

# U.S. NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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| DATE          | GAME            | LOCATION         | TIME*     | BROADCAST INFO |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Fri., Jan. 16 | U17 vs. Chicago | Ann Arbor, Mich. | 7:00 p.m. | FASTHockey.com |
| Sat., Jan. 17 | U17 vs. Chicago | Ann Arbor, Mich. | 7:00 p.m. | FASTHockey.com |
|               | U18 vs. Dubuque | Ann Arbor, Mich. | 7:00 p.m. | FASTHockey.com |
| Sun., Jan. 18 | U18 vs. Dubuque | Ann Arbor, Mich. | 7:00 p.m. | FASTHockey.com |

\* All times are ET

## ★ THIS WEEK'S GAMES

### U17s vs CHICAGO STEEL

**GAME INFO:** The U.S. National Under-17 Team takes the ice against USHL rival Chicago for a two-game weekend series in Ann Arbor. Both games will be available live on FASTHockey.com.

**ALL-TIME RECORD:** Team USA leads, 18-13-4.

**2014-15 SERIES:** The U.S. National Under-18 Team cruised past the Steel, 6-2, last weekend (Jan. 10) in Chicago.

**TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH:** F **Clayton Keller** boasts a team-best 17 points (5-12) this season against USHL opponents ... F **Joey Anderson** has scored nine goals in USHL regular-season games this year ... D **Adam Fox** is tied for second on the U17s with 11 points (2-9) in 16 USHL outings ... G **Jake Oettinger** and G **Joseph Woll** have combined to make 498 saves (31.13 shots/game) in USHL competition this winter.

**QUICK FACTS:** The National Team Development Program and Chicago will do battle a total of six times this season. The U17s also play the Steel on April 4 in Chicago, while the U18s are scheduled to play the Steel twice more in 2014-15 (3/14 at CHI; 3/27 at USA).



### U18s vs DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS

**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:** Dubuque leads, 14-5-2.

**2014-15 SERIES:** The U.S. National Under-17 Team earned its first USHL victory with a 4-2 win at Dubuque on Nov. 29.

**TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH:** F **Auston Matthews** has 17 points (8-9) in nine USHL regular-season outings this year ... F **Christian Fischer** is second on the U18s with six goals and 13 points in USHL regular-season games this year ... F **Jack Roslovic** has notched a team-high 11 assists in USHL play ... F **Jeremy Bracco** leads Team USA with a plus-nine rating ... D **Joe Masonius** leads U18 Team defensemen in assists (5) and points (5) in USHL play, while D **Nick Boka** enters the weekend leading defenders with two goals ... G **Luke Opilka** and G **Michael Lackey** have combined for a 7-3-0 record in USHL play.

**QUICK FACTS:** This weekend's two-game series with Dubuque will be the only regular-season meetings between the U18s and the Fighting Saints this year ... The Under-17 Team plays Dubuque once more in 2014-15 when it travels to play the Fighting Saints March 20.



## ★ NTDP NEWS AND NOTES

### FLOODSTRAND, MASONIUS PLAY IN USHL TOP PROSPECTS GAME

U18 Team F **Michael Floodstrand** and D **Joe Masonius** participated in the USHL/NHL Top Prospects Game Jan. 13 at Mystique Community Ice Center in Dubuque, Iowa. Masonius, who is committed to play college hockey at the University of New Hampshire, scored one goal, had three shots on net and collected a plus-two rating. Floodstrand, a Harvard University recruit, collected one shot.

### NTDP TO HOST STAR WARS NIGHT SATURDAY

The U.S. National Under-18 Team will wear special Star Wars jerseys Saturday night as part of the annual NTDP Star Wars Night. Darth Vader, Boba Fett, Chewbacca and other are scheduled to attend. The jerseys will be auctioned off following the game on the NHL's auction site with all proceeds being donated to CS Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. The jerseys raised over \$4,000 for the hospital last year.

### 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.

### EIGHT NTDP ALUMNI HEADED TO NHL ALL-STAR GAME

The National Team Development Program will be well-represented at the NHL All-Star Game Jan. 25 in Columbus, Ohio, as eight NTDP alumni were selected to play in the contest. The list includes goaltender **Jimmy Howard** (2001-02/Detroit Red Wings); defensemen **Justin Faulk** (2008-10/Carolina Hurricanes), **Erik Johnson** (2004-06/Colorado Avalanche), **Kevin Shattenkirk** (2005-07/St. Louis Blues) and **Ryan Suter** (2001-03/Minnesota Wild); and forwards **Nick Foligno** (2003-04/Columbus Blue Jackets), **Patrick Kane** (2004-06/Chicago Blackhawks) and **Phil Kessel** (2003-05/Toronto Maple Leafs).

### 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.

### NTDP OFFICIAL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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