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4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers

Mathew Barzal, Brock Boeser, Clayton Keller and Kyle Connor.

Sticker History from 2018-19 Panini

This is the Largest NHL Hockey stickers set of all time at 575 stickers in this year's set. Once again, a large number of sought after foils in a set with 141 different foil stickers to collect. A mind blowing 24.5% of the set was foils!

Included in this were 93 Superstar Foil stickers where two star players featured per team plus one caricature. 1 Panini Knight foil, 9 Trophy winner foils, 2 Trophy foils, 5 Stanley Cup Champion Capitals related foils plus an additional 31 Team Logo foils. There were also 434 regular paper glossy style stickers.

I cracked open 72 boxes (3 cases) of 2018-19

NHL Panini Stickers. Here are the numbers:

I averaged just under one Foil Sticker in every pack (about 48 a box). It would take you at least 6-7 boxes to get at least one of each Foil (there are a lot of doubles). Opening over 20 boxes, some stickers I only saw 3 of. It is extremely hard to assemble complete sets from this series.

Considering that the price per box is about \$65 including shipping, realistically, it would take you about 5-6 boxes in order to make a complete set with a TON of doubles. That is a cost of \$250-\$320 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 1 calendar year of being released, Panini's website doubles the price to collect "missing stickers".

This 2018-19 year celebrates 57 years of Panini making stickers and 31 years (1987-2018) 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 5 stickers (which was down from 7 from the year before). The minimum number of packages needed to make a full set (assuming absolutely no doubles) is mind blowing 115. There is one version of the sticker album: the cover features Brad Marchand, Connor McDavid, Auston Matthews, Alexander Ovechkin, Patrik Laine, Marc-Andre Fleury and Sidney Crosby.

The 2018 Stanley Cup winners were the Washington Capitals and Alexander Ovechkin who won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the NHL Playoffs MVP.

Season Facts

This was the 101st season of operation of the

NHL (100th of play). Rasmus Dahlin was the 1st overall draft pick and played for the Buffalo Sabres in his first NHL season.

Nathan Walker becomes the first player from Australia (although he was born in Cardiff, Wales) to play in the NHL. Joe Thornton becomes the 20th player in league history to score over 1400 points. Alexander Ovechkin becomes the 20th player in NHL history to score 600 career goals.

Daniel and Henrik Sedin, Henrik Zetterberg and Scott Hartnell all retire from the NHL.

Expansion Notes

The Seattle NHL franchise becomes the NHL's 32nd team on December 4, 2018. The Seattle NHL team will start play in the 2021-22 season. Just under 3 years away from when the NHL board of governors officially approved them.