

It's back-to-back Shaq

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You're going to find two Shaquille O'Neal cards in 1992-93 NBA Hoops Series 2.

O'Neal, who is tearing up the NBA with the Orlando Magic, has a regular card (No. 442), and he's also featured (card No. 1 of 10) in Magic's Rookie Team, a 10-card insert set.

Series 2 features more than 40 rookies, including Alonzo Mourning and Christian Laethier.

Also featured are two other limited-edition insert sets — The Supreme Court and More Magic.

Here's a rundown: Series 2 totals 140 cards — player updates (rookies, trades, etc.), 130; NBA Hoops trivia, 5; NBA Stay in School, 1; NBA Inside Stuff, 1; Checklists, 2; and, Rookie Checklist, 1.

Insert sets total 26 cards — Supreme Court (featuring NBA stars from Michael Jordan to David Robinson to Magic Johnson), 10; Magic's All-Rookie Team, 10; More Magic, 3; Patrick Ewing Art Card, 1; John Stockton Ultimate Game (he has autographed 1,633 cards, one for each of his steals going into this season), 1; and, NBA Hoops Chicago Bulls championship card, 1.

The Supreme Court and Magic's all-rookie team cards are gold-foil stamped and UV coated. The latter insert set includes comments from Johnson on each of the 10 selected players.

The More Magic insert set has three cards, showing Johnson during his final training camp, in a game versus Philly and in his last game (versus Cleveland).

Suggested retail: 79 cents US per 12-card pack.

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SkyBox NBA Series 2 is also on its way.

According to SkyBox International marketing manager Sherry Wallace, "We have stocked

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By Gregg Drinnan



SkyBox NBA Basketball Series 2 chock full of exactly what collectors want. Rookies, player updates and limited-edition insert sets. . . "

You can expect player updates (48 cards), rookies (33), checklists (3), and a public service/Special Olympics card. As for insert sets, there are 1992 NBA first-round draft picks (19), School Ties (18, they are actually six three-card puzzles highlighting a group of players who attended each school), Thunder and Lightning (9), and David Robinson Flagship Collection (5).

Shaq is featured twice — DP1 in the draft picks in the insert set and No. 382 in the regular issue. Suggested retail: \$1.15 US per 12-card foil pack.

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Pro Set hopes a great response to Parkhurst Series 1 will help it get back in the good graces of the NHL and the NHL Players' Association.

Pro Set's licence with those two bodies is up after this season, so this is a chance for the financially troubled manufacturer to score some points.

It shipped 7,000 numbered cases, with Series 1 comprising 240 cards.

All 24 NHL teams are represented by nine players, which makes it nice for collectors who like to keep their cards in nine-pocket sheets.

The highlight of Series 1 will be

the insert set of reprinted goaltender cards from the original 1955-56 Parkhurst set — Jacques Plante, Terry Sawchuk, Johnny Bower, Gump Worsley, Harry Lumley, Turk Broda, Sugar Jim Henry and Al Rollins. There is also a cover card — a reproduction of a 1955-56 Parkhurst wrapper.

A 13-card *International Rising Stars* subset includes Teemu Selanne, Alexei Kovalev and Sergei Fedorov.

A 13-card subset of *Sensational Sophomores* includes Valeri Kamensky, Nelson Emerson, Pat Falloon and Pavel Bure.

The photographs, as in last season's debut set, are crisp and clear. Where Pro Set used a brownish border on the left side of cards a year ago, this time around it's blue-green with the same marbled look. Backs feature a small photo along with some bio information and recent statistics.

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WHAT'S NEW: Topps has released Football's Finest, a limited-edition 44-card set (33 veterans, 11 rookies) featuring some of the NFL's best players. . .

Collector's Edge has placed a bounty on any card with the serial number 0000001. If you have one of these cards, photocopy the front and back large enough so that the serial number can be read, write a note explaining where and when the card was purchased, and send to: Collector's Edge Special Services, Box 9010, Denver CO 80209. The company will, at no charge, create a special plaque for each authentic No. 1 card reported. The offer ends July 1. . . Teemu Selanne's rookie card (Upper Deck No. 21) is going for between \$8 and \$12 in Winnipeg. That's quite an increase from where it was — 75 cents — before Christmas.