

Joe Namath Early 1970's New York Jets Road Jersey

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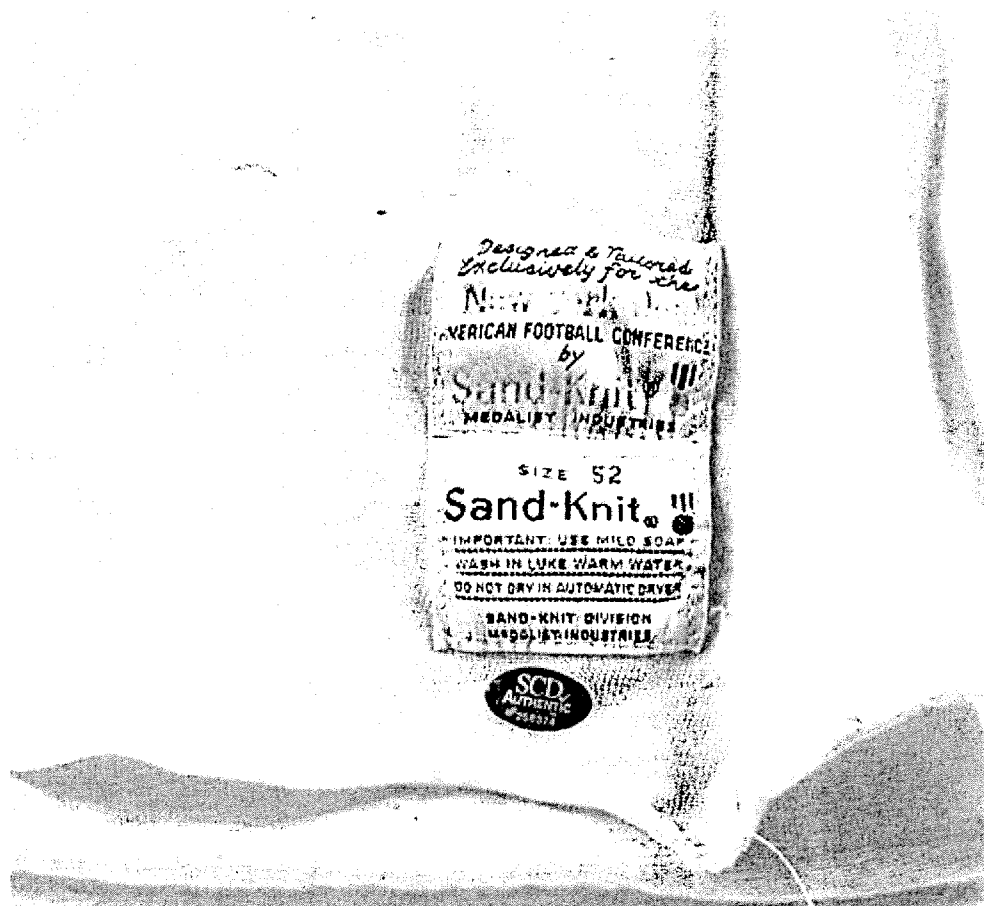
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Lot Description

Among the legends of pro football, few individuals loom as large as "Broadway" Joe Namath. A cockiness, showmanship and talent, Namath burst upon the New York scene in 1965 with the Jets. season Namath passed for 2,200 yards and 18 touchdowns, winning the AFL Rookie of the Year Award. following season he led all professional passers with 3,379 yards (which at the time was the fourth ever) and followed that up by cracking the 4,000 yard mark in 1967. All of those accomplishments, pale in comparison to his unprecedented performance in Super Bowl III. With the Jets huge underdog powerful Baltimore Colts (one sportswriter predicted a 55-0 Colts victory), Namath stunned the sports confidently "guaranteeing" a win by the Jets. Dizzy Dean once remarked, "It ain't bragging if you can do it." those sentiments were probably echoed by Namath at the time. The former Alabama star completed 17 passes in the game for 206 yards, coolly leading the Jets to a stunning 16-7 victory and the AFL's first Super Bowl victory over their more established NFL rivals. That win forever changed the course of pro football. The merger of the two Leagues the following year. Though Namath never returned to the NFL, he remained one of the game's top quarterbacks until knee injuries significantly limited his playing effectiveness. In 1985 he received football's highest honor with his election to the Football Hall of Fame.

Presented is a New York Jets road jersey worn by Namath during the early 1970's. The white jersey features the number "12" on the front, reverse and each sleeve. "Namath" is lettered on the reverse of the jersey. All letters, and front and reverse numerals, are appliqued in green tackle twill. All sleeve numbers are appliqued in white tackle twill. Located on the left front tail are both a "Sand-Knit 52" label and a SCD exclusivity label reading in part "Designed and Tailored Exclusively for the New York Jets..." although not fully designated, the jersey has been manufactured with extra length and the tail has been cut. Aside from the name (team or player produced), the jersey is original and unaltered displaying light wear throughout. The jersey was originally obtained as one of the grand prizes in an Upper Deck giveaway contest and is accompanied by an Upper Deck attesting to its provenance. Graded A4.5 by SCD Authentic. Additional LOA from Lyle Dan Knoll & Dave Bushing/SCD Authentic.

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