

Buckner Screwball up for Auction in Dallas

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The baseball that shattered the dreams of Red Sox fans all over the globe and turned Bill Buckner into one of the most legendary goats in sports history is up for auction in Dallas.

The Houston Chronicle reports that, "the ball that rolled through Buckner's legs in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series between Boston and the New York Mets will be part of an auction Friday in Dallas. Heritage Auctions said the ball is expected to bring in more than \$100,000 as the centerpiece of an auction featuring the baseball memorabilia collection of Los Angeles songwriter Seth Swirsky."

Swirsky said, "that one ball kind of encapsulates the highest and lowest you can feel in sports at any given moment."

According to the Houston Chronicle, "Buckner hit .289 with 2,715 hits in 22 years and had more than 100 RBIs in two of his three full seasons with the Red Sox. All of that was overshadowed by his error at Shea Stadium that night when Mookie Wilson's grounder rolled through Buckner's legs, allowing the Mets to cap a two-out rally with a victory in the 10th inning. The Mets went on to win the series and Boston's champion drought — dating to 1918 — continued until 2004."

Swirsky said, "I think everybody remembers where they were, even if they were a sports fan or not. Everybody seems to remember that. It's not just a baseball moment. It's not just a piece of Mets history or Red Sox history but it seems like a cultural moment of the 80s."

To read the entire article from the Houston Chronicle, link here: Tmcgregordallas@yahoo.com