

1983-84 OPC Set of 330

1983-84 O-Pee-Chee Set of 330 (loose stickers)

4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers

Pelle Lindbergh, Scott Stevens, Guy Carbonneau & Andy Moog.

Sticker History

This was the biggest O-Pee-Chee set to date featuring 2 piece puzzles of at least one player from every NHL team. A Topps version was also made for this year and it featured the same front pictures as the O-Pee-Chee but with a different unique backing. The O-Pee-Chee “Record Breakers” had both English and French language on the front whereas that Topps version only has English on the front. This O-Pee-Chee series here had English and French language on the backs of the stickers. When finding unopened wax from 1983, it is not uncommon for the glue that held the packages to be coming undone. O-Pee-Chee distributed these stickers out of London, Ontario in Canada.

Sticker Facts

The size of each full sticker is 4.9 cm X 6.5 cm (1.93 in X 2.56 in). There were 100 packages in each wax box which originally retailed for \$0.25 per pack. Each package contained 6 stickers. The minimum number of packages needed to make a full set (assuming absolutely no doubles) is 55. The original album (\$0.25) cover featured Goalie Pete Peeters. The 1983 Stanley Cup winners were the New York Islanders with Goalie Billy Smith the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoffs MVP.

Season Facts

Future hall of famer Glenn Anderson contributed 48 goals on the Oilers while Jari Kurri chipped in another 45. Pete Peeters won his first and only Vezina trophy and finished runner up for the Hart Trophy, Rod Langway won the Norris trophy, Goalie Pelle Lindbergh won 23 games as a rookie. Still a player, Bobby Clarke led the Flyers in scoring with 85 points. Mike Bossy recorded his 6th season with at least 50 goals. The interesting note here is that Bossy has only played in the NHL for 6 seasons. Peter Stastny finished behind Gretzky in the scoring title race. Journeyman forward Pat Hughes from the Edmonton Oilers has a 2 piece puzzle in this series for scoring the quickest 2 short-handed goals 25 seconds apart.

Expansion Notes

The Colorado Rockies were purchased by John McMullen and move to New Jersey. The Devils started playing their home games in New Jersey for the 1982-83 season.

Wayne Gretzky Notes

Gretzky was featured 9 times (plus 3 other stickers that do not have him directly on the stickers but are a part of a 4 piece puzzle #19-#21) this set includes his first foil puzzle for being a Record Breaker. Wayne led the NHL in goals with 71 and a new record of 125 assists. Gretzky set a playoff record with 38 points. He did this without scoring a goal in the Finals. Wayne became the first player to win 4 straight Hart trophies for being the most valuable player in the league. He also won his second straight Lester B. Pearson award for being the league MVP as voted on by the players. The Art Ross trophy was awarded to Wayne for the 3rd time. This was the 2nd year in a row that Wayne would fire more than 300 shots with a total of 348 to be exact. This series featured 9 Gretzky stickers. Wayne scored a season total of 71 goals

and 125 assists for 196. His points per game ratio for this 80 games played season was 2.45.