Racing 92 Rugby Memorabilia Available Exclusively on Catawiki

- Racing 92 fans will have the chance to bid on team memorabilia from 16
 November, only on Catawiki
- The auction marks the start of a two year partnership following an 80% surge in sports memorabilia sales on the marketplace
- This partnership follows the success of the Rugby World Cup, which saw 11 Racing 92 players, including Siya Kolisi, Gael Fickou and Cameron Woki, compete across seven countries



Paris, November 16, 2023 - The Rugby World Cup, which ended on October 28, provided French rugby fans with two months of intense action on home soil. To build on the tournament's excitement, Top 14 club Racing 92 are making exclusive team memorabilia available on Catawiki as part of a two year partnership.

A series of auctions will give Racing 92 fans a chance to own a piece of the iconic teams' history on Catawiki, the leading online auction marketplace for special objects. From the first, starting 16 November, fans can bid on items which include the 23 jerseys worn and signed by the players following their victory over Lyon OU Rugby on 4 November at the Paris La Défense Arena for the 5th day of the TOP 14 and a 10 person visit to the training centre and team meet and greet. Other auctions will follow with exclusive team signed items from the club's archives and VIP experiences.

The Top 14 club, made up of international players such as Gael FICKOU, Cameron WOKI, Juan IMHOFF recently welcomed Stuart Lancaster as head coach, he commented, "Racing 92's heritage and history are very strong. Our intention is to continue to build a winning team competing nationally in the Top 14 and the European Champions Cup to enrich the trophies of the Racing 92 club and therefore grow our exciting inventory of memorabilia."

This news follows the <u>international success of the Rugby World Cup</u>, the best attended in competition history. Across the tournament, more than four million fans attended games and there was a total global broadcast audience of over 800 million. The auction also comes ahead of South African captain Siya Kolisi's first game for Racing 92, and the team look forward to auctioning his debut kit at a later date.



Geneviève Tearle, Vice President of Collectibles at Catawiki, comments: "We are delighted to collaborate with one of the most prestigious teams in French rugby, and to be able to offer the Catawiki community the unique opportunity to access exclusive Racing 92 items and experiences for the very first time. This partnership is especially timely for Catawiki, not only because of the global success of the World Cup, but also due to an 80% increase in sales of sports memorabilia on our marketplace in the past year."

This partnership builds on Catawiki's previous collaborations with major French sports teams, notably with cycling team Groupama-FDJ and AS Monaco.

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Editor's notes

The first auction is live from 6pm CET on 16 November until Sunday 26th at 7pm CET.

About Catawiki

Catawiki is the leading online platform for special objects that fulfil people's passions. More than 75,000 items are offered for auction each week, each examined and selected by one of Catawiki's hundreds of in-house experts specialising in art, design, jewellery, fashion, classic cars, collectibles and much more. Catawiki is headquartered in Amsterdam and has over 750 employees worldwide. Express your passion on catawiki.com or download the app.

About Racing 92

Racing Club de France was founded in 1882 and became the very first French rugby champions in 1892. Since then, the club has won 5 more French Championship titles, most recently in 2016. The club draws from its history and successes a taste for boldness, elegance and excellence with a touch of irreverence. By prioritising the training of young players and innovation, Racing 92 is looking to the future and preparing for the successes of tomorrow.