



Team USA Game Notes

2016 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship

USA vs. Russia • January 9, 2016 • 4 p.m. ET

St. Catharines, Ontario • Meridian Centre



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GAME DAY: The 2016 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team opened the 2016 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship yesterday with a 6-0 win over Czech Republic. The U.S. will continue play today against Russia at 4 p.m. ET at Meridian Centre in St. Catharines, Ontario. The match-up will be streamed live at FASTHockey.com.

OFFENSIVE OUTBURST: Ten U.S. players tallied at least one point, including the five different players who scored in the opening game against Czech Republic. The attack was led by **Natalie Snodgrass** who tallied a pair of goals and the others were **Grace Zumwinkle**, **Taylor Heise**, **Catherine Skaja** and **Emily Oden**.

SHUTTING THE DOOR: **Beth Larcom** got the start in the opening game and did not allow anything past her to earn the shutout.

IIHF U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: The 2016 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship is currently in its ninth 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, Budapest, Hungary in 2014 and Buffalo, New York in 2015.

The tournament features eight teams divided into two groups. Group A consists of Canada, Czech Republic, Russia and United States, while Group B features Finland, France, Sweden and Switzerland. The teams will play round-robin within their groups, with the group winner advancing to the semifinal round. Teams finishing second and third in each group will face off in the quarterfinals, while the fourth-place teams will play in the relegation round.

TEAM BUILDING: USA Hockey announced the 22-player roster for the U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team on Nov. 25. The team began practicing at HARBORCENTER in Buffalo on Jan. 1 in preparation for the tournament.

USA vs. RUSSIA: The U.S. and Russia are meeting for the seventh time at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. Team USA holds a perfect 6-0-0-0 record against the Russians with the last meeting taking place on January 8, 2015, where Team USA defeated Russia, 7-1, in the preliminary round of the 2015 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship. The U.S. has outscored Russia 56-2 overall.

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

Year	Head Coach	Record *	Finish
2016	Joel Johnson	1-0-0-0-0	----
2015	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0-0	Gold Medal
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	9	2	3	2	2	0	24	24	0	0
Czech Rep.	12	12	0	0	0	0	116	3	8	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	41	34	3	2	2	0	307	36	21	0

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2016 IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP • TEAM USA SCHEDULE & RESULTS

(All Games at Meridian Centre)

Date	Preliminary Round	Time (ET)	Result	U.S. Player of Game	Live Stream
Jan. 8	Czech Republic	4 p.m.	6-0	Grace Zumwinkle	FASTHockey.com
Jan. 9	Russia	4 p.m.	--	----	FASTHockey.com
Jan. 11	Canada	7:30 p.m.	--	----	FASTHockey.com
Date	Quarterfinal Round	Time (ET)	Result	U.S. Player of Game	Live Stream
Jan. 12	TBD	TBD	--	----	FASTHockey.com
Date	Semifinal Round	Time (ET)	Result	U.S. Player of Game	Live Stream
Jan. 14	TBD	TBD	--	----	FASTHockey.com
Date	Gold/Bronze Medal Game	Time (ET)	Result	U.S. Player of Game	Live Stream
Jan. 15	TBD	TBD	--	----	TBD

COACHES' CORNER: 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 2015-16 seasons ... Joining him as assistant coaches are **Katie Lachapelle**, assistant women's ice hockey coach at Boston University, and **Maura Crowell**, head women's ice hockey coach at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. **Lucy Schoedel**, head women's ice hockey coach at Northwood School, is the goalie coach.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE: Team USA's roster features seven players who helped the 2015 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team earn a gold medal at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship on home soil in Buffalo, New York. They are **Cayla Barnes**, **Grace Bowlby**, **Rebecca Gilmore**, **Patricia Marshall**, **Presley Norby**, **Natalie Snodgrass** and **Alex Woken**.

A NATIONAL APPEARANCE: **Presley Norby** helped the U.S. Women's National Team win the Four Nations Cup in November.

UNDER-18 SERIES PERFORMERS: Nineteen players on the roster also participated in the 2015 Under-18 Series vs. Canada in August.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Fifteen players are making their debut in this particular tournament, including three players, **Jesse Compher**, **Natalie Heising** and **Crystalyn Hengler**, who are representing Team USA for the first time in their career.

MARSHALL'S CAPTAINCY: **Patricia Marshall** is serving as team captain and the alternate captains are **Presley Norby** and **Alex Woken**. It is the second consecutive event that Marshall has served as captain for Team USA, after fulfilling the same capacity for the U.S. Women's Under-18 Select Team at the Under-18 Series vs. Canada in August. Norby and Woken were also alternates at that event.

TEAM FIRST: Members of Team USA are already teammates on other teams, including four players who skate for Shattuck St. Mary's (**Makayla Langei**, **Patricia Marshall**, **Gracie Ostertag**, **Alex Woken**) and two (**Cayla Barnes**, **Rebecca Gilmore**) who play for the East Coast Wizards and two (**Grace Bowlby**, **Emily Oden**) who play for Edina High School.

AGE APPROPRIATE: The average age of Team USA is 16.4 years old. **Beth Larcom**, 17, is the oldest member of the team, while 15-year old **Madeline Wethington** is the youngest.

MAKING A STATEMENT: Members of Team USA represent seven different states. Minnesota leads the pack with 16 representatives, followed by California, Illinois, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Rhode Island and Washington with one each.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Minnesota	16	North Dakota	1
California	1	Rhode Island	1
Illinois	1	Washington	1
Massachusetts	1		

BIRTH YEAR

1998: 10	1999: 9	2000: 3
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Average Age: 16 years, 4 months

Average Height: 5'7"

Average Weight: 147 lbs.

Oldest Player: Beth Larcom (1/16/98)

Youngest Player: Madeline Wethington (7/14/00)

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position
2	Gracie Ostertag	Defense
3	Emily Brown	Defense
4	Madeline Wethington	Defense
5	Presley Norby	Forward
6	Makayla Langei	Defense
7	Cayla Barnes	Defense
8	Grace Bowlby	Defense
9	Crystalyn Hengler	Defense
10	Natalie Snodgrass	Forward
11	Sydney Brodt	Forward
14	Jesse Compher	Forward
16	Taylor Went	Forward
18	Grace Zumwinkle	Forward
19	Patricia Marshall	Defense
20	Alex Woken	Forward
21	Emily Oden	Forward
22	Catherine Skaja	Forward
23	Taylor Heise	Forward
24	Rebecca Gilmore	Forward
25	Natie Heising	Forward
29	Alex Gulstene	Goaltender
30	Beth Larcom	Goaltender

TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Reagan Carey
Manager of Women's Hockey	Marissa Halligan
Head Scout	Matt Kelly
Head Coach	Joel Johnson
Assistant Coach	Maura Crowell
Assistant Coach	Katie Lachapelle
Goaltending Coach	Lucy Schoedel
Team Doctor	Tracey Viola
Athletic Trainer	Paul Rucci
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Jill Zeller
Sports Dietician	Carrie Aprik
Equipment Manager	Kevin Vaughan
Director of Communications	Rob Koch
Video Coordinator	Alex Dawes

2016 U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - TEAM USA STATISTICS
Game-By-Game Individual Player Stats

NO. PLAYER	Jan. 8 USA-CZE	Jan. 9 USA-RUS	Jan. 11. USA-CAN	Jan. 14 TBD	Jan. 15 TBD
2 Gracie Ostertag	0-1				
3 Emily Brown	0-0				
4 Madeline Wethington	0-0				
5 Presley Norby	0-0				
6 Makayla Langei	0-1				
7 Cayla Barnes	0-0				
8 Grace Bowlby	0-1				
9 Crystalyn Hengler	0-0				
10 Natalie Snodgrass	2-0				
11 Sydney Brodt	0-0				
14 Jesse Compher	0-0				
16 Taylor Wente	0-1				
18 Grace Zumwinkle	1-1				
19 Patricia Marshall	0-0				
20 Alex Woken	0-0				
21 Emily Oden	1-0				
22 Catherine Skaja	1-0				
23 Taylor Heise	1-1				
24 Rebecca Gilmore	0-1				
25 Natlie Heising	0-0				
29 Alex Gulstene	DNP				
30 Beth Larcom	0-0				

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

Overall Team Statistics

NO. PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2 Gracie Ostertag	D	1	0	1	1	0
3 Emily Brown	D	1	0	0	0	2
4 Madeline Wethington	D	1	0	0	0	2
5 Presley Norby	F	1	0	0	0	0
6 Makayla Langei	D	1	0	1	1	0
7 Cayla Barnes	D	1	0	0	0	0
8 Grace Bowlby	D	1	0	1	1	0
9 Crystalyn Hengler	D	1	0	0	0	0
10 Natalie Snodgrass	F	1	2	0	2	2
11 Sydney Brodt	F	1	0	0	0	0
14 Jesse Compher	F	1	0	0	0	0
16 Taylor Wente	F	1	0	1	1	0
18 Grace Zumwinkle	F	1	1	1	2	0
19 Patricia Marshall	D	1	0	0	0	0
20 Alex Woken	F	1	0	0	0	0
21 Emily Oden	F	1	1	0	1	2
22 Catherine Skaja	F	1	1	0	1	2
23 Taylor Heise	F	1	1	1	2	2
24 Rebecca Gilmore	F	1	0	1	1	0
25 Natlie Heising	F	1	0	0	0	0
29 Alex Gulstene	G	-	-	-	-	-
30 Beth Larcom	G	1	0	0	0	0

Game-By-Game Goaltender Record

NO. PLAYER	Jan. 8 USA-CZE	Jan. 9 USA-RUS	Jan. 11. USA-CAN	Jan. 14 TBD	Jan. 15 TBD
29 Alex Gulstene	DNP				
30 Beth Larcom	1-0				

Overall Team Goaltender Record

NO. NAME	GP	MIN	W-L	GA	SV	GAA	SV%
29 Alex Gulstene	--	--	--	--	--	----	----
30 Beth Larcom	1	60	1-0	0	7	0.00	1.000

RECAPING LAST YEAR: The 2015 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team racked up three preliminary-round wins against Canada (2-1 SO), Czech Republic (3-0) and Russia (7-1) to finish atop Group A and earn a quarterfinal bye. In the semifinal, the U.S. defeated the Czechs 5-0 to secure a match up with rival Canada in the gold-medal game. The U.S. topped Canada, 3-2, in an exciting overtime victory to claim the gold medal, becoming the first team to do so on home soil. The United States finished the tournament 3-2-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L), outscoring opponents 20-4.

