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4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers

Elias Pettersson, Cale Makar, Quinn Hughes and Jordan Binnington.

Sticker History from 2019-20 Topps

This is the Largest NHL Hockey stickers set of all time at 630 stickers in this year's set. Topps takes over from Panini as the official provider of NHL Hockey Stickers after Panini's 14 year run of producing stickers from 2004-2018.

Once again, a large number of sought after foils in a set with 143 different foil stickers to collect. A mind blowing 22.7% of the set was foils! Included in this were 93 Superstar Foil stickers where three star players were featured per team, 7 Stanley Cup Finals foils, 2 Trophy foils (Conn Smythe and Stanley Cup), 7 Stanley Cup Champion Blues related foils, 1 Special Rookie of the Year Elias Pettersson foil, 1 Special Hart Trophy League MVP Nikita

Kucherov foil, 1 Special All Star Game MVP Sidney Crosby foil plus an additional 31 Team Logo foils. There were also 487 regular “heavier” paper glossy style stickers.

Also of note is the fact that 4 stickers were ONLY available exclusively as an album insert. Stickers were: #40 Brad Marchand, #74 Sean Monahan, #244 Zach Parise and #261 Carey Price. These 4 stickers were NOT available in packs.

Perhaps as a way to encourage collectors as they opened packs, some of the more “popular” players seemed to be inserted a little more. From my experience in opening numerous packages, it seemed clear that some stickers were “double printed” or “DP”. The 24 “double printed” stickers were numbers: 66, 150, 159, 201, 237, 306, 320, 340, 369, 370, 372, 388, 400, 404, 424, 425, 437, 440, 459, 471, 493, 508, 517 and 526.

In addition, to the 4 Exclusive “album only” stickers, there were 6 other stickers on this “album panel insert”. 3 of these stickers were 134, 202 and 338 which were also available in packs. The other 3 “album” stickers were

numbers: 237, 320 and 437 which were also available in packs BUT were also “double printed”. These 3 stickers: 237, 320 and 437 should never really be on anyone’s need list.

We cracked open 64 boxes (4 cases) of 2019-20 NHL Topps Stickers. Here are the numbers:

Topps inserted ONLY one Foil Sticker in every pack (50 a box). It would take you at least 7-8 boxes to get at least one of each Foil (there are a lot of doubles). Opening over 20 boxes, some stickers I only saw 3 of. It is extremely hard to assemble complete sets from this series.

Considering that the price per box is about \$65 including shipping, realistically, it would take you about 5-6 boxes in order to make a complete set with a TON of doubles. That is a cost of \$325-\$390 for the average collector opening packages.

Topps.com and their reps at the National Sports Card Expo in November of 2019, made it clear that the company DOES NOT provide an opportunity to order missing stickers (as Panini did). They recommended the secondary market or opening more packs as

the only way to complete your set. It's more fun opening packs anyway.

This 2019-20 year celebrates the re-birth of Topps into the hockey stickers market. Last seen briefly in 2003 and then before that, in 1999 and 1997 making NHL sticker re-useable decal sheets, then Topps insert stickers (in hockey card packs) from 1985-1989, then from 1982 and 1983 (Topps made NHL packs of stickers and albums) as they are doing again today!

Sticker Facts

The size of each full sticker is 7.3 cm X 5.3 cm (2.88 in X 2.1 in). There were 50 packages in each wax box, which originally retailed for \$1.50 a pack. Each package contained 5 stickers (which included 1 of the 143 foils per package). The minimum number of packages needed to make a full set (assuming absolutely no doubles) is an NHL stickers record of 126. Remember, as noted above, there are 4 Exclusive stickers ONLY found in the album. There is ONLY one version of the sticker album: the cover features Nikita Kucherov,

Connor McDavid, Auston Matthews, Jordan Binnington, Patrick Kane and Nathan MacKinnon.

The 2019 Stanley Cup winners were the St. Louis Blues and Ryan O'Reilly won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the NHL Playoffs MVP.

Season Facts

This was the 102nd season of operation of the NHL (101st of play). Jack Hughes was the 1st overall draft pick and played for the New Jersey in his first NHL season.

On October 16, 2018, Oilers forward [Connor McDavid](#) broke his first NHL record, by contributing to, either by scoring or assisting on all of the first nine goals scored by his team in the regular season. The record was previously held by [Adam Oates](#), who contributed to the first seven goals scored by the [Detroit Red Wings](#) in 1986–87.

On February 5, 2019, Capitals forward [Alexander Ovechkin](#) scored his 1,180th point, surpassing [Sergei Fedorov](#) to

become the leading Russia-born scorer in NHL history.

On February 14, 2019, Sharks forward **Joe Thornton** surpassed **Teemu Selanne** for 15th on the NHL's all-time scoring leaders list.

On March 12, 2019, Montreal Canadiens goaltender Carey Price recorded his 315th win, surpassing **Jacques Plante** to become the winningest goaltender in Canadiens franchise history.

On April 5, 2019, Washington Capitals forward Alexander Ovechkin won the eighth **Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy** of his career, surpassing **Phil Esposito** to become the player with the most goal-scoring titles in NHL history.

Expansion Notes

The 32nd NHL franchise, Seattle, will play in the Pacific and the Arizona Coyotes will move to the Central Division in 2021-22.