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4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers

Connor McDavid, Leon Draisaitl, Jack Eichel and Artemi Panarin.

Sticker History from 2016-17 Panini

History for number of Foils in a set was made this season as there were 130 foil stickers to collect! Included in this are 90 Superstar Foil stickers where three star players are featured per team. 3 Specialty Game foils, 2 Trophy foils, 5 Stanley Cup Champion Penguins foils plus an additional 30 Team Logo foils. There are also 373 regular paper glossy style stickers.

I cracked open 64 boxes (4 cases) of 2016-17 NHL Panini Stickers. Here are the numbers:

I averaged 1 Super Star Foil Sticker in every 3 packs (16-18 a box including 6 doubles). It would take you at least 4-5 boxes to get at least one of each Super Star Foil. Over 15

boxes, some stickers I only saw 3 of. Very hard to make up complete sets.

I averaged 1 Team Logo Foil per every 2 packs (22 per box including 6 doubles). It would take you about 2-3 boxes to get at least one Team Logo of each piece.

Considering that the price per box is about \$65 including shipping, realistically, it would take you about 4-5 boxes in order to make a complete set with a TON of doubles. That is a cost of \$225-\$280 for the average collector opening packages.

Panini keeps changing their website set up for Canada and the USA which makes it very confusing to order missing stickers. After 2 calendar years of being released, Panini's website doubles the price to collect "missing stickers". This 2016-17 year celebrates 55 years of Panini making stickers and 29 years (1987-2016) of making NHL stickers. Making some stickers harder to pull from packs than others makes these more modern sets even more desirable to collect for hockey collectors.

Sticker Facts

The size of each full sticker is 6.9 cm X 4.9 cm (2.75 in X 1.9 in). There were 50 packages in each wax box, which originally retailed for \$1.50 a pack. Each package contained 7 stickers. The minimum number of packages needed to make a full set (assuming absolutely no doubles) is 72. There are two versions of the sticker album: one features Canadian team players (with a Rookie McDavid) and the other features American team players (with a Rookie Eichel).

The 2016 Stanley Cup winners were the Pittsburgh Penguins and Sidney Crosby won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the NHL Playoffs MVP.

Season Facts

This was the 99th season of operation of the NHL (98th of play). Auston Matthews was the 1st overall draft pick and played for the Toronto Maple Leafs in his first NHL season.

Next season will be the NHL's 100th year in existence. In the 2015-16 NHL season, none of the 7 Canadian teams qualified for the playoffs. This was the first year of 3 on 3 Overtime to settle a tie after regulation. The Edmonton Oilers storied franchise plays its Final NHL game at Rexall Place. On February 20th 2016, Jaromir Jagr scores his 742nd NHL goal and passes Brett Hull as the NHL's 3rd all-time career goal scoring leader. On March 7th 2016 Jagr reaches another career milestone by surpassing Gordie Howe for third in career NHL points with 1851. It was also announced was that starting in the 2017-18 NHL season, Adidas will take over from Reebok as the official Jersey supplier to the NHL. Pavel Datsyuk, Vincent Lecavalier and Brad Richards all retire from the NHL.

Expansion Notes

A group from Quebec and a group from Las Vegas apply to enter the NHL as expansion franchises. It is later revealed that starting in the 2017-18 NHL season, the Vegas Golden Knights will join the Pacific Division as the NHL's record 31st NHL team.