



# Team USA Game Notes

2014 IIHF Men's World Championship • Minsk, Belarus

USA (0-0-0-0) vs. Belarus (0-0-0-0)

Friday, May 9, 2014, 8:45 p.m. EET (1:45 p.m. EDT) • Preliminary Round

## Team USA Schedule *(times are local/EDT)*

Friday, May 9 - Group B	
vs. Belarus	8:45 p.m./1:45 p.m.
Saturday, May 10 - Group B	
vs. Switzerland	8:45 p.m./1:45 p.m.
Monday, May 12 - Group B	
vs. Russia	8:45 p.m./1:45 p.m.
Thursday, May 15 - Group B	
vs. Latvia	4:45 p.m./9:45 a.m.
Friday, May 16 - Group B	
vs. Kazakhstan	4:45 p.m./9:45 a.m.
Sunday, May 18 - Group B	
vs. Finland	4:45 p.m./9:45 a.m.
Tuesday, May 20 - Group B	
vs. Germany	12:45 p.m./5:45 a.m.
Thursday, May 22 - Quarterfinals	
vs. TBD	TBD
Saturday, May 24 - Semifinals	
vs. TBD	TBD
Sunday, May 25 - Bronze-Medal Game	
vs. TBD	4:30 p.m./9:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 25 - Gold-Medal Game	
vs. TBD	9:00 p.m./2:00 p.m.

All preliminary round games will be televised live on NBC Sports Network. NBC Sports Live Extra will stream all preliminary round games to U.S. viewers.

## USA vs. Belarus Series History

Date	Round	Result	GF-GA
5/10/2012	Preliminary	W	5-3
4/29/2007	Preliminary	W	5-1
5/3/2003	Relegation	W	4-2
5/5/2000	Qualification	W	1-0
TOTALS	--	4-0-0-0	15-6

## 2013 Men's World Championship Recap

The 2013 U.S. Men's National Team (6-1-0-3, W-OTW-OTL-L) captured the bronze medal in Stockholm, Sweden, earning Team USA's first medal since 2004. After placing third in the preliminary round, the U.S. topped Russia, 8-3, in the quarterfinals before falling to Switzerland, 3-0, in the semifinals. Team USA bounced back to defeat Finland, 3-2, in a shootout highlighted by **Alex Galchenyuk's** heroics. Overall, captain **Paul Stastny** led the team with seven goals and 15 points. **Craig Smith** notched a team-best 10 assists and had 14 points. Goalie **John Gibson** had a 3-1-0-1 record, 1.56 GAA, .951 SV% and one shutout.

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## • TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. Men's National Team faces Belarus in the opening game for both teams of the 2014 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship at Minsk Arena in Minsk, Belarus.

## • FAST STARTERS

Team USA has won its opening game of the Men's World Championship in each of the past three years and eight times in the last nine tournaments.

## • ALL-TIME vs. BELARUS

Team USA is 4-0-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) against the Belarusians in the IIHF Men's World Championship. Most recently in 2012, the U.S. won 5-2 in a preliminary round game. Justin Abdelkader tallied a goal and an assist and was named Team USA's Best Player.

## • CAPTAINS AMERICA

**Justin Abdelkader** was named captain of the 2014 U.S. National Team earlier today. Abdelkader is playing in his second Men's World Championship (2012).

**Craig Smith**, who is playing on his fourth straight U.S. Men's National Team, will serve as a full-time alternate captain. **Colin McDonald** and **Tim Stapleton** will split the role of Team USA's second alternate captain. McDonald will wear an 'A' when the U.S. wears white, and Stapleton will don an 'A' when the U.S. wears blue.

## • 2013 RETURNEES

**Jeff Petry**, **Craig Smith**, **Tim Stapleton** and **Jacob Trouba** were members of the 2013 U.S. Men's National Team that won the bronze medal in Stockholm, Sweden, by topping Finland, 3-2, in a shootout. Smith led Team USA with 10 assists, while his 14 points were second-best on the squad. Stapleton chipped in two goals and three assists. Trouba had a goal and two helpers. Petry did not record a point.

## • MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE

Nine players are IIHF Men's World Championship veterans. Of particular note are **Craig Smith**, who has played in a team-high 21 Men's World Championship games, and **Tim Thomas** who is participating in his seventh tournament. Only Eric Weinrich (9) and Mark Johnson (8) have played for more U.S. Men's National Teams than Thomas.

Justin Abdelkader (2012)  
 David Leggio (2010)  
 Andy Miele (2011)  
 Peter Mueller (2008)  
 Jeff Petry (2012, 2013)  
 Craig Smith (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)  
 Tim Stapleton (2011, 2013)  
 Tim Thomas (1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2005, 2008),  
 Jacob Trouba (2013)

**• TRANSLATING JUNIOR SUCCESS**

Eleven U.S. players have won gold medals at the IIHF World Junior Championship, while four more have earned bronze medals.

**Matt Donovan, Jake Gardiner** and **Tyler Johnson** helped the 2010 U.S. National Junior Team win gold in Saskatoon, Sask.

In 2011, **Brock Nelson** and **Drew Shore** received bronze medals in Buffalo, N.Y.

**Johnny Gaudreau, Seth Jones, Jake McCabe, Connor Murphy, Vincent Trocheck** and **Jacob Trouba** helped the 2013 U.S. National Junior win the gold medal in Ufa, Russia. Gaudreau, McCabe and Trouba were named to the media all-star team. Trouba was also named Best Defenseman by the directorate.

**Justin Abdelkader** and **Peter Mueller** collected a bronze medal with the 2007 U.S. National Junior Team in Leksand & Mora, Sweden.

Additionally, **Jimmy Hayes** was a member of the 2009 U.S. National Junior Team in Ottawa, Ont.

**• DEVELOPING CHAMPIONS**

Team USA has medaled in 11 consecutive IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championships and 12 out of 13 tournaments (gold-8, silver-3, bronze-1). Seven players on the 2014 U.S. Men's National Team have contributed to that success.

**Seth Jones** and **Jacob Trouba** won gold in 2012.

**Jake McCabe, Connor Murphy,** Jones and Trouba won gold in 2011.

**Drew Shore** earned gold in 2009.

**Jimmy Hayes** earned silver in 2007.

Peter Mueller claimed gold in 2005.

All seven players were part of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program based in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**CALDER TROPHY FINALIST**

**Tyler Johnson** is one of three finalists for the NHL's Calder Memorial Trophy in 2013-14. He tallied 24 goals for the Tampa Bay Lightning, tying for most by a rookie this season. Johnson's 50 points (24-26) ranked third among first-year NHL players. He would be the first American to claim the Calder Trophy since Patrick Kane in 2007-08.

Johnson tallied a pair of goals for Team USA in its 3-1 win vs. Germany Tuesday (May 6) in pre-tournament action.

**BROTHERS HAYES**

Brothers **Jimmy** (24) and **Kevin** (22) **Hayes** are teammates for just the second time of their careers. The duo from Dorchester, Mass., played at Boston College together during the 2010-11 season. Jimmy represented Team USA at the 2007 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship (silver medal) and 2009 IIHF World Junior Championship, while Kevin is making his Team USA debut. Furthermore, they are cousins of former NHLers Keith Tkachuk and Tom Fitzgerald.

**• COVERAGE**

NBC Sports Network will televise each of Team USA's games at the 2014 IIHF Men's World Championship. All seven preliminary round games will air live. Additionally, all Team USA preliminary round games will be streamed live online through NBC Sports Live Extra.

**• TEAM USA COACHING STAFF**

**Peter Laviolette** is serving as head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team for the third time. Previously, he led Team USA at the 2004 and 2005 IIHF Men's World Championships, leading the team to a bronze medal in 2004.

He was the head coach of the 2006 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team in Torino, Italy. He then served as an assistant coach for the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team in Sochi, Russia.

Also, he served as an assistant coach for the United States during the 2004 World Cup of Hockey, where he helped Team USA to the semifinals.

**Joe Sacco** is serving as an assistant coach of the U.S. Men's National Team for the third time (2009, 2010).

In 2013, Sacco was head coach of the U.S. squad that won the bronze medal at the IIHF Men's World Championship in Stockholm, Sweden and Helsinki, Finland.

**Phil Housley** is serving as an assistant coach for the U.S. Men's National Team for the second year in a row and third time overall. Last year, he helped Team USA win the bronze medal in Stockholm, Sweden, and Helsinki Finland. He was also an assistant in 2011.

In 2013, Housley was head coach of the U.S. National Junior Team that won the gold medal at the IIHF World Junior Championship in Ufa, Russia.

He was an assistant coach for the U.S. National Junior Teams in 2007

**Roster Breakdown**

Average age: 24 years

Average height: 6-1

Average weight: 196

**HOME STATES OF TEAM USA**

Michigan	7
Minnesota	3
Illinois	2
Massachusetts	2
Wisconsin	2
New York	1
Oklahoma	1
Texas	1
New Jersey	1
Ohio	1
Washington	1
Connecticut	1
Colorado	1
Pennsylvania	1

**MOST RECENT TEAM**

Florida Panthers (NHL)	3
New York Islanders (NHL)	3
Detroit Red Wings (NHL)	2
Nashville Predators (NHL)	2
Buffalo Sabres (NHL)	1
Calgary Flames (NHL)	1
Dallas Stars (NHL)	1
Edmonton Oilers (NHL)	1
Phoenix Coyotes (NHL)	1
San Jose Sharks (NHL)	1
Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL)	1
Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL)	1
Winnipeg Jets (NHL)	1
Hershey Bears (AHL)	1
Portland Pirates (AHL)	1
AK Bars Kazan (KHL)	1
Kloten (NLA)	1
Boston College (NCAA)	1
UMass Lowell (NCAA)	1

**COLLEGE CONNECTION**

Boston College	3
University of Wisconsin	3
University of Denver	2
Miami University	2
Michigan State University	2
Clarkson University	1
University of Mass. Lowell	1
University of Michigan	1
University of Minnesota Duluth	1
University of North Dakota	1
Providence College	1
University of Vermont	1
Western Michigan University	1

and 2011, helping each team collect a bronze medal.

**Don Granato** is an assistant coach for the U.S. Men's National Team for the first time.

He has been a head coach at USA Hockey's National Team Development Program since the 2011-12 season, having led the U.S. National Under-17 Team in 2011-12 and 2013-14, and the U.S. National Under-18 Team in 2012-13.

He will serve as an assistant coach for the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team.

#### • MANAGEMENT TEAM

The 2014 U.S. Men's National Team is under the direction of the U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group, including NHL general managers **Stan Bowman** (Chicago), **Paul Holmgren** (Philadelphia), **Dean Lombardi** (Los Angeles), **David Poile** (Nashville), **Ray Shero** (Pittsburgh) and **Dale Tallon** (Florida); Calgary Flames president of hockey operations **Brian Burke**; Pittsburgh Penguins pro scout **Don Waddell**; and **Jim Johannson**, USA Hockey's assistant executive director for hockey operations. **Tom Kurvers**,

senior advisor to the general manager of the Tampa Bay Lightning, joins the group in 2014. The U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group was formed in February of 2007 to assist USA Hockey with the selection of players and staff of U.S. Men's National Teams, including the Olympic Team.

#### • TOP DRAFT PICKS

Team USA's roster features 13 players who were drafted in the first two rounds of the NHL Entry Draft:

##### First Round (7)

- 4 Seth Jones (NSH-13)
- 8 Peter Mueller (PHX-06)
- 9 Jacob Trouba (WPG-12)
- 17 Jake Gardiner (ANA-08)
- 20 Connor Murphy (PHX-11)
- 24 Kevin Hayes (CHI-10)
- 30 Brock Nelson (NYI-10)

##### Second Round (6)

- 42 Justin Abdelkader (DET-05)
- 44 Jake McCabe (BUF-12)
- 44 Drew Shore (FLA-09)
- 45 Jeff Petry (EDM-06)
- 51 Colin McDonald (EDM-03)
- 60 Jimmy Hayes (TOR-08)

#### • YOUTH MOVEMENT

Team USA has the youngest average age (24 years, 9 months) of any team in the 2014 IIHF Men's World Championship. Fourteen of the 25 players were born in the 1990s, including seven of the eight defensemen.





#### Average Age Over the Last Decade

2014	24.8
2013	25.8
2012	25.2
2011	24.4
2010	24.4
2009	24.8
2008	24.6
2007	24.5
2006	24.7
2005	28.1
2004	27.6

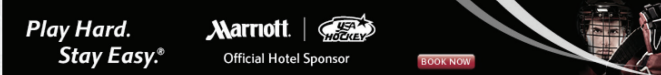
#### U.S. Medals at the World Championship


Year	Medal	Head Coach	Record
2013	Bronze	Joe Sacco	6-1-0-3
2004	Bronze	Peter Laviolette	5-3-1
1996	Bronze	Ron Wilson	5-3-0
1962	Bronze	John Pleban	5-2-0
1960*	Gold	Jack Riley	7-0-0
1956*	Silver	John Mariucci	5-2-0
1952*	Silver	John Pleban	6-1-1
1950	Silver	Jim Pleban	5-2-0
1949	Bronze	Jack Riley	6-2-0
1939	Silver	John Hutchinson	7-2-0
1936*	Bronze	Albert Prettyman	6-2-1
1934	Silver	Walter Brown	3-1-0
1933	Gold	Walter Brown	5-0-0
1932*	Silver	Alfred Winsor	4-1-1
1931	Silver	Walter Brown	4-1-0
1924*	Silver	William Haddock	4-1-1
1920*	Silver	Cornelius Fellowes	3-1-1

\*From 1920-1968, the Olympic champion was also declared world champion.

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#### ONLINE MEDIA GUIDE

Media can find player and staff bios and historical information pertinent to the 2014 U.S. Men's National Team online at [mensworlds.usahockey.com](http://mensworlds.usahockey.com). A printed media guide is not available.





## 2014 U.S. Men's National Team

No. Name	Ht	Wt	Birthdate	S/C	Hometown	Most Recent Team	College
<b>GOALTENDERS (3)</b>							
37 Connor Hellebuyck	6-4	200	5/19/1993	L	Commerce, Mich.	UMass Lowell (HEA)	UMass Lowell
33 David Leggio	6-0	180	7/31/1984	L	Williamsville, N.Y.	Hershey Bears	Clarkson University
30 Tim Thomas	5-11	201	4/15/1974	L	Flint, Mich.	Dallas Stars	University of Vermont
<b>DEFENSEMEN (8)</b>							
65 Danny DeKeyser	6-3	198	3/7/1990	L	Clay Township, Mich.	Detroit Red Wings	Western Michigan University
46 Matt Donovan	6-0	195	5/9/1990	L	Edmond, Okla.	New York Islanders	University of Denver
51 Jake Gardiner	6-2	184	7/4/1990	L	Minnetonka, Minn.	Toronto Maple Leafs	University of Wisconsin
3 Seth Jones	6-4	206	10/3/1994	R	Plano, Texas	Nashville Predators	Univ. of Wisconsin
29 Jake McCabe	6-1	210	10/12/1993	L	Eau Claire, Wis.	Buffalo Sabres	
55 Connor Murphy	6-3	190	3/23/1993	R	Dublin, Ohio	Phoenix Coyotes	Michigan State University
2 Jeff Petry	6-3	195	12/9/1987	R	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Edmonton Oilers	University of Michigan
8 Jacob Trouba	6-1	196	2/26/1994	R	Rochester, Mich.	Winnipeg Jets	
<b>FORWARDS (14)</b>							
89 Justin Abdelkader	6-1	219	2/25/1987	L	Muskegon, Mich.	Detroit Red Wings	Michigan State University
53 Johnny Gaudreau	5-8	159	8/13/1993	L	Carneys Point, N.J.	Calgary Flames	Boston College
10 Jimmy Hayes	6-6	221	11/21/1989	R	Dorchester, Mass.	Florida Panthers	Boston College
12 Kevin Hayes	6-4	216	5/8/1992	L	Dorchester, Mass.	Boston College (HEA)	Boston College
9 Tyler Johnson	5-9	182	7/29/1990	R	Spokane, Wash.	Tampa Bay Lightning	
13 Colin McDonald	6-2	214	9/30/1984	R	Wethersfield, Conn.	New York Islanders	Providence College
79 Andy Miele	5-9	175	4/15/1988	L	Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.	Phoenix Coyotes	Miami University
88 Peter Mueller	6-2	209	4/14/1988	R	Bloomington, Minn.	Kloten (NLA)	
11 Brock Nelson	6-3	196	10/15/1991	L	Warroad, Minn.	New York Islanders	University of North Dakota
23 Drew Shore	6-3	205	1/29/1991	R	Denver, Colo.	Florida Panthers	University of Denver
15 Craig Smith	6-1	202	9/5/1989	R	Madison, Wis.	Nashville Predators	University of Wisconsin
19 Tim Stapleton	5-9	180	7/9/1982	R	La Grange, Ill.	AK Bars Kazan (KHL)	University of Minnesota Duluth
21 Vince Trocheck	5-10	182	7/11/1993	R	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Florida Panthers	
57 Tommy Wingels	6-0	192	4/12/1988	R	Evanston, Ill.	San Jose Sharks	Miami University

### Team Staff

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