

2019 UNDER-17 FIVE NATIONS TOURNAMENT

CZECH REPUBLIC, FINLAND, RUSSIA, SWEDEN, UNITED STATES || FEB. 5-10 || TRANÅS, SWEDEN

2019 U17 FIVE NATIONS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	MATCHUP	TIME/RESULT
Tue., Feb. 5	USA vs. Finland	9:30 a.m. ET
Tue., Feb. 5	Czech Republic vs. Russia	1 p.m. ET
Wed., Feb. 6	USA vs. Russia	9:30 a.m. ET
Wed., Feb. 6	Sweden vs. Finland	1 p.m. ET
Thu., Feb. 7	Finland vs. Czech Republic	9:30 a.m. ET
Thu., Feb. 7	Sweden vs. Russia	1 p.m. ET
Fri., Feb. 8	Russia vs. Finland	7 a.m. ET
Fri., Feb. 8	USA vs. Czech Republic	Noon ET
Sat., Feb. 9	Sweden vs. Czech Republic	9 a.m. ET
Sun., Feb. 10	USA vs. Sweden	6 a.m. ET

USA games in bold

Livestream available at [SvenskHockey.TV](https://svenskhockey.tv)

Live stats available at [Stats.SweHockey.se](https://stats.swehockey.se)

2019 U17 FIVE NATIONS TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

TEAM	PLACE	PTS	W	L	T	GF	GA
USA	1st	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finland	3rd	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	4th	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	5th	0	0	0	0	0	0

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TOURNAMENT WEBSITE

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USA HOCKEY'S NATIONAL TEAM
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

TALKING POINTS

USA VS. FINLAND

The U.S. National Under-17 Team faces off against Finland in its first game of the 2019 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament at 9:30 a.m. ET in Tranås, Sweden.

The NTDP's 2002 birth-year group will aim to continue its success on the international stage after the U17s earned a second-place finish at the 2018 Four Nations Cup in December in Plymouth, Michigan.

The U17s posted a spotless 3-0 record through preliminary-round play at the Four Nations Cup, which included wins over Slovakia (7-2), Switzerland (3-1) and Russia (4-2) before a 3-2 overtime defeat to Russia in the first-place game.

Dylan Peterson (Roseville, Calif.) and **Jake Sanderson** (Whitefish, Mont.) delivered five points apiece to lead Team USA at the Four Nations Cup. **Ty Smilanic** (Elizabeth, Colo.) scored a team-best four goals, while goaltender **Drew Comness** (Norwell, Mass.) ranked second among all goaltenders with a 1.97 goals-against-average.

Thomas Bordeleau (Houston, Texas) paces the U17s with 24 points across all competitions (35 games). Smilanic's 15 total goals lead the team, as well.

Finland's National Under-17 Team last competed on the international stage at the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in November in New Brunswick, Canada. The Finns posted a 1-0-1-1 record (W-OTW-L-OTL) through group play before they reeled off consecutive victories against Canada White and Canada Red to advance to the championship game against Russia. Finland jumped out to a 1-0 lead thanks to a goal from Eero Niemi, but settled for second place in a 2-1 loss.

Kasper Puutio tallied a team-best four

points across six games at the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, while Aatu Rätty scored three goals.

Goaltender Joel Blomqvist started five of Finland's six games at the tournament and delivered a 3.26 goals-against-average.

Finland also played a trio of exhibition matchups against the Czech Republic in December and came away with one victory. Oliver Suni posted three goals across the three games.

USHL CONNECTION

Finnish defenseman Ruben Rafkin is a first-year member of the United States Hockey League's Tri-City Storm. The U.S. National Under-17 Team, in tandem with the U.S. National Under-18 Team, also competes within the USHL.

Rafkin, a 5-foot-11, 183-pound blueliner, owns 10 points across 31 games with the Storm and is committed to the University of Denver.

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Eighteen of the 22 full-time players on the U.S. National Under-17 Team are verbally committed to NCAA Division I college hockey programs.

Boston University, the University of Notre Dame and the University of Wisconsin all hold three commitments, while Providence College, the University of Minnesota-Duluth and the University of North Dakota hold two commitments apiece.

Boston College, Penn State University and the University of Michigan each hold one verbal commitment from the Under-17 Team.

Matthew Beniers (Hingham, Mass.), **Thomas Bordeleau** (Houston, Texas), **Hunter McKown** (San Jose, Calif.) and **Ty Smilanic** (Elizabeth, Colo.) are uncommitted.

TALKING POINTS CONTINUED ...

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Each team will compete in four matchups at the 2019 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament. Points will be awarded for regulation wins (3), overtime wins (2) and overtime losses (1).

U17 FIVE NATIONS HISTORY

The Under-17 Four or Five Nations Tournaments are held twice per season. The NTDP's Under-17 teams placed first in at least one of the international events in each of the past two seasons.

Team USA claimed its most recent title at the Under-17 Five Nations Cup in February 2018 in Järvenpää, Finland.

In total, U.S. National Under-17 teams have won the Four or Five Nations tournaments 10 times since the start of the 2007-08 season.

The U.S. has won both of the annual tournaments twice at the U17 level (2017-18 and 2013-14).

LAST YEAR ...

The U.S. National Under-17 Team earned first-place finishes at both the Under-17 Five Nations Tournament, held in Järvenpää, Finland, and the Under-17 Four Nations Tournament, held in Veliky Novgorod, Russia, during the 2017-18 season.

COACHING STAFF AT U17 FIVE NATIONS CUP

Seth Appert (Cottage Grove, Minn.) will lead the U.S. National Under-17 Team at the 2019 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament. Associate coach **Nick Fohr** (Grand Forks, N.D.), intern assistant coach **Jared Nightingale** (Jackson, Mich.) and goaltending coach **Jared Waimon** (New Milford, Conn.) join Appert behind the bench.

TEAM USA CAPTAIN

Jake Sanderson (Whitefish, Mont.) is expected to serve as the team captain for the duration of the 2019 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament.

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.



U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL UNDER-17 TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (cm)	WT (kg)	DOB	S/C	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE COMMIT (LEAGUE)
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Goaltenders (2)

31	Noah Grannan	6-2 (187)	183 (83)	4/27/02	L	Germantown, Wis.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)
35	Drew Comesso	6-1 (185)	170 (77)	7/19/02	L	Norwell, Mass.	Boston University (HEA)

Defensemen (8)

34	Brock Faber	5-11 (180)	176 (80)	8/22/02	R	Maple Grove, Minn.	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)
40	Owen Gallatin	5-7 (170)	152 (69)	6/17/02	L	Hugo, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)
43	Tyler Kleven	6-4 (194)	190 (86)	1/10/02	L	Fargo, N.D.	University of North Dakota (NCHC)
44	Connor Kelley	6-0 (183)	177 (80)	1/30/02	R	Maple Grove, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)
46	Eamon Powell	5-11 (180)	155 (70)	5/10/02	R	Marcellus, N.Y.	Boston College (HEA)
48	Jake Sanderson	6-1 (185)	170 (77)	7/8/02	L	Whitefish, Mont.	University of North Dakota (NCHC)
54	Daniel Laatsch	6-4 (193)	161 (73)	2/13/02	L	Altoona, Wis.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)
55	Jacob Truscott	6-0 (183)	160 (73)	4/12/02	L	Fort Gratiot, Mich.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)

Forwards (12)

36	Daniyal Dzhaniev	5-4 (163)	125 (57)	9/15/02	L	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Penn State University (Big Ten)
37	Luke Tuch	6-1 (185)	197 (89)	3/7/02	L	Baldwinsville, N.Y.	Boston University (HEA)
38	Landon Slaggert	5-11 (180)	170 (77)	6/25/02	L	South Bend, Ind.	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)
39	Dylan Peterson	6-4 (193)	185 (84)	1/8/02	R	Roseville, Calif.	Boston University (HEA)
41	Hunter McKown	6-0 (183)	171 (78)	8/18/02	R	San Jose, Calif.	Not Yet Committed
45	Matthew Beniers	6-0 (183)	155 (70)	11/5/02	L	Hingham, Mass.	Not Yet Committed
47	Thomas Bordeleau	5-9 (175)	172 (78)	1/3/02	L	Houston, Texas	Not Yet Committed
49	Hunter Strand	5-11 (180)	174 (79)	11/13/02	L	Anchorage, Alaska	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)
51	Tanner Latsch	6-1 (185)	180 (82)	1/2/02	R	Twin Lake, Mich.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)
52	Brett Berard	5-8 (172)	140 (64)	9/9/02	L	E. Greenwich, R.I.	Providence College (HEA)
53	Chase Yoder	5-10 (178)	163 (74)	5/28/02	L	Fairview, Texas	Providence College (HEA)
59	Ty Smilanic	6-1 (185)	167 (76)	1/20/02	L	Elizabeth, Colo.	Not Yet Committed



TEAM STAFF

Sr. 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 Jared Waimon, Cromwell, Conn.
 Equipment Manager Brock Bradley, W. Stockholm, N.Y.
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PRONUNCIATIONS

Daniyal Dzhaniev (jan-KNEE-yiv)
 Matthew Beniers (ben-NEERS)
 Thomas Bordeleau (BOHR-da-LOH)
 Brock Faber (FAY-buhr)

Tanner Latsch (LATCH)
 Jacob Truscott (TRUSS-skawt)
 Luke Tuch (TUHK)
 Ty Smilanic (smull-LAN-nik)



USA PLAYER STATS

Skater

#	Name	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	SOG	PPG	SH	PIM	+ / -	GW	AVG PTS
34	Brock Faber	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
36	Daniyal Dzhaniev	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
37	Luke Tuch	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
38	Landon Slaggert	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
39	Dylan Peterson	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
40	Owen Gallatin	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
41	Hunter McKown	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
43	Tyler Kleven	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
44	Connor Kelley	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
45	Matthew Beniers	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
46	Eamon Powell	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
47	Thomas Bordeleau	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
48	Jake Sanderson	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
49	Hunter Strand	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
51	Tanner Latsch	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
52	Brett Berard	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
53	Chase Yoder	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
54	Daniel Laatsch	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
55	Jacob Truscott	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
59	Ty Smilanic	U17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

Goaltender

#	Name	Team	GP	MIN	W	L	T	SOL	SOG	SV	GA	GAA	SV %	SO
31	Noah Grannan	U17	0	0:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	.000	0
35	Drew Comness	U17	0	0:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	.000	0



USA TEAM STATS

USA TEAM LEADERS

GOALS FOR.....0
 GOALS PER GAME.....0.00
 GOALS AGAINST.....0
 GOALS AGAINST PER GAME.....0.00
 TEAM ASSISTS.....0
 TEAM POINTS.....0
 SHOTS ON GOAL.....0
 SHOTS ALLOWED.....0
 POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES.....0
 POWER-PLAY GOALS.....0
 POWER-PLAY EFFICIENCY.....0.0%
 PENALTY KILLS.....0
 POWER-PLAY GOALS ALLOWED.....0
 PENALTY-KILL EFFICIENCY.....0.0%
 SHORT-HANDED GOALS.....0
 PENALTY MINUTES.....0
 TEAM SAVES.....0
 TEAM SAVE PERCENTAGE......000
 SHUTOUTS.....0

Points..... N/A
Goals..... N/A
Assists..... N/A
Wins..... N/A
Goals Against Average..... N/A
Save Percentage..... N/A