

# U.S. NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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DATE	GAME	LOCATION	TIME*	BROADCAST INFO
Sat., Jan. 24	U18 at Alabama-Huntsville	Huntsville, Ala.	2:07 p.m.	WCHA.tv
	U17 vs. Bloomington	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:00 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
Sun., Jan. 25	U18 at Alabama-Huntsville	Huntsville, Ala.	2:07 p.m.	WCHA.tv
	U18 vs. Bloomington	Ann Arbor, Mich.	3:30 p.m.	FASTHockey.com

\* All times are ET

## ★ THIS WEEK'S GAMES

### U18s at UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE

**GAME INFO:** The U.S. National Under-18 Team heads to Huntsville, Ala., to close out the NCAA portion of its 2014-15 season with a pair of games against the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Puck-drop both Saturday (Jan. 24) and Sunday (Jan. 25) is set for 2:07 p.m. and can be seen live on WCHA.tv.

**ALL-TIME RECORD:** Team USA leads, 5-0-1.

**LAST MEETING:** The NTDP U18s last played UAH Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2012, winning the first game of the series, 6-2, before skating to a 1-1 draw in the rematch.

**TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH:** F **Matthew Tkachuk** has a team-leading 24 points (10-14) in 16 games against college teams this year ... F **Auston Matthews** boasts a team-high 14 goals in 11 outings ... F **Jeremy Bracco** is second on the team with 12 assists vs. NCAA programs ... D **Joe Masonius** leads all U.S. defenders with 10 points (5-5) in college play ... G **Luke Opilka** has four wins in college games ... G **Michael Lackey** owns a .909 save percentage and 2.39 goals-against average against NCAA foes.

**QUICK FACTS:** The National Team Development Program and the Chargers have played on six occasions all-time ... U.S. National Under-17 Team head coach **Danton Cole** served in that same role at UAH from 2007-10, leading the Chargers to the 2010 College Hockey America championship and an appearance in that year's NCAA tournament.



### U17s vs BLOOMINGTON

**GAME INFO:** The U.S. National Under-17 Team looks to continue its recent string of USHL success at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube this weekend with a two-game series against the Bloomington Thunder. Game time Saturday (Jan. 24) is 7 p.m., while the opening draw Sunday (Jan. 25) is set for 3:30 p.m. Both games will be carried live on FASTHockey.com

**ALL-TIME RECORD:** Series tied, 1-1-0.

**2014-15 SERIES:** Both NTDP teams have met Bloomington once thus far in 2014-15, with the U18 Team skating to a 4-3 shootout win on Nov. 14 in Ann Arbor before the Under-17s fell to the Thunder, 3-2, on the road.

**TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH:** F **Clayton Keller** has found the score sheet in six of his last seven USHL outings, notching 11 points (4-7) during that stretch ... F **Joey Anderson** leads Team USA with 10 goals in USHL play ... D **Adam Fox** and D **Chad Kryz** are tied for the team lead among defensemen with two goals and 11 points each ... G **Joseph Woll** has a .930 save percentage and three wins in his last four USHL games ... G **Jake Oettinger** leads all NTDP goaltenders in USHL minutes played (555:36) and saves (298).

**QUICK FACTS:** This weekend's two-game series with Bloomington marks the second and third meetings between the U17s and the Thunder in 2014-15. The two teams will do battle one final time March 21 in Bloomington, Ill ... The U.S. National Under-18 Team will travel to Bloomington for its last game against the Thunder March 13.



## ★ 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.

### 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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