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Alonzo Mourning's Basketball Jersey Signed by President Obama to be Auctioned by Huggins & Scott Auctions

Jersey Was Worn at Obama's 49th Birthday Basketball Game with NBA Stars

LOS ANGELES, February 3, 2016 – A jersey worn by Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer Alonzo Mourning, which was signed by President Barack Obama, will be auctioned by Huggins & Scott Auctions from February 1-11. Interested bidders may participate in the auction online.

President Obama's love of basketball is well-documented in the book "The Audacity of Hoop: Basketball and the Age of Obama," published in November of last year. Obama celebrated his 49th birthday on August 4, 2010. Part of the birthday festivities were a series of pickup basketball games at Ft. McNair in Washington DC. The President played with NBA stars including Alonzo Mourning, Carmelo Anthony, Shane Battier, Chauncey Billups, Kobe Bryant, Baron Davis, LeBron James, Pau Gasol, Grant Hill, Maya Moore, Magic Johnson and Chris Paul.

Several wounded soldiers from Walter Reed Medical Center were invited to watch the games. Following a game, Alonzo Mourning gave his commemorative Nike size 2XL "POTUS' 49th" jersey to Jack Thebau, one of the wounded soldiers in attendance. President Obama and 12 players -- including Magic Johnson, LeBron James and Kobe Bryant -- signed Mourning's jersey.

The jersey comes with a Letter of Provenance from Thebau and a Letter of Authenticity Photo from James Spence Authentication, LLC.

Bidding for the jersey begins at \$900.

Additional information on the jersey can be found at <https://www.hugginsandscott.com/cgi-bin/showitem.pl?itemid=93309>

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