

THE HEIRLOOM INDEX

The Record

Five cards, documented — what each one is, what the public auction record shows it has traded for, and who should be called.

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The Halloran Family

CARDS DOCUMENTED

5

REGISTER NO.

SAMPLE

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September 2026

THE COLLECTION

What is documented here

Two pages for each card: what it is, then what the public auction record shows it has traded for and where that evidence came from. Every figure is a realized auction result read off the auction house's own lot page — never an asking price, never an estimate, and never a number we calculated.

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1933 GOUDEY · CARD #144

Babe Ruth

1933 Goudey #144 · Baseball

GRADER

PSA

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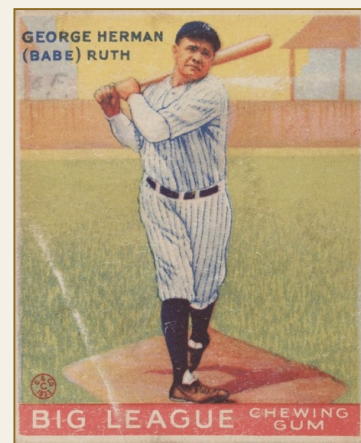
GRADE

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On your own Record the certificate number is printed in full, so the card can be verified with PSA directly. It is withheld here because this is a public sample and a cert number is a live lookup key.



1933 Goudey #144

THE PLAYER

Babe Ruth changed what baseball was. He arrived as a great pitcher, was converted to hitting, and then hit home runs at a rate no one had approached — in 1920 he out-homered every other team in the league but one. He drew the crowds that built Yankee Stadium, and a century later his name is still the measure the sport reaches for.

1 WHAT IT IS

Goudey issued four Ruth cards in its 1933 set, and this is the green-background one at number 144. It is the same photograph and the same man across all four; what differs is the colour behind him and the number on the back, which is why a Ruth from this set is never fully identified without its card number.

The set is the one that made the modern baseball card. Goudey put a stick of gum in the pack, priced it at a penny in the middle of the Depression, and built the checklist around the biggest name in American sport at the end of his career.

At this grade the card has plainly been handled — rounded corners, surface wear, and the honest softness of an object that was owned rather than stored. A PSA 2 Ruth is not a compromise on a great card; for most families it is what a real one actually looks like.

2 WHAT IT HAS TRADED FOR

Babe Ruth

1933 Goudey #144 · Baseball · PSA 2

Realized auction results at PSA 2 — the grade this card carries. Each figure was read off the auction house's own lot page and includes the buyer's premium.

AT THIS GRADE

PSA 2	\$14,640	January 2026	Heritage
PSA 2	\$10,675	September 2025	Heritage
PSA 2	\$10,065	July 2025	Heritage
PSA 2	\$12,810	March 2025	Heritage

18 sales at this grade are on our record in total; the older ones are held back here because they no longer describe the current market.

THE LIVE MARKET · ASKING PRICES, NOT SALES

PSA 2 · \$21,000 mid · 1 currently offered

These are what sellers are asking today, not what anyone has paid. We include them because a dated auction result and a live asking market together tell you more than either alone — but an ask is the lesser source, and it is labeled that way here on purpose. Read 2026-09-08. Only 1 example is currently offered at this grade, so treat this as a standalone ask rather than a liquid market.

SOURCES

301 verified sales of this card are on our record, from Heritage, Huggins & Scott, Memory Lane, REA. Each is recorded against its lot. We hold written permission from every house named here to display its realized prices.

1951 BOWMAN · CARD #253 · ROOKIE

Mickey Mantle

1951 Bowman #253 · Rookie · Baseball

GRADER

PSA

CERTIFICATE

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GRADE

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This card is not on the Heirloom Index board. Its record was researched for this document — the ordinary case for a commission, not an exception.



1951 Bowman #253

THE PLAYER

Mickey Mantle was nineteen when this card was printed, a switch-hitter out of Commerce, Oklahoma, whose father had taught him to bat from both sides before he was ten. He played eighteen seasons for the Yankees, won seven World Series, and did most of it on knees that were failing from his first year on. For the generation that grew up watching him he was not simply the best player; he was the one they wanted to be.

1 WHAT IT IS

This is Mantle's true rookie card. The 1952 Topps #311 is the more famous object and the one most people picture, but it is his second-year card; Topps had no Mantle in 1951. Bowman did, at number 253, in his first season.

The card is smaller than a modern one and printed on thin stock with a painted portrait rather than a photograph. It was cut, packed and sold in 1951 to children, which is most of what determines how many survive in any condition at all.

PSA has graded roughly two and a half thousand examples, and the population peaks at grade 4 — more copies sit at this grade than at any other. That is worth knowing when you hold one: a PSA 4 is not a near-miss. It is the middle of what is left.

2 WHAT IT HAS TRADED FOR

Mickey Mantle

1951 Bowman #253 · Rookie · Baseball · PSA 4

We have no realized auction-house sale at PSA 4 that we are able to cite. What we can show is the nearest verified sale above and below it. These are brackets, not comparables — the value of this card sits somewhere between them, and we will not split the difference and call the result a number.

NEAREST GRADE ABOVE

PSA 5	\$24,000	November 2024	REA
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NEAREST GRADE BELOW

PSA 2	\$11,685	November 2025	REA
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The most recent sale of this card at any grade, as a reading of whether it is trading at all:

MOST RECENT · ANY GRADE

BVG 3.5	\$19,680	May 2026	REA
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SOURCES

6 verified sales of this card are on our record, from Huggins & Scott, REA. Each is recorded against its lot. We hold written permission from every house named here to display its realized prices.

1968 TOPPS · CARD #177 · ROOKIE

Nolan Ryan

1968 Topps #177 · Rookie · Baseball

GRADER

PSA

CERTIFICATE

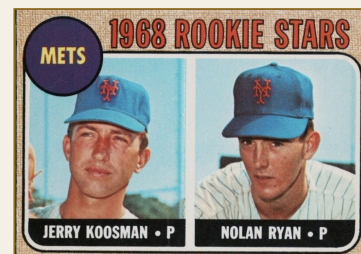
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1968 Topps #177 · with Jerry Koosman

THE PLAYER

Nolan Ryan pitched for twenty-seven seasons, longer than anyone, and threw harder for longer than seemed possible. He struck out 5,714 batters — nobody else has reached 5,000 — and threw seven no-hitters, three more than any other pitcher. He was still throwing in the high nineties at forty-four.

1 WHAT IT IS

Ryan shares this rookie card with Jerry Koosman — both were young Mets pitchers in 1968 and Topps put them on one card, as it often did. Koosman had the better first season by some distance. Ryan pitched for another twenty-seven years.

The 1968 set is the one with the burlap-textured border, which is the single most important fact about grading it. That surface shows every handling mark, and the borders chip at the corners in a way smoother stock does not, so high-grade examples are scarcer than the print run alone would suggest.

A PSA 8 here is a genuinely strong card: sharp corners, clean burlap, and centring within tolerance on a set that was cut carelessly.

2 WHAT IT HAS TRADED FOR

Nolan Ryan

1968 Topps #177 · Rookie · Baseball · PSA 8

Realized auction results at PSA 8 — the grade this card carries. Each figure was read off the auction house's own lot page and includes the buyer's premium.

AT THIS GRADE

PSA 8	\$19,541	June 2026	Memory Lane
PSA 8	\$11,685	May 2026	REA
PSA 8	\$9,600	February 2026	Huggins & Scott
PSA 8	\$10,065	January 2026	Heritage

32 sales at this grade are on our record in total; the older ones are held back here because they no longer describe the current market.

THE LIVE MARKET · ASKING PRICES, NOT SALES

PSA 8 · \$15,833 mid · 5 currently offered

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SOURCES

655 verified sales of this card are on our record, from Heritage, Huggins & Scott, Memory Lane, REA, Wheatland. Each is recorded against its lot. We hold written permission from every house named here to display its realized prices.

1986 FLEER · CARD #57 · ROOKIE

Michael Jordan

1986 Fleer #57 · Rookie · Basketball

GRADER

PSA

CERTIFICATE

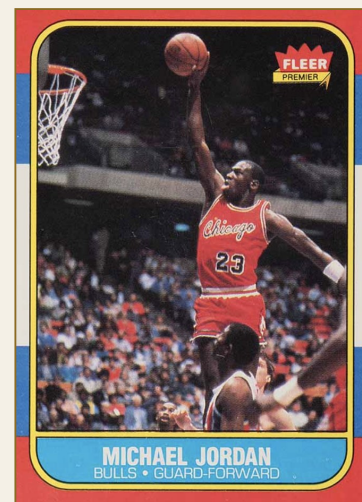
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1986 Fleer #57

THE PLAYER

Michael Jordan won six championships with the Chicago Bulls and was named the finals' best player in all six. He led the league in scoring ten times. Beyond the record, he is the athlete who made basketball a global game and the modern endorsement business what it is — which is much of why a card of him from 1986 became the object it did.

1 WHAT IT IS

By the mid-1980s basketball cards had nearly disappeared. Topps had left the sport after 1981–82, and for a few years the only cards being made came sealed in team bags from a small company called Star. In the autumn of 1986 Fleer brought basketball back to the wax pack, and the modern hobby starts there.

The set ran to just 132 cards. Number 57 is a second-year guard from Chicago caught mid-air with his tongue out, and it became the object every other modern card is measured against.

The card's weakness is its borders: a thin white frame around a red, blue and yellow design, cut on equipment that was not precise. Centring and corner wear are what separate grades here, and the difference between neighbouring grades on this card is unusually large.

2 WHAT IT HAS TRADED FOR

Michael Jordan

1986 Fleer #57 · Rookie · Basketball · PSA 8

Realized auction results at PSA 8 — the grade this card carries. Each figure was read off the auction house's own lot page and includes the buyer's premium.

AT THIS GRADE

PSA 8	\$18,526	August 2026	Heritage
PSA 8	\$18,300	August 2026	Heritage
PSA 8	\$18,300	August 2026	Heritage
PSA 8	\$13,800	May 2026	Huggins & Scott

107 sales at this grade are on our record in total; the older ones are held back here because they no longer describe the current market.

THE LIVE MARKET · ASKING PRICES, NOT SALES

PSA 8 · \$25,701 mid · 52 currently offered

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SOURCES

534 verified sales of this card are on our record, from Heritage, Huggins & Scott, Memory Lane, REA, Wheatland. Each is recorded against its lot. We hold written permission from every house named here to display its realized prices.

1989 UPPER DECK · CARD #1 · ROOKIE

Ken Griffey Jr.

1989 Upper Deck #1 · Star Rookie · Baseball

GRADER

PSA

CERTIFICATE

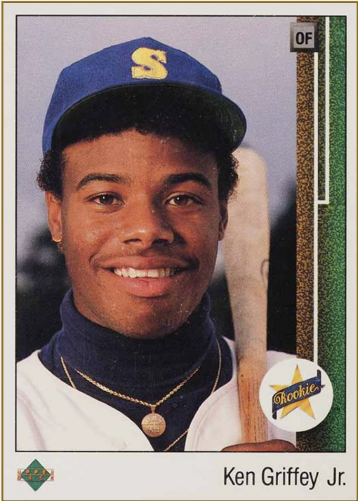
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1989 Upper Deck #1

THE PLAYER

Ken Griffey Jr. was the first overall pick at seventeen and in the major leagues at nineteen, playing beside his own father in Seattle — the only father and son ever to appear in the same lineup. He hit 630 home runs with a swing people still describe as the most beautiful in the game, and he did it in an era when many of his contemporaries were later found to have cheated. He was not among them.

1 WHAT IT IS

Upper Deck's first set opened at card number one with a nineteen-year-old who had not yet played a major league game. It was a deliberate choice, and it worked: the card became the emblem of a company that arrived promising better printing, tamper-proof packs and a hologram on the back.

It was also printed in enormous quantities. This is a junk-wax-era card and there is no scarcity in the print run whatsoever.

Which is exactly why the grade carries the whole story here. Scarcity in this case is not how many were made but how many survived untouched, and at the top of the scale what is being priced is condition rather than rarity. A great many of these exist; comparatively few are flawless.

2 WHAT IT HAS TRADED FOR

Ken Griffey Jr.

1989 Upper Deck #1 · Star Rookie · Baseball · PSA 10

Realized auction results at PSA 10 — the grade this card carries. Each figure was read off the auction house's own lot page and includes the buyer's premium.

AT THIS GRADE

PSA 10	\$12,810	August 2026	Heritage
PSA 10	\$5,160	May 2026	Huggins & Scott
PSA 10	\$5,166	May 2026	REA
PSA 10	\$5,043	March 2026	REA

50 sales at this grade are on our record in total; the older ones are held back here because they no longer describe the current market.

THE LIVE MARKET · ASKING PRICES, NOT SALES

PSA 10 · \$8,481 mid · 5 currently offered

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SOURCES

114 verified sales of this card are on our record, from Heritage, Huggins & Scott, Memory Lane, REA, Wheatland. Each is recorded against its lot. We hold written permission from every house named here to display its realized prices.

THE PART WE CANNOT RESEARCH

In the owner's hand

Everything before this page is research. This page is not. It asks the questions no auction record can answer, and it arrives blank because in fifty years the handwriting will matter more than the figures do. Answer the ones you want, leave the rest, and add anything we did not think to ask.

Where it came from

The shop, the show, the auction, the person. The year, if you remember it.

What it cost, and how that felt

The number matters less than whether it felt like a lot at the time.

Who you told

Most collectors call somebody within the hour. Who was it?

In the owner's hand, continued

Why this one

Of everything you could have chased, this is what you went after.

Where it is kept

Safe deposit box, vault, safe, or somewhere in the house — and how to get to it.

Who should be called

The person your family should ring before they ring anybody else.

WHAT THIS IS NOT

Worth being exact about

This is not an appraisal.

We are not appraisers and we do not issue appraisals. We document what a card is and what the public record shows it has traded for. If you need a formal appraisal for a tax filing or a legal matter, you need a qualified appraiser, and we will say so.

This is not investment advice.

Nothing here is a recommendation to buy, hold or sell anything. We describe what has happened, never what will.

We do not buy your cards.

We have no financial interest in anything documented here and take no commission on any sale of it. Nobody pays us to tell you a card is good.

Every figure is a realized result.

Read off the auction house's own lot page, buyer's premium included, recorded against its lot. Where we show asking prices instead, the page says so in those words.

A grade is a condition score, and nothing more.

It measures centering, corners, edges and surface. It does not measure which printing this is, how it was kept, or whose it was. That part is the page in your own hand.

Refreshed once a year, so it does not go stale in a drawer. If a card in this Record changes hands, changes grade, or leaves the collection, tell us and we will reissue the page rather than let the document quietly stop being true.