



TEAM USA GAME NOTES

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



Sweden (5-0-0-1) vs. Team USA (4-1-0-0)

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TONIGHT'S CONTEST -- The U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team takes on Sweden in the 2011 International Ice Hockey Federation World Men's Under-18 Championship gold-medal game. Sweden's road to the final went through Russia, as the two hooked up in the semi-final game that took place before the U.S. - Canada tilt. The goalkeepers stole the show as Swedish goalie Niklas Lundstrom outduelled Russia's Andrei Vasilevski in a 3-1 victory. Team USA is coming off a thrilling victory of Canada, winning 5-4 in overtime.

MATCH-UP HISTORY -- Team USA will meet Sweden for the ninth time in tournament history tonight and it will be the second consecutive time these two have met in the gold-medal game. The U.S. owns a winning record against Sweden, posting six wins to just two losses. The U.S. last defeated Sweden on April 23, 2010 in the gold-medal game in Minsk, Belarus. In that game, Team USA earned its second consecutive gold medal at the World U18 Championship and its fifth overall (2002, 2005, 2006, 2009). **Jack Campbell** (Port Huron, Mich.) made 30 saves and was named both the U.S. Player of the Game and the tournament's best goaltender by the directorate. The U.S. has outscored Sweden by a 36-21 margin in the all-time series.

2010	2-4	L	Preliminary Round
	3-1	W	Gold-Medal Game
2008	4-5	L	Preliminary Round
	6-3	W	Bronze-Medal Game
2005	6-2	W	Semi-final Round
2004	6-2	W	Preliminary Round
2003	3-2	W	Preliminary Round
2002	6-2	W	Preliminary Round

LAST TIME OUT: CAN vs. USA (April 23) -- **Tyler Biggs** (Cincinnati, Ohio) scored the game-winner 4:22 into overtime, as the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team topped Canada, 5-4, in the semifinals of the 2011 International Ice Hockey Federation World Men's U18 Championship. **Reid Boucher** (Grand Ledge, Mich.) also notched two goals in the victory, earning him the distinction of being named best player for the U.S. It was the second time that honor has been given to Boucher in Crimmitschau. **John Gibson** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) stopped five shots in overtime and 38 total in the win for Team USA.

SCORERS TOUCH -- **Reid Boucher** has seven goals in five games to rank second in scoring, behind only Russia's **Nikita Kucherov**, who has played one more game than Boucher. With at least one point in each game for the U.S., Boucher has a total of nine points (7-2) in the tournament to date ... **J.T. Miller** (East Palestine, Ohio) has recorded points in every game and owns four multi-point efforts. Miller is fourth in total points (4-7--11) among all skaters in the tournament.

CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVEN -- **Ron Rolston** has led Team USA to the IIHF World Men's Under-18 Championship gold-medal game each of the four times he has been behind the bench. Most recently, Rolston guided the U.S. Men's U18 Team to the gold at the 2009 IIHF World Men's U18 Championship in Fargo, N.D., and Moorhead, Minn. He also guided the Team USA to gold at the 2005 IIHF World Men's U18 Championship in Plzen, Czech Republic, making him the only head coach in U.S. history to earn two gold medals at the IIHF World Men's U18 Championship.

Team USA Schedule

<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	W, 7-3
<u>Saturday, April 23 -- Crimmitschau, Germany</u>	
USA vs. Canada (Semifinal Round)	W, 5-4 (OT)
<u>Sunday, April 24 -- Crimmitschau</u>	
Gold-Medal Game	6:30 p.m.

2011 IIHF World Under-18 Championship Team USA Statistics

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
11	J.T. Miller	5	4	7	11	6	6
14	Reid Boucher	5	7	2	9	8	8
23	Rocco Grimaldi	5	2	5	7	6	4
8	Robbie Russo	5	1	6	7	2	4
26	Travis Boyd	5	2	3	5	2	5
16	Zac Larraza	5	1	4	5	4	4
22	Tyler Biggs	5	2	1	3	45	3
28	Seth Jones	5	0	3	3	0	4
21	Ryan Haggerty	5	2	0	2	0	3
9	Adam Reid	5	2	0	2	4	0
25	Dan Carlson	5	1	1	2	2	3
7	Barrett Kaib	5	0	2	2	0	6
12	Nicolas Kerdiles	5	0	2	2	2	2
5	Connor Murphy	5	1	0	1	2	7
10	Blake Pietila	5	1	0	1	0	-3
19	Jake McCabe	5	0	1	1	0	1
4	Michael Paliotta	5	0	1	1	2	0
15	Henrik Samuelsson	5	0	1	1	4	-1
18	Cole Bardreau	5	0	0	0	4	-2
24	Jacob Trouba	5	0	0	0	0	2
1	John Gibson	5	0	0	0	4	--
30	Matt McNeely	5	0	0	0	0	--

#	Goaltender	GA	GAA	SV	SV%	W-OTW-OTL-L
1	John Gibson	11	2.25	147	.930	4-1-0-0
30	Matt McNeely	1	5.17	4	.800	0-0-0-0



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RELEGATION RESULTS (SAT.)

Slovakia 2 - Norway 6

FIFTH PLACE GAME RESULTS (SAT.)

Finland 6 - Germany 0

SEMI-FINALS RESULTS (SAT.)Sweden 3 - Russia 1
USA 5 - Canada 4 (OT)**TODAY'S MATCH-UPS (all times local)**Canada vs. Russia (bronze) @ 2:30 p.m.
USA vs. Sweden (gold) @ 6:30 p.m.

STAT LEADERS -- **J.T. Miller** is the leading point producer for Team USA. His 11 points (4-7) puts him in the tournament's top four. He is also the top faceoff man for the U.S., ranking fourth overall at 62.9% ... Canada's top player, in terms of points, is **Mika Zibanejad**. The forward has tallied four goals to go along with five helpers, placing him tied-for-tenth overall. Zibanejad's four markers place him tied-for-fourth in goals scored ... **Robbie Russo** is fourth amongst blueliners in points (1-6) ... **Reid Boucher**, keeps adding to his stat line, the U.S. sharpshooter has nine points (5-2) in five games, placing him tied-for-sixth in tournament points ... Sweden features a trio of scorers that are all tied-for-fourth in goals scored, including Zibanejad. **Gustav Bjorklund** and **Jeremy Boyce-Rotevall** are the others ... **John Gibson** is third in save percentage (.930) and second in goals-against-average (2.25).



Team USA rushes off the bench to congratulate teammate **Tyler Biggs**, who netted the overtime winner against Canada. (Photo by: Matthew Murnaghan/IIHF-Images)

TEAM STATISTICS -- The U.S. penalty kill unit took a hit yesterday. After allowing just three power play goals in the first four games, it surrendered three in one game to Canada moving down in the rankings to fourth (78.6%). Sweden ranks seventh in killing the opposition's power play (75.0%) ... Team USA remains fourth overall with the extra man, clicking at a 29.6% clip, despite not

netting a goal with the extra man (0-3) last night. Sweden strikes on 20.0% of tries, placing seventh in the tournament ... With 97 total penalty minutes (19.40 minutes per game), the U.S. is the sixth most penalized team. Sweden has been whistled for just 72 total penalty minutes (14.40 minutes per game), least in the tournament ... On average, the Americans have drawn 1,798 fans per game (fourth). Sweden sits just behind, with an average of 1,259. Over 40,000 hockey lovers in Germany have supported the tournament going into the final day of games.

GRIMALDI MILESTONE WATCH -- **Rocco Grimaldi** remains in third place on the list of top U.S. point producers in the IIHF World Men's Under-18 Championship. Grimaldi has recorded 14 points (4-13) in 11 career games, having played for the gold medal-winning 2010 U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team at last year's tournament in Belarus. Just two players are ahead of Grimaldi: **Jeremy Morin** (Auburn, N.Y./2007-09), who had 18 points (12-6) in 12 games and **Phil Kessel** (Madison, Wis./2003-05), whose record stands to be safe at 26 points (16-10).

TWO UP, TWO DOWN -- Denmark won the 2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division I Group B last Saturday (April 16) and the right to move back to the top division, where it last played in 2008 ... 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 ... Switzerland and the Czech Republic both won on Thursday (April 19) ensuring that both squads will stay in the top division of the IIHF World U18 Championship, while Norway and Slovakia will be relegated to Division IA next year.

U.S. SUCCESS ELSEWHERE -- The U.S. Women's National Team advanced to the gold-medal game of the 2011 International Ice Hockey Federation World Women's Championship with a 5-1 win over Russia last night at Hallenstadion. **Brianna Decker** (Dousman, Wis.) and **Monique Lamoureux-Kolls** (Grand Forks, N.D.) each factored in four goals in leading the U.S. to victory.

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.

Home State of Team USA Players

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

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

WCHA	10
CCHA	5
ECACH	2
HEA	2

Team USA Overall

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.

