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

Mats Sundin, Jaromir Jagr, Sergei Fedorov & Ed Belfour.

### **Sticker History**

This was the second year since 1986 that there was only one NHL sticker brand put out in the marketplace. When they first came out, these stickers were quite scarce and hard to find. Sporadically, they would turn up. In the early 2000's many boxes and cases of this product turned up in dollar stores across Canada for a short stint and quickly sold out. These stickers are now starting to dry up but there is still enough unopened product out there and it is readily available. Wayne Gretzky and 5 other NHL stars were featured on the cover of the sticker album. There were 4 different versions of the sticker packaging. The 4 versions were Patrick Roy/Brett Hull, Mario Lemieux/Steve Yzerman, Ray Bourque/Mark Recchi and finally Wayne Gretzky/Al MacInnis. Panini USA out of New York was the American distributor. No Canadian distributor was named. The album had 2 variations. The Canadian version of the album had a price tag of \$0.79 and on the back there was a promotion available for Max's Activity on the back. The American version of the album had a price tag of \$0.99 and featured the NHL logos of all 21 teams along with a promotion to "look out for" 1991-92 Panini Basketball on your local newstands.

## **Sticker Facts**

The size of each full sticker is 4.9 cm X 7.7 cm (1.93 in X 3.03 in). There were 100 packages in each wax box which originally retailed for \$0.39 per pack. Each package contained 6 stickers. The minimum number of packages needed to make a full set (assuming absolutely no doubles) is 58. The original album (\$0.99 USD/\$0.79 CAD) cover featured Wayne Gretzky, Ray Bourque, Brett Hull, Mario Lemieux, Al MacInnis and Steve Yzerman. The 1991 Stanley Cup winners were the Pittsburgh Penguins with Mario Lemieux the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoffs MVP.

## **Season Facts**

Mats Sundin was picked first overall in the 1989 draft by the Quebec Nordiques and debuted in the 1990-91 season. The Nordiques had to pay his Swedish club team Djurgarden \$350,000 for his release. Longtime Edmonton Oiler Jari Kurri leaves the Oilers to play in Italy for this season. The Nordiques drafted Owen Nolan first overall in June of 1990 and he debuted this season. In the summer of 1990, Oilers legend goalie Grant Fuhr admits to past substance abuse and is suspended for a year (later shortened to 60 games) by then NHL President John Zeigler. Paul Coffey becomes only the 2nd defenseman of all time (behind Denis Potvin) to record 1000 points in their career. He did this with an assist on December 22nd 1990. Blackhawks goalie Ed Belfour won the Vezina Trophy as top goalie and the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year.

## **Expansion Notes**

No Expansion notes for this season.

### **Wayne Gretzky Notes**

Gretzky helps the Kings win their first ever division title and wins another scoring title and the Art Ross Trophy (9th time) with 163 points. Wayne also won his 2nd career Lady Byng Trophy and recorded his 2000th career point with an assist in Winnipeg on October 26th 1990. Wayne was the runner-up for the Hart Trophy as league MVP losing out to Brett Hull. This series featured 2 Gretzky stickers. Wayne scored a season total of 41 goals, 122 assists for a total of 163 points. His points per game ratio for this 78 games played season was 2.09.