



# Team USA Game Notes

2017 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship

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**GOLDEN GAME DAY:** The 2017 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team will play Canada today at 1 p.m. ET in the gold medal game. The match-up will be streamed live at [u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com](http://u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com). The U.S. finished the preliminary round in second place in Group A to advance directly to the semifinal round where it beat Russia, 6-0, yesterday to earn a spot in the gold medal game.

**ROAD TO THE GMG:** The U.S. opened the tournament with a 6-1 victory over Russia on January 7 and a 4-0 win over Sweden on January 8. The U.S. fell to Canada, 1-0, in overtime on Tuesday (January 10) and advanced to the semifinal game where it blanked Russia, 6-0, yesterday.

**THE LEADER BOARD:** After four games, 15 players have at least one point in the tournament and **Cayla Barnes** leads Team USA and is tied for first overall with six points (3-3). Along with **Grace Zumwinkle** and **Natalie Heising**, she is tied for second overall with three goals. Heising is tied for fourth in the tournament with five points (3-2) while Zumwinkle (3-1) and **Taylor Wente** (2-2) are tied for seventh overall with four points. Barnes and **Clair DeGeorge** share second overall with three assists. **Natalie Buchbinder** and **Allyson Simpson** are tied for second in the tourney with a plus-5 rating. Barnes leads all defensemen with three assists and six points. She is also tied for first with three goals among defenders.

**THE PUCK STOPS HERE:** **Lindsay Reed** has a pair of shutouts, stopping all 29 shots she has faced. She leads the tournament with a 0.00 goals-against average and a 1.000 save percentage. **Alex Gulstene** has stopped 43 of 45 shots in two games at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship.

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**USA vs. CANADA:** The U.S. and Canada are meeting for the thirteenth time at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. Team USA holds a 3-4-3-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record against Canada with the last meeting taking place on Tuesday. The U.S. lost, 1-0, in an overtime thriller. The U.S. has outscored Canada, 31-28 overall.

**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY:** The U.S. and Canada have gone head-to-head in the gold-medal game every year since the tournament's inception in 2008. Team USA has defeated Canada in the GMG the last two years with matching 3-2 overtime victories. The U.S. holds a 2-3-2-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) edge in gold medal games.

## YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS - TEAM USA AT U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Head Coach	Record *	Finish
2017	Joel Johnson	3-0-1-0-0	-----
2016	Joel Johnson	4-1-0-0-0	Gold Medal
2015	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0-0	Gold Medal
2014	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-0-1-0	Silver Medal
2013	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-1-0-0	Silver Medal
2012	Heather Linstad	4-0-0-1-0	Silver Medal
2011	Jodi McKenna	5-0-0-0-0	Gold Medal
2010	Katie King	4-0-1-0-0	Silver Medal
2009	Mark Johnson	4-1-0-0-0	Gold Medal
2008	Katey Stone	5-0-0-0-0	Gold Medal

\*(W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

## CAREER RESULTS - TEAM USA AT U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

USA vs.	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	T	GF	GA	SO	SOA
Canada	12	3	4	3	2	0	31	28	0	0
Czech Rep.	12	12	0	0	0	0	116	3	8	0
Finland	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0
Germany	2	2	0	0	0	0	18	1	1	0
Hungary	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0
Japan	2	2	0	0	0	0	18	2	0	0
Russia	9	9	0	0	0	0	74	3	6	0
Sweden	9	9	0	0	0	0	60	4	7	0
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	0	0	11	0	1	0
Totals	49	40	4	3	2	0	340	41	25	0

## 2017 IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP • TEAM USA SCHEDULE & RESULTS

(All Preliminary Round Games and Gold Medal Game at PSG Arena; Semifinal Game at Prerov Arena)

Date	Preliminary Round	Time (Local / ET)	Result	U.S. Player of Game	Live Stream
Jan. 7	Russia	3:30 p.m. / 9:30 a.m.	W, 6-1	Cayla Barnes	<a href="http://u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com">u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com</a>
Jan. 8	Sweden	7:30 p.m. / 1:30 p.m.	W, 4-0	Natalie Heising	<a href="http://u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com">u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com</a>
Jan. 10	Canada	3:30 p.m. / 9:30 a.m.	OTL, 0-1	Alex Gulstene	<a href="http://u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com">u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com</a>
Date	Semifinal Round	Time (ET)	Result	U.S. Player of Game	Live Stream
Jan. 13	Russia	4 p.m. / 10 a.m.	W, 6-0	Grace Zumwinkle	<a href="http://u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com">u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com</a>
Date	Medal Game	Time (ET)	Result	U.S. Player of Game	Live Stream
Jan. 14	Canada	7 p.m. / 1 p.m.	--	----	<a href="http://u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com">u18worldwomen2017.iihf.com</a>

**COACHES' CORNER:** Joel Johnson, associate head coach of the University of Minnesota women's ice hockey team, was named head coach of the U.S. Women's Under-18 Team for the 2016-17 seasons ... Joining him as assistant coaches are **Katie Lachapelle**, assistant women's ice hockey coach at Boston University, and **Courtney Kennedy**, associate head women's ice hockey coach at Boston College. **Molly Schaus**, Fan Development Coordinator with the Anaheim Ducks, is the goaltending coach.

**REPEAT PERFORMANCE:** Team USA's roster features eleven players who helped the 2016 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team earn a gold medal at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. They are **Cayla Barnes**, **Jesse Compher**, **Alex Gulstene**, **Taylor Heise**, **Natalie Heising**, **Emily Oden**, **Gracie Ostertag**, **Catherine Skaja**, **Taylor Wentz**, **Madeline Wethington** and **Grace Zumwinkle**. Twenty players on the roster also participated in the 2016 Under-18 Series vs. Canada in August.

**A NATIONAL APPEARANCE:** **Cayla Barnes** helped the U.S. Women's National Team as the youngest member of the roster for a pair of exhibition games against Canada last month.

**UNDER-18 SERIES PERFORMERS:** Twenty players on the roster also participated in the 2016 Under-18 Series vs. Canada in August.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS:** Eleven players are making their debut in this particular tournament, including two players, **Nicole LaMantia** and **Allyson Simpson**, who are representing Team USA for the first time in their career.

**CAPTAIN BARNES:** **Cayla Barnes** is serving as team captain and the alternate captains are **Taylor Wentz** and **Grace Zumwinkle**. It is the second consecutive event that Barnes has served as captain for Team USA, after fulfilling the same capacity for the U.S. Women's Under-18 Select Team at the Under-18 Series vs. Canada in August.

**AGE APPROPRIATE:** The average age of Team USA is 16.6 years old. **Cayla Barnes**, who turned 18 on January 7, is the oldest member of the team, while 15-year old **Dominique Petrie** is the youngest.

**MAKING A STATEMENT:** Members of Team USA represent eight different states. Minnesota leads the pack with 11 representatives, followed by Illinois with three players. California and New York have two players each and Alaska, Michigan, New Jersey and Texas all had one.

**TEAM FIRST:** Some members of Team USA are already teammates on other teams, including five players who skate for Shattuck St. Mary's (**Natalie Buchbinder**, **Clair DeGeorge**, **Maureen Murphy**, **Gracie Ostertag**, **Allyson Simpson**)

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

### HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Minnesota	11	Alaska	1
Illinois	3	Michigan	1
California	2	New Jersey	1
New York	2	Texas	1

### BIRTH YEAR

1999: 15	2000: 6	2001: 1
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Average Age: 16 years, 6 months

Average Height: 5'7"

Average Weight: 147 lbs.

**Oldest Player:** Cayla Barnes (1/7/99)

**Youngest Player:** Dominique Petrie (1/21/01)

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position
2	Gracie Ostertag	Defense
3	Natalie Buchbinder	Defense
4	Madeline Wethington	Defense
5	Nicole LaMantia	Defense
6	Elizabeth Norton	Defense
7	Cayla Barnes	Defense
8	Allyson Simpson	Defense
9	Maureen Murphy	Forward
11	Dominique Petrie	Forward
14	Jesse Compher	Forward
16	Taylor Wentz	Forward
18	Grace Zumwinkle	Forward
19	Delaney Drake	Forward
20	Anneke Linser	Forward
21	Emily Oden	Forward
22	Catherine Skaja	Forward
23	Taylor Heise	Forward
24	Gabrielle Hughes	Forward
25	Natalie Heising	Forward
26	Clair DeGeorge	Forward
29	Alex Gulstene	Goaltender
30	Lindsay Reed	Goaltender

## TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Reagan Carey
Manager of Women's Hockey	Marissa Halligan
Head Scout	Matt Kelly
Head Coach	Joel Johnson
Assistant Coach	Courtney Kennedy
Assistant Coach	Katie Lachapelle
Goaltending Coach	Molly Schaus
Team Doctor	Amy Costa
Athletic Trainer	Paul Rucci
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Jill Zeller
Sports Dietician	Carrie Aprik
Equipment Manager	Logan Fischer
Director of Communications	Rob Koch
Video Coordinator	Ryan Zapolski

**2017 U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - TEAM USA STATISTICS**
**Game-By-Game Individual Player Stats**

NO. PLAYER	Jan. 7 USA-RUS	Jan. 8 USA-SWE	Jan. 10. USA-CAN	Jan. 13 USA-RUS	Jan. 14 USA-CAN
2 Gracie Ostertag	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	
3 Natalie Buchbinder	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
4 Madeline Wethington	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	
5 Nicole LaMantia	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
6 Elizabeth Norton	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
7 Cayla Barnes	2-0	1-1	0-0	0-2	
8 Allyson Simpson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
9 Maureen Murphy	1-0	DNP	DNP	0-0	
11 Dominique Petrie	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	
14 Jesse Compher	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	
16 Taylor Wente	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	
18 Grace Zumwinkle	0-0	0-1	0-0	3-0	
19 Delaney Drake	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	
20 Anneke Linser	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	
21 Emily Oden	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	
22 Catherine Skaja	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	
23 Taylor Heise	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	
24 Gabrielle Hughes	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
25 Natalie Heising	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	
26 Clair DeGeorge	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	
29 Alex Gulstene	0-0	DNP	0-0	DNP	
30 Lindsay Reed	DNP	0-0	DNP	0-0	

Notes - DNP - did not play; first number represents goals, second number assists.

**Overall Team Statistics**

NO. PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2 Gracie Ostertag	D	4	0	1	1	0
3 Natalie Buchbinder	D	4	0	0	0	2
4 Madeline Wethington	D	4	0	1	1	0
5 Nicole LaMantia	D	4	0	0	0	0
6 Elizabeth Norton	D	4	0	0	0	0
7 Cayla Barnes	D	4	3	3	6	4
8 Allyson Simpson	D	4	0	0	0	4
9 Maureen Murphy	F	2	1	0	1	0
11 Dominique Petrie	F	4	0	1	1	2
14 Jesse Compher	F	4	0	1	1	4
16 Taylor Wente	F	4	2	2	4	2
18 Grace Zumwinkle	F	4	3	1	4	2
19 Delaney Drake	F	4	1	1	2	0
20 Anneke Linser	F	4	2	1	3	0
21 Emily Oden	F	4	0	1	1	0
22 Catherine Skaja	F	4	1	1	2	2
23 Taylor Heise	F	4	0	1	1	0
24 Gabrielle Hughes	F	4	0	0	0	2
25 Natalie Heising	F	4	3	2	5	0
26 Clair DeGeorge	F	4	0	3	3	0
29 Alex Gulstene	G	2	0	0	0	0
30 Lindsay Reed	G	2	0	0	0	0

**Game-By-Game Goaltender Record**

NO. PLAYER	Jan. 7 USA-RUS	Jan. 8 USA-SWE	Jan. 10. USA-CAN	Jan. 13 USA-RUS	Jan. 14 USA-CAN
29 Alex Gulstene	1-0	DNP	0-1	DNP	
30 Lindsay Reed	DNP	1-0	DNP	1-0	

**Overall Team Goaltender Record**

NO. NAME	GP	MIN	W-L	GA	SV	GAA	SV%
29 Alex Gulstene	2	122	1-1	2	43	0.98-	.954
30 Lindsay Reed	2	120	2-0	0	29	0.00	1.000

**RECAPING LAST YEAR:** The 2016 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team racked up three preliminary-round wins against Czech Republic (6-0), Russia (6-0) and Canada (4-1) to finish atop Group A and earn a quarterfinal bye. In the semifinal, the U.S. defeated Sweden 4-0 to secure a match up with rival Canada in the gold-medal game. The U.S. topped Canada, 3-2, in an exciting overtime victory to claim the gold medal. The United States finished the tournament 4-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L), outscoring opponents 23-3.

**TEAM BUILDING:** USA Hockey announced the 22-player roster for the U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team on Dec. 9. The team held a pre-tournament camp from Dec. 30-Jan. 2 in Newark, New Jersey in preparation for the tournament.

**TEAM USA FIRSTS:** Eleven players made their national team debuts in the opening game against Russia on Saturday and four players recorded their first points. **Anneke Linser** (1-1), **Clair DeGeorge** (0-1), **Delaney Drake** (0-1) and **Maureen Murphy** (1-0). **Dominique Petrie** (0-1) registered her first point/assist on Sunday versus Sweden.