

Judge card sells for modern-day record \$5.2M

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New York Yankees slugger Aaron Judge's value on the field extends to his baseball cards, with a unique 2013 card breaking the modern-day record by selling for \$5.2 million. Fanatics Collect announced Thursday that it had brokered the private

sale of a 2013 Judge Bowman Chrome Draft Superfractor card that is signed and is one of one. The buyer and seller requested to remain private. "We're incredibly honored to have brokered this record-breaking deal and to be part of such a momentous moment in hobby history," Fanatics Collect said in a statement.

The previous record for the publicly known sale of a modern-day baseball card was the 2020 purchase price of \$3.936 million for a one-of-one card -- the 2009 Bowman Chrome Draft Prospects Superfractor -- signed by Los Angeles Angels star outfielder Mike Trout. A Shohei Ohtani card featuring the Los Angeles

Dodgers superstar slugger and pitcher sold for \$3 million in December. The Judge card -- released four years before his official rookie cards -- rocketed in value since it was last sold for \$324,000 through a Fanatics Premier auction in 2022. The Yankees selected Judge in the first round (32nd overall) of the 2013 MLB

Draft. Judge, 33, made his major league debut in August 2016. He became the 2017 American League Rookie of the Year, a three-time AL MVP (2022, 2024, 2025) and a seven-time All-Star. Last season, he led the majors with a .331 batting average, .457 on-base percentage and .668 slugging percentage and drew an AL-best 124 walks. According to Card Ladder, the largest sale of all time was \$12.9 million for a 2007-08 Upper Deck Exquisite Michael Jordan/Kobe Bryant dual NBA Logoman patch autograph

card, also one of one, on Aug. 23, 2025 through Heritage auction. The 1952 Topps Mickey Mantle SGC 9.5 grade, sold for \$12.6 million on Aug. 28, 2022, is second overall as the top baseball card on the list. The Judge card, tied for seventh overall, might not hold the honor of most expensive modern-day card for long. Fanatics Collect currently is auctioning the 2025 Topps Chrome Dual MVP Ohtani & Judge Gold MLB Logoman Auto 1/1. The auction closes March 19 and bids already have exceeded seven figures.



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Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass., will host seven World Cup matches.

World Cup set for Foxborough after town reaches deal

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An agreement between the owners of the New England Revolution and New England Patriots, the regional World Cup organizing committee and the town of Foxborough, Mass., will allow the town's planned World Cup games to move forward. The sides announced the deal on Wednesday, ending a standoff in which the town had threatened to deny the necessary licenses unless it was assured of receiving \$8 million for security. Foxborough was steadfast in refusing to foot the bill with public money. A joint statement regarding the agreement read in part, "As part of this arrangement, the Town of Foxborough will not incur any cost or fi-

nancial burden related to the FIFA World Cup, with Boston Soccer 2026 providing advance funding for security-related capital expenditures and the full extent of deployment that public safety officials have determined is needed to execute the event with Kraft Sports + Entertainment's backing." The Kraft Group, fronted by Robert Kraft, owns the Foxborough-based NFL and MLS teams as well as their home venue, Gillette Stadium. Seven World Cup games are scheduled to be played in Foxborough, including England-Ghana on June 23, Norway-France on June 26, a round-of-32 contest on June 29 and a quarterfinal on July 9. The town of Foxborough is now expected to approve FIFA's license on March 17.

Trump advises Iran team to skip World Cup

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President Donald Trump suggested Thursday that Iran's national soccer team should withdraw from the upcoming FIFA World Cup as a personal safety measure. Trump wrote on Truth Social, the social media platform he owns, that Iran is welcome to play this summer in the United States, "but I really don't believe it is appropriate that they be there, for their own life and safety. Thank you for your attention to this matter!" Each of Iran's three group stage matches is scheduled to take place on American soil. The Iranians open Group G play in Inglewood, Calif., against New Zealand on June 15 and Belgium on June 21. They are slated to face Egypt on June 26 in Seattle. The U.S. and Israel initiated war with Iran on Feb. 28 with a series of airstrikes that killed the longtime Iranian supreme leader, Ali Khomeini, and other officials. Iran's national sports minister, Ahmad Donyamali, reportedly told state television that the country could not participate in the World Cup following Khomeini's death. The White House did not immediately explain

the reference to "safety" in Trump's post, which seemed to conflict with what he said in a recent meeting with FIFA president Gianni Infantino. "President Trump reiterated that the Iranian team is, of course, welcome to compete in the tournament in the United States," Infantino wrote in an Instagram post on Tuesday. "We all need an event like the FIFA World Cup to bring people together now more than ever, and I sincerely thank the President of the United States for his support, as it shows once again that Football Unites the World." The 48-team World Cup, the largest in tournament history, runs from June 11 to July 19 in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Iran planned to train in Tucson, Ariz., before the group stage. Ranked No. 20 in the world, the Iranians qualified for the World Cup for the fourth consecutive time last March as one of the top sides in the Asian Football Confederation. They were eliminated from the group stage in 2022 with a 1-0 loss to the U.S. in Doha, Qatar. Iranian athletes and coaches are exempt from the travel ban Trump imposed against their country last June.

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