

## **1989-90 OPC Set of 270**

### **1989-90 O-Pee-Chee Set of 270 (loose stickers)**

#### **4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers**

Joe Sakic, Tony Granato, Trevor Linden and Craig Janney.

#### **Sticker History**

This was the third O-Pee-Chee sticker series where the sticker backs were printed on more glossy cardboard stock than the thinner paper backings of the previous 8-9 years. There are 182 physical stickers where 88 of those are paired up with another sticker from the set. For the third year in a row, the traditional sticker package that had to be “ripped” open from their vacuum package, was replaced by wax type packs that were only previously used to encase hockey cards. The stickers from this year are by far the easiest to find of the 9 years that O-Pee-Chee produced stickers and are still readily available. The sticker album, in contrast, is the hardest to find of the 9 years of O-Pee-Chee stickers. This was the first year that Wayne Gretzky appears in an L.A.Kings uniform. The sticker album featuring Lanny McDonald is by far the hardest album to find in MINT unused condition in the O-Pee-Chee Hockey sticker line. 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 48 packages in each wax box which originally retailed for \$0.35 per pack. Each package contained 6

stickers. The minimum number of packages needed to make a full set (assuming absolutely no doubles) is 31. The original album (\$0.59) cover featured Lanny McDonald. The 1989 Stanley Cup winners were the Calgary Flames with Al MacInnis the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoffs MVP.

### **Season Facts**

Future star Joe Sakic was named Canadian Major Junior Player of the Year in the 1987-88 season and would debut this year after being selected 1st overall by the Quebec Nordiques. Doug Gilmour was traded after the 1987-88 season from the Blues to the Flames in exchange for Michael Dark for Mike Bullard, Craig Coxe and Tim Cokery, it is still unclear who got the better end of that deal. The Flames would go on to win their 1st ever Stanley Cup with Gilmour in the lineup. Guy Lafleur comes out of retirement to join the New York Rangers. Lanny McDonald notches his 500th and final career goal on March 21st 1989. Mostly unknown Bernie Nicholls scores an unfathomable 150 points this season. Brian Leetch set an NHL record for goals by a rookie defenceman with 23. Leetch also took home the Calder Trophy for rookie of the year. Mike Vernon led the league with 37 wins this season on his way to his first Stanley Cup championship. On April 11, 1989 Ron Hextall becomes the first goalie in NHL history to score a goal in the playoffs putting the puck into the Capitals empty net. Al MacInnis wins the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP leading his Flames with 31 points in the playoffs.