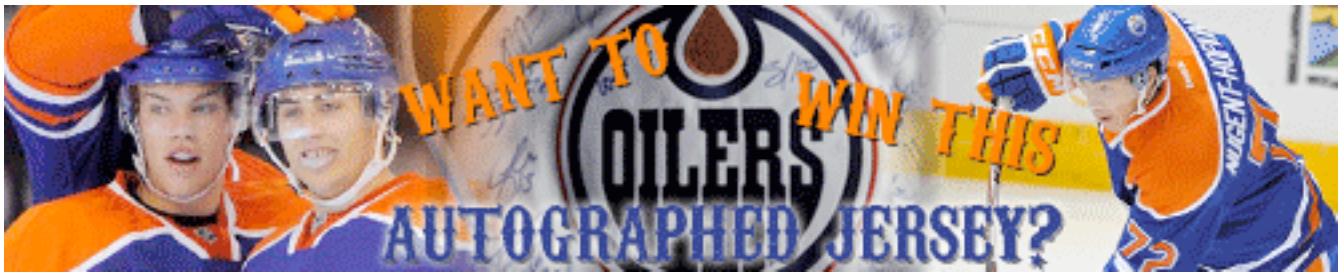


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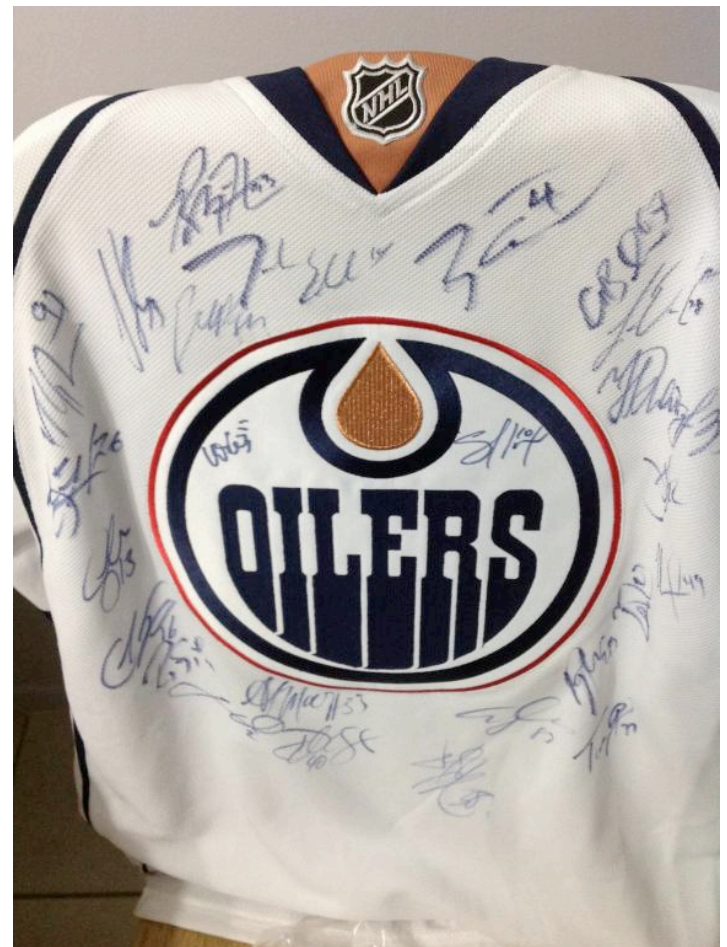
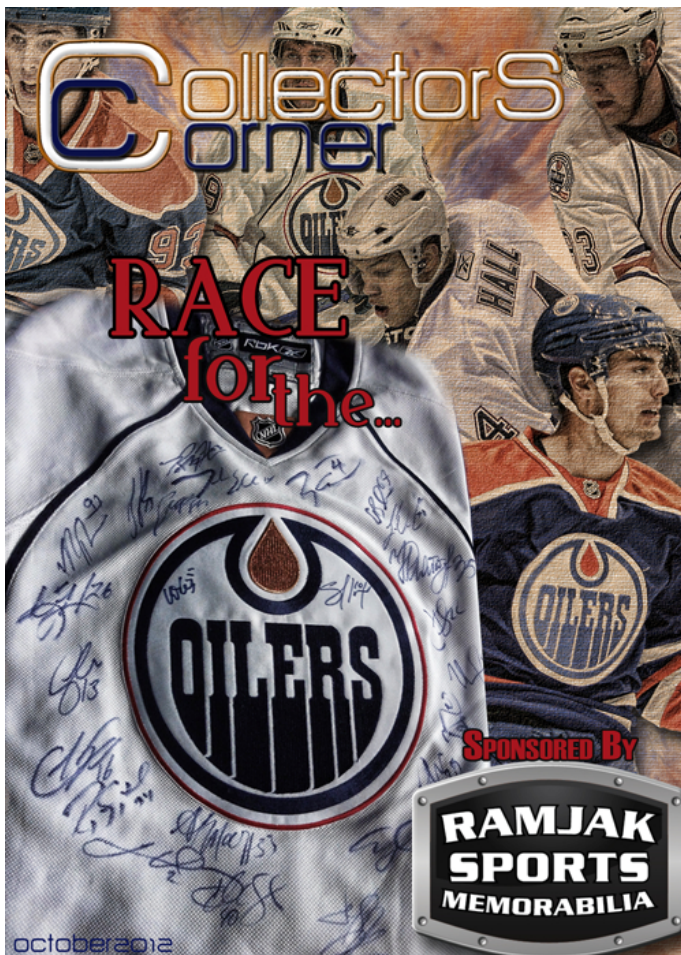


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Time Flies by When You're Having Fun

By Karine Hains aka Pheeb888

By the time you read this, SCF will have turned 10 years old. That's right, a decade of trades, contests and discussion...hard to believe I know and yet...I only joined SCF in March 2007 so only 6 years ago and boy, has it gone by fast. This month's theme in the magazine is "Who is the best" so I've asked the writers to tell us who is the best player/driver in their favorite sport. As for me, well, I've decided to tell you a bit about who's the best online trading community. I think most of you already know that I'll say it's sportscardforum.com but here's why:

1. Whatever time of the year it is, the forums are buzzing with activity. SCF is the only forum out there that has 5 active forums for the main sports (football, baseball, hockey, basketball and racing);
2. The forum is well staffed and each staffer works in the best interest of the members: be it when we are discussing new rules, attempting to solve disputes or coming up with fantastic new ideas such as outstanding contest, an online magazine or the SCF inventory system. The secret to SCF's success in this area is that it aims to identify each staffers' particular skill set and use it.
3. Year in, year out, there are amazing prizes up for grabs! For instance, in the hockey forum, our first really BIG prize was a quad autographed card by Howe, Orr, Lemieux and Gretzky. The following year, we had a Bruins' fan dream card as a prize (once again multiple autographs on one card). Then, we decided to reach out to our contacts to up the ante and we were able (in collaboration with Starside Signatures) to give away an autographed Carey Price jersey first career shutout edition and this year, well, we've got an Edmonton Oilers' team autographed jersey up for grabs thanks to Ramjak Sports! Can any other forum boast such a grand prize record? No? Didn't think so!
4. SCF is a place where people not only trade but also share their passion with fellow collectors. The show and tell area is always impressive to visit and it's great to have a place where you can find people that will understand your passion for your collection. The same goes for the box break section, have you ever experience a live break? Over my 6 years on the board I've run and witnessed a few of those and they sure are fun. I can't tell you how many times I busted boxes while running a "guess the hit" contest...those really were the days.
5. The best is yet to come...SCF growth over the last 10 years has been nothing short of impressive and it's still going on...I can't even imagine how the site will be doing in 10 years but I'm sure it will be spectacular!

I hope you enjoy SCF as much as I do and that you intend to stick around for a long time! If you have any idea on how we could improve the site, then please, do tell us about it. We are keen to carry on improving what we are proud to call the best trading and discussion site online! With that said, I hope you'll enjoy the read and we'll be back with another issue on April 1st and no, that's not an April's fool...



Will Carey Price Become the Canadiens' All-Time Wins Leader? by RGM81 aka Richard McAdam

A recent online posting piqued my curiosity regarding Carey Price's standing on the all-time wins list by Montreal Canadiens' goalies. The post pointed out that Price was just 10 victories behind ex-Canadien Jose Theodore on the list, relevant because the two teams were squaring off that night in Sunrise, FL. The Canadiens won that game, with Price in nets, thereby closing the gap to nine. Theodore finished his Montreal days with 141 victories, meaning that with the victory Price edged up to 132 wins in a Habs uniform. He is already in the top ten in club history, and with his future in Montreal seemingly secured for at least the next 6 years, it got me to thinking: could he one day sit at the very pinnacle of the franchise's all time wins list?

The Canadiens history is filled with some of the greatest names any hockey fan has ever seen, and nowhere is that more prominent than in the goalie position. The list of legends includes Ken Dryden, Jacques Plante, Patrick Roy, Georges Vezina, and so many more greats of the game. These men have been instrumental in establishing Canadiens lore as the greatest franchise in hockey history, and creating the mystique around the position of goalie in Montreal. The challenge faced by any young netminder to put on *La Sainte Flanelle* is to overcome history and carry the legacy with pride. Carey Price is the inheritor of that legacy, and at just 25 years of age with so many bright years ahead of him, he may be poised to one day lay claim to the title of franchise record holder for wins by a goaltender.

Before discussing the possibility of Price attaining that lofty rank, let us first look at the list of top ten goalies in Canadiens history:

Rank	Name	GP	Wins
1	Jacques Plante	556	314
2	Patrick Roy	551	289
3	Ken Dryden	397	258
4	Bill Durnan	383	208
5	Georges Vézina	328	175
6	George Hainsworth	318	167
7	Michel Larocque	231	144
8	José Théodore	353	141
9	Carey Price *	285	134

*List is accurate as of February 24, 2013.



Barring injury or a disaster on par with the Canadiens' 2011-12 season, one can reasonably expect that Price will finish the current season in 7th place on that list, with a total of approximately 150 wins, give or take three or four depending on the Habs' play and his work load for this lockout shortened season. It will be at that point that his stats will be held up against some of the greatest players to ever play between the pipes in Montreal.



This is not the first time that someone has arisen to challenge Jacques Plante's franchise record of 314 wins, of course. Ken Dryden, had he not sat out a full year and had he prolonged his career beyond just seven full seasons, almost certainly would have surpassed Plante. Dryden's incredible regular season winning percentage of .650 and the powerhouse teams of the 1970s meant that he was two 30-win seasons away from that record, a season plateau that he reached in every year of his career. Patrick Roy was even closer to that total, just 25 victories behind Plante before that fateful night in December 1995 that led to Roy being traded to

Colorado and ended his Montreal tenure under the darkest of clouds. Even with a struggling Canadiens team, had Roy completed that season in Montreal he would have been just a handful of games away from overtaking Plante.

For Price himself, there have been occasions where even discussing him one day supplanting Plante would have seemed far-fetched. For all the talk amongst some Canadiens fans about then-general manager Bob Gainey regarding Price as the goalie of the future and an untouchable player, there was a situation in the summer of 2009 in which Price could have been traded. According to one published report, the Canadiens had a trade in place with the Tampa Bay Lightning that would have sent Price, Tomas Plekanec, and a prospect to the Lightning for Vincent Lecavalier. The trade was vetoed by NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman when Tampa's then-dual ownership group of Len Barrie and Oren Koules were divided on whether to approve the deal. The 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons saw Price sharing crease time with Jaroslav Halak, thereby limiting his appearances, and Price's own struggles during those two years eventually saw him relegated to the backup role behind his Slovakian counterpart. When Halak caught fire and carried the Canadiens to the Eastern Conference Finals in 2010, there was serious and legitimate discussion about Price being traded out of Montreal and making Halak the full-time #1 goalie. Ultimately, the Canadiens opted to retain Price, and since that time he has demonstrated all the talent and ability that led Montreal to draft him in the first round in 2005.





Since taking over the reins as Montreal's undisputed #1 goalie, Price has had seasons of 38 and 26 wins in 2010-11 and 2011-12, respectively. The latter number came in a season during which the Canadiens finished in 15th place in the Eastern Conference. For those who look at the statistics and care to make projections, this means that one can reasonably expect a minimum of 25 victories per year out of Price when he works a full schedule. With a strong Canadiens team, that number can increase to approximately 35 or more wins per season. Though the Habs have enjoyed a strong start to their 2012-13 campaign that has them flirting with the top of the East's rankings, one does not want to get too optimistic and buy into a theory that they are truly a top team so soon after finishing in the conference basement last year.



Let us then return to our original premise of Price sitting in 7th in Habs' all-time wins at the end of this shortened season. He is presently 10-3-1 through 14 games, so if we are conservative and suggest that he will play in 23 of Montreal's remaining 30 games, it is not unreasonable to expect that Price can have a record of 13-10 over the rest of the season. This would put him at 147 victories in his career. Again, these are conservative numbers and would tentatively have the Canadiens near 7th or 8th place in the East, factoring in quite a drop off from their fast start. It could go better, it could go worse, so we will assume a middle ground for the purpose of this exercise.

Price has five years remaining on his current contract. With no more labour issues to affect schedules for the next decade, there will be the standard 82-game schedule for the duration of that deal. With Montreal's depth chart in goal dropping off significantly there is no reason to expect Price to play any less than 65 games per season in Montreal. Suppose he averages 30 wins per season over the next five years. That would work out to 150 wins, bumping his career total to 287 and only two victories behind Roy's #2 mark of 289. With a couple of stronger seasons he could overtake Roy within the current deal he has in Montreal. At that point the only question as to whether or not Price becomes #1 in franchise history is if he re-signs with the club at the end of the deal. From all indications and his own statements about his desire to spend his entire career with the Canadiens, it is therefore a matter of time and inevitability that Price will one day hold the franchise's regular season record for wins by a goalie.

Time, however, can result in drastic and significant changes. Injuries are always something that loom over a professional athlete's career. While the relationship between the organization, the fans, and the player is incredibly strong, that too can change with a poor culture or even a bad night on the ice. Who would ever have imagined on the morning of December 2, 1995, that Patrick Roy—Saint Patrick, the man who had carried the Canadiens to their last two championships—would that night play his final game in a Canadiens uniform? The future is always riddled with twists and turns, things known and unknown, and it would be premature to call it a sure-fire bet that Price will take the franchise record and make it his own.

This discussion has been restricted entirely to the regular season to this point. While a great regular season win-loss record is enjoyable, it is not the ultimate determinant of greatness of a hockey player or team. The San Jose Sharks,



for all their great regular season marks, have never been close to winning a Stanley Cup. Marcel Dionne is ranked #3 all time on the NHL's scoring leaders list, but he never won the Cup. The playoff performances of Roberto Luongo have worked against him in evaluating his place among the NHL's elite. To this point in his career, Carey Price has been instrumental in the Canadiens winning one playoff round, and that was in his rookie season in 2007-08. He took his club to Game 7 against the Boston Bruins in 2011, losing in overtime on a deflected goal by Nathan Horton. That ended Price's finest NHL season to date, and many have speculated that if the Habs had won that series they could have gone much deeper into the playoffs. One will never know for sure on that account.

So while it is true that earning his way to the franchise record for goalie wins would earn Carey Price a place in Canadiens history, that alone would not punch his ticket to immortality. Individual records and statistics are great for determining a player's eligibility for things like the Hockey Hall of Fame. But it is getting one's name on Lord Stanley's Cup that establishes ultimate greatness in this game. Price has all the tools and talent to make it possible, and he has the support of every Habs fan to truly take up the torch passed down from Plante to Dryden to Roy and show what it truly means to be a great Montreal Canadiens goaltender.





Defining Greatness-Who is Nascar's Current "Best"

By Stephen Taylor aka race crazy



This issue of the magazine is dedicated to who is the best currently in our sport. With racing this presents a large conundrum of issues. First off, racing is very diverse in its nature as far as what cars are being driven in different series. Therefore it is impossible to compare say current F1 dominator Sebastian Vettel to a top Nascar driver or Indycar driver in the United States. It just is not fair or right as a representation of answering the question. The other main problem surrounds the common misconception that racing is a singular sport much like golf or tennis. This could not be further from the truth. Racing is a team sport through and through. While the driver gets all the glory and accolades none of the main stars in the business would be anywhere without their supremely talented teams backing them up both in the race shop and at the race track.

With these two issues explained for the sake of this issue and the argument of who is the best we will examine the most popular series in the United States which is the Nascar Sprint Cup Series. People know the names of the past greats: Petty, Pearson, Earnhardt, Yarborough, Waltrip, Gordon; so the question as of now is who is the best today. From a pure driving standpoint two drivers stand above the rest. Jimmie

Johnson and Tony Stewart. They have both proven themselves to be worthy of high praise and of being labeled as the best. Do not confuse "best" with "most talented" either. Most experts and people in the garage would tell you that Kyle Busch is the most talented driver but he lacks the necessary mental focus needed to be in the same category as Stewart and Johnson.

Johnson and his 48 team take the best team honor and therefore should be considered the best in Nascar. Johnson has essentially had a realistic shot at the championship in 7 out of the last 8 years with 2011 being the lone exception. The title goes through the 48 car. Oh yeah, he also won 5 championships in a row! To understand that feat is something no one can do well. No one ever in the history of the sport before Johnson won 4 in a row let alone 5. Detractors of Johnson and his team will state that it is because the format of the points system and the last tracks benefit him and his team. The people with a true understanding know that they just prepare and do it better under the same system. Despite not winning the title since 2010 (gasp so long!) Johnson and his team are the best and will continue to be until someone consistently throws them off the pedestal.



Tony Stewart is where the individual side of this argument lies. If one says who is the best driver currently from an overall standpoint I would say Tony Stewart. If you put the guy in any car he is extremely fast. He has won in every discipline he has ever tried, including 3 Cup titles and an Indycar title. Stewart is the guy who randomly shows up at some local track in the middle of the week with his suit and helmet, jumps in someone's car, and promptly destroys the field and makes everyone look stupid and realize perhaps they are not as good as they think they are.

So take your pick, have your favorites. My favorite driver is not Stewart or Johnson and in fact I dislike both of them, but having appreciation and respect must be realized. Flat hatred and denial shrouds the truth in darkness. Therefore in this race fan's opinion currently the best team is Johnson and the best driver is Stewart. Until someone dethrones both of them in these respective positions (and do not think there are similar challengers-look no further than 2012 Cup Champ Brad Keselowski and his brilliant Crew Chief Paul Wolfe from the best team perspective, and rookie sensation Kyle Larson in the best driver category as he seems to be a carbon copy of Stewart minus the brashness). These two and others however are a long way off the title of being the best. As Ric Flair famously said-"to be the man, you





Adrian Peterson: Simply the Best

By J.R. Lebert aka jrlebert

The NFL is unique in its make-up. There are battles at every position, every time the ball is snapped. O-Line vs. D-Line. Running backs vs. Linebackers. Quarterbacks vs. Safeties. Wide Receivers vs. Defensive Backs. Punters vs. Return Men. Kickers battling, well... themselves.

Looking position by position, it's clear that every position has a few players who could lay claim to the best in the league. At quarterback, the list is a bit longer than others. Is it Brady? Manning? Rodgers? Brees? Truth is, you can make a legitimate argument for any of them. Same thing with wideouts. Is Megatron the best? Or is Andre Johnson, Larry Fitzgerald, Wes Welker, Brandon Marshall, Reggie Wayne, or even A.J. Green better?

On defense, it's no different. Aldon Smith or J.J. Watt? Jared Allen or Von Miller? Is Revis Island still the destination of choice, or has Sherman's Way replaced it as the place to be? What about the battle of the titans, Ndamukong Suh and Haloti Ngata?

Special teams doesn't help to settle the debate. Patrick Peterson may have supplanted Devin Hester as the premiere return man. Or is it Leon Washington? Every single position has several players vying for the number one spot. Every position except one: Running Back.



Adrian Peterson, the all-everything running back for the Minnesota Vikings, is, unquestionably, the best back in the league today. He runs differently, with incredible speed, unstoppable power, and a desire to make contact with any would-be tackler. In his short time in the league, Peterson has amassed some incredible stats. Last season was one of the top seasons in NFL history for a RB. Peterson rushed for the second most yards in league history, 2,097, just 8 yards behind Eric Dickerson's record, while scoring 13 total touchdowns. He recorded the second most receptions, 40, of his career, and accounted for over 2,300 yards from scrimmage, the 8th highest total in league history.

His career is just as impressive as his last season. Peterson has been named to the Pro Bowl in five of his six seasons, and First Team All-Pro three times. He was voted the 2007 Offensive rookie of the year, bursting on to the scene with 1,341 rushing yards, 1,609 total yards from scrimmage and 13 total TDs. Those numbers turned out to be just the tip of the iceberg. He has bettered that rushing yard total three times, yards from scrimmage total four other times, and has equaled or bettered his TD total four times.



Despite just 6 seasons in the league, AP is already second on the active list in rushing yards, and the active leader in yards per game and rushing touchdowns. He has five 1,000 yard seasons, missing going 6-for-6 by 30 yards in a 12-game, injury riddled 2011 season. All six of his seasons have resulted in double-digit touchdowns.

All Day already ranks among the all-time greats in yards, touchdowns, and yards per game. With just 1,151 yards in 2013, AP will join just 27 others, and just one other active back, Steven Jackson, in the 10,000 yard club. If he rushes for his average from his first 6 seasons, 1,475 yards, he will move past Hall of Famers Joe Perry, Earl Campbell, and five others into 25th all-time. Already tied for 21st in rushing TDs, he is poised to become just the 9th player to 100 rushing TDs in about 2-3 more seasons. His yards per game average is already third best in the history of the league.



Set to take his place among the NFL's best, it's only fitting to compare his totals with four of the greats: Walter Payton, LaDainian Tomlinson, Barry Sanders, and Emmitt Smith. AP's first six seasons puts him squarely at number three, ahead of Payton and Barry, but behind Emmitt and LT in both yards and TDs.

After his first six seasons, LT looked like the best RB of all-time. He had just one more great season after, although he scored 38 touchdowns in years seven through nine. After year six, Barry Sanders was, well, Barry. He added four more 1,000 yard campaigns, none less than 1,491 yards, including an amazing 2,053 yards in 1997, third best until AP's 2012 effort. In his career, however, Barry only had as many double-digit TD seasons, six, as AP does now.

Sweetness played for seven more seasons, winning a Super Bowl with the 1985 Bears, and adding five more 1,000 yard seasons. He was incredibly consistent, rushing for just over 8,300 yards in his first 6 seasons, and just over 8,300 yards after, on his way to the second most yards ever. Emmitt rattled off six straight 1,000 yard seasons in years 7-12, averaging 1,200 yards and just under 9 touchdowns per year. He was a full-time starter for two more seasons, and came within 25 and 63 yards of two more 1K seasons.

It remains to be seen whether AP can keep up his incredible pace, but his age will certainly help. He is just 27 years old, and even if he fades after 30, he stands to move into the top 10 in every major category.

One thing that will certainly keep growing is his card total, and those who would wish to collect them. Peterson has over 5,000 cards in Beckett's database, with a combined book value of over \$153,000. Peterson has 39 RC's to choose from, ranging from his \$8 Topps Total RC to his Exquisite Collection RC, serial numbered to just 99, booking at \$1,250, one of 14 AP RC's booking over \$150.



Looking for a piece of AP to add to your collection? Peterson has over 1,900 relic cards to pick, sharing cardboard with everyone from Calvin Johnson and Barry Sanders to Jamarcus Russell and Gale Sayers. If you want an AP autograph, one of the most forged autographs in the NFL, manufacturers have produced over 1,200 to choose from.

Whether amassing yards on the field, or cards in your collection, all-time great Adrian Peterson will definitely be a mainstay on the radar for the next few years!





The MLB's Greatest
By J.R. Lebert aka jrlebert

When discussing who the best player in Major League Baseball is, there are more than a handful of men who could lay claim to the title. Could it be a do-it-all outfielder, or a flame-throwing starter? Is it a young buck making a big splash, or a grizzled vet still showing why he is an all-timer? Baseball is a game of 9 versus 9, so it seems fitting to discuss the 9 greatest players in the game today. Most are long-time veterans. Some have had brilliant careers in the spotlight, while others have toiled in relative obscurity in smaller markets. This particular list has six position players and three pitchers, and is, of course, completely subjective. With all due respect to fans of Price, Ichiro, Posey, Kershaw, Stanton, and Braun, here are MY choices for MLB's elite 9, in no particular order:

Mariano Rivera, Closer, New York Yankees:

There is no arguing that Rivera is the single greatest reliever of all-time. Mo is a 5-time champion, a 12-time All-Star, and MLB's all-time leader in saves and ERA+, a measure of a pitcher's ERA relative to the rest of the league. He is also the active leader in ERA, games pitched, WHIP, hits per 9, and SO/BB ratio. The Sandman shows no sig of slowing down. Mariano's ERA through age 37, his first 13 seasons, is a razor thin 2.35. However, from age 38 through 42, his last 5 seasons, his ERA is actually MUCH better, 1.72. When it counts the most, in the playoffs, Rivera cannot be hit boasting a line of 8-1, 42 saves, and an unreal 0.70 ERA in 141 postseason innings.

Must Have Card: 1992 Bowman #302 RC BV \$60



Justin Verlander, Starting Pitcher, Detroit Tigers:

Detroit's resident fireballer has established himself as the top pitcher in the AL. One of just two players to win all three major awards, ROY, Cy Young, and MVP, the 5-time All-Star has averaged 244 strike outs and just under 20 wins over the last 4 seasons. He won pitching's Triple Crown in 2011, winning an incredible 24 games.

Must Have Card: 2005 Ultimate Collection #239 AU RC /99 BV \$400



Derek Jeter, Shortstop, New York Yankees:

Perhaps no player is scrutinized more than New York's Captain, Derek Jeter. A 5-time champ, 13-time All-Star, 5-time Gold Glove winner, and the 1996 ROY, only 10 men in history have more hits in their career than Derek. Despite turning 38 last year, he was able to notch his 8th season of 200+ hits. The counting stats are certainly there: 3,304 hits, 1,868 runs scored, and 524 doubles. For a franchise that boasts such inner circle HOFers as Ruth, Gehrig, DiMaggio, and Mantle, it's Jeter who tops the



Yankees' list for most games played, plate appearances, stolen bases, and times on base, and should eventually also top the list for total bases, runs, and doubles. Mr. November only gets better in the World Series, where he is a .321 hitter and was named MVP of the 2000 World Series.

Must Have Card: 1993 SP #279 FOIL RC BV \$150

Joe Mauer, Catcher, Minnesota Twins:

Born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, no player means more to their hometown fans than the Twins' Joe Mauer. All Joe has done since his late call-up in 2004 has been hit, hit, hit. Mauer has won the batting title three times, the first three times an AL catcher has ever done so. The 2009 AL MVP, Mauer has been named an All-Star 5 times to go with his 4 Silver Sluggers and 3 Gold Gloves. His combination of offense and defense, while playing one of the most important positions in the game, is something that only comes along once in a generation.

Must Have Card: 2002 Bowman Chrome #391 AU RC BV \$200



Matt Kemp, Center Fielder, Los Angeles Dodgers:

The Dodgers' Kemp may very well be the best athlete in the NL, if not the entire game. Matt's combination of power, speed, and defense are almost unrivaled in the game. Despite just five seasons as the full time starter, one of which was cut short by injury, Kemp is already a career 150-150 guy, including a stellar 2011 season where he fell just one home run short of a 40-40 season. He has two Gold Gloves on his mantle to match his two Silver Slugger awards. With the lineup around him for the next few seasons, we may see yet another jump in numbers for the player known as "The Bison."

Must Have Card: 2005 Bowman Chrome #349 AU RC BV \$150



Miguel Cabrera, Third Baseman, Detroit Tigers:

Toiling in relative obscurity with the Marlins for the first five years of his career, Cabrera has exploded after his move to Motown. His *average* season with Detroit has looked like this: .323/37/120 to go with 192 hits and an OBP over .400. The 7-time All-Star had a season for the ages in 2012, becoming the first player since Yaz in 1967 to win the Triple Crown. No player in the game makes hitting look as easy as Miggy, as evidenced by his back-to-back batting titles in 2011 and 2012.

Must Have Card: 2000 Topps Traded Autographs #TTA40 BV \$500



Roy Halladay, Starting Pitcher, Philadelphia Phillies:

Despite a minor hiccup in 2012, Halladay is the active leader in win percentage, complete games, and shutouts. Roy has been selected an All-Star eight times, and the Cy Young Award winner twice. A 20-game winner three times in his career, Doc's next win will be number 200.

Must Have Card: 1997 Bowman Chrome #212 BV \$20

Mike Trout, Center Fielder, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim:

While he has yet to begin either of his two MLB seasons on the roster, Trout's 2012 will go down as one of the most impressive rookie seasons in sports. Despite playing in just 139 of the possible 162 games, Trout still found time to lead the league in runs scored and stolen bases, all while hitting a scorching .326 and 30 home runs. Add in Mike's home run robbing, highlight reel catches, and the future seems very, very bright for the Angels' mega-star.

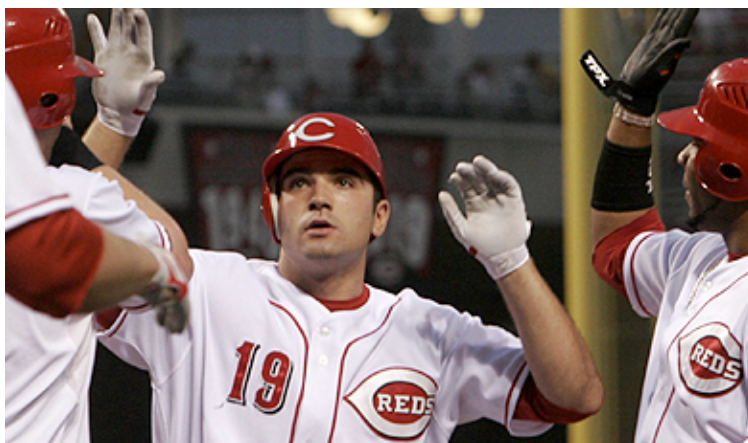
Must Have Card: 2009 Bowman Chrome Draft Prospects AU #BDPP89 BV \$400



Joey Votto, First Baseman, Cincinnati Reds:

The best player you may have never heard of, Joey Votto is the premier player in the league when it comes to getting on base. All the 2010 NL MVP has one is get on base at a .429 rate over the last four seasons. A three-time All-Star, Votto is looking to have another superstar season under the radar for a sold, young Reds squad.

Must Have Card: 2002 Bowman Chrome Draft RC #44 BV \$30





Around the Rink

By RGM81 aka Richard McAdam

So is everybody else enjoying this 2012-13 NHL season? With a third of the lockout-shortened calendar already having been played, it has been very interesting to see how things have taken shape already and what trends have emerged to date. Who would have expected that the Washington Capitals would struggle so mightily? On the opposite end of the spectrum, who would have predicted that, after this much of the season had been played, the Montreal Canadiens, the 15th place team from just a season ago, would be sitting at the top of the Eastern Conference standings? It is still very early, and so much can change in the blink of an eye, but I have had so much more fun watching hockey in the past six weeks than I did for pretty much any stretch of the 2011-12 season.

The two biggest stories of the young season so far are the superlative play of the Chicago Blackhawks and the utter decimation of the Ottawa Senators lineup by injuries. The Hawks have been nothing short of incredible, going undefeated in regulation time in their first 17 games, a new NHL records. They have been buoyed by the dynamic duo of Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane, with admirable support from Patrick Sharp, Marian Hossa, and their stellar defence. The Madhouse on Madison has been rocking every night and the Hawks look like legitimate contenders to compete for the Cup once again. While things have been going great in Chicago, fans in Ottawa are reaching the frayed ends of their collective sanity. First it was announced that Jason Spezza was going to miss the rest of the year due to a back injury. Second came a gruesome injury—one not short on controversy or debate due to the involvement of Penguins uber-pest Matt Cooke—to Norris Trophy winner Erik Karlsson that ended his season. Then it was another wrenching moment as All-Star goalie Craig Anderson went down with a knee/ankle injury that has him shelved on a week-to-week basis. The Senators made great strides last year and were looking to build on them this year to compete for the Northeast Division title, but this trifecta of long-term injuries has really put their depth to the test. So far they are weathering the storm and still sit in a playoff position in the crowded East, and only time will tell how resilient this squad in Ottawa can be.



As soon as Matt Cooke's skate made contact, controversy ensued – and an elite player's season ended.



Readers will recall that in last month's issue of *Collectors Corner* we discussed the impact on the hobby that the lockout would have, including the double rookie class to be found in 2013-14 products and the decision by Panini to cancel most of their remaining product calendar for the 2012-13 season. In mid-February, Upper Deck made a similar announcement, confirming only that they will make two more products for this season—Fleer Retro and SP Authentic—while remaining very vague on the status of The Cup. While Panini was forthright in announcing that their high-end Dominion release would be shelved for this season, Upper Deck said in a Twitter statement directed in response to an inquiry I made that “We never release details on that product until shortly before the release so you never know.” It is interesting that the company may proceed with The Cup despite the compacted rookie class available this year, and if it happens expect it to be very reliant upon strong veteran content to lead sales.

While speculation about The Cup remains, collectors will have something of a reprieve for their wallets for the next several weeks. For the first time a long while, there will be no new hockey releases scheduled for the entire calendar month of March. ITG's Motown Madness hit the streets on February 28th and that will certainly keep Red Wings fans happy for the foreseeable future given the abundance of excellent memorabilia cards and chase autographs in the product. In the meantime, the rest of us will have recent releases such as UD's SP Game Used and Panini's Limited to keep us occupied – speaking personally, I am thrilled that both companies are finally upping their Josh Gorges content, as the last six weeks have brought in more great cards for that PC than I have enjoyed in the previous year. Hopefully the Habs strong start will be a harbinger of things to come in the remaining releases so that both licensed companies will feature more of the likes of Pacioretty, Subban, and the other veterans.

Speaking of Subban, the contract he signed with the Canadiens on January 28th came as a genuine surprise to myself and many other Habs fans. While I had boldly predicted he would sign a 3-year contract worth \$4.5M per season, he settled for a 2-year deal for \$5.75M in total. Since returning to the lineup Subban has integrated himself well into the new team-first system espoused by new/old coach Michel Therrien, and has been somewhat muted from his usual on-ice enthusiasm and theatrics including the banning of the Triple Low Five victory celebration. It is evident that he is still being kept on a short leash by the coaching staff, but given time and opportunity, Subban will flourish and demonstrate that he will be worthy of the long-term contract in Montreal that he desires.



Meanwhile, the other member of the “big three” RFA players, Ryan O'Reilly of the Colorado Avalanche, remains unsigned and on the sidelines. There have been growing discussions about trading the player's rights to another team, and some in Colorado fear that O'Reilly has already played his last game in a Colorado sweater. Though O'Reilly is a good developing player who had a career year in 2011-12, the Avalanche are unwilling to commit to the terms demanded by O'Reilly based off of just one season. It will be interesting to see how this situation unfolds and what its conclusion will resemble. Today, O'Reilly was signed by to an hostile offer sheet by the Calgary Flames, \$10 M for 2 years...The Avs now have a week to match the offer and keep this prized asset, should they fail to do so, they'll have to settle for the mandatory compensation which they will get from the Flames.

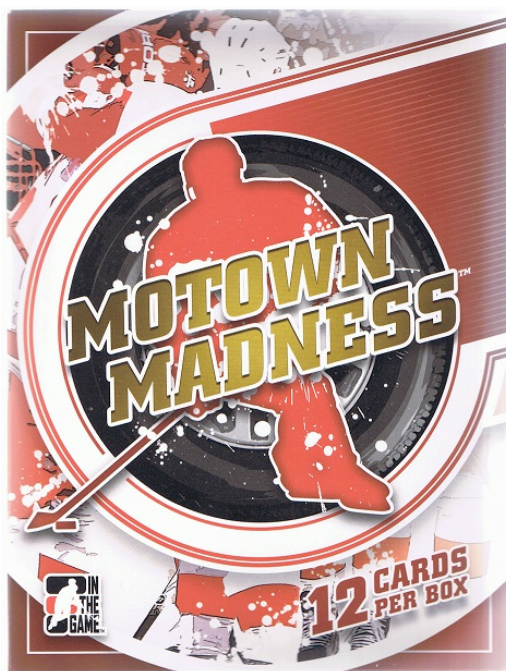
That's all for this month, folks, have a great March and see you around the boards!



SCF Official Review: 2012/13 ITG Motown Madness

By Tony Joyce aka Enigma

First and foremost, I'd like to thank our sponsors at In The Game for providing us with this box and early preview.



1 pack per box

12 cards per pack

Current Retail Price (online): \$84.99 - \$94.99

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2 Authentic Game-Used Memorabilia Cards per box
- 4 Autograph Cards per box
- 5 Premium Base Cards per box
- 1 Patch of Honor Insert Card per box

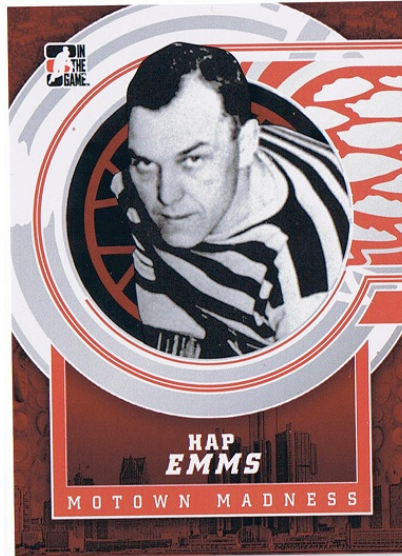
This is definitely a dream product for Red Wings fans! The good folks at ITG decided to treat hockeytown folks after pleasing Habs, Leafs and Flyers fans in the past years. You can always trust ITG to come up with products the fans really want to see!

WHAT WE PULLED

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v14pMP72f98>



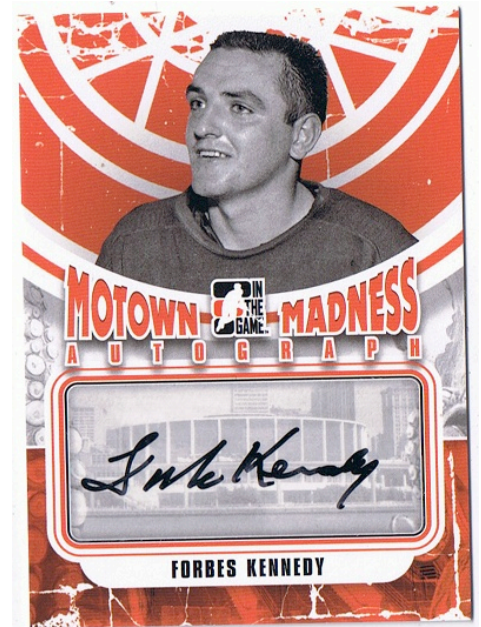
Base (5, All Red Edition) - Hap Emms, Luc Robitaille, Greg Stefan, Norm Ullman, Jason Woolley



Bob Essensa Autograph

Corrado Micallef Autograph

Forbes Kennedy Autograph





Scotty Bowman Autograph



Igor Larionov Jersey (Red Version)



Battle For The Cup Dominik Hasek / Steve Yzerman /
Nicklas Lidstrom / Arturs Irbe / Rod Brind'Amour /
Ron Francis Six Jerseys (Red Version)



Patch Of Honor Chris Osgood
5-color Patch (Replica 1997 Stanley Cup Patch)





FINAL THOUGHTS

Base - 4.5/5

Design - 5/5

Fun - 4/5

Value - 5/5

Rebuy - 5/5

Overall - 23.5/25 (94%)

Pros:

7 hits per box

Amazing card design, mainly on the base cards

Patch of Honor Series is solid

Themed products (team or era related) always seem to shine

Cons:

Sticker Autographs

Once again, I'd like to thank our wonderful sponsors at In The Game for giving us the opportunity to open and review this product. For more information on all of their products, visit them today at www.itgtradingcards.com.





SCF Official Review: 2012/13 ITG Heroes And Prospects

By Tony Joyce aka Enigma

First and foremost, I'd like to thank our sponsors at In The Game for providing us with this box.

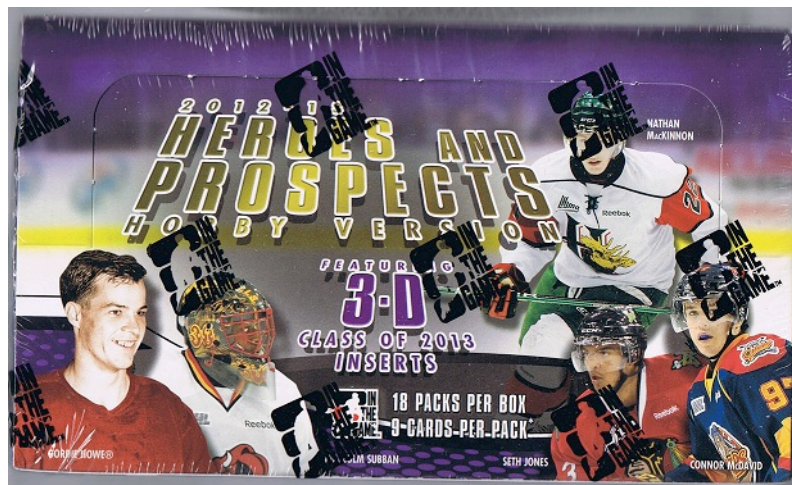
18 packs per box

9 cards per pack

Current Retail Price (online): \$74.99-\$94.99

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 18 packs per box with 9 cards per pack*
- Authentic Game-Used Memorabilia Cards 1:7 packs**
- Autograph Cards 1:7 packs**
- Non-Memorabilia Insert Cards 1:6 packs**
- 3D Class of 2013 cards 1:9 packs**
- He Shoots; He Scores Program is now even easier with only 150 points required or keep the points cards & collect the puzzle pieces!



This year's base card set will 199 cards. The first 30 cards will be Heroes, the next 120 cards will be Prospects and the last 49 base cards in the set will be 2013 Draft Picks. However, the Draft Picks will feature ITG's 3-D fronts (1:9packs**). You won't believe the way these cards look. In ITG's opinion, the best 3-D cards the hobby has ever seen.

Collectors spoke and this year for the very first time, the entire Prospects part of the set will feature CHL players only.

12-13 Heroes and Prospects will pose a very interesting dilemma for collectors, "to collect or not collect". The Decoy Cards in this product have been designed in a similar way to the 2011-2 Between The Pipes Puzzle Cards. So collectors will have to choose between collecting the Decoy/Puzzle cards or submitting them for redemption cards.

There will be eleven different players who will have Decoy/Puzzle cards to collect or redeem.

Now here's some great news for He Shoots He Scores collectors. Collectors will only be required to submit 150 points for the 2012-13 Heroes and Prospects He Shoots He Scores program. That's something new from In The Game.

Look for even more Authentic Game-Used Memorabilia cards & Autograph cards inserted 1:7 packs** not to mention the Non Memorabilia Inserts 1:6 packs**.

* eight base cards plus one decoy card or game-used memorabilia card

**insert ratios are based on the entire production run and are not guaranteed in any individual box or case



CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS

199 Card Base Set

- includes the ever popular Heroes, the most sought after Prospects and our first ever Class of 2013 3D Subset 1:9 packs!

Non-Memorabilia Inserts (1:6 packs)

- Three great Non Memorabilia Inserts featuring the best of the best: 2012 Memorial Cup, Subway Super Series and Top Prospects!

Authentic Autograph Cards (1:7)

- Over 100 Autographs to collect from Top Prospects and Heroes alike!

Game-Used Memorabilia Cards (1:7)

- The Heroes and Prospects tradition continues with stunning Authentic Game-Used Memorabilia cards.

WHAT WE PULLED

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3D6qCFIpYQ>

Base - 137/150 (91.3%)

Class of 2013 Prospects: 2/49 (4.08%)

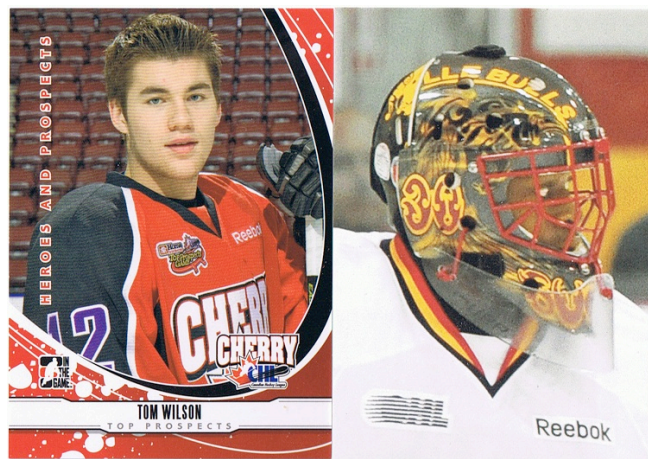




Memorial Cup (1)
Subway Super Series (1)



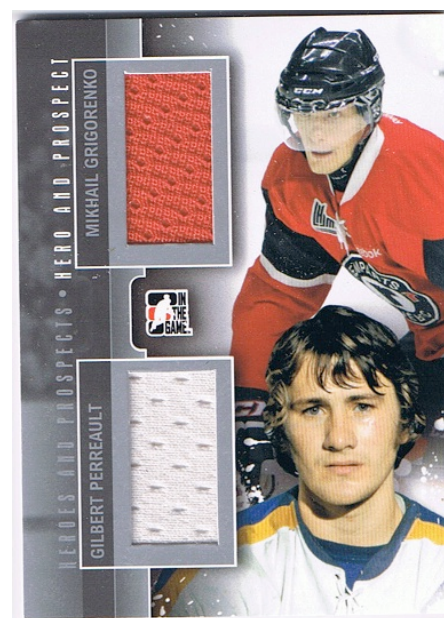
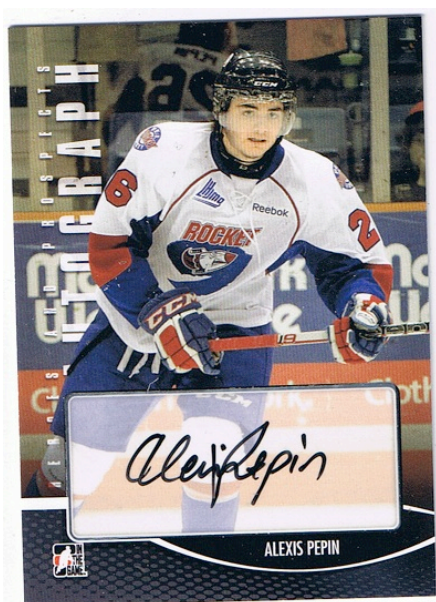
Top Prospects (1)
He Shoots He Scores Redemption Cards (15)



Alexis Pepin Autograph

Ryan Strome Autograph

Hero And Prospects Silver Version
Mikhail Grigorenko/Gilbert Perreault
Dual Jersey /40





Subway Super Series Game Used Jersey Black
Version Christopher Clapperton Jersey



Subway Super Series Jersey and Auto
Silver Version Morgan Rielly Jersey/Autograph /40



FINAL THOUGHTS

Base - 5/5

Design - 4.5/5

Fun - 3.5/5

Value - 4/5

Rebuy - 4/5

Overall - 21/25 (84%)

Pros:

4 Hits per box, though most box likely to yield 5

Wonderful design change in the base cards

3-D cards are great, excellent addition as they are essentially a chase set

HSBS program lowered to 150 cards instead of 200

Hero Autographs are super short printed

Worth investing in more than one box

Cons:

Sticker Autos

Can get tedious at times as half the packs on average are just base

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SCF Official Review: 2012 Topps Magic

By Tony Joyce aka Enigma

First and foremost, I'd like to thank our sponsors at Topps for providing us with this box.

24 packs per box

8 cards per pack

Current Retail Price (online): \$79.99 - \$99.99

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

AUTOGRAPHS - 3 PER BOX

- Magic Autographs - Look for the hottest rookies, the brightest young talents and veteran stars. It's the most comprehensive autograph collection in the Hobby with 100+ names.
- Magic Autographs Black-Bordered Parallel #d to 5
- Dual Autographs #d to 25
- Triple Autographs #d to 25
- Six Autographs Featuring 6 players on one card. #d to 5
- '48 Magic Autographs Find the most collectible players on the original 1948 Topps Magic Design. #d to 5
- Mini Autographs - Original 1948 Magic-sized (2.075" x 2.905") cards. #d to 10
- Mini Autograph Books Featuring 2 players on one card. #d to 5 - All-New!

RELICS - ALL ADDITIONAL HITS!

- Magic Relics #d to 25 HOBBY ONLY
- Magic Rookie Patches #d 1/1
- Gridiron Coins - An actual embedded coin alongside an NFL veteran or rookie star. #d to 10
- Historical Coins - A historical coin matched with a historical figure. #d to 25

MAGICAL INSERTS - 18 Per Box!

- 20 Magical Moments Featuring milestones and career moments from the 2011 season. 1:6
- 40 Supernatural Stars Includes the best-performing NFL veterans. 1:4
- 20 Rookie Enchantment Features the top rookies of the 2012 Class. 1:6
- 10 Charismatic Combos - The best quarterback and wide receiver connections in the game. 1:12
- 20 '48 Magic - Top veterans and rookie players on the '48 Magic design. 1:12

BASE CARDS / PARALLELS

- 220 Base Cards Rookies, Veterans and Retired Players.
- 55 Short Printed Base Cards 1:3
- 220 Mini Parallels (2.075" x 2.905") 1 PER PACK





- 55 Short Printed Mini Parallels 1:12
- 275 Black Bordered Mini Parallels 1 PER BOX
- 275 Pigskin Mini Parallels #d to 50

WHAT WE PULLED

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hj46a-fpKpc>

Base - 132/225 (58.7%)

Dupes - 4

SPs - 8/75 (10.7%)

Mini (22)

Mini Black (1)

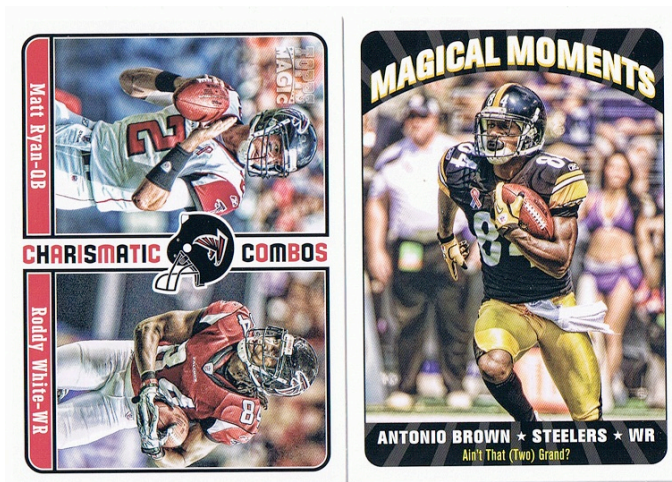
Mini Pigskin /50 (1) - Toby Gerhart

1948 Magic Mini - 2



Charismatic Combos (2)

Magical Moments (4)





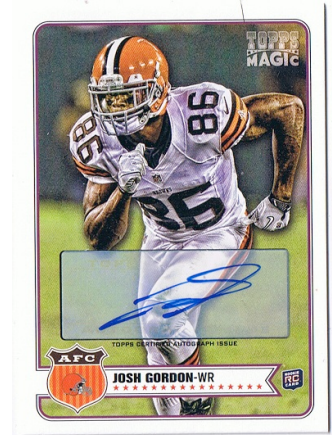
Rookie Enhancement (4)
Supernatural Stars (6)



James Casey Autograph



Josh Gordon Autograph



Colin Kaepernick Autograph



FINAL THOUGHTS

Base - 3.5/5
Design - 4.5/5
Fun - 4/5
Value - 4/5
Rebuy - 4/5

Overall - 20/25 (80%)

Pros -

Nice design with painted subjects as always
SPs are easy to identify, high numbers instead of being mixed into set
'48 Magic Minis are a great addition

Cons -

Duplicate base when barely getting half the base set in a box
Sticker Autographs
Feels like there should be more



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NPN Information -

NPN 2012 Topps Magic Football
PO Box 2098
Duryea PA 18642

Limit 1 request per household

Postmarked By: 4/3/13
Delivered By: 4/10/13

Canada Skills: $8 + 12 \times 5 - 5 = ?$

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SCF Official Review: 2013 Topps Series 1 By Tony Joyce aka Enigma

First and foremost, I'd like to thank our sponsors at Topps for providing us with this box.

36 packs per box
10 cards per pack
Current Retail Price (online): \$44.99 - \$59.99

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Autograph or Relic Card Per Hobby Box!
- 1 Autograph & 2 Relic Cards Per HTA Box!
- New For 2012! Celebrating the Golden Moments of Major League Baseball!

CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS

BASE CARDS

330 cards featuring Veterans, Rookies, League Leaders, Cy Young Award Winners, League MVPs, Rookies of the Year, Record Chasers, and World Series Highlights.

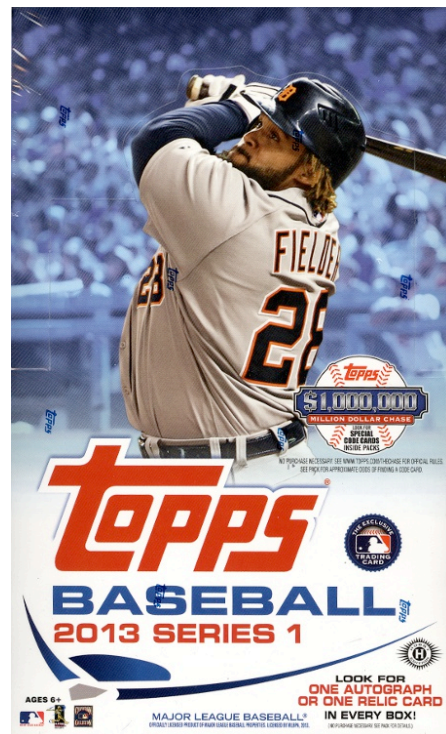
PARALLEL CARDS

- GOLD Parallel : Sequentially numbered to 2013.
- BLACK Parallel : Sequentially numbered to 62. - HOBBY & HTA ONLY
- PINK Parallel : Sequentially numbered to 50.
- PLATINUM Parallel : Numbered 1/1.
- EMERALD FOIL PARALLEL : Inserted 1:6.
- DESERT CAMO FOIL PARALLEL : Sequentially numbered to 99.
- BASE CARD PRINTING PLATES : 1,320 printing plates from all of the base cards. Numbered 1/1. - HOBBY & HTA ONLY
- SILK COLLECTION : 100 framed mini silk cards. Sequentially numbered to 50. HOBBY & HTA ONLY

HOBBY EXCLUSIVE COMMEMORATIVE RELIC CARDS - 1 per HTA box! 1 per Hobby case!

MVP Award Winners - Cards featuring MVP winners with a commemorative MVP trophy embedded in the card.

Cy Young Award Winners - Cards featuring Cy Young Award winners with a commemorative Cy Young Award trophy embedded in the card.





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Proven Mettle Coin Cards - Cards featuring 25 superstars, active and retired, with an embedded commemorative coin celebrating their mettle.

- Proven Mettle Copper - Numbered to 99.
- Proven Mettle Wrought Iron - Numbered to 50.
- Proven Mettle Steel - Numbered to 10.

AUTOGRAPH CARDS

Chasing History Autographs: Over 30 subjects.

Chasing History Cut Signatures: Cards featuring cut signatures from stars of the world of Baseball and beyond. Numbered 1/1.

Chasing the Dream Autographs: Over 20 subjects.

Cut to the Chase Autographs: 5 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 10.

The Greats Autographs: 15 subjects sign on-card autographs. Sequentially numbered to 10. HOBBY & HTA ONLY

Calling Cards Autographs: 5 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 10.

1972 Topps Minis Autographs: 10 subjects sign on-card autographs. Sequentially numbered to 10.

World Series Champions Autographs: Featuring 5 members of the 2012 World Series Champions with an autograph. Sequentially numbered to 50.

AUTOGRAPH RELIC CARDS - HOBBY & HTA ONLY

Chasing History Autograph Relics: 15 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 25. HOBBY & HTA ONLY

Chasing the Dream Autograph Relics: 10 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 25. HOBBY & HTA ONLY

Cut to the Chase Autograph Relics: 5 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 5. HOBBY & HTA ONLY

The Greats Autograph Relics: 10 subjects sign on-card. Sequentially numbered to 5. HOBBY & HTA ONLY

Calling Cards Autograph Relics: 10 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 5. HOBBY & HTA ONLY

World Series Champions Autograph Relics: 5 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 50. HOBBY & HTA ONLY



RELIC CARDS

Chasing History Relics: Over 40 subjects.

Chasing the Dream Relics: Over 20 subjects.

Cut to the Chase Relics: 10 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 25.

The Greats Relics: 25 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 25. HOBBY & HTA ONLY

Calling Cards Relics: 25 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 25.

1972 Topps Minis Relics: 15 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 25.

World Series Champions Relics: 15 subjects. Sequentially numbered to 100.

In the Name Relics: Cards featuring the letters from the name plate on the 2012 MLB All-Star Game Workout Jerseys. Numbered 1/1. HOBBY & HTA ONLY

THE ULTIMATE CHASE

30 of what are sure to be some of the most sought-after cards of the year! These individually designed and constructed cards will feature 30 of the biggest active and retired stars, with an autograph and a unique relic or a cut signature and a unique relic.

INSERT CARDS

Chasing History: 50 cards featuring active and retired players who are chasing or have chased history.

Chasing the Dream: 25 cards featuring young players chasing their dream of becoming MLB superstars.

Cut to the Chase: 25 stunning die-cut chrome cards.

The Greats: 30 beautiful high-end cards featuring 30 of the top players of all time. HOBBY & HTA ONLY
- The Greats Gold Parallel - Numbered to 99. HOBBY & HTA ONLY

Calling Cards: 15 cards featuring players and the routines they are known for

1972 Topps Minis: 50 mini cards featuring the 1972 Topps design.

WHAT WE PULLED

<http://youtu.be/zsbitO2KVdk>



Base - 302/330 (91.5%)

Spring Fever Promo (1)
Million Dollar Chase Code (6)



Emerald Sparkle (6)
Gold /2013 (4) - Anthony Rizzo, Ian Desmond,
Josh Beckett, Jayson Werth

Calling Card (4)
Chasing History (9)



Chasing The Dream (6)
Cut To The Chase (2)





The Greats (2) Topps 1974 Mini (9)



Chasing History Relics Evan Longoria Jersey



FINAL THOUGHTS

Base - 4.5/5
Design - 4.25/5
Fun - 2.5/5
Value - 4/5
Rebuy - 3.5/5

Overall - 18.75/25 (75%)

Pros:

Nice different design
Continuation of retro mini series
Cut To The Chase Die Cuts are amazing
Million Dollar Chase program

Cons:

Only 4 Gold parallels (Used to be 6 just a couple of years ago)
Only 1 relic or auto per box
Opening 36 packs is tedious and boring at times
Not a lot to come back for more

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SCF Official Review: 2013 Press Pass Total Memorabilia By Tony Joyce aka Enigma

First and foremost, I'd like to thank our sponsors at Press Pass for providing us with this box.

5 packs per box

9 cards per pack

Current Retail Price (online): \$94.00 - \$109.99

Every Pack Will Include:

- Five cards from the 50-card base set
- One numbered parallel
- One Memory Lane insert
- One Smooth Operators insert
- One authentic race-used memorabilia, Rising Stars autograph, or Signature Collection autographed memorabilia book card



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

One Hit In Every Pack

Look For:

- Total Memorabilia - Single, Dual, Triple, And Quad Versions!
- Hot Rod Relics - Triple Memorabilia Cards
- NEW! Burning Rubber Chase Edition - Featuring Race-Used Win Tires From The 2012 Chase For The Nascar Sprint Cup!

Autographs Randomly Inserted

- Rising Stars Autographs - Featuring Drivers Who Are Poised To Make Their Mark In Nascar!
- Signature Collection Book Cards - Featuring An Authentic Autograph And One, Two, Three, Or Four Swatches Of Memorabilia!

WHAT WE PULLED

<http://youtu.be/izQ5ZkJCA9g>

Base - 25/50 (50%)

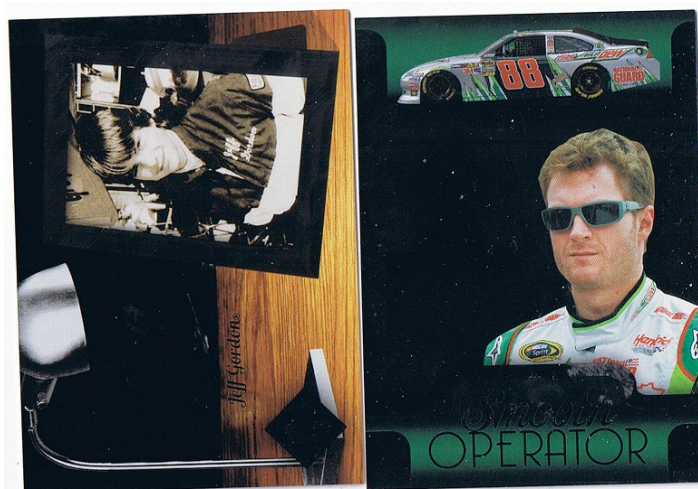




Gold /275 (4) - Kevin Harvick, Joey Logano,
Tony Stewart, Kyle Larson
Holo /99 (1) - Landon Cassill



Memory Lane (5)
Smooth Operator (5)



Burning Rubber Clint Bowyer Tire /50

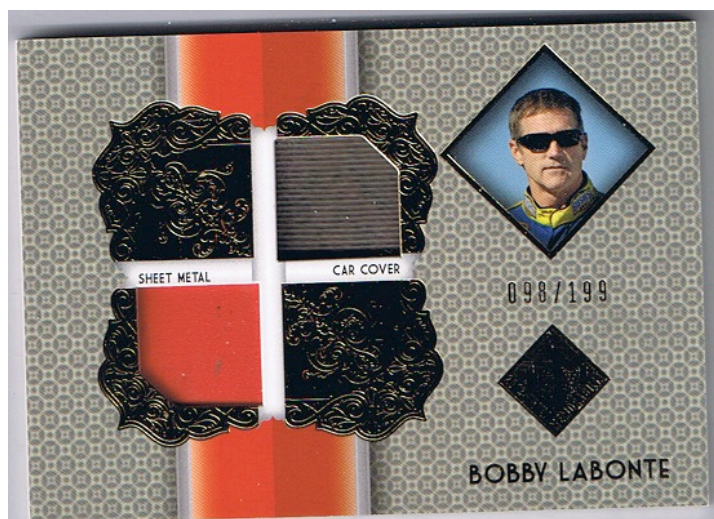


Carl Edwards Single Memorabilia Firesuit





Bobby Labonte Dual Memorabilia Sheet Metal
/Car Cover /199



Dale Earnhardt Jr. Dual Memorabilia 4-color
Sheet Metal/Driver's Seat /199



Trevor Bayne Dual Memorabilia 3-color Hat/
2-color Sheet Metal /199



FINAL THOUGHTS

Base - 5/5

Design - 4/5

Fun - 4/5

Value - 4.25/5

Rebuy - 4.5/5

Overall - 21.75/25 (87%)



The Rundown On



Pros:

- One hit in every pack
- One numbered parallel in every pack
- Rising Stars part of set, not insert chase set
- New piece of memorabilia swatches (Driver's Seat)

Cons:

- Unnumbered memorabilia cards
- Base design outdone by Rising Stars design
- Should be at least 1 auto in every box

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Virtual Hockey Autograph Collection - Your Invitation to a Sneak Preview!

By Matt McCallum aka Matt_McCallum

Back in late 2012, when I told my wife Lynn that my next web project was to create a virtual collection for my autographed hockey cards, her reaction was (to my surprise, I will admit) one of great joy and tremendous support. "Finally! You'll be getting rid of all those binders and boxes filled with cards that have been cluttering up my house!" Rarely had I seen her so pleased that it just seemed unnecessarily cruel to let my real plans intrude on what to her was the arrival of a long hoped for moment. We are sufficiently removed from that conversation that I can now say "Unfortunately, my love, that isn't exactly my plan."

Rather, I intended the site as the solution to a vexing problem. When part of the fun of collecting is sharing your treasures with fellow collectors, how do you accomplish that when you live hundreds of miles away from the nearest people whom might care? The obvious answer (the internet, of course!) brings forth a host of new puzzles and challenges in terms of site construction, formatting, and layout. And hence, after a number of weeks of planning and developing, I have the humble beginnings of a multi-month

project to place my 5,796 card (and still growing!) certified autographed hockey card collection out on display.



The initial phase will see the scanning of my complete collection and the creation of galleries organized by card set. Later phases will see the development of individual player and team galleries. Various other themed exhibits may emerge from time to time. Given the size and scope of this effort, as well as the fact my collection continues to grow and evolve, I don't have any hard timelines for completion. Instead the site will likely be a continual work-in-progress, and it is my hope with every visit there will be something new.

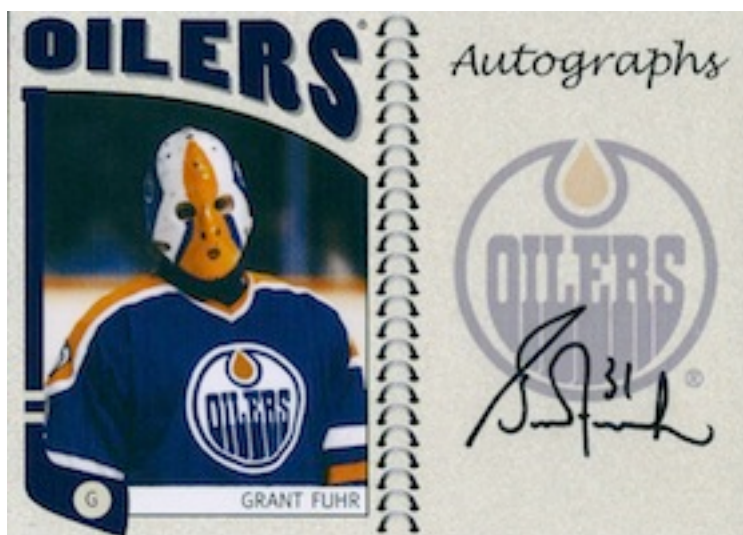
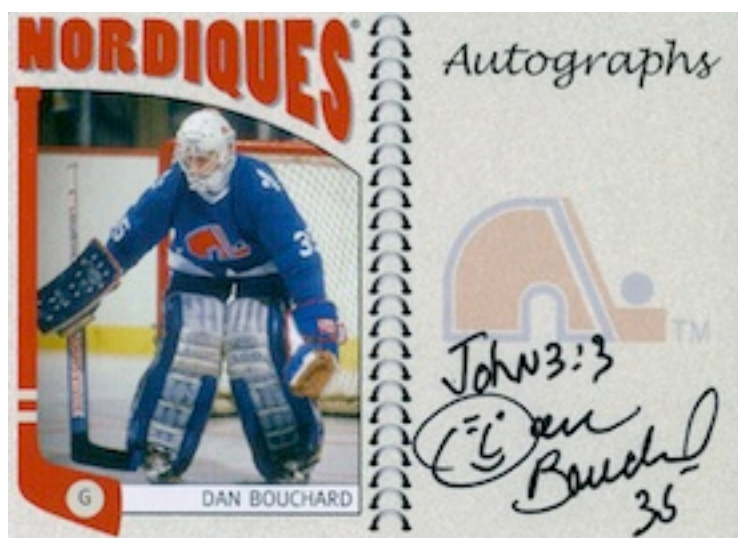
I've got about 460 cards up thus far. Not bad for a month's work over evenings and weekends. I'm not quite ready to link it this effort to my main page for the world to see -- I still want to tweak the home page a bit, and get 20 to 25 percent of my collection posted before opening the doors -- but I'm willing to let my friends here at the SportsCardForum take a sneak peak at the work in progress. After all, many of you have contributed to helping build this collection.



So with that, don't let me delay your tour any longer, which you can start by clicking the link below. It is my hope you'll enjoy viewing this small portion of my collection as much as I enjoy sharing it with you.

<http://matthewmccallumonline.com/autographs/index.html>

PS - I welcome any and all comments suggesting improvements that can make the site better.



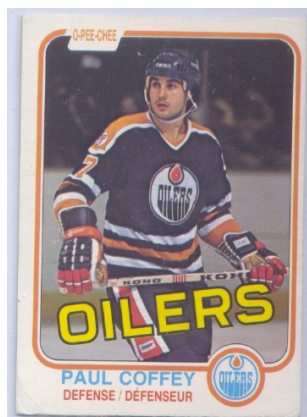


Paul Coffey in 9 Cards by Denny Mellott aka sludgy

Paul Coffey played 1409 games in the NHL with 9 teams and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2004, this is his story in 9 cards.

I had read on SCF somewhere about collecting 9 cards of a player to tell their story. I was going through some cards from my 2000-01 UD Vintage set and came across Paul Coffey in a Bruins uniform and thought that I could easily do a 9 card collection for him. Turns out that is not as easy as I had hoped as Coffey played for 9 teams in his career and I do not have cards of him with every team he played for. I debated just finding images of his cards on the Internet but that would be cheating so I will just go with 9 cards I have and maybe some day I will be able to add cards of him with the Chicago Blackhawks and Carolina Hurricanes.

Coffey was drafted 6th overall by the Oilers in 1980.



Rookie Card - 1981-82 O-Pee-Chee #111

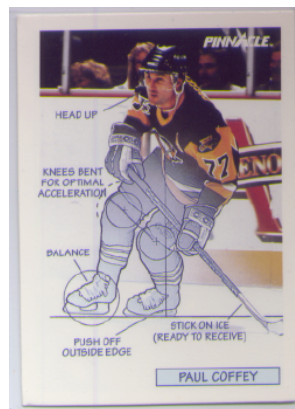
He played 7 seasons with Oilers winning 3 Stanley Cups and setting numerous team and NHL records.



1987-88 O-Pee-Chee Minis #8



He was traded then to the Penguins in 1987 and won a 4th Stanley Cup with them in 1991.



1991-92 Pinnacle #377

After that he was traded to the Kings in 1992...

and then to the Wings in 1993.



1992-93 Score #265



1994-95 Fleer #58

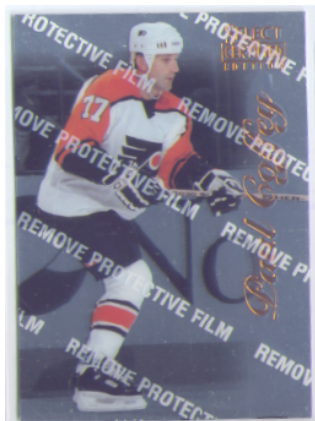
After which he was traded to the Hartford Whalers in 1996 but only played 20 games with them...



1996-97 Donruss Canadian Ice #9



...before being traded to the Flyers in 1996.



1996-97 Select Certified #89

He then made a brief stop to Chicago in 1998 but only played 10 games there. He was finally traded to the Hurricanes in 1998. Finally, he signed with the Bruins in 2000 where he played the final 18 games of his NHL career.



2001-01 Upper Deck Vintage #29

During Coffey's career, he won the Norris trophy 3 times and played in 14 All-Star games.



And that is my story of the amazing career of Paul Coffey in 9 cards.

1994-95 Ultra All-Stars #9