

1985-86 OPC Set of 255

1985-86 O-Pee-Chee Set of 255 (loose stickers)

4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers

Mario Lemieux, Al MacInnis, John Vanbiesbrouck & Pat LaFontaine.

Sticker History

This was the first year that shared stickers started to become common place for O-Pee-Chee. This was the least number of physical stickers ever produced by O-Pee-Chee with only 163 physical stickers to collect. Of these 163 physical stickers, 92 of them shared 2 numbers on the physical sticker. This was the first year that O-Pee-Chee reduced the number of packages per box from 100 to 50. This was the least number of physical stickers ever produced by O-Pee-Chee with only 163 to collect. The sticker album had Gretzky and a few other stars from this era on it. This was the first year that the sticker packages varied in who was featured on the package, there were 4 different ones including Gretzky, Chelios, McDonald and Goulet. When finding unopened wax from 1985, 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 5.4 cm X 7.6 cm (2.13 in X 3 in). There were 50 packages in each wax box which originally retailed for \$0.25 per pack. Each package contained 5 stickers. The minimum number of packages needed to make

a full set (assuming absolutely no doubles) is 33. The original album (\$0.35) cover featured Wayne Gretzky, Mike Bossy, Dale Hawerchuk, Chris Chelios, Lanny McDonald and Michel Goulet. The 1985 Stanley Cup winners were the Edmonton Oilers with Wayne Gretzky the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoffs MVP.

Season Facts

Swedish sensation Pelle Lindbergh led the lead with a stellar 40 win performance and wins the Vezina Trophy. Future Oilers “protected player loophole” Reijo Ruotsalainen led the Rangers as a defenseman in scoring with 73 points. Warren Young was a rookie with Pittsburgh and notched 40 goals this season playing alongside Mario Lemieux. Young only scored another 32 more goals in his NHL career whereas Mario went on to be one of the best players to ever play the game. Jari Kurri set a league record for goals by a right winger by scoring 71 goals (only 2 behind the Great One) this season. Scotty Bowman briefly demotes goalie Tom Barrasso to the minors while coaching in Buffalo. The Edmonton Oilers topped the 400 goal plateau for the 4th straight season. Mike Bossy scored 50 plus goals in a season for the 8th straight year. Paul Coffey took home his 1st Norris trophy scoring 121 points this season and also set an all-time record by scoring 37 points by a defenseman in the playoffs.

Expansion Notes

No Expansion notes for this season.

Wayne Gretzky Notes

Gretzky recorded his 1000th point this season on December 19th 1984 in only his 424th game. Wayne won his 6th Hart trophy in a row as league MVP and 4th straight Lester B. Pearson Award. Gretzky wins his 1st Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP by notching an all-time record of 47 playoff points. Gretzky would again repeat (for the 3rd time in 4 seasons) his great feat as he scored 50 goals in less than 50 games (49 games) and the 5th time it had been done in NHL history. Wayne Gretzky was a career high +98 in the regular season, a truly unbelievable feat. This was the 4th year in a row that Wayne would fire more than 300 shots with a total of 358 to be exact. This series featured 6 Gretzky stickers. Wayne scored a season total of 73 goals and 135 assists for 208. His points per game ratio for this 80 games played season was 2.60 (amazingly, not a career high).