



Team USA Game Notes

2015 IIHF Men's World Championship • Ostrava/Prague, Czech Republic

Norway (0-0-0-1) vs. USA (1-0-0-0) • Game 2

Saturday, May 2, 2015 • CEZ Arena • Ostrava, Czech Republic • Preliminary Round

Team USA Schedule (times are local/EDT)

Friday, May 1 - Group B (Ostrava)

USA vs. Finland W, 5-1

Saturday, May 2 - Group B (Ostrava)

Norway vs. USA 8:15 p.m./2:15 p.m.

Monday, May 4 - Group B (Ostrava)

Russia vs. USA 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 7 - Group B (Ostrava)

USA vs. Belarus 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

Friday, May 8 - Group B (Ostrava)

USA vs. Denmark 8:15 p.m./2:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 10 - Group B (Ostrava)

Slovenia vs. USA 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, May 12 - Group B (Ostrava)

USA vs. Slovakia 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 14 - Quarterfinals

vs. TBD TBD

Saturday, May 16 - Semifinals

vs. TBD TBD

Sunday, May 17 - Bronze-Medal Game

vs. TBD 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

Sunday, May 18 - Gold-Medal Game

vs. TBD 8:45 p.m./2:45 p.m.

All preliminary round games will be televised on NBC Sports Network. NBC Sports Live Extra will stream all preliminary round games to U.S. viewers.

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• TONIGHT'S GAME

The U.S. Men's National Team faces Norway tonight in its second game of the preliminary round. The U.S. is coming off a 5-1 victory over Finland yesterday afternoon in its opening contest. Tonight's game will be stream live in the U.S. via *NBC Sports Live Extra* and be broadcast on NBCSN on a same-day delayed basis, with start time set for 11 p.m. ET.

• LINEUP THIS EVENING

Team USA will use the same lineup as it did in yesterday's 5-1 win over Finland. **Connor Hellebuyck** will again get the call in goal. He stopped 29 of Finland's 30 shots on goal yesterday in his IIHF Men's World Championship debut. Defenseman Zach Redmond and netminder Alex Lyon will not dress tonight.

• ALL-TIME vs. NORWAY

The U.S. has won 16 of the 17 games it has played against Norway all-time. The last meeting came in 2011 in the preliminary round with the U.S. rallying for a 4-2 victory (see box-score below). The lone loss by Team USA to Norway came in 1951 by a 3-0 count (see boxscore below) in round robin play. That game is the only shutout in series history. A game-by-game look at the series can be found later in these notes.

May 2, 2011—at Steel Arena • Kosice, Slovakia (4,149)

United States (h)	0	0	4	—	4
Norway (v)	2	0	0	—	2

1st: NOR-Olimb (Holtet), 8:09

NOR-Bastiansen (unassisted), 4x5 SHG, 9:22

2nd: No Scoring

3rd: USA-Palmieri (Kreider, Shannon), 1:16

USA-Skille (Stapleton, McDonagh), 4:59

USA-Palmieri (Shannon, Shattenkirk), 5x4 PPG, 13:44

USA-Smith (Stepan, Johnson), 5x4 PPG, 18:34

Penalties: USA 5-10, NOR 7-14

Power Plays: USA 2-7, NOR 0-5

Saves: USA-Montoya (5-5-3--13); 60:00;

NOR-Haugen (11-20-14--45); 60:00

Shots: USA 11-20-18--49; NOR 7-5-3--15

Notes: The U.S. rallied from a 2-0 deficit after two periods. Kyle Palmieri was named the U.S. Player of the Game with two goals. The win assured Team USA a spot in the qualification round of the tournament.

• LAST NIGHT

Matt Hendricks scored twice, including the game winner, and added an assist to help the U.S. past Finland yesterday afternoon by a count of 5-1. Four other players had multi-point games, including **Steve Moses** (1-1--2), **Dan Sexton** (1-1--2), **Brock Nelson** (0-2--2) and **Tory Krug** (0-2--2). Connor Hellebuyck made 29 saves in his men's world championship debut.

NEW TIDBITS

The U.S. defeated Norway by a count of 6-0 last night in the semifinals of the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship at HARBORCENTER in Buffalo, New York. Team USA takes on Canada tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. ET in the gold-medal game. The contest can be seen live on NBCSN in the United States ... Team USA's host is Ostrava native **Andre Niec**. He played hockey in the Austrian second league this season for Kapfenberg. Niec speaks four languages fluently, including Russian, English, Czech and German ... **Stan Wong** is serving as an athletic trainer for a U.S. team for the 34th time. This year marks his ninth straight men's world championship. He has also served as a trainer for three Olympic teams, 13 national junior squads, eight Deutschland Cup teams and for Team USA at one Youth Olympic Games. Wong will be inducted into the Professional Hockey Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame on June 18 in San Antonio, Texas ... The last time the IIHF Men's World Championship was played in the Czech Republic (2004), the U.S. earned a bronze medal under head coach Peter Laviolette. Team USA's last medal came when it earned bronze in 2013 in Helsinki and Stockholm with Joe Sacco as head coach.

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• BIT AND PIECES

Team USA looks to win its first two games in the IIHF Men's World Championship for the 10th time in the last 11 years (2010 was exception). Last year the U.S. beat Belarus (6-1) and Switzerland (3-2) in its first two games ... The U.S. had a team meeting in its lockerroom at CEZ Arena at 10:30 a.m. today and after, about half the players opted to utilize the ice for the 30-minute slot allocated on the practice rink at 11 a.m. ... Team USA has a 12:30 p.m. scheduled practice tomorrow at the practice arena ... Two U.S. players have birthdays in the month of May. Netminder **Connor Hellebuyck** will turn 22 on May 19 and a week later (May 26) **Jimmy Vesey** will also hit 22 ... In 2004 here in Ostrava at the world championship, the U.S. played six games. It went 1-1-1 in Group B play before advancing to the qualifying round where it won two of three games to advance to Prague and the quarterfinals. Team USA ultimately earned a bronze medal in the event.

• LEADERSHIP TEAM

Matt Hendricks is the captain of the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team. Hendricks is playing on his first U.S. national team. He is the oldest member of Team USA at 33. Hendricks has served as an alternate captain throughout his professional career, including at Edmonton the last two seasons. He was team captain of his college team, St. Cloud State University, in 2003-04. **Justin Faulk** and **Trevor Lewis** are the team's alternate captains. Faulk was a member of the 2014 U.S. Olympic men's ice hockey team, while Lewis played on the 2007 U.S. Men's National Junior Team that earned a bronze medal at the IIHF World Junior Championship in Leksand and Mora, Sweden.

• JACK EICHEL

U.S. forward **Jack Eichel** won the Hobey Baker Award, significant of the top player in NCAA Division I men's ice hockey. He led the nation in points 26-45--71 playing for Boston University. Eichel, who is eligible for the NHL Entry Draft this June, is expected to be one of the top two picks in the draft. He played for the U.S. National Junior Team this past December/January in the IIHF World Junior Championship.

• TIDBITS FROM PAST GAME NOTES

Dale Tallon, GM of the Florida Panthers and **Don Waddell**, president of Gale Force Sports & Entertainment, the parent company of the Carolina Hurricanes, are here with Team USA. Both are members of the U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group ... The U.S. is 7-4-0 in games on May 1 all-time at the world championship after its win over Finland yesterday (May 1) ... Team USA arrived in Ostrava early Wednesday evening (April 29) from Vienna where it played an exhibition game against Austria on Tuesday (April 28). The U.S. received goals from Mike Reilly, Steve Moses, Auston Matthews and Jeremy Morin in the win ... U.S. forward **Mark Arcobello** has played for four different NHL teams in 2014-15. He joins Dennis O'Brien (1977-78) and Dave McLlwain (1991-92) as the only players in NHL history to play on four different teams in one campaign ... The U.S. has won gold at the last three IIHF world championships played this season (U18 Women, Women, U18 Men).

2015 U.S. Men's National Team Game-by-Game Scoring

No	Name	AUT (ex.) (W, 4-1) 4/28	FIN (W, 5-1) 5/1	NOR 5/2	RUS 5/4	BLR 5/7	DEN 5/8	SLO 5/10	SVK 5/12
3	Seth Jones	DND	--						
5	Connor Murphy	--	--						
6	Mike Reilly	G#	--						
9	Jack Eichel	--	--						
12	Ben Smith	--	--						
13	Nick Bonino	--	G						
14	Steve Moses	G	GA#						
17	John Moore	--	--						
19	Jimmy Vesey	--	--						
21	Dylan Larkin	--	A						
22	Trevor Lewis	A*	--						
23	Matt Hendricks	--	WEA						
24	Zach Redmond	A	DND						
26	Jeremy Morin	G	--						
27	Justin Faulk	--	--						
29	Brock Nelson	DND	AA						
36	Mark Arcobello	--	--						
42	Dan Sexton	A	GA*						
47	Torey Krug	A	AA						
51	Jake Gardiner	--	--						
90	Anders Lee	DND	--						
1	Jack Campbell	DND	DNP						
34	Alex Lyon	ND (20:00) 10/10	DND						
37	Connor Hellebuyck	W (40:00) 18/19	W (60:00) 29/30						

= U.S. Player of the Game

Key: G-goal; S-shorthanded goal; E-empty net goal; U-unassisted goal; P-power play goal; W-game-winning goal; A-assist; asterik-assist on game-winning goal; DND-did not dress; DNP-did not play

• BACK FROM LAST YEAR

Team USA returns five players from the 2014 U.S. Men's National Team, including defensemen **Jake Gardiner**, **Seth Jones** and **Connor Murphy**; forward **Brock Nelson**; and goaltender **Connor Hellebuyck**. Jones was the team's leading point getter a year ago (2-9--11) and earned the directorate award as the top defenseman in the world championship.

• MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE

Seven players have experience playing in the IIHF Men's World Championship. The group includes five players that competed a year ago (Jake Gardiner, Connor Hellebuyck, Seth Jones, Connor Murphy, Brock Nelson), as well as Justin Faulk and Jack Campbell.

• PLAYING FOR TEAM USA --

A total of 13 players on the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team have competed for Team USA at IIHF world championships in their career (U18, World Juniors, Senior). Below is a list with total games played heading into the 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship.

Faulk -- 33 games played
Jones - 27 games played
Morin - 25 games played
Campbell -- 25 games played
Eichel -- 24 games played
Murphy -- 18 games played
Gardiner -- 15 games played
Nelson -- 13 games played
Larkin -- 11 games played
Lewis -- 7 games played
Vesey -- 7 games played
Reilly -- 7 games played
Hellebuyck -- 0 games played
(on 2014 men's national team as back-up goaltender)

• ROOKIES

Eleven players on the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team are playing in an IIHF world championship for the first time, including goaltender Alex Lyon; defensemen Torey Krug, John Moore and Zach Redmond; and forwards Mark Arcobello, Nick Bonino, Matt Hendricks, Anders Lee, Steve Moses, Dan Sexton, and Ben Smith.

• YOUTH MOVEMENT

The 2015 U.S. Men's National Team has an average age of 24.3. Below is a look at the average age of Team USA since 2004.

Average Age Since 2004

2015	24.3
2014	24.8
2013	25.8
2012	25.2
2011	24.4
2010	24.4
2009	24.8
2008	24.6
2007	24.5
2006	24.7
2005	28.1
2004	27.6

• TEAM USA COACHING STAFF

Todd Richards is serving as head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team for the first time. Richards was an assistant coach for the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team and also for the 2010 U.S. Men's National Team. **Dan Bylsma** and **Greg Carvel** are both serving as assistant coach of the U.S. Men's National Team for the first time. Bylsma was the head coach of the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team.

• MANAGEMENT TEAM

The 2015 U.S. Men's National Team is under the direction of the U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group, including NHL general managers **Stan Bowman** (Chicago), **Dean Lombardi** (Los Angeles), **David Poile** (Nashville), and **Dale Tallon** (Florida). Also involved are **Don Waddell**, president of Gale Force Sports & Entertainment and **Ray Shero**. The group is led by **Jim Johannson**, USA Hockey's assistant executive director for hockey operations. **Bill Zito**, assistant general manager of the Columbus Blue Jackets, is also part of the management group for the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team. The U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group was formed in February of 2007 to assist USA Hockey with the selection of players and staff of U.S. Men's National Teams, including the Olympic Team.

Roster Breakdown

Average age: 24.3 years
Average height: 6-0
Average weight: 204
Oldest: Matt Hendricks, 33 yrs., 10 months
Youngest: Jack Eichel, 18 yrs. 6 months

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Minnesota	8
Michigan	5
Massachusetts	3
Connecticut	3
Illinois	1
Ohio	1
New York	1
Texas	1
Utah	1

MOST RECENT TEAM

NHL (15)

Arizona Coyotes	3
New York Islanders	2
Boston Bruins	1
Carolina Hurricanes	1
Colorado Avalanche	1
Columbus Blue Jackets	1
Edmonton Oilers	1
L.A. Kings	1
Nashville Predators	1
San Jose Sharks	1
Toronto Maple Leafs	1
Vancouver Canucks	1

KHL (2)

Jokerit	1
Nizhnekamsk	1

AHL (2)

St. John's	1
Texas	1

NCAA (5)

Boston University	1
Harvard University	1
University of Michigan	1
University of Minnesota	1
Harvard University	1

COLLEGE CONNECTION (18)

Boston University	2
Yale University	2
Boston College	1
Bowling Green State University	1
Ferris State University	1
Harvard University	1
Michigan State University	1
Notre Dame University	1
St. Cloud State University	1
UMass Lowell	1
University of Michigan	1
University of Minnesota	1
University of Minnesota Duluth	1
University of New Hampshire	1
University of North Dakota	1
University of Wisconsin	1



USA vs. Norway Series History

Date	Round	Result	GF-GA
May 2, 2011	Preliminary Round	W	4-2
May 12, 2008	Qualification Round	W	9-1
May 5, 2006	Preliminary Round	W	3-1
April 28, 1997	Preliminary Round	W	3-1
April 25, 1995	Preliminary Round	W	2-1
April 27, 1994	Preliminary Round	W	7-2
April 23, 1993	Preliminary Round	W	3-1
April 29, 1990	Relegation Round	W	4-1
April 23, 1990	Preliminary Round	W	9-4
March 14, 1965	Round Robin	W	8-6
March 8, 1962	Round Robin	W	14-2
March 5, 1959	Preliminary Round	W	10-3
March 3, 1958	Round Robin	W	6-1
March 9, 1951	Round Robin	L	0-3
March 22, 1950	Round Robin	W	12-6
February 13, 1949	Preliminary Round	W	12-1
February 13, 1938	Preliminary Round	W	7-1
TOTALS		16-0-1	113-37

2014 Men's World Championship**A Look Back**

The 2014 U.S. Men's National Team (4-1-0-3, W-OTW-OTL-L) finished sixth of 16 teams at the IIHF Men's World Championship in Minsk, Belarus. Seth Jones was named by the directorate as the tournament's best defenseman. Jones, the youngest player on the team at 19, led all players on the squad with 2-9--11. Johnny Gaudreau was second on Team USA in points with 2-8--10, while Tyler Johnson was third (6-3--9). Tim Thomas was the goaltender of record for all eight U.S. contests and finished with a 3.49 goals against average and .869 save percentage.

• MANY GOLDEN MOMENTS

A total of 10 players on the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team have earned gold medals at IIHF world championships. Seth Jones and Jack Campbell lead the way, each with three gold medals.

Jack Campbell – 2009 & 2010 U18 Worlds/2010 World Juniors

Seth Jones – 2011 & 2012 U18 Worlds/2013 World Juniors

Jeremy Morin – 2009 U18 Worlds/2010 World Juniors

Connor Murphy – 2011 U18 Worlds/2013 World Juniors

Jack Eichel – 2014 U18 Worlds

Jake Gardiner – 2010 World Juniors

Justin Faulk – 2010 U18 Worlds

Dylan Larkin – 2014 U18 Worlds

Mike Reilly – 2013 World Juniors

Jimmy Vesey – 2013 World Juniors

• COVERAGE

NBC Sports Network will televise all Team USA games at the 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship. All seven preliminary round games will air live and/or same-day delay. Additionally, all Team USA preliminary round games will be streamed live online through *NBC Sports Live Extra*. Dennis Beyak and Shane Hnidy will call the action of Team USA's preliminary round games from Ostrava, with Russ Thaler and Anson Carter serving as studio hosts.

Situationally Speaking**Team USA Records In Various Situations**

Overall Record.....	1-0-0-0
Wearing White	0-0-0-0
Wearing Blue	1-0-0-0
Games Decided By One Goal or Less	0-0-0-0
2-Goal Games	0-0-0-0
3-Goal Games	0-0-0-0
4-Goal Games	1-0-0-0
Scoring 5+ Goals.....	1-0-0-0
Scoring 4 Goals.....	0-0-0-0
Scoring 3 Goals.....	0-0-0-0
Scoring 2 Goals.....	0-0-0-0
Scoring 1 Goal.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing 1 or Fewer.....	1-0-0-0
Allowing 2 Goals.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing 3 Goals.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing 4 Goals.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing 5+ Goals.....	0-0-0-0
Scoring a Power-Play Goal	0-0-0-0
Allowing a Power-Play Goal	0-0-0-0
Scoring First	1-0-0-0
Opponent Scoring First.....	0-0-0-0
Leading After 1 Period.....	1-0-0-0
Trailing After 1 Period	0-0-0-0
Tied After 1 Period.....	0-0-0-0
Leading After 2 Periods	1-0-0-0
Trailing After 2 Periods	0-0-0-0
Tied After 2 Periods	0-0-0-0
OT Record	0-0-0-0
Shootout Record.....	0-0-0-0
Having 10-19 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Having 20-29 Shots.....	1-0-0-0
Having 30-39 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Having 40-49 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Having 50+ Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing 10-19 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing 20-29 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing 30-39 Shots.....	1-0-0-0
Allowing 40-49 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing 50+ Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Outshooting Opponent	0-0-0-0
Outshot By Opponent.....	1-0-0-0
Even Shots	0-0-0-0