



# TEAM USA GAME NOTES

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

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## USA (4-0-0-0) vs. Canada (3-0-0-2)

April 20, 2012 • 7 p.m. (local time) • Semifinal Round

**TONIGHT'S CONTEST** -- The U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team takes on Canada in the semifinals of the 2012 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Under-18 Championship. Canada had to first beat Russia, in quarterfinal action last night (April 19). Forward Kerby Rychel scored two goals and netminder Matt Murray stopped 28 shots to help Canada earn the 4-2 win and the right to face the Americans. Team USA has been off since Tuesday (April 17), as its win against Canada secured a bye to the semifinals. Puck drop is scheduled for 7 p.m. local time / 1 p.m. EDT at Kajot Arena in Brno, Czech Republic.

**MATCH-UP HISTORY** -- Team USA will meet Canada for the 11th time in tournament history tonight, having squared off once already in this year's preliminary round. The win on April 17, 2012, improved the U.S. record over its North American counterpart, to 8-2-0 (W-L-OTL) in the all-time series. The U.S. is currently riding a four-game win streak in the rivalry. This is the second consecutive year that these two teams will meet in the semifinals. Back on April 23, 2011, Team USA clipped Canada, 5-4, in overtime, at the 2011 IIHF World Men's Under-18 Championship in Crimmitschau, Germany. The U.S. has outscored the Canadians, 41-21, all-time in the tournament.

2012	5-3	W
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** -- **Matthew Lane** (Rochester, N.Y.) is the top point producer for Team USA with six points (3-3) in four games, which places him in a ninth place tie in the tournament. The forward is also a team best plus-6, which is third best overall ... Canada boasts the top two skaters in points as defenseman Matt Dumba and forward Kerby Rychel are ranked first and second respectively. Dumba has nine points (5-4) in five games, while Rychel sits just behind his teammate with eight points (5-3) ... **Seth Jones** (Plano, Texas) is ranked second in points by a blueliner. The defenseman has netted three goals and added two assists in four games ... **J.T. Compher** (Northbrook, Ill.), **Ryan Hartman** (West Dundee, Ill.) and Lane are tied for the team lead in assists (3) ... Troy Bourke tops the assist leader board for Canada and has six assists in five games ... **Nicolas Kerdiles** (Irvine, Calif.) is first in faceoff win percentage (69.2) ... Three American players, Jones, Lane and **Quentin Shore** (Denver, Colo.), have three goals each, which is tied for eighth most in the tournament ... **Collin Olson** (Apple Valley, Minn.) is tied for first in goals-against average (1.00) and is second in save percentage (.955). Olson has two shutouts thus far in the tournament, which leads all netminders.

**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.

## 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	W, 5-3
<u>Friday, April 20 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> USA vs. Canada	7 p.m.
<u>Sunday, April 22 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> Bronze-Medal Game	12 p.m.
Gold-Medal Game	4 p.m.

\* game times are local



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## THURSDAY'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### Quarterfinals

Finland 8 - Germany 0

Russia 2 - Canada 4

### Relegation

Czech Republic 2 - Switzerland 4

Latvia 3 - Denmark 4

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

### Semifinals

Sweden vs. Finland @ 3 p.m.

USA vs. Canada @ 7 p.m.

### Relegation

Czech Republic vs. Latvia @ 3 p.m.

Switzerland vs. Denmark @ 7 p.m.



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## 2012 U.S. NATIONAL U18 TEAM STATISTICS

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS +/-	PIM	PPG	SHG	GWG
21	Matthew Lane	4	3	3	6 +6	2	0	0	1
4	Seth Jones	4	3	2	5 +4	0	2	0	0
27	Quentin Shore	4	3	2	5 +3	2	0	0	0
17	Nicolas Kerdiles	4	2	2	4 +2	2	1	0	2
13	Frankie Vatrano	4	2	2	4 +4	2	0	0	1
18	Ryan Hartman	4	1	3	4 +4	18	0	0	0
8	Jacob Trouba	4	1	2	3 +3	4	1	0	0
22	Riley Barber	4	1	2	3 +1	2	1	0	0
24	Connor Carrick	4	1	2	3 +3	2	1	0	0
11	J.T. Compher	4	0	3	3 +5	2	0	0	0
15	Daniel O'Regan	4	0	2	2 +3	0	0	0	0
7	Matt Grzelcyk	4	1	0	1 +3	2	1	0	0
28	Anthony Louis	4	0	1	1 +3	2	0	0	0
9	Kyle Osterberg	4	0	1	1 +1	0	0	0	0
16	Brady Skjei	4	0	1	1 +5	0	0	0	0
6	Will Butcher	4	0	0	0 +1	2	0	0	0
26	Andrew Copp	4	0	0	0 -1	0	0	0	0
19	Cameron Darcy	4	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
14	Thomas Di Pauli	4	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
29	Collin Olson	3	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
10	Patrick Sieloff	4	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	180	3	1.00	64	0.955	3-0-0-0	2	
1	Jared Rutledge	60	0	0.00	17	1.000	1-0-0-0	1	

**TEAM USA BESTS CANADA IN FINAL PRELIMINARY GAME: Matthew Lane** (Rochester, N.Y.) netted one goal and added one assist, as the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team beat Canada, 5-3, Tuesday (April 17) at Kajot Arena in its final preliminary-round game at the 2012 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Under-18 Championship. With the victory, Team USA won its group with an undefeated 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record and earned a bye to the semifinal round. **Quentin Shore** (Denver, Colo.) chipped in with two assists and Collin Olson (Apple Valley, Minn.) made 26 saves in the victory. Olson had his shutout streak snapped at 142:45. **Seth Jones** (Plano, Texas) was named Team USA's best player of the game.

**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** (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 DEFEATS THE CZECH REPUBLIC -- Collin Olson** made 17 saves to earn his second straight shutout and **Seth Jones** 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)

