



# TEAM USA GAME NOTES

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

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## USA (3-0-0-0) vs. Canada (2-0-0-1)

April 17, 2012 • 8 p.m. (local time) • Preliminary Game 4

**TONIGHT'S CONTEST** -- The U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team skates in its fourth preliminary round matchup of the 2012 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Under-18 Championship against Canada tonight. Puck drop is scheduled for 8 p.m. local time / 12 p.m. EDT at Kajot Arena in Brno, Czech Republic. Canada is coming off a 6-2 win over the Czech Republic on Monday (April 15) and sits just behind the U.S. in Group A.

**MATCH-UP HISTORY** -- Team USA will meet Canada for the 10th time in tournament history tonight. The U.S. holds a 7-2-0 (W-L-OTL) advantage over the Canadians in the all-time series, winning the last three tilts. In the most recent meeting between the two clubs, back on April 23, 2011, Team USA clipped Canada, 5-4, in overtime, in the semifinals at the 2011 IIHF World Men's Under-18 Championship in Crimmitschau, Germany. The U.S. has outscored the Canadians, 36-18, all-time in the tournament.

2011	5-4	W (OT)
2010	5-0	W
2009	2-1	W
2007	2-3	L (SO)
	4-3	W (SO)
2005	5-1	W
2004	2-1	W
2003	1-2	L
2002	10-3	W

**TOURNEY LEADERS** -- Three Team USA skaters are ranked in the top 10 in tournament points. **Seth Jones** (Plano, Texas), **Nicolas Kerdiles** (Irvine, Calif.) and **Matthew Lane** (Rochester, N.Y.) each have two goals and two assists, good for a share of tenth most on the list. Jones ranks second in points by a defenseman ... Canada boasts two of the tournament's top point producers in Matt Dumba (3-3) and Kerby Rychel (3-3) ... Forward **Quentin Shore** (Denver, Colo.) is the leading scorer on the U.S. squad, netting three goals in three games. The tournament leader is Sweden's Mattias Kalin who has four goals in three games ... Defenseman **Brady Skjei** (Lakeville, Minn.) is tied for sixth in the tournament in plus-minus (+4) ... Team USA goaltenders currently lead the pack, as both **Collin Olson** (Apple Valley, Minn.) and **Jared Rutledge** (Chicago, Ill.) have not allowed a goal in three games.

**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	W, 4-0
<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	3	3	0	0	0	9
Finland	3	2	0	0	1	6
Canada	3	2	0	0	1	6
Czech Rep	3	1	0	0	2	3
Denmark	4	0	0	0	4	0

### Group B

Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	PTS
Sweden	3	3	0	0	0	9
Russia	3	2	0	0	1	6
Latvia	4	2	0	0	2	6
Germany	3	1	0	0	2	3
Switzerland	3	0	0	0	3	0

## 2012 U.S. NATIONAL U18 TEAM STATISTICS

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS +/-	PIM	PPG	SHG	GWG
4	Seth Jones	3	2	2	4 +3	0	2	0	0
17	Nicolas Kerdiles	3	2	2	4 +4	0	1	0	2
21	Matthew Lane	3	2	2	4 +4	2	0	0	1
27	Quentin Shore	3	3	0	3 +3	2	0	0	0
18	Ryan Hartman	3	1	2	3 +2	14	0	0	0
8	Jacob Trouba	3	1	2	3 +2	4	1	0	0
13	Frankie Vatrano	3	1	2	3 +3	0	0	0	0
11	J.T. Compher	3	0	3	3 +3	2	0	0	0
24	Connor Carrick	3	1	1	2 +2	0	1	0	0
22	Riley Barber	3	0	2	2 +2	2	0	0	0
15	Daniel O'Regan	3	0	2	2 +2	0	0	0	0
28	Anthony Louis	3	0	1	1 +3	2	0	0	0
9	Kyle Osterberg	3	0	1	1 +1	0	0	0	0
16	Brady Skjei	3	0	1	1 +4	0	0	0	0
6	Will Butcher	3	0	0	0 +1	2	0	0	0
26	Andrew Copp	3	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
19	Cameron Darcy	3	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
14	Thomas Di Pauli	3	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
7	Matt Grzelcyk	3	0	0	0 +3	0	0	0	0
29	Collin Olson	2	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
10	Patrick Sieloff	3	0	0	0 +1	0	0	0	0
1	Jared Rutledge	1	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	60	0	0.00	17	1.000	1-0-0-0	1	

**TEAM USA EARNS THIRD SHUTOUT OVER DENMARK** -- **Jared Rutledge** (Chicago, Ill.) made 17 saves to earn the shutout and **J.T. Compher** (Northbrook, Ill./0-2) and **Matthew Lane** (Rochester, N.Y./1-1) each recorded two points, as the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team bested Denmark, 4-0, Sunday (April 15) at Kajot Arena in its third game at the 2012 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Under-18 Championship. Team USA outshot Denmark, 57-17 and went 1-for-4 on the power play. With the victory, Team USA improved to 3-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) and is yet to surrender a goal in the tournament. **Nicolas Kerdiles** (Irvine, Calif.) was named Team USA's best player of the game.



**TEAM USA BESTS THE CZECH REPUBLIC** -- **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, on 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** 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** 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.

## 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)

## SUNDAY'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Latvia 1 - Sweden 3

## MONDAY'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Canada 6 - Czech Republic 2

Germany 4 - Latvia 5

Finland 5 - Denmark 1

Russia 6 - Switzerland 0

## TODAY'S MATCH-UPS (times are local)

Czech Republic vs. Finland @ 4 p.m.

Sweden vs. Russia @ 4 p.m.

Switzerland vs. Germany @ 8 p.m.