

U.S. NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

NTDP WEEKLY NOTES ★ DECEMBER 29, 2014 - JANUARY 4, 2015

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DATE	GAME	LOCATION	TIME*	BROADCAST INFO
Wed., Dec. 31	U18 vs. Adrian College	Toledo, Ohio	4:00 p.m.	N/A
Fri., Jan. 2	U17 vs. Green Bay	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:00 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
Sat., Jan. 3	U17 vs. Green Bay	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:00 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
	U18 at Univ. of North Dakota	Grand Forks, N.D.	8:07 p.m.	NCHC.tv

* All times are ET

★ THIS WEEK'S GAMES

U18s vs. ADRIAN COLLEGE

GAME INFO: The U.S. National Under-18 Team will meet NCAA Division III Adrian College Wednesday afternoon at Fifth Third Field in Toledo, Ohio, in an outdoor game as part of Toledo Walleye Winterfest. Puck-drop is slated for 4 p.m. ET and there is no live video available.

ALL-TIME RECORD: Adrian leads, 3-1-1.

LAST MEETING: The U.S. National Under-18 Team recorded its first-ever win against the Bulldogs with a 5-1 triumph last winter (Jan. 28, 2014).

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: F **Jeremy Bracco** is the highest-scoring member of the U18 Team in action this week with 46 points (12-34) in 30 games this season ... F **Matthew Tkachuk** ranks second on the team in goals (19) and third in points (39) ... F **Jack Roslovic** has tallied 22 of his 28 points in the past 15 games ... F **Colin White** is one of four NTDP players averaging at least one point-per-game (1.00) ... D **Joe Masonius** leads all U18 Team defensemen with five goals and 15 points.

QUICK FACTS: The National Team Development Program has never participated in an outdoor game ... This marks the final game between the Under-18 Team and NCAA DIII competition this winter. Team USA is 3-1-0 against DIII foes this season, having previously claimed victories over Augsburg College, Neumann University and UW-Stevens Point, while its lone setback came against Oswego State University.



U17s vs. GREEN BAY

GAME INFO: The U17s return from the holiday break with a weekend series against USHL rival Green Bay. Both games start at 7:00 p.m. ET at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube and can be viewed live on FASTHockey.com

ALL-TIME RECORD: Green Bay leads, 16-9-0.

2014-15 SERIES: The NTDP and Green Bay are meeting for the first time this season.

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: F **Clayton Keller** paces all U.S. skaters with 10 points (2-8) against USHL foes in 2014-15 ... F **Joey Anderson** has a team-high six goals in 12 games against USHL teams ... D **Chad Kryz** leads Team USA defensemen with six points (1-5) against the USHL, while fellow blue-liner **Adam Fox** boasts 1-4=5 in USHL play ... G **Jake Oettinger** has one win and an .895 save percentage in 386 minutes of USHL action to date.

QUICK FACTS: The NTDP will meet the Gamblers four total times this season, as both the U17s and U18s are scheduled to match up against Green Bay twice. The Under-18 Team will travel to Green Bay, Wis., in February for a two-game set ... F **Trent Frederic's** brother Grant is a Green Bay defenseman ... NTDP alumni **Joe Wegwerth** (Brewster, N.Y./2012-14) plays for the Gamblers and ranks fourth on the team in points with 15 in 25 outings.



U18s at UNIVERSITY of NORTH DAKOTA

GAME INFO: The U.S. National Under-18 Team plays its first game of 2015 with a showdown against the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D. Opening face-off is set for 8:07 p.m. ET and the contest can be watched live via NCHC.tv.

ALL-TIME RECORD: North Dakota leads, 6-0-0.

LAST MEETING: Team USA dropped a 4-1 decision to UND last season (Oct. 26, 2013) at Ralph Engelstad Arena.

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: F **Matthew Tkachuk** boasts a team-best 20 points (9-11) this season against NCAA opponents ... F **Christian Fischer** is third on the U18s with five goals in college games this year ... D **Charlie McAvoy** has collected six assists vs. college teams in 2014-15 to lead all U.S. defenders in that category ... G **Luke Opilka** has notched victories against Miami University, the University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin this year ... G **Michael Lackey** sports a team-leading .899 SV% and 2.68 GAA in college outings.

QUICK FACTS: The National Team Development Program has produced 10 players who have gone on to play at UND, including current North Dakota skaters **Gage Ausmus** (East Grand Forks, Minn./2011-13), **Nick Mattson** (Chanhassen, Minn./2007-09) and **Keaton Thompson** (Devils Lake, N.D./2011-13) ... U18 Team D **Christian Evers** is the only member of Team USA committed to play at North Dakota.



★ NTDP NEWS AND NOTES

UNDER-17 TEAM EARNS SECOND PLACE AT U17 FOUR NATIONS

The U.S. National Under-17 Team took home second-place honors at the 2014 U17 Four Nations Tournament, which took place Dec. 16-20 in Ann Arbor. The U.S. fell to Russia, 3-2, in the tournament title game. F **Clayton Keller** (3-5=8), F **Joey Anderson** (2-4=6) and F **Nick Pastujov** (5-0=5) were the top scorers in the event.

MATTHEWS SKATING FOR U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM

U18 Team F **Auston Matthews** made the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team roster for the IIHF World Junior Championship in Montreal and Toronto. Through two games, Matthews has one goal - the game-winner on Sunday (Dec. 28) vs. Germany - and four shots on net. Matthews will rejoin the NTDP following the completion of the World Junior Championship.

FLOODSTRAND, MASONIUS PICKED FOR USHL TOP PROSPECTS GAME

U18 Team F **Michael Floodstrand** and D **Joe Masonius** were both tabbed to participate in the upcoming USHL/NHL Top Prospects Game Jan. 13 at Mystique Community Ice Center in Dubuque, Iowa. Floodstrand, who was picked to play in the August USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game but couldn't participate due to illness, has three goals and eight points in 23 outings. Masonius boasts a team-leading 15 points (5-10) among U18 Team defensemen and has played in all 31 games this winter.

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.

CAMPOLI, HOWDESHHELL MAKE VERBAL COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Two U.S. National Under-17 Team members recently made verbal commitments to play NCAA Division I hockey. D **Michael Campoli** picked Boston College as his post-NTDP destination, while Michigan native F **Keegan Howdeshell** will stay in-state and play for Ferris State University.

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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