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These are the authentic autographed Blue Jays memorabilia available from Baseball Originals. From left to right the 1992 and 1993 World Series balls, framed pictures, 1993 World Series ball and in front a championship bat. Call 905-336-4077 for information. photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

## Watch out for fake Blue Jays items

By Mike Zrostek

With the success of the Toronto Blue Jays also comes people trying to pull a fast one, and make a buck off fans who want a piece of their favorite team.

A representative from Baseball Originals was in the Halton Hills This Week office displaying some of the authentic Blue Jays baseballs, bats and pictures.

Early this December, police raided a house in Woodbridge and grabbed over \$100,000 in fake merchandise that was said to have been signed by Blue Jay stars Roberto Alomar, John Olerud and Paul Molitor, but proved to be fakes.

To ensure you have purchased an authentic item signed by a Blue Jays player

make sure the item has been licensed by Major League Baseball and the Major League Players Association.

A hot commodity that was going around and is fake, is a bat apparently signed by the 1-2-3 combination of American League batting leaders of 1993, Molitor, Olerud, and Alomar with a fake letter of authenticity.

This particular item was never sanctioned by the Toronto Blue Jays or Major League Baseball and has since been seized in stores that were selling them.

All of the signings for Jays memorabilia was done in no more than two sittings following the Jays World Series win, and they are not numbered.

Baseball Originals have framed autographed photos

of Blue Jays Devon White Alomar, Carter, Molitor Olerud, Juan Guzman and others that run for \$55 two for \$100.

Also available are 1992 and 1993 World Series Team Balls signed by all 25 players on the team each year including Dave Stieb, Dave Winfield and David Wells from the 1992 team that run for \$750. The 1993 World Series signed bats are \$800.

A deluxe set of the 92/93 balls in a deluxe presentation case is \$1,450 and a 1993 World Series team ball and bat is also \$1450. Both are autographed by all the players.

Everybody wants a part of the Blue Jays World but just be careful when purchasing make sure you're getting what you pay for.



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