



TEAM USA GAME NOTES

2012 IIHF World Under-18 Championship • Brno, Czech Republic



USA (5-0-0-0) vs. Sweden (5-0-0-0)

April 22, 2012 • 4 p.m. (local time) • Gold-Medal Game

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TONIGHT'S CONTEST -- The U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team faces off against Sweden in the 2012 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Under-18 Championship gold-medal game. Sweden's road to the final went through Finland, as the two hooked up in the semi-final game that took place before the U.S. - Canada tilt on Friday (April 20). It was a very tightly contested matchup through two periods, with Sweden and Finland knotted at three goals each. But the Swedes exploded for four goals in the third to win handily, 7-3, behind a four point (1-3) effort by Gustav Possler. Team USA is coming off a hard-hitting, defensive battle against Canada, in which the U.S. came away victorious, 2-1. Puck drop is scheduled for 4 p.m. local time / 10 a.m. EDT at Kajot Arena in Brno, Czech Republic. The game will be broadcast live on FASTHockey.com.

MATCH-UP HISTORY -- Team USA will meet Sweden for the 10th time in tournament history tonight and currently owns a winning record against its opponent (7-2-0). This is the third straight year these teams have met with gold on the line. The U.S. claimed a dramatic, come-from-behind victory at the 2011 IIHF Men's World Under-18 Championship in Crimmitschau, Germany, when **Connor Murphy** (Dublin, Ohio/2011) netted the overtime game winner on April 24, 2011. Prior to that, Team USA dropped its opening preliminary round matchup to Sweden (April 13, 2010), before taking the rematch against the Swedes, 3-1, in the gold-medal game (April 23, 2010) at the 2010 IIHF Men's World Under-18 Championship in Minsk, Belarus. The U.S. has outscored Sweden, 40-24, all-time in the tournament.

2011	4-3	W (OT)
2010	2-4	L
	3-1	W
2008	4-5	L
2005	6-2	W
2004	6-2	W
2003	3-2	W
2002	6-2	W

TOURNEY LEADERS -- **Seth Jones** (Plano, Texas) and **Matthew Lane** (Rochester, N.Y.) lead Team USA in points, both scoring three goals and adding four assists. Jones' seven points are second most among defensemen ... Sweden boasts two of the tournament's top point producers in Sebastian Collberg (4-5) and Alexander Wennberg (3-6). The two forwards are tied with Canada's Matt Dumba, despite playing in one less game (5) ... Jones, Lane and **Quentin Shore** (Denver, Colo.) lead the U.S. in scoring, tallying three goals each in five games played ... Filip Forsberg is the leading goal scorer in the tournament, netting five goals in five games ... Team USA's Lane also boasts the top plus-minus rating on the squad (plus-7), which is tied for second best overall in the tournament. Blueliner **Brady Skjei** (Lakeville, Minn.) and forward **J.T. Compher** (Northbrook, Ill.) are just behind at plus-6 (tied for fifth) ... Swedish forward Gustav Possler leads the pack at plus-8 ... **Nicolas Kerdiles** (Irvine, Calif.) continues to lead in faceoff winning percentage (69.0), while teammate **Daniel O'Regan** (Needham, Mass.) comes in at ninth (60.0) ... **Collin Olson** (Apple Valley, Minn.) leads all net-minders in save percentage (.955) and goals-against average (1.00). Sweden's Oscar Dansk sits just behind Olson, with a .951 save percentage and a 1.50 goals-against average.

TEAM STATS -- The U.S. is the least penalized team in the tournament (tied with Germany), committing an average of 9.6 minutes of infractions per game (48 total minutes in five games) ... Team USA is fourth on the power play (28-percent) and second on the penalty kill (88.9-percent).

Team USA Schedule

<u>Monday, April 9 -- Znojmo, Czech Republic</u> USA vs. Sweden (exhibition)	L, 2-3
<u>Thursday, April 12 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> Finland vs. USA	W, 4-0
<u>Saturday, April 14 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> USA vs. Czech Republic	W, 5-0
<u>Sunday, April 15 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> Denmark vs. USA	W, 4-0
<u>Tuesday, April 17 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> USA vs. Canada	W, 5-3
<u>Friday, April 20 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> USA vs. Canada	W, 2-1
<u>Sunday, April 22 -- Brno, Czech Republic</u> Gold-Medal Game	4 p.m.

* game times are local



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FRIDAY'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Semifinals

Sweden 7 - Finland 3

USA 2 - Canada 1

Relegation

Czech Republic 7 - Latvia 4

Switzerland 2 - Denmark 1

SATURDAY'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Fifth / Sixth Place Game

Russia 4 - Germany 1

TODAY'S MATCH-UPS (times are local)

Bronze-Medal Game

Finland vs. Canada @ 12 p.m.

Gold-Medal Game

Sweden vs. USA @ 4 p.m.



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2012 U.S. NATIONAL U18 TEAM STATISTICS

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS +/-	PIM	PPG	SHG	GWG
4	Seth Jones	5	3	4	7 +5	0	2	0	0
21	Matthew Lane	5	3	4	7 +7	2	0	0	1
27	Quentin Shore	5	3	2	5 +4	2	0	0	0
17	Nicolas Kerdiles	5	2	2	4 +2	2	1	0	2
13	Frankie Vatrano	5	2	2	4 +5	2	0	0	1
11	J.T. Compher	5	1	3	4 +6	2	0	0	0
18	Ryan Hartman	5	1	3	4 +4	20	0	0	0
22	Riley Barber	5	1	2	3 +1	2	1	0	0
24	Connor Carrick	5	1	2	3 +3	2	1	0	0
8	Jacob Trouba	5	1	2	3 +3	6	1	0	0
9	Kyle Osterberg	5	1	1	2 0	0	0	0	1
15	Daniel O'Regan	5	0	2	2 +2	0	0	0	0
7	Matt Grzelcyk	5	1	0	1 +3	2	1	0	0
28	Anthony Louis	5	0	1	1 +3	2	0	0	0
16	Brady Skjei	5	0	1	1 +6	2	0	0	0
6	Will Butcher	5	0	0	0 0	2	0	0	0
26	Andrew Copp	5	0	0	0 -1	0	0	0	0
19	Cameron Darcy	5	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
14	Thomas Di Pauli	5	0	0	0 -1	0	0	0	0
10	Patrick Sieloff	5	0	0	0 +2	0	0	0	0
29	Collin Olson	5	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
1	Jared Rutledge	1	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
#	Goaltender	MIN	GA	GAA	SVS	SV%	W-OTW-OTL-L	SO	
29	Collin Olson	240	4	1.00	89	0.955	4-0-0-0	2	
1	Jared Rutledge	60	0	0.00	17	1.000	1-0-0-0	1	

TEAM USA EDGES CANADA IN SEMIFINAL: Kyle Osterberg (Lakeville, Minn.) tallied the game-winning goal in the third period, as the U.S. National Under-18 Team edged Canada, 2-1, Friday (April 20) at Kajot Arena in the semifinals at the 2012 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Under-18 Championship. Seth Jones (Plano, Texas) also collected two assists in the victory, which sent the U.S. to the gold-medal game. Matthew Lane (Rochester, N.Y.) was named Team USA's best player of the game.

TEAM USA BESTS CANADA IN FINAL PRELIMINARY GAME: Matthew Lane netted one goal and added one assist, as the U.S. National Under-18 Team beat Canada, 5-3, Tuesday (April 17) at Kajot Arena in its final preliminary-round game at the 2012 IIHF Men's World U18 Championship. With the victory, Team USA won its group with an undefeated 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record and earned a bye to the semifinal round. Quentin Shore (Denver, Colo.) chipped in with two assists and Collin Olson (Apple Valley, Minn.) made 26 saves in the victory. Seth Jones was named Team USA's best player of the game.

TEAM USA EARNS THIRD SHUTOUT OVER DENMARK -- Jared Rutledge (Chicago, Ill.) made 17 saves to earn the shutout and J.T. Compher (Northbrook, Ill./0-2) and Matthew Lane (1-1) each recorded two points, as the U.S. National Under-18 Team bested Denmark, 4-0, Sunday (April 15) at Kajot Arena in its third game at the 2012 IIHF Men's World U18 Championship. With the victory, Team USA improved to 3-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) and is yet to surrender a goal in the tournament. Nicolas Kerdiles (Irvine, Calif.) was named Team USA's best player of the game.

TEAM USA DEFEATS THE CZECH REPUBLIC -- Collin Olson made 17 saves to earn his second straight shutout and Seth Jones recorded three points (1-2), as the U.S. National Under-18 Team defeated the Czech Republic, 5-0, on April 14 at Alcaplast Arena in its second game at the 2012 IIHF Men's World U18 Championship. With the win, Team USA's overall record improved to 2-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L). Ryan Hartman (West Dundee, Ill.), Nicolas Kerdiles and Jacob Trouba (Rochester, Mich.) each recorded one goal and one assist in the win. Jones was named Team USA's best player of the game.

TEAM USA BLANKS FINLAND -- Collin Olson made 21 saves in a shutout effort, as the U.S. National Under-18 Team blanked Finland, 4-0, on Thursday (April 12) at Kajot Arena in its opening game at the 2012 IIHF Men's World Under-18 Championship. Matthew Lane scored one goal and added an assist and Frankie Vatrano (East Longmeadow, Mass.) contributed with two assists in the win. Olson was named Team USA's best player of the game.

TEAM USA BY THE NUMBERS

Home State

Illinois	6
Massachusetts	4
Michigan	4
Minnesota	3
California	1
Colorado	1
New York	1
Texas	1
Wisconsin	1

College Commitments

Miami University (CCHA)	4
University of Michigan (CCHA)	4
Boston University (HEA)	3
University of Denver (WCHA)	2
Boston College (HEA)	1
Northeastern University (HEA)	1
Ohio State University (CCHA)	1
University of Minnesota (WCHA)	1
Univ. of Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)	1
University of Notre Dame (CCHA)	1
University of Wisconsin (WCHA)	1

College Connection By League

CCHA	10
HEA	5
WCHA	5

Team USA Overall

Average Height	5'11" (181)
Average Weight	185 (84)
Shoots/Catches Left	13
Shoots/Catches Right	9

Pronunciation Guide

Connor Carrick	(CARE-ick)
J.T. Compher	(comp-FER)
Thomas Di Pauli	(dih-PAUL-ee)
Matt Grzelcyk	(grizz-lick)
Nicolas Kerdiles	(ker-DEE-liss)
Anthony Louis	(LOO-iss)
Daniel O'Regan	(oh-REE-ginn)
Kyle Osterberg	(AH-ster-berg)
Patrick Sieloff	(SEE-loff)
Brady Skjei	(SHAY)
Jacob Trouba	(TROO-buh)
Frankie Vatrano	(VUH-TRON-oh)

