



Team USA Game Notes

2016 IIHF Men's World Championship • Moscow/St. Petersburg, Russia

USA (0-0-0-0) vs. Canada (0-0-0-0) • Game 1

Fri., May 6, 2016 • Yubileiny Sports Palace • St. Petersburg, Russia • Preliminary Round

Team USA Schedule (times are local/ET)

Friday, May 6 - Group B (St. Petersburg)

USA vs. Canada* 4:15 p.m./9:15 a.m.

Saturday, May 7 - Group B (St. Petersburg)

Belarus vs. USA 8:15 p.m./1:15 p.m.

Monday, May 9 - Group B (St. Petersburg)

Finland vs. USA* 8:15 p.m./1:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 12 - Group B (St. Petersburg)

USA vs. France 4:15 p.m./9:15 a.m.

Friday, May 13 - Group B (St. Petersburg)

USA vs. Hungary 4:15 p.m./9:15 a.m.

Sunday, May 15 - Group B (St. Petersburg)

Germany vs. USA 4:15 p.m./9:15 a.m.

Tuesday, May 17 - Group B (St. Petersburg)

USA vs. Slovakia* 12:15 p.m./5:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 19 - Quarterfinals (St. Petersburg)

vs. TBD TBD

Saturday, May 21 - Semifinals (Moscow)

vs. TBD TBD

Sunday, May 22 - Bronze-Medal Game (Moscow)

vs. TBD 4:15 p.m./9:15 a.m.

Sunday, May 22 - Gold-Medal Game (Moscow)

vs. TBD 8:15 p.m./1:15 p.m.

All games streamed live on NBC Sports Live Extra.

Games with * above live on NBC Sports Network. Others in preliminary round delayed as follows: Belarus-1:30 am ET/Hungary-9:45 a.m./Germany-3 p.m. ET

BITS AND PIECES

Team USA flew from NYC to Helsinki Saturday (April 30) with an early Sunday arrival. The team trained in Helsinki Sunday-Tuesday and played an exhibition game against Finland Tuesday evening (May 3) (see summary later in these notes). **Auston Matthews** left the U.S. with his parents on Friday (April 29) and arrived Saturday in Helsinki in time to be hooked up live via satellite to the NHL Draft Lottery Selection Show. The U.S. arrived in St. Petersburg via train Wednesday afternoon (May 4) from Helsinki ... **Dale Tallon** is here with Team USA through May 9. Tallon is part of the U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group which is responsible for selecting players and staff for the U.S. Men's National Team ... **Chris Drury** is part of the U.S. management group for this year's men's national team. He is here with the team through Saturday ... **Auston Matthews** is flanked by captain **Matt Hendricks** (left) and **Jordan Schroeder** (right) in Team USA's lockerroom ... The average age of Team USA is 23.0 years old (see the average age of Team USA since 2004 later in these notes) ... Goaltender **Thatcher Demko** will not dress today. Demko, a student at Boston College, took a final exam in sociology yesterday afternoon in St. Petersburg ... Seven players on the U.S. roster played NCAA Division I hockey in 2015-16 (Demko, Santini, Compher, Conner, Fasching, Motte, Wood).

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• TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. Men's National Team faces Canada today in the opening game for both teams of the 2016 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship at Yubileiny Sports Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia.

• STARTING IN GOAL

Keith Kincaid is expected to be the starter in goal for Team USA today against Canada. Kincaid played in 23 games for the New Jersey Devils of the NHL this year and was 9-9-0 (2.81, .904). He is starting his first ever game for a U.S. national team.

• ALL-TIME vs. CANADA

The U.S. and Canada meet for the 43rd time in World Championship history tonight. Canada leads the series by a

Game 2 • Preliminary Round • Canada vs. USA

May 5, 2012—at Hartwall Arena • Helsinki, Finland (6,842)

Canada (h)	1	1	2	0	—	4
USA (v)	1	1	2	1	—	5
1st:	USA-Slater (Lasch), 1:10 CAN-Tavares (Keith), 6:38					
2nd:	CAN-Skinner (Tavares, Bouwmeester), 7:34 USA-Johnson (Pacoretty, Ryan), 5x4 PPG, 13:54					
3rd:	USA-Dwyer (unassisted), 4x5 SHG, 6:43 CAN-Kane (unassisted), 9:51 USA-Thompson (Crabb, Dwyer), 16:19 CAN-Keith (unassisted), 18:21					
OT:	USA-Johnson (unassisted), 4x3 PPG, 1:47					
Penalties:	CAN 4-8, USA 3-6			Power Plays: CAN 0-3, USA 2-4		
Saves:	CAN-Ward (12-18-3-41); 61:47 USA-Howard (6-11-13-0-30); 61:47			Shots: CAN 7-12-15-0-34; USA 13-19-10-4-46		
Officials:	Refs-Vyacheslav Bulanov, Konstantin Olenin; Lines-Petr Blumel, Sergei Shelyanin					

Notes: Team USA scored the most goals it has ever scored against Canada in the World Championship. Jack Johnson provided the game-winner at 1:47 of overtime with team USA on a four-on-three power play. The U.S. played a solid game throughout and defeated Canada for just the fourth time in 42 tries at the World Championship. Jim Slater was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

37-1-3-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) margin. The last time the teams met at this event was in Helsinki, Finland, at the 2012 IIHF Men's World Championship, where the United States earned a 5-4 overtime victory in the preliminary round (summary at left). Of the last eight games

in the series, seven have been decided by two or fewer goals and six by a single goal. A look at the all-time game-by-game recap of the series can be found later in these notes.

• TEAM CAPTAINS NAMED

Matt Hendricks is the captain of the 2016 U.S. Men's National Team. He played on his first U.S. Men's National Team a year ago and as captain helped lead Team USA to the bronze medal. Hendricks was the oldest member of the U.S. Men's National Team a year ago and holds that same distinction this year at age 34. The next oldest on the team is Nick Foligno (28). Hendricks has served as an alternate captain throughout his professional career, including at Edmonton the last three seasons. He was team captain of his college team, St. Cloud State University, in 2003-04. **Nick Foligno** and **Connor Murphy** are the team's alternate captains. Foligno has played for Team USA in two previous IIHF Men's World Championships (2009, 2010), while Murphy is also a two-time veteran of the U.S. Men's National Team (2014, 2015-bronze) and helped Team USA win gold medals in both the 2013 IIHF World Junior Championship and 2011 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship. Murphy has played 28 games for Team USA, the second most of any player on the roster.

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• GETTING STARTED

Team USA has won its opening game of the IIHF Men's World Championship in each of the past five years and 10 times in the last 11 tournaments.

• BACK FROM LAST YEAR

Team USA returns three players from its bronze-medal 2015 U.S. Men's National Team, including defenseman **Connor Murphy**, forward **Dylan Larkin** and forward **Matt Hendricks**, who served as captain. The 2015 squad won eight games at the world championship, the most of any U.S. team in a single men's world championship.

• MEN'S WORLDS EXPERIENCE

Five players have experience playing in the IIHF Men's World Championship. The group includes three players that competed a year ago (**Matt Hendricks**, **Dylan Larkin**, **Connor Murphy**), as well as **Jake McCabe** and **Nick Foligno**.

• PLAYING FOR TEAM USA

A total of 19 players on the 2016 U.S. Men's National Team have competed for Team USA at IIHF world championships in their career (U18, World Juniors, Men's Worlds). Below is a list with total games played heading into the 2016 IIHF Men's World Championship.

JT Compher: 18 games played
 Kyle Connor: 7 games played
 Thatcher Demko: 11 games played
 Noah Hanifin: 12 games played
 Hudson Fasching: 17 games played
 Nick Foligno: 15 games played
 Matt Hendricks: 10 games played
 Vinnie Hinostroza: 5 games played
 Dylan Larkin: 21 games played
 Auston Matthews: 26 games played
 Jake McCabe: 21 games played
 Tyler Motte: 12 games played
 Connor Murphy: 28 games played
 Steven Santini: 12 games played
 Jordan Schroeder: 33 games played
 Brady Skjei: 11 games played
 Frank Vatrano: 6 games played
 David Warsofsky: 14 games played
 Miles Wood: 5 games played

Four players on the 2016 U.S. Men's National Team are playing in an IIHF world championship for the first time, including defenseman **Chris Wideman**, forward **Patrick Maroon**, and goaltenders **Keith Kinkaid** and **Mike Condon**.

• MEDAL MOMENTS

A total of 16 players on the 2016 U.S. Men's National Team have earned a combined 26 medals at IIHF world championships, including 11 players who have won gold. **Auston Matthews**, **Jake McCabe** and **Connor Murphy** lead the way with two gold medals a piece. Below is a list of all the players who have earned gold for Team USA:

JT Compher: 2012 U18 Worlds
 Kyle Connor: 2014 U18 Worlds
 Noah Hanifin: 2014 U18 Worlds
 Dylan Larkin: 2014 U18 Worlds
 Auston Matthews: 2015 U18 Worlds/2014 U18 Worlds
 Jake McCabe: 2013 World Juniors/2011 U18 Worlds
 Connor Murphy: 2013 World Juniors/2011 U18 Worlds
 Jordan Schroeder: 2010 World Juniors
 Brady Skjei: 2012 U18 Worlds
 Frank Vatrano: 2012 U18 Worlds
 David Warsofsky: 2010 World Juniors

• YOUTH MOVEMENT

The 2016 U.S. Men's National Team has an average age of 22.9. Below is a look at the average age of Team USA since 2004.

Average Age Since 2004

2016	23.0
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

John Hynes is serving as head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team for the first time. Hynes, the head coach of the New Jersey Devils, spent six seasons (2003-09) as a head coach at USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, and also served as an assistant coach of the gold medal 2004 U.S. National Junior Team. He was recently named an assistant coach for the U.S. team that will compete in the 2016 World Cup of Hockey. **Todd Richards** and **David Quinn** are serving as assistant coaches of the 2016 U.S. Men's National Team. Richards was head coach of last year's bronze medal-winning U.S. Men's National Team.

Roster Breakdown

Average age: 23.0 years
 Average height: 6-1
 Average weight: 198
 Shoots/catches left: 16; right: 7
 Oldest: Matt Hendricks, 34 yrs., 10 months
 Youngest: Auston Matthews, 18 yrs., 7 months

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Massachusetts	4
Minnesota	4
New York	4
Michigan	3
Illinois	2
Missouri	2
Arizona	1
California	1
Ohio	1
Wisconsin	1

MOST RECENT TEAM

NHL (15)

Buffalo Sabres	2
Edmonton Oilers	2
New Jersey Devils	2
Arizona Coyotes	1
Boston Bruins	1
Carolina Hurricanes	1
Columbus Blue Jackets	1
Detroit Red Wings	1
Minnesota Wild	1
Montreal Canadiens	1
New York Rangers	1
Ottawa Senators	1

SWISS-A (1)

Zurich Lions	1
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NCAA (6)

Boston College	3
University of Michigan	3

AHL (1)

Rockford IceHogs	1
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COLLEGE CONNECTION (16)

Boston College	4
University of Michigan	4
University of Minnesota	3
Boston University	1
Miami University	1
Princeton University	1
St. Cloud State University	1
UMass-Amherst	1
Union College	1
University of Notre Dame	1
University of Wisconsin	1

USA vs. Canada Series History

Date	Round	Result	GF-GA
5/5/12	Preliminary	OTW	5-4
5/6/11	Qualification	OTL	3-4
5/6/08	Preliminary	L	4-5
5/7/07	Qualification	L	3-6
5/9/06	Preliminary	L	1-2
5/5/05	Preliminary	L	1-3
4/30/02	Preliminary	L	1-2
5/10/01	Quarterfinals	OTW	4-3
5/9/99	Qualification	L	1-4
5/1/97	Preliminary	L	1-5
4/28/96	Preliminary	L	1-5
5/3/95	Quarterfinals	L	1-4
5/4/91	Medal Round	L	4-9
4/19/91	Preliminary	L	3-4
4/17/90	Preliminary	L	3-6
4/18/89	Preliminary	L	0-8
4/17/87	Preliminary	L	1-3
4/20/86	Preliminary	L	2-4
4/29/85	Round Robin	L	2-3
4/20/85	Preliminary	W	4-3
4/22/82	Preliminary	L	3-5
4/14/79	Preliminary	L	3-6
4/30/78	Preliminary	L	2-7
4/21/77	Preliminary	L	1-4
3/25/69	Round Robin	L	0-1
3/20/69	Round Robin	L	0-5
3/23/67	Round Robin	L	1-2
3/3/66	Round Robin	L	2-7
3/8/65	Round Robin	L	2-5
3/11/63	Round Robin	L	4-10
3/18/62	Round Robin	L	1-6
3/5/61	Round Robin	L	4-7
3/14/59	Round Robin	L	1-4
3/8/58	Round Robin	L	1-12
2/25/55	Round Robin	L	1-12
3/15/51	Round Robin	L	2-16
3/18/50	Round Robin	L	0-5
2/17/49	Round Robin	L	2-7
2/12/39	Round Robin	L	0-4
2/11/34	Gold Medal Game	L	1-2
2/26/33	Gold Medal Game	OTW	2-1
2/8/31	Round Robin	L	0-2

TOTALS **1-3-1-37-0 78-217**
(W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

2015 Men's World Championship A Look Back

The 2015 U.S. Men's National Team finished third among 16 teams at the IIHF Men's World Championship in Ostrava and Prague, Czech Republic. Team USA (7-1-0-2, W-OTW-OTL-L) lost to Russia in the semifinals but went on to beat host Czech Republic in the bronze medal game. It was Team USA's second bronze medal in the past three years. Forward **Brock Nelson** led all U.S. players with 10 points (6-4), while forward **Trevor Lewis** contributed 9 points (3-6).

• ROSTER UPDATE

The U.S. roster currently stands at 23 players, leaving two spots open. The most recent addition is forward **Frank Vatrano**, who played for Boston Bruins in 2015-16. **Luke Glendening**, who was originally named to the U.S. roster, returned to the U.S. on Monday (May 2) and will not play for Team USA due to health reasons.

• MANAGEMENT TEAM

The 2016 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), **Ray Shero** (New Jersey) and **Dale Tallon** (Florida). Also involved is **Don Waddell**, president of Gale Force Sports & Entertainment. The group is led by **Jim Johansson**, USA Hockey's assistant executive director of hockey operations. **Chris Drury**, director of player development for the New York Rangers, is also part of the management group for the 2016 U.S. Men's National Team.

• JUNIOR CONNECTION

Nineteen members of the 2016 U.S. Men's National Team are alums of either the United States Hockey League or the North American Hockey League, the only Tier I and Tier II junior hockey leagues in the U.S., respectively.

• USA HOCKEY'S NTDP ROOTS

Fourteen members of the 2016 U.S. Men's National Team were members of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program. The NTDP is an elite development program created by USA Hockey in 1996 currently housed in the Detroit suburb of Plymouth, Michigan.

Finland vs. USA • Exhibition

May 3, 2016—at Hartwall Arena • Helsinki, Finland (11,318)

Finland (h)	1	1	0	1	—	3
United States (v)	1	1	0	0	—	2

1st: FIN-Pulkkinen (Aho, Komarov), 5x4 PPG, 17:43

USA-Schroeder (Matthews, Maroon), 18:15

2nd: FIN-Pulkkinen (Jokinen, Laine), 5x3 PPG, 1:31

USA-Compher (Hendricks, McCabe), 11:33

3rd: No Scoring

OT: FIN-Komarov (Hietanen, Koskinen), 2:58

Penalties: USA 3-6, FIN 2-4 **Power Plays:** USA 0-2, FIN 2-3

Saves: USA-Kinkaid (9-3-x--12); 29:18

USA-Condon (x-5-4-4--13); 33:40

FIN-Koskinen (7-2-7-4--20); 62:58

Shots: USA 8-3-7-4--22; FIN 10-9-4-5--28

Officials: Refs-Danny Kurman, Marcus Vinnerborg; Lines-Janie Pesonen, Hannu Sormunen

Notes: A back-and-forth affair ended with Finland winning in OT before an enthusiastic crowd at Hartwall Arena in Helsinki. The U.S. played its first game after being together for just three practices. Jordan Schroeder was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

U.S. Success in 2016

Team USA has medaled at every International Ice Hockey Federation event of the 2016 campaign so far, including two gold medals and two bronze medals. Both women's teams — the U.S. Women's National Team and U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team — took home gold at their respective world championships. The U.S. National Junior Team earned bronze at the 2016 World Junior Championship in Helsinki, Finland. And most recently, the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team took home bronze at the IIHF U18 Men's World Championship, marking Team USA's 13th consecutive medal at the event.