4-to-3 in the "Miracle on Ice" game. On display in the Olympic Gallery, Miracle on Ice case.

Courtesy: Jim Craig

Jim Abbott Lineup Card

Jim Abbott's Yankees lineup card from the no-hitter game he pitched against the Cleveland Indians on September 4th, 1993. Abbott became a legendary Major League Baseball player despite being born without a right hand. On display in the Baseball Gallery, Pitching case.

Courtesy: Jim Abbott

Dale Earnhardt Junior Helmet

Dale Earnhardt Junior's helmet from the Rolex 24 at Daytona in 2001. This was the last race he participated in with teammate and father, Dale Earnhardt, who died in a racing accident later that month in February, 2001. On display in the Auto Racing Gallery, NASCAR Families case.

Courtesy: Dale Earnhardt, Jr.

Shaquille O'Neal Sneaker and Kerri Strug Vault Shoe

Shaquille O'Neal's specially made autographed size 22 sneaker. On display in the Basketball Gallery, Los Angeles case.

Courtesy: Leo Klein

Kerri Strug's vault shoes from the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

Strug fell on her first vault attempt wounding her ankle and heroically landed her second attempt despite the injury, capturing the US team the gold medal in gymnastics. On display in the 1996 Women's Gymnastics Team display case in the Olympic Gallery.

Courtesy: Kerri Strug

Brandi Chastain Sports Bra

Brandi Chastain's sports bra from the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup where she shot the game-winning goal against China. That famous goal clinched the victory for the U.S. Women's National Soccer team. On display in the Soccer Gallery, World Cup case.

Courtesy: Brandi Chastain

Brazil Banner

Brazil's banner from a friendly game with the United States. Traditionally before international soccer games each team captain will exchange banners. On display in the Soccer Gallery.
Courtesy: Claudio Reyna

World Cup Pennant- Italy

The Italian team pennant from the 2006 FIFA World Cup. The pennant was given to the US team's captain prior to their match in which the US was the only team to score against Italy throughout the World Cup tournament. On display in the Soccer Gallery, World Cup case.
Courtesy: Claudio Reyna

Prototype Hockey Mask

Goaltender Jacques Plante's mask from the early 1960's. Plante was the first player to regularly use a hockey mask in the NHL. On display in the Hockey Gallery.
Courtesy: Bob Goodman

Mark Messier Jersey

Mark Messier's Rangers jersey worn throughout the 1994 Stanley Cup Finals where the Rangers upset the Vancouver Canucks. On display in the Hockey Gallery, Scorers case.
Courtesy: MeiGray Group

Police Report US Navy stealing mule

Police report from December 5, 1991 in which the United States Naval Academy was cited for stealing the four mules serving as mascots from the United States Military Academy campus. Charges against the "Mule Extraction Team" were eventually dropped. On display in the Football Gallery, College Football Rivalries.
Courtesy: Matt Hickey

Ohio State Gold Pants Charm

Gold pants charm given to Ohio State football players upon victory against rival team Michigan Wolverines, whose team dons gold pants. The tradition began in 1934 and continues to this day. On display in the Football Gallery, College Football Rivalries
Courtesy: The Ohio State University Athletic Department

Tom Brady's Draft Card

Tom Brady's #199 card from when he was drafted in the sixth round of the 2000 NFL Draft. On display in the Football Gallery.
Courtesy: Pro Football Hall of Fame

Football Helmet and Cleats

Football helmet from 1910 and Cleveland Browns' Hall of Famer Lou Groza's cleats from 1940. Helmet on display in the Hall of Halls Gallery, cleats in the Football Gallery.
Courtesy: Helmet from College Football Hall of Fame; cleats from Pro Football Hall of Fame

Tony Hawk's Youth Trophy

Tony Hawk's 1979 youth trophy from a skateboarding competition in which he placed second. On display in the Game's People Play Gallery, Youth Trophies case.
Courtesy: On loan from Tony Hawk

Bobblehead Doll

Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson bobblehead doll from the 2001 World Series in which they were voted Co-MVP's of the Arizona Diamondbacks upon beating the New York Yankees. On display in the Fan Culture Gallery.
Courtesy: John Jordan

Muhammad Ali Button

Muhammad Ali is an Equal Opportunity Employer button from the Civil Rights movement in the 1960's. Button illustrates that Ali will fight anyone regardless of color during the Civil Rights era. On display in the Fan Culture Gallery.

Courtesy: Gwynne Bloomfield

Bill Bradley Button

Bill Bradley for President button from his 2000 presidential campaign. On display in the Fan Culture Gallery.

Courtesy: Gwynne Bloomfield

Lace-up Basketball

Lace-up basketball from the early 20th century. On display in the Basketball Gallery, Springfield case.

Courtesy: Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

Lou Gehrig 1939 Game-Worn Yankees Jersey

Lou Gehrig's game-worn New York Yankees jersey from 1939. Gehrig retired from Major League Baseball that same year after being diagnosed with ALS. On display in the Baseball Gallery, Hitters case.

Courtesy: Stephen Wong

Ted Williams 1939 Game-Worn Red Sox Hat

Ted Williams' game-worn hat from his Rookie Year with the Boston Red Sox in 1939. Williams stopped tipping his hat to crowds that year after an incident where fans booed him. On display in the Baseball Gallery, Hitters case.

Courtesy: Stephen Wong

Ali/Frazier Golden Glove

Souvenir boxing glove signed by both Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier from their second fight at Madison Square Garden on January 28, 1974. The glove, purchased by a fan, will be on display in the "Fan Culture" gallery.

Courtesy: Lynn C. Marschke

Billie Jean King 4th grade report card

Billie Jean King's 4th grade report card where her teacher highlights her athletic prowess on the playground and speaks to her sense of fair play. The Sports Museum of America will be the new permanent home of the Billie Jean King International Women's Sports Center.

Courtesy: Billie Jean King

USA Basketball Jersey

Michael Jordan's #9 jersey from the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. Jordan and his fellow members of the "Dream Team" were gold medalists during the 1992 summer games.

Courtesy: Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame