

# 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	<b>USA vs. Finland</b>	<b>USA 7, FIN 0</b>
Tue., Feb. 5	Czech Republic vs. Russia	RUS 4, CZE 1
Wed., Feb. 6	<b>USA vs. Russia</b>	<b>RUS 3, USA 1</b>
Wed., Feb. 6	Sweden vs. Finland	SWE 7, FIN 1
Thu., Feb. 7	Finland vs. Czech Republic	FIN 6, CZE 3
Thu., Feb. 7	Sweden vs. Russia	SWE 2, RUS 1 (SO)
Fri., Feb. 8	Russia vs. Finland	FIN 3, RUS 1
Fri., Feb. 8	<b>USA vs. Czech Republic</b>	<b>USA 3, CZE 0</b>
Sat., Feb. 9	Sweden vs. Czech Republic	SWE 4, CZE 1
Sun., Feb. 10	<b>USA vs. Sweden</b>	<b>6 a.m. ET</b>

### USA games in bold

Livestream available at [SvenskHockey.TV](http://SvenskHockey.TV)

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

## 2019 U17 FIVE NATIONS TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

TEAM	PLACE	PTS	W	L	T	GF	GA
Sweden	1st	8	2	0	1	13	3
Russia	2nd	7	2	1	1	9	7
USA	3rd	6	2	1	0	11	3
Finland	4th	6	2	2	0	10	18
Czech Republic	5th	0	0	4	0	5	17

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## TALKING POINTS

### USA VS. SWEDEN

The U.S. National Under-17 Team faces off against host Sweden in its final game of the 2019 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament at 6 a.m. ET on Saturday in Tranås, Sweden.

The U17s hold a 2-0-1-0 record (W-OTW-L-OTL) through their first three games of the tournament, which included shutout victories over Finland (7-0) and the Czech Republic (3-0).

Team USA sits in third place entering the final day of the event, but with an opportunity to take home first place with a win over Sweden.

**Drew Comness** (Norwell, Mass.) delivered his second shutout of the 2019 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament as the U.S. National Under-17 Team topped the Czech Republic by a 3-0 final in its most recent game Friday.

Comness, who owns three shutouts across all competitions, stopped all 19 shots for Team USA to earn the win. The Boston University commit has stopped 63 of 65 shots in the first three games of the Five Nations Tournament.

**Ty Smilanic's** (Elizabeth, Colo.) second-period tally, a wrist shot from the right circle represented his second goal and fifth point of the event. **Dylan Peterson** (Roseville, Calif.) and **Eamon Powell** (Marcellus, N.Y.) picked up assists on the rush.

Smilanic (2-4-6) holds the team lead with six points across three games at the Five Nations Tournament. Peterson sits second with five points (1-4-5).

**Daniyal Dzhaniev** (Brooklyn, N.Y.) and **Chase Yoder** (Fairview, Texas) both registered their first goals of the tournament with third-period tallies to widen the lead.

Sweden's National Under-17 Team enters the final day of the 2019 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament in first place with a 2-1-0-0 (W-OTW-L-OTL) record across its first three games.

The Swedes collected a 7-1 win over Finland in their opener before a 3-2 shootout win over Russia on Thursday and a 4-1 victory against the Czech Republic in its most recent game Saturday.

Emil Andrae (2-2-4) and Helge Grans (0-4-4) pace Sweden with four points apiece across three games at the tournament. Goaltenders Calle Clang and Hugo Ollas have registered an impressive .965 combined save percentage between the pipes.

### LAST TIME VS. SWEDEN ...

The current group of U17s have yet to face Sweden during the 2018-19 season, although both sides competed at the 2018 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. Sweden captured bronze at the event, while Team USA finished third in Group A during preliminary-round action.

Team USA last faced Sweden at the Under-17 level as part of the 2017 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. The NTDP's 2001 birth-year group earned a 5-1 win in a quarterfinal matchup behind a 30-save performance from **Cameron Rowe** (Wilmette, Ill.).

### 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.

## TALKING POINTS CONTINUED ...

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.

### 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 TOURNAMENT

**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** (Cromwell, 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. **Brock Faber** (Maple Grove, Minn.) and **Luke Tuch** (Baldwinsville, N.Y.) were named assistant captains prior to Team USA's first game of the 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 Comusso	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.  
 Athletic Trainer ..... Dennis MacDonald, Detroit, Mich.  
 Team Leader ..... Gabri Switaj, Kent, Ohio  
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## PRONUNCIATIONS

Daniyal Dzhaniev (jan-KNEE-yiv)	Tanner Latsch (LATCH)
Matthew Beniers (ben-NEERS)	Jacob Truscott (TRUSS-skawt)
Thomas Bordeleau (BOHR-da-LOH)	Luke Tuch (TUHK)
Brock Faber (FAY-buhr)	Ty Smilanic (smull-LAN-nik)



# USA PLAYER STATS

Skater													
#	Name	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	SOG	PPG	SH	PIM	+ / -	GW	AVG PTS
59	Ty Smilanic	U17	3	2	4	6	11	0	0	0	4	1	2.00
39	Dylan Peterson	U17	3	1	4	5	7	0	0	2	3	1	1.67
47	Thomas Bordeleau	U17	3	2	2	4	11	0	0	8	5	0	1.33
48	Jake Sanderson	U17	3	1	2	3	12	1	0	14	2	0	1.00
51	Tanner Latsch	U17	3	2	0	2	8	0	0	0	2	0	0.67
36	Daniyal Dzhaniyev	U17	3	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	2	0	0.67
55	Jacob Truscott	U17	3	1	1	2	5	0	0	4	2	0	0.67
45	Matthew Beniers	U17	3	0	2	2	6	0	0	2	0	0	0.67
53	Chase Yoder	U17	3	1	1	1	5	0	0	2	1	0	0.33
46	Eamon Powell	U17	3	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	4	0	0.33
44	Connor Kelley	U17	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0.33
34	Brock Faber	U17	3	0	1	1	6	0	0	2	3	0	0.33
41	Hunter McKown	U17	3	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	1	0	0.33
38	Landon Slaggert	U17	3	0	1	1	5	0	0	12	1	0	0.33
54	Daniel Laatsch	U17	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
40	Owen Gallatin	U17	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
52	Brett Berard	U17	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0.00
43	Tyler Kleven	U17	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	4	0	0	0.00
49	Hunter Strand	U17	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	0.00
37	Luke Tuch	U17	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	25	-1	0	0.00

Goaltender														
#	Name	Team	GP	MIN	W	L	T	SOL	SOG	SV	GA	GAA	SV %	SO
35	Drew Comnesso	U17	3	177:45	2	1	0	0	65	63	2	0.68	.969	2
31	Noah Grannan	U17	0	0:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	.000	0



# USA TEAM STATS

# USA TEAM LEADERS

GOALS FOR.....	11	<b>Points.....</b>	<b>Ty Smilanic (6)</b>
GOALS PER GAME.....	3.67	<b>Goals.....</b>	<b>Three players tied with (2)</b>
GOALS AGAINST.....	3	<b>Assists.....</b>	<b>Ty Smilanic, Dylan Peterson (4)</b>
GOALS AGAINST PER GAME.....	1.00	<b>Wins.....</b>	<b>Drew Comnesso (2)</b>
TEAM ASSISTS.....	21	<b>Goals Against Average.....</b>	<b>Drew Comnesso (0.68)</b>
TEAM POINTS.....	32	<b>Save Percentage.....</b>	<b>Drew Comnesso (.969)</b>
SHOTS ON GOAL.....	111		
SHOTS ALLOWED.....	66		
POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES.....	11		
POWER-PLAY GOALS.....	1		
POWER-PLAY EFFICIENCY.....	9.1%		
PENALTY KILLS.....	17		
POWER-PLAY GOALS ALLOWED.....	0		
PENALTY-KILL EFFICIENCY.....	100.0%		
SHORT-HANDED GOALS.....	0		
PENALTY MINUTES.....	85		
TEAM SAVES.....	63		
TEAM SAVE PERCENTAGE.....	.969		
SHUTOUTS.....	2		