



U.S. Men's National Under-17 Team

2018 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge || Team USA Game Notes



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Team USA Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result T
Nov. 1	Canada Red (Pre-Tournament)	L, 5-2
Nov. 4	Czech Republic (Prelim)	W, 5-1
Nov. 5	Canada White (Prelim)	L, 5-2
Nov. 6	Canada Black (Prelim)	3:30 p.m./2:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	TBD (Quarterfinals)	TBD
Nov. 9	TBD (Semifinals)	TBD
Nov. 10	TBD (Championship Game)	TBD

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World Under-17 Hockey Challenge
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Saint John / Quispamsis, N.B./N.-B.
November 3-10, 2018 / 3-10 novembre 2018

Matchup Information



USA

(1-0-1-0)

vs.



Canada Black

(0-1-0-1)

Date Tuesday, Nov. 6
Time 3:30 p.m. local / 2:30 p.m. ET
Location Saint John, N.B.
Arena Harbour Station

Talking Points

HISTORY VS. CANADA BLACK

The U.S. National Under-17 Team came from behind scoring four third period goals, to defeat Canada Black, 5-4 in its last preliminary game of the 2017 World Under-17 Challenge. Cole Caufield scored twice in the victory.

RECAP VS. CANADA WHITE

The U.S. National Under-17 Team fell to Canada White, 5-2, in its second preliminary game. **Ty Smilanic** (Elizabeth, Colo.) netted two goals in the loss.

USA vs CZECH REPUBLIC RECAP

Hunter Strand (Anchorage, Alaska) and **Landon Slaggert** (South Bend, Ind.) each tallied a goal and an assist as the U.S. National Under-17 Team defeated the Czech Republic, 5-1, in its first preliminary game at the 2018 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge at Harbour Station in New Brunswick. **Dylan Peterson** (Roseville, Calif.), **Luke Tuch** (E. Greenwich, R.I.), and **Matthew Beniers** (Hingham, Mass.) also recorded goals in the victory. **Matt Beniers** (Hingham, Mass.) was named U.S. Player of the Game.

EXHIBITION vs CANADA RED RECAP

The U.S. fell to Canada Red, 5-2 Thursday night in its exhibition game. **Daniyal Dzhaniev** (Brooklyn, N.Y.) and **Eamon Powell** (Marcellus, N.Y.) netted goals in the loss.

WORLD U17 CHALLENGE HISTORY

The U17s have won the World Under-17 Challenge five times since 2001, last winning victory coming in 2017. During that tournament, the U.S. Under-17 Team went 7-0-0-0 in Dawson Creek, British Columbia. The U17s finished in seventh place in its last tournament held in New Brunswick in 1995 with a 2-2-1 overall record. Team USA has finished in the top three 15

times; first place in November 2017, 2014, 2010, 2002 and 2001; second place in November 2014, 2012, 2011, 2008, 2006, 1998 and 1996.

Last year, and Hughes led Team USA in points for the tournament with 15, and **Cole Caufield** (Stevens Point, Wis.) led the U.S. in goals with eight. Both were also named to the media all-star team.

COACHING STAFF AT THE CHALLENGE

Seth Appert (Cottage Grove, Minn.) will lead the U.S. National Under-17 Team along with associate coach **Nick Fohr** (Grand Forks, N.D.), intern assistant coach **Jared Nightingale** (Jackson, Mich.) and goaltending coach **Thomas Speer** (Janesville, Wis.).

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Twenty members of the U.S. National Under-17 Team players are in Saint John, New Brunswick to compete in the World Under-17 Challenge, their first international tournament play with the NTDP. The U.S. National Under-17 Team will return to international play once again when USA Hockey Arena hosts the 2018 Four Nations Cup Dec. 11-15.

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

USA Talking Points (cont.)

season.

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

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 record of 5-1-0-1 places the NTDP tied for sixth overall in the Eastern Conference.

RACKING UP POINTS

The U.S. National Under-17 Team is lead in points by **Thomas Bordeleau** (Houston, Texas) and Ty Smilanich, who have 11 in 15 games. **Owen Gallatin** (Hugo, Minn.) leads all defensemen in points with eight assists.

LEADING THE CHALLENGE

The U.S. leads the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge tournament in most goals scored in a preliminary round with 20 in November of 2014. They also lead in fewest goals against for the tournament, allowing only six goals in January of 2014.

UNDER-18 FIVE NATIONS

The U.S. National Under-18 Team will travel to Buly Aréna in Hlučinská, Kravaře, Czech Republic for the Fall 2018 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament. The U18s enter the tournament with a perfect 14-0 record in international play and look to defend its

status as undefeated in international play. Last season, the team took home first place wins at the World Under-17 Challenge in 2017, Four Nations, and Five Nations tournaments.

The U18s will be joined by its current coaching staff on the trip to the Czech Republic: Head Coach John Wroblewski, associate coach Dan Hinote, and intern coach Kevin Lind.

WOMEN'S FOUR NATIONS

The U.S. Women's National Team will compete in the Four Nations Cup Nov. 6-10 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Team USA has competed in the tournament 21 times and captured eight titles, 12 second-place finishes and one third-place finish.

NHL ALUMNI UPDATE

NTDP Alum Patrick Kane was awarded October's third star of the month as he shared the League lead with 11 goals and placed fourth overall with 18 points in 12 outings to power the Blackhawks to a 6-4-3 (15 points) first month of the season. He also found the scoresheet in all but one game, accumulating five multi-point performances and a pair of three-point efforts: Oct. 20 at CBJ (2-1-3) and Oct. 27 at STL (2-1-3). Kane scored in eight different contests, becoming the first Blackhawks player with 11 goals through the team's opening 11 games since 1967-68 (Bobby Hull). The 29-year-old Buffalo native ranks fourth in the NHL with 323-523-846 (834 GP) since making his debut in 2007-08.

USA Team USA Tournament History

YEAR	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
2017 - Dawson Creek, B.C.	USA	Canada Red	Czech Republic	6-0-0-0/ 1st Place
2016 - Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	Sweden	Canada Black	Russia	2-1-0-3/ 5th Place
2015 - Dawson Creek, B.C.	Canada White	Russia	Sweden	3-0-1-1/ 6th Place
Nov. 2014 - Sarnia-Lambton, Ont.	Russia	USA	Sweden	5-0-0-1/ 2nd Place
Jan. 2014- Cape Breton, N.S.	USA	Pacific	Russia	6-0-0-0/ 1st Place
2013- Victoriaville/ Drummondville, Qbe.	Sweden	Russia	USA	4-1-0-1/ 3rd Place
2012- Windsor, Ont.	Russia	USA	Ontario	3-1-0-2/ 2nd Place
2011- Winnipeg/ Portage La Prairie, Man.	Ontario	USA	Pacific	4-1-0-1/ 2nd Place
2010- Timmins, Ont.	USA	Ontario	Sweden	5-1-0-0/ 1st Place
2009- Port Alberni, B.C.	Ontario	Pacific	USA	5-0-1-0/ 3rd Place
2008- London, Ont.	Ontario	USA	West	4-0-0-2/ 2nd Place
2006- Regina, Sask.	Quebec	USA	Pacific	3-2-1/ 2nd Place
2005- Lethbridge, Alb.	West	Pacific	Atlantic	3-1-1/ 5th Place
2004- St. John's Newfoundland/ Labrador	Ontario	Pacific	Quebec	3-3-0/ 4th Place
2002- Selkirk/ Stonewall, Man.	USA	Pacific	Ontario	5-0-1/ 1st Place
2001- New Glasgow/ Truro, N.S.	USA	Pacific	Ontario	6-0-0/ 1st Place
2000- Timmis, Ont.	Russia	Ontario	Pacific	2-2-1/ 4th Place
1998- Kitchener, Ont.	Ontario	Czech Republic	USA	4-2-0/ 3rd Place
1997- Central Alberta	Ontario	Sweden	Quebec	1-4-0/ 9th Place
1995- Moncton, News Brunswick	Ontario	Finland	Quebec	2-2-1/ 7th Place
1994- Amos, Quebec	Quebec	USA	Pacific	3-1-2/ 2nd Place
1992- Sudbury, Ont.	Ontario	Quebec	Czechoslovakia	1-4-0/ 5th Place
1990 (Quebec Cup) - Quebec	Finland	Quebec	Soviet Union	4-1-0/ 5th Place
1986 (Quebec Esso Cup)- Quebec	Quebec	Soviet Union	Pacific	2-3-0/ 7th Place

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



USA HOCKEY'S NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

2018-19 U.S. NATIONAL UNDER-17 TEAM: WORLD U17 HOCKEY CHALLENGE

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTH	S/C	HOMETOWN	2017-18 TEAM	COLLEGE COMMIT (VERBAL)
Goaltenders (2)								
29	Colin Purcell	6-5 (195)	175 (79)	3/26/02	L	Shaker Heights, Ohio	Cleveland Barons 15U	Not Yet Committed
35	Drew Comness	6-1 (185)	170 (77)	7/19/02	L	Norwell, Mass.	St. Sebastian's School (Mass.)	Boston University (HEA)
Defensemen (8)								
34	Brock Faber	5-11 (180)	176 (80)	8/22/02	R	Maple Grove, Minn.	Osseo-Maple Grove 14AA	University of Notre Dame (Big 10)
40	Owen Gallatin	5-7 (170)	152 (69)	6/17/02	L	Hugo, Minn.	White Bear Lake HS (Minn.)	University of Minn. Duluth (NCHC)
43	Tyler Kleven	6-4 (194)	190 (86)	1/10/02	L	Fargo, N.D.	Davies HS (N.D.)	University of North Dakota (NCHC)
44	Connor Kelley	6-0 (183)	177 (80)	1/30/02	R	Maple Grove, Minn.	Maple Grove HS (Minn.)	University of Minn. Duluth (NCHC)
46	Eamon Powell	5-11 (180)	155 (70)	5/10/02	R	Marcellus, N.Y.	Rochester Coalition 15-only	Boston College (HEA)
48	Jake Sanderson	6-1 (185)	170 (77)	7/8/02	L	Whitefish, Mont.	Edge School 15-only	University of North Dakota (NCHC)
54	Daniel Laatsch	6-4 (194)	161 (73)	2/13/02	L	Altoona, Wis.	Notre Dame de la Baie Academy	University of Wisconsin (Big 10)
55	Jacob Truscott	6-0 (183)	160 (73)	4/12/02	L	Fort Gratiot, Mich.	Little Caesars 15-only	University of Michigan (Big 10)
Forwards (12)								
36	Daniyal Dzhaniev	5-4 (163)	125 (57)	9/15/02	L	Brooklyn, N.Y.	New Jersey Junior Titans	Penn State University (Big 10)
37	Luke Tuch	6-1 (185)	197 (89)	3/7/02	L	Baldwinsville, N.Y.	Buffalo Jr. Sabres 16U	Boston University (HEA)
38	Landon Slaggert	5-11 (180)	170 (77)	6/25/02	L	South Bend, Ind.	Chicago Mission 16U	University of Notre Dame (Big 10)
39	Dylan Peterson	6-4 (193)	185 (84)	1/8/02	R	Roseville, Calif.	CIH Academy White (Ontario)	Boston University (HEA)
45	Matthew Beniers	6-0 (183)	155 (70)	11/5/02	L	Hingham, Mass.	Milton Academy (Mass.)	Not Yet Committed
47	Thomas Bordeleau	5-9 (175)	172 (78)	1/3/02	L	Houston, Texas	Esther-Blondin AAA	Not Yet Committed
49	Hunter Strand	5-11 (180)	174 (79)	11/13/02	L	Anchorage, Alaska	Alaska Oilers 16U	University of Notre Dame (Big 10)
51	Tanner Latsch	6-1 (185)	180 (82)	1/2/02	R	Twin Lake, Mich.	Honey Baked 16U	University of Wisconsin (Big 10)
52	Brett Berard	5-8 (172)	140 (64)	9/9/02	L	E. Greenwich R.I.	Bishop Hendrickson HS (R.I.)	Providence College (HEA)
53	Chase Yoder	5-10 (178)	163 (74)	5/28/02	L	Fairview, Texas	Dallas Stars Elite 16U	Providence College (HEA)
56	Blake Biondi	6-0 (183)	174 (79)	4/24/02	R	Hermantown, Minn.	Hermantown HS (Minn.)	University of Minn. Duluth (NCHC)
59	Ty Smilanec	6-1 (185)	167 (76)	1/20/02	L	Elizabeth, Colo.	Colorado Thunderbirds 16U	Not Yet Committed

Team Staff

Senior Director, Operations: Scott Monaghan, Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J.

Head Coach: Seth Appert, Cottage Grove, Minn.

Associate Coach: Nick Fohr, Grand Forks, N.D.

Intern Assistant Coach: Jared Nightingale, Jackson, Mich.

Goaltending Coach: Thomas Speer, Janesville, Wis.

Director of Player Personnel: Kevin Reiter, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Equipment Manager: Brock Bradley, West Stockholm, N.Y.

Athletic Trainer: Dennis MacDonald, Detroit, Mich.

Communications: Sydney Blackman, Glendale, Ariz.

USA Hockey Staff

President: Jim Smith, Mount Prospect, Ill.

Executive Director: Pat Kelleher, Belmont, Mass.

Assistant Executive Director: John Vanbiesbrouck, Detroit, Mich.

V.P. and International Council Chair: Gavin Regan, Potsdam, N.Y.

Chairman of the Board: Ron DeGregorio, Salem, N.H.

Senior Director, Communications: Dave Fischer, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Team USA Overall

Average Height: 6'0" (183 cm)

Average Weight: 168 lbs (76 kg)

Shoots/Catches: *Right:* 6 *Left:* 16

Home States

Minnesota	4
New York	3
Massachusetts	2
Michigan	2
Texas	2
Alaska	1
California	1
Colorado	1
Indiana	1
Montana	1
North Dakota	1
Ohio	1
Rhode Island	1
Wisconsin	1

College Commitments

Boston University	3
University of Minnesota-Duluth	3
University of Notre Dame	3
University of Wisconsin	2
University of North Dakota	2
Providence College	2
Boston College	1
University of Michigan	1
Penn State University	1

Pronunciations

Matthew Beniers (MA-thew ben-NEERS)

Brett Berard (BREHT bur-RARD)

Blake Biondi (BLAYK Bee-ON-dee)

Thomas Bordeleau (TAW-muhs BOHR-da-LOH)

Drew Comness (DROO koh-MESS-oh)

Daniyal Dzhaniev (DAN-yal jan-KNEE-yiv)

Brock Faber (BRAWK FAY-buhr)

Owen Gallatin (OH-wehn gal-lah-TIHN)

Connor Kelley (KAW-nuhr KEHL-lee)

Tyler Kleven (TIGH-luhr KLE-vihn)

Daniel Laatsch (DAN-yehl LATCH)

Tanner Latsch (TA-nuhr LATCH)

Dylan Peterson (DIH-luhn PEE-tuhr-suhn)

Eamon Powell (AY-muhn PA-wuhl)

Colin Purcell (KAWL-ihn PUHR-sihl)

Jake Sanderson (JAYK SAND-der-suhn)

Landon Slaggert (LAN-duhn SLAHG-guhr)

Ty Smilanec (TIGH smull-LAN-nik)

Hunter Strand (HUHN-tuhr STRAND)

Jacob Truscott (JAY-kuhbTRUSS-skawt)

Luke Tuch (LEWK TUHK)

Chase Yoder (CHAYS YOH-duhr)



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Team USA Individual Stats

Skater

#	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	SOG	PPG	SH	PIM	+ / -	GW	AVG PTS
47	Thomas Bordeleau	15	3	8	11	14	0	0	6	-4	0	0.73
59	Ty Smilanic	15	9	2	11	23	3	0	8	-4	1	0.73
45	Matthew Beniers	15	3	7	10	14	1	1	6	-2	0	0.67
37	Luke Tuch	15	6	4	10	21	1	2	26	0	4	0.67
38	Landon Slaggert	15	4	5	9	7	0	0	12	-2	1	0.60
52	Brett Berard	15	2	6	8	13	1	0	8	-3	0	0.53
39	Dylan Peterson	13	4	4	8	5	0	0	8	1	1	0.62
53	Chase Yoder	15	2	4	6	8	0	0	0	-5	0	0.40
49	Hunter Strand	15	2	2	4	8	0	1	16	-7	0	0.27
51	Tanner Latsch	15	2	1	3	16	0	0	20	-4	0	0.20
36	Daniyal Dzhaniev	13	2	1	3	2	0	0	4	-5	0	0.23
56	Blake Biondi	5	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	-3	0	0.20
40	Owen Gallatin	15	0	8	8	7	0	0	0	-7	0	0.53
48	Jake Sanderson	15	0	7	7	6	0	0	4	-5	0	0.47
46	Eamon Powell	15	2	4	6	8	1	0	4	-3	0	0.40
54	Daniel Laatsch	15	2	3	5	7	0	0	4	-3	0	0.33
55	Jacob Truscott	15	0	5	5	8	0	0	10	1	0	0.33
44	Connor Kelley	15	1	3	4	2	1	0	10	-1	0	0.27
34	Brock Faber	15	0	2	2	5	0	0	2	-3	0	0.13
43	Tyler Kleven	12	0	2	2	0	0	0	31	-8	0	0.17

#	Name	GP	MIN	W	L	T	SOL	SOG	SV	GA	GAA	SV %	SO
35	Drew Comness	11	485:14	5	4	0	1	274	243	31	3.83	.887	0
29	Colin Purcell	2	85:46	0	1	0	0	35	29	6	4.20	.829	0

U17 TEAM STATS

GOALS AGAINST PER GAME: 3.87 POWER PLAY EFFICIENCY: 14.5% PENALTY KILL EFFICIENCY: 75.8%
GOALS FOR: 46 GOALS AGAINST: 60 GOALS PER GAME: 3.07

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Skater

Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG
Ty Smilanic	2	2	0	2	2	0
Matthew Beniers	2	1	1	2	4	0
Dylan Peterson	2	1	1	2	0	0
Landon Slaggert	2	1	1	2	2	0
Hunter Strand	2	1	1	2	12	0
Brett Berard	2	0	2	2	0	0
Eamon Powell	2	0	2	2	4	0
Luke Tuch	2	1	0	1	2	0
Blake Biondi	2	0	1	1	0	0
Thomas Bordeleau	2	0	1	1	2	0
Owen Gallatin	2	0	1	1	0	0
Jacob Truscott	2	0	1	1	2	0
Daniyal Dzhaniev	2	0	0	0	0	0
Brock Faber	2	0	0	0	2	0
Connor Kelley	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tyler Kleven	2	0	0	0	4	0
Daniel Laatsch	2	0	0	0	2	0
Tanner Latsch	2	0	0	0	12	0
Jake Sanderson	2	0	0	0	0	0
Chase Yoder	2	0	0	0	0	0

Goalie

Player	GP	Mins	SA	SVS	GA	SO	GAA	SV%
Drew Comness	1	60	15	14	1	0	1.00	0.933
Colin Purcell	1	55	24	19	5	0	5.42	0.792