



TEAM USA GAME NOTES

2012 IIHF World Under-18 Championship • Breclav, Brno and Znojmo, Czech Republic

USA (1-0-0-0) vs. Czech Republic (1-0-0-0)

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TONIGHT'S CONTEST -- The U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team skates in its second preliminary round matchup of the 2012 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Under-18 Championship against the Czech Republic this afternoon. Puck drop is scheduled for 1 p.m. local time / 7 a.m. EDT at Alcala Arena in Breclav, Czech Republic. The Czech Republic won its first tilt in the tournament, 8-4, over Denmark yesterday afternoon (April 13).

MATCH-UP HISTORY -- Team USA will meet the Czech Republic for the eighth time in tournament history tonight. The U.S. holds a 5-2-1 (W-L-OTL) advantage over the Czechs in the all-time series, winning five straight after dropping its first two meetings in 2001-02 and skating to a draw in 2004. In the most recent meeting between the two clubs, back on April 2, 2010, Team USA shut out the Czech Republic 6-0 in the quarterfinals at the 2010 IIHF World Men's Under-18 Championship. The U.S. has outscored the Czechs, 31-16, all-time in the tournament.

2010	6-0	W
2009	6-2	W
2006	5-0	W
	4-3	W
2005	4-3	W
2004	2-2	T
2002	0-1	L
2001	4-5 (OT)	L

BACK FOR MORE -- Highlighting the roster are three returnees from last year's team, including forward **Nicolas Kerdiles** (Irvine, Calif.) and defensemen **Seth Jones** (Plano, Texas) and **Jacob Trouba** (Rochester, Mich.).

COLE LEADS SQUAD -- The U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team will be led by **Danton Cole**, who is serving as head coach at his first IIHF Men's World Under-18 Championship. He is one of two full-time head coaches at USA Hockey's National Team Development Program in Ann Arbor, Mich. Cole is currently in his second season as head coach at the NTDP ... **John Gruden**, **Mike Ayers** and **Tyler Eaves**, all coaches with USA Hockey's NTDP, will serve as assistant coaches for Team USA.

QUEST FOR UNPRECEDENTED FOURTH STRAIGHT GOLD -- The U.S. enters the tournament having captured a record eight consecutive medals, including back-to-back gold medals in 2005-06, three straight gold medals from 2009-11, two silver medals (2004, 2007) and one bronze medal (2008). Team USA's six gold medals are the most of any country in IIHF Men's World Under-18 Championship history (event began in 1999). Team USA earned its first gold medal in 2002.

THE NTDP -- USA Hockey's National Team Development Program was founded in 1996 in order to better prepare American players for their future hockey careers. Based in Ann Arbor, Mich., the NTDP consists of two squads, the U.S. National Under-18 Team, which plays against U.S. college opponents, domestic junior teams and in three international competitions, and U.S. National Under-17 Team, which plays against domestic junior competition and participates in three international tournaments. In the last 15 years, 198 players have been selected in the National Hockey League Entry Draft, including 41 in the first round and three with the first overall selection (Rick DiPietro, 2000; Erik Johnson, 2006; Patrick Kane, 2007). Twenty-one players on the U.S. roster come from USA Hockey's NTDP.

Team USA Schedule

<u>Monday, April 9 -- Znojmo, Czech Republic</u> USA vs. Sweden (exhibition)	L, 2-3
<u>Thursday, April 12 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> Finland vs. USA	W, 4-0
<u>Saturday, April 14 -- Breclav, Czech Republic</u> USA vs. Czech Republic	1 p.m.
<u>Sunday, April 15 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> Denmark vs. USA	6 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, April 17 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> USA vs. Canada	8 p.m.
<u>Thursday, April 19 -- Breclav, Czech Republic</u> Quarterfinal Round	TBD
<u>Friday, April 20 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> Semifinal Round	TBD
<u>Sunday, April 22 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> Bronze-Medal Game	12 p.m.
Gold-Medal Game	4 p.m.



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World Under-18 Championship Tournament Standings

Group A

Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	PTS
Canada	1	1	0	0	0	3
Czech Rep	1	1	0	0	0	3
USA	1	1	0	0	0	3
Finland	1	0	0	0	1	0
Denmark	2	0	0	0	2	0

Group B

Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	PTS
Sweden	1	1	0	0	0	3
Russia	1	1	0	0	0	3
Latvia	2	1	0	0	1	3
Switzerland	1	0	0	0	1	0
Germany	1	0	0	0	1	0

2012 U.S. NATIONAL U18 TEAM STATISTICS

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS +/-	PIM	PPG	SHG	GWG
21	Matthew Lane	1	1	1	2 +1	2	0	0	0
13	Frankie Vatrano	1	0	2	2 +1	0	0	0	0
24	Connor Carrick	1	1	0	1 0	0	1	0	0
17	Nicolas Kerdiles	1	1	0	1 0	0	1	0	1
27	Quentin Shore	1	1	0	1 +1	2	0	0	0
22	Riley Barber	1	0	1	1 1	2	0	0	0
11	J.T. Compher	1	0	1	1 +1	2	0	0	0
18	Ryan Hartman	1	0	1	1 0	2	0	0	0
15	Daniel O'Regan	1	0	1	0 0	0	0	0	0
9	Kyle Osterberg	1	0	1	1 +1	0	0	0	0
6	Will Butcher	1	0	0	0 +1	2	0	0	0
26	Andrew Copp	1	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
19	Cameron Darcy	1	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
14	Thomas Di Pauli	1	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
7	Matt Grzelcyk	1	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
4	Seth Jones	1	0	0	0 +1	0	0	0	0
28	Anthony Louis	1	0	0	0 +1	0	0	0	0
29	Collin Olson	1	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
10	Patrick Sieloff	1	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
16	Brady Skjei	1	0	0	0 +1	0	0	0	0
8	Jacob Trouba	1	0	0	0 0	2	0	0	0
1	Jared Rutledge	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
#	Goaltender	MIN	GA	GAA	SVS	SV%	W-OTW-OTL-L	SO	
29	Collin Olson	60	0	0.00	21	1.000	1-0-0-0	1	
1	Jared Rutledge	0	0	0.00	0	.000	0-0-0-0	0	

TEAM USA BLANKS FINLAND -- **Collin Olson** (Apple Valley, Minn.) made 21 saves in a shutout effort, as the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team blanked Finland, 4-0, on Thursday (April 12) at Kajot Arena in its opening game at the 2012 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Under-18 Championship. **Matthew Lane** (Rochester, N.Y.) scored one goal and added an assist and **Frankie Vatrano** (East Longmeadow, Mass.) contributed with two assists in the win. Olson was named Team USA's best player of the game.



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FORMER UNDER-18 TEAM FORWARD NAMED TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER -- Forward **Joey Crabb** (Anchorage, Alaska/2001) has been added to the U.S. Men's National Team roster for the 2012 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship it was announced Thursday (April 13) by USA Hockey. The tournament is scheduled for May 4-20, 2012, in Helsinki, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden. Former U18 members already named to the team include defensemen **Justin Faulk** (South St. Paul, Minn./2010), **Cam Fowler** (Farmington Hills, Mich./2009), and **Jack Johnson** (Faribault, Minn./2004-05) and forward **Nathan Gerbe** (Oxford, Mich./2004-05).

TONIGHT'S GAME HELD IN BRECLAV DUE TO LOCAL TEAM SUCCESS -- Team USA's game against host country, the Czech Republic, recently had to be moved from Kajot Arena in Brno to Alcaplast Arena in Breclav. Kometa Brno's improbable run to the final series of the Czech Extraliga prompted the change. In order to minimize the changes in the schedule it was agreed to add a third venue in Breclav, 52 kilometres south of Brno. Alcaplast Arena, with a capacity of 4,200 spectators, is one of two sites that annually hosts the Memorial of Ivan Hlinka Under-18 Tournament in August.

TEAM USA BY THE NUMBERS

Home State

Illinois	6
Massachusetts	4
Michigan	4
Minnesota	3
California	1
Colorado	1
New York	1
Texas	1
Wisconsin	1

College Commitments

Miami University (CCHA)	4
University of Michigan (CCHA)	4
Boston University (HEA)	3
University of Denver (WCHA)	2
Boston College (HEA)	1
Northeastern University (HEA)	1
Ohio State University (CCHA)	1
University of Minnesota (WCHA)	1
Univ. of Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	1
University of Notre Dame (CCHA)	1
University of Wisconsin (WCHA)	1

College Connection By League

CCHA	10
HEA	5
WCHA	5

Team USA Overall

Average Height	5'11" (181)
Average Weight	185 (84)
Shoots/Catches Left	13
Shoots/Catches Right	9

Pronunciation Guide

Connor Carrick	(CARE-ick)
J.T. Compher	(comp-FER)
Thomas Di Pauli	(dih-PAUL-ee)
Matt Grzelcyk	(grizz-lick)
Nicolas Kerdiles	(ker-DEE-liss)
Anthony Louis	(LOO-iss)
Daniel O'Regan	(oh-REE-ginn)
Kyle Osterberg	(AH-ster-berg)
Patrick Sieloff	(SEE-loff)
Brady Skjei	(SHAY)
Jacob Trouba	(TROO-buh)
Frankie Vatrano	(VUH-TRON-oh)

THURSDAY'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Denmark 1 - Canada 6
Latvia 1 - Russia 6
Germany 1 - Sweden 8

FRIDAY'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Czech Republic 8 - Denmark 4
Switzerland 2 - Latvia 4

TODAY'S MATCH-UPS (times are local)

Russia vs. Germany @ 2 p.m.
Canada vs. Finland @ 6 p.m.
Sweden vs. Switzerland @ 6 p.m.