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Set Review: 1914-15 Cracker Jack (E145)

Number in Set: 1914 (144), 1915

(176)

Size: 2 1/4" x 3"

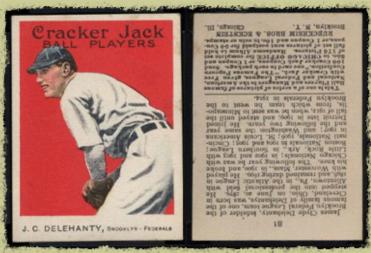
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One of the most popular and most collected candy sets from the early 1900's are the 1914-15 Cracker Jack issues. Though they appear very similar, there are several differences that set the two apart. Appropriately, many differentiate the two as follows: 1914 - E145-1, 1915 - E145-2.

The easiest way to identify a 1914 or 1915 card is to view the reverse. First, the 1914 ad-backs mention 144 cards, while the 1915 ads reference 176. Also, 1914 backs are positioned the same as their corresponding fronts, while 1915 backs appear "upside down" when a card is flipped horizontally (see image at right).

1914 Cracker Jacks were available only in boxes of the candy-coated popcorn. 1915's were available in the same way, but could also be obtained by either sending 100 Cracker Jack coupons, or 1 coupon and 25¢. (An album, pictured to the right, was also available for 50 coupons or 1 coupon and 10¢). For these reasons, the 1914's are rarer and command a higher price in most cases. Also, most 1914's are found with some staining whereas 1915's will be found both with stains and without. It should also be noted that 1915's are printed on slightly thicker paper than 1914's -- another reason 1915's are more plentiful in higher grade.

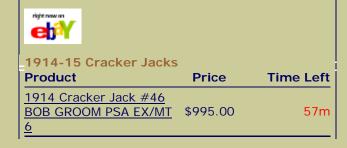
E145's are one of a handfull of sets containing players from the short-lived Federal League, and were printed in the only two years the then "3rd Major League" existed. Federal league



1915 Cracker Jack #81 J.C. Delehanty



1915 Cracker Jack Album



players are well represented in the set with each of the 8 teams having at least 4 players present.

For the most part, the series of 144 remained the same in 1915 and 32 cards were added to create the series of 176. This is somewhat of an oversimplification, but at least explains the bulk of the 1915 issue.

Keys to the sets include:

- 30 Ty Cobb
- 32 Mordecai Brown
- 37 Grover Alexander
- 57 Walter Johnson
- 65 Tris Speaker
- 66 Nap Lajoie
- 68 Honus Wagner
- 88 Christy Mathewson
- 99 Frank Chance (1914 Only)
- 103 Joe Jackson

Other Notes:

- Frank Chance was only available as #99 in 1914. The following year Hal Chase replaced Chance. The Chance #99 is one of the most sought after (and valuable) from the set.
- #88 features Mathewson in a throwing pose in 1914 and a portrait in 1915.
- Other cards that changed from 1914 to 1915: #48 Harry Lord to Steve O'Neill, #60 Rollie Zeider to Oscar Dugey, #62 Jay Cashion to Willie Mitchell, #93 Derrill Pratt pose change -throwing to portrait, #111 Nixey Callahan to Herb Moran.
- 16 other cards changed from year-to-year but are simply team changes as players were traded or otherwise.
- The Bresnahan card (#17) may be found with or without the card number as issued in 1914

Other Resources:

- PSA Cracker Jack Set Registry: 1914, 1915
- SGC Cracker Jack Set Registry:

<u>1914</u>, <u>1915</u>

1915 Cracker Jack #150 W.R. JOHNSTON SGC ~Cleveland AL~	\$67.50	59m
1915 Cracker Jack #10 JOHN McINNIS SGC 30 ~Low #!!	\$100.00	2h 55m
1915 CRACKER JACK # 103 JOE JACKSON GRADED PSA 8	\$65,000.00	_14h 59m
1915 CRACKER JACK # 2 HOME RUN BAKER GRADED PSA 8	\$7,500.00	14h 59m
1915 CRACKER JACK # 88 CHRISTY MATHEWS ON GRADED PSA 8	\$15,000.00	_14h 59m
1915 Cracker Jack Elmer Baumgardner #131 SGC 40 VG	\$150.00	16h 37m
1915 Cracker Jack Jake Daubert #143 SGC 50 VG/EX	\$175.00	_16h 37m
1915 Cracker Jack James Walsh #144 SGC 50 VG/EX	\$175.00	16h 37m
1915 Cracker Jack Joe Birmingham #106 SGC 40 VG	\$150.00	_16h 37m
1915 Cracker Jack Ping Bodie #79 SGC 30 Good	\$125.00	_16h 37m
1915 Cracker Jack Ray Caldwell #129 SGC 50 VG/EX	\$175.00	16h 37m
1915 Cracker Jack Ray Caldwell #129 SGC 50 VG/EX	\$175.00	_16h 37m
1915 Cracker Jack Zach Wheat HOF #52 Card SGC 50 VG/EX	\$700.00	16h 37m
1915 Cracker Jack #17 Roger Bresnahan, PSA 8 NM-MT, NQ!	\$3,395.00	_19h 03m
1915 CRACKER JACK ARMANDO MARSANS #134 PSA GOOD 2	\$95.00	23h 30m
cracker jack 1915 reproduction plank federal 2 prizes	\$0.99	1d 02h 40m
1915 Cracker Jack #99 HAL CHASE PSA VG-EX 4	\$375.00	1d 03h 34m
1914 Cracker Jack E145 - Johnny Evers CUBS HOF - SGC 50	\$975.00	1d 12h 41m
1914 Cracker Jack TRIS SPEAKER Beautiful Card!!	\$410.00	1d 14h 19m

- Mastronet high-end 1914
 Cracker Jack set
- <u>eBay search: PSA Graded</u> <u>Cracker Jacks</u>
- <u>eBay search: SGC Graded</u> <u>Cracker Jacks</u>
- <u>eBay search: GAI Graded</u> <u>Cracker Jacks</u>

Recent eBay prices for graded Cracker Jacks(Feb. 2005):

	Grade Price PSA 2 166.89
	PSA 4 380.00
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1914 61 Schalk	
1915 5 Miller	SGC 135.50 60
1915 9 Hoffman	SGC 67.66 60
1915 10 McInnes	SGC 63.00 50
1915 11 Stovall	SGC 113.50 80
1915 11 Stovall	SGC 120.05
1915 13 Wilson	SGC 47.50 50
1915 15 Russell	SGC 45.50 60
1915 16 Camnitz	SGC 56.00 40
1915 20 Falkenberg	SGC 50.05 50
1915 21 Zimmerman	
1915 24 Mullin	SGC 51.05 50
1915 27 Carrigan	SGC 63.89
1915 33 Strunk	SGC 135.50 70
1915 46 Groom	SGC 55.00 40
1915 48 O'Neill	SGC 80.00 50
1915 50 Hummel	SGC 69.00 60
1915 53 Miller	GAI 38.38 2.5
1915 53 Miller	SGC 152.50 60
1915 56 Milan	SGC 97.00 50
1915 58 Schang	SGC 74.00 60
1915 59 Gessler	SGC 87.00 60
1915 60 Dugey	SGC 76.00 60
1915 75 Huggins	SGC 395.00 60

1914 JOHN MCGRAW CRACKER JACK #69 PSA 4 HOFER RARE!!	\$795.00	1d 21h 01m
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