



Team USA Game Notes

2017 IIHF Men's World Championship • Cologne, Germany

USA (0-0-0-0) vs. Germany (0-0-0-0) • Game 1

Friday, May 5, 2017 • LANXESS Arena • Preliminary Round

Team USA Schedule (times are local/ET)

Friday, May 5 - Group A (Cologne)

USA vs. Germany* 8:15 p.m./2:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 7 - Group A (Cologne)

USA vs. Denmark* 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

Monday, May 8 - Group A (Cologne)

USA vs. Sweden* 8:15 p.m./2:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10 - Group A (Cologne)

USA vs. Italy^ 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

Saturday, May 13 - Group A (Cologne)

Latvia vs. USA* 12:15 p.m./6:15 a.m.

Sunday, May 14 - Group A (Cologne)

Slovakia vs. USA* 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, May 16 - Group A (Cologne)

Russia vs. USA^ 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 18 - Quarterfinals (TBD)

vs. TBD^ TBD

Saturday, May 20 - Semifinals (Cologne)

vs. TBD TBD

Sunday, May 21 - Bronze-Medal Game (Cologne)

vs. TBD* 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

Sunday, May 21 - Gold-Medal Game (Cologne)

vs. TBD* 8:45 p.m./2:45 p.m.

Games with * above live on NHL Network.

Games with ^ above live on NBC Sports Network.

All games streamed live on the NBC Sports App and NBCSports.com

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• TONIGHT'S GAME

The U.S. Men's National Team faces Germany tonight (live on NHL Network in U.S.) in the opening game for both teams of the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship at LANXESS Arena in Cologne, Germany.

• STARTING IN GOAL

Jimmy Howard (Syracuse, N.Y./Detroit Red Wings) is expected to be the starter in goal for Team USA tonight against Germany. Howard is making his second appearance in the IIHF Men's World Championship. In 2012, he went 5-2 with a 2.42 goals against average and .911 save percentage and was named one of Team USA's best three players of the tournament. Howard led the U.S. to a gold medal at the 2002 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship and a fourth place finish in the 2003 IIHF World Junior Championship.

• ALL-TIME vs. GERMANY

The U.S. and Germany meet for the 16th time in IIHF Men's World Championship history. The two teams last met in the preliminary round at last year's event, with Germany taking home a 3-2 victory (see boxscore later in these notes). The last U.S. victory over Germany was a 5-4 triumph on May 20, 2014. **Johnny Gaudreau** led the U.S. with a goal and three assists and **Justin Abdelkader** scored a pair of goals. All-time, Team USA is 8-0-1-3-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) against Germany.

USA vs. Germany Series History

Date	Round	Result	GF-GA
5/15/16	Preliminary	L	2-3
5/20/14	Preliminary	W	5-4
5/12/13	Preliminary	W	3-0
5/7/10	Preliminary	OTL	1-2
5/8/08	Qualification	W	6-4
5/5/07	Qualification	W	3-0
5/5/02	Qualification	T	2-2
5/8/98	Relegation	T	1-1
4/23/96	Preliminary	W	4-2
4/25/93	Preliminary	L	3-6
4/29/92	Preliminary	L	3-5
4/26/91	Preliminary	T	4-4
2/4/39	Preliminary	W	4-0
2/14/38	Preliminary	W	1-0
2/10/34	Semifinals	W	3-0
TOTALS	--	8-0-1-3-3	40-33
(W-OTW-OTL-L-T)			

• LOU VAIRO HERE

Lou Vairo, who coached the 1984 U.S. Olympic Team among many other U.S. national teams, is here through next Wednesday. Vairo is currently USA Hockey's director of special projects.

BITS AND PIECES

Team USA is the home team in tonight's game and will wear its blue uniforms ... Forwards **Anders Lee** and **Brock Nelson**, both who play for the New York Islanders, are roommates here at the world championship. During the 2016-17 season, their lockers were next to each other with the Islanders and here at the world championship their lockers are also side-by-side ... **Bernie Haake** is Team USA's host for the world championship. His interaction with USA Hockey dates back to 1982 when he was the U.S. host for a exhibition game between Germany and the U.S. Haake, the head men's ice hockey coach of the Lithuanian national team, was also Team USA's host for the 2010 IIHF Men's World Championship here in Cologne ... The U.S. and Germany met in the opening game for both teams in the last world championship held in Germany, that in 2010. In that contest, played before a then world-record crowd of 77,803 in Gelsenkirchen, Germany earned a 2-1 overtime win ... **Bill Guerin**, a member of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame and part of the management group for the 2017 U.S. Men's National Team, arrived today and is here at tonight's game. Guerin is the assistant general manager of the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins ... The U.S. played Italy in an exhibition game on Tuesday in Milan and skated to a 5-2 victory. Thirteen different players contributed points.

Team USA Bios, History: teamusa.usahockey.com

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• GETTING STARTED

Team USA has won its opening game of the IIHF Men's World Championship in five of the past six years and 10 times in the last 12 tournaments.

• TEAM CAPTAINS NAMED

Defenseman **Connor Murphy** is the captain of Team USA. Murphy is playing in the world championship for the fourth straight season. Forwards **Brock Nelson** (4th straight world championship) and **Dylan Larkin** (3rd straight world championship) are the team's alternate captains.

• MEN'S WORLDS EXPERIENCE

Thirteen players have experience playing in the IIHF Men's World Championship. The group includes five players that competed a year ago (**JT Compher**, **Noah Hanifin**, **Dylan Larkin**, **Brock Nelson**, **Connor Murphy**).

• PLAYING FOR TEAM USA

A total of 20 players on the 2017 U.S. Men's National Team have competed for Team USA at IIHF world championships in their career (U18, World Juniors, Men's Worlds). Below is a list with total games played heading into the 2017 IIHF Men's World Championship.

Anders Bjork: 14 games played
Nick Bjugstad: 22 games played
JT Compher: 28 games played
Andrew Copp: 11 games played
Danny DeKeyser: 8 games played
Christian Dvorak: 7 games played
Jack Eichel: 34 games played
Johnny Gaudreau: 15 games played
Jordan Greenway: 14 games played
Noah Hanifin: 22 games played
Connor Hellebuyck: 8 games played
Jimmy Howard: 16 games played
Clayton Keller: 21 games played
Dylan Larkin: 31 games played
Anders Lee: 10 games played
Charlie McAvoy: 21 games played
Connor Murphy: 38 games played
Brock Nelson: 29 games played
Nick Schmaltz: 12 games played
Jacob Trouba: 36 games played

• A TRIO OF ROOKIES

Daniel Brickley, **Cal Petersen** and **Trevor van Riemsdyk** are each making their Team USA debut in IIHF world championship play (at any level).

• MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM DEBUT

Ten players on the 2017 U.S. Men's National Team are playing in an IIHF Men's World Championship for the first time, including **Anders Bjork**, **Daniel Brickley**, **Andrew Copp**, **Christian Dvorak**, **Jordan Greenway**, **Clayton Keller**, **Charlie McAvoy**, **Cal Petersen**, **Nick Schmaltz** and **Trevor van Riemsdyk**.

• MEDAL MOMENTS

Nineteen players on the 2017 U.S. Men's National Team have earned a combined 36 medals at IIHF world championships, including 13 players who have won gold. **Jacob Trouba** leads the way with three gold medals, while **Jordan Greenway**, **Clayton Keller**, **Charlie McAvoy** and **Connor Murphy** each have two. Below is a list of all the players who have earned gold for Team USA:

Anders Bjork: 2014 U18 Worlds
JT Compher: 2012 U18 Worlds
Andrew Copp: 2012 U18 Worlds
Jack Eichel: 2014 U18 Worlds
Johnny Gaudreau: 2013 World Juniors
Jordan Greenway: 2017 World Juniors/2015 U18 Worlds
Noah Hanifin: 2014 U18 Worlds
Jimmy Howard: 2002 U18 Worlds
Clayton Keller: 2017 World Juniors/2015 U18 Worlds
Dylan Larkin: 2014 U18 Worlds
Charlie McAvoy: 2017 World Juniors/2015 U18 Worlds
Connor Murphy: 2013 World Juniors/2011 U18 Worlds
Jacob Trouba: 2013 World Juniors/2012 U18 Worlds/2011 U18 Worlds

• YOUTH MOVEMENT

The 2017 U.S. Men's National Team has an average age of 22.6. Below is a look at the average age of Team USA since 2004.

Average Age Since 2004

2017	22.6
2016	23.0
2015	24.3
2014	24.8
2013	25.8
2012	25.2
2011	24.4
2010	24.4
2009	24.8
2008	24.6
2007	24.5
2006	24.7
2005	28.1
2004	27.6

Roster Breakdown

Average age: 22.6 years
 Average height: 6-2
 Average weight: 197
 Shoots/catches left: 14; right: 9
 Oldest: Jimmy Howard, 33 yrs, 2 months
 Youngest: Clayton Keller, 18 yrs, 10 months

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Michigan	5
Minnesota	3
New York	3
Illinois	2
Massachusetts	2
New Jersey	2
Wisconsin	2
Iowa	1
Utah	1
Ohio	1
Missouri	1

MOST RECENT TEAM

NHL (19)

Arizona Coyotes	3
Detroit Red Wings	3
Winnipeg Jets	3
Chicago Blackhawks	2
New York Islanders	2
Boston Bruins	1
Buffalo Sabres	1
Calgary Flames	1
Carolina Hurricanes	1
Colorado Avalanche	1
Florida Panthers	1

NCAA (4)

University of Notre Dame	2
Boston University	1
Minnesota State University	1

COLLEGE CONNECTION (21)

Boston University	4
University of Michigan	4
University of Notre Dame	3
Boston College	2
University of North Dakota	2
Minnesota State University	1
UMass Lowell	1
University of Maine	1
University of Minnesota	1
University of New Hampshire	1
Western Michigan University	1

U.S. Medals at the World Championship

Year	Medal	Head Coach	Record
2015	Bronze	Todd Richards	7-1-0-2
2013	Bronze	Joe Sacco	6-1-0-3
2004	Bronze	Peter Laviolette	5-3-1
1996	Bronze	Ron Wilson	5-3-0
1962	Bronze	John Pleban	5-2-0
1960*	Gold	Jack Riley	7-0-0
1956*	Silver	John Mariucci	5-2-0
1952*	Silver	John Pleban	6-1-1
1950	Silver	Jim Pleban	5-2-0
1949	Bronze	Jack Riley	6-2-0
1939	Silver	John Hutchinson	7-2-0
1936*	Bronze	Albert Prettyman	6-2-1
1934	Silver	Walter Brown	3-1-0
1933	Gold	Walter Brown	5-0-0
1932*	Silver	Alfred Winsor	4-1-1
1931	Silver	Walter Brown	4-1-0
1924*	Silver	William Haddock	4-1-1
1920*	Silver	Cornelius Fellowes	3-1-1

*From 1920-1968, the Olympic champion was also declared world champion.

Record Success For USA in 2016-17 in IIHF World Championship Play

In 2016-17, the U.S. has become the first country to win gold at the first four top-level IIHF World Championships. In January, the U.S. National Junior Team won gold at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship with a thrilling 5-4 shootout victory over Canada in Montreal. Just over a week later, the U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team scored a late go-ahead goal to earn a 3-1 victory over Canada in the gold-medal game at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. Last month, the U.S. Women's National Team became the first to win a gold medal on home ice with a 3-2 overtime win over Canada in the IIHF Women's World Championship gold-medal game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan. Later in April, the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team went a perfect 7-0 en route to its record 10th gold medal at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

2016 Men's World Championship A Look Back

The 2016 U.S. Men's National Team finished fourth among 16 teams at the IIHF Men's World Championship in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia. Team USA (3-1-1-5, W-OTW-OTL-L) fell to Russia, 7-2, in the bronze-medal game. The U.S. has finished in the top four of the world championship in three of the last four years, a stretch that has only been equaled once in American history (1931-34). **Dylan Larkin** and **Auston Matthews** led all U.S. skaters with nine points.

• TEAM USA COACHING STAFF

Jeff Blashill is serving as head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team for the first time. Blashill, who recently completed his second season as head coach of the Detroit Red Wings, previously served as goaltending coach for the 2009 U.S. National Junior Team, as well as an assistant coach for the 2009 U.S. Junior Select Team and 2006 U.S. Under-18 Select Team. **Jack Capuano**, **Rand Pecknold** and **Seth Appert** are serving as assistant coaches of the 2017 U.S. Men's National Team.

• MANAGEMENT TEAM

The 2017 U.S. Men's National Team is under the direction of the U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group, including NHL general managers **Stan Bowman** (Chicago), **David Poile** (Nashville), **Ray Shero** (New Jersey) and **Dale Tallon** (Florida). Also involved are **Dean Lombardi** (USA Hockey) and **Don Waddell**, president of Gale Force Sports & Entertainment. The group is led by **Jim Johansson**, USA Hockey's assistant executive director of hockey operations. **Chris Drury**, assistant general manager for the New York Rangers, and **Bill Guerin**, assistant general manager for the Pittsburgh Penguins, are also part of the management group for the 2017 U.S. Men's National Team.

• JUNIOR CONNECTION

Nineteen members of the 2017 U.S. Men's National Team are alums of either the United States Hockey League or the North American Hockey League, the only Tier I and Tier II junior hockey leagues in the U.S., respectively.

• USA HOCKEY'S NTDP ROOTS

Thirteen members of the 2017 U.S. Men's National Team were members of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program. The NTDP is an elite development program created by USA Hockey in 1996 currently housed in the Detroit suburb of Plymouth, Michigan.

• LAST TIME OUT vs. GERMANY

The U.S. and Germany met in last year's world championship. The boxscore from that game is below.

Game 6 • Germany vs. USA

May 15, 2016—at Yubileiny Sports Palace • St. Petersburg, Russia (4,798)

Germany (h)	2	0	1	—	3
United States (v)	1	1	0	—	2

1st: GER-Hager (Schutz, Boyle), 5x4 PPG, 2:19
USA-McCabe (Compher, Murphy), 4x4, 10:35
GER-Ehrhoff (Schutz, Hager), 13:06
2nd: USA-Matthews (Nelson), 5x4 PPG, :26
3rd: GER-Holzer (Goc), 19:27

Penalties: GER 7-14, USA 3-6 **Power Plays:** GER 1-2, USA 1-6

Saves: GER-Greiss (14-9-8--31); 60:00
USA-Condon (5-3-3--11); 59:45

Shots: GER 7-3-4--14; USA 15-10-8--33

Officials: Refs-Maxim Sidorenko, Tobias Wehrli; Lines-Nicolas Fluri, Andreas Malmqvist

Notes: Germany foiled U.S. hopes of clinching a spot in the quarterfinals with a 3-2 win. The game-winning-goal came with just :33 left in regulation on a seeing-eye-shot from the point through traffic in front. Jake McCabe, who had a goal, was named the U.S. Player of the Game. Brock Nelson won all seven faceoffs he took in the game.

2017 U.S. Men's National Team Game-by-Game Scoring

		ITA (ex.)	GER	DEN	SWE	ITA	LAT	SVK	RUS	TBD	TBD	TBD
		W, 5-2	2:15 p.m. ET	10:15 a.m. ET	2:15 p.m. ET	10:15 a.m. ET	8:15 a.m. ET	10:15 a.m. ET	10:15 a.m. ET			
No	Name	5/2	5/5	5/7	5/8	5/10	5/13	5/14	5/16	5/18	5/20	5/21
5	Connor Murphy	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6	Daniel Brickley	A*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
7	JT Compher	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
8	Jacob Trouba	PA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
9	Andrew Copp	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10	Anders Bjork	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
12	Jordan Greenway	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
13	Johnny Gaudreau	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14	Nick Bjugstad	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
15	Jack Eichel	P#	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
17	Nick Schmaltz	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
18	Christian Dvorak	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
19	Clayton Keller	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
21	Dylan Larkin	W	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
25	Charlie McAvoy	DND	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
27	Anders Lee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
29	Brock Nelson	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
55	Noah Hanifin	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
57	Trevor van Riemsdyk	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65	Danny DeKeyser	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
35	Jimmy Howard	W (31:38) 8/9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
37	Connor Hellebuyck	ND (28:22) 11/12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
40	Cal Petersen	DNP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

= U.S. Player of the Game

Key: G-goal; S-shorthanded goal; E-empty net goal; U-unassisted goal; P-power play goal; W-game-winning goal; A-assist; asterik-assist on game-winning goal; DND-did not dress; DNP-did not play; INJ-injured

