



TEAM USA GAME NOTES

2011 IIHF World Under-18 Championship • Crimmitschau & Dresden, Germany



Germany (1-0-1-1) vs. Team USA (3-0-0-0)

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TONIGHT'S CONTEST -- The U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team takes on tournament host Germany in its fourth and final preliminary round game of the 2011 International Ice Hockey Federation World Men's Under-18 Championship. The U.S. secured a bye to the semifinals after Slovakia defeated Germany last night, 4-0. Team USA will be the top seed from Group A, having already earned nine points. Russia is currently second with five points and plays Switzerland this afternoon. With a win against Switzerland and a loss in the shoot out to Russia, Germany sits in third place with four points. A victory in its final game against the USA, or a loss by Switzerland to Russia will see Germany through to the playoffs. Should both teams lose, Germany will go through based on its earlier victory against the Swiss.

MATCH-UP HISTORY -- Team USA will meet Germany for the seventh time in tournament history tonight. The U.S. holds a 4-2 edge on Deutschland, last playing on April 20, 2008 in Kazan, Russia. Team USA won that match-up, 4-1, en route to a bronze medal. The U.S. has outscored Germany by a 30-7 margin in the all-time series.

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| 2008 | 4-1 | W | Quarterfinals |
| 2007 | 9-1 | W | Preliminary Round |
| 2006 | 9-0 | W | Preliminary Round |
| 2001 | 1-2 | L | 5th Place Game |
| 2000 | 1-3 | L | Relegation Round |
| 1999 | 6-0 | W | Relegation Round |

LAST TIME OUT: RUS vs. USA (April 17) -- **J.T. Miller** (East Palestine, Ohio) scored twice and **Reid Boucher** (Grand Ledge, Mich.) netted the game-winning goal with just 21 seconds remaining in regulation, as the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team edged Russia, 4-3, Sunday (April 17) night in the preliminary round of the 2011 International Ice Hockey Federation World Men's U18 Championship. Miller was named Player of the Game for Team USA. **John Gibson** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) made 36 saves in the win for the U.S., who remained undefeated through three games of the tournament.

STREAKING -- **Reid Boucher** has one goal in each of the first three games played. Boucher also has two game-winning tallies to his credit ... **J.T. Miller** extended his point streak to three games, scoring two goals against Russia on Sunday (April 17). Miller has five points (2-3) in that span, tied for best on the squad ... **Robbie Russo** (Westmont, Ill.) also kept his personal streak alive with an assist against Russia. With five points (1-4) in the tournament, Russo is tied for the team lead with Miller ... **Travis Boyd** (Hopkins, Minn.) now has one goal in two straight games and three points (2-1) total in three contests.

THE NTDP -- All 22 players on the U.S. roster come from USA Hockey's National Team Development Program. The NTDP 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 14 years, 181 players have been selected in the National Hockey League Entry Draft, including 38 in the first round and three with the first overall selection: **Rick DiPietro** (Winthrop, Mass.), 2000; **Erik Johnson** (Bloomington, Minn.), 2006; and **Patrick Kane** (Buffalo, N.Y.), 2007.

Team USA Schedule

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| <u>Saturday, April 9 -- Dresden, Germany</u> | |
| USA vs. Canada (exhibition) | L, 1-2 |
| <u>Monday, April 10 -- Dresden, Germany</u> | |
| Finland vs. USA (exhibition) | W, 4-2 |
| <u>Thursday, April 14 -- Crimmitschau, Germany</u> | |
| Switzerland vs. USA | W, 2-1 |
| <u>Friday, April 15 -- Crimmitschau, Germany</u> | |
| Slovakia vs. USA | W, 8-1 |
| <u>Sunday, April 17 -- Crimmitschau, Germany</u> | |
| USA vs. Russia | W, 4-3 |
| <u>Tuesday, April 19 -- Crimmitschau, Germany</u> | |
| USA vs. Germany | 7:30 p.m. |
| <u>Thursday, April 21 -- Crimmitschau, Germany</u> | |
| Quarterfinal Round | TBD |
| <u>Saturday, April 23 -- Crimmitschau, Germany</u> | |
| Semifinal Round | TBD |
| <u>Sunday, April 24 -- Crimmitschau</u> | |
| Bronze-Medal Game | 2:30 p.m. |
| Gold-Medal Game | 6:30 p.m. |

World Under-18 Championship Tournament Standings

Group A

| Team | GP | W | OTW | OTL | L | PTS |
|-------------|----|---|-----|-----|---|-----|
| USA | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Russia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Germany | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Switzerland | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Slovakia | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |

Group B

| Team | GP | W | OTW | OTL | L | PTS |
|-----------|----|---|-----|-----|---|-----|
| Canada | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Czech Rep | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Sweden | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Finland | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Norway | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |



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SUNDAY'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS --

Slovakia 2 - Switzerland 3
 Norway 2 - Czech Republic 3
 Sweden 5 - Finland 2
 Russia 3 - USA 4

MONDAY'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS --

Germany 0 - Slovakia 4
 Canada 5 - Norway 0

TODAY'S MATCH-UPS (all times local) --

Russia vs. Switzerland @ 3:30 p.m.
 Finland vs. Czech Republic @ 3:30 p.m.
 Sweden vs. Canada @ 7:30 p.m.
 USA vs. Germany @ 7:30 p.m.

STAT LEADERS -- Robbie Russo and J.T. Miller are the top point producers for the U.S., each registering five points in three games. Russo is second amongst all defenseman, notching one goal and adding four assists. Miller has two tallies and three assists which places him tied-for-sixth in the tournament. He also ranks amongst the top faceoff performers, winning 66.7% of draws (tied-for-fourth) ... **John Gibson** is the top goaltender thus far in the tournament, leading all other netminders in save percentage (.955) and goals-against-average (1.43).

TEAM STASTICS -- The U.S. penalty kill unit currently leads all teams in the tournament having only allowed one power play goal thus far (94.1%). Germany ranks fifth in killing the opposition's power play (75.0%) ... Team USA is third overall with the man advantage, clicking at a 31.8% clip. Germany is successful 26.7% of tries, placing the host country sixth ... With 52 total penalty minutes, the U.S. is the fifth most penalized team. Deutschland on the other hand, is whistled the least (42) ... On average, the Americans have drawn 1,124 fans per game (sixth). Germany, the host country, leads all teams, playing in front of 3,050 people per game.

CHASING U18 RECORD BOOKS -- With **Rocco Grimaldi's** (Rossmoor, Calif.) assist in Sunday's win against Russia, the forward now ranks fifth in all-time points for Team USA at the IIHF World Men's Under-18 Championship. Grimaldi has recorded 14 points (3-11) in ten games, having played for the gold medal-winning 2010 U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team at last year's tournament in Belarus. Grimaldi is just one point back of the number four slot, held by forward **Patrick O'Sullivan** (Sterling Heights, Mich./2002), who had 15 points (7-8) in just eight total games played.

FAULK SIGNS WITH CAROLINA -- The Carolina Hurricanes have agreed to terms with defenseman **Justin Faulk** (South St. Paul, Minn./2010). He will immediately join the Hurricanes' top minor-league affiliate, the Charlotte Checkers of the American Hockey League, for the Calder Cup playoffs. Faulk is a product of the United States National Team Development Program, and helped Team USA to a bronze medal at the 2011 IIHF World Junior Championships in Buffalo. His extensive international experience also includes the **2010 IIHF World Under-18 Championship** in Belarus, where he scored the game-winning goal for the U.S. in the gold-medal game against Sweden. Faulk recently completed his freshman season at the University of Minnesota Duluth and helped the Bulldogs capture its first NCAA Championship.

DENMARK AND LATVIA PROMOTED -- Denmark won the 2011 IIHF World Under-18 Championship Division I Group B on Saturday (April 16) and the right to move back to the top division, where it last played in 2008. Slovenia, which also collected 12 points, had to settle with silver after its surprising performance. France finished the event with the bronze medal, ahead of Belarus and Poland ... Latvia will stage its second straight comeback in the top division of the U18 category next year in Switzerland. The Baltic nation won the 2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division I Group A on home ice in Riga. The Italians, who were promoted to Division I last year, were the surprise team in Riga, winning Division I silver marks the biggest success ever for the Italians in the World U18 Championship. Kazakhstan won the battle for bronze with a 3-2 overtime victory over Hungary.

TOP TRAINING -- The U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team trains with The Hockey IntelliGym, a revolutionary new software program released on October 1, 2010 that helps players develop hockey sense. To learn more, visit USAHockeyIntelliGym.com.



Team USA celebrates a victory over Russia after a last minute goal by **Reid Boucher**. The U.S. improved to 3-0-0-0 in prelim action. (Photo by: Matthew Murnaghan/HOF-IIHF Images)

Home State of Team USA Players

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| California | 3 |
| Michigan | 3 |
| Minnesota | 3 |
| Ohio | 3 |
| Arizona | 2 |
| Connecticut | 2 |
| Pennsylvania | 2 |
| Illinois | 1 |
| New York | 1 |
| Texas | 1 |
| Wisconsin | 1 |

Team USA College Commitments

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| Miami Univ. (CCHA) | 2 |
| Univ. of North Dakota (WCHA) | 2 |
| Univ. of Wisconsin (WCHA) | 2 |
| Cornell Univ. (ECACH) | 1 |
| Michigan State Univ. (CCHA) | 1 |
| Michigan Tech Univ. (WCHA) | 1 |
| Minnesota State Mankato (WCHA) | 1 |
| Northeastern Univ. (HEA) | 1 |
| Univ. of Minnesota Duluth (WCHA) | 1 |
| Rensselaer (ECACH) | 1 |
| Univ. of Denver (WCHA) | 1 |
| Univ. of Michigan (CCHA) | 1 |
| Univ. of Minnesota (WCHA) | 1 |
| Univ. of Minnesota Duluth (WCHA) | 1 |
| Univ. of Notre Dame (CCHA) | 1 |
| Univ. of Vermont (HEA) | 1 |

College Connection By League

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| WCHA | 10 |
| CCHA | 5 |
| ECACH | 2 |
| HEA | 2 |

Team USA Overall

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| Average Height | 6'0" (184) |
| Average Weight | 189 (86) |
| Shoots/Catches Left | 11 |
| Shoots/Catches Right | 11 |

TOURNAMENT TIDBITS -- Coverage of Team USA throughout the 2011 IIHF World Men's Under-18 Championship can be found on USAHockey.com and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/USAHockey). There you will find game notes, recaps, photos from the tournament, fan polls, scoring updates and pre and post game video interviews ... For live U.S. scoring updates during each game of the tournament, follow [@USAHockeyScores](https://twitter.com/USAHockeyScores) and [#U18WMC](https://twitter.com/U18WMC) on Twitter ... All U.S. games will be streamed live on USAHockey.FASTHockey.com.

