

U.S. NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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DATE	GAME	LOCATION	TIME*	BROADCAST INFO
Fri., Jan. 9	U18 at Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.	Fox Sports Detroit Plus
	U17 at Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	8:05 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
Sat., Jan. 10	U18 at Chicago	Bensenville, Ill.	8:00 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
	U17 at Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	8:05 p.m.	FASTHockey.com

* All times are ET

★ THIS WEEK'S GAMES

U18s at MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

GAME INFO: The U.S. National Under-18 Team continues its road swing with a one-game stop in East Lansing to play Michigan State University Friday night at 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast live on Fox Sports Detroit Plus.

ALL-TIME RECORD: Team USA leads, 6-4-0.

LAST MEETING: The U.S. National Under-18 Team collected its second-straight win over MSU with a 4-3 overtime victory last season (March 1, 2014).

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: F **Auston Matthews** played with the U18s last season in East Lansing and collected one goal and two shots on net ... Matthews, who is making his first appearance since returning from the IIHF World Junior Championship, leads Team USA with 24 goals and 49 points in 27 games ... F **Matthew Tkachuk** ranks second on the team in goals (20) and third in points (42) ... F **Jeremy Bracco** boasts a team-best 35 assists and is second overall with 47 points.

QUICK FACTS: The National Team Development Program has produced 21 players who have gone on to play at Michigan State all-time, including current MSU players G **Ed Minney** (2012-14/Wind Gap, Pa.) and F **Dylan Pavelek** (2012-14/Marysville, Mich.) ... NTDP U17 Team head coach **Danton Cole** played for the Spartans from 1985-89, helping the club to the NCAA national title in 1986. Cole also was a two-year assistant captain, received the Big Ten Medal of Honor in 1989 and in 2012-13 was awarded the Distinguished Spartan Award.



U17s at CEDAR RAPIDS ROUGHRIDERS

GAME INFO: The U17 Team looks to continue its recent USHL success with a two-game weekend series at Cedar Rapids. Puck-drop both nights is at 8:05 p.m. and can be viewed live on FASTHockey.com

ALL-TIME RECORD: Cedar Rapids leads, 16-9-3.

2014-15 SERIES: The NTDP and Cedar Rapids have played three times in 2014-15, with the U18s going 1-0-0 and the U17s sporting an 0-2-0 record.

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: F **Clayton Keller** paces all U.S. skaters with 16 points (5-11) against USHL foes in 2014-15 ... F **Joey Anderson** has a team-high eight goals in 14 games against USHL teams ... D **Adam Fox** leads Team USA defenders with nine points (2-7) against the USHL, while fellow blue-liner **Chad Kryz** boasts 1-6=7 in USHL play ... G **Joseph Woll** won both games vs. Green Bay last weekend, stopping 49 of 52 shots against the Gamblers.

QUICK FACTS: The NTDP and the RoughRiders conclude their 2014-15 series this weekend.



U18s at CHICAGO STEEL

GAME INFO: The U.S. National Under-18 Team returns to USHL play with a one-game stop in Illinois to play Chicago. The game is scheduled to begin Saturday at 8 p.m. and is available to stream live on FASTHockey.com.

ALL-TIME RECORD: Team USA leads, 17-13-4.

2014-15 SERIES: First meeting.

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: F **Auston Matthews** boasts a team-best 14 points (6-8) this season against USHL opponents ... F **Christian Fischer** is second on the U18s with six goals and 12 points in USHL regular-season games this year ... D **Christian Evers**, D **Casey Fitzgerald**, D **Caleb Jones** and D **Joe Masonius** are tied for the team-lead among defensemen with three points each.

QUICK FACTS: The National Team Development Program and Chicago will do battle a total of six times this season, as the U18s are scheduled to play the Steel twice more in 2014-15 (3/14 at CHI; 3/27 at USA) and the U17s have three games on tap against Chicago (1/16-17 at USA; 4/4 at CHI).



★ NTDP NEWS AND NOTES

MATTHEWS SKATES 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. In five games played, Matthews collected three points (1-2), including a game-winner, and tied for third on the team with 16 shots on goal.

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.

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 week-end 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, HOWDESHILL 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 **Keeghan Howdeshill** will stay in-state and play for Ferris State University.

FOX NAMED USHL CO-DEFENSEMAN OF THE WEEK

Under-17 Team D **Adam Fox** was selected as the USHL's co-Defensive Player of the Week on Jan. 5 after notching four points (1-3) in a two-game sweep of Green Bay. In the Friday game, Fox assisted on two U.S. goals, including the game-winner, and followed it up Saturday with the game-tying goal and the primary helper on the game-winner.

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