



U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team

2017 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament || Team USA Game Notes



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Team USA Information, including player and staff bios, team schedule, news and a complete history section are available at the official website of the U.S. National Under-18 Team.

Matchup Information



USA
(0-0-1-1)
(W-OTW-OTL-L)



vs.
Finland
(1-0-1-0)
(W-OTW-OTL-L)

Date Saturday, Nov. 11
Time 2:00 p.m. local/ 7:00 a.m. ET
Location Hameenlinna, Finland
Arena Ritarihalli Arena
Stats bit.ly/U185NATFALL17
Live Stream bit.ly/U185NATFALL17

Talking Points

USA VS FINLAND HISTORY

The U.S. National Under-18 Team defeated Finland 3-2 last November at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan to place first at the 2016 U18 5 Nations Tournament.

Tommy Miller (2016-17/ Michigan State University), **David Farrance** (2015-17/ Boston University), and **Scott Reedy** (2015-17/ University of Minnesota) all netted goals in the win.

USA VS SWEDEN RECAP

The U.S. National Under-18 Team fell 2-0 against Sweden in its second game of the tournament.

Goaltender **Drew DeRidder** (Fenton, Mich.) made 22 saves for the U.S. in its 2-0 loss to Sweden on Friday afternoon

USA VS SWITZERLAND RECAP

The U.S. National Under-18 Team fell short in a shootout (3-2) against Switzerland in the bottom of 13th round.

Oliver Wahlstrom (Quincy, Mass.) and **Trevor Janicke** (Maple Grove, Minn.) scored for Team USA in regulation.

Drew DeRidder (Fenton, Mich.) saved 17 of 19 shots during regulation while stopping 11 of 13 shots in the shootout. DeRidder also came up with a big stop on a penalty shot during the overtime period to force the shootout.

POINTS MATTER

Every year, two Under-18 Five Nations Tournaments are held.

Each team competes in four games per tournaments, with points awarded for wins (3), overtime wins (2), and overtime losses (1). The first-place team is determined based on final point standings.

November while the second event takes place in early February.

Countries that participate are a combination of the following: the Czech Republic, Finland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.

U18 FIVE NATIONS HISTORY

The Under-18 Five Nations and Four Nations tournaments are held twice a season. The U.S. has placed first in at least one of the two yearly events dating back to the 2007-08 season. In total, the U.S. has won the event 19 times since the U.S. began participating in 1997-1998. The U.S. has won both of the yearly tournaments five times (2003-04, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2016-17).

TEAM USA CAPTAINS

Joel Farabee (Cicero, N.Y.) will serve as the team captain for Team USA at the 2017 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament. **Oliver Wahlstrom** (Quincy, Mass.) and **Patrick Giles** (Chevy Chase, Md.) will serve as alternate captains for the U.S.

COACHING STAFF AT U18 5 NATIONS

Seth Appert (Cottage Grove, Minn.) will lead the U.S. in the event for the first time. Joining Appert behind the bench will be associate coach **Nick Fohr** (Grand Forks, N.D.) and intern assistant coach **Mason Graddock** (Stowe, Vt.). Current NTDP director of player personnel and former NTDP goaltending coach **Kevin Reiter** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) will serve as goaltending coach for this event.

FRESH BLOOD

Forwards **Ryder Donovan** (Duluth, Minn.) and **Philippe Lapointe** (Hinsdale, Ill.) have joined the U.S. National Under-18 Team for the Under-18 Five Nations Tournament.

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The first tournament takes place in early

Team USA Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time (Local/ET/Results)
Nov. 8	Switzerland	L/SO (3-2)
Nov. 10	Sweden	L (2-0)
Nov. 11	Finland	2 p.m./7 a.m. ET
Nov. 12	Czech Republic	5 p.m./10 a.m. ET

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U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team Roster

NO.	NAME	HT (cm)	WT (kg)	DOB	S/C	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE COMMITTED
Goaltenders (2)							
1	Drew DeRidder	5-10 (178)	168 (76)	05/01/2000	L	Fenton, Mich.	Michigan State University
30	Jonathan Mor	6-2 (188)	193 (88)	07/20/2000	L	Highland Park, Ill.	Not Yet Committed

Defensemen (7)

10	Ty Emberson	6-1 (185)	194 (88)	5/23/00	R	Eau Claire, Wis.	University of Wisconsin
27	DJ King	6-3 (191)	217 (98)	8/7/00	L	Northport, N.Y.	Not Yet Committed
19	K'Andre Miller	6-3 (191)	206 (93)	1/21/00	L	Minnetonka, Minn.	University of Wisconsin
5	Adam Samuelsson	6-5 (196)	240 (109)	6/21/00	L	San Diego, Calif.	Boston College
23	Mattias Samuelsson	6-4 (193)	217 (98)	3/14/00	L	Voorhees, N.J.	University of Michigan
25	Spencer Stastney	5-10 (178)	179 (81)	1/4/00	L	Mequon, Wis.	University of Notre Dame
15	Bode Wilde	6-2 (188)	195 (88)	1/24/00	R	Birmingham, Mich.	University of Michigan

Forwards (13)

14	Jack DeBoer	6-2 (188)	188 (85)	8/17/00	R	Madison, N.J.	Boston University
22	Ryder Donovan	6-3 (191)	185 (84)	10/4/00	R	Duluth, Minn.	University of North Dakota
28	Joel Farabee	5-11 (180)	162 (73)	2/25/00	L	Cicero, N.Y.	Boston University
24	Patrick Giles	6-4 (193)	205 (93)	1/3/00	R	Chevy Chase, Md.	Boston College
21	Jake Goldowski	6-2 (188)	192 (87)	5/7/00	R	Thornhurst, Pa.	Penn State University
17	Jonathan Gruden	5-11 (180)	172 (78)	5/4/00	L	Rochester, Mich.	Miami University
8	Gavin Hain	5-11 (180)	193 (88)	4/3/00	L	Grand Rapids, Minn.	University of North Dakota
7	Trevor Janicke	5-10 (178)	185 (84)	12/25/00	R	Maple Grove, Minn.	University of Notre Dame
26	Philippe Lapointe	5-11 (180)	190 (86)	2/29/00	R	Hinsdale, Ill.	University of Michigan
16	Erik Middendorf	6-1 (185)	190 (86)	7/11/00	L	Scottsdale, Ariz.	University of Denver
20	Jake Pivonka	6-0 (183)	198 (89)	2/28/00	L	Naperville, Ill.	University of Notre Dame
18	Oliver Wahlstrom	6-1 (185)	205 (93)	6/13/00	R	Quincy, Mass.	Harvard University
9	Tyler Weiss	5-11 (180)	158 (72)	1/3/00	L	Raleigh, N.C.	Boston University

Team Staff

General Manager.....Scott Monaghan, Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J.
Head Coach.....Seth Appert, Cottage Grove, Minn.
Associate Coach.....Nick Fohr, Grand Forks, N.D.
Assistant Coach.....Mason Graddock, Stowe, Vt.
Goaltending Coach.....Kevin Reiter, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Team Physician.....Dr. Michael O'Malley, New Hartford, N.Y.
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AVERAGE HEIGHT: 6-1 (185 cm)
AVERAGE WEIGHT: 192 (88 kg)
TALLEST: Adam Samuelsson (6'5")
SHORTEST: Three at (5'10")
YOUNGEST PLAYER: Trevor Janicke (12/25/00)
OLDEST PLAYER: Patrick Giles & Tyler Weiss (1/3/00)

Breakdown by Home State

MICHIGAN.....	3
MINNESOTA.....	3
ILLINOIS.....	2
MASSACHUSETTS.....	2
NEW JERSEY.....	2
NEW YORK.....	2
WISCONSIN.....	2
ARIZONA.....	1
CALIFORNIA.....	1
MARYLAND.....	1
NORTH CAROLINA.....	1
PENNSYLVANIA.....	1

Breakdown by College Commitment

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.....	4
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME.....	3
BOSTON COLLEGE.....	2
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.....	2
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.....	2
HARVARD UNIVERSITY.....	1
MIAMI UNIVERSITY.....	1
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.....	1
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY.....	1
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.....	1
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA.....	1

Donovan will wear number 22 for the red, white and blue. The forward is currently playing for Duluth East High School and is committed to play at the University of North Dakota. Donovan has started the 2017-18 season with Team North of the Minnesota Elite League recording four goals, seven assists and 11 points in 12 games. He also appeared in the U18s game against Youngstown last Friday (Nov. 3).

Lapointe will wear number 26. The forward is currently playing for the Lincoln Stars (USHL) and has earned two assists in eight games to start the season. The University of Michigan commit previously represented Team USA at the 2017 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup in August 2017 where he recorded a goal and an assist.

LAST YEAR...

Last year, the U.S. National Under-18 Team won both tournaments.

In November 2016, the U.S. (1999 birth year) earned victories against Switzerland (7-2), the Czech Republic (5-3) and Finland (3-2) and fell to Sweden (2-1) to earn nine points, two more than any other team in the tournament to finish first.

The U.S. clinched first place in the final game of the tournament against Finland where **Scott Reedy** (2015-17/University of Minnesota) scored the game-winner at the 6:16 mark of the third period and St. Cyr stopped 23 shots. With that tournament victory, the U.S. National Under-18 Team has won nine of the last ten international events held each November.

The 2016-17 U.S. National Under-18 Team followed November's performance by claiming its second international tournament victory of the season by earning 11 points and posting a 3-1-0-0 (W-OTW-L-OTL) record in Sundsvall, Sweden in February 2017.

In the deciding game against tournament-host Sweden, **Josh Norris** (2015-17/University of Michigan) scored a short-handed goal with three seconds remaining in regulation and then tallied two shootout goals in a 5-4 victory at Sundsvall Energi Arena. St. Cyr tallied 25 saves in the game.

GOLD MEDALISTS

Last season, Joel Farabee and Oliver Wahlstrom helped the U.S. National Under-18 Team capture the gold medal at the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's Under-18 World Championship in Poprad and Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia. Farabee and Wahlstrom were the only two underage players for the U.S. in the tournament. Wahlstrom appeared in all seven games and recorded four goals and an assist. Farabee finished with six points (3-3-6) including two goals during the decisive gold medal game victory against Finland.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS:

Seventeen players currently on the U.S. National Under-18 Team roster and eight former NTDP players were named to the NHL Central Scouting's list of "players to watch" for the 2018 NHL Entry Draft.

Players listed as "A" skaters who are probable to go in the first round of the 2018 Draft are forwards Farabee and Wahlstrom and defenseman Samuelsson.

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Jack DeBoer (JAK d'BOHR)	Philippe Lapointe (fih-LEEP luh-POYnt)
Drew DeRidder (DROO de-RIHD-er)	Erik Middendorf (AIR-ihk mihd-ihn-DOHRF)
Ryder Donovan (RIGH-duhr DAWN-uh-vuhn)	K'Andre Miller (KEE-ahn-dray MIH-luhr)
Ty Emberson (TIGH em-BEHR-sihn)	Jonathan Mor (JAWN-ah-thuhn MOOR)
Joel Farabee (JOHL FAIR-UH-bee)	Jacob Pivonka (JAY-kuhb pih-VAHN-kah)
Patrick Giles (PAT-rihk JIGHLS)	Adam Samuelsson (A-duhm SAM-yuhl-suhn)
Jake Goldowski (JAYK gohd-OW-skee)	Mattias Samuelsson (mah-TIGH-uhs SAM-yuhl-suhn)
Jonathan Gruden (JAWN-ah-thuhn GREW-dehn)	Spencer Stastney (SPEHN-suhr STAS-nee)
Gavin Hain (GAV-in HAYN)	Oliver Wahlstrom (AWL-ih-vuhr WAHL-struhm)
Trevor Janicke (TREH-vuhr jan-IH-kee)	Tyler Weiss (TIGH-luhr WEES)
DJ King (DEE-JAY KIHNG)	Bode Wilde (boh-DEE WIGHLD)

Overall	8-7-0
Home	2-1-0
Away	4-3-0
Neutral.....	2-4-0
NAHL Preseason.....	1-0-0
USHL Regular Season.....	2-0-0
USHL Preseason	3-0-0
USHL Regular Season Home	1-0-0
USHL Regular Season Away.....	1-0-0
USHL Regular Season Neutral.....	0-0-0
NCAA.....	2-4-0
International.....	0-2-0
Coming off win.....	5-4-0
Coming of loss.....	2-3-0
Coming off tie.....	0-0-0
One goal games.....	0-1-0
Two goal games.....	0-3-0
Three goal games.....	2-1-0
Four or more goal games.....	6-1-0
When outshooting opponent.....	5-4-0
When outshot.....	2-3-0
When shots are tied.....	0-0-0
When having 0-9 shots.....	0-0-0
When having 10-19 shots.....	0-0-0
When having 20-29 shots.....	2-5-0
When having 30-39 shots.....	4-2-0
When having 40-49 shots.....	1-0-0
When having 50+ shots.....	0-0-0
Scoring on the power play.....	3-2-0
Scoreless on the power play.....	4-5-0
Allowing a power-play goal.....	3-3-0
Not allowing a power-play goal.....	4-4-0
Scoring a shorthanded goal.....	1-1-0
Allowing a shorthanded goal.....	0-0-0
On Friday.....	3-3-0
On Saturday.....	5-1-0
On Sunday.....	0-1-0
Mid-week games.....	0-2-0
In September.....	4-0-0
In October.....	4-4-0
In November.....	0-3-0
In December.....	0-0-0
In January.....	0-0-0
In February.....	0-0-0
In March.....	0-0-0
In April.....	0-0-0

2018

Jack DeBoer (Madison, N.J.)
 Ty Emberson (Eau Claire, Wis.)
 Joel Farabee (Cicero, N.Y.)
 Patrick Giles (Chevy Chase, Md.)
 Jake Goldowski (Thornhurst, Pa.)
 Jonathan Gruden (Rochester, Mich.)
 DJ King (Northport, N.Y.)
 Philippe Lapointe (Hinsdale, Ill.)
 Erik Middendorf (Scottsdale, Ariz.)
 K'Andre Miller (Minnetonka, Minn.)
 Adam Samuelsson (San Diego, Calif.)
 Jake Pivonka (Naperville, Ill.)
 Mattias Samuelsson (Voorhees, N.J.)
 Spencer Stastney (Mequon, Wis.)
 Oliver Wahlstrom (Quincy, Mass.)
 Tyler Weiss (Raleigh, N.C.)
 Bode Wilde (Birmingham, Mich.)
 Jake Wise (Reading, Mass.)
 Drew DeRidder (Fenton, Mich.)
 Gavin Hain (Grand Rapids, Minn.)
 Jonathan Mor (Highland Park, Ill.)

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Ryder Donovan (Duluth, Minn.)
 Trevor Janicke (Maple Grove, Minn.)

2016 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

Of the 22 players, 10 were members of the 2016 U.S. Youth Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team that earned gold at the Youth Olympic Games in February 2016 in Lillehammer, Norway. Those players include forwards **Jack DeBoer**, **Jonathan Gruden**, **Erik Middendorf**, **Jake Pivonka**, **Oliver Wahlstrom** and **Tyler Weiss**; defensemen **Ty Emberson**, **Adam Samuelsson** and **Mattias Samuelsson**; and goaltender **Drew DeRidder**.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

This will be the fourth international tournament for the 2000 birth year group.

The first experience for the group came at the 2016 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The then U17s finished fifth while earning victories over the Czech Republic, Canada White and Canada Red. **Joel Farabee** (Cicero, N.Y.) and **Bode Wilde** (Birmingham, Mich.) led the U17s offensively as Farabee collected four goals, two assists and six points in five games and Wilde recorded two goals, four assists and six points in five games.

The team followed that performance by earning first-place at the 2016 Under-17 Four Nations Tournament in Monthey, Switzerland by posting victories against Slovakia (4-2) and Russia (4-1) and falling to Switzerland (3-4) in a shootout. In that deciding game, Farabee was named the U.S. Player of the Game and led the U.S. in points (4) and goals (3) in the tournament.

After falling in its first game against Sweden (2-3), the group won three straight against Russia (4-3), Finland (3-2/OT) and the Czech

republic (4-2) to capture second place at the 2017 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament in Brno, Czech Republic.

In the overtime victory against Finland, **Mattias Samuelsson** (Voorhees, N.J.) scored the game-winner 1:51 into the overtime period after the U.S. fought back from one-goal deficits twice at DRFG Arena.

In total the NTDP 2000's are (7-2-4-1) (W-OTW-L-OTL) in international competition as a group. Last year Jake Wise (Reading, Mass.) led the U.S. offensively with 13 points (4-9-13) in 14 games.

USHL COMPETITION

The NTDP plays a full United States Hockey League season, split between the U.S. National Under-17 and Under-18 Teams. The records for both teams are combined into one in USHL standings. At this point, the U17s are 3-1-0 in the USHL regular season while the U18s are 2-0-0, putting Team USA at third in the Eastern Conference.

ALUMNI WRAP UP: Max Gildon (2015-17/University of New Hampshire) named Hockey East Rookie of the Week. **Grant Mismash** (2015-17/University of North Dakota) earns his second NCHC Rookie of the Week honor. **Louie Belpedio** (2012-14/Miami University) earns NCHC Defenseman of the week honor. **Troy Terry** (2014-15/University of Denver) earns NCAA Player of the week. **Clayton Keller** (2014-16/Arizona Coyotes) earns NHL Rookie of the Month honors.

AAPG: Seventeen NTDP players were selected for the six-annual 2017 CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects game that took place Thursday, Sep. 21 at KeyBank Center in Buffalo, N.Y. **Brady Tkachuk** (2015-17/Boston University) took home the Player of the Game award. Tkachuk buried the game-winning goal with 5:07 remaining in the game from Christian Krygier to put Team Leetch ahead 6-5 over Team Chelios.

ABOUT THE NTDP

The pinnacle of amateur player development in the U.S., the NTDP scouts and selects the top 23 players in two age groups (Under-17 and Under-18) to train and develop in a highly competitive two-year program.

The teams (Under-17 and Under-18) face a rigorous domestic schedule including competition against older, more developed players.

The U17s play a majority of a 60-game junior schedule in the USHL, while the U18s face USHL, NCAA Division I and III opponents. Both squads also compete in several international events each season.

Additionally, the players face a daily routine of off-ice development that includes strength training, cross-training, cognitive skill testing and academics.

USA Team USA Tournament History (First Place Finishes)

YEAR	EVENT	SITE
2016-17	Under-18 Five Nations	Sundsvall, Sweden
	Under-18 Five Nations	Plymouth, Mich.
2015-16	Under-18 Five Nations	Arosa, Switzerland
2014-15	Under-18 Four Nations	Sundsvall, Sweden
2013-14	Under-18 Five Nations	Dmitrov, Russia
2012-13	Under-18 Four Nations	Ann Arbor, Mich.
2011-12	Under-18 Four Nations	Monthey, Switzerland
2010-11	Under-18 Four Nations	Sundsvall, Sweden
	Under-18 Five Nations	Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic
2009-10	Under-18 Four Nations	Pori, Finland
	Under-18 Five Nations	Nykoping, Sweden
2008-09	Under-18 Four Nations	Lake Placid, N.Y.
	Under-18 Five Nations	Varkaus, Finland
2007-08	Under-18 Five Nations	Most, Czech Republic
2005-06	Under-18 Five Nations	Tjorn, Sweden
2004-05	Under-18 Four Nations	Ann Arbor, Mich.
2003-04	Under-18 Four Nations	Magnitogorsk, Russia
	Under-18 Four Nations	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1999-2000	Under-18 Five Nations	Nymburk, Czech Republic



FOUR NATIONS CUP

The 2017 Four Nations Cup will take place Nov. 7-12, in Wesley Chapel & Tampa, Florida, as part of The Time is Now Tour, presented by Toyota. The United States has captured the title seven times (1997, 2003, 2008, 2011-12, 2015-16), finished second 12 times and third in the 2013 tournament. Overall, the U.S. holds an overall record of 46-6-5-24-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) in 83 Three/Four Nations Cup games. HockeyTV will provide live streaming coverage of the tournament.

UNDER-17 WORLD HOCKEY CHALLENGE

The U.S. National Under-17 Team will compete in the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge Nov. 5-11 in Dawson Creek, B.C. The U.S., which finished in fifth place a year ago, has earned first place finished four times (2001, 2002, 2010, January 2014). HockeyTV will provide live streaming coverage of the event.

2017 USA HOCKEY SLED CLASSIC, PRESENTED BY THE NHL

The Minnesota Wild and Minnesota Hockey will host the eighth annual USA Hockey Sled Classic, presented by the NHL. The four-day event will take place Nov. 16-19, 2017, at the Plymouth Ice Center and include a record 28 NHL-associated teams representing a record 20 NHL member clubs. The Sled Classic is an annual round-robin format tournament between NHL-affiliated sled hockey teams which represent their associated NHL club by wearing official NHL licensed jerseys with local club marks and logos.

THE TIME IS NOW TOUR, PRESENTED BY TOYOTA

The U.S. Women's National Team will finish the Time Is Now Tour with two more U.S.-Canada games, on Dec. 3rd in St. Paul, Minn., and Dec. 15th in San Jose, Calif. Both games will be broadcast live on the NBC Sports Network.

BOSTON TO HOST 2017 U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

The 2017 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Celebration, which will feature the formal induction of the Class of 2017, will take place Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel. The U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2017 includes Kevin Collins, Jack Parker, Ben Smith, Ron Wilson and Scott Young. Also honored as part of the celebration will be Lester Patrick Trophy recipients Peter Lindberg and Dave Ogren. To date there are 172 honored members. Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be obtained online at USHockeyHallofFame.com.

WORLD JUNIOR A CHALLENGE

Team USA will attempt to defend its 2016 World Junior A Challenge title at the 2017 tournament in Truro, Nova Scotia, from Dec. 10-16. The U.S. Junior Select Team will include players that compete in the United States Hockey League, the lone Tier I junior hockey league in the U.S. Since the inaugural tournament in 2006, Team USA has captured seven tournament crowns

(2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016) along with three third-place finishes (dates).

WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team will compete alongside Italy, Korea and host Canada at the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge from Dec. 1-10, 2017 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The United States is the three-time defending champion of the event, and holds a 31-4-1-12 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record in the event all-time.

2018 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship will take place Dec. 26, 2017 – Jan. 5, 2018, at the KeyBank Center and HarborCenter in downtown Buffalo, New York. The U.S. National Junior Team will enter the tournament as the defending gold medalist. The U.S. and Canada will make history when the two rivals battle outdoors on Dec. 29 in a preliminary round game. The outdoor game, one of 31 total in the 2018 World Juniors, will be staged at New Era Field in Orchard Park, New York, home of the NFL's Buffalo Bills.

2018 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM

Bob Motzko (St. Cloud, Minn./St. Cloud State University), who guided the U.S. National Junior Team to its fourth-ever gold medal at the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship in Montreal and Toronto, Canada, is returning as head coach for the 2018 U.S. National Junior Team. Motzko, who led the U.S. to a gold medal in his international head coaching debut, aims to lead the U.S. to back-to-back gold medal finishes for the first time ever. He will be joined by the entire 2017 U.S. coaching staff in assistant coaches Greg Brown, Grant Potulny, Kris Mayotte and Steve Miller.

IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2018 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team will be looking for its fourth consecutive gold medal at the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship in Dmitrov, Russia, from Jan. 6-13, 2018. Overall, the U.S. has captured gold six times (2008, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017) and silver on four occasions (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014).

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The XXIII Olympic Winter Games will be held in PyeongChang, South Korea, from February 9-25, 2018. Both the Men's and Women's Olympic rosters will be unveiled on January 1, 2018.

Men: The 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team will compete from Feb. 14-25. Team USA's final 25-player roster will be comprised of college players, American Hockey Leaguers, and Americans playing professionally in Europe. Jim Johansson, assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey, is the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, while Ben Smith is director of player personnel. Tony Granato will serve as head coach and will be joined by assistant

coaches Keith Allain, Chris Chelios, Ron Rolston and Scott Young. The U.S. Men's Olympic Team has won two gold medals (1960, 1980), eight silver medals (1920, 1924, 1932, 1952, 1956, 1972, 2002, 2010) and one bronze medal (1936) all-time in Olympic competition.

Women: The 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team will compete from Feb. 11-22. Reagan Carey, USA Hockey's director of women's hockey, is the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team, with Robb Stauber serving as head coach, Bret Strot associate head coach and Paul Mara assistant coach. Since capturing gold in 1998, the U.S. has won three silver medals (2002, 2010, 2014) and one bronze medal (2006).

11TH ANNUAL HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA

The 11th annual Hockey Weekend Across America will be held March 2-4, 2018. Hockey Week Across America will feature a theme for each of the three days, including Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day on Friday (March 2); Try Hockey Day on Saturday (March 3) and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes Day on Sunday (March 4). Hockey Weekend Across America was created by USA Hockey in 2008 to engage the hockey community in celebrating the sport of hockey at all levels and exposing the sport to new audiences.

PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The 2018 Paralympic Winter Games will take place in PyeongChang, South Korea, from March 9-18, 2018. Dan Brennan, USA Hockey's director of sled hockey, is serving as general manager, with Guy Gosselin as head coach and David Hoff assistant coach. The United States enters the Paralympic Winter Games as two-time defending Paralympic gold medalists. After going undefeated and unscored upon to claim the gold medal at the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, Team USA became the first nation to claim back-to-back Paralympic gold medals in sled hockey when it defeated Russia, 1-0, in the gold-medal game of the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team will be searching for its second consecutive gold medal, and fourth in five years, at the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship from April 18-28 in Chelyabinsk & Magnitogorsk, Russia. The U.S. has captured a tournament record 14 consecutive medals, including gold medals in seven of the last nine years (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017).

IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship will take place in Copenhagen and Herning, Denmark, from May 4-20, 2018. The U.S. has won a total of 11 medals in the event; winning gold once, silver four times and bronze six times.

USA U.S. National Under-18 2017-18 Individual Stats

Skater

#	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	SOG	PPG	SH	PIM	+/-	GW	AVG PTS
18	Oliver Wahlstrom	15	12	10	22	70	2	1	4	8	2	1.47
28	Joel Farabee	15	10	8	18	50	3	3	10	8	3	1.20
15	Bode Wilde	15	3	9	12	30	1	0	12	11	1	0.80
17	Jonathan Gruden	14	7	5	12	27	1	2	12	10	0	0.86
5	Adam Samuelsson	15	3	8	11	13	0	0	23	6	0	0.73
20	Jake Pivonka	15	5	6	11	42	2	2	8	0	0	0.73
24	Patrick Giles	15	4	4	8	20	1	0	14	4	2	0.53
8	Gavin Hain	15	1	7	8	15	0	0	10	2	0	0.53
16	Erik Middendorf	15	3	5	8	28	0	1	8	5	0	0.53
23	Mattias Samuelsson	14	2	5	7	22	0	0	29	1	1	0.50
14	Jack DeBoer	14	2	5	7	13	0	0	2	-3	0	0.50
9	Tyler Weiss	15	3	4	7	22	0	0	12	2	0	0.47
10	Ty Emberson	15	0	5	5	16	0	0	23	1	0	0.33
25	Spencer Stastney	15	0	4	4	16	0	0	6	5	0	0.27
7	Trevor Janicke	15	1	2	3	11	0	0	10	-3	0	0.20
19	K'Andre Miller	15	0	2	2	28	0	0	8	7	0	0.13
11	Jay O'Brien	5	1	1	2	4	0	0	4	-1	0	0.40
26	Connor Caponi	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	4	2	0	1.00
27	DJ King	15	0	1	1	10	0	0	42	0	0	0.07
21	Jake Goldowski	15	0	1	1	17	0	0	21	-5	0	0.07
12	Jake Wise	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
22	Ryder Donovan	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-1	0	0.00
26	Phillipe Lapointe	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	-1	0	0.00

Goalie

#	Name	GP	MIN	W	L	T	SOL	SOG	SV	GA	GAA	SV %	SO
1	Drew DeRidder	12	595:13	6	3	0	1	280	256	24	2.42	.914	2
30	Jonathan Mor	7	307:16	3	2	0	0	164	144	20	3.91	.878	0

GOALS AGAINST PER GAME: 2.93 PENALTY MINUTES: 268 TEAM SAVES: 400
POWER PLAY EFFICIENCY: 14.3% PENALTY KILL EFFICIENCY: 88.8%
GOALS FOR: 58 GOALS AGAINST: 45 GOALS PER GAME: 3.87

U18 TEAM STATS

USA 2018 Under-18 Five Nations Stats

Skater

#	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	SOG	PPG	SH	PIM	+/-	GW	AVG. PTS
5	Adam Samuelsson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0.00
7	Trevor Janicke	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0.50
8	Gavin Hain	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-2	0	0.00
9	Tyler Weiss	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	-1	0	0.00
10	Ty Emberson	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0.00
14	Jack DeBoer	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
15	Bode Wilde	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0.00
16	Erik Middendorf	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0.50
17	Jonathan Gruden	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.50
18	Oliver Wahlstrom	2	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0.50
19	K'Andre Miller	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0.00
20	Jake Pivonka	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-2	0	0.00
21	Jake Goldowski	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
22	Ryder Donovan	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0.00
23	Mattias Samuelsson	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	0.00
24	Patrick Giles	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-2	0	0.00
25	Spencer Stastney	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-2	0	0.00
26	Phillipe Lapointe	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	-1	0	0.00
27	DJ King	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-1	0	0.00
28	Joel Farabee	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

Goalie

#	Name	GP	MIN	W	L	T	SOL	SOG	SV	GA	GAA	SV %	SO
1	Drew DeRidder	2	121:34	0	2	0	0	43	39	4	2.02	0.907	0
30	Jonathan Mor	0	0:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0