



# U.S. NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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DATE	GAME	LOCATION	TIME*	BROADCAST INFO
Fri., Nov. 28	U17 at Bloomington	Bloomington, Ill.	8:00 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
Sat., Nov. 29	U18 vs. Neumann University	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:00 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
	U17 at Dubuque	Dubuque, Iowa	7:05 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
Sun., Nov. 30	U18 vs. UW-Stevens Point	Ann Arbor, Mich.	3:30 p.m.	FASTHockey.com

\* All times are ET

## U17 at BLOOMINGTON THUNDER

**GAME INFO:** The U.S. National Under-17 Team travels to Bloomington, Ill., for its first USHL road game of the season. Puck-drop Friday (Nov. 28) is slated for 8 p.m. ET and the game can be seen live on FASTHockey.com.



**ALL-TIME RECORD:** Team USA leads, 1-0-0

**2014-15 SERIES:** The U.S. National Under-18 Team knocked off Bloomington in a shootout on Nov. 14 in Ann Arbor.

**TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH:** F Clayton Keller leads the U17s with seven points (2-5) in eight USHL outings ... F Joey Anderson boasts a team-best four goals in USHL games

**QUICK FACTS:** This is the first of four match ups between the U.S. National Under-17 Team and Bloomington this season. The U17s will travel to Bloomington on March 21 before hosting the Thunder Jan. 24-25 in Ann Arbor. The Under-18 Team plays Bloomington once more in 2014-15.

## U18 vs. NEUMANN UNIVERSITY

**GAME INFO:** The U18s host the first of two games against NCAA Division III teams Saturday (Nov. 29) when it plays Neumann University at 7 p.m. The game can be viewed live on FASTHockey.com



**ALL-TIME RECORD:** First meeting.

**TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH:** F Auston Matthews paces all U.S. skaters with nine goals against college foes in 2014-15 ... F Matthew Tkachuk has 10 points (3-7) in eight games against NCAA teams ... F Jack Roslovic is currently riding a seven-game point streak, the longest of his NTDP career.

**QUICK FACTS:** This is the third of five games the U.S. National Under-18 Team will play against NCAA Division III opponents. The U18s will play the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Sunday afternoon in Ann Arbor before closing its NCAA Division III schedule with an outdoor game against Adrian College on Dec. 31 at Fifth Third Field in Toledo, Ohio ... Team USA is 1-1-0 against DIII teams this year, with its most recent contest coming last weekend (Nov. 22) against Augsburg College in Minneapolis. The U18s won that game, 6-1.

## U17 at DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS

**GAME INFO:** The U.S. National Under-17 Team concludes a two-game USHL road swing with a showdown with the Dubuque Fighting Saints. Game time is set for 7:05 p.m. ET and it can be watched via FASTHockey.com.



**ALL-TIME RECORD:** Dubuque leads, 14-4-2

**TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH:** D Chad Kryz leads all USA defenders and ranks fourth on the team overall with 16 points (1-15) ... F Max Jones has collected eight goals in his past nine games played.

**QUICK FACTS:** This is the first of two meetings between the U17s and Dubuque this season. The Under-17 Team will be back in Dubuque March 20 for a USHL regular-season showdown against the Fighting Saints ... Dubuque travels to Ann Arbor Jan. 17-18 to play the U.S. National Under-18 Team.

## U18 vs. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT

**GAME INFO:** The U.S. National Under-18 Team takes the ice Sunday afternoon against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Opening faceoff is at 3:30 p.m. ET at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, and the game will be broadcast live on FASTHockey.com



**ALL-TIME RECORD:** First meeting.

**TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH:** F Jeremy Bracco boasts a team-leading 31 assists in just 23 games ... Bracco (1.87), F Auston Matthews (1.83), F Matthew Tkachuk (1.26) and F Colin White (1.11) as all averaging better than one point-per-game this year.

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## NTDP NEWS AND NOTES

### 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.

### U17S EARN SECOND PLACE AT WORLD U17 CHALLENGE

The U.S. National Under-17 Team took home second-place honors at the World Under-17 Challenge from Nov. 2-8 in Sarnia and Lambton Shores, Ont. Team USA compiled a 5-0-0-0 record before falling to Russia, 2-1, in the championship game. The second-place finish marked the ninth consecutive finish in the top-three at the event by the United States. Team USA has won four titles in the tournament, including 2001, 2002, 2010 and 2014 (Jan.). F Max Jones, F Clayton Keller and D Chad Kryz were named to the All-Tournament Team.

### U18S WIN FOUR NATIONS TOURNAMENT IN SWEDEN

The U.S. National Under-18 Team was in Sweden last week competing with Finland, Switzerland and Sweden for the U18 Four Nations Tournament title. Team USA stormed past Finland (8-1) and Switzerland (7-1) before knocking off the Swedes, 6-4, in the championship game. The three wins and a 4-3 triumph over Sweden in a pre-tournament contest ups the 1997 NTDP group's overall international record to 19-0-0. The group won all three of its international events last season.

### BRACCO BREAKS NTDP CAREER ASSISTS RECORD

U18 Team F Jeremy Bracco broke the all-time NTDP career assist record last weekend against Augsburg College. Bracco now has 89 assists in his time at the NTDP, passing J.D. Forrest (1997-2000) - an assistant coach with the Under-18 Team - and Patrick Kane (2004-06), who both had 88. Last season, Bracco notched the single-season assist record with 58.

### NTDP OFFICIAL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

**USANTDP.com:** The official website of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program provides access to complete team information, including news, rosters, schedules/results, statistics, NTDP history and a PDF media guide, along with other information.

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