

Auctions Offer a Chance To Get Sports Collectibles

Your mother threw away your 1964 Topps set? You traded a 1969 Roberto Clemente for a pal's stick of gum? Now's your chance to get them back.

Starting next week, One If By Cards, Two If By Comics, the collectibles store on Central Park Avenue in Scarsdale since 1992, will be offering an array of rare memorabilia via telephone and eBay auctions.

The items come from an anonymous collector whose holdings include rare sets and unopened packs of sports cards, as well as some non-sports related memorabilia (a box of 1968



“Rowan and Martin’s Laugh-In” trading cards, for instance). Items available, auction rules and opening bids can be viewed at the store’s Web site: www.lif-bycards.com.

Mark Rubin, the store’s owner, said his favorite item in the auction is an unopened pack of 1954-55 Topps hockey cards. The minimum opening bid for the pack is \$1,000, which may seem a bit steep, especially since the cover of the pack advertises its original price of 5 cents. There’s a chance, however, that inside that wax pack lies Gordie Howe’s first Topps card, which Mr. Rubin said could fetch as much as \$2,000.

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