



Team USA Game Notes

2015 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship Semifinal
USA vs. Czech Republic • January 11, 2015 • 7 p.m. ET
Buffalo, New York • HARBORCENTER



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GAME DAY: The 2015 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team faces Czech Republic in the semifinal round of the 2015 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship Sunday, Jan. 11, with a 7 p.m. face-off at HARBORCENTER (Rink 1) in Buffalo, New York. The match-up will be streamed live on FASTHockey.com.

In preliminary-round action, four different players scored three points each, including **Melissa Samoskevich** with three goals, to lead the U.S. to a 7-1 victory over Russia on Thursday (Jan. 8), securing the top seed in Group A and a bye to today's semifinal. **Alyssa Gorecki, Presley Norby, Alex Woken** and **Sophia Shaver** also scored. **Katlin Burt** earned the win in net.

Three players scored and **Brittany Bugalski** made eight saves to help Team USA shut out Czech Republic, 3-0, Tuesday (Jan. 6). **Woken, Samantha Davis** and **Samoskevich** were the U.S. goal scorers.

Team USA defeated Canada, 2-1, in a shootout in the opening game of the tournament on Monday (Jan. 5). **Grace Bizal** scored in regulation, and **Burt** made 16 saves. U.S. captain **Jincy Dunne** and **Abby Roque** added shootout goals to seal the victory.

LEADING THE WAY: **Rebecca Gilmore** is leading the tournament with four assists and **Melissa Samoskevich** is tied for the overall lead with four goals.

TEAM USA MILESTONES: During the tournament, **Melissa Samoskevich, Samantha Davis, Presley Norby** and **Sophia Shaver** have scored their first goals as members of Team USA.

IIHF U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: The 2015 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship is currently in its eighth year after the inaugural tournament was held in Calgary in 2008. Subsequently, the event was held in Fussen, Germany, in 2009, Chicago in 2010, Stockholm, Sweden, in 2011, Zlin, Czech Republic in 2012, Heinola, Finland in 2013 and Budapest, Hungary in 2014.

USA vs. CZECH REPUBLIC: The U.S. and Czech Republic are meeting for the 11th time at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. Team USA holds a perfect 10-0-0-0 record against the Czechs with the last meeting taking place on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, where Team USA defeated Czech Republic, 3-0, in the preliminary round of the 2015 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship. Czech Republic claimed bronze at last year's tournament.

YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS - TEAM USA AT U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Head Coach	Record *	Finish
2015	Joel Johnson	2-1-0-0-0	----
2014	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-0-1-0	Silver Medal
2013	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-1-0-0	Silver Medal
2012	Heather Linstad	4-0-0-1-0	Silver Medal
2011	Jodi McKenna	5-0-0-0-0	Gold Medal
2010	Katie King	4-0-1-0-0	Silver Medal
2009	Mark Johnson	4-1-0-0-0	Gold Medal
2008	Katey Stone	5-0-0-0-0	Gold Medal

*(W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

CAREER RESULTS - TEAM USA AT U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

USA vs.	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	T	GF	GA	SO	SOA
Canada	8	2	2	2	2	0	21	22	0	0
Czech Rep.	10	10	0	0	0	0	105	3	6	0
Finland	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0
Germany	2	2	0	0	0	0	18	1	1	0
Hungary	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0
Japan	2	2	0	0	0	0	18	2	0	0
Russia	6	6	0	0	0	0	56	2	4	0
Sweden	7	7	0	0	0	0	52	4	5	0
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	0	0	11	0	1	0
Totals	38	32	2	2	2	0	293	31	20	0

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Date	Preliminary Round	Time (ET)	Result	HARBORCENTER	Live Stream
Jan. 5	Canada	7 p.m.	OTW, 2-1	Rink 1	FASTHockey.com
Jan. 6	Czech Republic	7 p.m.	W, 3-0	Rink 1	FASTHockey.com
Jan. 8	Russia	7 p.m.	W, 7-1	Rink 1	FASTHockey.com
Date	Semifinal Round	Time (ET)	Result	HARBORCENTER	Live Stream
Jan. 11	Czech Republic	7 p.m.	--	Rink 1	FASTHockey.com
Date	Medal Round	Time (ET)	Result	HARBORCENTER	Live Stream
Jan. 12	TBD - Bronze/Gold	3 p.m. / 7 p.m.	--	Rink 1	FASTHockey.com

LEADING THE WAY: Joel Johnson, associate head coach of the University of Minnesota women's ice hockey team, was named head coach of the U.S. Women's Under-18 Team for the 2014-15 seasons on May 20, 2014 ... Joining him as assistant coaches are **Katie Lachapelle**, assistant women's ice hockey coach at Boston University, and **Brent Hill**, assistant women's ice hockey coach at Merrimack College

ROSTER MOVE: Alexis Mauermann was injured in an exhibition game and has been replaced on the roster for this event by **Natalie Snodgrass**.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE: Team USA's roster features nine players who helped the 2014 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team earn a silver medal at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Budapest, Hungary. They are **Grace Bizal**, **Kaitlin Burt**, **Jincy Dunne**, **Rebecca Gilmore**, **Caitrin Lonergan**, **Patricia Marshall**, **Abby Roque**, **Melissa Samoskevich** and **Sophie Skarzynski**.

UNDER-18 SERIES PERFORMERS: Eighteen players on the roster also participated in the 2014 Under-18 Series vs. Canada in August.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Thirteen players are making their debut in this particular tournament, including three players, **Mikaela Gardner**, **Kenzie Prater** and **Paige Voight**, who are representing Team USA for the first time in their career.

DUNNE'S CAPTAINCY: Jincy Dunne is serving as team captain and the alternate captains are **Grace Bizal** and **Samantha Davis**. It is the second consecutive time at the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship and third time overall that Dunne has served as captain for Team USA.

MAKING A STATEMENT: Members of Team USA represent 10 different states. Minnesota leads the pack with eight representatives, followed by Massachusetts with four and Illinois with three. California, Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, North Dakota and Wisconsin all have one.

TEAM FIRST: Members of Team USA are already teammates on club teams with Assabet Valley (**Brittany Bugalski**, **Rebecca Gilmore**, **Caitrin Lonergan**) and Chicago Mission (**Sophie Skarzynski**, **Alyssa Gorecki**, **Mikaela Gardner**). A pair of Prep School teams also have multiple players. Three players skate for Shattuck St. Mary's (**Patricia Marshall**, **Melissa Samoskevich**, **Alex Woken**) and two (**Kenzie Prater**, **Mckenzie Steffen**) play for Hill Murray.

AGE APPROPRIATE: The average age of Team USA is 16.7 years old. **Alyssa Gorecki**, 17, is the oldest member of the team, while 15-year old **Cayla Barnes** is the youngest.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Minnesota	8	Florida	1
Massachusetts	4	Michigan	1
Illinois	3	Missouri	1
California	1	North Dakota	1
Connecticut	1	Wisconsin	1

BIRTH YEAR

1997: 15	1998: 6	1999: 1
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Average Age: 16 years, 7 months

Average Height: 5'6"

Average Weight: 145 lbs.

Oldest Player: Alyssa Gorecki (1/17/97)

Youngest Player: Cayla Barnes (1/7/99)

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position
2	Mikaela Gardner	Defense
3	Jincy Dunne	Defense
5	Presley Norby	Forward
6	Melissa Samoskevich	Forward
7	Cayla Barnes	Defense
8	Grace Bowlby	Defense
9	Sophie Skarzynski	Forward
10	Natalie Snodgrass	Forward
11	Caitrin Lonergan	Forward
15	Sophia Shaver	Forward
16	Samantha Davis	Forward
17	Paige Voight	Forward
18	Abby Roque	Forward
19	Patricia Marshall	Defense
20	Alex Woken	Forward
21	Kenzie Prater	Defense
22	Mckenzie Steffen	Defense
23	Alyssa Gorecki	Forward
24	Rebecca Gilmore	Forward
25	Grace Bizal	Defense
29	Kaitlin Burt	Goaltender
30	Brittany Bugalski	Goaltender

TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Reagan Carey
Manager of Women's Hockey	Marissa Halligan
Head Scout	Matt Kelly
Manager, Girls' Hockey Player Development	Kristen Wright
Head Coach	Joel Johnson
Assistant Coach	Brent Hill
Assistant Coach	Katie Lachapelle
Goaltending Coach	Lucy Schoedel
Team Doctor	Ally Howe
Athletic Trainer	Amanda Meyer
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Mike Vaughan
Equipment Manager	Ben Kogut
Director of Communications	Rob Koch
Video Coordinator	Nick Laurila

2015 U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - TEAM USA STATISTICS

Game-By-Game Individual Player Stats

NO. PLAYER	Jan. 5 USA-CAN	Jan. 6 USA-CZE	Jan. 8. USA-RUS	Jan. 11 USA-CZE	Jan. 12 USA-TBD
2 Mikaela Gardner	0-0	0-0	0-0		
3 Jincy Dunne	1-0	0-0	0-3		
5 Presley Norby	0-0	0-0	1-0		
6 Melissa Samoskevich	0-0	1-0	3-0		
7 Cayla Barnes	0-0	0-0	0-0		
8 Grace Bowlby	0-0	0-0	0-0		
9 Sophie Skarzynski	0-0	0-0	0-0		
10 Natalie Snodgrass	0-0	0-0	0-0		
11 Caitrin Lonergan	0-1	0-1	0-1		
15 Sophia Shaver	0-0	0-0	1-0		
16 Samantha Davis	0-0	1-0	0-1		
17 Paige Voight	0-0	0-0	0-0		
18 Abby Roque	0-0	0-0	0-2		
19 Patricia Marshall	0-0	0-0	0-1		
20 Alex Woken	0-0	1-0	1-1		
21 Kenzie Prater	0-0	0-0	0-0		
22 Mckenzie Steffen	0-0	0-0	0-0		
23 Alyssa Gorecki	0-0	0-1	1-2		
24 Rebecca Gilmore	0-0	0-1	0-3		
25 Grace Bizal	1-0	0-0	0-0		
29 Kaitlin Burt	0-0	DNP	0-0		
30 Brittany Bugalski	DNP	0-0	DNP		

Notes - DNP - did not play; first number represents goals, second number assists.

Overall Team Statistics

NO. PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2 Mikaela Gardner	D	3	0	0	0	4
3 Jincy Dunne	D	3	1	3	4	0
5 Presley Norby	F	3	1	0	1	0
6 Melissa Samoskevich	F	3	4	0	4	4
7 Cayla Barnes	D	3	0	0	0	0
8 Grace Bowlby	D	3	0	0	0	0
9 Sophie Skarzynski	F	3	0	0	0	2
10 Natalie Snodgrass	F	3	0	0	0	0
11 Caitrin Lonergan	F	3	0	3	3	0
15 Sophia Shaver	F	3	1	1	2	0
16 Samantha Davis	F	3	1	1	2	0
17 Paige Voight	F	3	0	0	0	0
18 Abby Roque	F	3	0	2	2	2
19 Patricia Marshall	D	3	0	1	1	0
20 Alex Woken	F	3	2	1	3	2
21 Kenzie Prater	D	3	0	0	0	0
22 Mckenzie Steffen	D	3	0	0	0	0
23 Alyssa Gorecki	F	3	1	3	4	4
24 Rebecca Gilmore	F	3	0	4	4	2
25 Grace Bizal	D	3	1	0	1	4
29 Kaitlin Burt	G	2	0	0	0	0
30 Brittany Bugalski	G	1	0	0	0	0

Game-By-Game Goaltender Record

NO. PLAYER	Jan. 5 USA-CAN	Jan. 6 USA-CZE	Jan. 8. USA-RUS	Jan. 11 USA-CZE	Jan. 12 USA-TBD
29 Kaitlin Burt	1-0	DNP	1-0		
30 Brittany Bugalski	DNP	1-0	DNP		

Overall Team Goaltender Record

NO. NAME	GP	MIN	W-L	GA	SV	GAA	SV%
29 Kaitlin Burt	2	125	2-0	2	23	0.92	0.960
30 Brittany Bugalski	1	60	1-0	0	8	1.00	1.00

TEAM BUILDING: USA Hockey announced the 22-player roster for the U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team on Dec. 3. The team began practicing at HARBORCENTER in Buffalo on Dec. 30 in preparation for the tournament.

RECAPING LAST YEAR: At the 2014 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship in Budapest, Hungary, Team USA earned a silver medal for the third consecutive year. In preliminary round play, the U.S. defeated Russia, Hungary and Sweden by a combined 20-1 margin, including two shutouts. In the semifinal round, Team USA defeated the Czech Republic, 3-1, and went on to face Canada in the gold medal game, falling, 5-1.

COLLEGE COMMITTED: Fifteen members of Team USA have committed or intend on playing college hockey beginning over the course of the next few seasons. Both the University of Wisconsin (**Presley Norby, Mckenzie Steffen, Sophia Shaver**) and University of Minnesota (**Patricia Marshall, Sophie Skarzynski, Alex Woken**) lead the way with three. Ohio State (**Jincy Dunne, Mikaela Gardner**) has two players. Additionally, Boston College (**Grace Bizal**), Boston University (**Samantha Davis**), Harvard University (**Caitrin Lonergan**), Merrimack College (**Paige Voight**), Northeastern University (**Brittany Bugalski**), Quinnipiac University (**Melissa Samoskevich**) and University of Vermont (**Alyssa Gorecki**) will have one apiece. **Kaitlin Burt** is already enrolled at Boston College.

BY COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:

University of Minnesota (WCHA)	3
University of Wisconsin (WCHA)	3
Boston College (HEA)	2
Ohio State University (WCHA)	2
Boston University (HEA)	1
Harvard University (ECACH)	1
Merrimack College (HEA)	1
Northeastern University (HEA)	1
Quinnipiac University (ECAC)	1
University of Vermont (HEA)	1