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Spring, 2006 *Top 100 Insights* The Grading Game

Morris Plains, NJ-May 16, 2006. The Spring, 2006 issue of *Top 100 Insights and Value* presents valuable insights on “The Grading Game”, ways professional numismatists and dealers make money upgrading certified coins.

Recommendations and references were given to help the collector become an expert coin grader, as well as the rationale behind playing the grading game successfully. Additional information was presented on how to maximize the value of your coins among the various grading certification services.

Record prices for the last quarter were discussed for numerous *Top 100 varieties*. Morgan dollar *ultra rarities*, high grade relatively common Top 100 varieties in PCGS holders, and rare die varieties *in any grade* continue to bring record prices in a **hot** Top 100 market. Trades reviewed for this quarter were up 83% from the Spring, 2005 quarter.

The Spring, 2006 Ultra Rarities auction catalog is now available in both hard copy (\$10), or on-line at no cost at <http://rcicoins.com/spring2006/catalog.pdf>

The 16 page catalog contains 59 lots of incredible rarities including an *ultra rare* PCGS 45 1878 8TF VAM 14.20, an ANACS 55 1878 7/3 TF VAM 44 “The King of Morgan Dollar Varieties; Tripled Cotton Blossoms & Leaves”, and a PCGS 62 PQ! 1888 o VLDS “Scar Face”. The auction closes on Wednesday, June 14th, 2006 at 9 PM. Bids can be mailed, telephoned, FAXed, or E-mailed to Feyms@aol.com

VAM is an acronym for Leroy Van Allen and A. George Mallis who were first to catalog varieties of obverse and reverse dies, called die pairs, by a VAM number. VAM numbers are given along with photographs of each in the *Comprehensive Catalog and Encyclopedia of Morgan & Peace Dollars (4th Ed)* normally referred to as the VAM book.

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