



Team USA Game Notes

2014 IIHF World Junior Championship • Malmo, Sweden

Team USA (0-0-0-0) vs. Czech Republic (0-0-0-0)

Dec. 26, 2013, 5:30 p.m. (11:30 a.m. ET) • Pre-Tournament Game

Team USA Schedule

Friday, Dec. 20 -- Pre-Tournament
vs. Sweden L, 4-2

Saturday, Dec. 22 -- Pre-Tournament
vs. Finland W, 3-2

Thursday, Dec. 26 -- Group A
vs. Czech Republic 5:30 p.m. (11:30 a.m.)

Saturday, Dec. 28 -- Group A
vs. Slovakia 1:30 p.m. (7:30 a.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 29 -- Group A
vs. Germany 3:00 p.m. (9:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, Dec. 31 -- Group A
vs. Canada 5:30 p.m. (11:30 a.m.)

Thursday, Jan. 2 -- Quarterfinal
TBD TBD

Friday, Jan. 3 -- Semifinal
TBD TBD

Sunday, Jan. 5 -- Medal Round
TBD TBD

All games: live on NHL Network U.S. (DirectTV 215, Dish 477),
live streamed on NHL.com in U.S.

USA HOCKEY WINTER EVENTS UPDATE

• The U.S. Women's National Team defeated Canada by a score of 4-1 on Friday (Dec. 20) at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks, N.D. Monique and Jocelyne Lamoureux each tallied a goal and an assist. The U.S. and Canada will meet twice more before the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. USA hosts Canada Dec. 28 at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn. Faceoff is 4 p.m. ET and NBC Sports Network will air the game live. The U.S. visits Toronto Dec. 30 to face Canada at 7 p.m. ET. The game will be shown by Universal Sports.

• The U.S. Olympic Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Teams will be announced Jan. 1, 2014, at the Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic in Ann Arbor, Mich. The women's team will be announced during the second intermission live on NBC Sports. The men's team will be unveiled immediately following the game, also on NBC Sports.

• The 2014 World Under-17 Challenge runs Dec. 28, 2013-Jan. 4, 2014, in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The U.S. National Under-17 Team is led by head coach Don Granato. The team will face Canada-Quebec, Russia, Germany, Canada-Atlantic and Canada-Ontario during group play.

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TODAY'S GAME

The United States faces Czech Republic at Malmo Isstadion (capacity: 5,000) to open Group A play at the 2014 IIHF World Junior Championship. The Czechs finished last year's tournament in fifth place. The U.S. is designated as the road team for the contest, yet will wear its white jerseys. In the U.S., the game will be televised live on NHL Network (DirectTV 215, Dish 477) and streamed live on NHL.com. NHL Network will replay tonight at 7:00 p.m. ET.

THE SERIES VS. CZECH REPUBLIC

- The U.S. leads in the all-time series vs. Czech Republic, 9-1-1-7-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T).
- The U.S. defeated the Czechs, 7-0, in the quarterfinal round of last year's tournament.
- Since 2006, Team USA has won four of five meetings, including two quarterfinal confrontations.

LAST GAME: USA 3, FINLAND 2

Goaltender **Jon Gillies** made 38 saves, including a second period penalty shot and five point-blank shots in the final minute of play in Team USA's final pre-tournament game in Angelholm, Sweden. **Dan O'Regan** scored a first period power-play goal, while Finland scored a man-advantage marker of its own in the second period. Team USA received goals from Ryan Hartman and Brady Skjei in the first five minutes of the third period to claim a 3-1 lead. Finland capitalized on a five-on-three advantage midway through the period, but Gillies secured the win down the stretch.

CAPTAIN AMERICA

Riley Barber is serving as captain of Team USA, while **Andrew Copp** and **Matt Grzelcyk** are the alternate captains. A year ago, Barber helped the U.S. National Junior Team capture the gold medal at the 2013 IIHF World Junior Championship in Ufa, Russia. He contributed three goals and three assists. Barber, Copp and Grzelcyk were teammates on the U.S. squad that won the gold medal at the 2012 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship in Brno, Czech Republic.

CALCULATED CHEMISTRY

Nic Kerdiles, **Dan O'Regan** and **Riley Barber** played together against Sweden and Finland, combining for two goals and three assists. All three have been primary scoring threats for their college teams and at previous international competitions. Kerdiles leads the University of Wisconsin in points (8-9--17) this season and led Team USA in scoring (4-5--9) en route to the gold medal at the 2012 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship. As Kerdiles' center at that tournament, O'Regan tallied 1-3--4. Also, O'Regan led Boston University in scoring (16-22--38) in 2012-13 as a freshman and is among BU's top scorers this season. Finally, Barber is tied for second in college hockey this year with 28 points (11-17). A year ago, he tallied 3-3--6 to help Team USA win the gold medal at the World Junior Championship in Ufa, Russia.

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WELCOME BACK

Forwards **Riley Barber** and **Ryan Hartman**, as well as goaltender **Jon Gillies** were members of the 2013 U.S. National Junior Team that won the gold medal in Ufa, Russia. Barber contributed three goals, which tied for third on Team USA, and three assists for six points. Hartman tallied two goals and an assist. Gillies was the backup netminder to John Gibson for the U.S., stopping all seven shots he faced in 20 minutes of action.

MEDAL SUCCESS

The United States captured its third gold medal at the 2013 IIHF World Junior Championship. Team USA has finished atop the podium in three of the last 10 tournaments. During that span, the U.S. also won a pair of bronze medals in 2007 and 2011.

In the 37-year history of the IIHF World Junior Championship, Team USA has garnered eight medals (3 gold, 1 silver, 4 bronze).

U.S. MEDALS AT THE WJC

Year	Medal	Coach
2013	Gold	Phil Housley
2011	Bronze	Keith Allain
2010	Gold	Dean Blais
2007	Bronze	Ron Rolston
2004	Gold	Mike Eaves
1997	Silver	Jeff Jackson
1992	Bronze	Walt Kyle
1986	Bronze	Dave Peterson

GOLD MEDAL PEDIGREE

The United States has won four of the last five IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championships. Six players on the 2014 U.S. National Junior Team roster helped Team USA to the silver medal at the 2013 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship, including **Will Butcher**, **Thatcher Demko**, **Jack Eichel**, **Hudson Fasching**, **Tyler Motte** and **Steve Santini**. Eleven players were gold medalists at the 2012 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship, including **Riley Barber**, **Will Butcher**, **Connor Carrick**, **Andrew Copp**, **Tommy DiPauli**, **Matt Grzelcyk**, **Ryan Hartman**, **Nic Kerdiles**, **Dan O'Regan**, **Quentin Shore** and **Brady Skjei**. Kerdiles was also a member of the U.S. team that won the 2011 IIHF

Men's Under-18 World Championship.

TEAM BUILDING

Sixteen of the 24 players on the U.S. National Junior Team roster were members of the U.S. National Team Development Program. Additionally, **Dan O'Regan** played the final part of the 2011-12 with the U.S. National Under-18 Team.

The list of past NTDP members includes forwards **Riley Barber** (2011-12), **Andrew Copp** (2010-12), **Tommy DiPauli** (2010-12), **Jack Eichel** (2012-14), **Hudson Fasching** (2011-13), **Ryan Hartman** (2010-12), **Nic Kerdiles** (2010-12), **Stefan Matteau** (2010-12), **Tyler Motte** (2011-13), **Quentin Shore** (2010-12); defensemen **Will Butcher** (2011-13), **Connor Carrick** (2010-12), **Matt Grzelcyk** (2010-12), **Steve Santini** (2011-13) and **Brady Skjei** (2010-12); and goaltender **Thatcher Demko** (2012-13).

FAMILY TIES

A number of U.S. players have family roots in college and/or professional hockey.

- **Riley Barber's** dad, Don, played at Bowling Green State University and in the NHL.
- **Will Butcher's** dad, Joe, skated for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.
- **Tommy DiPauli's** brother, Theo, is a sophomore at Union College.
- **Jon Gillies' dad**, Bruce, played goalie at the University of New Hampshire and in the IHL.
- **Stefan Matteau's** father, Stephane, played 13 seasons in the NHL.
- **Dan O'Regan's** dad, Tom, played at Boston University, in the NHL and in Europe. Dan's brother, Tommy, skates for Harvard University.
- **Steve Santini's** dad, Steve Sr., played for the University of Maine.
- **Quentin Shore's** brothers, Drew and Nick, each played for the University of Denver and are now in the AHL.
- **Jacob Slavin's** sister, Jordan, played at the University of North Dakota.
- **Zach Stepan** is the cousin of New York Ranger Derek Stepan, who captained the 2010 U.S. National Junior Team that won the gold medal.

SWEDEN TIES

Team USA assistant coach **Greg Brown** played the 1995-96 season for Rogle Angelholm of the Swedish Elite League. Lindab Arena, the venue for Team USA's exhibition games vs. Sweden and Finland, is the home rink for Rogle Angelholm.

HEAD COACH DON LUCIA



Don Lucia is serving as head coach of the U.S. National Junior Team for the first time.

In his 27th season as a head men's ice hockey coach at the NCAA Division I level, Lucia's 634 wins rank fourth all-time among active coaches. He has won two national titles (Minnesota-2002, 2003) and his teams have averaged nearly 24 victories per season.

Lucia has had a variety of U.S. coaching positions. In August 2012, he was a camp coach at the U.S. National Junior Evaluation Camp in Lake Placid, N.Y. In 1996, he served as head coach of the U.S. Select-16 Team in a series vs. Finland. In 1995, he was the head coach of Team West at the United States Olympic Festival in Denver, and later that year was an assistant coach for the U.S. Men's Select Team that competed for the Tampere Cup in Finland.

Lucia has been the head men's ice hockey coach at the University of Minnesota since the 1999-2000 season, winning national titles in 2002 and 2003, and guiding the Gophers to two other Frozen Four appearances (2005, 2012).

From 1993-99, he was at the helm of the Colorado College program, which he took to a pair of NCAA Frozen Fours (1996, 1997). Lucia began his head-coaching career in 1987 at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he stayed until 1993.

Lucia's first coaching stint came as an assistant coach at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (1981-85). He also served two seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Alaska Anchorage (1985-87).

A native of Grand Rapids, Minn., Lucia played collegiately at the University of Notre Dame (1977-81).

Lucia and his wife, Joyce, have two daughters, Alison and Jessica, as well as two sons, Tony and Mario. Tony played hockey at the University of Minnesota from 2006-10. Mario is a sophomore forward at the University of Notre Dame and was a member of the 2013 U.S. National Junior Team that won the gold medal. Lucia also became a grandfather in the summer of 2011. The Lucia family makes its home in Plymouth, Minn.

Team USA and the NHL

OVERALL DRAFT PICKS (22)
 2014 DRAFT ELIGIBLE (1)
 2015 DRAFT ELIGIBLE (1)

First Round (4)

28 Brady Skjei (NYR-12)
 29 Stefan Matteau (NJ-12)
 30 Ryan Hartman (CHI-13)

Second Round (5)

31 Ian McCoshen (FLA-13)
 33 Adam Erne (TB-13)
 36 Nic Kerdiles (ANA-12)
 42 Steve Santini (NJ-13)
 45 Anthony Stolarz (PHI-12)

Third Round (2)

75 Jon Gillies (CGY-12)
 85 Matt Grzelcyk (BOS-12)

Fourth Round (6)

100 Tommy DiPauli (WSH-12)
 104 Andrew Copp (WPG-13)
 112 Zach Stepan (NSH-12)
 118 Hudson Fasching (LA-13)
 120 Jaccob Slavin (CAR-12)
 121 Tyler Motte (CHI-13)

Fifth Round (3)

123 Will Butcher (COL-13)
 137 Connor Carrick (WSH-12)
 138 Dan O'Regan (SJ-12)

Sixth Round (3)

167 Riley Barber (WSH-12)
 168 Quentin Shore (OTT-13)
 169 Vince Hinostroza (CHI-12)

Seventh Round (0)

BY TEAM	
Chicago	3
Washington	3
New Jersey	2
Anaheim	1
Boston	1
Calgary	1
Carolina	1
Colorado	1
Florida	1
Los Angeles	1
Nashville	1
New York Rangers	1
Ottawa	1
Philadelphia	1
San Jose	1
Tampa Bay	1
Winnipeg	1



During USA's game vs. Sweden, the public address announcer prompted fans to welcome Brown back to Angelholm.

EXTRA SPECIAL TEAMS

A year ago, the U.S. led the tournament in penalty killing at 89.3%, allowing three power-play goals over 28 chances. The U.S. had perfect penalty kill games against Germany, Canada (twice) and the Czech Republic, while allowing a single power-play goal to Russia, Slovakia and Sweden. The U.S. led the 2013 tournament with 12 power-play goals and was fourth in power-play efficiency (29.3%, 12-for-41). Of Team USA's 34 goals, 35% came with a man-advantage. John Gaudreau had a tournament-best four power-play goals.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Forwards **Alex Galchenyuk** (Montreal)

and **J.T. Miller** (New York Rangers) and defensemen **Seth Jones** (Nashville), **Connor Murphy** (Phoenix) and **Jacob Trouba** (Winnipeg) have each made their NHL debuts since helping Team USA win the gold medal a year ago. Jones, Trouba and Galchenyuk could have played for the 2014 U.S. National Junior Team.

Roster Breakdown

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Illinois	5
Massachusetts	3
Minnesota	3
California	2
Colorado	2
Wisconsin	2
Connecticut	1
Maine	1
Michigan	1
New Jersey	1
New York	1
Pennsylvania	1

BIRTH YEAR

1994	16
1995	6
1996	1

BY COLLEGE

Boston College	3
Boston University	2
University of Denver	2
University of Minnesota	2
University of Notre Dame	2
Colorado College	1
Miami University	1
University of Michigan	1
Minnesota State University	1
Providence College	1
University of Wisconsin	1

OTHER LEAGUES

OHL	2
AHL	2
QMJHL	1
USHL	1

Player Stats

Average Age: 19 years, 3 months
 Average Height: 6'2"
 Average Weight: 193 lbs.
 Shoots/Catches: Left: 14 Right: 9

Oldest Player:

Matt Grzelcyk (1/5/94)

Youngest Player:

Jack Eichel (10/28/96)