



Team USA Game Notes

2015 IIHF World Junior Championship • Montreal • Bell Centre

Team USA (2-1-0-0) vs. Canada (3-0-0-0)

Dec. 31, 2014 • 4 p.m. ET • Preliminary Round Game #4

Team USA Schedule

Friday, Dec. 19 -- Pre-Tournament at Boston University (visitor/white)	W, 5-2
Sunday, Dec. 21 -- Pre-Tournament vs. Germany (home/blue)	W, 5-2
Tuesday, Dec. 23 -- Pre-Tournament vs. Sweden (visitor/blue)	W, 10-5
Friday, Dec. 26 -- Group A vs. Finland (visitor/blue)	W, 2-1 SO
Sunday, Dec. 28 -- Group A vs. Germany (home/white-2014)	W, 6-0
Monday, Dec. 29 -- Group A vs. Slovakia (home/white-1960)	W, 3-0
Wednesday, Dec. 31 -- Group A vs. Canada (visitor/white-2014)	4:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 2 -- Quarterfinal	1:00 p.m. (if #2 seed)
TBD	5:00 p.m. (if #1 seed)
Sunday, Jan. 4 -- Semifinal	TBD
TBD	TBD
Monday, Jan. 5 -- Medal Games	TBD
TBD	TBD

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TODAY'S GAME

The United States faces Canada today at Bell Centre (capacity: 21,287) in the final preliminary-round game for both teams at the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship. On the line is the top seed in Group A. The teams have played nine previous times on New Year's Eve. Canada has won six times, all but one by a single goal. The two U.S. wins came by 5-2 and 7-3 counts in 1998 and 1980 and there has been one tie. This will be the first New Year's Eve meeting between the two teams in Montreal.

On New Year's Eve

2013 -- Canada 3, USA 2 (Ufa, Russia)
2011 -- Canada 3, USA 2 (Edmonton, Alberta)
2009 -- Canada 5, USA 4 GWS (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan)
2008 -- Canada 7, USA 4 (Ottawa, Ontario)
2005 -- Canada 3, USA 2 (Vancouver, British Columbia)
1999 -- USA 1, Canada 1 (Skelleftea, Sweden)
1998 -- USA 5, Canada 2 (Winnipeg, Manitoba)
1987 -- Canada 5, USA 4 (Moscow, Soviet Union)
1980 -- USA 7, Canada 3 (Landsberg, Germany)

THE SERIES VS. CANADA

The U.S. has a 6-1-3-28-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) record against Canada all-time in the IIHF World Junior Championship. Canada has won eight of the last 10 games in the series. Six of the last 10 games have been decided by a single goal with three having gone to overtime (two of those to a shootout). See series breakdown later in these notes.

IN GOAL TODAY

Thatcher Demko returns to the net today for the United States. He has played in two of Team USA's three games to date, with a 2-1 shootout victory over Finland on Dec. 26 (28 saves) and a 3-0 shutout of Slovakia on Dec. 29 (17 saves). In the tournament, he has a 0.46 goals against average and a .977 save percentage. Demko has a tribute to U.S. gold medal goaltenders **Jack McCartan** (1960 U.S. Olympic Team) and **Jim Craig** (1980 U.S. Olympic Team) on the back of his mask. **Brandon Halverson**, who stopped all 14 shots in a 6-0 win over Germany on Dec. 28, will serve as the back-up.

BITS AND PIECES

Team USA has allowed just one goal in its first three games, the fewest the U.S. has ever yielded in the first three games of the IIHF World Junior Championship. The next fewest is three in the first three games of the 2011 event (bronze medal) ... The U.S. looks to win its first four games of the tournament for the fourth time (2011, 2008, 2004). In addition, the U.S. was unbeaten after its first four contests in 1997 with three wins and one tie ... Team USA will play its quarterfinal game in Montreal on Jan. 2. If the #1 seed in Group A, the U.S. will play at 5 p.m., and if the #2 seed it will play at 1 p.m. ... Team USA's focus has been on rest and recovery headed into the Canada game. The U.S. had a short practice yesterday and a brief video session. The players/staff also had some time to spend with family and filmed a quick Happy New Year wish to fans ... Team USA's motto is US and materials remind players/staff of the mantra through utilizing Team USA and/or Usa ... The U.S. has three jerseys for the tournament. A blue and white version of the jersey worn by Team USA at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games and also a white replica from the 1960 gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic men's ice hockey team.

USA vs. Canada

Tale of the Tape

Category	USA	Canada
Record	2-1-0-0	3-0-0-0
Goals For/Avg.	11/3.67	16/5.33
Goals Against/Avg.	1/0.33	1/0.33
Power Play	.077 (1-13)	.500 (5-10)
Penalty Killing	1.000 (10-10)	1.000 (11-11)
Shots For Gm/Avg.	136/45.3	101/33.7
Shots Against Gm/Avg.	60/20.0	57/19.0
Shorthanded Goals	0	0
Top Scorers	Larkin (3-2--5) Milano (2-0--2) Tuch (1-1--2) Fasching (1-1--2) Eichel (1-1--2) Matthews (1-1--2)	Petan (1-5--6) Reinhart (3-2--5) Fabbri (2-3--5) Domi (2-3--5)

TEAM HOSTS

The U.S. has two team hosts -- **J.F. Beaupre** and **Ryan Hancock**. From Montreal, Beaupre's full-time job is as plant manager at Numest in Laval, Quebec, a city just outside of Montreal. Hancock is a risk manager in Toronto. The duo has been instrumental in helping the U.S. have a seamless experience to date at the IIHF World Junior Championship. Both have been embedded with Team USA since its arrival in Montreal on Dec. 24 and will be with the team through the end of the tournament.

THINGS

Jack Eichel, Sonny Milano and **Alex Tuch** each have 14 shots on goal through the first three games to lead Team USA in that category. **Dylan Larkin**, who is the team's leading point getter with 3-2--5, is not far behind with 13 shots on goal, while **Auston Matthews** has 11 ... The U.S. has two shutouts to its credit to date in the tournament. Team USA has also had two shutouts in three previous tournaments (2013, 2004, 1997). The U.S. has never had three shutouts in a single tournament ... **Jack Eichel** and **Auston Matthews** are roommates here in Montreal ... Fourteen of the 20 U.S. forwards/defensemen have recorded at least one point through the first three games of the tournament .. **Steven Santini**, who has been with Team USA here in Montreal, will return to Boston to be with his Boston College teammates tomorrow.

TIDBITS FROM PAST GAME NOTES

Team USA's average age is 18 years, 10 months. Last year's team was, on average, 19 years, 3 months old ... HAP on the masks of goaltenders **Alex Nedeljkovic** and **Brandon Halverson** stands for Have A Purpose ... **Alex Tuch** and **Ian McCoshen** are roommates at Boston College, while **Dylan Larkin** and **Zach Werenski** are roommates at the University of Michigan ... Members of Team USA give **Dylan Larkin** the nod as the best sewer ball player in the group ... Head Coach **Mark Osiecki's** wife Robin and daughter Emily (17) and son Jake (14) are here in Montreal. Osiecki's father, Tom, is also here. Tom spent more than 40 years coaching hockey at various levels in the state of Minnesota, including 24 seasons as the head coach of Burnsville High School, where he led the team to two state titles ... Assistant Coach **Don Granato's** sister, Cammi Granato, is here in Montreal. Cammi is married to Ray Ferraro, who is the lead analyst on TSN's broadcasts of the IIHF World Junior Championship ... **Nina Maria Fite**, the U.S. consul general in Montreal, joined Team USA for lunch on Dec. 27. Scott Bocksel, assistant attaché for U.S. immigration and customs enforcement, and his wife Maria accompanied Fite. Fite, who grew up a fan of the Philadelphia Flyers, spoke briefly to the players and staff and welcomed them to Montreal. She was presented a USA Hockey wimple by **Jack Eichel**, captain of Team USA, who thanked her for taking the time to stop by and meet the team ... **Mike Richter**, a member of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame and one of the finest netminders in the country's history, visited the U.S. lockerroom following Team USA's 2-1 shootout victory over Finland on Dec. 26. Richter helped the U.S. win the 1996 World Cup of Hockey

and was named the tournament's MVP. He also led the New York Rangers to the 1994 Stanley Cup ... **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* on Christmas afternoon ... 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.

PRE-TOURNAMENT RECAP

The United States began a journey with 30 players vying for a spot on the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team the night of Dec. 15 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in the Boston area with a team meeting. 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.

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.

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)

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).

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.

CONNECTIVITY OF U.S. COACHING STAFF

Check out the story of the connectivity of the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team coaching staff at worldjuniors.usahockey.com. Head Coach **Mark Osiecki** and Assistant Coach **Don Granato** played together for Burnsville (Minn.) High School beginning at age 13 where the pair helped the Braves to a Minnesota State High School League hockey championship; went on to play junior hockey together for the Madison Capitols; and helped the University of Wisconsin win the NCAA men's ice hockey national championship in 1990.

BANTAM TEAMMATES

The 2015 U.S. National Junior Team includes three players that were teammates on the Westchester Express Bantam team in Brewster, New York, during the 2007-08 season. The group includes **John Hayden, Anthony DeAngelo** and **Sonny Milano**. In addition, **Steven Santini**, who likely would have made the U.S. National Junior Team this year had he been healthy, also played on that squad. Santini's father, who owns the Brewster Ice Arena (which he built in 1998), coached the squad to a third-place finish at the USA Hockey National Championships that year.

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

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)

• **IN CANADA** -- Team USA is 36-2-2-23-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) in the 10 previous World Junior Championships held in the Canada. Below is a look at Team USA's results in those 10 tournaments.

2012 -- Vancouver/Kamloops/Kelowna, B.C. -- 7th

12/26/11	Denmark	Preliminary	W, 11-3
12/28/11	Finland	Preliminary	L, 1-4
12/30/11	Czech Republic	Preliminary	L, 2-5
12/31/11	Canada	Preliminary	L, 2-3
1/3/12	Latvia	Relegation	W, 12-2
1/4/12	Switzerland	Relegation	W, 2-1

2010 -- Regina/Saskatoon, Saskatchewan -- Gold

12/26/09	Slovakia	Preliminary	W, 7-3
12/27/09	Switzerland	Preliminary	W, 3-0
12/29/09	Latvia	Preliminary	W, 12-1
12/31/09	Canada	Preliminary	L, 4-5 SO
1/2/10	Finland	Quarterfinals	W, 6-2
1/3/10	Sweden	Semifinals	W, 5-2
1/5/10	Canada	Gold Medal Gm	W, 6-5 OT

2009 -- Ottawa, Ontario -- 5th

12/26/08	Germany	Preliminary	W, 8-2
12/28/08	Czech Republic	Preliminary	W, 4-3
12/30/08	Kazakhstan	Preliminary	W, 12-0
12/31/08	Canada	Preliminary	L, 4-7
1/2/09	Slovakia	Quarterfinals	L, 3-5
1/4/09	Czech Republic	Fifth-Place Game	W, 3-2 OT

2006 -- Vancouver/Kamloops/Kelowna, B.C. -- 4th

12/26/05	Norway	Preliminary	W, 11-2
12/28/05	Finland	Preliminary	W, 6-5
12/30/05	Switzerland	Preliminary	T, 2-2
12/31/05	Canada	Preliminary	L, 2-3
1/2/06	Czech Republic	Quarterfinals	W, 2-1
1/3/06	Russia	Semifinals	L, 1-5
1/5/06	Finland	Bronze Medal Gm	L, 2-4

2003 -- Halifax/Sydney, Nova Scotia -- 4th

12/26/02	Russia	Preliminary	L, 1-5
12/28/02	Switzerland	Preliminary	W, 3-1
12/30/02	Belarus	Preliminary	W, 8-2
12/31/02	Slovakia	Preliminary	W, 3-1
1/2/03	Czech Republic	Quarterfinals	W, 4-3
1/3/03	Canada	Semifinals	L, 2-3
1/5/03	Finland	Bronze Medal Gm	L, 2-3

1999 -- Winnipeg, Manitoba -- 8th

12/26/98	Finland	Preliminary	L, 3-6
12/28/98	Czech Republic	Preliminary	L, 3-6
12/30/98	Slovakia	Preliminary	L, 2-3
12/31/98	Canada	Preliminary	W, 5-2
1/3/99	Switzerland	Relegation	W, 5-4
1/4/99	Belarus	Relegation	W, 7-2

1995 -- Red Deer, Alberta -- 5th

12/26/94	Russia	Round Robin	W, 4-3
12/27/94	Sweden	Round Robin	L, 2-4
12/29/94	Canada	Round Robin	L, 3-8
12/30/94	Finland	Round Robin	L, 5-7
1/1/95	Germany	Round Robin	W, 5-3
1/2/95	Ukraine	Round Robin	L, 2-3
1/4/95	Czech Republic	Round Robin	W, 7-5

1991 -- Saskatoon, Saskatchewan -- 4th

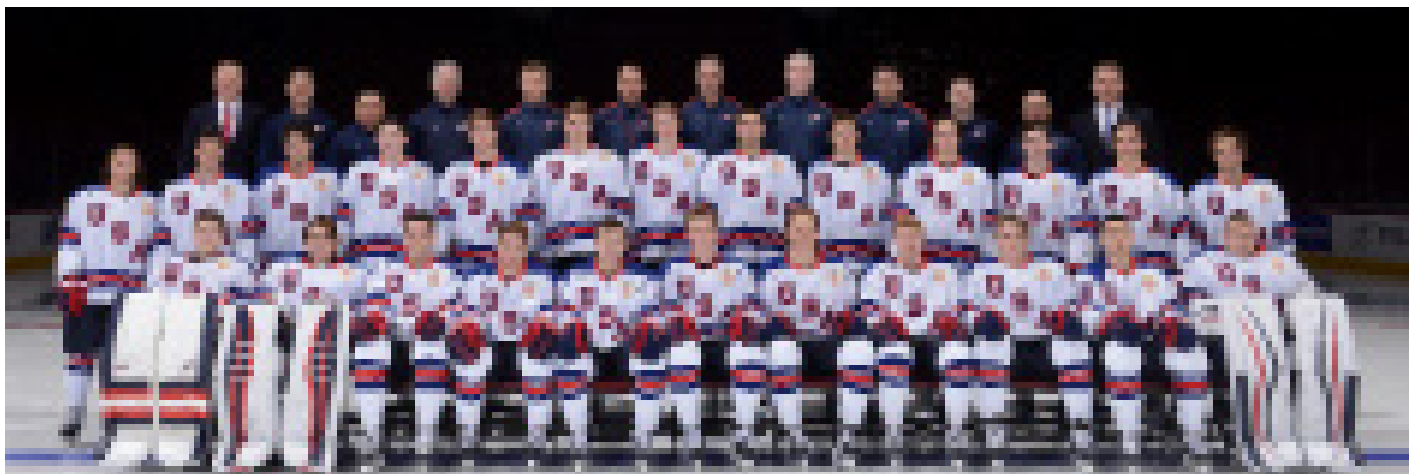
12/26/90	Soviet Union	Round Robin	L, 2-4
12/27/90	Canada	Round Robin	T, 4-4
12/29/90	Finland	Round Robin	W, 6-3
12/30/90	Czechoslovakia	Round Robin	L, 1-5
1/1/91	Norway	Round Robin	W, 19-1
1/2/91	Sweden	Round Robin	W, 5-2
1/4/91	Switzerland	Round Robin	W, 8-0

1986 -- Hamilton, Ontario -- Bronze Medal

12/26/85	Soviet Union	Round Robin	L, 3-7
12/27/85	Czechoslovakia	Round Robin	W, 5-2
12/29/85	Canada	Round Robin	L, 2-5
12/30/85	Finland	Round Robin	L, 5-7
1/1/86	West Germany	Round Robin	W, 4-1
1/2/86	Switzerland	Round Robin	W, 11-3
1/4/86	Sweden	Round Robin	W, 5-1

1978 -- Montreal, Quebec -- 5th

12/22/77	Canada	Round Robin	L, 3-6
12/23/77	Czechoslovakia	Round Robin	L, 5-8
12/25/77	West Germany	Round Robin	W, 8-4
12/28/77	Switzerland	Round Robin	W, 11-1
12/30/77	West Germany	Round Robin	W, 6-5
12/31/77	Finland	Round Robin	W, 8-6



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

No	Name	BU (W, 5-2) 12/19	GER (W, 5-2) 12/21	SWE (W, 10-5) 12/23	FIN (W, 2-1 SO) 12/26	GER (W, 6-0) 12/28	SVK (W, 3-0) 12/29	CAN 12/31
2	Noah Hanifin	S	--	--	--	A	--	
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	--	A*	--	
9	Jack Eichel (C)	S	DND	--	A	G	--	
10	Anthony Louis	A*	G	DND	--	--	--	
11	Miles Wood	--	W	--	--	--	--	
13	Sonny Milano	A*A	DND	AA*AAA	--	U	W	
14	Tyler Motte	--	G	GG	--	A	--	
15	John Hayden (A)	DND	--	--	--	--	G	
17	Alex Tuch	--	DND	GPP	P	A	--	
18	Chase De Leo	WAA	--	--	W	--	--	
21	Dylan Larkin	DND	A	A	--	GGA#	UA*#	
22	Hudson Fasching	DND	A	A	--	GA	--	
23	Zach Werenski	DND	U	AA*A	--	A	--	
24	Anthony DeAngelo	E	A	--	A	--	--	
26	Brandon Carlo	--	--	G	--	--	A	
34	Auston Matthews	DND	--	GG	--	W	A	
29	Brandon Halverson	W (29:43) 6/6	DND	ND (20:00) 9/6	DNP	W (60:00) 14/14	DNP	
30	Thatcher Demko	DND	W (29:29) 14/14	W (40:00) 16/14	W (65:00) 29/28	DNP	W (60:00) 17/17	
31	Alex Nedeljkovic	ND (30:17) 14/12	ND (30:31) 8/6	DND	DND	DND	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

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

BOB SUTER A MENTOR

U.S. defenseman **Will Butcher** had Bob Suter from the 1980 U.S. Olympic "Miracle on Ice" Team as a mentor growing up in Wisconsin. Butcher played in the Madison Capitols organization at the rink Suter owned in Middleton, Wisconsin, just outside Madison, from the third grade until he went to USA Hockey's National Team Development Program in 2011. Butcher's father, Joe, who coached him growing up, was good friends with Suter and Will had regular interaction with Bob Suter and the entire Suter family. Butcher's brother, Mike, is currently member of the Madison Capitols U16 Midget Minor Team coached by Bob's son Garrett. Bob Suter passed away unexpectedly this past September 9 at the age of 57. Suter lived by the motto, "It's all about the kids."

WINNING A BYLSMA STICK

U.S. forward **Chase De Leo** won the stick of Dan Bylsma in a raffle when he was playing for his first-ever hockey team -- the Norwalk Knights in Norwalk, California. De Leo grew up attending Anaheim Ducks game, where Bylsma played from 2000-04. The stick still hangs in De Leo's bedroom today. Bylsma is providing color commentary on the NHL Network's Team USA broadcasts in the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship.

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Series History vs. Canada

Date	Opponent	Round	W	OTW	OTL	L	T	GF	GA
1/1/1977	Canada	Round-Robin				L		2	8
12/22/1977	Canada	Preliminary-Round				L		3	6
1/2/1979	Canada	Relegation-Round				L		3	6
1/1/1980	Canada	Relegation-Round				L		2	4
12/31/1980	Canada	Relegation-Round	W					7	3
12/27/1981	Canada	Round-Robin				L		4	5
12/27/1982	Canada	Round-Robin				L		2	4
12/26/1983	Canada	Round-Robin				L		2	5
12/28/1984	Canada	Round-Robin				L		5	7
12/29/1985	Canada	Round-Robin				L		2	5
1/1/1987	Canada	Round-Robin				L		2	6
12/31/1987	Canada	Round-Robin				L		4	5
12/29/1988	Canada	Round-Robin				L		1	5
12/26/1989	Canada	Round-Robin				L		2	3
12/27/1990	Canada	Round-Robin					T	4	4
1/1/1992	Canada	Round-Robin	W					5	3
12/26/1992	Canada	Round-Robin				L		0	3
1/1/1994	Canada	Round-Robin				L		3	8
12/29/1994	Canada	Round-Robin				L		3	8
12/26/1995	Canada	Preliminary-Round				L		1	6
12/28/1996	Canada	Preliminary-Round					T	4	4
1/4/1997	Canada	Gold-Medal				L		0	2
1/2/1998	Canada	Placement Round	W					3	0
12/31/1998	Canada	Preliminary-Round	W					5	2
12/31/1999	Canada	Preliminary-Round					T	1	1
1/4/2000	Canada	Bronze-Medal			OTL*			3	4
1/2/2001	Canada	Quarterfinals				L		1	2
1/3/2003	Canada	Semifinals				L		2	3
1/5/2004	Canada	Gold-Medal	W					4	3
12/31/2005	Canada	Preliminary-Round				L		2	3
12/27/2006	Canada	Preliminary-Round				L		3	6
1/3/2007	Canada	Semifinals			OTL*			1	2
1/4/2008	Canada	Semifinals				L		1	4
12/31/2008	Canada	Preliminary-Round				L		4	7
12/31/2009	Canada	Preliminary-Round			OTL*			4	5
1/5/2010	Canada	Gold-Medal		OTW				6	5
1/3/2011	Canada	Semifinals				L		1	4
12/31/2011	Canada	Preliminary-Round				L		2	3
12/30/2012	Canada	Preliminary-Round				L		1	2
1/3/2013	Canada	Semifinals	W					5	1
12/31/2013	Canada	Preliminary-Round				L		2	3
TOTALS			6	1	3	28	3	112	170



Team USA and the NHL

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

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

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 (6)

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)



U.S. National Junior Team Captains (since 1985)

2015	Jack Eichel	10/28/96
2014	Riley Barber	2/7/94
2013	Jake McCabe	10/12/93
2012	Jason Zucker	1/16/92
2011	John Ramage	2/7/91
2010	Derek Stepan	6/18/90
2009	Jonathon Blum	1/30/89
2008	Brian Strait	1/4/88
2007	Taylor Chorney	4/27/87
2006	Kevin Porter	3/12/86
2005	Ryan Suter	1/21/85
2004	Mark Stuart	4/27/84
2003	Eric Nystrom	2/14/83
2002	RJ Umberger	5/3/82
2001	Conor Dunlop	1/5/81
2000	Adam Hall	8/14/80
1999	Paul Mara	9/7/79
1998	Mike York	1/3/78
1997	Marty Reasoner	2/26/77
1996	Bryan Berard	3/5/77
1995	Adam Deadmarsh	5/10/75
1994	John Emmons	8/17/74
1993	Brent Bilodeau	3/23/73
1992	Keith Tkachuk	3/28/72
1991	Ted Drury	9/13/71
1990	Barry Richter	9/11/70
1989	Adam Burt	1/15/69
1988	C.J. Young	1/1/68
1987	Scott Young	10/1/67
1986	Steve Leach	1/16/66
1985	Brian Johnson	3/7/65



PLAYER STATISTICS BY TEAM

As of MON 29 DEC 2014

Including Game #12

USA - United States

Playing Statistics

No	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-	GWG	PPG	SHG	SOG	SG%
2	HANIFIN Noah	D	3	0	1	1	0	+2	0	0	0	5	0.00
3	McCOSHEN Ian	D	3	0	0	0	0	+1	0	0	0	1	0.00
4	BUTCHER Will	D	3	0	0	0	0	+5	0	0	0	4	0.00
6	COLLINS Ryan	D	3	0	0	0	2	+2	0	0	0	0	0.00
7	COMPHER J.T.	F	3	0	0	0	0	+1	0	0	0	8	0.00
8	SCHMALTZ Nick	F	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	0.00
9	EICHEL Jack	F	3	1	1	2	6	+1	0	0	0	14	7.14
10	LOUIS Anthony	F	3	0	0	0	2	+1	0	0	0	5	0.00
11	WOOD Miles	F	3	0	0	0	2	+1	0	0	0	4	0.00
13	MILANO Sonny	F	3	2	0	2	0	+3	1	0	0	14	14.29
14	MOTTE Tyler	F	3	0	1	1	0	+2	0	0	0	9	0.00
15	HAYDEN John	F	3	1	0	1	2	+1	0	0	0	5	20.00
17	TUCH Alex	F	3	1	1	2	0	+1	0	1	0	14	7.14
18	de LEO Chase	F	3	1	0	1	0	+1	1	0	0	3	33.33
21	LARKIN Dylan	F	3	3	2	5	0	+5	0	0	0	13	23.08
22	FASCHING Hudson	F	3	1	1	2	2	+5	0	0	0	6	16.67
23	WERENSKI Zach	D	3	0	1	1	2	+2	0	0	0	2	0.00
24	DEANGELO Anthony	D	3	0	1	1	0	+1	0	0	0	8	0.00
26	CARLO Brandon	D	3	0	1	1	0	+3	0	0	0	2	0.00
29	HALVERSON Brandon	GK	3	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00
30	DEMKO Thatcher	GK	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00
31	NEDELJKOVIC Alex	GK	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00
34	MATTHEWS Auston	F	3	1	1	2	4	+1	1	0	0	11	9.09

Goalkeeping Statistics

No	Name	GPT	GKD	GPI	MIP	MIP%	GA	SVS	SOG	SVS%	GAA	SO	W	L
29	HALVERSON Brandon	3	3	1	60:00	32.43	0	14	14	100.00	0.00	1	1	0
30	DEMKO Thatcher	3	2	2	125:00	67.57	1	45	46	97.83	0.48	1	1	0
31	NEDELJKOVIC Alex	3	1	0	00:00	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0	0	0

LEGEND

A Assists	D Defence	F Forward
G Goals	GA Goals against	GAA Goals against as average per 60 minutes
GK Goalkeeper	GKD Goalkeeper dressed	GP Number of games played
GPI Games played indeed	GPT Number of games played by team	GWG Game winning goals
L Number of games lost	MIP Minutes and seconds played	MIP% MIP as percentage
No Jersey number	PIM Penalties in minutes	Pos Position on team
PPG Power play goals	PTS Points	SG% Percentage of goals from total shots
SHG Shorthanded goals	SO Shutouts	SOG Shots on goal
SVS Saves	SVS% SVS as percentage of total SOG	W Number of games won
+/- Plus/minus net		



2015 U.S. National Junior Team vs. Canada

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LEFT WING

14 Motte, Tyler*
5-10, 185 • Shot: Left • 3/10/95
NHL: CHI (2013, 4th-121) • St. Clair, Mich.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 0-1--1
Univ. of Michigan (Big Ten): 15 GP; 5-9--14
Had assist vs. Germany on Dec. 28

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

13 Milano, Sonny*
5-11, 185 • Shot: Left • 5/12/96
NHL: CBJ (2014, 1st-16) • Massapequa, N.Y.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 2-0--2
Plymouth Whalers (OHL): 20 GP; 8-23--31
Has G in each of last 2 games; GWG vs. SVK

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

DEFENSE

4 Butcher, Will*% (A)
5-10, 200 • Shot: Left • 1/6/95
NHL: COL (2013, 5th-123) • Sun Prairie, Wis.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 0-0--0
Univ. of Denver (NCHC): 15 GP; 2-6--8
Named U.S. Player of Game vs. Finland

2 Hanifin, Noah*
6-3, 205 • Shot: Left • 1/25/97
NHL: 2015 Eligible • Norwood, Mass.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 0-1--1
Boston College (HEA): 17 GP; 2-5--7
Had assist vs. Germany on Dec. 28

23 Werenski, Zach*
6-2, 214 • Shot: Left • 7/19/97
NHL: 2015 Eligible • Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 0-1--1
Univ. of Michigan (Big Ten): 15 GP; 3-9--12
His assist was vs. Germany on Dec. 28

6 Collins, Ryan*
6-4, 204 • Shot: Right • 5/6/96
NHL: CBJ (2014, 2nd-47) • Bloomington, Minn.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 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: 3GP, 1-1--2
Boston Univ. (HEA): 16 GP; 8-19--27
First 18-year-old captain for U.S. since 1996

34 Matthews, Auston*
6-0, 199 • Shot: Left • 9/17/97
NHL: 2016 Eligible • Scottsdale, Ariz.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 1-1--2
U.S. National U-18 (USHL): 27 GP; 24-25--49
Has a point in each of last 2 games

21 Larkin, Dylan*
6-0, 192 • Shot: Left • 7/30/96
NHL: DET (2014, 1st-15) • Waterford, Mich.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 3-2--5
Univ. of Michigan (Big Ten): 15 GP; 3-13--16
Has 2-3--5 in last 2 games

7 Compher, JT*
5-11, 185 • Shot: Right • 4/8/95
NHL: BUF (2013, 2nd-35) • Northbrook, Ill.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 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: 3GP, 0-1--1
Tri-City Americans (WHL): 32 GP; 2-13--15
Had assist vs. Slovakia on Monday

3 McCoshen, Ian%
6-3, 206 • Shot: Left • 8/5/95
NHL: FLA (2013, 2nd-31) • Hudson, Wis.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 0-0--0
Boston College (HEA): 16 GP; 2-3--5
One of 5 returning members from 2014 WJC

24 DeAngelo, Anthony
5-11, 177 • Shot: Right • 10/24/95
NHL: TBL (2014, 1st-19) • Philadelphia, Pa.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 0-1--1
Sarnia Sting (OHL): 28 GP; 10-26--36
His assist was vs. Finland on Dec. 26

Pronunciation Guide

Chase De LEOdeh-LEE-oh
Jack EICHELEYE-kuhl
JT COMPHERcom-FUHR
Noah HANIFINHAN-uh-fihn
Hudson FASCHINGFASH-ing
Anthony LOUISlewis
Ian McCOSHENMc-CAWSH-en
Tyler MOTTEMAHT
Alex NEDELJKOVICNe-DELL-koh-vitch
Mark OSIECKIoh-SEE-key
Alex TUCHtuck

RIGHT WING

17 Tuch, Alex*
6-3, 220 • Shot: Right • 5/10/96
NHL: MIN (2014, 1st-18) • Baldwinsville, N.Y.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 1-1--2
Boston College (HEA): 17 GP; 5-6--11
Had 3G vs. SWE in pre-tourney gm on 12/23

8 Schmaltz, Nick
6-0, 172 • Shot: Right • 2/23/96
NHL: CHI (2014, 1st-20) • Verona, Wis.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 0-1--1
Univ. of North Dakota (NCHC): 15 GP; 3-12--15
Assisted on GWG vs. Germany on Dec. 28

22 Fasching, Hudson*%
6-2, 207 • Shot: Right • 7/28/95
NHL: BUF via LAK (2013, 4th-118) • Apple Valley, Minn.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 1-1--2
Univ. of Minnesota (Big Ten): 14 GP; 5-2--7
Had 1-1--2 vs. Germany on Dec. 28

15 Hayden, John* (A)
6-3, 210 • Shot: Right • 2/14/95
NHL: CHI (2013, 3rd-74) • Greenwich, Conn.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 1-0--1
Yale Univ. (ECAC): 10 GP; 3-7--10
Had goal vs. Slovakia on Monday

18 De Leo, Chase
5-10, 175 • Shot: Left • 10/25/95
NHL: WPG (2014, 4th-99) • La Mirada, Calif.
2015 WJC: 3GP, 1-0--1
Portland Winterhawks (WHL): 34 GP; 17-25--42
Scored GWG in shootout vs. Finland on Dec. 26

GOALTENDER

30 Demko, Thatcher*%
6-3, 192 • Catch: Left • 12/8/95
NHL: VAN (2014, 2nd-36) • San Diego, Calif.
2015 WJC: 2GP (2-0-0, 0.48, .978)
Boston College (HEA): 9-6-1-0, 2.12, .927
Had 17 saves in shutout of SVK on Monday

29 Halverson, Brandon
6-4, 190 • Catch: Left • 3/29/96
NHL: NYR (2014, 2nd-59) • Traverse City, Mich.
2015 WJC: 1GP (1-0-0-0, 0.00, 1.000)
Soo Greyhounds (OHL): 16-3-0-1, 2.44, .918
Had 14 saves in shutout of GER on Dec. 28

Head Coach: Mark Osiecki
Assistant Coaches: Don Granato, Kevin Patrick, Mike Ayers, Adam Nightingale

* current or former member of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program
% member of 2014 U.S. National Junior Team