



# 2018 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME NOTES

2018 IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | CHELYABINSK & MAGNITOGORSK, RUSSIA

GOLD MEDAL GAME • USA (4-0-0-2) VS. FINLAND (6-0-0-0) • TRAKTOR ICE RINK (CAPACITY: 7,500) • APRIL 29, 2018

## TONIGHT'S GAME

The U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team faces Finland this evening in the gold-medal game at the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship here in Chelyabinsk, Russia. Puck drop is set for 7:30 p.m. local and 10:30 a.m. ET and will be televised in the U.S. live on NHL Network.

Finland finished the preliminary round as the top overall seed with 12 points and a perfect 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record. Their wins came against Slovakia (5-2), France (7-0), Russia (5-4), and the Czech Republic (4-2). They had a +13 goal differential, tied with Canada for the best at the end of the preliminary round.

Finland played Belarus in the quarterfinal matchup and earned a 5-2 victory before shutting out rival Sweden (2-0) in the semifinal yesterday.

Finland is led offensively by Niklas Nordgren (7-2-9) and Kaapo Kakko (3-6-9), who are tied for third in tournament scoring with nine points each. Nordgren was recently ranked as the 20th best international skater available for the 2018 NHL Draft by NHL Central Scouting Bureau. The forward group also boasts Jesperi Kotkaniemi (3-4-7) who is currently the sixth-ranked skater. Goaltender Justus Annunen (fourth-ranked international goaltender prospect) ranks third in the tournament with a .910 save percentage and 2.00 goals-against average.

All-time, the U.S. is 10-1-0-5 (W-OTW-OTL-L) in 16 games against Finland and is 7-1-0-2 in the last 10 matchups. The U.S. has outscored the Czech Republic 46-33 in those 16 matchups.

This will mark the fourth time the two countries have faced each other in gold-medal games (2006, 2015, 2017) and the first time they will meet in back-to-back medal games. The U.S. has previously won all three of those matchups. Overall the U.S. is 4-1 (W-L) against Finland in the playoff round.

## TALKING POINTS

### GOLDEN MATCHUPS VS. FINLAND

The U.S. will play in its fourth gold-medal game against Finland on Sunday. Here is a breakdown of the three previous matchups:

The two teams last met a year ago in the gold-medal game where current Team USA forward **Joel Farabee** (Cicero, N.Y./USAH NTDP) scored twice to help the U.S. defeat Finland, 4-2.

**Colin White** (2015/Ottawa Senators) scored the game-winning goal in overtime to help the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team knock off Finland, 2-1, at the Bossard Arena in Zug Switzerland in the gold-medal game of the 2015 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

**Jack Roslovic** (2015/Winnipeg Jets) also scored for Team USA in the victory. **Evan Sarthou** (Black Diamond, Wash./Retired) started in net for Team USA and made 19 saves in the victory.

In the 2006 gold-medal game, **Mike Carman** (Apple Valley, Minn./Retired), **Rhett Rakshani** (Huntington Beach, Calif./Malmö Redhawks) and **Chris Summers** (Milan, Mich./Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins) scored for the U.S. in a 3-1 win against Finland. Goaltender **Joe Palmer** (Yorkville, N.Y./Retired) made 30 saves on 31 shots in the victory. This marked Team USA's third gold-medal game victory.

### GOLDEN HISTORY

The U.S. will play in its tournament record 14th gold-medal game against Finland on Sunday. This marks the fourth showdown between the two countries in the gold-medal game, the most between any two countries tournament history. Overall the U.S. is 8-2-0-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L) in gold-medal games. The U.S. is 6-1 in its last seven gold medal games. From 2009-2015, Team USA competed in a tournament record seven consecutive gold-medal games, winning six times and falling just once.

## THINGS WORTH MENTIONING

The U.S. has appeared in 13 of the 20 gold-medal games in the history of this tournament and has won gold 10 times ... The U.S. is 7-1-0-2 (W-OTL-OTL-L) in its last 10 matchups against Finland ... The U.S. has faced Finland in more gold-medal games (3) than any other country, and has won each matchup ... **Jack Hughes** currently sits atop the tournament leaderboard in points with 12 (5-7-12) through six games ... The underage (2001 birth year) skaters (**Cole Caufield**, **Jack Hughes**, **Alex Turcotte** and **Cam York**) have combined for 29 points through six games for Team USA ... **Joel Farabee**, **Mattias Samuelsson** and **Oliver Wahlstrom** were named the Three Best Players for Team USA on Saturday ... The U.S. is averaging 43.33 shots per game through six games and is only allowing opponents to 22 shots per game ... The U.S. owns the third-ranked power play and top-ranked penalty kill units in the tournament ... The U.S. is searching for its first gold medal on Russian soil, having previously earned both silver and bronze medals in past events ...

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE City	EVENT Venue	TIME (LOCAL) (Eastern)
<b>THURS., APRIL 19</b> Magnitogorsk	<b>CANADA</b> Metallurg Ice Rink	<b>L, 6-4</b>
<b>FRI., APRIL 20</b> Magnitogorsk	<b>SWITZERLAND</b> Metallurg Ice Rink	<b>W, 8-5</b>
<b>SUN., APRIL 22</b> Magnitogorsk	<b>SWEDEN</b> Metallurg Ice Rink	<b>L, 3-1</b>
<b>TUES., APRIL 24</b> Magnitogorsk	<b>BELARUS</b> Metallurg Ice Rink	<b>W, 8-0</b>
<b>THURS., APRIL 26</b> Chelyabinsk	<b>RUSSIA (QUARTERFINAL)</b> Traktor Ice Arena	<b>W, 5-1</b>
<b>SAT., APRIL 28</b> Chelyabinsk	<b>CZECH REPUBLIC (SEMIFINAL)</b> Traktor Ice Rink	<b>W, 4-1</b>
<b>SUN., APRIL 29</b> Chelyabinsk	<b>FINLAND (GOLD-MEDAL GAME)</b> Traktor Ice Rink	<b>7:30 P.M. 10:30 A.M.</b>

All U.S. tournament games to be televised live on NHL Network

## TEAM USA IIHF U18 MWC HISTORY AT A GLANCE

The United States enters the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship having medaled in 15 of the past 19 tournaments, including a tournament record 14 consecutive medals.

Overall, the U.S. holds 10 gold medals, three silver medals and two bronze medals. Seven of its 10 gold medals have come in the last nine years (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017).

All-time, Team USA is 93-7-3-26-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) in 130 tournament games. In gold-medal games the United States is 8-2-0-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L). From 2009-2015, Team USA competed in a tournament record seven consecutive gold-medal games, winning six times and falling just once.

## MEDIA INFORMATION

All Team USA players or staff will be available for interviews in designated mixed-zone areas following games and non-game day practices. Media availability on day-of-game skates will be limited. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room.

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**KRIS NOLT**  
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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Kris Nolt, who is on-site with Team USA here in Russia.

**PHOTO REQUESTS:**  
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**LAUREL.YOUNG@USAHOCKEY.ORG**

Media interested in photos of Team USA throughout the tournament are encouraged to visit ImagesOnce.net for tournament photos. Any other photography requests surrounding the 2018 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team players and staff should be directed to Laurel Young.

### ONLINE GUIDE

**TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/2018U18MENSWORLDS**

Team USA information, including bios, team schedule, news and team history are available at the official website of USA Hockey's national teams.



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### 2018 IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP U.S. DETAILS

#### 2018 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

##### EXHIBITION GAME

###### FRANCE



**U18 MWC Series vs. France:** 0-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**Of Note:** Meeting for the first time ever at the U18 MWC level

**APRIL 15, 2018: USA 15, FRA 0:** Team USA defeated France 15-0 in a pre-tournament exhibition match on Sunday (April 15) at Traktor Ice Arena. Nineteen different skaters recorded at least one point in the first matchup between the two countries at the Under-18 level.

##### PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

###### CANADA



**U18 MWC vs. Canada:** 9-2-2-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

**Of Note:** The two teams faced off in U18 MWC prelims for third time in five years.

**APRIL 19, 2018: USA 4, CAN 6:** Forward **Jack Hughes** (Orlando, Fla.) recorded three points and **Oliver Wahlstrom** (Quincy, Mass.) scored twice for the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team in its 6-4 loss to Canada on Thursday night in the preliminary round opening game of the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship at Metallurg Ice Rink.

###### SWITZERLAND



**U18 MWC vs. Switzerland:** 9-0-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**Of Note:** The two teams faced off in U18 MWC prelims for third time in five years.

**APRIL 20, 2018: USA 8, SUI 5:** Team USA capped their back-to-back preliminary round start by scoring eight goals and defeating Switzerland, 8-5. **Jack Hughes** (Orlando, Fla./USAH NTDP) and **Cam York** (Anaheim Hill, Calif./USAH NTDP) recorded three-point nights for Team USA.

###### SWEDEN



**U18 MWC vs. Sweden:** 12-2-0-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**Of Note:** The two teams met for the ninth time in the preliminary round.

**APRIL 22, 2018: USA 1, SWE 2:** **Oliver Wahlstrom** (Quincy, Mass./USAH NTDP) scored his tournament-leading fourth goal and goaltender **Spencer Knight** (Darien, Conn./USAH NTDP) made 38 saves for the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team in 3-1 loss against Sweden in the third preliminary round game of the 2018 IIHF Under-18 World Championship at Metallurg Arena.

###### BELARUS



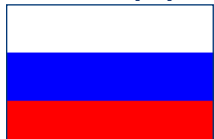
**U18 MWC Series vs. Belarus:** 8-0-0-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

**Of Note:** The two teams have only met twice in the past eight years.

**APRIL 24, 2018: USA 8, BLR 0:** **Cole Caufield** (Stevens Point, Wis./USAH NTDP) recorded a hat-trick and **Drew DeRidder** (Fenton, Mich./USAH NTDP) stopped all 13 shots he faced for the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team in its 8-0 victory against Belarus in the fourth preliminary round game of the 2018 IIHF Under-18 World Championship at Metallurg Arena.

##### PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES

###### RUSSIA (QF)



**U.S. All-Time in U18 MWC Quarterfinals:** 10-1 (W-L)

**Of Note:** The victory against Russia marks the first quarterfinal matchup and victory for the U.S.

**APRIL 26, 2018: USA 5, RUS 1:** The U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team scored four third period goals and held a 41-17 shot advantage to earn a 5-1 victory against Russia here today in the quarterfinals of the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship at Traktor Ice Rink.

###### CZECH REPUBLIC (SF)



**U.S. All-Time in U18 MWC Semifinals:** 12-3 (W-L)

**Of Note:** Team USA is now a perfect 3-0 against the Czech Republic in the semifinals

**APRIL 28, 2018: USA 4, CZE 1:** The line of **Joel Farabee** (Cicero, N.Y./USAH NTDP), **Jack Hughes** (Orlando, Fla./USAH NTDP), and **Oliver Wahlstrom** (Quincy, Mass./USAH NTDP) combined for two goals and five points in the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team's 4-1 victory against the Czech Republic here today in the semifinal of the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship at Traktor Ice Rink.

###### FINLAND (GMG)



**U.S. All-Time in Gold Medal Games:** 10-3 (W-L)

**Of Note:** Team USA has won 10 gold medals, the most of any nation.

**APRIL 23, 2017: USA 4, FIN 2:** Current Team USA forward **Joel Farabee** (Cicero, N.Y.) scored twice to help the U.S. defeat Finland, 4-2, in the gold-medal game to secure Team USA's 14th consecutive medals, including gold medals in seven of the last nine years (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017).

#### KEY TEAM USA U18 MWC STATISTICS

##### ALL-TIME MEDALS AT U18 MWC

Year	Medal	Coach	Result	Opp.
2017	Gold	John Wroblewski	W, 4-2	FIN
2016	Bronze	Danton Cole	W, 10-3	CAN
2015	Gold	Don Granato	OTW, 2-1	FIN
2014	Gold	Danton Cole	W, 5-2	CZE
2013	Silver	Don Granato	L, 2-3	CAN
2012	Gold	Danton Cole	W, 7-0	SWE
2011	Gold	Ron Rolston	OTW, 4-3	SWE
2010	Gold	Kurt Kleinendorst	W, 3-1	SWE
2009	Gold	Ron Rolston	W, 5-0	RUS
2008	Bronze	John Hynes	W, 6-3	SWE
2007	Silver	Ron Rolston	L, 5-6	RUS
2006	Gold	John Hynes	W, 3-1	FIN
2005	Gold	Ron Rolston	W, 5-1	CAN
2004	Silver	John Hynes	L, 2-3	RUS
2002	Gold	Mike Eaves	W, 3-1	RUS

##### ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record <sup>^</sup>	GF	GA
Belarus	9	8-0-0-0-1	69	8
Canada	15	9-2-2-2-0	66	36
Czech Republic	15	13-1-1-1-0	73	26
Denmark	3	3-0-0-0-0	16	2
Finland	16	10-1-0-5-0	46	33
Germany	8	6-0-0-2-0	50	11
Latvia	3	3-0-0-0-0	27	2
Norway	2	2-0-0-1-0	18	2
Russia	18	7-1-0-10-0	63	59
Slovakia	10	8-0-0-2-0	61	20
Sweden	17	12-2-0-3-0	77	37
Switzerland	10	9-0-0-1-0	47	18
Ukraine	4	4-0-0-0-0	33	0
TOTAL	130	94-7-3-26-1	646	253

##### ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	QF	SF	BM	GM	Total
Canada	NA	5-1	1-0	2-0	8-1
Czech Republic	4-1	3-0	NA	1-0	8-1
Finland	NA	1-1	NA	3-0	4-1
Germany	1-0	NA	NA	NA	1-0
Russia	1-0	1-1	0-1	1-2	3-3
Slovakia	2-0	NA	NA	NA	2-0
Sweden	1-0	3-0	1-0	3-0	8-0
Switzerland	1-0	NA	NA	NA	1-0
Total	10-1	13-3	2-1	10-3	35-6

<sup>^</sup>W-OTW-OTL-L-T



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### 2018 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM	COLLEGE COMMITMENT	DRAFTYEAR
<b>GOALTENDERS (3)</b>									
1	Drew DeRidder	5-10 (178)	165 (75)	5/1/00	L	Fenton, Mich.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Michigan State Univ.	2018
29	Spencer Knight	6-4 (191)	196 (89)	4/19/01	L	Darien, Conn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Boston College	2019
30	Jonathan Mor	6-2 (187)	193 (88)	7/20/00	L	Highland Park, Ill.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Not Yet Committed	2018
<b>DEFENSEMEN (7)</b>									
10	Ty Emberson	6-1 (184)	198 (90)	5/23/00	R	Eau Claire, Wis.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Univ. of Wisconsin	2018
19	K'Andre Miller	6-5 (194)	207 (94)	1/21/00	L	Minnetonka, Minn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Univ. of Wisconsin	2018
5	Adam Samuelsson	6-6 (197)	229 (104)	6/21/00	L	San Diego, Calif.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Boston College	2018
23	Mattias Samuelsson	6-4 (192)	214 (97)	3/14/00	L	Voorhees, N.J.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Western Michigan Univ.	2018
25	Spencer Stastney	5-10 (178)	173 (79)	1/4/00	L	Mequon, Wis.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Univ. of Notre Dame	2018
15	Bode Wilde	6-3 (189)	197 (90)	1/24/00	R	Birmingham, Mich.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Univ. of Michigan	2018
4	Cam York	5-11 (180)	166 (75)	1/5/01	L	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Boston College	2019
<b>FORWARDS (13)</b>									
22	Cole Caufield	5-6 (168)	155 (70)	1/2/01	R	Stevens Point, Wis.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Univ. of Wisconsin	2019
14	Jack DeBoer	6-3 (189)	185 (84)	8/17/00	R	Madison, N.J.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Boston Univ.	2018
28	Joel Farabee <sup>^</sup>	6-0 (180)	169 (77)	2/25/00	L	Cicero, N.Y.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Boston Univ.	2018
24	Patrick Giles	6-4 (192)	202 (92)	1/3/00	R	Chevy Chase, Md.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Boston College	2018
17	Jonathan Gruden	6-0 (182)	171 (78)	5/4/00	L	Rochester, Mich.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Miami Univ.	2018
8	Gavin Hain	6-0 (182)	196 (89)	4/3/00	L	Grand Rapids, Minn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Univ. of North Dakota	2018
6	Jack Hughes	5-11 (179)	160 (73)	5/14/01	L	Orlando, Fla.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Not Yet Committed	2019
7	Trevor Janicke	5-10 (177)	184 (83)	12/25/00	R	Maple Grove, Minn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Univ. of Notre Dame	2019
20	Jake Pivonka	6-0 (181)	198 (90)	2/28/00	L	Naperville, Ill.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Univ. of Notre Dame	2018
11	Alex Turcotte	5-11 (180)	190 (86)	2/26/01	L	Island Lake, Ill.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Univ. of Wisconsin	2019
18	Oliver Wahlstrom <sup>^</sup>	6-1 (185)	204 (93)	6/13/00	R	Quincy, Mass.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Harvard Univ.	2018
9	Tyler Weiss	5-11 (179)	160 (73)	1/3/00	L	Raleigh, N.C.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Boston Univ.	2018
12	Jake Wise	5-10 (177)	190 (86)	2/28/00	L	Reading, Mass.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	Boston Univ.	2018

<sup>^</sup>2017 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team Gold Medalist

### 2018 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM STAFF

#### SCOTT MONAGHAN, GENERAL MANAGER

• 20th Tournament • Gold (2002, 2005-06, 2009-12, 2014-15, 2017)  
Scott Monaghan will serve as the general manager of the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team for the 20th time at 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship. He has served on the staff of for all ten gold medal-winning squads at the 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2017. An original staff member of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, he currently serves as its senior director of operations and is responsible for all aspects of the NTDP. Monaghan also has been on the staff of six U.S. National Junior Teams, last serving as team leader for the gold medal-winning squad at the 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship in Regina and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He was honored at the USA Hockey Annual Congress in 2009 with the President's Award, recognizing his outstanding contributions to the organization.

#### SETH APPERT, HEAD COACH

• Second Time at Tournament • Gold (2017) as assistant coach in IIHF Debut  
Seth Appert will serve as the head coach of the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team for the first time at the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship. He recently completed his first season as head coach of the U.S. National Under-18 Team at the NTDP in 2017-18, leading them to an NTDP-record finish in USHL play and a first-place finish at the 2018 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament. Last season, he served as an assistant coach at the Under-18 World Championship, helping lead Team USA to its record 10th gold medal. He also served as an assistant coach for the U.S. Men's National Team at the 2017 IIHF Men's World Championship. His other USA Hockey coaching experience includes two stints as head coach (2008, 2011) and one as assistant coach (2007) of the U.S. National Under-18 Select Team that competed in the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup.

#### NICK FOHR, ASSISTANT COACH

• Asst. (2015 & 2017, gold; 2013, silver) • 8 yrs. with USAH NTDP  
Nick Fohr will work as an assistant coach of the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team for the fourth time, having previously worked the event in 2013, 2015, and 2017. Fohr is in his eighth season as a coach with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program. Additionally, he served on the bench for one first-place finish (2014) and one second-place showing (2012) at the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. Fohr's tour of duty with USA Hockey has also included serving as assistant coach with the U.S. Under-18 Select Team four times (2012, 2014, 2016, 2017) and in that same position at three CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Games (2012, 2014, 2016).

#### MASON GRADDOCK, ASSISTANT COACH

• 1st IIHF Event • 2 Yrs with USAH NTDP  
Mason Graddock, who is in his second year as an intern coach for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, will make his IIHF coaching debut as an assistant coach for the 2018 U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team. Prior to joining the NTDP coaching staff, Graddock spent the 2015-16 season as an intern assistant coach at the University of Notre Dame. Previously, Graddock spent four seasons as an assistant men's ice hockey coach at Middlebury (Vt.) College. Graddock played four seasons of ice hockey at Middlebury (2005-09), helping the team to the NCAA Division III national championship his freshman year.

#### GENERAL MANAGER:

Scott Monaghan

#### HEAD COACH:

Seth Appert

#### ASSISTANT COACH:

Nick Fohr

#### ASSISTANT COACH:

Rand Pecknold

#### ASSISTANT COACH:

Mason Graddock

#### ASSISTANT COACH:

Thomas Speer

#### ATHLETIC TRAINER:

Dennis MacDonald

#### EQUIPMENT MANAGER:

Brock Bradley

#### TEAM PHYSICIAN:

Dr. Steven Stecker

#### HOCKEY OPERATIONS:

Matt Williams

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Kris Nolt

#### RAND PECKNOLD, ASSISTANT COACH

• 2nd Intl. Tournament • 485 Coaching Wins in NCAA  
Rand Pecknold, who served as an assistant coach for the 2017 U.S. Men's National Team at the 2017 IIHF Men's World Championship, will coach in his second IIHF event, serving as an assistant coach for the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team. He recently completed his 24th season as head coach of the Quinnipiac University men's hockey team. Under Pecknold's leadership, Quinnipiac has reached the NCAA Tournament in four of the previous six seasons, including appearances in the NCAA Frozen Four and national championship game in 2013 and 2016. After leading the Bobcats to a 32-4-7 record in 2016, he was named the Spencer Penrose National Coach of the Year.

#### THOMAS SPEER, ASSISTANT COACH

• 1st IIHF Event • Oversees Strelow Goalie Program  
Thomas Speer, who recently completed his first season with the NTDP as the goaltending coach for both the Under-17 and Under-18 teams, will serve as an assistant coach for Team USA the first time. In addition to his duties as the NTDP's goaltender coach, Speer also oversees the Warren Strelow National Goaltending Mentor Program. Prior to joining the NTDP Speer worked as director of amateur goaltending for the Dallas Stars, a goalie development coordinator for USA Hockey in Texas and Oklahoma, as well as director of camp development and personnel for Elite Goalies in Allen, Texas. He also served as a goaltending coach for the Allen Americans of the ECHL for four seasons.





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### ROSTER DETAILS

#### WAHLSTROM'S SCORING STREAK CONTINUES

Following his seventh goal of the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship in the semifinal victory against the Czech Republic, forward **Oliver Wahlstrom** (Quincy, Mass./USAH NTDP) has scored at least one goal in the first six games of the tournament.

#### FARABEE AND WAHLSTROM CLIMB INTO RECORD BOOKS

Forward **Oliver Wahlstrom** has cracked the top five list for goals scored by U.S. skaters during this tournament. Wahlstrom scored four goals in last year's tournament, bringing his career total to 11. Wahlstrom is now in sole possession of fourth all-time and needs one more goal to tie Jeremy Morin's (2007 & 2008/SC Rapperswil-Jona Lakers) mark of 12. **Phil Kessel** (2004 & 2005/Pittsburgh Penguins) holds the U.S. record with 16 goals in 12 games. He also recently moved into a tie with teammate **Joel Farabee** for eighth place all-time for tournament points with 14 in 13 career games. They recently passed the likes of **Kailer Yamamoto** (2016/Edmonton Oilers), **Jeremy Bracco** (2015/Toronto Marlies), **James van Riemsdyk** (2006 & 2007/Toronto Maple Leafs) among others.

#### TOURNAMENT LEADERBOARD

Through the semifinal round, several U.S. players were atop the leaderboard in various categories. **Jack Hughes** (Orlando, Fla./USAH NTDP) sits alone at the top of the leaderboard in points (11) and sits tied for first with Slovakia's Maxim Cajkovic for the tournament lead in assists (7). **Oliver Wahlstrom** is tied with Finland's Niklas Nordgren for the tournament lead in goals (7) and is also tied with him for third in points (9). Underager **Cam York** (Anaheim Hills, Calif./USAH NTDP) is tied with Sweden's Adam Bqvist for first in defensemen scoring with six points (0-6-6) and is tied for third in assist leads among all skaters.

#### ESPECIALLY SPECIAL TEAMS

Through the semifinals, the U.S. boasts the third-best power play efficiency (27.27%). The U.S. has recorded six goals, four of which are by **Oliver Wahlstrom**, in 22 attempts. Team USA also sits alone at the top of the leaderboard in penalty kill efficiency (95.45%), killing off 21 of 22 power play opportunities.

#### SHOOTING GALLERY

Through the semifinals, the U.S. has averaged 43.3 shots per game, while allowing only 22 shots against per game, nearly doubling its opponent's output. The U.S. has only been outshot in one game this tournament.

#### TEAM USA BY THE NUMBERS

Average Height	6-0, 183.5 CM
Average Weight	187.8 LBS, 85 KG
Oldest/Youngest	Giles & Weiss/Hughes
Shoot/Catch Left	16
Shoot/Catch Right	7

#### HOME STATES

Illinois	3
Michigan	3
Minnesota	3
Wisconsin	3
California	2
Massachusetts	2
New Jersey	2
Connecticut	1
Florida	1
Maryland	1
New York	1
North Carolina	1

#### COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Boston College	4
Boston University	3
University of Notre Dame	3
University of Wisconsin	3
University of North Dakota	2
Harvard University	1
Miami University	1
Michigan State University	1
University of Michigan	1
University of North Dakota	1
Western Michigan University	1

### 2018 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

NO	NAME	POS.	FRA <sup>^</sup> 5 P.M. 04/15	CAN L, 4-6 04/19	SUI W, 8-5 04/20	SWE L, 3-1 04/22	BLR W, 8-0 04/24	RUS (QF) W, 5-1 04/26	CZE (SF) W, 5-1 04/28	FIN (GMG) TBD 04/29	2018 MU18 TOTAL
4	Cam York	D	--	A	AAA	--	AA	--	--	--	0-6 (6)
5	Adam Samuelsson	D	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
6	Jack Hughes	F	GA*AA	AAG	#GAW	A	AA	UA	G	--	5-7 (12)
7	Trevor Janicke	F	AA	--	G	--	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
8	Gavin Hain	F	GUG	--	--	--	G	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
9	Tyler Weiss	F	A	--	G	--	--	--	G	--	2-0 (2)
10	Ty Emberson	D	A	--	A	--	A	A	--	--	0-3 (3)
11	Alex Turcotte	F	A	--	GA	--	W/PAA#	--	--	--	2-3 (5)
12	Jake Wise	F	GA	A	--	--	A	UA	A	--	1-4 (5)
14	Jack DeBoer	F	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
15	Bode Wilde	D	SAAA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
17	Jonathan Gruden	F	WGGAA	AA	A	--	A*	--	--	--	0-4 (4)
18	Oliver Wahlstrom	F	GA	PP#	P/WA*	G	G	G	WA	--	7-2 (9)
19	K'Andre Miller	D	A	--	A	--	G	--	A	--	1-2 (3)
20	Jake Pivonka	F	S	--	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
22	Cole Caufield	F	GAA	A	--	--	GPGA*	G	--	--	4-2 (6)
23	Mattias Samuelsson	D	G	A	G	--	--	--	--	--	1-1 (2)
24	Patrick Giles	F	A	--	--	--	A	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
25	Spencer Stastney	F	AAA	--	A	--	--	A*A	GA	--	1-4 (5)
28	Joel Farabee	F	GGAA	G	G	A	GA	S/W#	AA*	--	4-4 (8)
1	Drew DeRidder	G	W (30:14) 5/5	L (59:27) 19/24	DNP DNP	DNP DNP	W (60:00) 13/13	DNP DNP	DNP DNP	--	1-1 (W-L) 2.51 GAA
29	Spencer Knight	G	(19:22) 6/6	DNP DNP	W (60:00) 14/19	#L (58:32) 38/40	DNP DNP	W (60:00) 16/17	W (60:00) 16/17	--	3-1 (W-L) 2.26 GAA
30	Jonathan Mor	G	(10:24) 7/7	DND DND	DND DND	DND DND	DND DND	DND DND	DND DND	--	0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA

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G - goal  
A - assist  
P - powerplay goal  
S - shorthanded goal  
P\* - penalty shot  
U - unassisted goal

W - game-winning goal  
A\* - assist on game-winning goal  
# - U.S. Player of the Game

^ - Pre-Tournament Game  
DNP - did not play  
DND - did not dress



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### MORE TIDBITS

#### PRELIMINARY ROUND REWIND

The U.S. finished third in the Group A standings after collecting a record of 2-0-0-2. The U.S. and Russia are tied for the third best goal differential after the preliminary round.

In the tournament opener forward **Jack Hughes** recorded three points and **Oliver Wahlstrom** scored twice for the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team in its 6-4 loss to Canada.

In the second matchup, Team USA capped their back-to-back preliminary round start by scoring eight goals and defeating Switzerland, 8-5. **Jack Hughes** and **Cam York** recorded three-point nights for Team USA.

In the third preliminary round game, **Oliver Wahlstrom** scored his fourth goal and goaltender **Spencer Knight** (Darien, Conn./USAH NTDP) made 38 saves for the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team in a 3-1 loss against Sweden.

The U.S. closed out preliminary round play by shutting out Belarus 8-0 thanks to a **Cole Caufield** hat trick and a 13-save performance by **Drew DeRidder** (Fenton, Mich./USAH NTDP).

#### HOW WE GOT HERE

The United States began its journey towards the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship with 23 players convening in Chelyabinsk, Russia the morning of April 11. There, Team USA held four days of practices and meetings before its pre-tournament exhibition victory (15-0) against France. The next day the team moved to Magnitogorsk, Russia for the Group A preliminary round games and returned to Chelyabinsk on April 25 for the playoff round games.

#### PRE-TOURNAMENT GAME: U.S. TOPS FRA (15-0)

Team USA defeated France 15-0 in an pre-tournament exhibition match on Sunday (April 15) at Traktor Ice Arena. Nineteen different skaters recorded at least one point in the first matchup between the two countries at the Under-18 level. **Jonathan Gruden** (Rochester, Mich./USAH NTDP) (3-2-5) and **Gavin Hain** (Grand Rapids, Minn./USAH NTDP) (3-0-0) each recorded hat-tricks while **Jack Hughes** (1-3-4) and **Joel Farabee** (Cicero, N.Y./USAH NTDP) (2-2-4) recorded four point nights.

#### SETH APPERT PREMIERES AS U.S. HEAD COACH

**Seth Appert** (Cottage Grove, Minn./USAH NTDP), head coach of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, is serving as head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team for first time. In last year's tournament he served as an assistant coach, helping lead the U.S. to a 6-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record and its tournament-record 10th gold medal.

#### 2018 U18 MWC: ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

The 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship is being held in Chelyabinsk (Traktor Ice Arena) and Magnitogorsk (Metallurg Ice Rink), Russia.

This will mark the fourth time Russia has hosted the tournament, with the previous locations being Sochi (2013), Kazan (2008) and Yaroslavl (2003). Like this year, the 2013 event saw the U.S. enter the tournament as the defending gold medalist. In the end, Canada won gold, the U.S. earned silver and Finland claimed bronze.

The U.S. has also previously earned a bronze medal in the 2008 event and will be seeking its first gold medal on Russian soil.

#### M. SAMUELSSON, EMBERSON, GILES, GRUDEN AND PIVONKA TO LEAD TEAM USA

On April 17 coach Appert named defenseman **Mattias Samuelsson** (Voorhees, N.J./USAH NTDP) captain of the 2018 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team. In addition, Appert tabbed defenseman **Ty Emberson** (Eau Claire, Wis./USAH NTDP) and forwards **Patrick Giles** (Chevy Chase, Md./USAH NTDP), **Jonathan Gruden** and **Jake Pivonka** (Naperville, Ill./USAH NTDP) alternate captains. Emberson and Giles will wear the "A" when Team USA wears its white jerseys while Gruden and Pivonka will sport the "A" in the blue jerseys. All five captains are making their first appearance at the Under-18 Men's World Championship.

### TEAM USA 2017-18 PLAYER STATS

#### GOALTENDERS

NO	NAME	GP	W	L	SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Drew DeRidder USAH NTDP (USHL)	39	24	9	1	2.72	.899	4
29	Spencer Knight USAH NTDP (USHL)	33	24	4	0	2.61	.912	1
30	Jonathan Mor USAH NTDP (USHL)	21	8	5	2	3.56	.870	1

#### DEFENSEMEN

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
4	Cam York USAH NTDP (USHL)	51	8	24	32	18
5	Adam Samuelsson USAH NTDP (USHL)	54	4	20	24	86
10	Ty Emberson USAH NTDP (USHL)	53	4	18	22	34
15	Bode Wilde USAH NTDP (USHL)	53	11	25	36	59
19	K'Andre Miller USAH NTDP (USHL)	50	7	17	24	22
23	Mattias Samuelsson USAH NTDP (USHL)	50	9	19	28	107
25	Spencer Stastney USAH NTDP (USHL)	49	1	19	20	12

#### FORWARDS

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
6	Jack Hughes USAH NTDP (USHL)	52	34	65	99	14
7	Trevor Janicke USAH NTDP (USHL)	54	8	6	14	40
8	Gavin Hain USAH NTDP (USHL)	53	11	20	31	34
9	Tyler Weiss USAH NTDP (USHL)	50	10	17	27	37
11	Alex Turcotte USAH NTDP (USHL)	50	16	41	57	18
12	Jake Wise USAH NTDP (USHL)	30	9	27	36	4
14	Jack DeBoer USAH NTDP (USHL)	53	7	14	21	44
17	Jonathan Gruden USAH NTDP (USHL)	53	25	26	51	40
18	Oliver Wahlstrom USAH NTDP (USHL)	54	40	43	83	38
20	Jake Pivonka USAH NTDP (USHL)	51	8	10	18	39
22	Cole Caufield USAH NTDP (USHL)	51	49	23	72	10
24	Patrick Giles USAH NTDP (USHL)	54	10	9	19	50
28	Joel Farabee USAH NTDP (USHL)	54	27	37	64	38



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### MORE TEAM USA TIDBITS

#### PICKING UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF

Forwards **Joel Farabee** and **Oliver Wahlstrom** started their second appearance for Team USA in the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship by each scoring goals in the tournament opener, with Wahlstrom collecting two.

The duo helped the U.S. claim its tournament record 10th gold medal in last year's tournament in Poprad and Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia.

In last year's tournament Farabee saved his best game for last as he recorded two goals, including the eventual game-winner, in Team USA's 4-2 victory against Finland in the gold-medal game. He earned Player of the Game honors for his efforts. The New York native finished the tournament tied for sixth on the team in scoring with six points (3-3-6).

Wahlstrom finished last year's tournament tied with **Max Gildon** (Plano, Texas/University of New Hampshire) for the team lead in goals with four in seven games. Wahlstrom scored two goals, including the game-winner, in Team USA's final preliminary round victory (USA, 5-1) against Sweden.

#### YOUNG GUNS

The U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team features five players born in 2001: forwards **Cole Caufield**, **Jack Hughes** and **Alex Turcotte** (Island Lake, Ill./USAH NTDP); defenseman **Cam York**; and goaltender **Spencer Knight**. The group spent most of the 2017-18 season with the U.S. National Under-17 Team in their first year with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program. Hughes was added to the U.S. National Under-18 Team in December while the remaining players joined the roster in February as the team finished out its United States Hockey League schedule.

#### NHL DRAFT ELIGIBILITY

All but six players on the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team are eligible for the 2018 NHL Draft that will take place June 22-23 at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas.

Those eligible for the 2019 NHL Draft that will take place June 21-22, 2019 at Rogers Arena in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada including late 2000 birth year forward **Trevor Janicke** (Maple Grove, Minn./USAH NTDP), and 2001 birth year forwards **Cole Caufield**, **Jack Hughes** and **Alex Turcotte**, 2001 birth year defenseman **Cam York** and 2001 birth year goaltender **Spencer Knight**.

#### TEAM USA STAFF

**Scott Monaghan** (Ho-Ho Kus, N.J./USAH NTDP) is serving as general manager for the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team for the 20th consecutive year. **Seth Appert**, who helped guide Team USA to its 10th gold medal last year as an assistant coach, makes his head coaching debut in this tournament. He is joined behind the bench by assistant coaches **Nick Fohr** (Grand Forks, N.D./USAH NTDP), **Rand Pecknold** (Bedford, N.H./Quinnipiac University), **Mason Graddock** (Stowe, Vt./USAH NTDP) and **Thomas Speer** (Janesville, Wis./USAH NTDP).

Team USA's support staff also includes equipment manager **Brock Bradley** (West Stockholm, N.Y./USAH NTDP), athletic trainer **Dennis MacDonald** (Detroit, Mich./USAH NTDP), team physician **Dr. Steven Stecker** (Randolph, N.J./USA Hockey), hockey operations manager **Matt Williams** (Rochester Mich./USAH NTDP) and media officer **Kris Nolt** (Lancaster, Pa./USAH NTDP).

#### INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS FOR USA HOCKEY

The 2016-17 season brought unprecedented international success in ice hockey for the United States, as it became the first nation to ever win gold in the first four International Ice Hockey Federation World Championships in a single season. In all, Team USA claimed top honors at the IIHF World Junior Championship, IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, IIHF Women's World Championship and IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. Additionally, the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team was crowned World Sled Hockey Challenge champions for the third consecutive time and saw its season culminate with a silver medal at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship.

### ALL-AMERICAN PROSPECTS GAME

Seventeen players on the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team were selected for the sixth-annual 2017 CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects game that took place Thursday, Sep. 21 at KeyBank Center in Buffalo, N.Y. To date, 127 alumni of the CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game have been drafted in the NHL, highlighted by 30 first-round selections

#### GOALTENDERS

NO.	NAME	2017-18 Team (League)
1	Drew DeRidder	USAH NTDP (USHL)
30	Jonathan Mor	USAH NTDP (USHL)

#### DEFENSEMEN

NO.	NAME	2017-18 Team (League)
5	Adam Samuelsson	USAH NTDP (USHL)
10	Ty Emberson	USAH NTDP (USHL)
15	Bode Wilde	USAH NTDP (USHL)
19	K'Andre Miller	USAH NTDP (USHL)
23	Mattias Samuelsson	USAH NTDP (USHL)
25	Spencer Stastney	USAH NTDP (USHL)

#### FORWARDS

NO.	NAME	2017-18 Team (League)
8	Gavin Hain	USAH NTDP (USHL)
9	Tyler Weiss	USAH NTDP (USHL)
12	Jake Wise	USAH NTDP (USHL)
17	Jonathan Gruden	USAH NTDP (USHL)
18	Oliver Wahlstrom	USAH NTDP (USHL)
20	Jake Pivonka	USAH NTDP (USHL)
24	Patrick Giles	USAH NTDP (USHL)
28	Joel Farabee	USAH NTDP (USHL)

### NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING

NHL Central Scouting released its Final Rankings of players eligible for the 2018 NHL Draft, and among the North American lists are there are 16 players on the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team.

The Final Rankings include players from all leagues and levels across North America and are listed with a numerical ranking based on NHL Central Scouting evaluations. The rankings are listed below:

#### GOALTENDERS

RK	NAME	2017-18 Team (League)
30	Drew DeRidder	USAH NTDP (USHL)

#### DEFENSEMEN

RK	NAME	2017-18 Team (League)
17	Bode Wilde	USAH NTDP (USHL)
21	Mattias Samuelsson	USAH NTDP (USHL)
23	K'Andre Miller	USAH NTDP (USHL)
42	Ty Emberson	USAH NTDP (USHL)
77	Adam Samuelsson	USAH NTDP (USHL)
93	Spencer Stastney	USAH NTDP (USHL)

#### FORWARDS

RK	NAME	2017-18 Team (League)
7	Oliver Wahlstrom	USAH NTDP (USHL)
12	Joel Farabee	USAH NTDP (USHL)
38	Jake Wise	USAH NTDP (USHL)
46	Jonathan Gruden	USAH NTDP (USHL)
47	Patrick Giles	USAH NTDP (USHL)
90	Tyler Weiss	USAH NTDP (USHL)
104	Gavin Hain	USAH NTDP (USHL)
105	Jake Pivonka	USAH NTDP (USHL)
166	Jack DeBoer	USAH NTDP (USHL)





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### TEAM USA TIDBITS (CON)

#### RECAP: 2017 IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2017 Under-18 Men's World Championship took place from April 13-23, 2017 in Poprad and Spišská Nová Ves Slovakia. Team USA went undefeated 6-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) en route to its 10th gold medal.

Following a pair of exhibition wins against Belarus (5-2), Finland (5-2) the U.S. opened the tournament with a 7-0 victory against Belarus on April 13. That was followed by other preliminary wins against Russia (5-4), Czech Republic (5-2) and Sweden (5-1).

In the quarterfinal matchup with Switzerland, **Josh Norris** (Oxford, Mich./University of Michigan) scored the game-winning goal with 3:17 left in regulation for Team USA in the 4-2 quarterfinal victory. U.S. goaltender **Dylan St. Cyr** (Northville, Mich./University of Notre Dame) earned his fifth victory of the tournament by making 15 saves on 17 shots.

In a semifinal rematch with Sweden it was forward **Sean Dhooche** (Aurora, Ill./University of Wisconsin) who scored the game-winning goal with :21 remaining in overtime to give Team USA a 4-3 victory.

Current Team USA forward **Joel Farabee** scored twice and St. Cyr stopped 22 of 24 shots faced to help the U.S. defeat Finland, 4-2, in the gold-medal game to secure Team USA's 14th consecutive medal.

Dhooche, **Max Gildon** (Plano, Texas/University of New Hampshire), and St. Cyr were named to the Media All-Star Team.

#### 2016 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

Of the 23 players named to the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team, 9 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** (Madison, N.J./USAH NTDP), **Jonathan Gruden**, **Jake Pivonka**, **Oliver Wahlstrom** and **Tyler Weiss** (Raleigh, N.C./USAH NTDP); defensemen **Ty Emberson**, **Adam Samuelsson** (San Diego, Calif./USAH NTDP) and **Mattias Samuelsson**; and goaltender **Drew DeRidder**.

#### U18 MWC FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Three players have a combined four family members who have previously skated in or coached at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

Forward **Jonathan Gruden**'s father, John, has served on coaching three U.S. coaching staffs at the IIHF Under-18 World Championship (2012, 2014 and 2016), helping guide the team to gold medals in 2012 and 2014 and a bronze medal in 2016.

Forward **Jack Hughes**' brother Quinn was a defenseman on last year's gold medal winning squad, finishing the tournament with five points (1-4-5) and a +6 +/- rating.

Defenseman **Adam Samuelsson**'s two brothers Henrik and Philip both previously represented Team USA in the tournament. Philip was on the 2009 gold medal winning team and finished the tournament with three assists in seven games. Henrik was on the 2011 gold medal winning team and contributed one assist in six games.

#### AMERICANS IN RECENT NHL DRAFTS

Over the last three years, a total of 159 American players have heard their name called in the NHL Draft. The total ranks second amongst all nations and accounts for nearly 25% of all players drafted.

This past June, 49 American players from 19 different states heard their name called in Chicago at the 2017 NHL Draft. Led by **Casey Mittelstadt** (Eden Prairie, Minn.), six American first-round selections were made, four in the second round, nine in the third, six in the fourth and fifth, eight in the sixth and 10 in the seventh round.

At the 2016 NHL Draft, 55 American players from 19 different states were selected, including a record 12 American first-round selections. **Auston Matthews** (Scottsdale, Ariz.), who was chosen first overall by the Toronto Maple Leafs to become the seventh American all-time to be selected first overall, won the Calder Trophy this past season as the NHL's rookie of the year.

In 2015, 55 Americans were chosen from 18 states at the 2015 NHL Draft in Sunrise, Florida. Led by Sabres draft pick **Jack Eichel** (Second Overall/North Chelmsford, Mass.), the Draft saw 11 first-round American selections and the first time in NHL Draft history that three NCAA players were selected in the top-10 (Eichel, Second Overall, Boston University; **Noah Hanifin**, Fifth Overall, Boston College; **Zach Werenski**, Eighth Overall, University of Michigan).

#### HISTORIC SUCCESS FOR USA HOCKEY'S NTDP

Founded in 1996, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program began operations in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and remained there until the summer of 2015. The full-time program is composed of two squads, the U.S. National Under-18 Team and U.S. National Under-17 teams, which compete in the USHL as well as against international and collegiate competition.

The Under-17 Team competes in the United States Hockey League and also participates in three international events annually. The U.S. National Under-18 Team's schedule includes games against NCAA Division I and III opponents, USHL teams as well as competition in three international tournaments.

The 2017-18 season saw Team USA's best ever finish in the USHL, finishing the regular season with 83 points and a record of 41-18-0-1 (W-L-OTL-SOL) to earn the Eastern Conference's top spot. The U.S. scored 295 goals, the most goals scored since the 1994-1995 season. Despite playing in only 27 games, forward **Jack Hughes** was tied for the rookie scoring lead with 54 points (21-33-54/2 PPG). Team USA will compete in the USHL playoffs for the first time since the 2011-12 season.

On Saturday (April 21) Team USA earned its first USHL postseason victory with a 3-0 shutout against the Chicago Steel in the Eastern Conference Semifinals. On Friday (April 27), the NTDP won its first ever USHL playoff series after winning in overtime in back-to-back road games in Chicago. Team USA will face the Youngstown Phantoms in the Eastern Conference Finals. The series is set to kickoff on Tuesday (May 1) at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.



LAST YEAR'S GOLD MEDAL TEAM (2017)



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### TEAM USA FAMILY TIES

#### INTERNATIONAL FAMILY TIES (11)

PLAYER	FAMILY MEMBER	RELATION	EXPERIENCE
Jack DeBoer	Pete DeBoer	Father	Has served Hockey Canada in two World Junior Championships and four Men's World Championships Served USA Hockey on coaching staffs at the IIHF Under-18 World Championship (2012, 2014 and 2016) and Under-17 World Hockey Challenge (2013)
Jonathan Gruden	John Gruden	Father	
Jack Hughes	Jim Hughes	Father	Played for the U.S. at the Spengler Cup in 1988-89
	Ellen Weinberg	Mother	Helped U.S. Women's National Team earn a silver medal in 1992 IIHF Women's World Championship
	Quinn Hughes	Brother	Won a gold medal for U.S. at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship; Won a bronze medal with Team USA in 2018 World Junior Championship
Jake Pivonka	Michal Pivonka	Father	Appeared in 38 games for the Czech Republic at the IIHF World Junior Championship and World Cup of Hockey.
Adam Samuelsson	Ulf Samuelsson	Father	Represented Sweden at the IIHF World Junior Championship (1983 & 1984), World Cup of Hockey (1984, 1990) Canada Cup (1991) and Olympic Games (1998)
	Philip Samuelsson	Brother	Was on the 2009 gold medal winning U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team
	Henrik Samuelsson	Brother	Helped lead Team USA to a first-place finish at the 2010 Under-17 World Hockey Challenge and earned a gold medal at the 2011 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship
Mattias Samuelsson	Kjell Samuelsson	Father	Represented Sweden at the 1991 Canada Cup and 1991 World Cup of Hockey
Alex Turcotte	Alfie Turcotte	Father	Represented the U.S. at the 1984 IIHF World Junior Championship and 1986 World Cup of Hockey

#### NHL FAMILY TIES (8)

PLAYER	FAMILY MEMBER	RELATION	EXPERIENCE
Jack DeBoer	Peter DeBoer	Father	Has served as a NHL head coach in every season since 2008-09 (Florida, New Jersey, San Jose) Played 92 games for the Boston Bruins, Ottawa Senators and Washington Capitals from 1993-2004
Jonathan Gruden	Jon Gruden	Father	
Jake Pivonka	Michal Pivonka	Father	Recorded 599 points over 825 career games with the Washington Capitals (1986-1999)
Adam Samuelsson	Ulf Samuelsson	Father	The two-time Stanley Cup Champion with the Pittsburgh Penguins appeared in 1,080 NHL games in 15 seasons (1984-2000) with the Hartford Whalers, Penguins New York Rangers, Detroit Red Wings and Philadelphia Flyers. Currently serving as an assistant coach with the Chicago Blackhawks
	Philip Samuelsson	Brother	The 2009 second round selection of the Pittsburgh Penguins has appeared in 13 NHL games between 2013-2018 and is currently playing in the Carolina Hurricanes farm system
	Henrik Samuelsson	Brother	The 2012 first round selection of the Arizona Coyotes has appeared in three NHL games and is currently playing in the Edmonton Oilers farm system
Mattias Samuelsson	Kjell Samuelsson	Father	The two-time Stanley Cup Champion defenseman appeared in 813 games in 14 seasons (1985-1999) with the New York Rangers, Philadelphia Flyers, Pittsburgh Penguins and Tampa Bay Lightning. Currently serves as the Director of Player Development for the Philadelphia Flyers
Alex Turcotte	Alfie Turcotte	Father	Appeared in 112 career NHL games for the Montreal Canadiens, Winnipeg Jets and Washington Capitals between 1984-1991

#### COLLEGE FAMILY TIES (21)

PLAYER	FAMILY MEMBER	RELATION	EXPERIENCE
Cole Caufield	Paul Caufield	Father	Played two seasons of Division III hockey at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point (1989-91) Earned six letters in both baseball and hockey in three years of eligibility (1964-67) and was inducted into the University of Minnesota Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007
Ty Emberson	Dennis Zacho	Grandpa	
Joel Farabee	Jacob Farabee	Brother	Currently NCAA Division III hockey for Connecticut College
	Jesse Farabee	Brother	Currently playing NCAA Division III hockey for SUNY Oswego
Jonathan Gruden	John Gruden	Father	Skated four seasons at Ferris State University (1990-94) and was named to the All-CCHA First Team during senior season
Gavin Hain	Reed Tellinghuisen	Cousin	Played four seasons of collegiate basketball at University of South Dakota (2014-18)
Jack Hughes	Jim Hughes	Father	Skated four seasons at Providence College (1985-89)
	Ellen Weinberg	Mother	Lettered in hockey, lacrosse and soccer at the University of New Hampshire (1991-94)
	Quinn Hughes	Brother	Currently skating for the University of Michigan
	Marty Hughes	Uncle	Four-year letterwinner in hockey at Boston College (1997-01), winning NCAA title in 2001
	Ted Doherty	Cousin	Skated four seasons with Boston College (2012-16); served as captain senior year
Trevor Janicke	Curtis Janicke	Father	Played four seasons of NCAA Division I hockey for the University of Notre Dame (1989-1993)
Jake Pivonka	Dan Pivonka	Brother	Played collegiate tennis at Lake Forest College (2014-16)
Adam Samuelsson	Nicole Pivonka	Sister	Four-year letterwinner in Division I tennis for Drexel University (2011-15)
	Philip Samuelsson	Brother	Played two seasons of collegiate hockey at Boston College (2009-11)
Mattias Samuelsson	Victoria Samuelsson	Sister	Just finished her junior season with Penn State University women's hockey program
	Lukas Samuelsson	Brother	Just finished his first season for the Western Michigan University men's hockey team
Spencer Stastney	Jordan Henriksson	Cousin	Earned a collegiate letter in Division I Wrestling with Oregon State University (2014)
Alex Turcotte	Real Turcotte	Grandpa	Played four seasons for the Michigan State University men's hockey team (1959-63)
Oliver Wahlstrom	Joakim Wahlstrom	Father	Played two seasons for the University of Maine men's hockey team (1988-90)
Cam York	Jeff York	Father	Played three seasons of NCAA Division I football for the University of California Fullerton (1980-82)



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### IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

#### TEAM USA PAST TOURNAMENTS SUMMARY

YEAR	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD/FINISH	HEAD COACH	ASSISTANT COACHES
2017	Poprad & Spisska Nova Ves	USA	Finland	Russia	6-1-0-0-0/Gold	John Wroblewski	Nick Fohr, Greg Moore, Kevin Reiter, Seth Appert
2016	Grand Forks	Finland	Sweden	USA	6-0-0-1-0/Bronze	Danton Cole	Chris Luongo, Tyler Walsh, Kevin Reiter, John Gruden
2015	Zug/Lucerne	USA	Finland	Canada	5-1-0-1-0/Gold	Don Granato	Nick Fohr, J.D. Forrest, Matt Curley, Kevin Reiter
2014	Lappeenranta/Imatra	USA	Czech Republic	Canada	6-0-0-1-0/Gold	Danton Cole	John Gruden, Daniel Naurato, Scott Paluch, Kevin Reiter
2013	Sochi	Canada	USA	Finland	3-1-0-3-0/Silver	Don Granato	Nick For, Josh Brown, Matt Curley, Mike Ayers
2012	Brno	USA	Sweden	Canada	6-0-0-0-0/Gold	Danton Cole	John Gruden, Tyler Eaves, Mike Ayers
2011	Crimmitschau/Dresden	USA	Sweden	Russia	4-2-0-0-0/Gold	Ron Rolston	Chadd Cassidy, Tim Taylor, Joe Exter, Matt Curley
2010	Minsk/Babruysk	USA	Sweden	Finland	6-0-0-1-0/Gold	Kurt Kleinendorst	John Wroblewski, Joe Exter, Tim Taylor, Cole Bassett
2009	Fargo/Moorhead	USA	Russia	Finland	6-0-0-1-0/Gold	Ron Rolston	Chadd Cassidy, Tim Taylor, Joe Exter, John Wroblewski
2008	Kazan	Canada	Russia	USA	5-0-0-2-0/Bronze	John Hynes	Tim Taylor, Joe Exter, John Wroblewski
2007	Tampere/Rauma	Russia	USA	Sweden	3-1-1-2-0/Silver	Ron Rolston	Chadd Cassidy, Patrick Foley
2006	Angelholm/Halmstad	USA	Finland	Czech Republic	5-1-0-0-0/Gold	John Hynes	Patrick Foley, Randy Wilson
2005	Ceske Budejorke/Plzen	USA	Canada	Sweden	6-0-0-0-0/Gold	Ron Rolston	John Lilley, Nate Leaman
2004	Minsk	Russia	USA	Czech Republic	5-0-0-1-0/Silver	John Hynes	Darrin Madeley, John Lilley
2003	Yaroslavl	Canada	Slovakia	Russia	3-0-1-1-1/4th	Moe Mantha	Darrin Madeley, John Lilley
2002	Piestany/Trnava	USA	Russia	Czech Republic	7-0-0-1-0/Gold	Mike Eaves	John Hynes, Ken Martel
2001	Heinola/Lahti	Russia	Switzerland	Finland	3-0-1-2-0/6th	Mike Eaves	Alex Roberts, Ken Martel
2000	Kloten/Weinfelden	Finland	Russia	Sweden	2-0-0-4-0/8th	Jeff Jackson	Bob Mancini, John Hynes, Ken Martel
1999	Fussen/Kaufbeuren	Finland	Sweden	Slovakia	3-0-0-3-0/7th	Jeff Jackson	Bob Mancini, John Hynes

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

#### MEDAL COUNT

COUNTRY	GOLD-SILVER-BRONZE	TOTAL
USA	10-3-2	15
Russia	3-5-2	10
Finland	3-3-4	10
Sweden	0-5-3	8
Canada	3-1-3	7
Czech Republic	0-1-3	4
Slovakia	0-1-1	2
Switzerland	0-1-0	1

#### TEAM USA RECORD BY ROUND

ROUND	RECORD (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Preliminary	62-0-1-17-1
Playoff	2-0-0-1-0
Relegation	3-0-0-1-0
Quarterfinals	10-0-1-0-0
Semifinals	8-5-1-2-0
Fifth Place Game	0-0-0-1-0
Bronze-Medal Game	2-0-0-1-0
Gold-Medal Game	8-2-0-3-0



FIRST TEAM USA GOLD MEDAL (2002)



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### U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM RECORDS

#### TOURNAMENT SKATER RECORDS

GOALS					
Rank	Name	Pos	Year(s)	GP	G
1	Phil Kessel	F	2004, 2005	12	16
2	Auston Matthews	F	2014, 2015	14	13
3	Jeremy Morin	F	2008, 2009	14	12
4	Oliver Wahlstrom	F	2017, 2018	13	11
5	Brett Sterling	F	2002	8	9
6	Clayton Keller	F	2015, 2016	14	8
8	Reid Boucher	F	2011	6	8
	Joey Anderson	F	2016	7	7
	Kailer Yamamoto	F	2016	7	7
	Jordan Schroeder	F	2007, 2008	14	7
	Patrick O'Sullivan	F	2002	8	7
	Patrick Kane	F	2006	6	7
	Zach Parise	F	2002	8	7
ASSISTS					
Rank	Name	Pos	Year(s)	GP	A
1	Clayton Keller	F	2015, 2016	14	15
2	Rocco Grimaldi	F	2010, 2011	13	14
3	Jeremy Bracco	F	2015	7	10
6	Matthew Tkachuk	F	2015	7	10
	Phil Kessel	F	2004, 2005	12	10
	Logan Brown	F	2016	7	9
	Auston Matthews	F	2014, 2015	14	9
	Jordan Schroeder	F	2007, 2008	14	9
	Jerry D'Amigo	F	2009	7	9
	J.T. Miller	F	2011	6	9
	Ryan Bourque	F	2008, 2009	14	9
	Adam Clendening	D	2009, 2010	14	9
	Jamie McBain	D	2006	6	9
	Ryan Suter	D	2002, 2003	14	9
POINTS					
Rank	Name	Pos	Year(s)	GP	PTS
1	Phil Kessel	F	2004, 2005	12	26
2	Clayton Keller	F	2015, 2016	14	23
3	Auston Matthews	F	2014, 2015	14	22
4	Jeremy Morin	F	2008, 2009	14	18
6	Rocco Grimaldi	F	2010, 2011	13	18
	Jordan Schroeder	F	2007, 2008	14	16
7	Patrick O'Sullivan	F	2002	8	15
8	Oliver Wahlstrom	F	2017, 2018	13	14
10	Joel Farabee	F	2017, 2018	13	14
	Kailer Yamamoto	F	2016	7	13
	Jeremy Bracco	F	2015	7	13
	James van Riemsdyk	F	2006, 2007	13	13
	Colin Wilson	F	2006, 2007	13	13
	Jason Zucker	F	2009, 2010	14	13
	Jerry D'Amigo	F	2009	7	13
	J.T. Miller	F	2011	6	13

#### TOURNAMENT GOALTENDER RECORDS

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE				
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP	GAA
1	Jack Campbell	2009, 2010	11	0.80
3	Collin Olson	2012	5	0.80
	Evan Sarthou	2015	5	1.15
4	Jeff Frazee	2004, 2005	7	1.30
5	Jimmy Howard	2002	6	1.33
6	Joseph Woll	2016	3	1.34
7	Travis Weber	2000, 2001	6	1.45
8	Joe Palmer	2005, 2006	4	1.46
9	Jake Oettinger	2015, 2016	4	1.50
10	Cory Schneider	2004	5	1.71
SAVE PERCENTAGE				
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP	SV%
1	Jack Campbell	2009, 2010	11	.966
2	Collin Olson	2012	5	.965
3	Jeff Frazee	2004, 2005	7	.959
4	Jimmy Howard	2002	6	.954
5	Joe Palmer	2005, 2006	4	.948
6	Joseph Woll	2016	3	.947
7	Travis Weber	2000, 2001	6	.938
8	Jake Oettinger	2015, 2016	4	.934
9	Cory Schneider	2004	5	.929
10	Evan Sarthou	2015	5	.927

#### AWARD WINNERS

DIRECTORATE AWARD				MEDIA ALL-STARS		
Year	Name	Pos	Year	Name	Pos	
2016	Adam Fox	F	2017	Dylan St. Cyr	G	
2015	Auston Matthews	F		Max Gildon	D	
2013	Steven Santini	D		Sean Dhooghe	F	
2012	Collin Olson	G	2016	Clayton Keller	F	
2011	John Gibson	G		Adam Fox	D	
2010	Jack Campbell	G	2015	Auston Matthews	F	
2009	Cam Fowler	D	2010	Jack Campbell	G	
2007	Josh Unice	G		Adam Clendening	D	
	Kevin Shattenkirk	D	2009	Jack Campbell	G	
	James van Riemsdyk	F		Cam Fowler	D	
2006	Jamie McBain	D		Jerry D'Amigo	F	
	Bill Sweatt	F	2007	Josh Unice	G	
2005	Phil Kessel	F		Kevin Shattenkirk	D	
2004	Zach Jones	D		James van Riemsdyk	F	
2002	Ryan Suter	D	2006	Erik Johnson	D	
				Jamie McBain	D	
				Patrick Kane	F	
				Phil Kessel	F	
				T.J. Hensick	F	
				Dwight Helminen	F	

#### THREE BEST PLAYERS

Year	Name	Pos
2018	Mattias Samuelsson	Defenseman
	Oliver Wahlstrom	Forward
	Joel Farabee	Forward
2017	Dylan St. Cyr	Goaltender
	Sean Dhooghe	Forward
	Quinn Hughes	Defenseman
2016	Joey Anderson	Forward
	Clayton Keller	Forward
	Adam Fox	Defenseman
2015	Auston Matthews	Forward
	Jack Roslovic	Forward
	Matthew Tkachuk	Forward
2014	Alex Nedeljkovic	Goaltender
	Louie Belpedio	Defenseman
	Jack Eichel	Forward
2013	Steven Santini	Defenseman
	JT Compher	Forward
	Tyler Motte	Forward
2012	Collin Olson	Goaltender
	Seth Jones	Defenseman
	Matt Lane	Forward
2011	John Gibson	Goaltender
	Robbie Russo	Defenseman
	J.T. Miller	Forward
2010	Jack Campbell	Goaltender
	Adam Clendening	Defenseman
	Jon Merrill	Defenseman
2009	Cam Fowler	Defenseman
	Jerry D'Amigo	Forward
	Kevin Lynch	Forward
2008	Brandon Maxwell	Goaltender
	Ryan Grimshaw	Defenseman
	Phil McRae	Forward
2007	Josh Unice	Goaltender
	Ian Cole	Defenseman
	Kevin Shattenkirk	Defenseman

#### TOURNAMENT MVPs

Year	Name	Pos
2016	Clayton Keller	F
2015	Auston Matthews	F





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### USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

#### ABOUT USA HOCKEY ARENA

USA Hockey Arena, home of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, is a two-sheet facility with regulation ice (85x200) in the main arena and Olympic-size ice (100x200) for the secondary sheet. Acquired by the USA Hockey Foundation on April 1, 2015, the facility has added 20,000 square feet to the property that included a 9,800-square-foot workout facility, additional offices and a conference center. In total, the facility encompasses 170,000 square feet with the main rink providing 3,504 seats for hockey games and 4,500 seats for other performances and events.

#### 2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

Thus far, **Patrick Kane** (Buffalo, N.Y./Chicago Blackhawks) is the only player to be named to the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team that will compete in the 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship in Copenhagen and Herning, Denmark, from May 4-20, 2018. Kane will serve as the team's captain. Serving as head coach is **Jeff Blashill** (Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.) with **Dan Byslma** (Grand Haven, Mich.), **Don Granato** (Downer's Grove, Ill.) and **Seth Appert** (Cottage Grove, Minn.) filling the roles of assistant coaches. In addition, **Bill Zito** (Columbus Blue Jackets), a member of USA Hockey's international council, is serving as general manager.

The U.S. Men's National team will be competing in Group B alongside Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Korea, Latvia and Norway. The U.S. begins play in the 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship on May 4 against rival Canada at 4:15 p.m. (local time) in Herning, Denmark. For more information on Team USA, visit [teamusa.usahockey.com/2018mensworlds](http://teamusa.usahockey.com/2018mensworlds).

#### 11TH HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA CONCLUDES

The 11th annual Hockey Weekend Across America proved to be a success on every level, highlighted by 13,460 children experiencing Try Hockey For Free Day at 379 rinks nationwide on Saturday (March 3).

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.

#### TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE DAYS HELP 24,836 NEW PLAYERS

A total of 24,836 new players were part of USA Hockey's two national Try Hockey For Free Days this season.

The NHL, AHL, ECHL and USHL provided outstanding support to help drive attention to local Try Hockey opportunities. Additionally, several NHL clubs and other leagues supported the initiative by promoting and organizing events of their own. Pure Hockey and Liberty Mutual Insurance are official sponsors of Try Hockey For Free Days.

Now in their eighth season, USA Hockey's Try Hockey for Free Days have introduced more than 177,000 children to the sport.

#### USA HOCKEY SETS 8-AND-UNDER PLAYER PARTICIPATION RECORD

On March 2, USA Hockey announced that Paulina Doughtie from Antioch, Tennessee, became USA Hockey's 115,695th 8-and-Under player in 2017-18, setting a single-season 8U participation record. It marked the third consecutive record-breaking season for USA Hockey in the 8U age classification. Doughtie was introduced to the game in 2017 through USA Hockey's Try Hockey For Free Day and the Little Predators Learn-to-Play program, part of a league-wide initiative developed by the NHL and NHLPA that provides new players with six to eight weeks of beginner instruction and a full set of hockey equipment to keep.

#### 2018 U.S. PARALYMPIC SLED HOCKEY TEAM WINS GOLD

The 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team claimed an unprecedented third-straight gold medal at the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games with a thrilling come-from-behind 2-1 overtime win over rival Canada in the gold-medal game on March 18, 2018.

En route to its gold-medal finish, the U.S. topped Japan (10-0), Czech Republic (10-0) and host Korea (8-0) in group play before defeating Italy (10-1) in the semifinals.

The U.S., which entered the tournament as the two-time defending champions after claiming the gold medal at the Paralympic Winter Games Sochi 2014 and Paralympic Winter Games Vancouver 2010, has now medaled in five of its six

Paralympic appearances (gold - 2002, 2010, 2014, 2018; bronze - 2006).

**Guy Gosselin**, a two-time U.S. Olympian (1988, 1992), served as head coach with **David Hoff** filling the role of assistant coach. **Dan Brennan**, USA Hockey's director of sled national teams, was the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team for the third-straight Paralympic Winter Games.

#### 2018 U.S. OLYMPIC WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM WINS GOLD

The 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team claimed its second-ever gold medal at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games with a 3-2 shootout win over rival Canada in the gold-medal game on Thursday, Feb. 22.

Leading up to the gold medal, Team USA carried a 3-1 victory over Finland, 5-0 win over Olympic Athletes from Russia, and a 2-1 loss to Canada in preliminary play before topping Finland, 5-0, in the semifinals.

Team USA earned the inaugural gold medal in the event at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan and has medaled in all six Olympic appearances to date (gold - 1998, 2018; silver - 2002, 2010, 2014 and bronze - 2006).

**Robb Stauber** served as head coach with **Bret Strot** filling the role of associate head coach and **Paul Mara** also on the staff as an assistant coach. **Reagan Carey**, USA Hockey's director of women's hockey, was the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team.

#### 2018 U.S. OLYMPIC MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM FINISHES SEVENTH

The U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team finished in seventh place among 12 teams competing at the 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games between February 14-25, 2018.

Team USA opened the preliminary round with a 3-2 OT loss to Slovenia before topping Slovakia 2-1 and falling to the Olympic Athletes from Russia, 4-0. The U.S. defeated Slovakia again, 5-1, in the preliminary round and closed the competition with a 3-2 shootout loss to the Czech Republic in the quarterfinals.

**Tony Granato** served as head coach of Team USA. Granato was joined by assistant coaches **Keith Allain**, **Chris Chelios**, **Ron Rolston** and **Scott Young**. In addition, **Jim Johansson**, who passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 21, 2018, was the team's general manager, and **Ben Smith** served as director of player personnel.

#### FELLOW U.S. NATIONAL HOCKEY TEAM SUCCESS THIS SEASON

A number of U.S. national teams have had international success this season.

On Jan. 13 in Dmitrov, Russia, the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team claimed a fourth-straight gold medal at the International Ice Hockey Federation Women's Under-18 World Championship with a 9-3 victory over Sweden.

Two weeks prior to that, on Jan. 5 the 2018 U.S. National Junior Team earned a bronze medal at the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship in Buffalo, New York, after topping Czech Republic, 9-3, in the bronze medal game. It marked the first time the U.S. has claimed a medal in three-straight World Junior Championships (2016 - bronze; 2017 - gold; 2018 - bronze).

Last December, two U.S. teams reached the championship game of their respective tournaments. On Dec. 16, the U.S. Junior Select Team reached the championship game of the 2018 World Junior A Challenge in Truro, Nova Scotia, but fell to Canada West, 5-1, to earn second. That second-place finish preceded Team USA's championship at the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

On Nov. 12, the U.S. Women's National Hockey Team topped Canada, 5-1, to claim the 2017 Four Nations Cup at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Florida. The title was Team USA's third-straight in the event and eighth overall.

The U.S. National Under-17 Team also swept three international events this season. On Dec. 16, the U.S. National Under-17 Team defeated Russia, 2-1, in a shootout in its final game of the 2017 Under-17 Four Nations Tournament to secure first place with an undefeated 2-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record. The team also claimed the 2017 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, in early November and the Under-17 Five Nations Tournament in Finland in early February.



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### TEAM USA INDIVIDUAL STATS

No	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-	GWG	PPG	SHG	SOG	SG%
1	DERIDDER Drew	GK	6	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00
4	YORK Cameron	D	6	0	6	6	0	+6	0	0	0	3	0.00
5	SAMUELSSON Adam	D	6	0	0	0	6	+1	0	0	0	6	0.00
6	HUGHES Jack	F	6	5	7	12	0	+4	1	0	0	22	22.73
7	JANICKE Trevor	F	6	1	0	1	0	+2	0	0	0	9	11.11
8	HAIN Gavin	F	6	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	10	10.00
9	WEISS Tyler	F	6	2	0	2	2	+1	0	0	0	11	18.18
10	EMBERSON Ty	D	6	0	3	3	12	+3	0	0	0	6	0.00
11	TURCOTTE Alexander	F	6	2	3	5	0	+3	1	1	0	15	13.33
12	WISE Jacob	F	6	1	4	5	2	-2	0	0	0	6	16.67
14	DEBOER Jack	F	6	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	4	0.00
15	EICHWEDE-WILDE Bode	D	6	0	0	0	4	-1	0	0	0	5	0.00
17	GRUDEN Jonathan	F	6	0	4	4	4	+4	0	0	0	16	0.00
18	WAHLSTROM Oliver	F	6	7	2	9	2	+3	1	4	0	38	18.42
19	MILLER K'Andre	D	6	1	2	3	2	+4	0	0	0	15	6.67
20	PIVONKA Jacob	F	6	0	1	1	6	+1	0	0	0	9	0.00
22	CAUFIELD Cole	F	6	4	2	6	0	+2	0	1	0	15	26.67
23	SAMUELSSON Mattias	D	6	1	1	2	6	+1	0	0	0	17	5.88
24	GILES Patrick	F	6	0	1	1	4	+2	0	0	0	17	0.00
25	STASTNEY Spencer	D	6	1	4	5	2	+6	0	0	0	5	20.00
28	FARABEE Joel	F	6	4	4	8	6	+2	1	0	1	31	12.90
29	KNIGHT Spencer	GK	6	0	1	1	0		0	0	0	0	0.00
30	MOR Jonathan	GK	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00

### Goalkeeping Statistics

No	Name	GPT	GKD	GPI	MIP	MIP%	GA	SVS	SOG	SVS%	GAA	SO	W	L
1	DERIDDER Drew	6	6	2	119:27	33.37	5	32	37	86.49	2.51	1	1	1
29	KNIGHT Spencer	6	6	4	238:32	66.63	9	84	93	90.32	2.26	0	3	1

### TEAM USA LEADERBOARD

Goals.....	Oliver Wahlstrom (7)
Assists.....	Jack Hughes (7)
Points.....	Jack Hughes (12)
Power-Play Goals.....	Oliver Wahlstrom (4)
Shorthanded Goals.....	Joel Farabee (1)
Game-Winning Goals.....	Farabee, Hughes, Turcotte, Wahlstrom (1)
Penalty Minutes.....	Ty Emberson (12)
Plus/Minus.....	Cam York, Spencer Stastney (+6)
Shots on Goal.....	Oliver Wahlstrom (38)
Wins.....	Spencer Knight (3)
Minutes Played.....	Spencer Knight (238:32)
Goals-Against Average.....	Spencer Knight (2.26)
Save Percentage.....	Spencer Knight (.903)
Saves.....	Spencer Knight (84)

### TEAM STATS SUMMARY

#### Goals by Period

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	AVG
USA	9	11	10	0	30	5
OPP	3	89	4	0	15	2.5

#### Shots by Period

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	AVG
USA	77	98	85	0	260	43.33
OPP	48	37	47	0	132	22

#### Power Plays/Penalty Kills

	GOALS	ATT.	PP%	GA	TIMES SHORT	PK%
USA	6	22	27.27%	1	22	95.45
OPP	1	22	4.55%	6	22	72.73

### PLAYER OF THE GAME

#### Game 1 vs. Canada (L, 4-6): Oliver Wahlstrom (2-0-2)

Oliver Wahlstrom scored twice to lead the U.S. offensively in a 6-4 loss to Canada. Both goals came on the power play.

#### Game 2 vs. Switzerland (W, 8-5): Jack Hughes (2-1-3)

Jack Hughes scored twice, including the game winner in the 8-5 win against Switzerland.

#### Game 3 vs. Sweden (L, 3-1): Spencer Knight (38 Saves)

U.S. goaltender Spencer Knight made 38 saves in the U.S. loss to Sweden in the preliminary round.

#### Game 4 vs. Belarus (W, 8-0): Alex Turcotte (1-2-3)

Alex Turcotte registered a goal, including the game winner, and two assists and was a +3 to help the U.S. down Belarus, 8-0.

#### Game 5 vs. Russia (W, 5-1): Joel Farabee (1-0-1)

Joel Farabee scored the short-handed game-winning goal late in the third period to give Team USA the lead and eventual 5-1 victory against Russia in the quarterfinals.

#### Game 6 vs. Czech Republic (W, 4-1): Oliver Wahlstrom (1-0-1)

Joel Farabee scored the eventual game-winning goal in the second period to earn his second U.S. Player of the Game Honor of the tournament.

