

Mario Lemieux Tribute Sets

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Brand</u>	<u>Set</u>	<u># of Cards</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1992-93	Clark Bun Candy	Mario Lemieux	3	Included in the Clark Bun Caramel candy bar distributed by the DL Clark Company in Pittsburgh, PA
1993-94	Leaf	Mario Lemieux Collection	10	Randomly inserted into packs, 10 cards which included a header card
1995-96	Donruss Elite	Mario Lemieux Series	7	All Serial Numbered #/1066
1995-96	Leaf	Lemieux's Best	10	This years Leaf set boasted that Mario's Back and they have more of him than any other card set. This is a 10 card retrospective of his career. They are horizontal and feature some moment or highlight from his career to that point.
1996	Metallic Impressions	Super Mario!	5	These were metal cards that came in a small metal tin featuring a photo of Mario skating to the right in his white Penguins triangle logo jersey and small cut photo of him holding the cup on the left. The cards had a blue, marbly border on the bottom .
1996-97	Donruss Canadian Ice	Mario Lemieux Scrapbook	25	This was a 25 card tribute set all serial numbered #/1966. It also includes 2 other cards that are autographed. One is #/500, the other #/1200
1996-97	Donruss Elite	Hart To Hart Mario Lemieux	6	All Serial Numbered #/1966
1996-97	Metallic Impressions	Team Metal Mario Lemieux	4	These are packaged in a tin that includes 4 metal cards. Tin features Mario skating to the left wearing the black with/stripes Penguin triangle logo

1996-97	Pinnacle Be A Player	Lemieux Die Cut	2	This was a two-card set commemorated the career of Mario Lemieux. The cards were made of the Dufex foil and were interlocking. The first card was randomly inserted in Series 1 packs, with card two inserted into Series 2 packs. They are all serial numbered #/66.
1997	Metallic Impressions	Mario Lemieux King of the Comeback	10	These came in a collector tin about twice the thickness of an altoids box that shows Mario skating to the right wearing the white Penguins triangle logo. Cards have a black border.
1997	Pinnacle	Giant Eagle/ Mario's Moments	18	These were a promotional set given out by Giant Eagle in packs. They were released in six different packs of 3 cards and featured 18 cards of Mario, highlighting his career for the Pens (plus one team Canada card). They featured a full border to border image on the front with his name either in yellow print, or gold foil for the parallels.
1997	Pinnacle	Giant Eagle/ Mario's Moments GOLD	18	These were a promotional set given out by Giant Eagle in packs. They were released in six different packs of 3 cards and featured 18 cards of Mario, highlighting his career for the Pens (plus one team Canada card). They featured a full border to border image on the front with his name either in yellow print, or gold foil for the parallels.
1998-99	Be A Player	Playoff Legend Mario Lemieux	4	All of the cards have an auto and memorabilia piece and are numbered L1-L4. They aren't serial numbered but the print run was 66 each.

2000-01	Be A Player Memorabilia	Mario Lemieux Legends	10	All of the cards have a memorabilia piece which is either a jersey, stick or glove and are numbered L1-L10. They aren't serial numbered but the print run was 30 each.
2000-01	Be A Player Memorabilia	Mario Lemieux Legends Autographs	10	All of the cards have a memorabilia piece which is either a jersey, stick or glove as well as an autograph. They are numbers L1-L10. They aren't serial numbered but the print run was 6 each.
2000-01	Be A Player Signature Series	Mario Lemieux Legends	5	These are number LM-1 through LM-5 and feature a memorabilia piece. They aren't serial numbered but the print run was 30
2000-01	Be A Player Signature Series	Mario Lemieux Legends Autographs	5	These are number LM-1 through LM-5 and feature a memorabilia piece and an autograph. These should be serial numbered #/6.
2000-01	Be A Player Signature Series	Mario Lemieux Retrospective	20	These are number R-01 through R-20 and highlight Marios' career up to that point. Cards have a #66 in the top right corner and a yellow stripe down the left side. Cards were manufactured to highlight his return to the ice.
2000-01	OPC/Topps	Mario Lemieux Reprints	23	There are 23 of these that were inserted at a rate of 1:12 into packs of OPC and Topps. Cards feature reprints of his RC through 1994-95 OPC and Topps cards, with just the 1995-96 and 1996-97 Topps cards. They each have a foil embossed Lemieux Collection logo on the bottom.

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2000-01	Upper Deck	Mario Lemieux Return To Excellence	9	These were a 9 card set that was randomly inserted into packs. They feature a highlight of ML and are number ML1 through ML9. They each have a memorabilia piece and are serial numbered #/66.
2001-02	OPC/Topps	Mario Returns	5	Cards number 326-330 in the base set are the Mario Returns tribute cards. They are part of the base set and not an insert.

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2001-02	Topps Chrome	Mario Lemieux Reprints Refractors	10	Again, like the Topps product, these were inserted about 1:12 packs and feature additional reprints not included in the previous year...only in Chrome form and somewhat shinier than the regular cards with the REFRACTOR label on the back.
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2001-02	OPC/Topps	Mario Returns Autographs	5	These were next to impossible to pull at a rate of 1:7,679 Hobby packs and 1: 5,907 retail packs. There are probably still tons sitting in boxes somewhere. They feature the Blue border Mario Returns highlights but with Mario's autograph in blue ink.
2001-02	Topps Chrome	Mario Returns	5	Inserted at about 1 per box, these were commemorating the return of Mario to the ice after being retired.
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2002-03	Parkhurst	Mario's Mates	10	Ten card set number MM1-MM10 featuring Mario and a teammate he may have played with over the years. Each card includes player memorabilia as well as being serial numbered #/25. Other players include Roy, Yzerman, Jagr, Brodeur, Lindros, Francis, Sundin, Sakic, Kariya, and Jose Theodore.
2002-03	In The Game VIP	Mighty Mario	10	This is a 10 card, all memorabilia set that was basically only available to top buyers from ITG. Cards came in a pack, in a tin (which was crazy at the time), with one memorabilia card per tin. These are basically impossible to find and each card is serial numbered out of different amounts. There were only 6000 tins produced and in each one there was a photo collage under the lid that was sometimes autographed. The Mario cards are serial numbered #/10.
2004-05	In The Game Ultimate Memorabilia	Heroes Mario Lemieux	10	10 cards commemorating Mario's career, all of which feature a memorabilia piece and they are serial numbered #/25. Cards 4, 5 and 6 also feature other HOFers that were teammates at the time. Cards 9 and 10 also have an autograph.