



2026 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME NOTES

2026 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP | SAINT PAUL, MINN. | DEC. 26-JAN. 5

PRELIMINARY ROUND • USA (1-0-0-0) VS. SWITZERLAND (0-0-0-0) • SAINT PAUL, MINN. • GRAND CASINO ARENA • DECEMBER 27, 2025

TONIGHT'S GAME

Team USA battles Switzerland here tonight in its second of four preliminary round games in the 50th annual IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship. All U.S. games air live on NHL Network with EJ Hradek, Tony Granato and Jon Morosi calling the action.

THE LATEST

ALL-TIME SERIES VS. SWITZERLAND

The U.S. and Switzerland have met 27 previous times in the World Juniors and Team USA has never lost, with 25 wins and two ties. Here's a look at the last 10 games in the series..

TOURNAMENT	ROUND	RESULT
2025	Quarterfinals	W, 7-2
2024	Preliminary	W, 11-3
2023	Preliminary	W, 5-1
2022	Preliminary	W, 7-1
2017	Quarterfinals	W, 3-2
2015	Relegation	W, 10-1
2012	Relegation	W, 2-1
2011	Preliminary	W, 2-1
2010	Preliminary	W, 3-0
2008	Preliminary	W, 4-2
2006	Preliminary	T, 2-2

LINEUP TODAY

Kamil Bednarik (Elmhurst, Ill.), **EJ Emery** (Compton, Calif.) and **Nick Kempf** (Morton Grove, Ill.) are all in the lineup today after not dressing yesterday. **Shane Vansaghi** (St. Louis, Mo.), **Dakoda Rheame-Mullen** (Northville, Mich.) and **Brady Knowing** (Chicago, Ill.) will not dress today.

WORLD BREAKFAST OF TEAMMATES

Some 800 people gathered for the Hockey Ministries International World Breakfast of Teammates at Roy Wilkins Auditorium. Team USA general manager **John Vanbiesbrouck** was the keynote speaker. Aaron Broten was master of ceremonies and Mike Eaves and Bill Butters were also featured speakers. The theme of the breakfast was "Joy To The Hockey World."

HUTSON CLIMBING CHARTS

Defenseman **Cole Hutson** (North Barrington, Ill./Boston University) is climbing the charts in the Team USA record book. In last year's World Juniors, Hutson became the first-ever defenseman to lead the tournament in points with 3-8--11. He had two assists in last night's 6-3 win over Germany and is now just one shy of tying Erik Johnson for the top spot in career points by a defenseman. In addition, his 10 career assists in the WJC have tied Ryan Suter for the top spot in the U.S. record book.

POINTS BY A DEFENSEMAN (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	PTS
1	Erik Johnson	2006-07	14	14
2	Cole Hutson	2025-26	8	13
	Ryan Suter	2003-05	20	13
4	Tim Thomas	1982-83	14	12
5	Luke Hughes	2022-23	12	11
	Jacob Trouba	2012-13	13	11

ASSISTS BY A DEFENSEMAN (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	PTS
1	Cole Hutson	2025-26	8	10
	Ryan Suter	2003-05	20	10
3	Erik Johnson	2006-07	14	9
	Ryan Ufko	2023	7	9

seven players tied with 8 assists

U.S. GAME SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)/RESULT
SUN., DEC. 21 Duluth, Minn.	GERMANY* Amsoil Arena	W, 8-0
TUES., DEC. 23 Duluth, Minn.	FINLAND* Amsoil Arena	W, 3-1
FRI., DEC. 26 Saint Paul, Minn.	GERMANY (V) Grand Casino Arena	W, 6-3
SAT., DEC. 27 Saint Paul, Minn.	SWITZERLAND (H) Grand Casino Arena	5:00 P.M.
MON., DEC. 29 Saint Paul, Minn.	SLOVAKIA (V) Grand Casino Arena	5:00 P.M.
WED., DEC. 31 Saint Paul, Minn.	SWEDEN (H) Grand Casino Arena	5:00 P.M.
FRI., JAN. 2 Saint Paul, Minn.	QUARTERINALS Grand Casino Arena	TBD
SUN., JAN. 4 Saint Paul, Minn.	SEMIFINAL 1 Grand Casino Arena	3:30 P.M.
MON., JAN. 5 Saint Paul, Minn.	BRONZE MEDAL GM Grand Casino Arena	3:30 P.M.
	GOLD MEDAL GAME Grand Casino Arena	7:30 P.M.

*Pre-tournament game

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

THIS AND THAT

The rosters for the Chipotle All-American Prospects will be announced on Dec. 29 during the NHL Network broadcast of the USA-Slovakia World Juniors game. The event, which features the top eligible players for this June's NHL Draft, is set for Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich. ... The U.S. is playing on the first two days of the tournament for just the fourth time since 2000 (others, 2020, 2010, 2007) ... Team USA is the home team today, will occupy the left bench and wear white jerseys ... Since 2010, the U.S. has won its first two games eight times (2024, 2022, 2019, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2011, 2010) ... Team USA's win last night vs. Germany marked the fifth straight year the U.S. has won its World Juniors opener .. **James Hagens** recorded 9-13--22 in seven games in the 2024 IIHF U18 Men's Worlds to break Nikita Kucherov's single tournament points record.

GAME REWIND

The U.S. used five different goal scorers, including two from **Will Zellers** (Maple Grove, Minn./University of North Dakota), on the way to a 6-3 win over Germany last night (Dec. 26). Team USA won 62% of its faceoffs, with **James Hagens (Hauppauge, N.Y.)** leading the way at .714 (10/14). Defenseman **Cole Hutson** (North Barrington, Ill./Boston University) played 24:20, the most of any player in the game and was +5. **Brendan McMorrow** (Lakeville, Minn./University of Denver) had six shots on goal to pace Team USA, had an assist, and was +3 in the contest. **Caleb Heil** (Victoria, Minn./Madison Capitols) picked up his first World Juniors win with 18 saves.

MEDIA INFORMATION

All U.S. National Junior Team players, as well as head coach Bob Motzko, will be available for interviews in designated media areas following practices and games. The U.S. lockerroom is closed.

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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Dave Fischer, who is on-site with Team USA throughout the event.

ONLINE MEDIA INFO

TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/WORLDJUNIORS2026

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



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TEAM CHARTER

Tom Koulentes, a lifelong educator and principal at Libertyville High School in Illinois and Stan Bowman, general manager of the Edmonton Oilers, helped the U.S. National Junior Team develop its team charter for the World Juniors. The process started during USA Hockey's U.S. National Junior Evaluation Camp this past summer in Minneapolis, Minn., where both Koulentes and Bowman were on hand. It finished on Dec. 14 in Saint Paul with Koulentes leading the session to complete the process. The team charter encompasses the guiding principles the players mutually agreed they will utilize throughout the tournament.

LEADERSHIP GROUP

Forward **Brodie Ziemer** (Chaska, Minn.), who returns to the U.S. National Junior Team after helping the squad earn the gold medal a year ago, is the captain of the 2026 U.S. National Junior Team. Ziemer was also the captain of the silver medal-winning U.S. National Under-18 Team in the 2024 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship. Forwards **James Hagens** (Hauppauge, N.Y.), **Max Plante** (Hermantown, Minn.) and **Teddy Stiga** (Sudbury, Mass.), along with defenseman **Cole Hutson** (North Barrington, Ill.) are serving as alternate captains. All four were part of the 2025 U.S. National Junior Team.

THE JOURNEY -- AN OVERVIEW

The U.S. began its World Juniors journey in St. Paul, Minn., on Dec. 14 before moving to Duluth, Minn., for a nine-day camp that included a pair of pre-tournament games against Germany (Dec. 21) and Finland (Dec. 23) at AMSOIL Arena. All total, 30 players started with Team USA vying for a spot on the final 25-man U.S. roster.

TOURNEY OPENERS

Including 2026, the U.S. is 23-2-1-22-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) all-time in World Juniors opening games. Since 2000, Team USA has won 22 of 27 openers, going 20-2-1-3-1.

VIKINGS WELCOME TEAM USA

The Minnesota Vikings welcomed Team USA to their Christmas day game against the Detroit Lions at U.S. Bank Stadium. During a timeout in the first quarter, Team USA was recognized on the field before the capacity crowd, which broke out in chants of USA. The players had a chance prior to the game to be along the back of the North end zone and referee Shawn Smith stopped to talk to some of the guys for a few minutes and wish them luck. In addition, actor Josh Duhamel came down to the tunnel where the players were staged to take a photo.

TEAM USA AT THE WORLD JUNIORS

Entering the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship, the U.S. holds a 167-13-7-121-11 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) all-time record in the event. Most recently, Team USA went 5-1-1-0 in the 2025 tournament and earned the gold medal. To date, Team USA has earned 16 podium finishes, including seven gold medals (2004, 2010, 2013, 2017, 2021, 2024, 2025), two silver medals (1997, 2019) and seven bronze medals (1986, 1992, 2007, 2011, 2016, 2018, 2023). The United States has medaled in eight of the last ten tournaments, the best medal stretch in the history of the country.

WORLD JUNIORS IN THE USA

The U.S. is hosting the IIHF World Junior Championship for seventh time. Team USA is looking for its first-ever gold medal on home soil in the tournament. The U.S. has played in the bronze-medal game in the last three tourneys on U.S. soil.

2018	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bronze
2011	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bronze
2005	Grand Forks, N.D.	4th
1996	Boston	6th
1989	Anchorage	5th
1982	Minneapolis/St. Paul	6th



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2026 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM ROSTER

NO	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	CURRENT TEAM (LEAGUE)	NHL RIGHTS (NHL DRAFT)
GOALTENDERS (3)								
30	Caleb Heil	6-2 (188)	196 (89)	6/19/2006	L	Victoria, Minn.	Madison Capitols (USHL)	TBL (2025, 7th rd., 193rd ovrl)
31	Nick Kempf	6-2 (188)	196 (89)	3/1/2006	L	Morton Grove, Ill.	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)	WAS (2024, 4th rd., 114th ovrl)
35	Brady Knowing	6-5 (196)	203 (92)	3/9/2008	L	Chicago, Ill.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	2026 NHL Draft Eligible
DEFENSEMEN (8)								
14	Asher Barnett	6-1 (185)	197 (89)	5/16/2007	L	Wilmette, Ill.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	EDM (2025, 5th rd., 131st ovrl)
16	EJ Emery	6-3 (191)	185 (84)	3/30/2006	R	Compton, Calif.	University of North Dakota (NCHC)	NYR (2024, 1st rd., 30th ovrl)
5	Logan Hensler #	6-2 (188)	198 (90)	10/14/2006	R	Woodbury, Minn.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	OTT (2025, 1st rd., 23rd ovrl)
44	Cole Hutson #	5-11 (180)	171 (78)	6/28/2006	L	North Barrington, Ill.	Boston University (Hockey East)	WAS (2024, 2nd rd., 43rd ovrl)
6	Adam Kleber #	6-5 (196)	210 (92)	3/24/2006	R	Chaska, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	BUF (2024, 2nd rd., 42nd ovrl)
2	Luke Osburn	6-1 (185)	189 (86)	9/9/2006	L	Plymouth, Mich.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	BUF (2024, 4th rd., 108th ovrl)
25	Chase Reid	6-2 (188)	185 (84)	12/30/2007	R	Chesterfield, Mich.	Soo Greyhounds (OHL)	2026 NHL Draft Eligible
7	Dakoda Rheame-Mullen	6-1 (185)	188 (85)	12/18/2006	L	Northville, Mich.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	2026 NHL Draft Eligible
FORWARDS (14)								
38	Kamil Bednarik	6-1 (185)	185 (84)	5/26/2006	L	Elmhurst, Ill.	Boston University (Hockey East)	NYI (2024, 2nd rd., 61st ovrl)
34	Cole Eiserman #	6-0 (183)	189 (86)	8/29/2006	L	Newburyport, Mass.	Boston University (Hockey East)	NYI (2024, 1st rd., 20th ovrl)
10	James Hagens #	5-11 (180)	193 (88)	11/3/2006	L	Hauppauge, N.Y.	Boston College (Hockey East)	BOS (2025, 1st rd., 7th ovrl)
24	Will Horcoff	6-5 (196)	201 (91)	1/23/2007	L	Birmingham, Mich.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	PIT (2025, 1st rd., 24th ovrl)
17	Ryker Lee	6-1 (185)	185 (84)	11/8/2006	R	Wilmette, Ill.	Michigan State University (Big Ten)	NSH (2025, 1st rd., 26th ovrl)
11	Cole McKinney	6-1 (185)	198 (90)	3/16/2007	R	Lake Forest, Ill.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	SJS (2025, 2nd rd., 53rd ovrl)
22	Brendan McMorrow	5-11 (180)	180 (82)	3/27/2006	L	Lakeville, Minn.	University of Denver (NCHC)	LAK (2025, 7th rd., 196th ovrl)
18	LJ Mooney	5-8 (173)	165 (75)	3/2/2007	R	West Mifflin, Pa.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	MTL (2025, 4th rd., 113th ovrl)
26	Max Plante #	5-11 (180)	180 (82)	2/20/2006	L	Hermantown, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	DET (2024, 2nd rd., 47th ovrl)
8	AJ Spellacy	6-3 (191)	205 (93)	2/24/2006	R	Westlake, Ohio	Windsor Spitfires (OHL)	CHI (2024, 3rd rd., 72nd ovrl)
4	Teddy Stiga #	5-11 (180)	178 (81)	4/5/2006	L	Sudbury, Mass.	Boston College (Hockey East)	NAS (2024, 2nd rd., 55th ovrl)
23	Shane Vansaghi	6-2 (188)	215 (98)	10/11/2006	R	St. Louis, Mo.	Michigan State University (Big Ten)	PHI (2025, 2nd rd., 48th ovrl)
12	Will Zellers	6-0 (183)	180 (82)	4/4/2006	L	Maple Grove, Minn.	University of North Dakota (NCHC)	BOS (COL, 2024, 3rd rd., 76th ovrl)
74	Brodie Ziemer #	5-11 (180)	195 (88)	2/22/2006	R	Chaska, Minn.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	BUF (2024, 3rd rd., 71st ovrl)

2026 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (CT)		GER [^]	FIN [^]	GER	SUI	SVK	SWE	QF	SF	MG	2026
NO NAME	POS.	W, 8-0	W, 3-1	W, 6-3	5:00	5:00	5:00	TBD	TBD	TBD	WJC
		12/21	12/23	12/26	12/27	12/29	12/31	1/2	1/4	1/5	TOTAL
2 Luke Osburn	D	AAA	E(U)A	--							
4 Teddy Stiga	F	G	--	A							
5 Logan Hensler	D	--	--	--							
6 Adam Kleber	D	DND	--	A							
7 D. Rheame-Mullen	D	A	DND	--							
8 AJ Spellacy	F	DND	--	A*A							
10 James Hagens	F	A*	--	A							
11 Cole McKinney	F	S	--	--							
12 Will Zellers	F	PPA	--	GWA							
14 Asher Barnett	D	--	--	--							
16 EJ Emery	D	A	--	DND							
17 Ryker Lee	F	PAA	--	--							
18 LJ Mooney	F	--	--	--							
22 Brendan McMorrow	F	--	--	A#							
23 Shane Vansaghi	F	A	DND	--							
24 Will Horcoff	F	WG	G	G							
25 Chase Reid	D	--	--	G							
26 Max Plante	F	DND	W	G							
34 Cole Eiserman	F	DND	A*	G							
38 Kamil Bednarik	F	--	--	DND							
44 Cole Hutson	D	DND	--	AA*							
74 Brodie Ziemer	F	GA*A	A	A							
30 Caleb Heil	G	DND	ND, 33:02	W, 60:00							
			9/10	18/21							
31 Nick Kempf	G	ND, 32:37	W, 26:58	DND							
		12/12	8/8								
35 Brady Knowing	G	W, 27:23	DND	DNP							
		12/12									

G - goal
A - assist
U - unassisted goal
E - empty-net goal
P - power play goal
W - game-winning goal

S - shorthanded goal
Pe - penalty shot goal
G/P/S/Pe* - game-winning goal
A* - assist on game-winning goal
- U.S. Player of the Game

W/L - goaltender win/loss
DNP - did not play
DND - did not dress
^ - pre-tournament game

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ROSTER DETAILS

HOME STATES (9)

Minnesota	7
Illinois	7
Michigan	4
Massachusetts	2
California	1
Missouri	1
New York	1
Ohio	1
Pennsylvania	1

AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT TIES+

USHL	24
NCAA	21
NTDP	19
NAHL	1

*Includes players who have skated in multiple leagues

BY THE NUMBERS

Average Height	6ft 1in (185 cm)
Tallest	Kleber/Horcoff/Knowling (6 ft 5in)
Shortest	Mooney (5 ft/8in/173 cm)
Average Weight	190 lbs (86 kg)
Heaviest	Vansaghi (215 lbs/98 kg)
Lightest	Monney (165 lbs/75 kg)
Average Age	19 yrs 3mo
Oldest	Plante (19yrs 8mo)
Youngest	Knowling (17yrs, 8mo)
Shoot/Catch	Left: 15 Right: 10

FORWARDS

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
4	Teddy Stiga Boston College (Hockey East)	15	3	8	11
8	AJ Spellacy Windsor (OHL)	27	9	8	17
10	James Hagens Boston College (Hockey East)	16	10	8	18
11	Cole McKinney University of Michigan (Big Ten)	20	5	6	11
12	Will Zellers University of North Dakota (NCHC)	18	10	5	15
17	Ryker Lee Michigan State University (Big Ten)	16	7	16	13
18	LJ Mooney University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	19	4	11	15
22	Brendan McMorrow University of Denver (NCHC)	17	2	5	7
23	Shane Vansaghi Michigan State University (Big Ten)	16	1	5	6
24	Will Horcoff University of Michigan (Big Ten)	20	19	9	28
26	Max Plante University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	20	16	14	30
34	Cole Eiserman Boston University (Hockey East)	14	8	4	12
38	Kamil Bednarik Boston University (Hockey East)	17	5	4	9
74	Brodie Ziemer University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	19	12	7	19

SEASON STATISTICS

2025-26 SEASON

DEFENSE

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
2	Luke Osburn University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	12	2	6	8
5	Logan Hensler University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	15	3	5	8
6	Adam Kleber University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	20	2	3	5
7	Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen University of Michigan (Big Ten)	20	4	9	13
14	Asher Barnett University of Michigan (Big Ten)	20	0	8	8
16	EJ Emery University of North Dakota (NCHC)	17	2	2	4
25	Chase Reid Soo Greyhounds (OHL)	31	14	21	35
44	Cole Hutson Boston University (Hockey East)	18	7	13	20

GOALTENDERS

NO	NAME	GP	W-L-T-OTL	GAA	SV%
30	Caleb Heil Madison Capitols (USHL)	16	10-4-2	2.60	.891
31	Nick Kempf University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)	16	4-11-1	3.57	.893
35	Brady Knowling USA Hockey NTDP (USHL)	15	5-7-0	3.63	.887

2026 U.S. STAFF

POSITION	NAME
General Manager	John Vanbiesbrouck Detroit, Mich.
Head Coach	Bob Motzko Austin, Minnesota
Assistant Coach	Greg Brown Scituate, Mass.
Assistant Coach	Garrett Raboin Detroit Lakes, Minn.
Assistant Coach	Steve Miller Sun Prairie, Wis.
Goaltending Coach	David Lassonde Durham, N.H.
Video Coach	Jacob LeRoy Dublin, Ohio
Video Coach	Travis Winter St. Cloud, Minn.
Performance Coach	Will Morlock Grand Haven, Mich.
Team Services	Jessica Thibault Guilford, Conn.
Team Physician	Dr. Charlie Popkin Medina, Minn.
Athletic Trainer	Jeff Winslow St. Paul, Minn.
Athletic Trainer	Stan Wong Boca Raton, Fla.
Equipment Manager	Patrick Dooley Berkley, Mich.
Equipment Manager	Andrew Zagorianakos Lincoln, Maine
Digital Content	Summer Dutton Colorado Springs, Colo.
Media Officer	Dave Fischer Colorado Springs, Colo.

ABOUT THE STAFF

ABOUT VANBIESBROUCK

John Vanbiesbrouck is the general manager of the 2026 U.S. National Junior Team, marking his eighth straight season serving in the capacity. Under his leadership, the U.S. has earned five medals, including three gold medals. The 2007 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee has previously represented the United States as a player on nine occasions, including one Olympic Winter Games (1998), two Canada Cups (1987, 1991), four men's world championships (1985, 1987, 1989, 1991) and two world junior championships (1982, 1983). A full-time employee of USA Hockey, Vanbiesbrouck began his duties as assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey on June 4, 2018. His responsibilities include oversight of USA Hockey's international efforts, including its men's, women's and sled programs as well as the National Junior Development Program. The U.S. has enjoyed unprecedented success on the international stage under his guidance.

ABOUT MOTZKO

Bob Motzko is serving as head coach of the U.S. National Junior Team for the third time. He led Team USA to gold at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship and bronze in the 2018 event. One of the most accomplished coaches in American hockey today, Motzko is in his 21st campaign as an NCAA Division I men's hockey head coach and eighth season guiding the University of Minnesota men's hockey program. In his time in Minneapolis, Motzko has led the Gophers to five-straight NCAA Tournament appearances, including two trips to the NCAA Men's Frozen Four, along with three Big Ten regular-season titles and one Big Ten Conference tournament title. The recipient of the Spencer Penrose Award as the top coach in NCAA Division I men's ice hockey in 2022-23, Motzko spent 13 seasons as the bench boss at St. Cloud State University and guided teams to eight NCAA Tournament appearances, including a spot in the 2013 NCAA Men's Frozen Four.

ASSISTANT COACHES

USA Hockey has an experienced group of assistant coaches, including NCAA Division I head coaches **Greg Brown** (Scituate, Mass./Boston College) and **Garrett Raboin** (Detroit Lakes, Minn./Augustana University); University of Minnesota associate head coach **Steve Miller** (Sun Prairie, Wis.); and **David Lassonde** (Durham, N.H.), who serves as the national goaltending coach for USA Hockey. The U.S. coaching staff also includes video coaches **Travis Winter** (St. Cloud, Minn./Bemidji State University) and **Jacob LeRoy** (Dublin, Ohio/University of Minnesota) and performance coach **Will Morlock** (Grand Haven, Mich./Michigan State University).



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TEAM USA ROSTER BACKGROUND

NHL DRAFT (22)

A total of 22 players have been drafted by an NHL team.

PLAYER	NHL RIGHTS	DRAFT YEAR	ROUND	OVERALL
James Hagens	BOS	2025	1	7
Cole Eiserman	NYI	2024	1	19
Logan Hensler	OTT	2025	1	23
Will Horcoff	PITT	2025	1	24
Ryker Lee	NSH	2025	1	26
EJ Emery	NYR	2024	1	30
Adam Kleber	BUF	2024	2	42
Cole Hutson	WSH	2024	2	43
Max Plante	DET	2024	2	47
Shane Vansaghi	PHI	2025	2	48
Cole McKinney	SJS	2025	2	53
Teddy Stiga	NSH	2024	2	55
Kami Bednarik	NYI	2024	2	61
Brodie Ziemer	BUF	2024	3	71
AJ Spellacy	CHI	2024	3	72
Will Zellers*	COL	2024	3	76
Luke Osburn	BUF	2024	4	108
LJ Mooney	MTL	2025	4	113
Nick Kempf	WSH	2024	4	114
Asher Barnett	EDM	2025	5	131
Caleb Heil	TBL	2025	7	193
Brendan McMorro	LAK	2025	7	196

*Currently property of Boston

COLLEGE HOCKEY (21)

A total of 21 players are currently playing college hockey in the United States.

SCHOOL	PLAYERS
University of Michigan	4
Boston University	3
Boston College	2
Michigan State University	2
University of Minnesota	2
University of Minnesota Duluth	2
University of North Dakota	2
University of Wisconsin	2
University of Denver	1
University of Notre Dame	1

CONFERENCE	PLAYERS
Big Ten	11
Hockey East	5
NCHC	5

NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (19)

Based at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich., and in its 29th season, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program includes the U.S. National Under-17 and Under-18 Teams that compete in the United States Hockey League and against NCAA Division I and III teams and international opponents. Below are players who have been part of the NTDP.

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR(S)
Asher Barnett	Defense	2023-25
Kamil Bednarik	Forward	2022-24
Caleb Heil *	Goaltender	2023-24
Nick Kempf	Goaltender	2022-24
EJ Emery	Defense	2022-24
Logan Hensler	Defense	2022-24
Cole Hutson	Defense	2022-24
Cole Eiserman	Forward	2022-24
James Hagens	Forward	2022-24
Will Horcoff	Forward	2023-25
Brady Knowling	Goaltender	2024-26
Cole McKinney	Forward	2023-25
Brendan McMorro	Forward	2022-24
LJ Mooney	Forward	2023-25
Max Plante	Forward	2022-24
Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen	Defense	2022-24
Teddy Stiga	Forward	2022-24
Shane Vansaghi	Forward	2022-24
Brodie Ziemer	Forward	2022-24

*Played 4 games with NTDP

USA HOCKEY CHIPOTLE ALL-AMERICAN GAME (20)

The USA Hockey Chipotle All-American Game is an annual event that provides the best U.S. players eligible for next year's NHL Draft the opportunity to showcase their skills on a national stage. Below are the players who have competed in the game.

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR(S)
Asher Barnett	Defense	2025
Kamil Bednarik	Forward	2024
Cole Eiserman	Forward	2024
EJ Emery	Defense	2024
James Hagens	Forward	2024
Caleb Heil	Goaltender	2024
Logan Hensler	Defense	2024
Cole Hutson	Defense	2024
Nick Kempf	Goaltender	2024
Adam Kleber	Defense	2024
Ryker Lee	Forward	2025
LJ Mooney	Forward	2025
Cole McKinney	Forward	2025
Brendan McMorro	Forward	2024/2025
Luke Osburn	Defense	2024
Max Plante	Forward	2024
Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen	Defense	2024
Teddy Stiga	Forward	2024
Shane Vansaghi	Forward	2024
Brodie Ziemer	Forward	2024



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IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (8)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Cole Eiserman	Forward	2025	Gold
James Hagens	Forward	2025	Gold
Logan Hensler	Defense	2025	Gold
Cole Hutson	Defense	2025	Gold
Adam Kleber	Defense	2025	Gold
Max Plante	Forward	2025	Gold
Teddy Stiga	Forward	2025	Gold
Brodie Ziemer	Forward	2025	Gold

IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (19)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Logan Hensler	Defense	2024	Silver
Cole Hutson	Defense	2024	Silver
	Defense	2023	Gold
Cole Eiserman	Forward	2024	Silver
	Forward	2023	Gold
James Hagens	Forward	2024	Silver
	Forward	2023	Gold
Max Plante	Forward	2024	Silver
Teddy Stiga	Forward	2024	Silver
Asher Barnett	Defense	2025	Bronze
Will Horcoff	Forward	2025	Bronze
Cole McKinney	Forward	2025	Bronze
LJ Mooney	Forward	2025	Bronze
Nick Kempf	Goaltender	2024	Silver
Caleb Heil	Goaltender	2024	Silver
EJ Emery	Defense	2024	Silver
Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen	Defense	2024	Silver
Kamil Bednarik	Forward	2024	Silver
Brendan McMorrow	Forward	2024	Silver
LJ Mooney	Forward	2024	Silver
Shane Vansaghi	Forward	2024	Silver
Brodie Ziemer	Forward	2024	Silver

USA HOCKEY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS (23)

PLAYER	POSITION	PDC
Asher Barnett	Defense	S15
Kamil Bednarik	Forward	S15
Cole Eiserman	Forward	S15
James Hagens	Forward	S15
Caleb Heil	Goaltender	S15/S16/S17
Logan Hensler	Defense	S15
Will Horcoff	Forward	S15
Cole Hutson	Defense	S15
Nick Kempf	Goaltender	S15
Adam Kleber	Defense	S15/S16/S17
Ryker Lee	Forward	S15/S16/S17
Cole McKinney	Forward	S15
Brendan McMorrow	Forward	S15
LJ Mooney	Forward	S15
Luke Osburn	Defense	S15/S16/S17
Max Plante	Forward	S15
Chase Reid	Defense	S16/S17
Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen	Defense	S15
AJ Spellacy	Forward	S16
Teddy Stiga	Forward	S15
Shane Vansaghi	Forward	S15
Will Zellers	Forward	S15/S16/S17
Brodie Ziemer	Forward	S15

NOTE: USA Hockey Player Development Camps are held annually in the summer for both Youth and Girls hockey. The national camps are held after district camps, and are utilized as an opportunity for further athlete development, including the selection of international teams.

HAGENS HELPERS

Team USA forward **James Hagens** is helping support Feeding America throughout the IIHF World Junior Championship in an effort called Hagens Helpers. With each Team USA win during the World Juniors, Hagens will personally donate to Feeding America and he is encouraging others to join in. The campaign goal is \$50,000 and the website is below:

<https://app.jointheglow.com/c/aEsxrG>

TEAM USA INSIDER

Fans and media can follow the journey of the U.S. National Junior Team through the Team USA Insider, a daily glimpse of happenings in/around the team. It can be found here:

<https://teamusa.usahockey.com/worldjuniors2026>

THINGS

Team USA's lockerroom was filled with traditional Christmas music on Christmas day from the playlist of U.S. defenseman **Logan Hensler** ... U.S. trainer **Jeff Winslow**, who is an assistant athletic director at the University of Minnesota and in his 18th year working with the Gopher men's hockey team, shared that his nickname when he served as a YMCA camp counselor was "Scobby Doo." All camp counselors chose a cartoon themed nickname ... **Stan Wong** is an athletic trainer for the U.S. National Junior Team for the 24th straight year ... Team USA is using the Minnesota Wild lockerroom at Grand Casino Arena.

TEAM USA SNACKLE BOX

Jessica Thibault, who is handling operations for the U.S. National Junior Team for the fourth straight year and whose full-time job is as director of hockey operations for the University of Notre Dame men's hockey program, put together the Team USA Snackle Box, which features sweet treats for the U.S. training staff. The idea came from **Summer Dutton**, who is leading content efforts for the U.S. National Junior Team and works full-time for USA Hockey. The Snackle Box moves its way around, including hanging out in the both the training and equipment rooms generally.



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SERIES AND PLAYOFF RECORDS FOR TEAM USA AT WJC

2026 U.S. GROUP A OPPONENTS



FRI., DEC. 26 5:00 P.M. LOCAL/6:00 P.M. ET
Series vs. Germany: 14-0-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: The U.S. has won its last nine meetings against Germany.
LAST MEETING: The U.S. gained a 10-4 win over Germany in preliminary round play on Dec. 26, 2024.



SAT., DEC. 27 5:00 P.M. LOCAL/6:00 P.M. ET
Series vs. Switzerland: 25-0-0-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: The U.S. has won the last 10 games in the series.
LAST MEETING: Team USA earned a 7-2 win over Switzerland in the quarterfinal round of the 2025 tournament on Jan. 2, 2025.



MON., DEC. 29 5:00 P.M. LOCAL/6:00 P.M. ET
Series vs. Slovakia: 15-0-0-5-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: The U.S. has won nine of the last 11 contests in the series.
LAST MEETING: Team USA earned a 10-2 decision over Slovakia in the preliminary round of the 2024 tournament on Dec. 31.



WED., DEC. 31 5:00 P.M. LOCAL/6:00 P.M. ET
Series vs. Sweden: 17-2-1-16-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: Team USA has won the last four meetings in the series.
LAST MEETING: Team USA earned a 6-2 decision in the gold-medal game of the 2024 World Juniors on Jan. 5.

U.S. WJC PLAYOFF HISTORY

Quarterfinal Record: 15-0-0-9 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Last QF: W, 7-2 vs. Switzerland (2025)
Ryan Leonard and **James Hagens** each had two goals to propel Team USA.

Semifinal Record: 8-1-1-9 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Last SF: W, 4-1 vs. Czechia (2025)
Trey Augustine made 26 saves to become the all-time winningest American goaltender in World Juniors history. Four different players scored for Team USA.

Bronze-Medal Games: 5-0-2-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Total Bronze Medals: 7 ('86, '92, '07, '11, '16, '18, '23)
Last BMG: W, 8-7 OT vs. Sweden (2023)
Chaz Lucius scored three goals, including the game-winner in overtime, to lift the U.S. to a thrilling bronze-medal game victory.

Gold-Medal Games: 4-3-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Total Gold Medals: 7 ('04, '10, '13, '17, '21, '24, '25)
Last GMG: W, 4-3 (OT) vs. Finland (2025)
Teddy Stiga scored 8:04 into three-on-three overtime as Team USA erased a two-goal deficit on the way to gold.

U.S. WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY AT A GLANCE

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	T	GF	GA
Austria	4	4	0	0	0	0	33	2
Belarus	4	3	0	0	0	0	23	11
Canada	50	10	3	3	31	3	143	198
Czechia	28	15	3	1	8	1	103	75
Czechoslovakia	16	4	0	0	12	0	51	90
Denmark	3	3	0	0	0	0	24	4
Finland	40	16	4	1	18	1	152	164
Germany	15	14	0	1	0	0	97	23
West Germany	13	10	0	0	3	0	80	45
Japan	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	2
Kazakhstan	5	5	0	0	0	0	42	6
Latvia	6	6	0	0	0	0	47	9
Norway	7	6	0	0	1	0	66	18
Poland	5	3	0	0	1	0	29	12
Russia	23	9	1	0	13	0	58	77
Soviet Union	12	1	0	0	11	0	32	76
Slovakia	21	15	0	0	5	1	95	50
Sweden	38	17	2	1	16	2	135	137
Switzerland	27	25	0	0	0	2	161	52
Ukraine	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	7
TOTAL	320	167	13	1	122	11	1388	1058

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT WORLD JUNIORS

Year	Location	Head Coach	Record	Medal	
2025	Ottawa, Canada	David Carle	5-1-1-0	Gold	
2024	Gothenburg, Sweden	David Carle	6-1-0-0	Gold	
2023	Moncton/Halifax, N.S.	Rand Pecknold	4-1-0-2	Bronze	
2021	Edmonton, Canada	Nate Leaman	6-0-0-1	Gold	
2019	Vancouver, Canada	Mike Hastings	5-0-1-1	Silver	
2018	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bob Motzko	4-1-0-2	Bronze	
2017	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Bob Motzko	5-2-0-0	Gold	
2016	Helinski, Finland	Ron Wilson	5-0-0-2	Bronze	
2013	Ufa, Russia	Phil Housley	5-0-0-2	Gold	
2011	Buffalo/Niagara, N.Y.	Keith Allain	5-0-0-1	Bronze	
2010	Regina/Saskatoon, Canada	Dean Blais	5-1-1-0	Gold	
2007	Leksand/Mora, Sweden	Ron Rolston	3-1-2-1	Bronze	
2004	Helsinki/Hameenlinna, Finland	Mike Eaves	6-0-0*	Gold	
1997	Geneva/Morges, Switzerland	Jeff Jackson	4-1-1*	Silver	
1992	Fussen/Kaufbeuren, Germany	Walt Kyle	5-2-0*	Bronze	
1986	Hamilton, Canada	Dave Peterson	4-3-0*	Bronze	
TOTAL			7 Gold	2 Silver	7 Bronze

U.S. IN PREVIOUS 10 WORLD JUNIORS

Year	Location	Head Coach	Record	Finish	
2025	Ottawa, Canada	David Carle	5-1-1-0	Gold	
2024	Gothenburg, Sweden	David Carle	6-1-0-0	Gold	
2023	Moncton/Halifax, N.S.	Rand Pecknold	4-1-0-2	Bronze	
2022	Edmonton, Canada	Nate Leaman	4-0-0-1	5th	
2021	Edmonton, Canada	Nate Leaman	6-0-0-1	Gold	
2020	Ostrava/Trinec, Czech Republic	Scott Sandelin	2-1-0-2	Sixth	
2019	Vancouver, Canada	Mike Hastings	5-0-1-1	Silver	
2018	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bob Motzko	4-1-0-2	Bronze	
2017	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Bob Motzko	5-2-0-0	Gold	
2016	Helinski, Finland	Ron Wilson	5-0-0-2	Bronze	
TOTAL			4 Gold	1 Silver	3 Bronze

ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	QF	SF	BMG	GMG	Total
Canada	0-1	1-5	0-1	4-1	5-8
Czechia	5-2	2-1	1-1	NA	8-4
Finland	2-1	3-0	0-2	1-1	6-4
Germany	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Latvia	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Russia	1-3	2-3	0-1	NA	3-7
Slovakia	1-1	NA	NA	NA	1-1
Sweden	2-1	1-1	4-0	2-0	9-2
Switzerland	2-0	NA	NA	NA	2-0
Total	15-9	9-10	5-5	7-2	36-26



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U.S. RECORD BOOK

GOALS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	G
1	Kieffer Bellows	2018	7	9
2	Jeremy Roenick	1989	7	8
3	Isaac Howard	2024	7	7
	Logan Cooley	2023	7	7
	Trevor Zegras	2021	7	7
	Colin White	2017	7	7
	Auston Matthews	2016	7	7
	Johnny Gaudreau	2013	7	7
	Chris Borque	2006	7	7
	Peter Ferraro	1993	7	7
	Scott Young	1987	7	7
	Mark Green	1978	6	7

ASSISTS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	A
1	Doug Weight	1991	7	14
2	Trevor Zegras	2021	7	11
3	Cutter Gauthier	2024	7	10
	Derek Stepan	2010	7	10
	Phil Kessel	2006	7	10
5	Ryan Ufko	2023	7	9
	Trevor Zegras	2020	4	9
	Pat Peake	1993	7	9
	Mike Modano	1989	7	9
	Alfie Turcotte	1984	7	9
	Bobby Crawford	1978	6	9

POINTS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	PTS
1	Doug Weight	1991	7	19
2	Trevor Zegras	2021	7	18
3	Jeremy Roenick	1989	7	16
4	Mike Modano	1989	7	15
5	Logan Cooley	2023	7	14
	Derek Stepan	2010	7	14
7	Jimmy Snuggerud	2023	7	13
	Pat Peake	1993	7	13
	Bobby Crawford	1978	6	13
10	Cutter Gauthier	2024	7	12
	Jerry D'Amigo	2010	7	12
	Ted Drury	1991	8	12
	Trent Klatt	1991	8	12
	Mark Green	1978	6	12

WINS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	W
1	Al Montoya	2004	6	6
2	Tyler Parsons	2017	5	5
	John Gibson	2013	7	5
	Jack Campbell	2011	6	5
	Rick DiPietro	2001	6	5
	Mike Dunham	1992	6	5
7	Trey Augustine	2023	6	4
	Trey Augustine	2024	4	4
	Cayden Primeau	2019	5	4
	Alex Nedeljkovic	2016	6	4
	Mike Lee	2010	5	4
	Jeremy Smith	2008	6	4
	Jeff Frazee	2007	5	4
	Rob Geopfert	2003	7	4
	Jason Bacashihua	2002	7	4
	Brian Boucher	1997	6	4
	Paul Joswiak	1978	6	4

GAA (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	MIN	GAA
1	Al Montoya	2004	360	1.17
2	Rick DiPietro	2001	359	1.33
3	John Gibson	2013	398	1.36
4	Brian Boucher	1997	357	1.51
5	Cayden Primeau	2019	298	1.61
6	Spencer Knight	2021	332	1.63
7	Alex Nedeljkovic	2016	325	1.66
8	Jean-Marc Pelletier	1998	180	1.67
9	Jack Campbell	2011	353	1.70
10	Jeff Frazee	2007	313	1.72

*minimum 180 minutes played

SHUTOUTS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	SO
1	Spencer Knight	2021	6	3
2	Al Montoya	2004	6	2
	Brian Boucher	1997	6	2
4	11 Tied With One			

GOALS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	G
1	Jeremy Roenick	1988-89	14	13
2	James van Riemsdyk	2007-09	19	12
3	Kieffer Bellows	2017-18	14	11
	Brian Gionta	1998-99	13	11
5	8 different players			10

ASSISTS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	A
1	Trevor Zegras	2020-21	12	20
	Jordan Schroeder	2008-10	19	20
3	Cutter Gauthier	2023-24	14	16
4	Doug Weight	1991	7	14
5	Kyle Palmieri	2010-11	13	12
	Phil Kessel	2005-06	14	12
	Jeremy Roenick	1988-89	14	12

POINTS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	PTS
1	Trevor Zegras	2020-21	12	27
	Jordan Schroeder	2008-10	19	27
3	Jeremy Roenick	1988-89	14	25
4	Cutter Gauthier	2023-24	14	22
4	James van Riemsdyk	2007-09	19	22
5	Logan Cooley	2022-23	12	20
	Brian Rolston	1991-93	21	20
	Mike Modano	1988-89	14	20

WINS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	WINS
1	Jack Campbell	2010-12	14	10
2	Al Montoya	2004-05	12	9
3	Trey Augustine	2023-24	10	8
4	Spencer Knight	2019-21	10	7
	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	11	7
6	Brian Boucher	1996-97	10	6
	Mike Dunham	1991-92	9	6

MIN (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	MIN
1	Alan Perry	1984-86	968:40
2	Jack Campbell	2010-12	816:46
3	Al Montoya	2004-05	753:15
4	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	658:40
5	Brian Boucher	1996-97	577:00

SHUTOUTS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	SO
1	Spencer Knight	2020-21	3
2	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	2
	Al Montoya	2004-05	2
	Brian Boucher	1996-97	2

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR
Trevor Zegras	Forward	2021
Ryan Poehling	Forward	2019
Casey Mittelstadt	Forward	2018
John Gibson	Goaltender	2013
Zach Parise	Forward	2004

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2026 U.S. National Junior Team • Game-By-Game Review

USA vs. Germany • Pre-Tournament

December 21, 2025 — AMSOIL Arena • Duluth, Minn. (4,944)

United States (h)	2	3	3	—	8
Germany (v)	0	0	0	—	0

1st: USA-Horcoff (Hagens, Ziemer), 19:08
USA-Lee (Zellers, Osburn), 5x4 PPG, 19:42
2nd: USA-Zellers (Lee, Osburn), 5x4 PPG, 3:51
USA-Stiga (Lee), 18:23
USA-Horcoff (Ziemer, Emery), 18:31
3rd: USA-McKinney (Vansaghi), 4x5 SHG, 1:30
USA-Zellers (Osburn), 5x4 PPG, 15:48
USA-Ziemer (Rheaume-Mullen), 17:34

Penalties: USA 4-8, GER 6-12 Power Plays: USA 3-6, GER 0-4

Saves: USA-Knowling (7-5-x-12); 27:23

USA-Kempf (x-2-10--12); 32:37

GER-Neisse (7-14-20--41); 60:00

Shots: USA 7-17-23--49; GER 7-7-10--24

Notes: The U.S. got two goals each from Will Horcoff and Will Zellers and six different players scored in pre-tournament action ahead of the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship. Brady Knowling and Nick Kempf split time in the net and each recorded 12 saves without yielding a goal.

USA vs. Finland • Pre-Tournament

December 23, 2025 — AMSOIL Arena • Duluth, Minn. (5,141)

United States (v)	1	1	1	—	3
Finland (h)	1	0	0	—	1

1st: FIN-Ruohonen (Koivu), 7:06
USA-Horcoff (Osburn, Ziemer), 13:56
2nd: USA-Plante (Eiserman), 14:19
3rd: USA-Osburn (unassisted), ENG, 19:54

Penalties: USA 5-10, FIN 4-8 Power Plays: USA 0-4, FIN 0-5

Saves: USA-Heil (7-2-x--9); 33:02

USA-Kempf (x-1-7--8); 26:58

FIN-Rimpinen (8-6-8--22); 58:35

Shots: USA 9-7-9--25; FIN 8-3-7--18

Notes: Luke Osburn had a goal and an assist and Max Plante and Will Horcoff each scored to help the U.S. to its second pre-tournament game victory in as many tries before an appreciative crowd in Duluth.

Germany vs. USA • Preliminary Round • Game 1

December 26, 2025 — Grand Casino Arena • St. Paul, Minn. (14,276)

United States (v)	3	3	0	—	6
Germany (h)	1	2	0	—	3

1st: FIN-Ruohonen (Koivu), 7:06
USA-Horcoff (Osburn, Ziemer), 13:56
2nd: USA-Plante (Eiserman), 14:19
3rd: USA-Osburn (unassisted), ENG, 19:54

Penalties: USA 3-6, GER 3-6 Power Plays: USA 0-3, GER 0-3

Saves: USA-Heil (9-5-4--18); 60:00

GER-Neisse (10-16-15--41); 60:00

Shots: USA 13-19-15--47; GER 10-7-4--21

Notes: Will Zellers had two goals and an assist to help the U.S. open play in the 50th anniversary of the World Juniors with a victory. Five different players scored for Team USA and Brendan McMorrow earned honors as the U.S. Player of the Game.