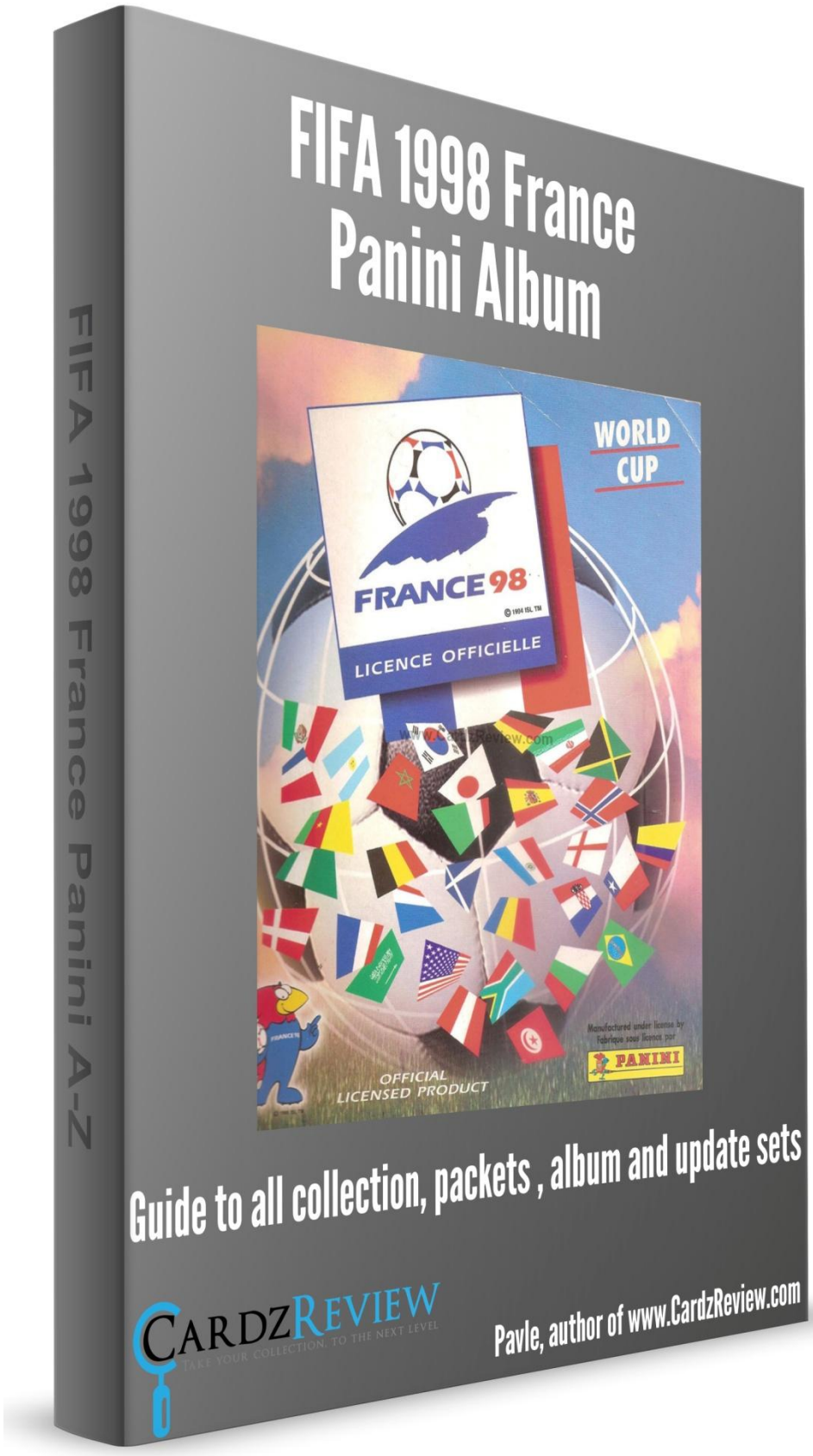
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WORLD CUP
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Guide to all collection, packets , album and update sets
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Made by collectors, for collectors.

This guide would never be this complete and informative if I hadn´t had help from fellow collectors from all around the world, who invested their time to share the passion.

I would personally like to thank each and every person who contributed in any way. Special thanks to:

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These guys were a massive help and if it was not for their good will and passion, I would never be able to make this guide.

The goal of this guide is not to intimidate or overwhelm anyone. You do not have to have them all in order to have fun. The purpose of it is to present the FIFA 1998 collection and show how diverse only one set can be.

I hope that you will enjoy it and that it will help you to take your collection to the next level.

If you spot any mistakes or you have any additional info that can improve this guide, please contact me at **info@cardzreview.com**

Happy collecting.
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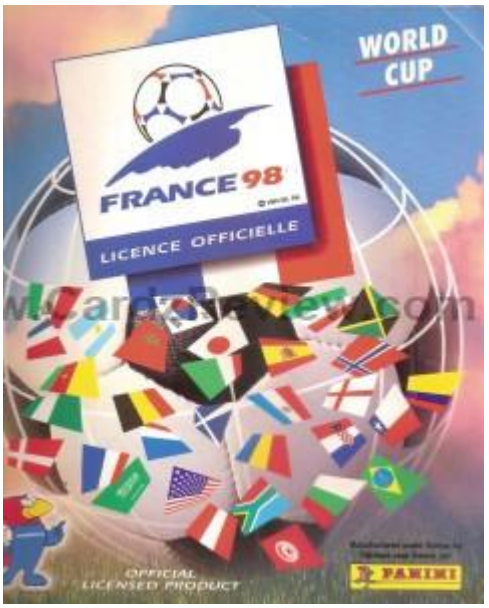


To honor the World Cup 1998 held in France, Figurine Panini published their 8th album, **Panini France 98.** France was the host nation for this World Cup second time in a row. They beat Morocco in the bidding process. The hosts won the world cup, beating Brazil 3-0 in the final match. This was the first time France had won this title and they became the second nation to lift the trophy. Third place went to Croatia and Holland came fourth.

Official sticker album Panini France 98 is a collection that has 560 stickers and a 64 page album. A blue sky designed cover page shows "France 98" headline at the top, countries flags in the middle, Panini mascot and logo in the corners. The collection has been separated into categories:

- Introductory
- Program and stadiums
- Teams

Album Panini France 98 World Cup 1998 general information:

- Collection name : Panini Official Sticker Album France 98
- Publisher : Panini
- Country : Worldwide
- Availability : Worldwide
- Stickers : 1-561
- Stickers size : 4,9 x 6,5 cm
- Album : 64 pages softcover
- Album size : 23,2 x 27,2cm
- Box : 100 packs
- Pack : 5 stickers

Official Sticker album Panini France 98 (1998) introductory pages

The first cover page of Panini´s 1998 France sticker album features a standardised pattern; a list and abbreviations of the nations, content and symbols tables. The opening page contains 3 stickers:

- Trophy
- Official emblem
- Official mascot

All stickers in this part are shiny. The mascot for this World Cup was **Footix,** one of the national symbols of France, with the words "FRANCE 98" on the chest.

Program and stadiums

The 1998 France World Cup was played in 10 stadiums. All of the stadiums appear in this section. The stadiums have name and capacity information on each sticker. A large yellowish fixtures table shows the program of all the matches from the tournament.

Teams in sticker album Panini France 98

32 teams are included in this sticker collection. Teams are separated in groups A-H with 4 teams in each group. The team that you will be able to see first is Brazil and the last one is Jamaica from group H. USA, Iran and Jamaica has a fewer amount of stickers than all the others teams and they include 10 stickers (9 are vertical) per team:

- 1x Shiny Logo (badge)
- 1x team sticker
- 8 individual players (2 players per sticker)

All other teams feature 17 stickers per team:

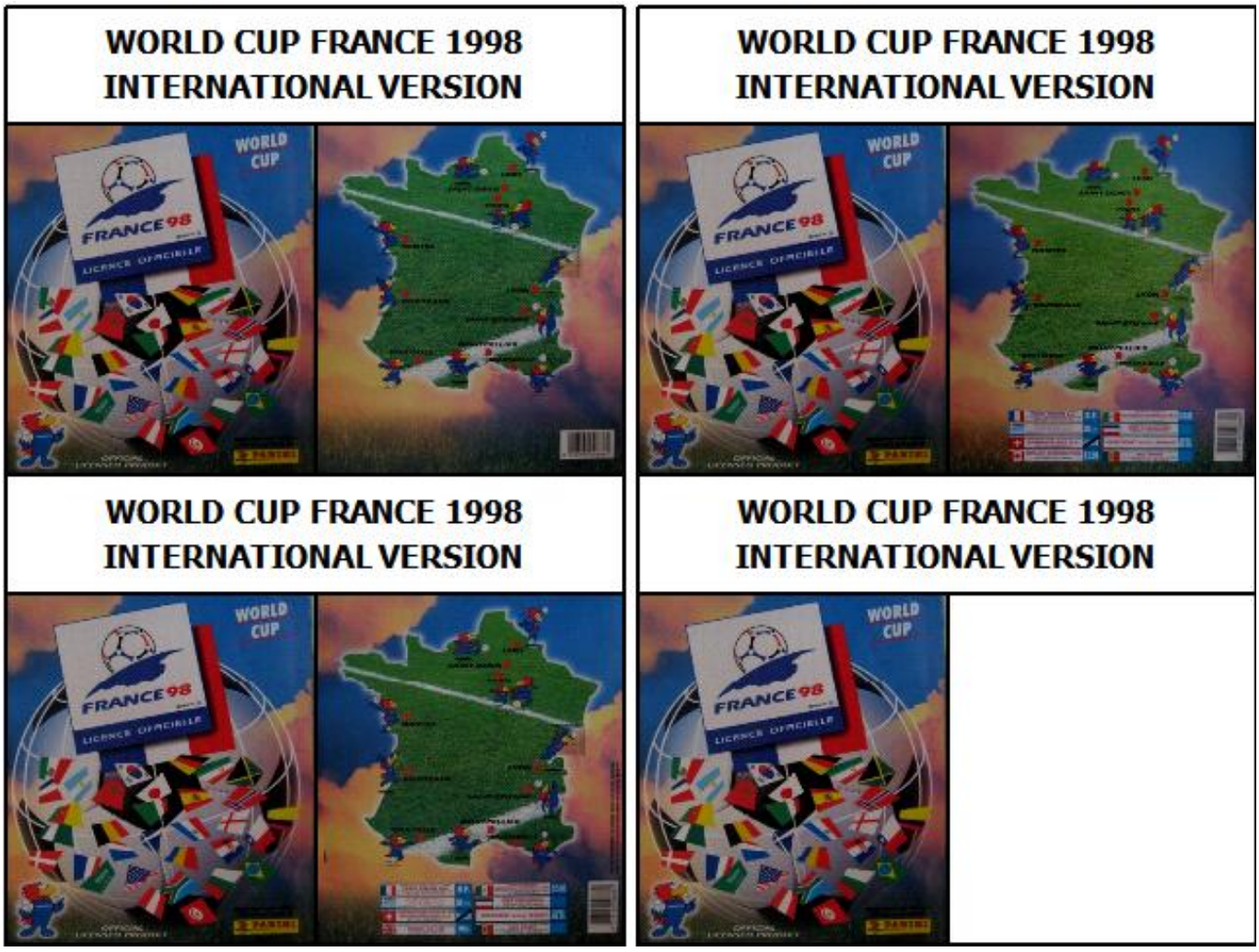
- 1x Shiny Logo (badge)
- 1x team sticker
- 15 individual players

The last team in this sticker collection is Jamaica. There is no closing section in Sticker album Panini France 98.

Panini FIFA 1998 France 98 - Album Variations

In the three previous guides, FIFA 2010, 2006 and 2002 Panini A-Z, I have already explained what an album variation is. However it will not harm to mention it again. **Album variation** is a difference on the covers of sticker albums or on the pages inside. This mostly refers to difference in printing, color, text or distribution information and flags on the back of the album. In case you are wondering why text or flags on the back are different, there is a simple answer for this. Flags on the back indicate in which countries certain distributors sell the album. Since distributors are not the same for each region or part of the world, flags are different.

So far, with a huge help of fellow collectors (special thanks to Pete F.), we discovered these album variations.



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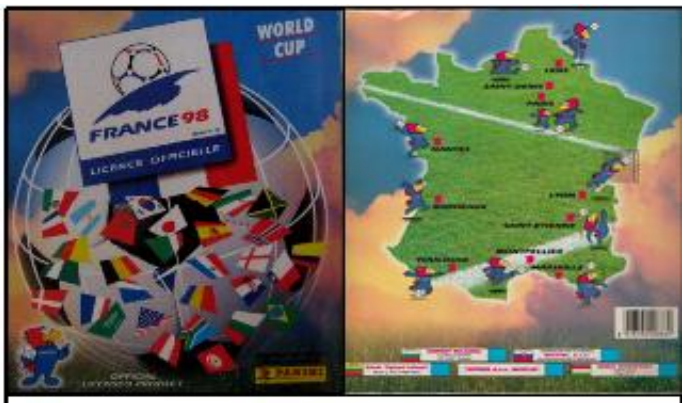
ARGENTINIAN VERSION

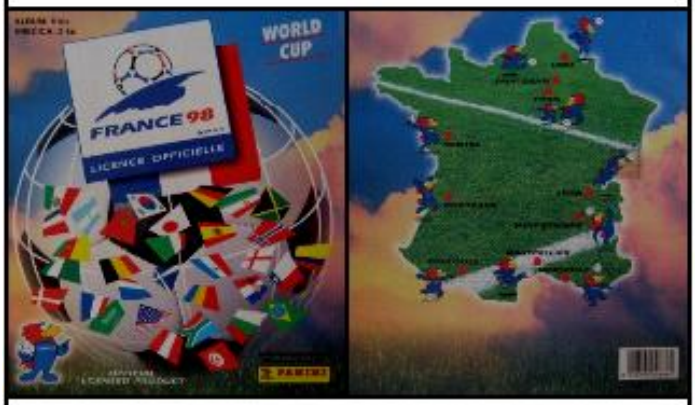


WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998
AUSTRIAN VERSION (price upper left)

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998
BELGIAN VERSION

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998
BRAZILIAN VERSION (Livro Illustrado upper left)

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998
CROATIAN VERSION (Non free sample)



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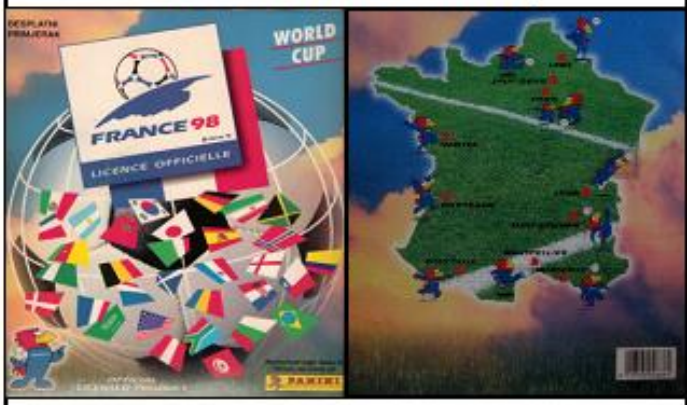

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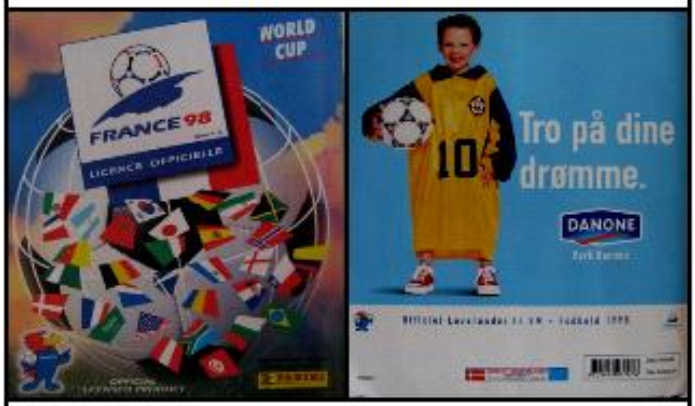
DANISH VERSION



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DUTCH VERSION (price at upper left corner)

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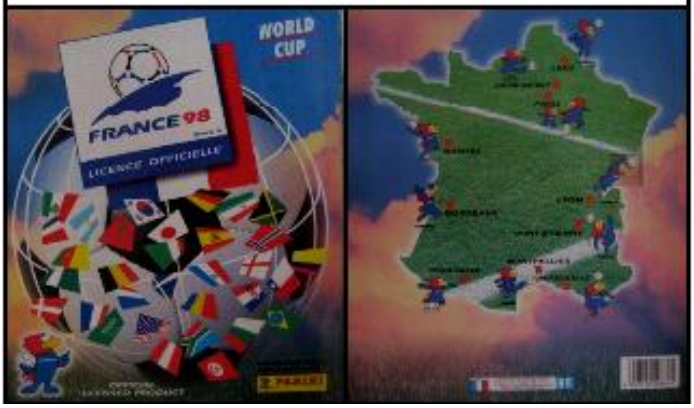
FRENCH VERSION



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GERMAN VERSION (price at upper left corner)

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998

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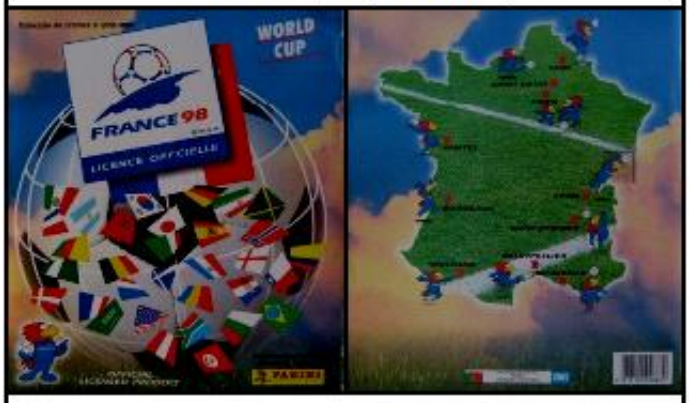

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998

RUSSIAN VERSION

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998

SPANISH VERSION

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998

ITALIAN VERSION

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998

SOUTH AMERICAN VERSION (WITH BARCODE AND CANOL, FRONT SAME AS INT)

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998

MEXICAN VERSION

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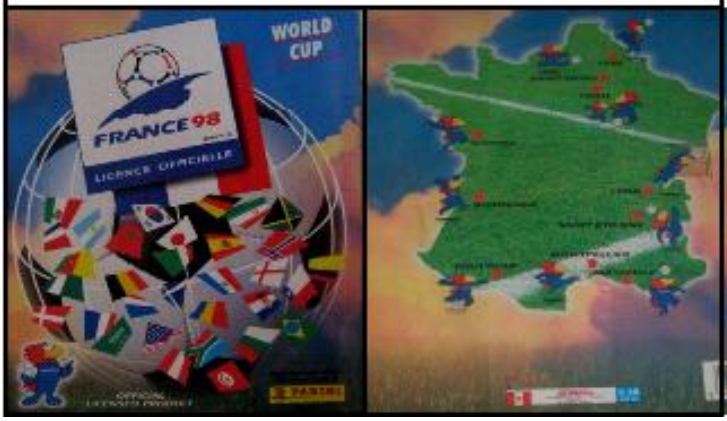
PERUVIAN VERSION



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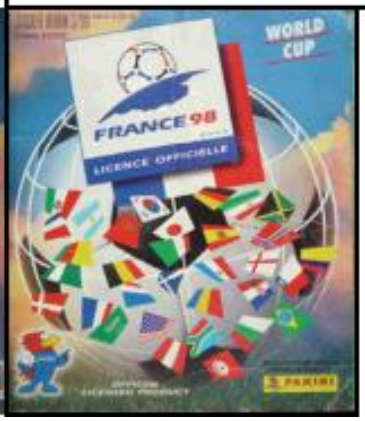
POLISH VERSION



Packs variations FIFA 1998 Panini

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998
DANONE VERSION

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998
MISPRINT VERSION

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998
SOUTH AFRICAN VERSION

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998
TOTAL VERSION

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998
DANONE VERSION

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998
DANONE VERSION

WORLD CUP FRANCE 1998
INTERNATIONAL VERSION

Update and promotional sets

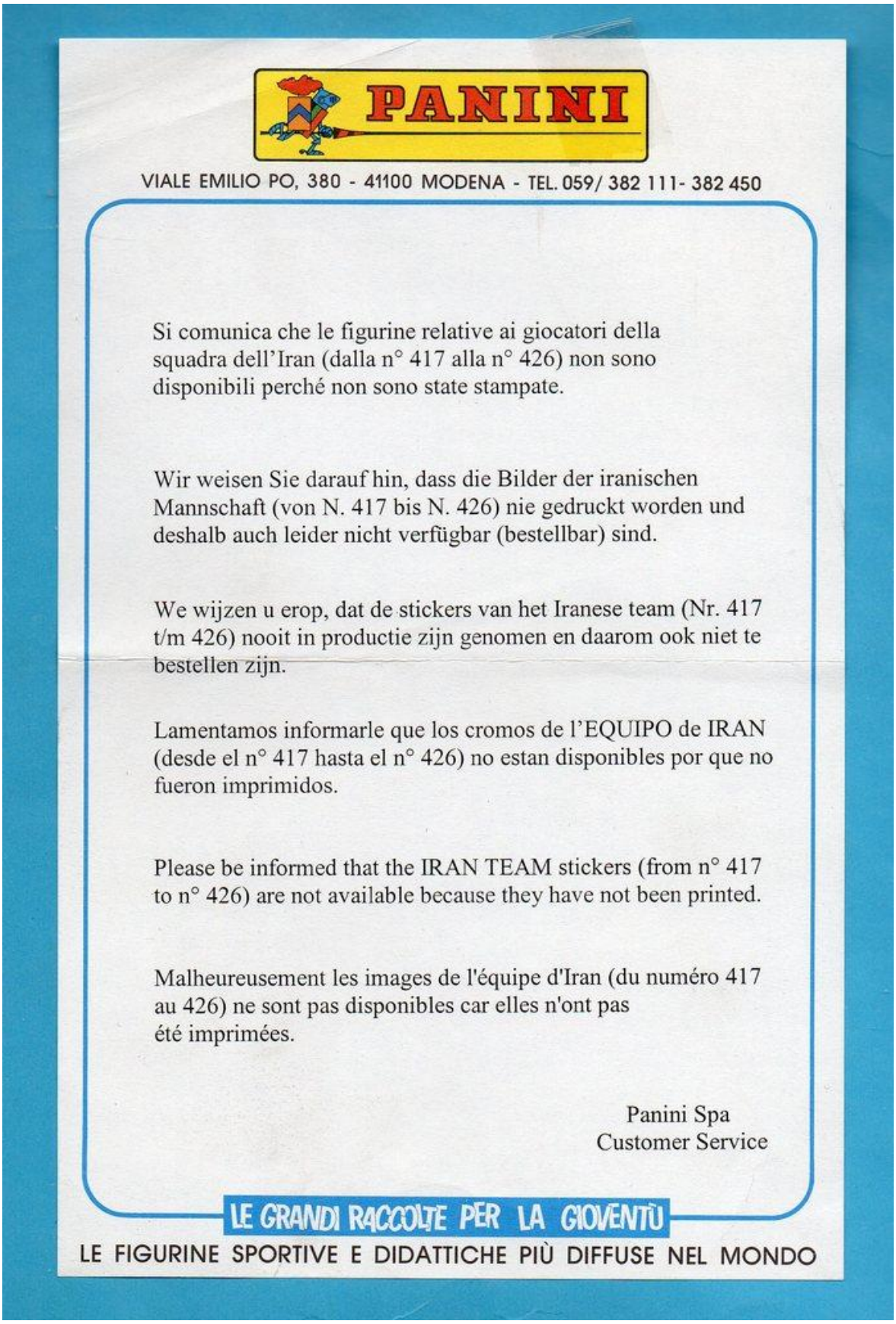
IRAN TEAM - Panini's biggest mystery

In 1998, Panini did not have a license to print the Iran national team. Therefore the whole team of Iran from 417-426 was not issued and it was not possible to get them in packs. Since all the albums already had a page for an Iran team, millions of collectors around the globe were unable to complete their collections. This is certainly the biggest mistake in the history of sticker albums. It is to this day unknown why Iran National Football Federation did not allow Panini to print their players.

However, after the World Cup ended, Panini issued an update in two countries, Italy and UK. Therefore there are 2 Iran sets that can be considered official and original. Note that those sets were not on sale, they were given away in newspapers. A few years after that, it was possible to get the Iran set by sending a letter to Panini. Bad thing is that not many people knew about that.

All this fuss made the Iran set one of the rarest and most sought after update sets in Panini's history. Even now, sellers around the world sell replicas and forgeries of the Iran team.

Below is an official announcement letter by Panini explaining the whole situation quite briefly in a few languages.



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Si comunica che le figurine relative ai giocatori della squadra dell'Iran (dalla n° 417 alla n° 426) non sono disponibili perché non sono state stampate.

Wir weisen Sie darauf hin, dass die Bilder der iranischen Mannschaft (von N. 417 bis N. 426) nie gedruckt worden und deshalb auch leider nicht verfügbar (bestellbar) sind.

We wijzen u erop, dat de stickers van het Iranese team (Nr. 417 t/m 426) nooit in productie zijn genomen en daarom ook niet te bestellen zijn.

Lamentamos informarle que los cromos de l'EQUIPO de IRAN (desde el n° 417 hasta el n° 426) no estan disponibles por que no fueron imprimidos.

Please be informed that the IRAN TEAM stickers (from n° 417 to n° 426) are not available because they have not been printed.

Malheureusement les images de l'équipe d'Iran (du numéro 417 au 426) ne sont pas disponibles car elles n'ont pas été imprimées.

Panini Spa
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LE GRANDI RACCOLTE PER LA GIOVENTÙ

LE FIGURINE SPORTIVE E DIDATTICHE PIÙ DIFFUSE NEL MONDO

Italian magazine "Guerin Sportivo" edited with Panini an Iran sheet and inlay with all the missing stickers but they had to be glued. These cards are different from the one edited by Panini UK (red shirt)

IRAN
RITAGLIA
E INCOLLA!
GUERIN SPORTIVO
Ecco le figurine
dell'Iran
per completare
l'Album
di Francia 98
PANINI

GUERIN SPORTIVO
Oui
Ja
Yes
Si
Da

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Ecco le figurine
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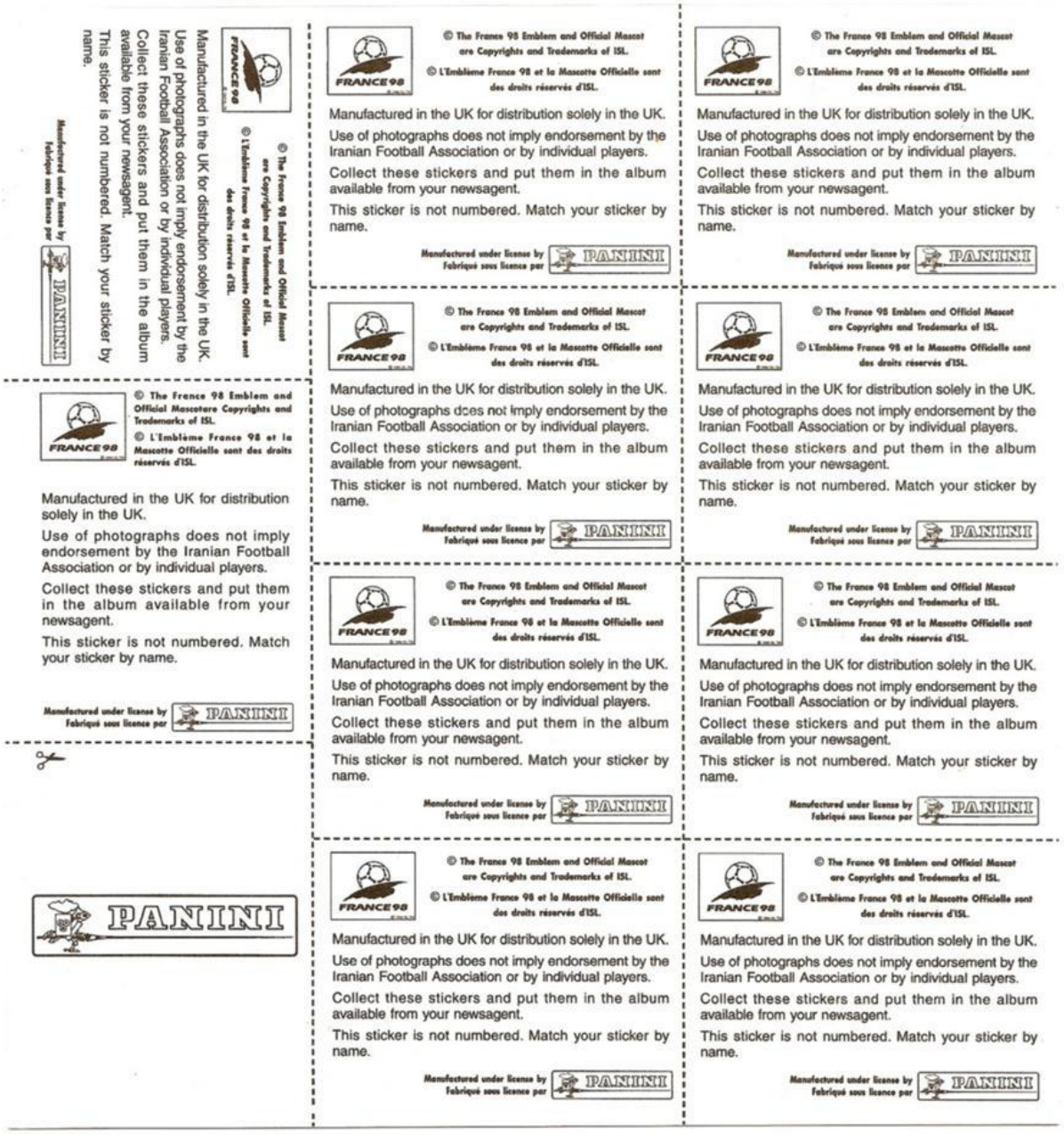
di Francia 98
PANINI
ALI DAEI
IRAN
KHODADAD AZIZI
IRAN
NIMA NAKISSA
IRAN
MEHDI MAHDAVIKIA
IRAN
ALIREZA MANSOURIAN
IRAN
KARIM BAGHERI
IRAN
MEHRDAD MINAVANDCHAL
IRAN
HAMIDREZA ESTILI
IRAN
con Cannavaro.
Sotto (FotoBorsari),
Baggio si prepara a
calciare il rigore del
definitivo 2-2

Panini UK edited an update uncut sheet with Iran team stickers. These stickers were different from the one edited by Italian magazine Guerin Sportivo (yellow shirt). These are probably the most replicated and forged sets.

If you look at auction sites, you will notice these sell for few dollars. Be aware these are not original. You will hardly find this set for a few bucks. The easiest way to tell a difference between a forgery and an original is in the color. The genuine Iran UK set was issued in the Sun Newspaper. Their color is very bright and the quality is poor. Forgeries these days that are made have dark color and the paper quality is much thicker. The edges of the original set are not cut perfectly since newspaper printed them under Panini licence. On the photo below you will see the original set.



Back of the Iran set

Danone Updates

The Group Danone is a French food-products multinational corporation based in Paris. It produces fresh dairy products, bottled water, cereals and baby foods. They issued two series for this collection:

- "Regular series" (same front side as regular stickers) with different back
- "Football Stars" series with different front side : no logo

It seems that these 2 series have the same sticker checklist but we cannot confirm this:

Here is a partial checklist:

YUGOSLAVIA :

-Dejan SAVICEVIC
-Vladimir JUGOVIC
-Pedrag MIJATOVIC
-Hristo VIDAKOVIC

CROATIA :

-Zvonimir BOBAN
-Robert JARNI
-Alen BOKSIC

PARAGUAY :

-Jose Luis CHILAVERT
-Carlos Alberto GAMARRA
-Estanislao STRUWAY
-Roberto Miguel ACUNA

BULGARIA :

-Emil KOSTADINOV
-Krasimir BALAKOV

-Trifon IVANOV
-Luboslav PENEV

ITALY :

-Roberto DI MATTEO
-Ciro FERRARA
-Paolo MALDINI

Regular series, same front side as normal France 98 ,but different back

-Pier Luigi CASIRAGHI

TUNISIA :

-Adel SELLIMI
-Zouber BEYA
-Mehdi BEN SLIMANE
-Sami TRABELSI

ROMANIA :

-Tibor SELYMES
-Dan PETRESCU
-Daniel PRODAN
-Dorinel MUNTEANU

AUSTRIA :

-Michael KONSEL
-Wolfgang FEIERSINGER
-Andreas HERZOG
-Anton PFEFFER

SOUTH AFRICA :

-Mark FISH
-Eric TINKLER
-Filemon MASINGA
-Theophilius "Doctor" KHUMALO

SCOTLAND :

-Tommy BOYD
-Gary MAC ALLISTER
-Jim LEIGHTON
-Colin CALDERWOOD

MEXICO :

-Ramon RAMIREZ
-Joël SANCHEZ
-Luis HERNANDEZ

DENMARK :
-Thomas HELVEG
-Peter SCHMEICHEL
-Allan NIELSEN
-Brian LAUDRUP

SOUTH KOREA :
-KI HYUNG LEE

Different front side, different back

France 98 Total Poster

French oil company Total edited a Poster A - Q special stickers that were offered in gas stations.

Spanish Pop-Up cards

I do not know a story behind these but Panini issued Pop Up cards of the Spanish team in Spain. These are more cards, with different background and in pop-up style, similar to the Panini South Africa 2010 Chile team.

SPAIN POP-UP STICKERS FOR WORLD CUP 1998 INTERNATIONAL ALBUM

JOSEP GUARDIOLA
ESPAÑA
GUILLERMO AMOR
ESPAÑA
LUIS ENRIQUE MARTINEZ
ESPAÑA
JULEN GUERRERO
ESPAÑA
FRANCISCO NARVAEZ «KIKO»
ESPAÑA
RAUL GONZALEZ
ESPAÑA
ALFONSO PEREZ
ESPAÑA
adidas
JOSE SANTIAGO CAÑIZARES
ESPAÑA
ESPAÑA

Conclusion

I really hope that collectors all over the world will find this FIFA 1998 France Panini guide useful. As already mentioned, it has been created with joint efforts and lots of help from people all over the globe but this is not a definitive and 100% finished guide. I believe there are probably a few more variations that I am unaware of. So, if you spot any mistake in this guide or have some information to add to it, do not hesitate to contact me at info@cardzreview.com

At the end of this course, all guides will be grouped into a World Cup Panini eBook that will be free and available to everyone.

Looking forward to hearing your feedback.
Sincerely,
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