

# 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
<b>Tue., Feb. 5</b>	<b>USA vs. Finland</b>	<b>USA 7, FIN 0</b>
Tue., Feb. 5	Czech Republic vs. Russia	RUS 4, CZE 1
<b>Wed., Feb. 6</b>	<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	7 a.m. ET
<b>Fri., Feb. 8</b>	<b>USA vs. Czech Republic</b>	<b>Noon ET</b>
Sat., Feb. 9	Sweden vs. Czech Republic	9 a.m. ET
<b>Sun., Feb. 10</b>	<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
Russia	1st	7	2	0	1	8	4
Sweden	2nd	5	1	0	1	9	2
USA	3rd	3	1	1	0	8	3
Finland	4th	3	1	2	0	7	17
Czech Republic	5th	0	0	2	0	4	10

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## TALKING POINTS

### USA VS. CZECH REPUBLIC

The U.S. National Under-17 Team faces off against the Czech Republic in its third game of the 2019 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament at noon ET on Friday in Tranås, Sweden.

The U17s hold a 1-0-1-0 record (W-OTW-L-OTL) through their first two games of the tournament, which included a 7-0 win over Finland in the opener.

Despite a goal from **Jake Sanderson** (Whitefish, Mont.) and a 22-save performance from **Drew Comness** (Norwell, Mass.), Team USA fell to Russia by a 3-1 final in its most recent game Wednesday.

Sanderson's power-play tally late in the second period, which tied the score at 1-1, represented the U17s' lone goal of the contest.

**Dylan Peterson** (Roseville, Calif.), who collected the secondary assist on Sanderson's goal, is tied with **Ty Smilanic** (Elizabeth, Colo.) for the team-lead in points with four across the first two games of the tournament.

Smilanic added one goal and three assists in Team USA's victory over Finland on Day 1 of the tournament.

The Czech Republic's National Under-17 Team fell to Russia by a 4-1 final in its opening game of the 2019 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament and was idle Wednesday before a 6-3 loss to Finland on Thursday.

The Czechs trailed by just one goal against Finland after 40 minutes, but surrendered four goals in the final frame and dropped their second consecutive game.

Michael Rouha's two points (1-1-2) pace the Czech Republic through two games.

The Czech Republic entered the tournament after it placed seventh at the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in November.

Team USA earned a 5-1 win over the Czech Republic in the group stage at the U17 Hockey Challenge before the Czechs won the rematch 2-1 in the elimination round.

**Landon Slaggert** (South Bend, Ind.), **Hunter Strand** (Anchorage, Alaska) and **Eamon Powell** (Marcellus, N.Y.) delivered multi-point efforts for the U17s in their first encounter with the Czechs.

Michael Gut and Pavel Novak scored goals for the Czech Republic in the head-to-head matchups and are both rostered on the current version of the Czechs' National Under-17 Team.

Tomáš Chlubna, who leads the Czech Republic with 18 points and nine goals across all international competitions, is also rostered for the 2019 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament.

### 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 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	2	1	3	4	5	0	0	0	2	0	2.00
39	Dylan Peterson	U17	2	1	3	4	5	0	0	2	2	1	2.00
47	Thomas Bordeleau	U17	2	2	1	3	8	0	0	2	4	0	1.50
51	Tanner Latsch	U17	2	2	0	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	1.00
55	Jacob Truscott	U17	2	1	1	2	4	0	0	4	1	0	1.00
48	Jake Sanderson	U17	2	1	1	2	10	1	0	14	1	0	1.00
34	Brock Faber	U17	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	2	0	0.50
44	Connor Kelley	U17	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0.50
36	Daniyal Dzhaniyev	U17	2	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0.50
41	Hunter McKown	U17	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0.50
45	Matthew Beniers	U17	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	2	-1	0	0.50
38	Landon Slaggert	U17	2	0	1	1	3	0	0	12	0	0	0.50
46	Eamon Powell	U17	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
40	Owen Gallatin	U17	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
54	Daniel Laatsch	U17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
37	Luke Tuch	U17	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	-1	0	0.00
52	Brett Berard	U17	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0.00
53	Chase Yoder	U17	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0.00
43	Tyler Kleven	U17	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0.00
49	Hunter Strand	U17	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	0.00

Goaltender														
#	Name	Team	GP	MIN	W	L	T	SOL	SOG	SV	GA	GAA	SV %	SO
35	Drew Comnesso	U17	2	117:45	1	1	0	0	46	44	2	1.02	.957	1
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.....	8
GOALS PER GAME.....	4.00
GOALS AGAINST.....	3
GOALS AGAINST PER GAME.....	1.50
TEAM ASSISTS.....	15
TEAM POINTS.....	23
SHOTS ON GOAL.....	74
SHOTS ALLOWED.....	46
POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES.....	7
POWER-PLAY GOALS.....	1
POWER-PLAY EFFICIENCY.....	14.3%
PENALTY KILLS.....	12
POWER-PLAY GOALS ALLOWED.....	0
PENALTY-KILL EFFICIENCY.....	100.0%
SHORT-HANDED GOALS.....	0
PENALTY MINUTES.....	50
TEAM SAVES.....	44
TEAM SAVE PERCENTAGE.....	.957
SHUTOUTS.....	1

<b>Points.....</b>	<b>Ty Smilanic, Dylan Peterson (4)</b>
<b>Goals.....</b>	<b>Thomas Bordeleau, Tanner Latsch (2)</b>
<b>Assists.....</b>	<b>Ty Smilanic, Dylan Peterson (3)</b>
<b>Wins.....</b>	<b>Drew Comnesso (1)</b>
<b>Goals Against Average.....</b>	<b>Drew Comnesso (1.02)</b>
<b>Save Percentage.....</b>	<b>Drew Comnesso (.957)</b>