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The (15) greatest Golfers of All-Time

By Jim Miller

1): Jack Nicklaus - The Golden Bear was a model of consistency over his (25) year career. His impeccable resume includes (18) majors (the most ever to date), (19) 2nd place finishes in majors, (2) US Amateur titles, (73) PGA Tour wins (3rd best as of this writing) and an almost myopic level of concentration in every phase of the game. His big, wide swing with a flawless follow-through helped rewrite the record books from the early 1960's through 1986. Nicklaus had the whole package. **PGA Career Grand Slam Winner (3x)**

From tee to green and everything in between: Long off the tee, Nicklaus dominated his opponents with a steely calmness that belied the fires that burned within. Maybe not the greatest putter, the Golden Bear could make up for a bad shot by analyzing the break on any green and sinking a nearly impossible putt with the precision of a surgeon. Cool under pressure. A model of uniformity.

2): Tiger Woods – I could have very easily made Tiger Woods number 1 on our list. He's that good. From 1997 through 2008, Woods was the most electrifying golfer the world has ever seen. He's worn the "Green Jacket" (4) times among his (14) major championships. His (79) career pro tour wins ranks only behind Sam Snead (at this writing). Precocious, peppery and amazingly athletic, Woods mere presence on the course often times intimidated his opponents to the point of submission. Despite his virtual domination of the sport for more than a decade, post-2008 Tiger Woods has been anything but invincible, citing his critics and (some) contemporaries to downplay his ranking and label him "as someone who can be beaten on any given day." Will Woods ever regain his top spot among the golfing elite? Can he overcome his proclivity for tampering with his swing? Are his nagging health problems (bad back mainly) a thing of the past? **PGA Career Grand Slam Winner (3x)**

Tiger Woods by the numbers: Eldrick Tont Woods has (79) PGA tour wins (2nd all-time behind Sam Snead). In addition, he has (40) European tour wins (3rd all-time).

3): Ben Hogan - Slight of build and nearly killed in a 1949 head-on collision with a bus, Ben Hogan enjoyed unprecedented success on the links for (40+) years (1930 – 1971). His (9) major championships ranks him 4th (tied with Gary Player) all-time behind only **Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Walter Hagen**. He has (69) pro tour wins to his credit. Many consider him to be the greatest ball striker of all time. His "**Fundamentals of Golf**" instructional book is probably the most widely read golf tutorial of all-time. Hogan's methodology cites the (4) basic principles that every successful golfer must possess: Fundamentals, The Grip, Stance and Posture and the Swing. Hogan overcame a natural propensity to hook the ball off the tee by instituting his patented "strong grip" and his "cupping under" effect which allowed a completely fluid motion from backswing to impact. No less an authority than Tiger Woods (from watching highlight film) credited Hogan with being one of the few ever "to own his swing."
PGA Career Grand Slam Winner

Hogan's Heroes: Hogan won (9) majors. Actor Glen Ford portrayed him in the 1950 movie *The Ben Hogan Story*.

4): Bobby Jones - Whenever someone compiles a list of “the best of anything” there are bound to be some differences of opinion as to who belongs and if they belong where do they belong numerically. Such was the dilemma I faced with making Bobby Jones 4th on my list. From 1923 through 1930 he owned the sport of golf, winning (7) majors, routinely beating the best competition, including Gene Sarazen and Walter Hagen. Then, abruptly, it was all over. His reign as golf’s premier player ended after only (8) years. Jones cited a need to resume his law practice and spend more time with his family. Not completely out of the golfing limelight, Bobby Jones is credited with being the innovator of *The Masters* tournament at his native Augusta National Golf Club. Despite his domination of the sport for (8) years and being billed as “The Greatest Amateur Player” of all time, does Jones edge out such contemporaries as *Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen* ? Only by a nose. **PGA Seasonal Grand Slam Winner (1930)**

Keeping up with the (Bobby) Jones’s - Bobby Jones is the only player – ever – to record a *seasonal Grand Slam* (1930) by winning (4) majors all during one calendar tour year. That feat has never been repeated.

5): Walter Hagen - A flamboyant dresser both on and off the golf course, Walter Hagen was the best player of his era not named Bobby Jones. His impressive resume includes **(11) pro majors** including: (2) US Opens, (4) British Opens and (5) PGA’s (a record that stood until a guy by the name Nicklaus supplanted him in the early 1960’s), which is 3rd on the all-time list behind only Jack Nicklaus & Tiger Woods. Hagen played in an era when golf pros were often treated subserviently by affluent golf club owners who only viewed them as “low level” mentors for their exclusive clientele. More than once Hagen was not allowed to enter the front door of a clubhouse due to his status.

Walter Hagen: Only (3) players have ever reached double digit wins in majors and Hagen is one of them. Has (75) total pro wins and (45) tour wins. Captained (6) USA Ryder Cup teams.

6): Sam Snead - Slammin’ Sammy’s sits at the top of the heap with his (82) pro tour wins. A (4) decade player with a “near perfect swing”, Snead racked up (7) major titles to go along with his many other accomplishments. He was the recipient of the Vardon Trophy (4) times and participated in (7) US Ryder Cup teams over his illustrious career. Long off the tee and very adept with his irons, Snead had a fluid style that was the envy of many of his rivals. Despite all of his success in majors, Snead was never able to win a US Open, although he finished 2nd (4x), 3rd (1x) and in the top 5 (7x).

I feel the need for Snead: Snead remained in the golfing mainstream long after his career ended with numerous product endorsements.

7): Gary Player - The diminutive native of South Africa enjoyed a (5) decade career on the links where he won (150) tournaments worldwide. He is one of only (5) players to own a career Grand Slam. Part ambassador and part duffer, Player is often credited with being the 1st to spread the golfing gospel globally.

PGA Career Grand Slam Winner

A Player by any other name is not the same: Gary Player is tied for 4th place all-time (with Ben Hogan) with (9) majors.

8): Gene Sarazen - A contemporary of Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen racked up (39) career tour wins and has the distinguished honor of being golf’s 1st **Career Grand Slam** winner. His (7) majors are worthy of the highest praise and include: *The Masters - 1935, The US Open – 1922 & 1932; The British Open- 1932 and the PGA Championship – 1922, 1923 & 1933*. His (39) PGA tour event wins are 11th best of all-time. Sarazen is generally recognized as the inventor of the sand wedge. **PGA Career Grand Slam Winner**

Sarazen by the numbers: (4) decade player. Of Italian heritage (Saraceni). Sarazen recorded a hole-in-one at the 1973 Open Championship at age 71.

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9): **Byron Nelson** - For a brief time in 1945 Byron Nelson compiled one of the greatest streaks ever in sports by winning (11) tournaments in a row – including the PGA.. A boyhood pal of Ben Hogan’s, they often competed together as amateurs in their native Ft. Worth (Texas) and later as pros on the nationwide tour. Nelson compiled (64) career total wins including (52) PGA tour events. Nelson is often credited with being the “Father of the modern golf swing” alluding to his perceptive knowledge that as golf clubs evolved from hickory to steel shafts, that the swing must change as well. He advocated a strong leg force drive through the down-swing that resulted in longer ball flight.

The Streak – Byron Nelson was on fire in 1945. He won an astonishing (18) times (still a record today) that year including his “streak” of (11) in a row (also a record that still stands today). Many consider this to be one of the greatest sporting feats of all –time.

10): **Arnold Palmer** - No one before him (nor after him) has done more to promote the game of golf than Arnold Palmer. Using the medium of television, the personable Palmer – one of the big (3) of the Sixties (along with Nicklaus and Gary Player) – single-handedly rewrote the text books on marketing the game of golf to the masses. Once thought to be the game of the wealthy and affluent, Palmer was the embodiment of the every day man – unpretentious, approachable and extremely likable. Turned pro in 1954 and won his 1st event (1) year later. Racked up (95) career wins including (4) Masters.

Arnie’s Army - Arnie has (62) PGA wins including (7) majors. Reported 2015 net worth: \$ **675 million**.

11): **Tom Watson** – From 1978 through 1982 Tom Watson owned the distinction of being the world’s top ranked golfer. His (39) PGA tour wins (71, overall including non-PGA events) and (8) majors could very conceivably have helped him crack the top (10) on our list. The difference being that Watson was a great player; the (10) preceding him are golfing icons. He is the only golfer to ever record a 67 – or less – in all (4) majors at least once in (4) decades. Watson has assimilated nicely onto the Senior Tour and is always a threat to win it all.

It’s elementary, my dear Mr. Watson - Despite all his success, Watson never won the PGA tournament.

12): **Phil Mickleson** – Lefty has amassed an impressive (42) PGA tour wins in his career to date, which includes: (5) majors – (3) green jackets, (1) British Open and (1) PGA. Many consider him to be – Ernie Els notwithstanding – the 2nd best golfer of his era behind only Tiger Woods. Popular, personable and very approachable, Mickleson may still inch higher on the list of greatest golfers with a flurry of wins in the 2nd half of his career.

13): **Carey Middlecoff** - A contemporary of Sam Snead and Ben Hogan, Cary Middlecoff is the greatest golfer of all time who no one knows about. A former dentist, Middlecoff joined the pro tour at the advanced age of (26). Over the course of his illustrious career (1947 – 1961), Middlecoff racked up (41) tour wins including (3) majors (1949 & 1956 – US Open; 1955 – Masters). He became a golf commentator after his retirement from the pro tour.

14): **Nick Faldo** – The English born Faldo was inspired to take up golf at the age of (13) after watching Jack Nicklaus on TV compete in the 1971 Masters. He stood alone at the top of the Official World Golf Rankings for a total of (97) weeks. His (41) career wins include (6) major championships: (3) Masters & (3) Open Championships which dwarfs his closest competitor, Greg Norman (he won only (2) majors). Faldo was known to stare down opponents in hope of causing a mental mistake. The truth of the matter is that it often seemed to work. Faldo became a golf analyst after his playing days.

15): **Billy Casper** – Billy Casper just passed away at the age of 83 on Feb. 7, 2015. One of the most underrated golfers of his era, Casper amassed (51) tour wins in a career that spanned (20) years (1956 – 1975). He won (3) majors. Never a member of the exclusive Big Three Club of the 1960's (Jack Nicklaus – Arnold Palmer – Gary Player), Casper is credited with winning at least (1) tour event for (16) straight years from 1956 – 1971, a feat only eclipsed by, who else, Jack & Arnie. He is generally considered to be the best putter of his generation.

Honorable mention: *Seve Ballesteros, Ernie Els, Raymond Floyd, Johnny Miller, Lee Trevino, Harry Vardon, Greg Norman, Vijay Singh*

1948 Cleveland Browns (AAFC Champions) Plush Felt Pennant with Brownie Elf Logo

1948 Cleveland Browns AAFC Champions plush felt pennant with Brownie Elf Logo (Incredibly rare Cleveland Browns “Brownie Elf” pennant from the 1948 AAFC Championship season. Large size (approx: 12” x 29”) with original tassels. Lavishly textured brown background with the “Brownie Logo” done in white. Tip end is complete. Some light wear in spots, but overall very nice. From the days of Otto Graham, Dante Lavelli, Paul Brown, etc. Vg/Ex condition) **\$ 149.99 + FREE S&H in the USA**



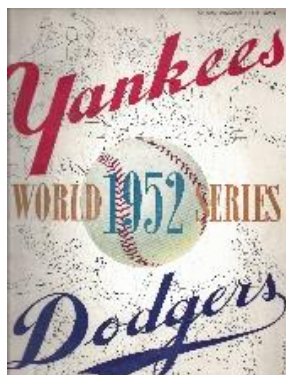
1936 Dizzy Dean (St. Louis Cardinals) Goudey R 311 Glossy Baseball Premium

1936 Dizzy Dean Goudey R 311 Glossy Baseball Premium (Beautiful Dizzy Dean Goudey R 311 (This premium is very similar to the Wide Pen's, although bigger. Has a glossy finish to it. Blank back. Exceptional condition. One that rarely shows up – especially in this condition. Ex+ condition) **\$ 99.99 + FREE S&H in USA**



1952 World Series (Yankees vs Brooklyn) Program

1952 World Series Program – NY Yanks vs Brooklyn Dodgers (Full and complete. Not scored. Strong Ex condition with a small amount of wear. Ex) **\$ 79.99 + FREE S&H in the USA**



1939 Light Heavyweight Championship Fight Ticket at MSG

1939 Light Heavyweight Championship Fight Ticket (Billy Conn vs Melio Bettina at MSG (Dated 1939 Light Heavyweight Championship fight ticket. Ringside seat at MSG. 7/13/1939. Conn was victorious and moved up to the heavyweight division. Overall very clean. Ex) **\$ 29.99 + FREE S&H in USA**



1950's Everlast Boxing Training Gloves Display Box with Contents

1950's Everlast Boxing Gloves Display Box with Original training Gloves (Really cool Everlast Boxing display box with the original training gloves inside. Box shows some light wear in spots but is overall very nice. Gloves are near flawless. Box is Vg/Ex) **\$ 19.99 + \$ 6.99 S&H in USA**



C. 1933 – 70's Sam Corti (Pro Boxer) Original Scrapbook

C. 1933 – 70's Sam Corti (Pro Boxer) Original Scrapbook (We are pleased to offer this marvelous compilation scrapbook from former pro boxer Sam Corti. A native of Trenton, NJ, the Capital City's "hard-hitting Italian" rose rapidly through the ranks by winning regional Gold Gloves tournaments and then ascending into the professional realm. The scrapbook contains (16) pages (both front and back) that contain newspaper clipping, numerous original photos (some fight photos, some family-related photos) and (2) partial fight broadsides. Many of the items are glued/affixed to the pages, while other things are loosely placed between the pages. Really captures the pulse of what was happening in the fight game during the 1930's & 1940's. The scrapbook itself is in nice shape with some light wear. Grade of Vg/Ex condition) **\$ 39.99 + \$ 8.99 S&H via 1st Class mail or \$ 3.99 via Media mail**



C. 1935 -37 Sam Corti (Pro Boxer) Gold Framed Photo

C. 1935 – 37 Sam Corti Pro Boxer Gold framed Photo (Smaller sized gold framed photo (measures approx: 6.5” x 8.5” at outer edge of frame) of Trenton, NJ’s “hard-hitting Italian” pro boxer. Has a stand-up easel on back for easy desk-top display. Sam Corti was a Gold Gloves Champion (C. 1937) who later moved into the professional ranks. Ex)
\$ 9. 99 + \$ 3. 99 S&H in USA



Sam Corti (Pro Boxer) Partial Fight Broadside from the Trenton (NJ) Arena

C. Late 1930's/early 1940's Sam Corti Partial Fight Broadside vs Frankie Jones at the Trenton Arena (Part of a fight broadside from the long-gone Trenton Arena. Sam Corti (North Trenton) vs Frankie Jones (Rochelle Park). Rigid cardboard material. Measures approx: 5” x 9” **PLEASE NOTE:** The Trenton Arena was knocked down in the early 1950's and served as the home base for pro boxers (Ike Williams – World Champion & Sam Corti – Pro Boxer). In addition, the *Trenton Tigers* (BAA) pro basketball team played there for many years. Mid grade partial broadside with some wear (Vg)
\$ 9. 99 + \$ 2.99 S&H in USA

C. Late 1930's/early 1940's Sam Corti Partial Fight Broadside vs Johnny Noce at the Trenton Arena (Part of a fight broadside from the long-gone Trenton Arena. Sam Corti (Trenton) vs Johnny Noce (Philadelphia). Rigid cardboard material. Measures approx: 6” x 11.5” Rare Trenton Arena memorabilia. Partial broadside shows some light wear (creases, folds) but is overall okay. Mid-grade (about Vg)
\$ 9. 99 + \$ 2. 99 S&H in USA

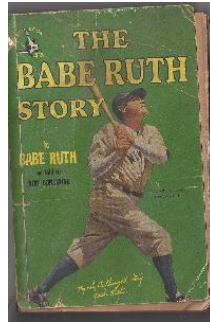
1937 Sam Corti (Pro Boxer & Gold Gloves Champion) Original Photo

1937 Sam Corti (Gold Glove Champion) & Another Fighter original Photo (8” x 10” original photo of Gold Glove champion (Sam Corti) and an unidentified African-American fighter listed as “Gus” at bottom. Photo shows Corti dangling what appears to be ice over the head of fellow Gold Gloves Champion (Gus). On the bottom border it reads “Sam & Gus – 1937 Champs”, alluding to Corti (and Gus) winning their respective Gold Glove tournament divisions. There is a vertical white line that runs from top to bottom. Additional chipping, creasing in spots and some paper loss near bottom. Fair condition)
\$ 9. 99 + \$ 1.99 S&H in USA



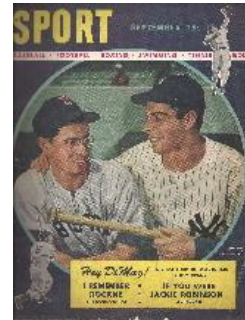
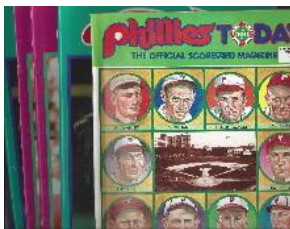
1948 Babe Ruth Original : The Babe Ruth Story paper back edition by Bob Considine

1948 Babe Ruth Original: The Babe Ruth Story paperback edition (This original edition debuted in September of 1948 right after his death and in conjunction with the opening of the “Babe Ruth Story” starring William Bendix. The 1st several and last few pages have come loose but are present. Has wear on covers but inside pages are fine. Good/Vg condition) **\$ 9. 99 + \$ 1. 99 S&H**



1983 – 1993 Philadelphia Phillies Lot of (6) Official Game Programs

1983 – 1993 Phillies Lot of (6) Game Programs (All are in near mint/mint condition. All are not scored. As follows: 1983 x (1) with all-time greats on cover; 1992 x (4) – Two have Mariano Duncan on cover and (2) have Mitch Williams on cover; 1993 x (1) with John Kruk on cover) **Lot of (6) for \$ 11.99 + \$ 2.99 S&H via Media Mail**



1930's/40's The Sport Magazine Lot of (10) Inside front Cover full page Player Photos with HOF'ers

1930's/40's The Baseball magazine Lot of (10) Inside front cover player photos with HOF'ers (Great looking The Baseball Magazine inside front covers lot of (10) player photos. These **ARE NOT** the premium send-aways that kids could've purchased with a coupon and 25 cents. Includes: (1) Hal Schumacher; (1) Dick Bartell, Schoolboy Rowe, Dick Wakefield, Bucky Walters, Paul Richards (trimmed), Paul Waner (HOF), Jimmy Foxx (HOF), Paul “Dizzy” Trout and Steve O’Neill (trimmed). All show wear. All are suitable for framing. Grade range: Good/Vg to Vg/Ex)

Lot of (10) for \$ 9. 99 + \$ 1.99 S&H in USA

1947 Joe Dimaggio & Brother Dom Early Issue of Sport Magazine

1947 Joe & Dom DiMaggio early issue of Sport magazine (Brilliantly rich color-roto of Joe DiMaggio on Page 58 along with a story on the DiMaggio Bros. The spine shows considerable wear and is ripped from bottom upward ½ way. Also spine separation from top of spine downward approx. 2” or so. Covers are still attached. Inside contents are solid. Spine – Fair/Poor; Inside – Ex or better) **\$ 14. 99 + FREE S&H in the USA**

1961 MLB All-Star Game Official Program at Candlestick Park in SF

1961 MLB All-Star Game program at Candlestick Park in SF (Classic All-Star Game at Candlestick Park in SF. Game is best remembered for NL pitcher, Stu Miller, being blown off the mound by a gust of wind. Program is solid all the way around. Some light stain marks in lower section of cover, but otherwise real nice. Not scored. Ex)

\$ 89. 00 + FREE S&H in the USA

1966 Cleveland Indians Official Yearbook

1966 Cleveland Indians Yearbook (Overall okay. Some light wear on cover. Spine is solid with a few chip marks. Inside page are clean, clear and complete. Many popular players including: Rocky Colavito, Sam McDowell, Sonny Siebert, Leon Wagner, Max Alvis, etc. Vg/Ex) **\$ 11.99 + \$ 2.99 S&H in USA**

1964 Mickey Mantle (HOF) Aura-Vision Record

1964 Mickey Mantle Aura-Vision Record (A sometimes overlooked Mantle collectible of high repute. A real beauty. The center hole is not punched out. Text and stats on back are near flawless. Ex+) **\$ 35.00 + FREE S&H in USA**



1952 Sugar Ray Robinson vs Rocky Graziano World Middleweight Championship Fight Ticket

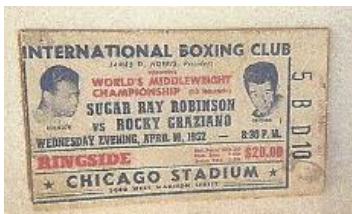
1952 World Middleweight Championship Fight Ticket (Sensational on-site ticket for the April 16, 1952 World Middleweight Championship Bout between Sugar Ray Robinson & Rocky Graziano. Picture ticket from the old Chicago Stadium. Has some creases, a few small staple holes and additional generalized wear. There is scrapbook residue on back. Still a beautiful Championship ticket. Good/Vg) **\$ 69.99 + FREE S&H**

2014 Johnny Manziel (Cleveland Browns) Empty Panini Trading Cards Box

2014 Johnny Manziel Empty Panini Trading Cards Box (Is the much ballyhooed rookie hype or hope for the play-off starved fans of Cleveland? Large size, gravity display box with pop-open bottom. Great display piece of the former A&M star. Near Mint) **\$ 9.99 + \$ 4.99 S&H in USA**

C. 1920's Antique Hickory Golf Club Iron

C. 1920's Antique Hickory Shaft Golf Club (from the days of Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen. (5) Iron with a minimal amount of rust/pitting on club face. Hickory has aged well and shows little if any wear. Vg) **\$ 24.99 + \$ 8.99 S&H in USA**



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