



TEAM USA GAME NOTES

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

USA (2-0-0-0) vs. Denmark (0-0-0-2)

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TONIGHT'S CONTEST -- The U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team skates in its third preliminary round matchup of the 2012 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Under-18 Championship against Denmark tonight. Puck drop is scheduled for 6 p.m. local time / 12 p.m. EDT at Kajot Arena in Brno, Czech Republic. Denmark is seeking its first victory in the tournament, having dropped games to Canada (April 12) and the Czech Republic (April 13) earlier in the week.

MATCH-UP HISTORY -- Team USA will meet Denmark for just the second time in tournament history tonight. The lone U.S. victory was due in part to the efforts of current National Hockey League stars, **Phil Kessel** (Toronto Maple Leafs) and **Kevin Porter** (Colorado Avalanche). Both players scored once and added two assists back on April 8 in Minsk, Belarus.

2004 5-2 W

TOURNEY LEADERS -- **Seth Jones** (Plano, Texas) is tied for second in points by a defenseman. The blueliner has three points (1-2) in two games and sits just one point behind Canada's Matt Dumba (2-2) ... **Jacob Trouba** (Rochester, Mich.) is tied for fourth among defensemen with two points (1-1) ... **Nicolas Kerdiles** (Irvine, Calif.) is tied for eighth overall in points with two goals and one assist in two games. Both of his tallies are game winners ... It's no surprise that **Collin Olson** (Apple Valley, Minn.) leads all netminders in save percentage (100-percent) and goals-against average (0.00). The goaltender has two shutouts in two games so far this tournament.

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	W, 5-0
<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
USA	2	2	0	0	0	6
Canada	2	1	0	0	1	3
Czech Rep	2	1	0	0	1	3
Finland	2	1	0	0	1	3
Denmark	2	0	0	0	2	0

Group B

Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	PTS
Sweden	2	2	0	0	0	6
Russia	2	1	0	0	1	3
Latvia	2	1	0	0	1	3
Germany	2	1	0	0	1	3
Switzerland	2	0	0	0	2	0

2012 U.S. NATIONAL U18 TEAM STATISTICS

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS +/-	PIM	PPG	SHG	GWG
17	Nicolas Kerdiles	2	2	1	3 +1	0	1	0	2
18	Ryan Hartman	2	1	2	3 +2	2	0	0	0
4	Seth Jones	2	1	2	3 +3	0	1	0	0
27	Quentin Shore	2	2	0	2 +2	2	0	0	0
21	Matthew Lane	2	1	1	2 +2	2	0	0	0
8	Jacob Trouba	2	1	1	2 0	2	1	0	0
22	Riley Barber	2	0	2	2 +2	2	0	0	0
15	Daniel O'Regan	2	0	2	2 +2	0	0	0	0
13	Frankie Vatrano	2	0	2	2 +1	0	0	0	0
24	Connor Carrick	2	1	0	1 +1	0	1	0	0
11	J.T. Compher	2	0	1	1 +1	2	0	0	0
28	Anthony Louis	2	0	1	1 +2	2	0	0	0
9	Kyle Osterberg	2	0	1	1 +1	0	0	0	0
6	Will Butcher	2	0	0	0 +1	2	0	0	0
26	Andrew Copp	2	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
19	Cameron Darcy	2	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
14	Thomas Di Pauli	2	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
7	Matt Grzelcyk	2	0	0	0 +1	0	0	0	0
29	Collin Olson	2	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
10	Patrick Sieloff	2	0	0	0 +1	0	0	0	0
16	Brady Skjei	2	0	0	0 +2	0	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	120	0	0.00	38	1.000	2-0-0-0	2	
1	Jared Rutledge	0	0	0.00	0	.000	0-0-0-0	0	

TEAM USA EARNS SECOND SHUTOUT AGAINST CZECHS -- Collin Olson (Apple Valley, Minn.) made 17 saves to earn his second straight shutout and **Seth Jones** (Plano, Texas) recorded three points (1-2), as the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team defeated the Czech Republic, 5-0, yesterday afternoon (April 14) at Alcaplast Arena in its second game at the 2012 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Under-18 Championship. With the win, Team USA's overall record improved to 2-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L). **Ryan Hartman** (West Dundee, Ill.), **Nicolas Kerdiles** (Irvine Calif.) and **Jacob Trouba** (Rochester, Mich.) each recorded one goal and one assist in the win. Jones was named Team USA's best player of the game.



TEAM USA BLANKS FINLAND -- Collin Olson 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 IIHF 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.

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).

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

Czech Republic 8 - Denmark 4
Switzerland 2 - Latvia 4

FRIDAY'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Russia 2 - Germany 4
Canada 2 - Finland 4
Sweden 7 - Switzerland 2

TODAY'S MATCH-UPS (times are local)

Latvia vs. Sweden @ 6 p.m.