



# Team USA Game Notes

2015 IIHF World Junior Championship • Montreal • Bell Centre

Team USA (0-0-0-0) vs. Finland (0-0-0-0)

Dec. 26, 2014, 3 p.m. ET • Preliminary Round Game #1

## Team USA Schedule

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Friday, Dec. 19 -- Pre-Tournament<br>at Boston University (visitor/white) | W, 5-2    |
| Sunday, Dec. 21 -- Pre-Tournament<br>vs. Germany (home/blue)              | W, 5-2    |
| Tuesday, Dec. 23 -- Pre-Tournament<br>vs. Sweden (visitor/blue)           | W, 10-5   |
| Friday, Dec. 26 -- Group A<br>vs. Finland (visitor)                       | 3:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, Dec. 28 -- Group A<br>vs. Germany (home)                          | 8:00 p.m. |
| Monday, Dec. 29 -- Group A<br>vs. Slovakia (home)                         | 4:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Dec. 31 -- Group A<br>vs. Canada (visitor)                     | 4:00 p.m. |
| Friday, Jan. 2 -- Quarterfinal<br>TBD                                     | TBD       |
| Sunday, Jan. 4 -- Semifinal<br>TBD  | TBD       |
| Monday, Jan. 5 -- Medal Round<br>TBD                                      | TBD       |

All games: live on NHL Network U.S. (DirectTV 215, Dish 477),  
live streamed on NHL.com in U.S.

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The U.S. National Junior Team has won its first game of the IIHF World Junior Championship in each of the last five tournaments. A year ago, Team USA used goals from **Riley Barber**, **Will Butcher**, **Hudson Fasching**, **Vince Hinostroza** and **Jacob Slavin** to defeat Germany, 5-1. In addition, Team USA has won nine of its last ten tournament openers.

## Team USA in IIHF World Junior Championship Openers since 2005 Tournament

| Date       | Opponent   | Result   |
|------------|------------|----------|
| 12/25/2004 | Russia     | W, 5-4   |
| 12/26/2005 | Norway     | W, 11-2  |
| 12/26/2006 | Germany    | OTL, 1-2 |
| 12/26/2007 | Kazakhstan | W, 5-1   |
| 12/26/2008 | Germany    | W, 8-2   |
| 12/26/2009 | Slovakia   | W, 7-3   |
| 12/26/2010 | Finland    | OTW, 3-2 |
| 12/26/2011 | Denmark    | W, 11-3  |
| 12/26/2012 | Germany    | W, 8-0   |
| 12/26/2013 | Germany    | W, 5-1   |

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## TODAY'S GAME

The United States faces defending champion Finland at Bell Centre (capacity: 21,287) to open Group A play at the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship. The U.S. not faced Finland in the IIHF World Junior Championship since the 2012 preliminary round (4-1 Finland victory). Today's game will be televised live in the U.S. on NHL Network and streamed live on NHL.com. NHL Network will also replay the game tonight at 11 o'clock ET.

## THE SERIES VS. FINLAND

- Finland leads the all-time series by a count of 11-2-0-16-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T). [See complete look at series later in these notes.](#)
- Team USA has won four of the last five meetings dating back to 2007. Finland won the most recent game, 4-1, in the preliminary round of the 2012 tournament.
- The U.S. gained a 9-1 win over Finland this past August in its annual National Junior Team Evaluation Camp in Lake Placid, New York. **Tyler Motte** had 3-1--4 to lead the way, while **Jack Eichel** 1-4--5 and **Alex Tuch** 1-2--3.

## PRE-TOURNAMENT RECAP

Today marks day 12 for the United States in a journey that began the evening of Dec. 15 with a team meeting at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in the Boston area with 30 candidates vying for a spot on the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team. The U.S. had a camp at Boston University from Dec. 16-19 that culminated with a 5-2 victory over BU in a pre-tournament game at Walter Brown Arena on Dec. 19. The team had a dinner at Fenway Park the night of Dec. 18 at which **Mike Eruzione**, captain of the gold medal-winning 1980 U.S. Olympic Team, spoke to the group. The U.S. then moved to Kingston, Ontario, on Dec. 20 where it continued preparation for the IIHF World Junior Championship through noon on Dec. 24. The time in Kingston included pre-tournament games against Germany on Dec. 21 (5-2 win) and Sweden on Dec. 23 (10-5 win). Team USA arrived in Montreal the afternoon of Dec. 24.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Jack Eichel** is serving as captain of Team USA and is the youngest captain of a U.S. National Junior Team since Bryan Berard (3/5/77) in 1996. **Will Butcher** and **John Hayden** are the alternate captains. A year ago, Eichel helped Team USA capture the gold medal at the 2014 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship in Lappeenranta, Finland. He contributed five goals and five assists. Butcher and Hayden were teammates on the U.S. squad that earned the silver medal at the 2013 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship in Sochi, Russia.

## IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE

The U.S. has five players with experience in the IIHF World Junior Championship, all who played in last year's event. They are listed below with stats from the tournament in parentheses.

|   |                 |               |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| D | Will Butcher    | (5GP, 2-3--5) |
| G | Thatcher Demko  | (0GP)         |
| F | Jack Eichel     | (5GP, 1-4--5) |
| F | Hudson Fasching | (5GP, 2-2--4) |
| D | Ian McCoshen    | (5GP, 0-0--0) |

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**IN GOAL TODAY**

**Thatcher Demko** is the likely starter in goal today. He made 28 saves on 30 shots in 69:29 of pre-tournament action as the starter against Germany (29:29) and Sweden (40:00). Demko was a member of the 2014 U.S. National Junior Team, but did not play. He helped the 2013 U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team gain a silver medal at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship (3-1-0-3, 2.24, .899).

**TIDBITS**

**JT Compher** was the lone player of the 10 that dressed in all three pre-tournament games (Butcher, Carlo, Collins, Compher, DeAngelo, De Leo, Hanifin, Motte, Schmaltz, Wood) to have at least one point in every game. Compher, who is an alternate captain at the University of Michigan, had a goal in each game ... The U.S. scored 20 goals in its three pre-tournament games (6.67/game) ... Team USA went to the movie *Unbroken* yesterday (Dec. 25) afternoon ... Team USA will use an All-Big 10 line today with the University of Michigan's **Dylan Larkin**, centering his teammate **Tyler Motte** and the University of Minnesota's **Hudson Fasching** ... Perhaps the most popular gifts among the players during the team's gift exchange on Christmas Eve were a Lululemon gift card and a USA hat ... A number of players and staff, including Head Coach **Mark Osiecki** and team captain **Jack Eichel**, attended mass at St. Patrick's Basilica on Christmas Eve. The team was treated to "front-pew seating" and a warm round of applause from the more than 1,000 people attending the service when welcomed by Msgr. Francis John Coyle at the beginning of mass.

**MEDAL SUCCESS**

The United States has medaled in three of the last five IIHF World Junior Championships. During that span, the U.S. finished atop the podium twice, in 2010 and 2013.

In the 38-year history of the event, Team USA has garnered eight medals (3 gold, 1 silver, 4 bronze).

**U.S. MEDALS AT THE WJC**

| Year | Medal  | Coach         |
|------|--------|---------------|
| 2013 | Gold   | Phil Housley  |
| 2011 | Bronze | Keith Allain  |
| 2010 | Gold   | Dean Blais    |
| 2007 | Bronze | Ron Rolston   |
| 2004 | Gold   | Mike Eaves    |
| 1997 | Silver | Jeff Jackson  |
| 1992 | Bronze | Walt Kyle     |
| 1986 | Bronze | Dave Peterson |

**SUCCESS AT U18 WORLDS**

The United States has medaled in each of the last 10 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championships (7 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze). Team USA has reached the gold medal game in six consecutive tournaments, claiming gold five times.

Seven players on the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team helped Team USA to the gold medal at the 2014 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship, including **Ryan Collins, Jack Eichel, Dylan Larkin, Auston Matthews, Sonny Milano, Alex Nedeljkovic** and **Alex Tuch**.

Eight players were silver medalists at the 2013 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship, including **Will Butcher, JT Compher, Thatcher Demko, Jack Eichel, Hudson Fasching, John Hayden, Anthony Louis** and **Tyler Motte**.

Additionally, **Will Butcher** and **JT Compher** were members of the U.S. team that won gold at the 2012 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

**NTDP CONNECTION**

Fifteen of the 23 players on the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team roster were or are members of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program. The list includes:

- F JT Compher (2011-13)
- F Jack Eichel (2012-14)
- F Hudson Fasching (2011-13)
- F John Hayden (2011-13)
- F Dylan Larkin (2012-14)
- F Anthony Louis (2011-13)
- F Auston Matthews (2013-15)
- F Sonny Milano (2012-14)
- F Tyler Motte (2011-13)
- F Alex Tuch (2012-14)
- D Will Butcher (2011-13)
- D Ryan Collins (2012-14)
- D Noah Hanifin (2013-14)
- D Zach Werenski (2012-14)
- G Thatcher Demko (2012-13)

**YOUTHFUL EXUBERANCE**

The 2015 U.S. National Junior Team has 12 "under-agers" including nine players born in 1996 (Brandon Carlo, Ryan Collins, Jack Eichel, Brandon Halverson, Dylan Larkin, Sonny Milano, Alex Nedeljkovic, Nick Schmaltz, Alex Tuch) and three in 1997 (Noah Hanifin, Auston Matthews, Zach Werenski).

**HEAD COACH MARK OSIECKI**



Mark Osiecki is serving as head coach of the U.S. National Junior Team for the first time.

A three-time assistant coach for the U.S. National Junior Team, Osiecki helped Team USA capture gold medals in 2010 and 2013, plus a bronze medal in 2011.

Osiecki has had a variety of U.S. coaching positions. In 2000, he was head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Select Team that placed second at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament. He led the U.S. Junior Select Team to a first-place finish at the 1999 Freedom Challenge. He was an assistant coach for the 1999 U.S. Under-18 Select Team that finished second at the Ivan Hlinka Tournament. Osiecki also served as video coordinator for the 2006 U.S. Men's National Team at the IIHF Men's World Championship.

Currently, Osiecki is in his second season as an associate coach for the American Hockey League's Rockford IceHogs.

From 2010-13, Osiecki was head coach of the Ohio State University men's ice hockey team. He served as an assistant coach for the University of Wisconsin men's ice hockey team from 2004-10, helping the Badgers to the 2006 NCAA national title and the 2010 NCAA national championship game.

From 1997-2004, Osiecki was the general manager and head coach of the United States Hockey League's Green Bay Gamblers. The Gamblers won four straight division titles (1999-2002) and captured the Clark Cup in 2000. Osiecki was named the USHL Coach of the Year in 1999.

The former University of Wisconsin defenseman (1987-90) served as an alternate captain for the 1990 NCAA national championship team. He played two seasons in the National Hockey League (1991-1993) with the Calgary Flames, Ottawa Senators, Winnipeg Jets and the Minnesota North Stars. He also competed for the U.S. at the 1992 IIHF Men's World Championship in Prague.

### Team USA and the NHL

Overall NHL Draft Picks (18)  
 2015 Draft Eligible (4)  
 2016 Draft Eligible (1)

#### First Round (5)

15 Dylan Larkin (DET-14)  
 16 Sonny Milano (CBJ-14)  
 18 Alex Tuch (MIN-14)  
 19 Anthony DeAngelo (TBL-14)  
 20 Nick Schmaltz (CHI-14)

#### Second Round (7)

31 Ian McCoshen (FLA-13)  
 35 JT Compher (BUF-13)  
 36 Thatcher Demko (VAN-14)  
 37 Alex Nedeljkovic (CAR-14)  
 47 Ryan Collins (CBJ-14)  
 59 Brandon Halverson (NYR-14)

#### Third Round (1)

74 John Hayden (CHI-13)

#### Fourth Round (4)

99 Chase De Leo (WPG-14)  
 100 Miles Wood (NJ-14)  
 118 Hudson Fasching (BUF-13)  
 121 Tyler Motte (CHI-121)

#### Fifth Round (1)

123 Will Butcher (COL-13)

#### Sixth Round (1)

181 Anthony Louis (CHI-13)

#### By Team

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Chicago          | 4 |
| Buffalo          | 2 |
| Columbus         | 2 |
| New Jersey       | 1 |
| Carolina         | 1 |
| Colorado         | 1 |
| Detroit          | 1 |
| Florida          | 1 |
| Minnesota        | 1 |
| New York Rangers | 1 |
| Tampa Bay        | 1 |
| Vancouver        | 1 |
| Winnipeg         | 1 |



### Roster Breakdown

#### Home States of Team USA

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Michigan      | 4 |
| New York      | 3 |
| Wisconsin     | 3 |
| California    | 2 |
| Illinois      | 2 |
| Massachusetts | 2 |
| Minnesota     | 2 |
| Arizona       | 1 |
| Colorado      | 1 |
| Connecticut   | 1 |
| Ohio          | 1 |
| Pennsylvania  | 1 |

#### Birth Year

|      |    |
|------|----|
| 1995 | 11 |
| 1996 | 9  |
| 1997 | 3  |

#### By College

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Boston College             | 4 |
| University of Michigan     | 4 |
| University of Minnesota    | 2 |
| Boston University          | 1 |
| Miami University           | 1 |
| University of Denver       | 1 |
| University of North Dakota | 1 |
| Yale University            | 1 |

#### Other Leagues

|      |   |
|------|---|
| OHL  | 4 |
| WHL  | 2 |
| USHL | 1 |

### FAMILY TIES

A number of U.S. players have family roots in college and/or professional hockey.

- **Will Butcher's** dad, Joe, skated for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

- **Ryan Collins' dad**, Dan, played for Connecticut College. Ryan's uncle, Jim Warner, played at Colorado College and in the NHL.

- **Tyler Motte's** brother, C.J., skated for Ferris State University.

- **Nick Schmaltz's** brother, Jordan, also plays at the University of North Dakota and was drafted by the St. Louis Blues in 2012.

- **Miles Wood's** father, Randy, played 12 seasons in the NHL, while Miles' uncle skated at Boston University.

### LEAGUE LEADERS

A number of U.S. players are prominent scorers in their respective leagues.

Leading the way is **Jack Eichel** (Boston University), who tops NCAA Division I with 1.69 points per game. Eichel leads the nation with 19 assists and his 27 points are tied for first.

**Chase De Leo** (Portland Winterhawks) is ninth on the Western Hockey League's points list with 42 (17-25). **Anthony DeAngelo** (Sarnia Sting) leads all Ontario Hockey League defensemen with 36 points in 28 games.

Goalie **Brandon Halverson** (Soo Greyhounds) is third in the OHL in wins (16) and eighth in goals against average (2.93). Also in the OHL, **Alex Nedeljkovic** is tied for second-best in shutouts (three) and fourth in saves (829).

### Tale of the Tape

**Average Age:** 18 years, 10 months  
**Average Height:** 6'1"  
**Average Weight:** 194 lbs.  
**Shoots/Catches:** Left: 14; Right:9

**Oldest Player:**  
 Will Butcher (1/6/95)

**Youngest Player:**  
 Auston Matthews (9/17/97)



**2015 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING**

| No | Name              | BU<br>(W, 5-2)<br>12/19 | GER<br>(W, 5-2)<br>12/21 | SWE<br>(W, 10-5)<br>12/23 | FIN<br>12/26 | GER<br>12/28 | SVK<br>12/29 | CAN<br>12/31 |
|----|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2  | Noah Hanifin      | S                       | --                       | --                        |              |              |              |              |
| 3  | Ian McCoshen      | DND                     | --                       | A                         |              |              |              |              |
| 4  | Will Butcher (A)  | A                       | --                       | A                         |              |              |              |              |
| 6  | Ryan Collins      | --                      | A                        | --                        |              |              |              |              |
| 7  | JT Compher        | G                       | G                        | S                         |              |              |              |              |
| 8  | Nick Schmaltz     | A                       | --                       | P(W)AAA                   |              |              |              |              |
| 9  | Jack Eichel (C)   | S                       | DND                      | --                        |              |              |              |              |
| 10 | Anthony Louis     | A*                      | G                        | DND                       |              |              |              |              |
| 11 | Miles Wood        | --                      | W                        | --                        |              |              |              |              |
| 13 | Sonny Milano      | A*A                     | DND                      | AA*AAA                    |              |              |              |              |
| 14 | Tyler Motte       | --                      | G                        | GG                        |              |              |              |              |
| 15 | John Hayden (A)   | DND                     | --                       | --                        |              |              |              |              |
| 17 | Alex Tuch         | --                      | DND                      | GPP                       |              |              |              |              |
| 18 | Chase De Leo      | WAA                     | --                       | --                        |              |              |              |              |
| 21 | Dylan Larkin      | DND                     | A                        | A                         |              |              |              |              |
| 22 | Hudson Fasching   | DND                     | A                        | A                         |              |              |              |              |
| 23 | Zach Werenski     | DND                     | U                        | AA*A                      |              |              |              |              |
| 24 | Anthony DeAngelo  | E                       | A                        | --                        |              |              |              |              |
| 26 | Brandon Carlo     | --                      | --                       | G                         |              |              |              |              |
| 34 | Auston Matthews   | DND                     | --                       | GG                        |              |              |              |              |
| 29 | Brandon Halverson | W (29:43) 6/6           | DND                      | ND (20:00) 9/6            |              |              |              |              |
| 30 | Thatcher Demko    | DND                     | W (29:29) 14/14          | W (40:00) 16/14           |              |              |              |              |
| 31 | Alex Nedeljkovic  | ND (30:17) 14/12        | ND (30:31) 8/6           | DND                       |              |              |              |              |

# = Game's Best Player

**Key:** G-goal; S-shorthanded goal; U-unassisted goal; W-game-winning goal; A-assist; asterik-assist on game-winning goal; DND-did not dress; DNP-did not play

**OTHER USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS**

**IIHF Women's U18 World Championship**

HARBORCENTER in Buffalo, New York, will play host to the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Jan. 5-12, 2015. Team USA has played in the gold medal game in all seven of the previous IIHF U18 Women's World Championships, capturing the event's top prize three times (2008, 2009, 2011).

**Hockey Weekend Across America**

USA Hockey hosts the eighth annual Hockey Weekend Across America, presented by CCM, Feb. 20-22, 2015. Hockey Weekend Across America is focused on celebrating the sport and those involved while sharing hockey with new audiences. For more info, visit [HockeyWeekendAcrossAmerica.com](http://HockeyWeekendAcrossAmerica.com).

**IPC Sled Hockey World Championship**

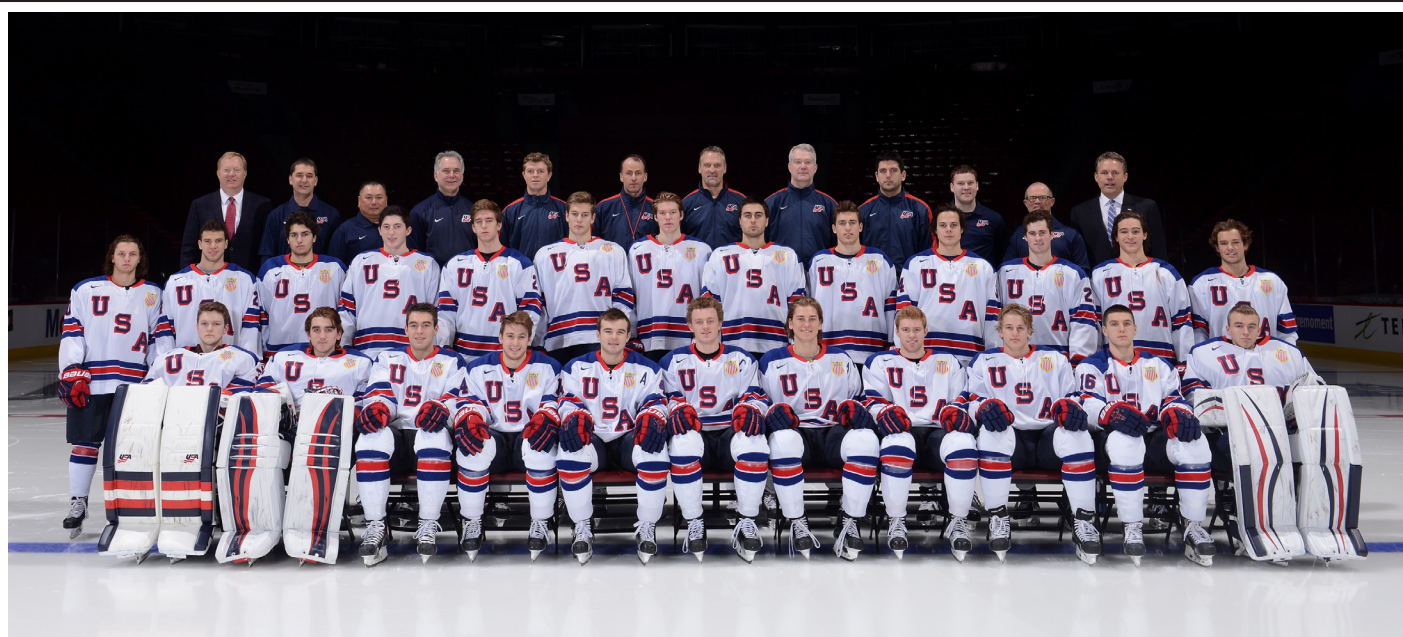
From April 24-May 2, 2015, HARBORCENTER in Buffalo, New York, will play host to the top sled hockey players in the world at the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship. Team USA, which has won the gold medal on two occasions (2009, 2012), has hosted the event twice previously (2000, 2008).



### Series History vs. Finland

| Date          | Opponent | Round             | W         | OTW      | OTL      | L         | T        | GF         | GA         |
|---------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|
| 12/22/1976    | Finland  | Round-Robin       |           |          |          | L         |          | 3          | 6          |
| 12/31/1977    | Finland  | Relegation Round  | W         |          |          |           |          | 8          | 6          |
| 12/27/1980    | Finland  | Preliminary Round |           |          |          | L         |          | 1          | 8          |
| 1/2/1982      | Finland  | Round-Robin       |           |          |          | L         |          | 4          | 8          |
| 12/30/1982    | Finland  | Round-Robin       | W         |          |          |           |          | 4          | 2          |
| 12/31/1983    | Finland  | Round-Robin       |           |          |          | L         |          | 2          | 7          |
| 12/25/1984    | Finland  | Round-Robin       |           |          |          | L         |          | 4          | 7          |
| 12/30/1985    | Finland  | Round-Robin       |           |          |          | L         |          | 5          | 7          |
| 12/26/1986    | Finland  | Round-Robin       |           |          |          | L         |          | 1          | 4          |
| 1/1/1988      | Finland  | Round-Robin       |           |          |          | L         |          | 6          | 8          |
| 12/26/1988    | Finland  | Round-Robin       |           |          |          |           | T        | 5          | 5          |
| 1/4/1990      | Finland  | Round-Robin       |           |          |          | L         |          | 3          | 6          |
| 12/29/1990    | Finland  | Round-Robin       | W         |          |          |           |          | 6          | 3          |
| 12/26/1991    | Finland  | Round-Robin       | W         |          |          |           |          | 5          | 1          |
| 1/4/1993      | Finland  | Round-Robin       | W         |          |          |           |          | 5          | 3          |
| 12/26/1993    | Finland  | Round-Robin       |           |          |          | L         |          | 2          | 5          |
| 12/30/1994    | Finland  | Round-Robin       |           |          |          | L         |          | 5          | 7          |
| 12/31/1995    | Finland  | Preliminary Round | W         |          |          |           |          | 5          | 4          |
| 1/4/1996      | Finland  | Fifth-Place Game  |           | OTW      |          |           |          | 8          | 7          |
| 12/26/1998    | Finland  | Preliminary Round |           |          |          | L         |          | 3          | 6          |
| 12/29/1999    | Finland  | Preliminary Round |           |          |          | L         |          | 1          | 3          |
| 1/5/2003      | Finland  | Bronze-Medal      |           |          |          | L         |          | 2          | 3          |
| 1/3/2004      | Finland  | Semifinals        | W         |          |          |           |          | 2          | 1          |
| 12/28/2005    | Finland  | Preliminary Round | W         |          |          |           |          | 6          | 5          |
| 1/5/2006      | Finland  | Bronze-Medal      |           |          |          | L         |          | 2          | 4          |
| 1/2/2007      | Finland  | Quarterfinals     | W         |          |          |           |          | 6          | 3          |
| 12/31/2007    | Finland  | Preliminary Round | W         |          |          |           |          | 5          | 3          |
| 1/2/2010      | Finland  | Quarterfinals     | W         |          |          |           |          | 6          | 2          |
| 12/26/2010    | Finland  | Preliminary Round |           | OTW      |          |           |          | 3          | 2          |
| 12/28/2011    | Finland  | Preliminary Round |           |          |          | L         |          | 1          | 4          |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |          |                   | <b>11</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>119</b> | <b>140</b> |

\* - Shootout





# 2015 U.S. National Junior Team vs. Finland

December 26, 2014 • Bell Centre • Montreal



## LEFT WING

**18 De Leo, Chase**  
5-10, 175 • Shot: Left • 10/25/95  
NHL: WPG (2014, 4<sup>th</sup>-99) • La Mirada, Calif.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Portland Winterhawks (WHL): 34 GP; 17-25--42  
*Leads Portland in pts; Top 10 in OHL in pts*

**13 Milano, Sonny\***  
5-11, 185 • Shot: Left • 5/12/96  
NHL: CBJ (2014, 1<sup>st</sup>-16) • Massapequa, N.Y.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Plymouth Whalers (OHL): 20 GP; 8-23--31  
*'14 U18 gold medalist; Leads Plymouth in assists*

**14 Motte, Tyler\***  
5-10, 185 • Shot: Left • 3/10/95  
NHL: CHI (2013, 4<sup>th</sup>-121) • St. Clair, Mich.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Univ. of Michigan (Big Ten): 15 GP; 5-9--14  
*Tallied 5-2--7 at '13 U18; 4th in pts at UMich*

**11 Wood, Miles**  
6-1, 195 • Shot: Left • 9/13/95  
NHL: NJ (2013, 4<sup>th</sup>-100) • Buffalo, N.Y.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Noble and Greenough School: 2 GP; 0-3--3  
*Father, Randy, played 741 NHL games*

## DEFENSE

**4 Butcher, Will\* (A)**  
5-10, 200 • Shot: Left • 1/6/95  
NHL: COL (2013, 5<sup>th</sup>-123) • Sun Prairie, Wis.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Univ. of Denver (NCHC): 15 GP; 2-6--8  
*Tallied 2-3--5 at '14 WJC; '12 U18 gold medalist*

**2 Hanifin, Noah\***  
6-3, 205 • Shot: Left • 1/25/97  
NHL: 2015 Eligible • Norwood, Mass.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Boston College (HEA): 17 GP; 2-5--7  
*'U18 gold medalist; '14 US U17 captain*

**23 Werenski, Zach\***  
6-2, 214 • Shot: Left • 7/19/97  
NHL: 2015 Eligible • Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Univ. of Michigan (Big Ten): 15 GP; 3-9--12  
*Tallied 2-3--5 at '14 U17 Five Nations*

**6 Collins, Ryan\***  
6-4, 204 • Shot: Right • 5/6/96  
NHL: CBJ (2014, 2<sup>nd</sup>-47) • Bloomington, Minn.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Univ. of Minnesota (Big Ten): 11 GP; 0-4--4  
*'14 U18 gold medalist; Uncle, Jim, played in NHL*

## CENTER

**9 Eichel, Jack \* (C)**  
6-1, 191 • Shot: Right • 10/28/96  
NHL: 2015 Eligible • North Chelmsford, Mass.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Boston Univ. (HEA): 16 GP; 8-19--27  
*Leads NCAA DI in pts; '14 U18 gold medalist*

**34 Matthews, Auston\***  
6-0, 199 • Shot: Left • 9/17/97  
NHL: 2016 Eligible • Scottsdale, Ariz.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
U.S. National U-18 (USHL): 27 GP; 24-25--49  
*Leads U.S. U18 in pts; '14 U18 gold medalist*

**21 Larkin, Dylan\***  
6-0, 192 • Shot: Left • 7/30/96  
NHL: DET (2014, 1<sup>st</sup>-15) • Waterford, Mich.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Univ. of Michigan (Big Ten): 15 GP; 3-13--16  
*2nd in pts for UMich; '14 U18 gold medalist*

**7 Compher, JT\***  
5-11, 185 • Shot: Right • 4/8/95  
NHL: BUF (2013, 2<sup>nd</sup>-35) • Northbrook, Ill.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Univ. of Michigan (Big Ten): 15 GP; 3-8--11  
*'12 U18 gold medalist; '13 U18 silver medalist*

## DEFENSE

**26 Carlo, Brandon**  
6-5, 195 • Shot: Right • 11/26/96  
NHL: 2015 Eligible • Colorado Springs, Colo.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Tri-City Americans (WHL): 32 GP; 2-13--15  
*2nd in pts among Tri-City defensemen*

**3 McCoshen, Ian**  
6-3, 206 • Shot: Left • 8/5/95  
NHL: FLA (2013, 2<sup>nd</sup>-31) • Hudson, Wis.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Boston College (HEA): 16 GP; 2-3--5  
*'14 WJC member*

**24 DeAngelo, Anthony**  
5-11, 177 • Shot: Right • 10/24/95  
NHL: TBL (2014, 1<sup>st</sup>-19) • Philadelphia, Pa.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Sarnia Sting (OHL): 28 GP; 10-26--36  
*T-1st in pts for Sarnia; Leads team in assists*

### Pronunciation Guide

Chase De LEO .....deh-LAY-oh  
Jack EICHEL .....EYE-kuhl  
JT COMPHER .....com-FUHR  
Noah HANIFIN .....HAN-uh-fihn  
Hudson FASCHING .....FASH-ing  
Anthony LOUIS .....lewis  
Ian McCOSHEN .....Mc-CAWSH-en  
Tyler MOTTE .....MAHT  
Alex NEDELJKOVIC .....Ne-DELL-koh-vitch  
Mark OSIECKI .....oh-SEE-key  
Alex TUCH .....tuck

## RIGHT WING

**17 Tuch, Alex\***  
6-3, 220 • Shot: Right • 5/10/96  
NHL: MIN (2014, 1<sup>st</sup>-18) • Baldwinsville, N.Y.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Boston College (HEA): 17 GP; 5-6--11  
*'14 U18 gold medalist*

**8 Schmaltz, Nick**  
6-0, 172 • Shot: Right • 2/23/96  
NHL: CHI (2014, 1<sup>st</sup>-20) • Verona, Wis.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Univ. of North Dakota (NCHC): 15 GP; 3-12--15  
*4th in pts for North Dakota*

**22 Fasching, Hudson\***  
6-2, 207 • Shot: Right • 7/28/95  
NHL: BUF via LAK (2013, 4<sup>th</sup>-118) • Apple Valley, Minn.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Univ. of Minnesota (Big Ten): 14 GP; 5-2--7  
*Tallied 2-2--4 at '14 WJC; '13 U18 silver medalist*

**15 Hayden, John\* (A)**  
6-3, 210 • Shot: Right • 2/14/95  
NHL: CHI (2013, 3<sup>rd</sup>-74) • Greenwich, Conn.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Yale Univ. (ECAC): 10 GP; 3-7--10  
*Leads Yale in pts; '13 U18 silver medalist*

**10 Louis, Anthony\***  
5-7, 160 • Shot: Left • 2/10/95  
NHL: CHI (2013, 6<sup>th</sup>-181) • Winfield, Ill.  
2015 WJC: 0GP, 0-0--0  
Miami Univ. (NCHC): 16 GP; 3-11--14  
*'12 U18 gold medalist; '13 U18 silver medalist*

## GOALTENDER

**30 Demko, Thatcher\***  
6-3, 192 • Catch: Left • 12/8/95  
NHL: VAN (2014, 2<sup>nd</sup>-36) • San Diego, Calif.  
2015 WJC: 0GP  
Boston College (HEA): 9-6-1-0, 2.12, .927  
*'13 U18 silver medalist; '14 WJC member*

**29 Halverson, Brandon**  
6-4, 190 • Catch: Left • 3/29/96  
NHL: NYR (2014, 2<sup>nd</sup>-59) • Traverse City, Mich.  
2015 WJC: 0GP  
Soo Greyhounds (OHL): 16-3-0-1, 2.44, .918  
*Top 10 in OHL for wins, GAA and save pct.*

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