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4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers

Patrick Roy, Gary Suter, Steve Thomas and Wendel Clark.

Sticker History

This set had 167 physical stickers to collect with 88 of these physical stickers having 2 numbers on them. Foil stickers from this set were very difficult to pull from packs. Based on the 2 cases (40 boxes) I opened, cracking open a 50 pack box would normally only yield, on average, 9-10 foil stickers or 1 every 5-6 packs. You would never normally find more than 2 foil stickers in any one package, but even that was a rare occurrence. Considering that there are 15 different foils in this set, you can never make a full set by opening one box. This ratio stayed consistent over the 40 boxes. In order to make a set, one would have to open 2-3 boxes just to get all of the foils from the set. All Star sticker foils were produced in lesser quantities than non-foil stickers. The 3 toughest pulls from packages were, by far, the, Roy MVP #5 Foil Conn Smythe Trophy winner, the Shaw/Bourque #119 Foil and Suter/Lemieux #120 Foil All Star stickers which each seemed to be pulled once every 2-3 boxes. The frequency of pulling an Yzerman #161, Gretzky #72 (normally found as the bottom sticker in a package), Gretzky #191, Gretzky #195, Lemieux #233 was really good as you normally pulled 1-2 of each per box on a pretty regular basis. The Roy MVP #5 foil appeared in packs (normally the top sticker of the pack) at a rate of only 1 per box. The Savard sticker #150 always appeared as a top sticker in the pack and seemed to come up about 2-3 times in every box. The sticker album shows a jubilant Patrick Roy holding his 1st Stanley Cup above his

head. O-Pee-Chee chose Larry Robinson to adorn the front of each yellow package of stickers. O-Pee-Chee distributed these stickers out of London, Ontario in Canada.

****New information**** On February 3rd 2012, The Patrick Roy MVP #5 Sticker went for a whopping \$26.00 USD on auction selling out of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. 10 days later, in a move that continues to astound me, the Patrick Roy MVP #5 Sticker sold for \$56.55 USD out of Ontario, 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 34. The original album (\$0.35) cover featured a Rookie Goalie by the name of Patrick Roy. The 1986 Stanley Cup winners were the Montreal Canadiens with Rookie Goalie Patrick Roy the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoffs MVP.

Season Facts

Toronto uses it's first overall pick in the 1985 draft to select Wendel Clark who makes an immediate impact for the Leafs. Clark finishes 2nd in Calder Trophy voting to Gary Suter. Tragically, All-Star goalie Pelle Lindbergh dies on November 19th 1985 at the young age of 26 in a car crash. Interesting note is that Bob Froese replaced Lindbergh in net and ended up leading the NHL in goals-against-average (2.55). The

Edmonton Oilers win the President's Trophy and league title by only losing 17 times. The young Oilers surpass the 400 goal mark for the 5th straight season and score an unreal 426 goals in the regular season campaign. This was the year that Steve Smith scored the infamous goal by banking the puck off Grant Fuhr's backside. Both Fuhr and Steve Smith, would later play for Calgary together in the 1999-2000 season. John Vanbiesbrouck, and his 31 wins, was the first Rangers goalie since Ed Giacomin in 1971 to win the Vezina Trophy. Paul Coffey tied a points in a single game record by a defenseman by collection 8 of them and tying Tom Bladon's record that he set with the Flyers in 1977. Coffey set an NHL record this season for goals by a defenseman with an astounding 48 goals (along with 90 assists) breaking Bobby Orr's old record of 46 goals. Not surprising that Paul skated off with his second Norris Trophy. Jari Kurri led the league in goal scoring with 68 goals for the only time in his career.

Expansion Notes

No Expansion notes for this season.

Wayne Gretzky Notes

Gretzky's points per game career average has increased in each of his 7 seasons in the NHL. This was the year that Wayne set an all time record for points with 215 and assists with 163. Twice this season Wayne had 7 assist games. Gretzky beat second place Lemieux by 74 points in the scoring race. Wayne won his 6th straight Art Ross trophy and 7th straight Hart Trophy but despite his setting NHL records for goals and assists, loses the Lester B Pearson

Award to Mario Lemieux. This was the 5th year in a row that Wayne would fire more than 300 shots with a total of 350 to be exact. This series featured 5 Gretzky stickers. Wayne scored a season total of 52 goals. His points per game ratio for this 80 games played season was 2.69 (shockingly, not a career high).