

NHPA Trading Cards

Over the years, the NHPA has been asked by its members to create trading cards. At one time, there were trading cards with various NHPA pitchers, but I am not sure what happened to that project or who created those cards. I have never seen them, but I have been told they do exist. If you were ever fortunate enough to have those cards, you may want to hang on to them.

Generally, trading cards feature such information as a person's stats and playing record. In our younger days, if you were a collector or wanting to trade cards and looking to get your hands on a specific player, you would buy several packs of cards to try to find that "special" one in a pack. The excitement and the thrill of finding that hard to get card in a pack, was all worth going to the store and spending your allowance to get it. Card trading and collecting have almost become extinct in a digital world. As a kid growing up in my dad's grocery store back in the 60's, I collected baseball cards as most kids did back in the day. I was lucky enough to open a pack of cards one day and acquired a Topps 1968 Johnny Bench Rookie Card #247, I was so excited, and my father took the card immediately from me and put it away in a safety deposit box in the bank and I never saw it again until I got older. As years went past, I kept collecting and then I passed along my collection to my son. As the years have gone by, I had forgotten about the fun and the days I had spent opening packs at my father's store and the thrill of the hunt for that one special card to finish out a set. Currently, The NHPA Council, along with Stan Griggs, have been working on the details of creating these trading cards. We have been working on this project for a couple of months via "Zoom Meetings", hashing out the information that will be on the cards, and then

determining a timeline for production, printing and taking orders. We hope these cards will be something that everyone of all ages can enjoy, collect, trade, and hang on to as a treasure to pass along to other generations and to keep our sport of Horseshoes thriving. Here are the details of how we are launching the cards. **TIMELINE OF RELEASE:** Our anticipated date of “Release” will be around November 15, 2020. Here is a breakdown of what the first release sets will consist of in the beginning. These cards will be professionally printed on card stock like baseball cards. • Cards will be 3.5 x 2.5 standard sports card size. (See the sample below, at end of article). • There will be a total of 4 sets. Each set will consist of 12 cards. • The first run will only have 100 total sets. • Each set will cost \$20.00 + tax + shipping. You can purchase 1 set or all 4 sets or as many as you wish, there is no limit to what you can purchase. In the future, we may offer special purchase prices. The first four sets will be 1st Edition Sets: • World Champion Men Set – 1st Edition • World Champion Women Set – 1st Edition • Contenders Set – 1st Edition • Vintage Era Set – 1st Edition – (Black & White) (NOTE: After the first 100 sets have been sold, the cards will not have this “1st Edition” wording on them moving forward). These Sets just got "Turbo-Charged" as you now will have a 1:20 Odds of pulling an actual autographed card of World Champion Alan Francis or 10-Time World Champion Vicki Winston. These autographed cards will be randomly inserted into the 12 card sets. These will be rare and are called “Chase Cards”. May the odds be ever in your favor! As time goes by, we will stir things up a bit and offer various groups of pitchers with “Special” markings, limited editions, rookie cards, or specific information that will make them more collectible, mixed in a pack. Please know that we will eventually have cards

for all divisions and groups. This will take time to get all groups created and printed and as we create a new set, we will make the announcement prior to their release so that everyone can be prepared to purchase. We will begin to take advance orders on the NHPA website only using PayPal. There will be a specific location on the NHPA website for you to go and view the sets and make your purchase. This will work in the same way that you pay online for your World Tournament entry fees. These trading cards make great birthday gifts, stocking stuffers, and collectibles. We hope that no one will put them in their spokes on their bicycles to hear that special sound as we did when we were kids and not realizing what we had in our possession.

To purchase these cards you can click on the PayPal button below and select which set(s) you would like to purchase.

Laurie Lampkin, 2nd VP Publicity & Promotion Director

Men's WC Set:

#1 - Alan Francis

#2 - Curt Day

#3 - Brian Simmons

#4 - Jim Knisley

#5 - Dale Lipovsky

#6 - Elmer Hohl

#7 - Frank Jackson

#8 - Fernando Isais

#9 - Dan Kuchcinski

#10 - Ted Allen

#11 - Harold Reno

#12 - Mark Seibold

Women's WC Set:

#1 - Sue Gillespie

#2 - Debby Michaud

#3 - Tari Powell

#4 - Sylvianne Moisan

#5 - Ruth Hangen

#6 - Lorraine Thomas

#7 - Sue Snyder

#8 - Phyllis Negaard

#9 - Joan Elmore

#10 - Vicki Winston

#11 - Opal Reno

#12 - Bev Nathe

The Contender's Set:

#1 - Glen "Red" Henton

#2 - Jesse Gonzales

#3 - Art Tyson

#4 - Al Zadroga

#5 - Ralph Maddox

#6 - Merlin Potts

#7 - Kevin Cone

#8 - Sandy McLachlin-Hohl

#9 - Diane Cantin

#10 - Maxine Griffith

#11 - Marlene Ray

#12 Amy Francis

The Vintage Set:

#1 - C.C. Davis

#2 - Mildred Brouillette

#3 - Guy Zimmerman

#4 - Carl Steinfeldt

#5 - Mayme Francisco

#6 - Laura Lanham

#7 - Don Titcomb

#8 - Paul Focht

#9 - Wilbur Kabel

#10 - Casey Jones

#11 - Dale Dixon

#12 - Ray Martin