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4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers

Kappo Kaako, Jack Hughes, Nick Suzuki and Victor Olofsson.

Sticker History from 2020-21 Topps

This is the Largest (once again) NHL Hockey stickers set of all time at 676 stickers in this year's set. Topps in it's 2nd year taking over from Panini as the official provider of NHL Hockey Stickers after Panini's 14 year run of producing stickers from 2004-2018.

Once again, a large number of sought after foils in a set with 159 different foil stickers to collect.

A mind blowing 23.5% of the set was foils! So Foils for this year were just a little less than 1 in 4 stickers in the set, but were in packs at a ratio of 1 in 5 stickers per pack.

Included in these 159 Foils were: 65 Superstar Foil stickers where two or three star players were featured per team, 28 Foil Team Mascots (The teams that did not have a Mascot featured were the Red Wings, Islanders and Rangers those teams featured an extra superstar instead, 20 Rookie Foil Subset, 9 From the Past Nine Years Hart Trophy Winners, 31 Team Logo Foils and a 6 Piece Stanley Cup Trophy Puzzle. There were also 517 regular paper glossy style stickers (which accounted for 76.5% of the set.

Also of note is the fact that 4 stickers were COMPLETE VARIATIONS of 4 stickers in the album and ONLY available exclusively as an album insert. Stickers #249, 284, 316 and 335. I've "personally" numbered them (667-670). These 4 stickers were NOT available in packs.

In addition, to the 4 Variation Exclusive “album only” stickers, there were 6 other SLIGHT “Reduction” VARIANT stickers on this “album panel”. These 6 stickers are :94, 163, 198, 216, 229 and 505. Same picture as regular sticker but all a "reduction" of the principal sticker in the set. I've “personally” numbered these as (671-676).

We cracked open 64 boxes (4 cases) of 2020-21 NHL Topps Stickers. Here are the numbers:

Topps inserted ONLY one Foil Sticker in every pack (50 a box). It would take you at least 7-8 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 6-7 boxes in order to make a complete set with a TON of doubles. That is a cost of \$325-\$390 for the average collector opening packages.

Topps.com and their reps at the National Sports Card Expo in November of 2019, made it clear that the company DOES NOT provide an opportunity to order missing stickers (as Panini did). They recommended the secondary market or opening more packs as the only way to complete your set. It's more fun opening packs anyway.

This 2020-21 year celebrates the 2nd Year of Topps getting back into the hockey stickers market. Last seen briefly in 2003 (as a mini stickers set) and then before that, in 1999 and 1997 making NHL sticker re-useable decal sheets, then before that, Topps insert stickers (in hockey card packs) from 1985-1989, then from 1982 and 1983 (Topps made NHL packs of stickers and albums) as they are doing again today!

Sticker Facts

The size of each full sticker is 7.3 cm X 5.3 cm (2.88 in X 2.1 in). There were 50 packages in each wax box, which originally retailed for \$1.50 a

pack. Each package contained 5 stickers (which included 1 of the 159 foils per package). The minimum number of packages needed to make a full set (assuming absolutely no doubles) is an NHL stickers record of 134. Remember, as noted above, there are 4 Variation stickers ONLY found in the album. There is ONLY one version of the sticker album: the cover features Nikita Kucherov, Connor McDavid, Auston Matthews, Marc-Andre Fleury, Artemi Panarin, Patrice Bergeron and Anze Kopitar.

The 2020 Stanley Cup winners were the Tampa Bay Lightning and Victor Hedman won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the NHL Playoffs MVP.

Season Facts

This was the 103rd season of operation of the NHL (102st of play). Alexis Lafreniere was the 1st overall draft pick and played for the New York Rangers in his first NHL season.

Gross times in the world in 2020.

Edmonton Oilers forward Leon Draisaitl won his first Hart Memorial Trophy, Art Ross Trophy and Ted Lindsay Award of his career.

Expansion Notes

The Seattle Kraken will officially start as the NHL's 32nd team and will start play in the 2021-22 season. The Seattle Kraken team will play in the Pacific Division and the Arizona Coyotes will move to the Central Division for the 2021-22 NHL season. This is assuming that the NHL can get back to playing without more special restrictions.