

U.S. National Team Development Program

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DATE	GAME	LOCATION	TIME*	BROADCAST INFO
Tues., Sept. 16	U18 vs. Cedar Rapids	Green Bay, Wis.	5:00 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
Wed., Sept. 17	U18 vs. Youngstown	Green Bay, Wis.	11:00 a.m.	FASTHockey.com
Sat. Sept. 20	U17 vs. LaSalle	Orchard Lake, Mich.	7:15 p.m.	N/A

* All times are ET

U18 vs. CEDAR RAPIDS ROUGHRIDERS

GAME INFO: The U.S. National Under-18 Team plays its first of two games at the USHL Fall Classic East Tuesday against Cedar Rapids. The game is scheduled for 5 p.m. ET at the Resch Center in Green Bay, Wis., and will be broadcast live on FASTHockey.com.



ALL-TIME RECORD: Cedar Rapids leads, 14-8-3

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: The U18s are led statistically by F **Christian Fischer** (2-3=5), F **Jeremy Bracco** (2-2=4) and F **Auston Matthews** (1-3=4). G **Luke Opilka** recorded his first shutout as a member of the NTDP last Saturday against the NAHL's Michigan Warriors and, in two starts, has a 0.50 GAA and .974 SV%. G **Michael Lackey** is 1-0-0 with a 1.00 GAA and .960 SV%. F **Troy Terry** and F **Tage Thompson** both notched their first goals as members of the NTDP last weekend.

QUICK FACTS: The Under-18 Team and Cedar Rapids will only play once this season. The RoughRiders will play the Under-17 Team four times in 2014-15 ... This marks the first meeting between the group of players on the U.S. National Under-18 Team and Cedar Rapids. The NTDP U17 Team did not play Cedar Rapids last winter.

U18 vs. YOUNGSTOWN PHANTOMS

GAME INFO: The U.S. National Under-18 Team closes its portion of the USHL Fall Classic East against Youngstown Wednesday (Sept. 17) at 11 a.m. ET. The game can be viewed live on FASTHockey.com



ALL-TIME RECORD: Team USA leads, 22-13-3

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: Team USA F **Jeremy Bracco** enjoyed considerable success against Youngstown last season, scoring three goals and adding four assists for seven points in four games played. F **Jordan Greenway** (1-3) and F **Christian Fischer** (1-3) each had four points against the Phantoms in 2013-14, while F **Luke Kunin** had three goals and D **Caleb Jones** had three assists.

QUICK FACTS: This contest marks the first of six between the Under-18 Team and Youngstown in 2014-15. The two clubs will next meet on Sept. 27 in Ann Arbor in a USHL regular-season showdown ... The Under-17 Team is scheduled to play Youngstown three times this year.

U17 vs. LaSALLE VIPERS

GAME INFO: The U.S. National Under-17 Team will travel to Orchard Lake, Mich., Saturday to host the LaSalle Vipers of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League. Opening faceoff is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. at the St. Mary's Athletic Complex.



TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: Team USA G **Joseph Woll** made 32 saves in a 1-0 setback against the Muskegon Lumberjacks last Friday in Ann Arbor. Six full-time members of the U.S. National Under-17 Team notched a point two weeks ago against the NAHL's Michigan Warriors. F **Clayton Keller** scored a goal, while F **Graham McPhee**, F **Trent Frederic**, F **Keeghan Howdeshell**, D **Michael Campoli** and D **Adam Fox** all had assists.

QUICK FACTS: Live stats will be available on USANTDP.com. There is no live broadcast of the game ... The contest will serve as a fundraiser for Orchard Lake United, a USA Hockey Model Association ... The NTDP last played a game in Orchard Lake on Sept. 15, 2012 - a 7-1 victory over the Youngstown Phantoms ... Team USA has played LaSalle on two previous occasions. The 2012-13 U.S. National Under-17 Team split the series with the Vipers, winning the first game, 5-1, and falling in the second outing, 9-7. **Jack Eichel** had two goals and three assists in the two-game set to lead the U.S. in scoring.

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FIFTEEN HEADED TO ALL-AMERICAN PROSPECTS GAME

The NTDP will have 15 current players participating in the CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game Sept. 25 at First Niagara Center in Buffalo, N.Y. The list includes goaltenders **Michael Lackey** and **Luke Opilka**; defensemen **Nicholas Boka**, **Christian Evers**, **Casey Fitzgerald**, **Grant Gabriele**, **Caleb Jones** and **Steven Ruggiero**; and forwards **Jeremy Bracco**, **Christian Fischer**, **Jordan Greenway**, **Jack Roslovic**, **Troy Terry**, **Brendan Warren** and **Colin White**. In addition to the current NTDP players, four NTDP products also received the invite to the AAPG: D **Noah Hanifin** (Boston College), D **Zach Werenski** (University of Michigan), F **Jack Eichel** (Boston University) and F **Dennis Yan**. F **Kyle Connor**, who helped the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team win the gold medal at the 2014 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship, is also slated to participate in the AAPG. U.S. National Under-18 F **Mike Floodstand** was invited to play in the game, but will be unable to participate.

SEVEN ON NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING'S FUTURES LIST

Seven members of the 2014-15 U.S. National Under-18 Team were included on NHL Central Scouting's Futures list, released this summer. The players include forwards **Jeremy Bracco**, **Christian Fischer**, **Jordan Greenway** and **Colin White**; and defensemen **Nicholas Boka** and **Casey Fitzgerald**. The 2015 NHL Entry Draft will be held June 26-27 in Florida.

NTDP CONNECTIONS AT U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR CAMP

Under-18 Team F **Auston Matthews** and Under-18 head coach **Don Granato** both attended the USA Hockey National Junior Evaluation Camp in Lake Placid, N.Y., this summer. Matthews, who is eligible for the 2016 NHL Entry Draft, collected six points (2-4) in six games, including multi-point efforts against Sweden (two goals) and Finland (two assists). Granato will serve as an assistant coach for the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team.

NTDP CONNECTIONS AT IVAN HLINKA

Under-18 Team members D **Grant Gabriele** and F **Troy Terry** played for the U.S. Under-18 Select Team at the recent Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup, while U18 Team assistant coach **Nick Fohr** was an assistant coach with the squad. Team USA finished third.

SUTHERS HELPS U17 SELECTS TO SECOND-PLACE FINISH

Under-17 Team F **Keenan Suthers** recently skated with the U.S. Under-17 Select Team at the Under-17 Five Nations Select Tournament in Germany, helping the team to a second-place finish. The Macomb, Mich., native scored once and added one assist in four games.

USA TO HOST 2014 U17 FOUR NATIONS TOURNAMENT

USA Hockey and the National Team Development Program will host the 2014 Four Nations Tournament Dec. 16-20 at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. The Under-17 Team will play games against Russia, Switzerland and Slovakia in preliminary-round action before the tournament championship and third-place games on Saturday, Dec. 20. Team USA has won the championship five years in a row. For ticket information, call (734) 327-9251, ext. 317.

NTDP OFFICIAL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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