



U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME NOTES

2016 International Ice Hockey Federation
World Junior Championship

USA (2-0-0-1) vs. Denmark (1-0-0-2)
Group A Play

Preliminary Game #4 • Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015 • 4 p.m. Local/9 a.m. ET • Helsinki Ice Hall • Helsinki, Finland

TODAY'S GAME

The United States faces Denmark at Helsinki Ice Hall (capacity: 8,200) in its final preliminary round game of the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship. It is just the second ever meeting between the two teams in the World Junior Championship. In their only previous meeting, Team USA defeated Denmark by an 11-3 count on Dec. 26, 2011. Today's game will be televised live in the U.S. on NHL Network.

USA vs. Denmark

Tale of the Tape

Category	USA	Denmark
Record	2-0-0-1	1-0-0-2
Goals For/Avg.	14/4.66	3/1.00
Goals Against/Avg.	4/1.33	13/4.33
Power Play	.143 (2-14)	.000 (0-5)
Penalty Killing	.889 (8-9)	.700 (7-10)
Shots For Gm/Avg.	104/34.7	42/14.0
Shots Against Gm/Avg.	78/26.0	129/43.0
Shorthanded Goals	1	0
Top Scorers	Matthews (3-3-6) Tkachuk (2-3-5) Werenski (2-3-5) White (2-3-5)	From (1-1-2) True (1-1-2) Nielsen (1-0-1) Jensen (0-1-1)

GROUP A STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	PTS
Sweden	3	3	0	0	0	14:3	9
USA	3	2	0	0	1	14:4	6
Canada	3	1	1	0	1	11:7	5
Denmark	3	1	0	0	2	3:12	3
Switzerland	4	0	0	1	2	7:23	1

QUARTERFINAL SCENARIO FOR TEAM USA

With its win over Switzerland yesterday (Dec. 30), Team USA secured a spot in the tournament quarterfinals, which will take place Jan. 2. Depending upon the outcome of today's games, the U.S. can finish anywhere from second to fourth in Group A. A regulation win over Denmark will guarantee the U.S. second place in Group A and a quarterfinal game on Jan. 2 against the third-place team in Group B.

IN GOAL TODAY

Brandon Halverson is the likely starter in goal today. Last night, he made his tournament debut when he took the net in relief of **Alex Nedeljkovic** in Team USA's 10-1 victory over Switzerland. In 31:51 minutes of play, Halverson stopped all 20 shots he faced. A second round pick of the New York Rangers, Halverson was a member of the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team where he played one game -- a 17-save shutout victory in a 3-0 preliminary round win over Germany.

LAST GAME: USA 10, SWITZERLAND 1

Eleven players contributed points as the U.S. National Junior Team earned a 10-1 victory last night (Dec. 30) over Switzerland. Five players had three or more points in the game, led by **Auston Matthews** with four (2-2--4) and **Matthew Tkachuk** (2-1--3), **Christian Dvorak** (1-2--3), **Colin White** (1-2--3) and **Zach Werenski** (1-2--3) each with three. Matthews was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

THINGS TO KNOW

Team USA has won three of its four preliminary-round games in each of the last two years and looks to extend that streak to three years in a row here today ... Of the 11 players to contribute a point in yesterday's (Dec. 30) 10-1 victory, eight are products of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program ... The 10-1 victory marked Team USA's largest margin of victory in tournament play since a 12-2 win over Latvia on Jan. 3, 2012. The largest ever margin of victory for Team USA in the World Junior Championship came on Jan. 1, 1991, when it defeated Norway, 19-1 ... All-time, Team USA is 12-1-1-9-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) in 34 contests on New Year's Eve. In those contests, the U.S. has outscored its opponents 97-80 ... Forward **Alex DeBrincat**, who was injured in Monday's (Dec. 28) game vs. Sweden, will not play today and is listed as day-to-day ... **Zach Werenski** has five points (2-3) in the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship to lead all defensemen ... **Auston Matthews** is tied for the tournament lead in goals with three ... U.S. Head Coach **Ron Wilson** on Denmark, "I like where we're at, but there's always room for improvement. Denmark will be our final challenge before quarterfinals and I'm sure our players will look to close the preliminary round with a solid win."

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

Exhibition Games

	Dec. 18 UMASS	W, 4-0 Mullins Center		Dec. 22 FINLAND	W, 3-2 Isku Arena
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2016 IIHF World Junior Championship Games*

	Dec. 26 (home/white) CANADA	W, 4-2 Helsinki Ice Hall		Jan. 2 QUARTERFINALS	TBA TBA
	Dec. 28 (visitor/blue) SWEDEN	L, 0-1 Helsinki Ice Hall		Jan. 4 SEMIFINALS	TBA Hartwall Arena
	Dec. 30 (home/white) SWITZERLAND	W, 10-1 Helsinki Ice Hall		Jan. 5 BRONZE MEDAL	4 P.M. Local/9 A.M. ET Hartwall Arena
	Dec. 31 (visitor/blue) DENMARK	4 P.M. Local/9 A.M. ET Helsinki Ice Hall		Jan. 5 GOLD MEDAL	8:30 P.M. Local/3:30 P.M. ET Hartwall Arena

*All games broadcast live on NHL Network (DirectTV 215, Dish 157)

ALL-TIME RESULTS VS. DENMARK

IIHF World Junior Championship

Date	Round	W	OTW	OTL	L	T	GF	GA
12/26/2011	Round-Robin	W					11	3
TOTALS	1 GP	1	0	0	0	0	11	3



TIDBITS FROM PAST GAME NOTES

Team USA had Dec. 30 off and enjoyed a team lunch in downtown Helsinki before exploring the city or spending time with family ... The IIHF published an article on Dec. 28 highlighting 20 years of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program. The article can be found at worldjunior2016.com ... **Kelly Miller**, assistant coach at Michigan State University, arrived Dec. 27 and is serving as an advance scout with Team USA throughout the rest of the tournament ... Team USA's 4-2 win Dec. 26 was its first against Canada in the preliminary round of the World Junior Championship since a 5-2 victory on Dec. 31, 1998 ... **Ron DeGregorio**, co-chairman of the board of USA Hockey, is here in Helsinki and will be here throughout the World Junior Championship Four U.S. players celebrated birthdays in December, including **Matthew Tkachuk** (Dec. 11), **Alex DeBrincat** (Dec. 18), **Will Borgen** (Dec. 19) and **Charlie McAvoy** (Dec. 21) The U.S. has not opened the World Junior Championship against two "big six" countries since 2002 when it faced Czech Republic (W, 3-1) and Sweden (T, 2-2) ... On Dec. 23, captain **Zach Werenski** took over USA Hockey's Twitter to interact with fans prior to the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship ... On Dec. 24, players and staff celebrated Christmas with a gift giving event where players took turns acknowledging what they are thankful for. Common themes included thanking their families, the chance to spend the holiday together as a team, and the opportunity to represent the United States and compete for a gold medal.



2016 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

No	Name	UMASS (W, 4-0) 12/18	FIN (W, 3-2) 12/22	CAN (W, 4-2) 12/26	SWE (L, 0-1) 12/28	SUI (W, 10-1) 12/30	DEN 9 a.m. ET 12/31
4	Chad Kryz	--	--	--	--	--	
5	Brandon Fortunato	--	--	--	--	--	
7	Matthew Tkachuk	DNP	A*	AA	--	GGA*	
8	Louie Belpedio (A)	--	--	W	--	--	
9	Nick Schmaltz	W	--	--	--	GA	
10	Anders Bjork	A	--	--	--	--	
11	Christian Dvorak	AA	G	A	--	GAA	
12	Alex DeBrincat	DNP	W	--	--	DND	
13	Zach Werenski (C)	--	--	GA	#	GAA	
14	Scott Eansor	--	--	--	--	--	
17	Ryan MacInnis	A	--	--	--	--	
18	Colin White (A)	G	--	GA*#	--	SA*A	
19	Ryan Donato	--	--	--	--	U	
20	Will Borgen	--	--	A*	--	--	
21	Ryan Hitchcock	--	--	--	--	A	
23	Brock Boeser	--	--	--	--	A	
25	Charlie McAvoy	--	--	--	--	--	
26	Brandon Carlo	--	--	--	--	G	
28	Sonny Milano	GGA	UA#	A	--	AA	
34	Auston Matthews (A)	DNP	A*	GA	--	WGAA#	
36	Brandon Halverson	ND (31:40) 7/7	ND (30:00) 10/8	DNP	DNP	ND (31:51) 20/20	
31	Alex Nedeljkovic	W (28:16) 7/7	W (30:00) 15/15	W (60:00) 27/25	L (60:00) 23/22	W (28:09) 8/7	

= Team USA's Player of the Game

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

MEDAL SUCCESS

The United States has reached the medal round in six of the last ten IIHF World Junior Championships, taking home hardware on four occasions (gold: 2010, 2013; bronze: 2007, 2011).

In the 38-year history of the event, Team USA has garnered eight medals (3 gold, 1 silver, 4 bronze).

U.S. MEDALS AT THE WJC

Year	Medal	Coach	Medal-Round Game
2013	Gold	Phil Housley	W, 3-1 vs. Sweden
2011	Bronze	Keith Allain	W, 4-2 vs. Sweden
2010	Gold	Dean Blais	OTW, 6-5 vs. Canada
2007	Bronze	Ron Rolston	W, 2-1 vs. Sweden
2004	Gold	Mike Eaves	W, 4-3 vs. Canada
1997	Silver	Jeff Jackson	L, 0-2 vs. Canada
1992	Bronze	Walt Kyle	W, 3-2 vs. Czechoslovakia
1986	Bronze	Dave Peterson	W, 5-1 vs. Sweden

RETURN TO HELSINKI

The U.S. National Junior Team returns to Helsinki for the first time since 2004 when it won its very first gold medal in the IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship. The core of that team included current NHL stars **Ryan Kesler**, **Zach Parise**, **Drew Stafford** and **Ryan Suter**. Parise, whose 11 points led the tournament, joined U.S. goaltender **Al Montoya** on the tournament all-star team and took home the awards for best forward and tournament MVP.

WINNERS LEADING TEAM USA

Each member of the 2016 U.S. National Junior Team coaching staff has experienced winning at the highest level. Head coach **Ron Wilson** guided Team USA to the championship in the inaugural World Cup of Hockey in 1996. A three-time Stanley Cup champion (Montreal 1986; Detroit: 2002, 2008), assistant coach **Chris Chelios** skated for Coach Wilson in the inaugural 1996 World Cup of Hockey and skated with Team USA general manager, **Jim Johannson**, on the University of Wisconsin squad that claimed the 1982 NCAA national championship. Assistant coach **Danton Cole**, in addition to coaching the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team to a pair of



gold medals at the IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship (2012, 2014), as a player earned a Stanley Cup with the New Jersey Devils in 1995 and won an NCAA national title at Michigan State University in 1986. In addition to serving on the coaching staff of two gold medal-winning U.S. Men's National Under-18 Teams (2014, 2015), assistant coach **Kevin Reiter** was the starting goaltender for the Fort Wayne Komets that won the International Hockey League's Turner Cup championship in 2007-08.

LEADERSHIP GROUP

Zach Werenski is the captain of the 2016 U.S. National Junior Team and the second youngest player ever to captain a U.S. National Junior Team behind **Jack Eichel**, who captained the squad last year. **Louie Belpedio**, **Auston Matthews** and **Colin White** are the alternate captains. Werenski was an alternate captain for the 2014 U.S. National Under-17 Team that claimed the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Sydney, Nova Scotia. Belpedio served as captain for the 2014 U.S. National Under-18 Team that captured the gold medal at the IIHF U18 Men's World Championship in Lappeenranta, Finland. Additionally, Matthews and White were alternate captains for the gold medal-winning 2015 U.S. National Under-18 Team that competed in the IIHF U18 Men's World Championship in Zug and Lucerne, Switzerland.

PRE-TOURNAMENT RECAP

The United States, which arrived in Helsinki the afternoon of Dec. 24, began its journey towards the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship with 27 players convening in Boston for a team meeting the night of Dec. 14. The U.S. had a camp at Boston University from Dec. 15-18 that culminated with a 4-0 victory over UMass in a pre-tournament game at Mullins Center in Amherst, Massachusetts, on Dec. 18. The U.S. then moved to Vierumaki, Finland, on Dec. 19, where it continued preparation for the tournament through Dec. 24. The time in Vierumaki included a 3-2 victory over Finland in a pre-tournament game at Isku Arena in Lahti on Dec. 22.

IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE

The U.S. has seven players who played for the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team that competed at the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship in Montreal and Toronto, Canada.

D	Brandon Carlo	(5GP, 0-1--1)
G	Brandon Halverson	(1GP, 1-0-0-0)
F	Auston Matthews	(5GP, 1-2--3)
F	Sonny Milano	(5GP, 2-2--4)
G	Alex Nedeljkovic	(0GP)
F	Nick Schmaltz	(5GP, 0-1--1)
D	Zach Werenski	(5GP, 1-1--2)

ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

The U.S. roster features 16 players with international experience.

Eleven members of the squad have earned a gold medal as a member of the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team. Last year, **Chad Krys**, **Auston Matthews**, **Charlie McAvoy**, **Matthew Tkachuk** and **Colin White** helped Team USA win gold while **Louie Belpedio**, **Anders Bjork**, **Brandon Fortunato**, **Ryan Hitchcock**, **Matthews**, **Sonny Milano**, and **Alex Nedeljkovic** led Team USA to gold in 2014.

Additionally, **Brock Boeser** (2015), **Brandon Carlo** (2014) and **Nick Schmaltz** (2014) skated for the U.S. Under-18 Select Team in the annual Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament. Boeser captained the squad in 2015.

HEAD COACH RON WILSON



Ron Wilson is serving as head coach of the U.S. National Junior Team for the first time.

Wilson, who is eighth all-time in National Hockey League history in wins, is the first U.S. National Junior Team head coach to have previously served as a head coach in the NHL.

The 2016 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship marks the eighth time Wilson will lead Team USA in international competition. Wilson has been Team USA's head coach for some of its brightest moments, including guiding Team USA to the silver medal at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, and the championship of the inaugural World Cup of Hockey in 1996. Wilson also directed the U.S. Men's National Team that captured the bronze medal at the 1996 IIHF Men's World Championship in Vienna, Austria. The medal was the first for the United States in an IIHF Men's World Championship A-Pool since 1962 (excluding Olympic years), when the U.S. also earned the bronze.

Wilson also led the U.S. Men's National Team to fourth-place finishes at the 2009 IIHF Men's World Championship in Bern and Zurich-Kloten, Switzerland, and the 1994 IIHF Men's World Championship in Bolzano, Canazei, and Milan, Italy. He also served as head coach for Team USA at the 1998 Olympic Winter

Games in Nagano, Japan, and the 2004 World Cup of Hockey. An assistant coach for the U.S. entry at the 1990 Goodwill Games, Wilson has been involved with USA Hockey since the mid-1970s, having played for the U.S. Men's National Team at four IIHF Men's World Championships (1975, 1981, 1983, 1987). He also captained the 1988 U.S. Men's Select Team that captured the championship of the prestigious Spengler Cup in Davos, Switzerland.

Wilson, who has coached 1,401 NHL games and has 648 wins to his credit, has 18 years of experience as a head coach in the NHL with stops in Toronto (2008-12), San Jose (2002-08), Washington (1997-2002) and Anaheim (1993-97). In 15 full NHL seasons (minimum 82 games in a season) as a head coach, Wilson's teams reached the post-season eight times; won four division titles; won one playoff conference title; reached the Stanley Cup Final once; reached at least 90 points seven times; reached at least 100 points four times; reached at least 40 wins seven times; and reached 50 wins once.

A seventh-round selection (132nd overall) of the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 1975 NHL Amateur Draft, Wilson recorded 26 goals and 67 assists for 93 points in 117 career NHL games as a player with Toronto and Minnesota.

Prior to his time in the NHL, Wilson played four years of college hockey at Providence (1973-77). He was an All-America selection twice and a four-time All-ECAC selection. As a sophomore, he was named ECAC Player of the Year when he led the nation with 87 points (26 goals and 61 assists) in only 26 games. Wilson, a member of the Providence Athletic Hall of Fame, still holds the school records (and NCAA records for defensemen) in career points (250), assists (172), most points in a single season (87) and single-season assists (61).

Wilson and his wife, Maureen, have two grown daughters, Kristen and Lauren.

LEAGUE LEADERS

A number of U.S. players are prominent scorers in their respective leagues.

University of North Dakota freshman **Brock Boeser** leads all NCAA freshmen in goals (13) and ranks third among freshmen in scoring (21). Centering Boeser at North Dakota is **Nick Schmaltz**, who leads the NCAA in assists (23) and sits fourth overall in points (26).

Alex DeBrincat of the Erie Otters leads the OHL in goals (33) and ranks fourth overall in points (56).

London Knights' captain **Christian Dvorak** leads the OHL in points (65) and ranks second to DeBrincat in goals (28). **Matthew Tkachuk**, who skates with Dvorak in London, leads the OHL in assists (45) and ranks second behind Dvorak in points with 59.

Boston University defenseman **Brandon Fortunato** ranks third among all NCAA defenders in points (15).

Additionally, Boston College freshman **Colin White** leads all NCAA freshmen in assists (15) and points (23). His 23 points rank seventh among all NCAA skaters.

HANGING WITH THE OLDER CROWD

The 2016 U.S. National Junior Team has eight "under-agers" this year, including seven players born in 1997 (**Brock Boeser**, **Alex DeBrincat**, **Auston Matthews**, **Charlie McAvoy**, **Matthew Tkachuk**, **Colin White**, **Zach Werenski**) and one in 1998 (**Chad Krys**).

HOMEGROWN TALENT

Sixteen of the 22 players on the U.S. National Junior Team have ties to the United States Hockey League, the only Tier I junior league in the country. Of those 16 players, 12 (listed below) are current or former members of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, which is located in Plymouth, Michigan.

D	Louie Belpedio (2012-14)
F	Anders Bjork (2012-14)
D	Brandon Fortunato (2012-14)
F	Ryan Hitchcock (2012-14)
D	Chad Krys (2014-16)
F	Ryan MacInnis (2013-14)
F	Auston Matthews (2013-15)
D	Charlie McAvoy (2013-15)
F	Sonny Milano (2012-14)
F	Matthew Tkachuk (2013-15)
D	Zach Werenski (2012-14)
F	Colin White (2013-15)

BUFFALO TO HOST 2018 IIHF WJC

The IIHF World Junior Championship is returning to Buffalo in 2018 from Dec. 26, 2017-Jan. 5, 2018, and will include an outdoor game for the first time in tournament history. It's the sixth time the tournament will be held in the United States. Previous World Junior tournaments in the U.S. were held in Minneapolis/St. Paul (1982), Anchorage, Alaska (1989), Boston (1996), Grand Forks, N.D., Thief River Falls, Minn. (2005) and Buffalo (2011).

HALL OF FAME CONNECTIONS

The U.S. National Junior Team attended the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Induction at the Renaissance Waterfront Hotel the night of Dec. 18 where **Ron DeGregorio**, **Chris Drury**, **Angela Ruggiero** and **Mathieu Schneider** were inducted as the Class of 2015.

There are several connections between the U.S. National Junior Team and this year's U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductees. **Ron Wilson**, head coach of the 2016 U.S. National Junior Team, served as head coach for Team USA at the inaugural 1996 World Cup of Hockey where **Mathieu Schneider** and **Chris Chelios**, assistant coach of the 2016 U.S. National Junior Team, helped the United States claim the championship. Also on that team was **Keith Tkachuk**, whose son, Matthew, hopes to help the U.S. claim gold here at the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship.

Chelios, Schneider and Tkachuk were joined by U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2015 inductee **Chris Drury** as members of the 2006 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team that competed in the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy. Wilson, who coached the quartet in 2006, also coached Drury and the 2010 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team to a silver medal at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Additionally, Chelios and Tkachuk were inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame together as part of the Class of 2011. Chris Drury also trained one summer with fellow Class of 2015 inductee **Angela Ruggiero**.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Home States of Team USA		Other Leagues	
New York	4	AHL	1
Michigan	3	National A-Swiss	1
Colorado	2	OHL	6
Illinois	2	WHL	2
Massachusetts	2	USHL	1
Minnesota	2		
Missouri	2	-----	
Wisconsin	2		
Arizona	1		
Connecticut	1		
Ohio	1		
Tale of the Tape			
<u>Birth Year</u>		Average Age: 19 years, 1 mo.	
1996	14	Average Height: 6'0"	
1997	7	Average Weight: 184 lbs.	
1998	1	Shoots/Catches: L: 14; R: 8	
<u>By College</u>		Youngest Player:	
Boston University	2	Chad Krys (4/10/98)	
University of North Dakota	2	Oldest Player:	
Boston College	1	Scott Eansor (1/3/96)	
Harvard University	1		
Miami University	1		
St. Cloud State University	1		
University of Michigan	1		
University of Notre Dame	1		
Yale University	1		



TEAM USA AND THE NHL



BREAKDOWN

Overall NHL Draft Picks: 14
2016 NHL Draft Eligible: 5
NHL Free Agents: 3

FIRST ROUND (5)

Zach Werenski (CBJ, 8th ovr., 2015)
Sonny Milano (CBJ, 16th ovr., 2014)
Nick Schmaltz (CHI, 20th ovr., 2014)
Colin White (OTT, 21st ovr., 2015)
Brock Boeser (VAN, 23rd ovr., 2015)

SECOND ROUND (6)

Alex Nedeljkovic (CAR, 37th ovr., 2014)
Brandon Carlo (BOS, 37th ovr., 2015)
Ryan MacInnis (ARZ, 43rd ovr., 2014)
Ryan Donato (BOS, 56th ovr., 2014)
Christian Dvorak (ARZ, 58th ovr., 2014)
Brandon Halverson (NYR, 59th ovr., 2014)

THIRD ROUND (1)

Louie Belpedio (MIN, 80th ovr., 2014)

FOURTH ROUND (1)

Will Borgen (BUF, 92nd ovr., 2015)

FIFTH ROUND (1)

Anders Bjork (BOS, 146th ovr., 2014)

2016 NHL DRAFT ELIGIBLE

F Alex DeBrincat
D Chad Kryz
F Auston Matthews
D Charlie McAvoy
F Matthew Tkachuk

FREE AGENTS

F Scott Eansor
D Brandon Fortunato
F Ryan Hitchcock

BY TEAM

Boston Bruins	3
Arizona Coyotes	2
Columbus Blue Jackets	2
Buffalo Sabres	1
Carolina Hurricanes	1
Chicago Blackhawks	1
Minnesota Wild	1
New York Rangers	1
Ottawa Senators	1
Vancouver Canucks	1

CCM/USA HOCKEY

ALL-AMERICAN PROSPECTS GAME

Sixteen players on the U.S. National Junior Team have skated in the CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game, which provides the best U.S. players eligible for next year's NHL Entry Draft the opportunity to showcase their skills on a national stage. To date, 74 alumni have been drafted in the NHL, including 15 first-round selections. Eight players skated in the 2013 game, including **Louie Belpedio, Anders Bjork, Ryan Donato, Ryan Hitchcock, Ryan MacInnis, Sonny Milano, Alex Nedeljkovic,** and **Nick Schmaltz**; four players skated in the 2014 game, including **Brock Boeser, Brandon Carlo, Zach Werenski** and **Colin White**; and four players skated in the 2015 game, including **Alex DeBrincat, Chad Kryz, Charlie McAvoy** and **Matthew Tkachuk**.

NHL FAMILY TIES

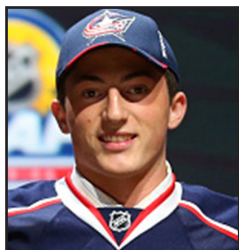
Four players in tonight's lineup have family members with National Hockey League experience, including **Anders Bjork** (cousin of Erik Condra); **Ryan Donato** (son of Tom Donato); **Ryan MacInnis** (son of Al MacInnis); and **Matthew Tkachuk** (son of Keith Tkachuk, cousin of Tom Fitzgerald as well as Jimmy and Kevin Hayes). Additionally, **Nick Schmaltz's** brother, Jordan, signed with the St. Louis Blues this offseason after being drafted by them in the first round of the 2013 NHL Draft.

IN THE NHL RECORD BOOKS

While head coach **Ron Wilson** is eighth all-time in National Hockey League history in wins (648), assistant coach **Chris Chelios** retired as the all-time leader in games played by a defenseman in league history (1,651). A three-time Norris Trophy winner (1989, 1993, 1996), Chelios' 948 career points (185-793) rank 10th all-time among NHL defenseman.

STANLEY CUP WINNERS

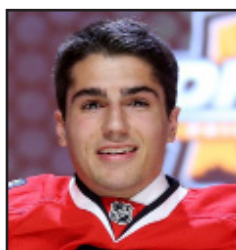
Both assistant coaches behind Team USA's bench are Stanley Cup champions. **Chris Chelios** won three Stanley Cups (Montreal 1986; Detroit 2002, 2006) during his 26-year NHL career while **Danton Cole** helped the New Jersey Devils claim the Stanley Cup in 1995 for the first time in organization history.



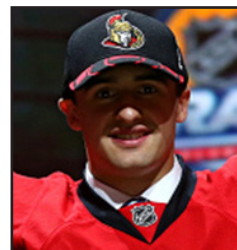
Zach Werenski
Columbus Blue Jackets
1st. rd., 8th overall, 2015



Sonny Milano
Columbus Blue Jackets
1st. rd., 16th overall, 2014



Nick Schmaltz
Chicago Blackhawks
1st. rd., 20th overall, 2014



Colin White
Ottawa Senators
1st. rd., 21st overall, 2015



Brock Boeser
Vancouver Canucks
1st. rd., 23rd overall, 2015

TEAM USA HISTORY

IIHF World Junior Championship

Past Tournaments

Year	Location	Gold	Silver	Bronze	U.S. Record	U.S. Finish
2015	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Canada	Russia	Slovakia	2-1-0-2	5th
2014	Malmo, Sweden	Finland	Sweden	Russia	3-0-0-2	5th
2013	Ufa, Russia	United States	Sweden	Russia	5-0-0-2	Gold
2012	Calgary/Edmonton, Canada	Sweden	Russia	Canada	3-0-0-3	7th
2011	Buffalo/Niagara, New York	Russia	Canada	United States	5-0-0-1	Bronze
2010	Regina/Saskatoon, Canada	United States	Canada	Sweden	5-1-1-0	Gold
2009	Ottawa, Canada	Canada	Sweden	Russia	3-1-0-2	5th
2008	Pardubice/Liberec, Czech Republic	Canada	Sweden	Russia	4-0-0-2	4th
2007	Leksand/Mora, Sweden	Canada	Russia	United States	3-1-2-1	Bronze
2006	Kamloops/Kelowna/Vancouver, Canada	Canada	Russia	Finland	3-3-1	4th
2005	Grand Forks, N.D./Thief River Falls, Minnesota	Canada	Russia	Czech Republic	3-4-0	4th
2004	Helsinki/Hameenlinna, Finland	United States	Canada	Finland	6-0-0	Gold
2003	Halifax/Sydney, Canada	Russia	Canada	Finland	4-3-0	4th
2002	Pardubice/Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic	Russia	Canada	Finland	4-1-2	5th
2001	Moscow/Podolsk, Russia	Czech Republic	Finland	Canada	5-2-0	5th
2000	Skelleftea/Umea, Sweden	Czech Republic	Russia	Canada	2-3-2	4th
1999	Winnipeg, Canada	Russia	Canada	Slovakia	3-3-0	8th
1998	Helsinki/Hameenlinna, Finland	Finland	Russia	Switzerland	4-3-0	5th
1997	Geneva/Morges, Switzerland	Canada	United States	Russia	4-1-1	Silver
1996	Boston, Massachusetts	Canada	Sweden	Russia	3-3-0	5th
1995	Red Deer, Canada	Canada	Russia	Sweden	3-4-0	5th
1994	Ostrava/Frydek-Mistek, Czech Republic	Canada	Sweden	Russia	1-5-1	6th
1993	Gavle/Fulun, Sweden	Canada	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	4-3-0	4th
1992	Füssen/Kaufbeuren, Germany	CIS	Sweden	United States	5-2-0	Bronze
1991	Saskatoon, Canada	Canada	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	4-2-1	4th
1990	Helsinki/Turu, Finland	Canada	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	1-6-0	7th
1989	Anchorage, Alaska	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	3-3-1	5th
1988	Moscow, Soviet Union	Canada	Soviet Union	Finland	1-6-0	6th
1987	Piestany, Czechoslovakia	Finland	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	4-3-0	4th
1986	Hamilton, Canada	Soviet Union	Canada	United States	4-3-0	Bronze
1985	Helsinki/Turku, Finland	Canada	Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	2-5-0	6th
1984	Nykoping, Sweden	Soviet Union	Finland	Czechoslovakia	2-5-0	6th
1983	Leningrad, Soviet Union	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Canada	3-4-0	5th
1982	Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota	Canada	Czechoslovakia	Finland	2-5-0	6th
1981	Füssen/Augsburg, Germany	Sweden	Finland	Soviet Union	2-3-0	6th
1980	Helsinki, Finland	Soviet Union	Finland	Sweden	1-3-1	7th
1979	Karlstad, Sweden	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	2-3-0	6th
1978	Montreal, Canada	Soviet Union	Sweden	Canada	4-2-0	5th
1977	Bystrica-Zloven, Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	Canada	Czechoslovakia	1-5-1	7th

Record vs. Opponent

Opponent	Games	Record	GF	GA	Opponent	Games	Record	GF	GA
Austria	2	2-0-0-0-0	15	2	Kazakhstan	4	4-0-0-0-0	34	4
Belarus	4	3-0-0-1-0	23	11	Latvia	2	2-0-0-0-0	24	3
Canada	43	7-1-3-29-3	119	177	Norway	6	5-0-0-1-0	62	17
Czech Republic	20	10-1-1-7-1	63	60	Poland	5	3-0-0-1-0	29	12
Czechoslovakia	16	4-0-0-12-0	51	90	Russia	16	5-0-0-11-0	38	61
Denmark	1	1-0-0-0-0	11	3	Soviet Union	12	1-0-0-11-0	32	76
Finland	31	11-3-0-16-1	121	141	Slovakia	15	11-0-0-3-1	68	34
Germany	11	10-0-1-0-0	65	14	Switzerland	22	20-0-0-0-2	128	43
West Germany	13	10-0-0-3-0	80	45	Sweden	31	13-1-0-15-2	100	114
Japan	1	1-0-0-0-0	12	2	Ukraine	2	0-0-0-2-0	5	7

Record vs. Opponent in Playoffs*

	CAN	CZE	FIN	RUS	SVK	SWE	Total
Gold	2-1	NA	NA	NA	NA	1-0	3-1
Bronze	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	NA	2-0	2-5
Semifinal	1-4	1-1	1-0	0-2	NA	1-0	4-7
Quarterfinal	0-1	3-1	2-0	0-3	0-1	2-1	7-7
Total	3-7	4-3	3-2	0-6	0-1	6-1	16-20

*Includes quarterfinal, semifinal and medal games

TEAM USA ALL-TIME RECORDS

Single Tournament

Most Goals						Most Assists					
Rank	Name	Pos.	Year	GP	G	Rank	Name	Pos.	Year	GP	A
1	Jeremy Roenick	F	1989	7	8	1	Doug Weight	F	1991	7	14
2	John Gaudreau*	F	2013	7	7	2	Derek Stepan*	F	2010	7	10
	Chris Bourque*	F	2006	7	7		Phil Kessel*	F	2006	7	10
	Peter Ferraro	F	1993	7	7	4	Pat Peake	F	1993	7	9
	Scott Young	F	1987	7	7		Mike Modano	F	1989	7	9
	Mark Green	F	1978	6	7		Alfie Turcotte	F	1984	7	9
3	Jerry D'Amigo*	F	2010	7	6		Bobby Crawford	F	1978	6	9
	Chris Kreider*	F	2010	7	6	8	Kyle Palmieri*	F	2010	7	8
	James vanRiemsdyk*	F	2009	6	6		Jordan Schroeder*	F	2009	6	8
	Colin Wilson*	F	2008	6	6		Kevin Shattenkirk*	D	2009	6	8
	Jon DiSalvatore	F	2001	7	6		Jeremy Roenick	F	1989	7	8
	Jeff Taffe	F	2001	7	6		Tom Pederson	F	1989	7	8
	Brian Gionta*	F	1999	6	6	Most Points					
	Jeff Farkas	F	1998	7	6	Rank	Name	Pos.	Year	GP	PTS
	Adam Deadmarsh	F	1995	7	6	1	Doug Weight	F	1991	7	19
	Brian Rolston	F	1993	7	6	2	Jeremy Roenick	F	1989	7	16
	Trent Klatt	F	1991	8	6	3	Mike Modano	F	1989	7	15
	Keith Tkachuk	F	1991	7	6	4	Derek Stepan*	F	2010	7	14
	Mike Modano	F	1989	7	6	5	Pat Peake	F	1993	7	13
	John LeClair	F	1989	7	6		Bobby Crawford	F	1978	6	13
	David Emma	F	1989	7	6	7	Jerry D'Amigo*	F	2010	7	12
	Darren Turcotte	F	1987	7	6		Ted Drury	F	1991	8	12
	Steve Leach	F	1986	7	6		Trent Klatt	F	1991	8	12
	Paul Ranheim	F	1986	7	6		Mark Green	F	1978	6	12
	Wally Chapman	F	1984	7	6						
	Paul Miller	F	1977	7	6						

Career Tournament

Games Played					Points				
Rank	Name	Years	GP		Rank	Name	Pos.	Years	GP
1	Brian Lee	2005-07	21		1	Jordan Schroeder*	F	2008-09	19
	Adam Deadmarsh	1993-95	21		2	Jeremy Roenick	F	1988-89	14
	Brian Rolston	1991-93	21		3	James van Riemsdyk*	F	2007-09	19
	Ted Crowley	1988-90	21			Brian Rolston	F	1991-93	21
	Scott Young	1985-87	21			Mike Modano	F	1988-89	14
	Chris Bioti	1985-87	21			Doug Weight	F	1991	7
	Brian Leetch	1985-87	21			Pate Peake	F	1992-93	14
	Steve Leach	1984-86	21			Zach Parise*	F	2003-04	13
9	Patrick O'Sullivan	2003-05	20			Peter Ferraro	F	1992-93	14
	Ryan Suter	2003-05	20		9	Brian Gionta*	F	1998-99	13
	Andrew Hilbert	1999-01	20						

Goals						Assists					
Rank	Name	Pos.	Years	GP	G	Rank	Name	Pos.	Years	GP	A
1	Jeremy Roenick	F	1988-89	14	13	1	Jordan Schroeder*	F	2008-09	19	20
2	James van Riemsdyk*	F	2007-09	19	12	2	Doug Weight	F	1991	7	14
3	Brian Gionta*	F	1998-99	13	11	3	Jeremy Roenick	F	1988-89	14	12
4	Brian Rolston	F	1991-93	21	10		Phil Kessel*	F	2005-06	14	12
	Mike Modano	F	1988-89	14	10		Kyle Palmieri*	F	2010-11	13	12
	Peter Ferraro	F	1992-93	14	10	6	Bobby Crawford	F	1977-79	18	11
	John LeClair	F	1988-89	14	10	7	Brian Rolston	F	1991-93	21	10
	Steve Leach	F	1984-86	21	10		Ryan Suter*	D	2003-05	20	10
	Chris Kreider*	F	2010-11	13	10		James van Riemsdyk*	F	2007-09	19	10
9	Zach Parise*	F	2003-04	13	9		Mike Modano	F	1988-89	14	10
	Pat Peake	F	1992-93	14	9		Pat Peake	F	1992-93	14	10
	Scott Young	F	1985-87	21	9		Chris Ferraro	F	1992-93	14	10
	Colin Wilson*	F	2008-09	12	9		Zach Parise*	F	2003-04	13	10
	Mike York	F	1996-98	19	9		Derek Stepan*	F	2010	7	10
	Keith Tkachuk	F	1991-92	14	9						

*Currently in the NHL

^Minimum three games played

TEAM USA ALL-TIME GOALTENDER RECORDS

Single Tournament

Goals Against Average^					Save Percentage^				
Rank	Name	Year	GP	GAA	Rank	Name	Year	GP	SV%
1	Al Montoya*	2004	6	1.33	1	John Gibson*	2013	7	.955
	Rick DiPietro	2001	6	1.33	2	Al Montoya*	2004	6	.944
3	John Gibson*	2013	7	1.36	3	Jack Campbell	2011	6	.941
4	Jean-Marc Pelletier	1998	3	1.67	4	Thatcher Demko	2015	4	.939
5	Jack Campbell	2011	6	1.70	5	Jeff Frazee	2007	5	.938
6	Jeff Frazee	2007	5	1.72	6	Bobby Goepfert	2003	7	.937
7	Thatcher Demko	2015	4	1.74	7	Rick DiPietro	2000	5	.935
8	Bobby Goepfert	2003	7	1.77	8	Mike Dunham	1992	6	.932
9	Rick DiPietro	2000	5	1.81	9	Rick DiPietro	2001	6	.927
10	Mike Heinke	1991	4	2.00	10	Jeff Callinan	1993	3	.924

Career Tournament

Games Played				Minutes Played			
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP	Rank	Name	Year(s)	MIN
1	Alan Perry	1984-86	18	1	Alan Perry	1984-86	968:40
2	Jack Campbell	2010-12	14	2	Jack Campbell	2010-11	816:46
3	Al Montoya*	2004-05	13	3	Al Montoya*	2004-05	753:15
4	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	11	4	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	658:40
5	John Vanbiesbrouck	1982-83	10	5	Brian Boucher	1996-97	576:43
	Brian Boucher	1996-97	10	6	Mike Dunham	1991-92	540:00
7	Jason Glickman	1988-89	9	7	John Vanbiesbrouck	1982-83	479:36
	Mike Dunham	1991-92	9	8	John Gibson*	2012-13	458:07
9	John Gibson*	2012-13	8	9	Jason Glickman	1988-89	451:40
10	Jason Bacashihua	2002	7	10	Jason Bacashihua	2002	420:00
	Robert Goepfert	2003	7				
	Mike Richter	1985-86	7				
	Cory Schneider*	2005-06	7				

Wins				Goals Against Average^			
Rank	Name	Year(s)	Wins	Rank	Name	GP	GAA
1	Jack Campbell	2010-12	10	1	Rick DiPietro	11	1.55
2	Al Montoya*	2004-05	9	2	Jean-Marc Pelletier	3	1.67
3	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	7	3	John Gibson*	8	1.70
4	Brian Boucher	1996-97	6	4	Thatcher Demko	4	1.74
	Mike Dunham	1991-92	6	5	Robert Goepfert	7	1.77
6	John Gibson*	2012-13	5	6	Mike Heinke	4	2.00
	Jeff Frazee	2006-07	5	7	Jack Campbell	14	2.20
	Alan Perry	1984-86	5	8	Jeff Frazee	6	2.25
9	Mike Lee	2010	4	9	Brian Boucher	10	2.29
	Jeremy Smith	2008	4	10	Al Montoya*	13	2.39
	Bobby Goepfert	2003	4				
	Jason Bacashihua	2002	4				
	John Vanbiesbrouck	1982-83	4				
	Paul Joswiak	1978	4				

Shutouts			
Rank	Name	Year(s)	SO
1	Al Montoya*	2004-05	2
	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	2
	Brian Boucher	1996-97	2
4	Thatcher Demko	2015	1
	Brandon Halverson	2015	1
	John Gibson*	2012-13	1
	Jack Campbell	2010-12	1
	Thomas McCollum	2009	1
	Jean-Marc Pelletier	1998	1
	Mike Heinke	1991	1

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