



2021 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME NOTES

2021 IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | FRISCO & PLANO, TEXAS | APRIL 26 - MAY 6, 2021

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME #4 • USA (1-1-1-0) VS. FINLAND (2-1-0-0) • FRISCO, TEXAS • COMERICA CENTER • MAY 1, 2021

TONIGHT'S GAME

Team USA closes out preliminary round action with a game against Finland Saturday night. Both groups will be re-seeded after tonight's games heading into the knockout stage.

The U.S. holds an all-time record of 11-1-0-6-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) against the Finns in this tournament, going 7-0-0-4-0 in 11 preliminary round games. The two teams last met in the 2019 quarterfinals, a 6-0 shutout win for Team USA.

DATE	GAME TIME (LOCAL TIME/ET)	OPPONENT
Sat., May 1 Watch Live:	8:00 P.M. / 9:00 P.M. HockeyTV.com	Finland

All of Team USA's games will take place at Comerica Center in Frisco, Texas, home of the G-League's Texas Legends and official practice facility of the NHL's Dallas Stars.

TALKING POINTS

DON'T CALL IT A COMEBACK

It took Team USA until the third period to find the back of the net on Thursday, but that didn't stop them from getting the win over the Czech Republic. **Sasha Pastujov** (Bradenton, Fla.) scored 2:35 into the third frame and **Lane Hutson** (Barrington, Ill.) tallied the only shootout goal in 10 attempts to give the U.S. the extra point. **Kaidan Mbereko** (Aspen, Colo.) made 30 saves in net to pick up his first IIHF win.

HEAR IT FROM COACH

"You go through a tournament like this and that mental resiliency has to play a role and we've faced that already," said head coach **Dan Muse** (Canton, Mass.) after Thursday's win. "The big thing for me is that we're learning from things. We're learning when things don't go well, because nothing is going to be perfect. We have to make sure that we're growing as we move forward."

STAY OUT OF THE BOX

One of the most crucial battles in tonight's game will come on special teams, the Finland power play against Team USA's penalty kill. The Finns have connected on eight power-play goals through their first three games, tied for the most by any team in the tournament. On the contrary, Team USA's 24 penalty minutes marks the second fewest taken by any country.

BRICK BY MBEREKO

Team USA goaltender **Kaidan Mbereko** (Aspen, Colo.) made his IIHF debut in Thursday's 2-1 shootout victory over the Czech Republic. The 5-foot-11 netminder turned aside 30 of 31 shots in regulation and all five attempts he saw in the shootout. Mbereko's 1.11 goals-against average and .968 save percentage rank third among all goalies in the tournament with at least 50 minutes played.

SMALL IN STATURE, NOT IN GAME

U.S. defenseman **Lane Hutson** (Barrington, Ill.) stands in at 5-foot-7, the shortest player on the roster by three inches. That hasn't stopped him from collecting four points, all assists, in the team's first three prelim games. That point total ranks Hutson 1-5th among all blueliners in the tournament, and the top number for any 2004-born defenseman. Hutson showcased his handles with a slick shootout goal to give Team USA a win on Thursday.

RECORD SETTER

After scoring two power-play goals in Tuesday's 5-3 win over Germany, defenseman **Ty Gallagher** (Clarkston, Mich.) now sits in sole possession of first place for most career goals by a National Team Development Program blueliner with 24. Gallagher passed the previous mark of 22 set by **Cam York** (Anaheim Hills, Calif. / Philadelphia Flyers) during his two seasons from 2017-2019. Twenty-three of the 24 players on Team USA's roster come from USA Hockey's NTDP.

TOURNAMENT INFO

The 2021 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship will take place April 26 - May 6, 2021 in Frisco and Plano, Texas. The U.S. enters the tournament having medaled in ten straight IIHF U18 Men's World Championships for the first time in tournament history after earning bronze in 2019, silver in 2018, and gold in 2017.

Team USA will play its preliminary round games in Frisco at Comerica Center against Group B opponents Finland, Czech Republic, Germany and Russia. The quarterfinal round will be split between Frisco and Plano while the semifinals and medal-round games will all take place in Frisco.

Group A consists of Canada, Sweden, Latvia, Belarus and Switzerland and will play their games at Children's Health StarCenter in Plano.

TICKETING INFORMATION

Tickets are available for all preliminary-round games and quarter-final round games thru Ticketmaster and are sold as day passes, which are valid for all games played that day at Comerica Center. Seats will be sold as pod seating groups, featuring between two and four seats per pod, and no individual game tickets will be made available. Due to health and safety protocols, there will be no public tickets sold for tournament games at Children's Health StarCenter Plano.

WATCH ON HOCKEYTV.COM

HockeyTV.com will televise all tournament games from both groups at Comerica Center in Frisco and Children's Health StarCenter in Plano.

U.S. GAME SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
SAT., APRIL 24 Frisco, Texas	SWEDEN* Comerica Center	W, 5-1
MON., APRIL 26 Frisco, Texas	RUSSIA Comerica Center	OTL, 7-6
TUES., APRIL 27 Frisco, Texas	GERMANY Comerica Center	W, 5-3
THURS., APRIL 29 Frisco, Texas	CZECH REPUBLIC Comerica Center	W, 2-1 (SO)
SAT., MAY 1 Frisco, Texas	FINLAND Comerica Center	8:00 PM/9:00 PM
MON., MAY 3 Frisco, Texas	QUARTERFINALS Comerica Center	8:00 PM/9:00 PM
WED., MAY 5 Frisco, Texas	SEMIFINALS Comerica Center	4:00 PM/5:00 PM
THURS., MAY 6 Frisco, Texas	BRONZE-MEDAL GAME Comerica Center	4:00 PM/5:00 PM
THURS., MAY 6 Frisco, Texas	GOLD-MEDAL GAME Comerica Center	8:00 PM/9:00 PM

*Pre-tournament game All U.S. preliminary round games will be televised live on HockeyTV.com

MEDIA INFORMATION

U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team players and staff, including head coach Dan Muse, will be available for interviews in designated media slots via Zoom following all tournament games. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

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845.665.4151 **JON.EDWARDS@USAHOCKEY.ORG**
All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Jon Edwards, who is on-site with Team USA throughout the event.

HOMEPAGE **TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/2021U18MENSWORLDS**
Team USA information, including bios, team schedule, news and team history are available at the official website of USA Hockey's national teams.



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ADDITIONAL NOTES

FIRST IIHF WIN

The U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team never trailed en route to its first win of the 2021 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship, a 5-3 victory over Germany Tuesday night, fueled by two power-play goals from **Ty Gallagher** (Clarkston, Mich.). Goaltender **Gibson Homer** (Grand Rapids, Mich.) picked up his first International Ice Hockey Federation win in net, making 25 saves.

PRELIM VS. RUSSIA

The U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team earned a point, but fell to Russia in overtime, 7-6, in the first preliminary-round matchup of the 2021 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. Sean Behrens (1-2-3), Lane Hutson (0-3-3) and Sasha Pastujov (1-2-3) all recorded a trio of points for Team USA.

PRE-TOURNAMENT WIN

Team USA used five unanswered goals to take down Sweden, 5-1, in the team's lone pre-tournament game of the 2021 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship Saturday evening. **Aidan Hreschuk**, **Liam Gilmartin**, **Dylan Duke**, **Lane Hutson** and **Ty Gallagher** all scored for the U.S. in the win. Goaltenders **Kaidan Mbereko** and **Gibson Homer** split the game in net while Homer picked up the W.

LEADERSHIP GROUP

Shortly after arriving in Texas, Team USA announced its leadership group, headlined by 2021 captain **Red Savage** (Scottsdale, Ariz.). The forward will be assisted by a pair of blueliners named as alternate captains in **Sean Behrens** (Barrington, Ill.) and **Aidan Hreschuk** (Long Beach, Calif.).

KEEP THE STREAK ALIVE

The U.S. has medaled at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship in 16 consecutive tournaments, the longest streak in program and tournament history. Team USA has collected nine golds, four silvers and three bronze medals over the life of that span. The country's 10 all-time gold medals is a tournament record, last winning in 2017 in Poprad & Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia.

GROWING THE GAME

Two of Team USA's players will become the first players to represent their states at the U18 Men's World Championships. **Liam Gilmartin** (Falls Church, Va.) is the first player to don the red, white and blue in this tournament from Virginia while **Rutger McGroarty** (Lincoln, Neb.) will be the first skater to make the team from the Cornhusker State. In addition, Team USA boasts a pair of players each from California (Hreschuk & Murchison) and Florida (Pastujov & Straky), and one skater apiece from Montana (Holt), Ohio (Duke) and Arizona (Savage).

MVP STATUS

In his last game prior to coming to Texas, forward **Sasha Pastujov** (Bradenton, Fla.) was named the BioSteel All-American Game Player of the Game on April 7 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan. The University of Notre Dame commit scored a pair of goals and added an assist for a game-high three points. The BioSteel All-American game showcases the top American-born players in the United States Hockey League eligible for the 2021 NHL Draft. Both of Sasha's older brothers, Nick and Mike, played in the all-star game as well as the Under-18 Men's World Championship for Team USA.

FAMILY TIES

Team USA features a trio of skaters with some recognizable surnames from previous NHL playing careers. **Red Savage** is the son of Brian Savage, who played 674 NHL games with the Montreal Canadiens, Phoenix Coyotes, St. Louis Blues and Philadelphia Flyers. **Ryan St. Louis'** dad, Martin, was a Stanley Cup champion with the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2004 and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2018. He registered more than 1,000 points in his 16-year NHL career with the Calgary Flames, Lightning and New York Rangers. **Marek Hejduk** learned from his father, Milan, who played his entire 1020 game NHL career with the Colorado Avalanche, retiring with 805 career points (375-430-805) and as the franchise's all-time leader in games played.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING

Thirteen players on the U.S. roster were named to the NHL Central Scouting rankings list, last updated in January. The team features one A-rated prospect, indicating a projected 1st-round draft pick in the 2021 NHL Draft, in forward **Sasha Pastujov** (Bradenton, Fla.). Team USA claimed four B-rated skaters, projected 2nd or 3rd round selections, in **Sean Behrens** (Barrington, Ill.), **Dylan Duke** (Strongsville, Ohio), **Justin Janicke** (Maple Grove, Minn.) and **Roman Schmidt** (Midland, Mich.).

Ty Gallagher (Clarkston, Mich.), **Liam Gilmartin** (Falls Church, Va.), **Aidan Hreschuk** (Long Beach, Calif.), **Kaidan Mbereko** (Aspen, Colo.), **Ty Murchison** (Corona, Calif.), **Ryan St. Louis** (Riverside, Conn.), **Red Savage** (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and **Ethan Straky** (Ormond Beach, Fla.) were all listed as C-ranked players, projected to be taken in Rounds 4-6.

IIHF IN THE U.S.

The 2021 Under-18 Men's World Championship, happening in Frisco & Plano, Texas, marks the third of iteration of the championship that will be hosted in the United States. The U.S. previously played host in 2016 in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and in 2009 when the tournament happened in Fargo, North Dakota and Moorhead, Minnesota. The 2020 tournament was scheduled to take place in Plymouth and Ann Arbor, Michigan, but was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This tournament marks the first IIHF tournament on U.S. soil since the 2018 World Junior Championship in Buffalo, New York, when Team USA took home the bronze medal.

DIAPER DANDIES

Team USA is sporting its youngest roster in tournament history as seven of the 24 players on the team are underagers, born before the 2003 cut-off birth year. **Ryan Chesley** (Mahtomedi, Minn.), **Logan Cooley** (West Mifflin, Pa.), **Marek Hejduk** (Parker, Colo.), **Isaac Howard** (Hudson, Wis.), **Lane Hutson** (Barrington, Ill.), **Rutger McGroarty** (Lincoln, Neb.) and **Charlie Stramel** (Rosemount, Minn.) are all 2004 birthdays. Stramel will not be eligible for the NHL draft until 2023. All seven of these skaters will be eligible to return to the Under-18 Championship in 2022.



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NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	CURRENT TEAM (LEAGUE)	COLLEGE COMMITMENT (LEAGUE)
GOALTENDERS (3)								
1	Braden Holt	6-2 (188)	150 (68)	7/30/2003	L	Bozeman, Mont.	Everett Silvertips (WHL)	Uncommitted
29	Gibson Homer	6-6 (197)	210 (95)	12/29/2003	L	Grand Rapids, Mich.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	Uncommitted
30	Kaidan Mbereko	5-11 (180)	182 (83)	7/28/2003	L	Aspen, Colo.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	Uncommitted
DEFENSEMEN (8)								
2	Sean Behrens	5-10 (177)	177 (80)	3/31/2003	L	Barrington, Ill.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	University of Denver (NCHC)
3	Ryan Chesley	6-0 (184)	187 (85)	2/27/2004	R	Mahtomedi, Minn.	U.S. National Under-17 Team	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)
24	Ty Gallagher	6-0 (183)	188 (85)	3/6/2003	R	Clarkston, Mich.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)
17	Aidan Hreschuk	5-11 (180)	188 (85)	2/19/2003	L	Long Beach, Calif.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	Boston College (HEA)
20	Lane Hutson	5-7 (170)	140 (64)	2/14/2004	L	Barrington, Ill.	U.S. National Under-17 Team	Boston University (HEA)
5	Ty Murchison	6-2 (187)	192 (87)	2/2/2003	L	Corona, Calif.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	Arizona State University (IND)
27	Roman Schmidt	6-5 (195)	210 (95)	2/27/2003	R	Midland, Mich.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	Boston University (HEA)
10	Ethan Straky	5-11 (180)	174 (79)	4/18/2003	R	Ormond Beach, Fla.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)
FORWARDS (13)								
23	Logan Cooley	5-10 (178)	168 (76)	5/4/2004	L	West Mifflin, Pa.	U.S. National Under-17 Team	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)
7	Jack Devine	5-11 (180)	173 (78)	10/1/2003	R	Glencoe, Illinois	U.S. National Under-18 Team	University of Denver (NCHC)
25	Dylan Duke	5-10 (178)	175 (79)	3/4/2003	L	Strongsville, Ohio	U.S. National Under-18 Team	University of Michigan (Big Ten)
9	Liam Gilmartin	6-2 (187)	192 (87)	1/7/2003	L	Falls Church, Va.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	Providence College (HEA)
21	Marek Hejduk	5-11 (181)	186 (84)	1/3/2004	R	Parker, Colo.	U.S. National Under-17 Team	Harvard University (ECAC)
22	Isaac Howard	5-10 (177)	178 (81)	3/30/2004	L	Hudson, Wis.	U.S. National Under-17 Team	University of Minn.-Duluth (NCHC)
4	Jack Hughes	5-11 (180)	165 (75)	11/2/2003	L	Westwood, Mass.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	Northeastern University (HEA)
8	Justin Janicke	5-11 (180)	185 (84)	6/30/2003	L	Maple Grove, Minn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)
14	Rutger McGroarty	6-1 (185)	199 (90)	3/30/2004	L	Lincoln, Neb.	U.S. National Under-17 Team	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)
12	Sasha Pastujov	6-0 (184)	184 (83)	7/15/2003	L	Bradenton, Fla.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)
15	Ryan St. Louis	5-10 (177)	168 (76)	6/13/2003	L	Riverside, Conn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	Northeastern University (HEA)
19	Red Savage	5-11 (181)	180 (82)	5/15/2003	L	Scottsdale, Ariz.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	Miami University (NCHC)
28	Charlie Stramel	6-3 (191)	210 (95)	10/15/2004	R	Rosemount, Minn.	U.S. National Under-17 Team	Uncommitted

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TIME (ET)	NO	NAME	POS.	SWE [^] W, 5-1 4/24	RUS OTL, 7-6 4/26	GER W, 5-3 4/27	CZE SOW, 2-1 4/29	FIN 9:00 P.M. 5/1	QF 9:00 P.M. 5/3	SF 5:00 P.M. 5/5	MEDAL TBD 5/6	2021 U18 MWC TOTAL
2	Sean Behrens	D	--	--	PAA	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-2 (3)
3	Ryan Chesley	D	--	--	U	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
4	Jack Hughes	F	--	--	DND	G	--	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
5	Ty Murchison	D	--	--	--	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
7	Jack Devine	F	--	--	--	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
8	Justin Janicke	F	A*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
9	Liam Gilmartin	F	G*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
10	Ethan Straky	D	A	--	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
12	Sasha Pastujov	F	AA	--	APA	G	G	--	--	--	--	3-2 (5)
14	Rutger McGroarty	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
15	Ryan St. Louis	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
17	Aidan Hreschuk	D	GA	--	--	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
19	Red Savage	F	A*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
20	Lane Hutson	D	G	--	AAA	--	A	--	--	--	--	0-4 (4)
21	Marek Hejduk	F	--	--	--	DND	DND	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
22	Isaac Howard	F	AA	--	A	AA	--	--	--	--	--	0-3 (3)
23	Logan Cooley	F	A	--	A	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-2 (2)
24	Ty Gallagher	D	AP	--	--	PP	--	--	--	--	--	2-0 (2)
25	Dylan Duke	F	P	--	PG	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-0 (2)
27	Roman Schmidt	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
28	Charlie Stramel	F	--	--	A	UG*	--	--	--	--	--	1-1 (2)
1	Braden Holt	G	--	--	DNP	DNP	DND	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L)
												0.00 GAA
29	Gibson Homer	G	W	--	L (61:25) 28/35	W (60:00) 25/28	10:57 2/2	--	--	--	--	1-1 (W-L)
												4.53 GAA
30	Kaidan Mbereko	G	--	--	DND	DND	W (54:03) 30/31	--	--	--	--	1-0 (W-L)
												1.11 GAA

Key: For complete statistics, visit: <https://www.iihf.com/en/events/2021/wm18>

G - goal
A - assist
U - unassisted goal
P* - penalty shot goal
^ - pre-tournament game

P - power-play goal
S - shorthanded goal
G* - game-winning goal
A* - assist on game-winning goal

DNP - did not play
DND - did not dress
W - goaltender win
L - goaltender loss



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2021 SEASON STATISTICS

FORWARDS

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
4	Jack Hughes U.S. National Under-18 Team	34	7	25	32
7	Jack Devine U.S. National Under-18 Team	26	9	11	20
8	Justin Janicke U.S. National Under-18 Team	38	12	16	28
9	Liam Gilmartin U.S. National Under-18 Team	43	11	20	31
12	Sasha Pastujov U.S. National Under-18 Team	34	23	29	52
14	Rutger McGroarty U.S. National Under-17 Team	46	19	21	40
15	Ryan St. Louis U.S. National Under-18 Team	44	13	18	31
19	Red Savage U.S. National Under-18 Team	40	16	22	38
21	Marek Hejduk U.S. National Under-17 Team	37	7	17	24
22	Isaac Howard U.S. National Under-17 Team	44	30	36	66
23	Logan Cooley U.S. National Under-17 Team	40	20	22	42
25	Dylan Duke U.S. National Under-18 Team	46	25	19	44
28	Charlie Stramel U.S. National Under-17 Team	38	11	13	24

DEFENSE

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
2	Sean Behrens U.S. National Under-18 Team	39	6	25	31
3	Ryan Chesley U.S. National Under-17 Team	43	11	24	35
5	Ty Murchison U.S. National Under-18 Team	42	7	7	14
10	Ethan Straky U.S. National Under-18 Team	43	1	12	13
17	Aidan Hreschuk U.S. National Under-18 Team	43	5	28	33
20	Lane Hutson U.S. National Under-17 Team	43	4	17	21
24	Ty Gallagher U.S. National Under-18 Team	45	10	11	21
27	Roman Schmidt U.S. National Under-18 Team	41	3	11	14

GOALTENDERS

NO	NAME	GP	W-L-T-OTL	GAA	SV%
1	Braden Holt Everett Silvertips (WHL)	2	1-1-0-0	2.75	.862
29	Gibson Homer U.S. National Under-18 Team	29	18-8-0-1	2.86	.876
30	Kaidan Mbereko U.S. National Under-18 Team	23	11-4-0-2	3.06	.878

ROSTER DETAILS

HOME STATES (15)

ILLINOIS: 3
MICHIGAN: 3
MINNESOTA: 3
CALIFORNIA: 2
COLORADO: 2
FLORIDA: 2
ARIZONA: 1
CONNECTICUT: 1
MASSACHUSETTS: 1
MONTANA: 1
NEBRASKA: 1
OHIO: 1
PENNSYLVANIA: 1
VIRGINIA: 1
WISCONSIN: 1

COLLEGES (12)

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME: 6
BOSTON UNIVERSITY: 2
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER: 2
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY: 2
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY: 1
BOSTON COLLEGE: 1
HARVARD UNIVERSITY: 1
MIAMI UNIVERSITY: 1
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN: 1
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA: 1
UNIV. OF MINNESOTA-DULUTH: 1
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE: 1
NOT COMMITTED: 4

AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT TIES

USHL 23
NTDP 23
BIOSTEEL ALL-AMERICAN GAME 19

BY THE NUMBERS

Average Height 6ft 0in (183 cm)
Tallest Homer (6 ft 6in/197 cm)
Shortest Hutson (5ft 7in/170 cm)
Average Weight 186 lbs (84 kg)
Heaviest Homer (210 lbs/95 kg)
Schmidt (210 lbs/95 kg)
Stramel (210 lbs/95 kg)
Lightest Hutson (140 lbs/64 kg)
Oldest Gilmartin (18yrs 3mo)
Youngest Stramel (16yrs 6mo)
Shoot/Catch Left: 17 Right: 7

PRONUNCIATIONS

Sean Behrens
Ryan Chesley
Logan Cooley
Jack Devine
Dylan Duke
Ty Gallagher
Liam Gilmartin
Marek Hejduk
Braden Holt
Gibson Homer
Isaac Howard
Aidan Hreschuk

SHAWN BEAR-ihns
RIGH-uhn CHESS-lee
LOW-guhn KEWL-ee
JAK duh-VYNE
DILL-un DEWK
SHAWN BEAR-ihns
LEE-uhm GILL-mahr-tin
MARE-ihk HAY-dewk
BRAY-den HOHLT
GIHB-suhn HOH-murr
EYE-zihk HOW-uhrd
AY-dehn HER-shook

Jack Hughes
Lane Hutson
Justin Janicke
Kaidan Mbereko
Rutger McGroarty
Ty Murchison
Sasha Pastujov
Ryan St. Louis
Red Savage
Roman Schmidt
Ethan Straky
Charlie Stramel

JAK HEWZ
LAYNE HUT-sihn
JUHS-tin JAN-ih-key
KAY-dehn ehM-BEAR-uh-koh
RUT-gurr mick-GROAR-tee
TIGH MERCH-ih-suhn
SAH-shuh PAH-stuh-jawv
RIGH-uhn saint-lou-WEE
REHD SAV-idge
ROH-mihn SHMITT
EE-thin STRACK-ee
CHARR-lee STRAY-mull



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2021 U.S. STAFF

ABOUT THE STAFF

POSITION

NAME ABOUT MONAGHAN

General Manager

Scott Monaghan
Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J.

Scott Monaghan will serve as the general manager of the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team for the 22nd time at the 2021 U18 Men's Worlds. He has served on the staff for all ten gold medal-winning squads at the 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2017 championships. An original staff member of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, he currently serves as the assistant executive director of the NTDP and USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan. Monaghan works closely with the NTDP coaching staffs to develop the challenging schedule the teams play, including NCAA Division I and III schools and international tournaments along with regular USHL play. Monaghan has also served on the staff of six U.S. National Junior Teams, last serving as team leader for the gold medal-winning squad at the 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship in Saskatchewan. Monaghan currently sits on the USA Hockey Player Development Committee and the USA Hockey Junior Council.

Head Coach

Dan Muse
Canton, Mass.

Assistant Coach

Keith Allain
Worcester, Mass.

Assistant Coach

Mike Leone
Dearborn, Mich.

Assistant Coach

Nick Fohr
Grand Forks, N.D.

Assistant Coach

David Lassonde
Durham, N.H.

Director of Sports Science

Brian Galivan
Chicago, Ill.

Athletic Trainer

Jason Hodges
New Baltimore, Mich.

Equipment Manager

Jake Visser
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ABOUT MUSE

Muse is serving as head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team for the first time. He has previously served on the staff of two other international teams for USA Hockey, including as video coach of the gold medal-winning 2013 U.S. National Junior Team and also the 2014 U.S. National Junior Team. The Canton, Massachusetts, native owns 15 years of coaching experience at the junior, collegiate and professional coaching ranks and was an assistant coach with the Nashville Predators prior to joining the NTDP staff. Before going to Nashville, Muse served as head coach of the USHL's Chicago Steel for two seasons, where he led the team to a Clark Cup Championship in 2017. Previously, he was part of NCAA Division I coaching staffs at Yale University (2009-2015), where he helped the Bulldogs to the 2013 NCAA title, and Sacred Heart University (2008-09). He was also an assistant coach at Williams College (2007-08) after beginning his coaching career as an assistant at Milton Academy in 2005.

ABOUT ALLAIN

Allain, who most recently served on the international stage as an assistant coach for Team USA at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, will make his 15th appearance on a Team USA coaching staff and first at an IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. Allain has served as head men's ice hockey coach at Yale University since 2006 and guided the Bulldogs to their first-ever national title in 2013. All total, the Worcester, Mass., native has led the Bulldogs to six NCAA Tournament appearances, two regional finals, two ECAC Hockey Tournament championships, two ECAC Hockey regular-season titles and seven Ivy League championships. Allain and Muse served on the Bulldogs staff together for six seasons (2009-15).

ABOUT HODGES

Jason Hodges is in his 23rd season with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program and in 2020-21 served as athletic trainer for the U.S. National Under-18 Team. He was also named an athletic trainer on the 2021 U.S. National Junior Team that won gold in Edmonton and Red Deer, Alberta this January. Hodges has served on the staff of five gold-medal squads at the International Ice Hockey Federation Men's Under-18 World Championship (2005, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017). Additionally, he has two silver medals in the event (2007, 2013) and one bronze medal (2019).

ABOUT LEONE

Leone, in his second season as an assistant coach at the NTDP, is set to make his IIHF coaching debut. Leone brings previous experience coaching at both the collegiate and professional levels as he was an assistant at Bowling Green State University (2018-19) as well as with the ECHL's Quad City Mallards (2017-18). Leone skated three seasons at Western Michigan University (2010-2013) and proceeded to play parts of five professional campaigns across the ECHL and in France.

ABOUT FOHR

Fohr, in his 10th season with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, served as the associate coach of the U.S. National Under-17 Team this season. As assistant coach with Team USA, Fohr has helped lead two gold-medal teams (2015 & 2017) and one silver-medal squad (2013), at the International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship. Additionally, he served on the bench for one first-place finish (2014) and one second-place showing (2012) at the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. Fohr's tour of duty with USA Hockey has also included serving as assistant coach with the U.S. Under-18 Select Team four times (2012, 2014, 2016, 2017) and in that same position at three BioSteel All-American Games (2012, 2014, 2016). Fohr played four seasons (1998-2002) at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and also previously starred in two seasons with the USHL's Lincoln Stars (1996-98), where he earned a spot on the All-Star Team during the 1997-98 season.

ABOUT VISSER

Jake Visser is in his 11th season with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program and worked as the equipment manager for the U.S. National Under-18 Team in 2020-21. His stint has included three gold medals (2011, 2015, 2017), one silver medal (2013) and a bronze medal (2019) at the International Ice Hockey Federation Men's Under-18 World Championship. At the signature event for the U.S. National Under-17 Team, the World Under-17 Challenge, Visser has seen one first-place finish (January 2014) and one second-place finish (2012).

ABOUT LASSONDE

Lassonde, in his first year as USA Hockey's national goaltending coach, brings more than 30 years of coaching experience to the staff, including collegiate stops at Dartmouth College, University of Denver, University of New Hampshire, Miami University and University of Wisconsin. Internationally, Lassonde has served as an assistant coach for USA Hockey seven times, including helping the U.S. win gold at the 2013 IIHF World Junior Championship and a silver medal at the 2019 event.



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U.S. OUTLOOK AT 2021 IIHF U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2021 U.S. GROUP B OPPONENTS



RUSSIA **MONDAY, APRIL 26** **8:00 P.M. LOCAL** **9:00 P.M. ET**
Series vs. Russia: 8-1-2-10-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: Russia is the lone team that Team USA has a losing record against
LAST MEETING: APRIL 26, 2021 (RUS 7, USA 6 OT): Dylan Duke led the way with two goals while Sean Behrens (1-2-3), Lane Hutson (0-3-3) and Sasha Pastujov (1-2-3) chipped in three points apiece as the U.S. earned a point, but fell to Russia in overtime Monday evening at Comerica Center.



GERMANY **TUESDAY, APRIL 27** **8:00 P.M. LOCAL** **9:00 P.M. ET**
Series vs. Germany: 7-0-0-2-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: The U.S. has outscored Germany 47-9 over the last six games
LAST MEETING: APRIL 27, 2021 (USA 5, GER 3): Ty Gallagher (Clarkston, Mich.) scored twice and the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team never trailed in the game en route to a 5-3 victory over Germany Tuesday night in Frisco. Gibson Homer (Grand Rapids, Mich.) picked up his first IIHF win in net.



CZECH REPUBLIC **THURSDAY, APRIL 29** **8:00 P.M. LOCAL** **9:00 P.M. ET**
Series vs. Czech Republic: 13-2-1-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: The U.S. is on a 15-game win streak against the Czech Republic
LAST MEETING: APRIL 29, 2021 (USA 2, CZE 1 SO): Kaidan Mbereko (Aspen, Colo.) made 30 saves and stopped all five shootout attempts to lead Team USA to a 2-1 victory. Sasha Pastujov (Bradenton, Fla.) scored the tying goal in the third and Lane Hutson (Barrington, Ill.) netted the lone SO goal.



FINLAND **SATURDAY, MAY 1** **8:00 P.M. LOCAL** **9:00 P.M. ET**
Series vs. Finland: 11-1-0-6-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: The U.S. has won 6 of last 7 preliminary round matchups vs. Finland
LAST MEETING: APRIL 25, 2019 (USA 6, FIN 0): Jack Hughes had three goals and an assist, Cole Caufield scored his tournament-leading 12th goal, Trevor Zegras added four assists and Spencer Knight made 21 saves in a shutout performance to help Team USA over Finland.

U.S. U18 PLAYOFF HISTORY

Quarterfinal Record: 11-0-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Last QF: W, 3-1 vs. Finland (2019)
 The U.S. enters the 2021 event having outscored opponents, 36-7, in its last six quarterfinal games.

Semifinal Record: 8-5-2-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Last SF: L, 3-2 (SO) vs. Russia (2019)
 Cole Caufield scored a pair of goals but the U.S. fell to Russia in a shootout of the 2019 tournament's semifinal game.

Bronze-Medal Games: 3-0-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Total Bronze Medals: 3 ('08, '16, '19)
Last BMG: W, 5-2 vs. Canada (2019)
 Jack Hughes set the record for most points in a career at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship with a three-point night as Team USA topped Canada to take home its third bronze medal in tournament history.

Gold-Medal Games: 8-2-0-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Total Gold Medals: 10 ('02, '05, '06, '09, '10, '11, '12, '14, '15, '17)
Last GMG: L, 3-2 vs. Finland (2018)
 Patrick Giles and Trevor Janicke scored for Team USA, but it wasn't enough as the U.S. fell to Finland to capture its fourth silver medal in tournament history.

U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	RECORD	GF	GA
Belarus	9	8-0-0-0-1	69	8
Canada	15	10-2-2-2-0	66	36
Czech Republic	17	13-2-1-1-0	75	27
Denmark	3	3-0-0-0-0	16	2
Finland	18	11-1-0-6-0	52	36
Germany	9	7-0-0-2-0	55	14
Latvia	4	4-0-0-0-0	34	3
Norway	2	2-0-0-0-0	18	2
Russia	21	8-1-2-10-0	78	72
Slovakia	10	9-0-0-2-0	73	24
Sweden	17	13-2-0-3-0	83	38
Switzerland	10	9-0-0-1-0	47	18
Ukraine	4	4-0-0-0-0	33	0
TOTAL	142	101-8-5-27-1	705	282

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT U18 MWC

Year	Location	Record	Medal
2019	Umea & Ornskoldsvik	6-0-0-1-0	BRONZE
2018	Chelyabinsk & Magnitogorsk	4-0-0-3-0	SILVER
2017	Poprad & Spisska Nova Ves	6-1-0-0-0	GOLD
2016	Grand Forks	6-0-0-1-0	BRONZE
2015	Zug & Lucerne	5-1-0-1-0	GOLD
2014	Lappeenranta & Imatra	6-0-0-1-0	GOLD
2013	Sochi	3-1-0-3-0	SILVER
2012	Brno	6-0-0-0-0	GOLD
2011	Crimmitschau & Dresden	4-2-0-0-0	GOLD
2010	Minsk & Babruysk	6-0-0-1-0	GOLD
2009	Fargo & Moorhead	6-0-0-1-0	GOLD
2008	Kazan	5-0-0-2-0	BRONZE
2007	Tampere & Rauma	3-1-1-2-0	SILVER
2006	Angelholm & Halmstad	5-1-0-0-0	GOLD
2005	Ceske Budejorke & Plzen	6-0-0-0-0	GOLD
2004	Minsk	5-0-0-1-0	SILVER
2002	Piestany & Trnava	7-0-0-1-0	GOLD
TOTAL		10 Gold	4 Silver 3 Bronze

RECORD BY ROUND

Round	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L
Preliminary	87	67	1	2	17
Playoffs	3	2	0	0	1
Relegation	4	3	0	0	1
Fifth-Place	1	0	0	0	1
Quarterfinals	12	11	0	1	0
Semifinals	17	8	5	2	2
Bronze	4	3	0	0	1
Gold	14	8	2	0	4
Total	142	101	8	5	27



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U.S. TOURNAMENT RECORDS

GOALS

RANK	PLAYER	YEARS	GP	G	
1	Cole Caufield,	2018, 2019	14	18	
2	Phil Kessel	2004, 2005	12	16	
3	Jack Hughes	2018, 2019	14	14	
4	Auston Matthews	2014, 2015	14	13	
5	Jeremy Morin	2008, 2009	14	12	
6	Oliver Wahlstrom	2017, 2018	14	11	
7	Brett Sterling	2002	8	9	
8	Clayton Keller	2015, 2016	14	8	
	Reid Boucher	2011	6	8	
10	6 different players				7

ASSISTS

RANK	PLAYER	YEARS	GP	A
1	Jack Hughes	2018, 2019	14	18
2	Clayton Keller	2015, 2016	14	15
3	Rocco Grimaldi	2010, 2011	13	14
4	Cam York	2018, 2019	14	13
5	Jeremy Bracco	2015	7	10
	Matthew Tkachuk	2015	7	10
	Phil Kessel	2004, 2005	12	10
8	Matthew Boldy	2019	7	9
	Logan Brown	2016	7	9
	Auston Matthews	2014, 2015	14	9
	Jordan Schroeder	2007, 2008	14	9
	Jerry D'Amigo	2009	7	9
	J.T. Miller	2011	6	9
	Ryan Bourque	2008, 2009	14	9
	Adam Clendening	2009, 2010	14	9
	Jamie McBain	2006	6	9
	Ryan Suter	2002, 2003	14	9

POINTS

RANK	PLAYER	YEARS	GP	PTS	
1	Jack Hughes	2018, 2019	14	32	
2	Phil Kessel	2004, 2005	12	26	
3	Cole Caufield	2018, 2019	14	24	
4	Clayton Keller	2015, 2016	14	23	
5	Auston Matthews	2014, 2015	14	22	
6	Jeremy Morin	2008, 2009	14	18	
	Rocco Grimaldi	2010, 2011	13	18	
7	Cam York	2018, 2019	14	17	
8	Jordan Schroeder	2007, 2008	14	16	
9	Patrick O'Sullivan	2002	8	15	
10	3 players tied				14

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE

RANK	PLAYER	YEARS	GP	GAA
1	Jack Campbell	2009, 2010	11	0.80
	Collin Olson	2012	5	0.80
3	Evan Sarthou	2015	5	1.15
4	Jeff Frazee	2004, 2005	7	1.30
5	Jimmy Howard	2002	6	1.33
6	Joseph Woll	2016	3	1.34
7	Travis Weber	2000, 2001	6	1.45
8	Joe Palmer	2005, 2006	4	1.46
9	Jake Oettinger	2015, 2016	4	1.50
10	Cory Schneider	2004	5	1.71

SAVE PERCENTAGE

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	SV%
1	Jack Campbell	2009, 2010	11	.966
2	Collin Olson	2012	5	.965
3	Jeff Frazee	2004, 2005	7	.959
4	Jimmy Howard	2002	6	.954
5	Joe Palmer	2005, 2006	4	.948
6	Joseph Woll	2016	3	.947
7	Travis Weber	2000, 2001	6	.938
8	Jake Oettinger	2015, 2016	4	.934
9	Cory Schneider	2004	5	.929
10	Evan Sarthou	2015	5	.927

*minimum 180 minutes played

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

GOALS

RANK	PLAYER	YEARS	GP	G
1	Alexander Ovechkin	2002, 2003	14	23
2	Cole Caufield	2018, 2019	14	18
3	Teemu Pulkkinen	2009, 2010	12	17
4	Phil Kessel	2004, 2005	14	16
5	Jack Hughes	2018, 2019	14	14
	Jakub Vrana	2012, 2013	18	14
7	Ilya Kovalchuk	2000, 2001	12	13
	Toni Rajala	2008, 2009	12	13
	Kevin Romy	2002, 2003	14	13
	Auston Matthews	2014, 2015	14	13
	Andrei Kostitsyn	2001-2003	20	13

ASSISTS

RANK	PLAYER	YEARS	GP	G
1	Mikael Granlund	2009, 2010	12	20
2	Jack Hughes	2018, 2019	14	18
3	Konstantin Zakharov	2001-2003	19	16
4	Clayton Keller	2015, 2016	14	15
5	Mikhail Grigorenko	2011	7	14
	Rocco Grimaldi	2010, 2011	13	14
	Evgeny Kuznetsov	2009, 2010	14	14
8	Markus Granlund	2010, 2011	12	13
	Kevin Romy	2002, 2003	14	13
	Cam York	2018, 2019	14	13

POINTS

RANK	PLAYER	YEARS	GP	A
1	Jack Hughes	2018, 2019	14	32
2	Alexander Ovechkin	2002, 2003	14	31
3	Teemu Pulkkinen	2009, 2010	12	28
4	Phil Kessel	2004, 2005	12	26
	Kevin Romy	2002, 2003	14	26
	Mikael Granlund	2009, 2010	12	26
7	Andrei Kostitsyn	2001-2003	20	25
	Evgeny Kuznetsov	2009, 2010	13	25
9	Cole Caufield	2018, 2019	12	24
	Toni Rajala	2008, 2009	12	24

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (MIN 5 GP)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	PTS
1	Jack Campbell	2009, 2010	11	0.80
	Philippe Desrosiers	2013	5	0.80
	Collin Olson	2012	5	0.80
4	Evan Sarthou	2015	5	1.15
5	Jeff Frazee	2004, 2005	7	1.30
6	Ari Ahonen	1999	5	1.32
7	Jimmy Howard	2002	6	1.33
8	Jake Allen	2008	7	1.43
9	Travis Weber	2000, 2001	6	1.45
10	Kjell Bennemark	1999	6	1.50

SAVE PERCENTAGE (MIN 5 GP)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	SV%
1	Philippe Desrosiers	2013	5	.970
2	Jack Campbell	2009, 2010	11	.966
	Collin Olson	2012	5	.966
4	Jeff Frazee	2004, 2005	7	.959
5	Kari Lehtonen	2000, 2001	10	.954
	Jimmy Howard	2002	6	.954
7	Olof Lindbom	2018	6	.949
	Veini Vehvilainen	2015	7	.949
9	Jake Allen	2008	7	.948
10	Lukas Mensator	2002	7	.947

