

U.S. National Team Development Program

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DATE	GAME	LOCATION	TIME*	BROADCAST INFO
Thurs., Oct. 16	U18 at Providence College	Providence, R.I.	7:00 p.m.	Friars.com/CollegeSportsLive
Sat., Oct. 18	U18 at Boston University	Boston, Mass.	7:00 p.m.	GoTerriers.com/CollegeSportsLive
Sat., Oct. 18	U17 vs. Des Moines	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:00 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
Sun., Oct. 19	U17 vs. Des Moines	Ann Arbor, Mich.	3:30 p.m.	FASTHockey.com

* All times are ET

U18 at PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

GAME INFO: The U.S. National Under-18 Team starts a two-game East Coast swing with a Thursday night showdown against No. 5-ranked Providence College. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. ET and can be viewed live on Friars.com/CollegeSportsLive



ALL-TIME RECORD: Providence leads, 1-0-0

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: G **Luke Opilka** is 5-0-0 this season with a 1.20 GAA and .950 SV%, including 25 saves in a 3-0 win against Miami University on Oct. 4 ... F **Auston Matthews** is on an eight-game point streak (4-10=14 during that stretch) ... F **Matthew Tkachuk** has points in eight straight games and goals in seven of ten contests this season ... F **Jeremy Bracco** leads the team with 19 points on six goals and 13 assists ... F **Jordan Greenway** has assists in four straight games.

QUICK FACTS: This is the third game against NCAA DI opponents for Team USA in 2014-15. The U18s beat No. 11 Miami, 3-0, on Oct. 4 in Oxford, Ohio, and lost to No. 10 Michigan, 7-4, on Oct. 6 ... The NTDP has produced one Providence player all-time - **Barrett Kaib** - who played 31 games in his lone season with the Friars ... The only other meeting between the NTDP and Providence came on Jan. 23, 2011. The Friars skated to a 5-4 victory that night.

U18 at BOSTON UNIVERSITY

GAME INFO: The U18s head to Boston to take on No. 13 Boston University Saturday night at 7:00 ET. A live stream of the game is available on GoTerriers.com/CollegeSportsLive.



ALL-TIME RECORD: Boston University leads, 4-0-1

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: F **Jordan Greenway** and D **Charlie McAvoy** are verbally committed to Boston University ... G **Luke Opilka** is 5-0-0 this season with a 1.20 GAA and .950 SV%, including 25 saves in a 3-0 win against Miami University on Oct. 4 ... F **Auston Matthews** is on an eight-game point streak (4-10=14 during that stretch) ... F **Matthew Tkachuk** has points in eight straight games and goals in seven of ten contests this season ... F **Jeremy Bracco** leads the team with 19 points on six goals and 13 assists.

QUICK FACTS: The last meeting between the two programs was on Jan. 8, 2012. Team USA and BU battled to a 3-3 tie that night ... Five current Terriers skated at the NTDP, including F **Jack Eichel** (2012-14), D **Brandon Fortunato** (2012-14), D **Matt Grzelcyk** (2010-12), F **Matt Lane** (2010-12) and D **John MacLeod** (2012-14) ... F **Danny O'Regan** skated with the 2012 U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team, helping it win the gold medal at the IIHF Men's U18 World Championship ... The NTDP has produced 24 players who have gone on to skate for Boston University.

U17 vs. DES MOINES BUCCANEERS

GAME INFO: The Under-17 Team returns to Ann Arbor for a two-game set with USHL for Des Moines. Opening puck-drop Saturday is at 7:00 p.m., while Sunday's game begins at 3:30 p.m. Both games can be viewed live on FASTHockey.com.



ALL-TIME RECORD: Team USA leads, 9-5-2

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: F **Clayton Keller** leads the U17s with nine points (6-3) in six games ... D **Chad Kryz** has five assists and six points in six outings ... F **Graham McPhee** enters the weekend on a three-game point streak (all assists) ... F **Trent Frederic** and F **Max Jones** are also on three-game point streaks heading into the weekend.

QUICK FACTS: The NTDP and Des Moines met just twice last year, with the Buccaneers knocking off the U17 Team in both contests ... This weekend marks the only games between the U17s and the Bucs in 2014-15. Des Moines does not play the U.S. National Under-18 Team this season.

NTDP NEWS AND NOTES

TWENTY-ONE ON NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING'S WATCH LIST

Twenty-one players with ties to the NTDP were included on NHL Center Scouting's Preliminary 2015 Players to Watch list, released earlier this week. The current NTDPers on the list are 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**. Six alumni of the National Team Development Program - G **Ed Minney** (Michigan State University); D **Noah Hanifin** (Boston College), D **Zach Werenski** (University of Michigan), F **Jack Eichel** (Boston University), F **Ryan Hitchcock** (Yale University) and F **Dennis Yan** - were also included on the list. Greenway, White, Eichel, Hanifin, and Werenski were each "A" rated prospects, meaning they are projected to be first-round picks in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft.

51 NTDP ALUMNI ON NHL OPENING-NIGHT ROSTERS

The National Team Development Program had 51 alumni crack NHL opening-night rosters. The Anaheim Ducks boasted more NTDP products (5) than any other club, while Carolina checked in at No. 2 with four NTDP alums. In all, 25 NHL organizations - including 21 of the 23 located in the United States - had at least one player with NTDP ties on its opening-night roster.

BRACCO NAMED USHL FORWARD OF THE WEEK

Under-18 Team F **Jeremy Bracco** was named the USHL's CCM Forward of the Week after posting four points (2-2) in the U18 Team's 6-3 win over Youngstown last Friday (Oct. 10) in Ann Arbor. Bracco is the first member of Team USA to be honored by the league this season.

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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