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4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers

Teemu Selanne, Martin Rucinsky, Alexei Zhamnov and Keith Tkachuk

Sticker History

This was the 2nd year in Panini's history with NHL stickers that they put out a set of stickers that were the same size (but extremely thin) as your standard O-Pee-Chee or Upper Deck cards at this time. There were 300 overall stickers in this set which included 276 regular issue along with a 24 sticker "Glitter" sub-set. Sporadically, these boxes would turn up but were somewhat scarce. 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. Original boxes of this product are still somewhat available but you never know how long that will last until the stock dries up. Albums from this year were not easily found and for whatever reason were not always available with the purchase of these packs. Baio & Company out of St. Laurent, Quebec was the Canadian distributor and Baio & Company out of New Jersey was the US distributor for NHL Panini for this series.

Sticker Facts

The size of each full sticker is 6.1 cm X 8.6 cm (2.4 in X 3.39 in). There were 50 packages in each wax box which originally retailed for \$0.49 per pack. Each package contained 6 stickers. The minimum number of packages needed to make

a full set (assuming absolutely no doubles) is 50. The original album (\$0.99) cover featured Patrick Roy, Tom Barrasso, Ray Bourque, Doug Gilmour, Jaromir Jagr, Mark Recchi, Luc Robitaille and Teemu Selanne. The 1993 Stanley Cup winners were the Montreal Canadiens with Goalie Patrick Roy the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoffs MVP.

Season Facts

This was the first time in league history that the NHL had an 84 game regular season schedule. On September 30th 1992, John A Ziegler officially ends his tenure as NHL president and it replaced on an interim basis by Gil Stein. He was replaced by Gary Bettman (who would be the first NHL “commissioner” after 76 years of NHL presidents) on February 1st 1993. On March 19th 1993, the North Stars owner Normand Green announces that the team will move to Dallas for the 1993-94 season. Alex Mogilny led the league in hat-tricks with 7 and scored the 5th most goals on all time with 76. The Penguins set an NHL record on April 10th 1993 with 17 consecutive wins. Doug Gilmour finishes runner-up to Mario Lemieux for league MVP. Mike Gartner set an NHL record on January 23rd 1993 as he scored 30 goals in a season for the 14th straight year. Jari Kurri potted his 100th career playoff goal during the Kings run to the Stanley Cup. Ed Belfour wins his 2nd career Vezina Trophy as the NHL’s top goalie.

Expansion Notes

The NHL expanded to 24 teams for the 1992-93 Season as the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Ottawa Senators were

added to the fold. The Senators would finish with only 10 wins and ended the season being the focus of a “tanking their games to get a better draft pick” scandal. Nothing was ever proven. The Lightning finished with a respectable 23 wins for a first year team. The San Jose Sharks actually win less games in their second season (11) than they do in their first year (17).

Wayne Gretzky Notes

Gretzky missed the first half of the season (39 games) with a herniated disc in his back and only played in 45 games.

Gretzky heated up when the playoffs rolled around as he led all playoff scorers with 40 points and took the Kings to the Stanley Cup Finals for the first time in their history. Wayne scored his 100th playoff goal during this magical run. This series featured 1 Gretzky sticker (which was a Foil insert).

Wayne scored a season total of 16 goals, 49 assists for a total of 65 points. His points per game ratio for this season was 1.44.