



Team USA Game Notes

2016 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship

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St. Catharines, Ontario • Meridian Centre



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GAME DAY: The 2016 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team went undefeated in the preliminary round of the 2016 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship with a pair of 6-0 wins over Czech Republic on Friday and Russia on Saturday followed by a 4-1 victory over Canada on Monday. The U.S. moved on to defeat Sweden, 4-0, in semifinal play last night and earn a spot in the gold-medal game tonight against Canada at 7:30 p.m. ET at Meridian Centre in St. Catharines, Ontario. The match-up will be streamed at NHL.com.

OFFENSIVE OUTBURST: After four games, 17 U.S. players have tallied at least one point, including scoring leaders **Rebecca Gilmore** (4-2) and **Taylor Wente** (0-6). Gilmore and **Natalie Snodgrass** lead the team and are tied for second in the tournament with four goals each. Wente is tied for the event lead with six assists. **Cayla Barnes** is tied for first among defensemen with five assists and is tied for second among defensemen with five points.

SHUTTING THE DOOR: The U.S. has allowed only one goal in four games, outscoring their opponents 20-1 overall. **Beth Larcom** (games one and three) and **Alex Gulstene** (game two) recorded shutouts in the tournament.

TEAM USA MILESTONES: During the tournament, **Taylor Heise, Natalie Heising, Emily Oden, Catherine Skaja and Grace Zumwinkle** scored their first goals as members of Team USA.

#DLSTRONG: The U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team honored Denna Laing earlier this week in a show of support for the Boston Pride (NWHL) forward who was injured during a game on Dec. 31. Team USA is now wearing helmet decals with "DL Strong" to show their support for Denna and her family.

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USA vs. CANADA: The U.S. defeated Canada, 4-1, in preliminary round play. Overall, this is the 11th time they have met at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. Team USA holds a 3-3-2-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record against Canada. The U.S. has outscored Canada, 28-25 overall.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. and Canada have gone head-to-head in the gold-medal game every year since the tournament's inception in 2008, with the U.S. topping Canada last year, 3-2, in an exciting overtime victory to claim the gold medal, becoming the first team to do so on home soil. The teams are knotted, 2-2-2-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) in gold medal games.

YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS - TEAM USA AT U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Head Coach	Record *	Finish
2016	Joel Johnson	4-0-0-0-0	----
2015	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0-0	Gold Medal
2014	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-0-1-0	Silver Medal
2013	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-1-0-0	Silver Medal
2012	Heather Linstad	4-0-0-1-0	Silver Medal
2011	Jodi McKenna	5-0-0-0-0	Gold Medal
2010	Katie King	4-0-1-0-0	Silver Medal
2009	Mark Johnson	4-1-0-0-0	Gold Medal
2008	Katey Stone	5-0-0-0-0	Gold Medal

*(W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

CAREER RESULTS - TEAM USA AT U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

USA vs.	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	T	GF	GA	SO	SOA
Canada	10	3	3	2	2	0	28	25	0	0
Czech Rep.	12	12	0	0	0	0	116	3	8	0
Finland	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0
Germany	2	2	0	0	0	0	18	1	1	0
Hungary	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0
Japan	2	2	0	0	0	0	18	2	0	0
Russia	7	7	0	0	0	0	62	2	5	0
Sweden	8	8	0	0	0	0	56	4	6	0
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	0	0	11	0	1	0
Totals	44	37	3	2	2	0	321	37	23	0

2016 IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP • TEAM USA SCHEDULE & RESULTS

(All Games at Meridian Centre)

Date	Preliminary Round	Time (ET)	Result	U.S. Player of Game	Live Stream
Jan. 8	Czech Republic	4 p.m.	6-0	Grace Zumwinkle	FASTHockey.com
Jan. 9	Russia	4 p.m.	6-0	Alex Woken	FASTHockey.com
Jan. 11	Canada	7:30 p.m.	4-1	Rebecca Gilmore	FASTHockey.com
Date	Semifinal Round	Time (ET)	Result	U.S. Player of Game	Live Stream
Jan. 14	Sweden	4 p.m.	4-0	Natalie Heising	FASTHockey.com
Date	Gold Medal Game	Time (ET)	Result	U.S. Player of Game	Live Stream
Jan. 15	Canada	7:30 p.m.	--	----	NHL.com

COACHES' CORNER: Joel Johnson, associate head coach of the University of Minnesota women's ice hockey team, was named head coach of the U.S. Women's Under-18 Team for the 2015-16 seasons ... Joining him as assistant coaches are **Katie Lachapelle**, assistant women's ice hockey coach at Boston University, and **Maura Crowell**, head women's ice hockey coach at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. **Lucy Schoedel**, head women's ice hockey coach at Northwood School, is the goalie coach.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE: Team USA's roster features seven players who helped the 2015 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team earn a gold medal at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship on home soil in Buffalo, New York. They are **Cayla Barnes**, **Grace Bowlby**, **Rebecca Gilmore**, **Patricia Marshall**, **Presley Norby**, **Natalie Snodgrass** and **Alex Woken**.

A NATIONAL APPEARANCE: **Presley Norby** helped the U.S. Women's National Team win the Four Nations Cup in November.

UNDER-18 SERIES PERFORMERS: Nineteen players on the roster also participated in the 2015 Under-18 Series vs. Canada in August.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Fifteen players are making their debut in this particular tournament, including three players, **Jesse Compher**, **Natalie Heising** and **Crystalyn Hengler**, who are representing Team USA for the first time in their career.

MARSHALL'S CAPTAINCY: **Patricia Marshall** is serving as team captain and the alternate captains are **Presley Norby** and **Alex Woken**. It is the second consecutive event that Marshall has served as captain for Team USA, after fulfilling the same capacity for the U.S. Women's Under-18 Select Team at the Under-18 Series vs. Canada in August. Norby and Woken were also alternates at that event.

TEAM FIRST: Members of Team USA are already teammates on other teams, including four players who skate for Shattuck St. Mary's (**Makayla Langei**, **Patricia Marshall**, **Gracie Ostertag**, **Alex Woken**) and two (**Cayla Barnes**, **Rebecca Gilmore**) who play for the East Coast Wizards and two (**Grace Bowlby**, **Emily Oden**) who play for Edina High School.

AGE APPROPRIATE: The average age of Team USA is 16.4 years old. **Beth Larcom**, 17, is the oldest member of the team, while 15-year old **Madeline Wethington** is the youngest.

MAKING A STATEMENT: Members of Team USA represent seven different states. Minnesota leads the pack with 16 representatives, followed by California, Illinois, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Rhode Island and Washington with one each.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Minnesota	16	North Dakota	1
California	1	Rhode Island	1
Illinois	1	Washington	1
Massachusetts	1		

BIRTH YEAR

1998: 10	1999: 9	2000: 3
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Average Age: 16 years, 4 months

Average Height: 5'7"

Average Weight: 147 lbs.

Oldest Player: Beth Larcom (1/16/98)

Youngest Player: Madeline Wethington (7/14/00)

NUMERICAL ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
2	Gracie Ostertag	Defense
3	Emily Brown	Defense
4	Madeline Wethington	Defense
5	Presley Norby	Forward
6	Makayla Langei	Defense
7	Cayla Barnes	Defense
8	Grace Bowlby	Defense
9	Crystalyn Hengler	Defense
10	Natalie Snodgrass	Forward
11	Sydney Brodt	Forward
14	Jesse Compher	Forward
16	Taylor Went	Forward
18	Grace Zumwinkle	Forward
19	Patricia Marshall	Defense
20	Alex Woken	Forward
21	Emily Oden	Forward
22	Catherine Skaja	Forward
23	Taylor Heise	Forward
24	Rebecca Gilmore	Forward
25	Natie Heising	Forward
29	Alex Gulstene	Goaltender
30	Beth Larcom	Goaltender

TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Reagan Carey
Manager of Women's Hockey	Marissa Halligan
Head Scout	Matt Kelly
Head Coach	Joel Johnson
Assistant Coach	Maura Crowell
Assistant Coach	Katie Lachapelle
Goaltending Coach	Lucy Schoedel
Team Doctor	Tracey Viola
Athletic Trainer	Paul Rucci
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Jill Zeller
Sports Dietician	Carrie Aprik
Equipment Manager	Kevin Vaughan
Director of Communications	Rob Koch
Video Coordinator	Alex Dawes

2016 U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - TEAM USA STATISTICS
Game-By-Game Individual Player Stats

NO. PLAYER	Jan. 8 USA-CZE	Jan. 9 USA-RUS	Jan. 11. USA-CAN	Jan. 14 USA-SWE	Jan. 15 USA-CAN
2 Gracie Ostertag	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	
3 Emily Brown	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
4 Madeline Wethington	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	
5 Presley Norby	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	
6 Makayla Langei	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	
7 Cayla Barnes	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-1	
8 Grace Bowlby	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	
9 Crystalyn Hengler	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
10 Natalie Snodgrass	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	
11 Sydney Brodt	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	
14 Jesse Compher	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	
16 Taylor Wente	0-1	0-3	0-2	0-0	
18 Grace Zumwinkle	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	
19 Patricia Marshall	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
20 Alex Woken	0-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	
21 Emily Oden	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	
22 Catherine Skaja	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
23 Taylor Heise	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	
24 Rebecca Gilmore	0-1	2-0	2-1	0-0	
25 Nattie Heising	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	
29 Alex Gulstene	DNP	0-0	0-0	DNP	
30 Beth Larcom	0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0	

Notes - DNP - did not play; first number represents goals, second number assists.

Overall Team Statistics

NO. PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2 Gracie Ostertag	D	4	0	1	1	0
3 Emily Brown	D	4	0	0	0	2
4 Madeline Wethington	D	4	0	1	1	2
5 Presley Norby	F	4	0	2	2	0
6 Makayla Langei	D	4	0	1	1	0
7 Cayla Barnes	D	4	0	5	5	0
8 Grace Bowlby	D	4	0	2	2	2
9 Crystalyn Hengler	D	4	0	0	0	0
10 Natalie Snodgrass	F	4	4	1	5	6
11 Sydney Brodt	F	4	3	1	4	0
14 Jesse Compher	F	4	0	1	1	4
16 Taylor Wente	F	4	0	6	6	0
18 Grace Zumwinkle	F	4	1	2	3	2
19 Patricia Marshall	D	4	0	0	0	0
20 Alex Woken	F	4	2	1	3	0
21 Emily Oden	F	4	2	0	2	6
22 Catherine Skaja	F	4	1	0	1	2
23 Taylor Heise	F	4	2	1	3	2
24 Rebecca Gilmore	F	4	4	2	6	0
25 Nattie Heising	F	4	1	1	2	0
29 Alex Gulstene	G	2	0	0	0	0
30 Beth Larcom	G	2	0	0	0	0

Game-By-Game Goaltender Record

NO. PLAYER	Jan. 8 USA-CZE	Jan. 9 USA-RUS	Jan. 11. USA-CAN	Jan. 14 USA-SWE	Jan. 15 USA-CAN
29 Alex Gulstene	DNP	1-0	1-0	DNP	
30 Beth Larcom	1-0	DNP	DNP	1-0	

Overall Team Goaltender Record

NO. NAME	GP	MIN	W-L	GA	SV	GAA	SV%
29 Alex Gulstene	2	120	2-0	1	44	0.50	.978
30 Beth Larcom	2	120	2-0	0	16	0.00	1.000

RECAPPING LAST YEAR: The 2015 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team racked up three preliminary-round wins against Canada (2-1 SO), Czech Republic (3-0) and Russia (7-1) to finish atop Group A and earn a quarterfinal bye. In the semifinal, the U.S. defeated the Czechs 5-0 to secure a match up with rival Canada in the gold-medal game. The U.S. topped Canada, 3-2, in an exciting overtime victory to claim the gold medal, becoming the first team to do so on home soil. The United States finished the tournament 3-2-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L), outscoring opponents 20-4.

