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4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers

Peter Forsberg, Ray Whitney, John LeClair and Paul Kariya.

Sticker History

The NHL was back in full swing by the time these stickers came out. Panini decided to make a huge splash, making many “packages and album” combos for people to get started on their collection. Panini distributed these stickers through USA based Fleer/Sky Box International offering up 100 packages per box this year. There was no official Canadian distributor for these Panini stickers for the 2nd year in a row. The wax boxes were often hard to come by whereas loose packages seemed more plentiful. At any rate, there was a fair amount of this product made to satisfy the appetite of so many hockey fans. These stickers are now starting to dry up but there is still enough unopened product out there and it is readily available. The albums are quite readily available. There were no subsets in this series, just a set of 306 stickers.

Sticker Facts

The size of each full sticker is 5.4 cm X 7.6 cm (2.13 in X 3 in). There were 100 packages in each wax box which originally retailed for \$0.49 USD/ \$0.69 CAD per pack. Each package contained 6 stickers. The minimum number of packages needed to make a full set (assuming absolutely no

doubles) is 51. The original album (\$1.19 USD/\$1.65 CAD) cover featured Martin Brodeur, Chris Chelios, Sergei Fedorov, Theoren Fleury, Peter Forsberg, Jaromir Jagr, Paul Kariya and Mikael Renberg. The 1995 Stanley Cup winners were the New Jersey Devils with Claude Lemieux the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoffs MVP.

Season Facts

The NHL owners voted to lock out the players as of October 1st 1994. The NHPLA went back to work in late January of 1995. This was a lock-out shortened 48 game NHL season. The owners were fighting for a salary cap and luxury tax (which they did not get), but the players yielded a little and agreed to wait longer to become free agents. Game on! as they said. Paul Coffey (who absolutely despised playing for Scotty Bowman) and his 58 points led the Red Wings to first overall in the NHL for the first time since 1964-65. Coffey wins his 3rd and final career Norris Trophy.

Expansion Notes

No expansion notes.

Wayne Gretzky Notes

Gretzky reaches the 2500 career point plateau on April 17th 1995. Gretzky still scored at a point a game pace as he notched 48 points in 48 games. Normally good production for your run of the mill hockey players, but for the Great

One's standards, the lock-out was not kind to his game. This series featured 1 Gretzky sticker. Wayne scored a season total of 11 goals, 37 assists for a total of 48 points . His points per game ratio for this season was 1.00.