

1984-85 OPC Set of 292

1984-85 O-Pee-Chee Set of 292 (loose stickers)

4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers

Steve Yzerman, Doug Gilmour, Tom Barrasso and Dave Andreychuk.

Sticker History

This was the first year that 2 sticker numbers appeared on the same sticker for NHL stickers. There are 270 physical stickers to collect in this set. 22 of these physical stickers have 2 numbers on them. This was also the first year that there was no Topps version of hockey stickers issued since 1982. The sticker numbers to appear on the same sticker together were: all 21 of the team logos, 4 foil star players, 12 league leaders and 7 foil trophies. The sticker album and sticker packages for this set celebrate the Edmonton Oilers first Stanley Cup victory, showing Wayne Gretzky hoisting his 1st cup over his head. Doug Gilmour's name is spelled in error as "Gilmore" on his first player sticker #60. When finding unopened wax from 1984, 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 45. The original album (\$0.25) cover featured Wayne Gretzky. The 1984 Stanley Cup winners were the Edmonton Oilers with Mark Messier the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoffs MVP.

Season Facts

Stay at home defenseman Rod Langway finished second to Gretzky in Hart Trophy balloting. This was the first year that the NHL added the 5 minute sudden death overtime period to games that ended regulation in a tie. On March 6, 1984, Dale Hawerchuk sets an NHL record by notching 5 assists in one period. Paul Coffey scored an astonishing 126 points as a defenseman and amazingly finished second in Norris Trophy voting. The Edmonton Oilers made history once again by being the 1st ever NHL team to have 3 players (Glenn Anderson, Jari Kurri and Wayne Gretzky) score at least 50 goals each in one season. Oiler goalie Grant Fuhr scores a miracle 14 points setting an NHL record for goalie points in one season.

Expansion Notes

No Expansion notes for this season.

Wayne Gretzky Notes

Gretzky made headlines on November 19, 1983 when Oiler Jari Kurri scored 5 goals and Wayne had 8 points in a 13-4

romp of the New Jersey Devils. Wayne Gretzky called the Devils a “Mickey Mouse” organization. The Devils faithful never let Wayne forget his words bringing signs and booing the Great One every time he came to New Jersey. Gretzky would again repeat his great feat from 2 seasons ago as he scored 50 goals in less than 50 games (42 games) and the 4th time it had been done in NHL history. Wayne set an NHL record this season by scoring a point in at least 51 games in a row. He also leads the playoffs with 35 points. Wayne averaged a personal best and NHL record of 2.77 points per game this season. Gretzky won his 5th straight Hart Trophy and his 3rd straight Lester B. Pearson award. This was the 3rd year in a row that Wayne would fire more than 300 shots with a total of 324 to be exact. This series featured 6 Gretzky stickers. Wayne scored a season total of 87 goals and 118 assists for 205. His points per game ratio for this 74 games played season was 2.77 (this would be his career season high).