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4 Key Rookie (RC) Stickers

Macklin Celebrini, Matvei Michkov, Lane Hutson and Ivan Demidov.

Sticker History from 2025-26 Topps

This is YET AGAIN the Largest ever NHL Hockey stickers set of all time at 804 stickers in this year's set (tying last year's set). Topps in its 7th 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. (Panini did not produce NHL stickers in 2007). Although

here's an interesting fact: Topps stickers are still made at the Panini factory in Italy :)

Yet again, there are 200 different foil stickers to collect. Topps now calls them "Sun Pillar" Foil stickers.

A mind blowing 25% of the set was foils! So foils for this year were just a little less than 1 in 4 (25% of the stickers in the set), yet were only in packs at a ratio of 1 in 5 (20%) stickers per pack.

Included in these 200 "Sun Pillar" Foils were: 66 Superstar Player Foil stickers where two or three star players were featured per team, 30 Foil Team Mascots. The teams which did not have a mascot featured were the Rangers and Mammoth. The Rangers and Mammoth featured an extra Superstar instead of a Mascot. There were 32 Team Logo Foils, 5 Celebrating the Stanley Cup Champions (features Florida Panthers Stanley

Cup Winners) and a 6 Piece Foil Stanley Cup Trophy Puzzle. A new addition to the Foil lineup were 18 "From Coast to Coast" Foils. 16 Foils were produced celebrating the players that scored "Hat-Tricks" during the 2024-25 NHL Season. For a second year running they produced 18 Foils of the "3 Stars of the Month" for the months of October 2024- March of 2025. Finally, there were 9 foils celebrating the "Award Winners" from the 2024-25 NHL Season. There were also 604 regular paper glossy style stickers (which accounted for 75% of the set.

Also of note is the fact that once again, 4 stickers were COMPLETE VARIATIONS of 4 stickers in from the album and ONLY available exclusively as an an album insert. Stickers #76, 216, 435 and 449 showed a variant picture on the album panel. I've "personally" numbered these "album

variants” as (801-804). These 4 stickers were NOT available in packs.

We cracked open 64 boxes (4 cases) of 2025-26 NHL Topps Stickers. Here are the numbers:

Topps inserted ONLY one “Sun Pillar” Foil Sticker in every pack (50 a box). It would realistically take you at least 7-8 boxes to get at least one of each Foil (there are a lot of doubles and triples).

Opening over 28 boxes, some stickers I only saw 2-3 of. It is extremely hard to assemble complete sets from this series. Considering that the price per box for this year is about \$72 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 \$450-\$575 for the average collector JUST by opening packages.

Topps.com (Now owned by Fanatics) 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 actually recommended I go to the secondary market or open more packs as the only way to complete my set. Realistically, it's more fun opening packs anyway.

This 2025-26 year of Topps celebrates the 7th 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 reusable 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.

Second Time in the 2025-26 NHL Topps Sticker Series (These are NOT included in the regular set of 804):

The regular issue NHL hockey stickers yet again issued in packs featured, “parallel” randomly inserted into packages. Parallel stickers “replaced” a base paper sticker when inserted into a package.

Available for inserts (all numbered on each parallel sticker) were:

Gold 1 of 1's (posted odds around 1 per every 50 boxes or 1 every 2500 packs (600 total made))

Red 1 of 10's (posted odds around 1 per every 5 boxes or 1 every 250 packs (6,000 total made))

New this year Orange 1 of 25's (posted odds around 1 per every 3 boxes or 1 every 150 packs (15,000 total made))

Blue 1 of 100's (posted odds around 2 per box or 1 every 25 packs (60,000 total made))

The 600 stickers that were available as parallel numbered stickers were all of the stickers that were originally NOT made as a foil.

The following numbers are just an educated guess on my part.

Because you would average 1 GOLD sticker every 50 boxes, it would seem reasonable that they made 50 boxes (1 GOLD sticker every 50 boxes) x 600 (parallel GOLD stickers) = 30,000 boxes (worth of stickers) were most likely produced.

When I say "worth of stickers" it is because some packages were configured with the albums in a stand up display box.

Boxes were configured at 16 boxes per case.

30,000 boxes divided by 16 = 1875 cases (worth of stickers) were most likely produced.

30,000 boxes x 50 packages per box = 1,500,000 packages were most likely produced.

1,500,000 packages x 5 stickers per package = 7,500,000 total stickers most likely produced.

Based on the number of 1,500,000 packages (1 foil per package) made, it would reason that 1,500,000 divided by 200 different foils produced = 7500 of each foil was most likely made.

7,500,000 total stickers (including foils, paper and parallels) minus 91,600 total parallels made (600 GOLD, 6,000 RED, 25,000 ORANGE and 60,000 BLUE) minus 1,500,000 foil stickers produced = 5,908,400 (approximately) base paper stickers made divided by 600 different base stickers = about 9,847 of each base sticker

produced. However for simplicity sake, let's say 10,000 of each base sticker was most likely produced.

Sticker Facts

Yet again this year, a few error stickers were found. 5 known errors to the best of my knowledge (updated May 1, 2026) were found on a few stickers that came out of packages:

1) The "From Coast to Coast" Artemi Panarin Foil sticker #699 could also be found in packages with number #20 on the back (an error because #20 is supposed to be Blades the Bruins Mascot Foil sticker).

2) The "3 Stars" Jacob Markstrom Foil sticker #585 could also be found in packages with number #242 on the back (an error because #242

is supposed to be Rookie Sensation Foil sticker Ivan Demidov).

3) Chance the Golden Knights Mascot which is Foil sticker #496 could also be found in packages with number #188 on the back (an error because #188 is supposed to be the Florida Panthers Threads sticker).

4) Foil sticker Adam Fox which is Foil sticker #310 could also be found in packages with number #652 on the back (an error because #652 is supposed to be the "Hat Trick" Jake Guentzel Foil sticker).

5) Foil sticker Sebastian Aho #73 could also be found in packages with number #409 on the back (an error because #409 is supposed to be the St. Louis Blues Foil Logo sticker).

Short Print Alert of special note here. It seems as if sticker #664 **Matthew Knies Hat Trick Sticker Foil was a Short Print**. Specifically speaking, in the first 30 boxes I opened...so 7500 packs, I did not pull one of this sticker.

Statistically speaking, I should have pulled 9-10 of these. However, I saw zero of sticker #664.

Also of note: a large number of the “paper” and “foil” and “parallel” stickers showed a production “indent” coming straight out of the package.

Almost like someone had pressed their thumb into the middle of the sticker. This must have, yet again, been a production issue at the Panini factory, when they assembled their packages. I note this for those that are concerned with “gradable GEM Mint” stickers. For this series, it will be very tough to achieve a “mint” sticker for a lot of the numbers. Just know that mostly all stickers are like this.

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 200 foils per package). The minimum number of packages needed to make a full set (assuming absolutely no doubles) is again a NEW NHL stickers record of about 175.

However, it would still be impossible to make a complete set because there are 200 Foils needed in this set and only ONE FOIL per package is inserted. So in the absolutely most perfect scenario, 4 boxes (200 packs) of stickers (including 180 or so duplicates) is the very minimum you'd have to open and assume you'd get all 200 Foils in the set.

Remember, as noted above, there are 4 Album variation stickers ONLY found in the album.

There is ONLY one version of the sticker album:

the cover features: Connor McDavid, Nathan MacKinnon, Macklin Celebrini, Jack Eichel, William Nylander and Alexander Ovechkin. The 2025 Stanley Cup winners were the Florida Panthers and Sam Bennett from the Florida Panthers won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the NHL Playoffs MVP.

Season Facts

This was the 108th season of operation of the NHL (107th of play). In 2025, Matthew Schaefer was the 1st overall draft pick and played for the New York Islanders in his first NHL season.

From the 2024-25 NHL season: Winnipeg Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck won his 1st Hart Memorial Trophy and Nikita Kucherov won his 2nd Ted Lindsay Award.

Expansion Notes

The new franchise in Salt Lake City Utah now goes by the “Utah Mammoth” in their second year of operation in the 2025-26 NHL season.