



Team USA Game Notes

2017 IIHF Men's World Championship • Cologne, Germany

USA (0-0-0-1) vs. Denmark (0-0-0-1)

Sunday, May 7, 2017 • LANXESS Arena • Preliminary Round • Game 2

Team USA Schedule (times are local/ET)

Friday, May 5 - Group A (Cologne)

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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 - Medal Games (Cologne)

vs. TBD* 4:15 p.m. & 8:45 p.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

BITS AND PIECES

Team USA is the home team in today's game and will wear its white uniforms ... The U.S. is the youngest team in the tournament with an average age of 22.6 ... **Dale Tallon**, a member of the U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group, arrived earlier today and is at today's contest. Tallon is the general manager of the NHL's Florida Panthers ... U.S. captain **Connor Murphy** and alternate captain **Brock Nelson** are playing in their fourth straight world championship. The last U.S. player to play in four straight world championships was Nashville Predators forward **Craig Smith**, who did so from 2011-14. Murphy is one of only nine players in U.S. history to play in four or more straight world championships. The others are **Eric Weinrich** (6 straight; 1997-2002); **Darby Hendrickson** (6 straight, 1996-2001); **Adam Hall** (5 straight; 2003-07); **Steve Jensen** (4 straight, 1975-78), **Jack Johnson** (4 straight, 2009-12), **Mark Johnson** (4 straight, 1978-82), and **Buzz Schneider** (4 straight, 1974-77) ... A handful of players got in a light skate this morning, including goaltender **Cal Peterson**, defensemen **Connor Murphy**, **Trevor van Riemsdyk** and **Daniel Brickley**, and forwards **Johanny Gaudreau**, **Dylan Larkin**, **Jack Eichel** and **Anders Bjork** ... **Lou Vairo**, director of special projects for USA Hockey, is here for the game today. Vairo's sister Kathy is next-door neighbors with Team USA defenseman **Charlie McAvoy's** family in Long Beach, N.Y. Vairo has coached more teams at various levels in international competition than any coach in U.S. history, including the '84 Olympic team.

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TODAY'S GAME

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

STARTING IN GOAL

Connor Hellebuyck is expected to be the starter in goal for Team USA today against Denmark. Hellebuyck earned his first world championship shutout against Denmark back on May 8, 2015, in Ostrava, Czech Republic, with 21 saves in a 1-0 victory in the preliminary round. Hellebuyck is part of a men's national team roster for the third time. He was on the 2014 U.S. Men's National Team but did not see game action. In 2015, he helped lead the U.S. to a bronze medal at the world championship with a 7-1 record, 1.37 goals against average and .948 save percentage. Hellebuyck, who plays for the NHL's Winnipeg Jets, played college hockey at UMass-Lowell.

ALL-TIME vs. DENMARK

The U.S. and Denmark meet for the just the sixth time in IIHF Men's World Championship history with the U.S. having a slim 3-0-1-1 series advantage (W-OTW-OTL-L). The two teams last met in the preliminary round two years ago, with Team USA earning a 1-0 victory (see boxscore below).

USA vs. Denmark Series History

Date	Round	Result	GF-GA
5/10/15	Preliminary	W	1-0
5/10/14	Preliminary	OTL	1-2
5/7/06	Preliminary	W	3-0
5/4/04	Qualification	W	8-3
4/26/03	Preliminary	L	2-5
TOTALS	--	3-0-1-1	15-10
		(W-OTW-OTL-L)	

Game 5 • USA vs. Denmark

May 8, 2015—at CEZ Arena • Ostrava, Czech Republic (8,812)

United States (h)	0	1	0	—	1
Denmark (v)	0	0	0	—	0

1st: No Scoring
2nd: USA-Nelson (unassisted); 7:54
3rd: No Scoring

Penalties: USA 3-6, DEN 3-6 **Power Plays:** USA 0-3, DEN 0-3

Saves: USA-Hellebuyck (6-6-9-21); 60:00
DEN-Dahm (9-17-14-40); 59:00

Shots: USA 9-18-14-41; DEN 6-6-9-21

Officials: Refs-Pavel Hodek, Konstantin Olenin; Lines-Rudolf Tosenovjan, Bevan Mills

Notes: Connor Hellebuyck earned his first shutout in international play with 21 saves and made Brock Nelson's second period goal stand up as the U.S. gained its fourth win in five tries at the 2015 men's world championship.

Team USA Bios, History: teamusa.usahockey.com

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• LEADERSHIP TEAM

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.

• BITS AND PIECES FROM PREVIOUS GAME NOTES

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 an 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. played Italy in an exhibition game on Tuesday (May 2) in Milan and skated to a 5-2 victory. Thirteen different players contributed points.

• THEY'VE PLAYED THE MOST

Eric Weinrich has played in nine IIHF Men's World Championships, the most of any U.S. player in history. **Mark Johnson**, from the famous "Miracle on Ice" team and the current women's ice hockey coach at the University of Wisconsin, is second with eight appearances. **Tim Thomas** has played in seven men's world championships, while **Derek Plante**, **Darby Hendrickson**, **Phil Housley**, and **Joe Sacco** have all played in six.

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	L, 1-2	10:15 a.m. ET	2:15 p.m. ET	10:15 a.m. ET	6:15 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	G#	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
25	Charlie McAvoy	DND	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
27	Anders Lee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
29	Brock Nelson	A	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
55	Noah Hanifin	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
57	Trevor van Riemsdyk	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65	Danny DeKeyser	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
35	Jimmy Howard	W (31:38) 8/9	L (58:00) 25/27	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
37	Connor Hellebuyck	ND (28:22) 11/12	DNP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
40	Cal Petersen	DND	DND	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

= 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

Situationally Speaking**Team USA Records In Various Situations in 2017 IIHF Men's World Championship**

Overall Record.....	0-0-0-1	Leading After 1 Period.....	0-0-0-0
Wearing White.....	0-0-0-0	Trailing After 1 Period.....	0-0-0-1
Wearing Blue.....	0-0-0-1	Tied After 1 Period.....	0-0-0-0
Games Decided By One Goal or Less.....	0-0-0-1	Leading After 2 Periods.....	0-0-0-0
2-Goal Games.....	0-0-0-0	Trailing After 2 Periods.....	0-0-0-1
3-Goal Games.....	0-0-0-0	Tied After 2 Periods.....	0-0-0-0
4-Goal Games.....	0-0-0-0	OT Record.....	0-0-0-0
Scoring 5+ Goals.....	0-0-0-0	Shootout Record.....	0-0-0-0
Scoring 4 Goals.....	0-0-0-0	Having 10-19 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Scoring 3 Goals.....	0-0-0-0	Having 20-29 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Scoring 2 Goals.....	0-0-0-0	Having 30-39 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Scoring 1 Goal.....	0-0-0-1	Having 40-49 Shots.....	0-0-0-1
Allowing 1 or Fewer.....	0-0-0-0	Having 50+ Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing 2 Goals.....	0-0-0-1	Allowing 10-19 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing 3 Goals.....	0-0-0-0	Allowing 20-29 Shots.....	0-0-0-1
Allowing 4 Goals.....	0-0-0-0	Allowing 30-39 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing 5+ Goals.....	0-0-0-0	Allowing 40-49 Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Scoring a Power-Play Goal.....	0-0-0-0	Allowing 50+ Shots.....	0-0-0-0
Allowing a Power-Play Goal.....	0-0-0-1	Outshooting Opponent.....	0-0-0-1
Scoring First.....	0-0-0-0	Outshot By Opponent.....	0-0-0-0
Opponent Scoring First.....	0-0-0-1	Even Shots.....	0-0-0-0

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USA vs. Italy • Exhibition

May 2, 2017—at Agora Arena • Milan, Italy (3,000)

United States (v)	1	4	0	—	5
Italy (h)	0	1	1	—	2

1st: USA-Eichel (Hanifin, Gaudreau); 5x4 PPG; 1:24**2nd:** USA-Trouba (Dvorak, Nelson); 5x4 PPG 2:54

USA-Larkin (Brickley); 8:56

ITA-Scandella (Egger, Insam); 5x4 PPG; 11:38

USA-Schmaltz (Keller, Trouba); 13:26

USA-Bjugstad (Murphy, DeKeyser); 14:46

3rd: ITA-Morini (unassisted); 5x4 PPG; 4:54**Penalties:** USA 7-14, ITA 4-8 **Power Plays:** USA 2-4, ITA 2-7**Saves:** USA-Howard (5-3-x--10); 31:38

USA-Hellebuyck (x-2-9--11); 28:22

ITA-Bernard (8-9-x--17); 40:00

ITA-Cloutier (x-x-9--9); 20:00

Shots: USA 9-13-9--31; ITA 5-6-10--21**Officials:** Refs-Andrea Benvegnu, Andrea Moschen; Lines-Simone Mischiatti, Stefano Giovannia Terragni

Notes: In a festive atmosphere, the U.S. used a four-goal second period on the way to an exhibition victory over Italy in its lone tune-up for the 2017 IIHF Men's World Championship. Lou Vairo, who was the head coach of the 1984 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team and coached professional hockey in Milan, dropped the ceremonial puck prior to the game.

USA vs. Germany • Game 1

May 5, 2017—at LANXESS Arena • Cologne, Germany (18,688)

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

1st: GER-Rieder (Reimer, Kahun), 10:50**2nd:** No Scoring**3rd:** USA-Murphy (Larkin, Nelson), 11:00

GER-Hager (Seidenberg, Gogulla), 5x4 PPG, 13:58

Penalties: GER 2-4, USA 2-4 **Power Plays:** GER 1-2, USA 0-2**Saves:** GER-Greiss (11-12-19--42); 60:00

USA-Howard (14-6-5--25); 58:00

Shots: GER 15-6-6--27; USA 11-12-20--43**Officials:** Refs-Oliver Gouin, Jozef Kubus; Lines-Hannu Sormunen, Libor Suchanek

Notes: Germany beat the U.S. for the second straight year in the world championship behind a stellar goaltending performance from Thomas Greiss. U.S. netminder Jimmy Howard was also terrific. Connor Murphy was named the U.S. Player of the Game. Jack Eichel had 10 shots on goal in the game, while Johnny Gaudreau had seven.