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The following articles, Jeff wrote recently for the [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#).

Check your emotions when buying memorabilia at auctions

One of the easiest ways to acquire sports memorabilia is through auctions. There are many reputable auction houses throughout the United States that I have dealt with. Some of the auction houses specialize in certain types of items, such as bobblehead dolls, vintage sports cards or even jerseys.

Other auction houses offer a wide variety of sports items. I have found that the easiest way to identify the auction houses that exist is through the Sports Collectors Digest. I use that publication frequently, especially on my radio shows to announce upcoming auctions.

When I first started with auction houses, I was a real rookie. I did not know the first thing about how they operated. All I knew were auctions that were being held which offered some items that I wanted.

However, I did find that people who operate the auction houses are extremely helpful. But the fact remains that you learn by your experiences, and I can tell you that I, myself, have made my share of mistakes. In future articles, I will discuss some ins and outs of bidding in auctions, but you need to be very careful that your emotions do not get too much in the way. Set a budget, and try to stick with it, as difficult as it may be. More later.

Answers to last month's trivia questions.

1. Who holds the Major League pitching record for throwing the most consecutive scoreless innings? Orel Hershiser
2. Who holds the all-time NBA record for most assists in a game? Scott Skiles
3. Whose record did LaDainian Tomlinson break for most touchdowns scored in an NFL season? Shaun Alexander

4. Who was the MVP of the first NBA All-Star game? Bob Pettit
5. In which year were there two MLB All-Star games? 1959, 1962
6. Who was the losing team in Super Bowl I? The Kansas City Chiefs
7. Who founded and originally owned the Harlem Globetrotters? Abe Saperstein
8. Who won the 1941 American League MVP Award? Ted Williams or Joe DiMaggio? Joe DiMaggio
9. Which Major League team has thrown the most no-hitters? Which team is second? The Dodgers (Brooklyn and Los Angeles). The Chicago White Sox.
10. Who are the only major league baseball players to have at least 100 home runs for three different teams? Name the players and the teams. (Hint: All the teams are in the American League) Reggie Jackson for New York, Oakland and California, and Alex Rodriguez for New York, Texas and Seattle.

This month's trivia questions.

1. What year was the first Masters tournament? Where was it held? Bonus: Who won?
2. Who was the late Duke Snider traded for?
3. Who won the first NCAA basketball tournament?
4. Who has won the most Masters golf tournaments?
5. Which U.S. president set the precedent of throwing out the first pitch on opening day?
6. Which MLB team (post 1900's) holds the major league record for most victories to start a season?
7. Which MLB team (post 1900's) holds the major league record for most losses to start a season?
8. What year did the NCAA expand its tournament to 64 teams?
9. What year did Texas Western, now the University of Texas at El Paso beat Kentucky to win the NCAA final four tournament?
10. Who was Willie Mays traded for when he went to the New York Mets?