

# **2003-04 Topps Set of Panels and Goalie Insert Set of 218**

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## **4 Key Stickers**

Jose Theodore, Jocelyn Thibault, Roberto Luongo and Felix Potvin.

## **Sticker History**

One of 2 licenses to make NHL hockey stickers for this year was given to Topps (an American company) and not to Panini. I first discovered these stickers in a convenience store here in South Edmonton. The owner had 3 boxes which I bought. I made a complete set and noticed that the little mini stickers were found on panels and were not at all hard to assemble. There are 218 stickers in this set which include 24 panels of 8 players plus 30 harder to find goalie stickers. 4 Players are double printed. Each panel measured 6.4 cm X 8.9 cm (2.52 in X 3.5 in). The complete set consists of 24 panels of 8 stickers (4 are stickers are double printed: Forsberg, Lemieux, Kapanen and Bertuzzi) plus 30 insert (yet still regular numbered stickers) goalie stickers. The 30 goalie stickers were inserted around gum and were about 10-15 times harder to find than any one player sticker. The Jose Theodore and Jocelyn Thibault were by far the hardest goalie stickers to pull from the small “bazooka like” gum packs. They included albums in the box. I have recently acquired a few unopened packages.

## **Sticker Facts**

The size of each sticker was about about 2.5 cm X 5.9 cm (0.98 in X 2.32 in) for the goalie stickers. Whereas the mini player stickers were about one third the size of the goalies. The album made for this set featured: Todd Bertuzzi, Martin Brodeur, Mike Comrie, Jarome Iginla, Jose Theodore, Joe Thornton.