



2024 U.S. U18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME NOTES

2024 IIHF U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | ESPOO & VANTAA, FINLAND | APRIL 25 - MAY 5, 2024

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME • USA (1-0-0-0) VS. NORWAY (0-0-0-1) • ESPOO, FINLAND • METRO ARENA • APRIL 27, 2024

TODAY'S GAME

Team USA continues preliminary-round play of the 2024 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship this evening against Norway.

Team USA has played Norway just three times in the history of the U18 Men's World Championship, winning all three games in the preliminary round.

DATE Sat., April 27
GAME TIME (LOCAL TIME/ET) 5:30 P.M. / 10:30 A.M.
OPPONENT Norway
Watch: NHL Network

All of Team USA's preliminary-round games will take place at Metro Areena in Espoo, home of the Finnish Elite League's Kiekko-Espoo. The arena seats 6,982 fans for hockey games.

TALKING POINTS

PRELIMINARY ROUND VS. SLOVAKIA

Behind two goals and two assists from **James Hagens** (Hauppauge, N.Y.) and a 24-save shutout from **Nick Kempf** (Chicago, Ill.), the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team shut out Slovakia, 9-0, in the opening game of the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship Wednesday afternoon.

BOSS TALK

"I thought our team played really hard and played with pace, which is something we really wanted to establish today," said head coach **Nick Fohr** (Grand Forks, N.D.). "We haven't played many games in the last couple weeks and we were able to get everybody moving and up to speed out there."

TOSS 'EM

Team USA forward **Cole Eiserman** (Newburyport, Mass.) netted the final two scores in the team's 9-0 opening preliminary round win over Slovakia on Wednesday to give him a hat-trick after finding the back of the net in the opening frame.

The 6-foot, 197-pound forward put the U.S. up 2-0 midway through the first on the power play, then proceeded to light the lamp twice more in the final 10 minutes of the game. All three of Eiserman's scores came from the net-front area.

The hat-trick was his second in IIHF play after he tallied four goals in last year's 12-1 preliminary round win over Norway. It also marked his third multi-score game in IIHF action over eight games played.

During the 2023-24 season with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, Eiserman recorded 12 multi-goal games, four hat-tricks and one game with four goals scored on September 30, 2023 against the Green Bay Gamblers.

The Boston University commit is up to 121 career NTDP goals, five off the all-time program record set by Cole Caufield from 2017-19. Eiserman's 184 career points (121g-63a) at the program ranks fifth all-time and with his next point, will tie current Boston College forward Gabe Perreaut for fourth place.

CONTINUE THE RUN

Team USA has only played Norway three times throughout the history of the U18 World Championship, with all three games won by the red, white and blue in the preliminary round. The first instance was back in 1999, a 10-2 win. That was followed by an 8-0 shutout in 2009 and a 12-1 victory last year in 2023. The 10.00 goals scored per game is the most for Team USA against any opponent in tournament history.

TOURNAMENT INFO

The 2024 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship will take place April 25 - May 5, 2024, in Espoo and Vantaa, Finland. The U.S. enters the tournament off of a gold-medal finish at the 2023 event in Switzerland. Team USA has earned 11 gold medals in tournament history, the most of any competing country.

Team USA will play its preliminary-round games in Espoo at Metro Arena against Group A opponents Finland, Latvia, Norway and Slovakia. The quarterfinal round will be split between Espoo and Vantaa, while both semifinals and medal-round games will all take place in Espoo.

Group A on the opposite side of the bracket consists of Canada, Czechia, Germany, Kazastan and Sweden and they will play their games at Vantaa Trio Arena in Vantaa.

WATCH ON NHL NETWORK

NHL Network will provide exclusive telecasts of all Team USA games at the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. The network will air all Team USA games live throughout the tournament, which begins Thursday (April 25) and runs through May 5 in Espoo and Vantaa, Finland.

U.S. GAME SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
SAT., APRIL 20 Vierumaki, Finland	SWEDEN* Vierumaki Ice Arena	W, 8-5 POG: N/A
THURS., APRIL 25 Espoo, Finland	SLOVAKIA Metro Arena	W, 9-0 POG: James Hagens
SAT., APRIL 27 Espoo, Finland	NORWAY Metro Arena	5:30 P.M./10:30 A.M.
SUN., APRIL 28 Espoo, Finland	LATVIA Metro Arena	6:00 P.M./11:00 A.M.
TUES., APRIL 30 Espoo, Finland	FINLAND Metro Arena	6:00 P.M./11:00 A.M.
THURS., MAY 2 Espoo / Vantaa	QUARTERFINALS TBD	TBD
SAT., MAY 4 Espoo, Finland	SEMIFINAL 1 Metro Arena	2:00 P.M./7:00 A.M.
SAT., MAY 4 Espoo, Finland	SEMIFINAL 2 Metro Arena	6:00 P.M./11:00 A.M.
SUN., MAY 5 Espoo, Finland	BRONZE MEDAL GAME Metro Arena	2:00 P.M./7:00 A.M.
SUN., MAY 5 Espoo, Finland	GOLD MEDAL GAME Metro Arena	6:00 P.M./11:00 A.M.

*Pre-tournament game

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

MEDIA INFORMATION

All U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team players, as well as head coach Nick Fohr, will be available for interviews in designated media areas following practices and games. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

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

ONLINE MEDIA GUIDE

TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/2024U18MENSWORLDS

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

HUTTY HELIUM

U.S. defenseman **Cole Hutson** (Chicago, Ill.), who was added to the roster ahead of the first game of the tournament, made his presence felt early as he converted for the first goal of the 2024 U18 Men's World Championship just 2:34 into regulation.

Hutson added a third-period assist on **Christian Humphreys'** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) score to give him his fifth multi-point game in eight career IIHF contests.

In those eight games, Hutson has 12 assists for Team USA. The all-time tournament record by a single player, set by Finland's Mikael Granlund, is 20 assists when he played two tournaments in 2009 and 2010. If Hutson can maintain his current 1.5 assists-per-game pace, he would put himself atop the all-time assist list at the U18 World Championship.

The production brought Hutson to 108 career points with the National Team Development Program, three off the all-time record of 111, set by J.D. Forrest over 208 games played in three seasons of play, instead of the standard two years nowadays.

BIG GAME JAMES

In a Team USA player of the game performance, **James Hagens** grabbed two goals and two assists for four points, all coming in the first 40 minutes of game action. Hagens earned a goal and an assist in both the first and second period, highlighted by a one-timer score from one knee after a highlight-reel passing display to close out the second period.

The four-point performance brought Hagens into the top-10 all-time NTDP scorers as he jumped Auston Matthews and Jeremy Bracco to move into sole possession of ninth on the all-time list with 169 points.

The future Boston College Eagle forward has 104 career assists over his two-year tenure, which puts him sixth. Next up on the assist leaderboard is last year's U18 World Championship MVP, Will Smith, who has 109.

POINTS ALL AROUND

Seven Team USA players registered multiple points in the team's opening preliminary round win over Slovakia. **James Hagens** racked up a team-high four points, **Cole Eiserman**, **Kamil Bednarik** (Chicago, Ill.) and **Brodie Ziemer** (Hutchinson, Minn.) chipped in three points apiece while **Teddy Stiga** (Sudbury, Mass.), **Max Plante** (Hermantown, Minn.) and **Cole Hutson** each chimed in with two points apiece in the 9-0 win.

TOURNEY LEADERS

Even though Team USA comes into today's action with only one game played while many other teams have two, the U.S. still has plenty of action along the tournament leaderboard, in both the team and individual levels.

Cole Eiserman leads the tournament through two days with his three goals from Game 1.

In the crease, **Nick Kempf's** perfect game places him atop the goaltenders' GAA and SV% lists.

As a team, the U.S. ranks first in shot percentage (25.7%), penalty killing (100.0%), save percentage (100.0%) and are the least penalized team in the tournament with just two penalty minutes assessed.

PRE-TOURNAMENT VS. CZECHIA

LJ Mooney (West Mifflin, Pa.) had a goal and three assists and **Christian Humphreys** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) added a pair of scores and an assist as the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team skated past Sweden, 8-5, in the team's lone pre-tournament game ahead of the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

Team USA saw all three rostered goaltenders get a period of action each: **Nick Kempf** (Chicago, Ill.) started and made nine saves in the opening period, **Caleb Heil** (Victoria, Minn.) saw the most action in net with 11 stops in the second and **Jack Parsons** (Ithaca, N.Y.) picked up the win in the third, stopping four of five shots he saw.

LEADERSHIP GROUP

Team USA is led by captain **Brodie Ziemer** (Hutchinson, Minn.) for the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. Fellow forwards **Max Plante** (Hermantown, Minn.) and **Teddy Stiga** (Sudbury, Mass.) will serve as alternate captains for the tournament. The three players served in the same capacities for the 2023-24 U.S. National Under-18 Team that played out of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program this season.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING

Eighteen members of the 2024 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team were named to the National Hockey League Central Scouting's Final Rankings ahead of the 2024 NHL Draft, set to take place June 28-29 at The Sphere in Las Vegas.

Trevor Connelly (Manhattan Beach, Calif.) was the highest-rated USA skater and finished at the number six overall ranking on the final report. **Cole Eiserman** (Newburyport, Mass.) sits in the 12th overall spot for North American skaters, while **Kamil Bednarik** (Chicago, Ill.) was also rated as a possible first-round selection at 28th overall.

Team USA was highly populated in the 2nd-3rd round projections, beginning with defenseman **EJ Emery** (Compton, Calif.) in at 39. He was followed closely behind by **Max Plante** (Hermantown, Minn.) at 43, and **Teddy Stiga** (Sudbury, Mass.) right behind at 44. A pair of defenseman were also given back-to-back rankings with **Cole Hutson** (Chicago, Ill.) at 55 and **Will Skahan** (Woodbury, Minn.) one spot behind at 56. Team USA captain **Brodie Ziemer** (Hutchinson, Minn.) rounded out the projected second-round choices with his ranking of 59.

Next up were **Christian Humphreys** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) and **Lucas Van Vliet** (Livonia, Minn.), who were named the 71st and 75th ranked North American skaters, respectively.

Austin Baker (White Lake, Mich.) was listed at 104, while **John Whipple** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **Brendan McMorrow** (Lakeville, Minn.) and **Sam Laurila** (Moorhead, Minn.) were all tight together at 145, 147 and 148.

In net, all three Team USA netminders were ranked among North America's best. **Nick Kempf** (Chicago, Ill.) was the fourth-ranked netminder, **Jack Parsons** (Ithaca, N.Y.) came in at 13th and **Caleb Heil** (Victoria, Minn.) finished in the 23rd slot.

The other five members of Team USA - defensemen **Logan Hensler** (Woodbury, Minn.) and **Dakoda Rheame-Mullen** (Northville, Mich.), along with forwards **James Hagens** (Hauppauge, N.Y.), **LJ Mooney** (West Mifflin, Pa.) and **Shane Vansaghi** (St. Louis, Mo.) are not age eligible for this year's draft and will be available for the 2025 NHL Draft.



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U.S. GAME SUMMARIES

PRE-TOURNAMENT GAME • USA VS. SWEDEN

April 20, 2024 - Vierumaki Arena - Vierumaki, Finland

United States	3	2	3	-	8
Sweden	1	3	1	-	5
1st:	USA - Mooney (Hensler, Stiga) PP, 11:58 USA - Humphreys (Baker, Pardue) - 12:22 USA - Stiga (Bednarik, Mooney) PP, 14:09 SWE - Magnertoft (Ihs Wozniak, Pettersson) PP, 18:31				
2nd:	SWE - Sahlin Wallenius (Pettersson, Berglund) PP, 5:12 SWE - Torresson (Pettersson, Eliasson) 6:17 SWE - Torresson (Ihs Wozniak, Pettersson) 12:17 USA - Plante (Eiserman) 14:25 USA - Humphreys (Rheaume-Mullen, Mooney) 14:25				
3rd:	USA - Connelly (Mooney) 3:24 USA - Van Vliet (Baker) 11:30 SWE - Pettersson (Magnertoft, Gustafsson) 15:41 USA - Hagens (Ziemer, Stiga) 17:53				
Penalties:	USA 3-6, SWE 4-8		Power Play: USA 2-4, SWE 2-3		
Saves:	USA - Kempf (9/10); 20:00 USA - Heil (11/14); 20:00 USA - Parsons (4/5); 20:00, W SWE - Liv (31/39); 60:00, L		Shots: USA 39-29		

Notes: **LJ Mooney** (West Mifflin, Pa.) had a goal and two assists and **Christian Humphreys** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) added a pair of scores as the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team skated past Sweden, 8-5, in the team's lone pre-tournament game ahead of the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

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April 25, 2024 - Metro Arena - Espoo, Finland

United States	3	3	3	-	9
Slovakia	0	0	0	-	0
1st:	USA - Hutson (Unassisted) 2:34 USA - Eiserman (Ziemer, Hagens) PP, 10:34 USA - Hagens (Unassisted) 19:19				
2nd:	USA - Stiga (Hagens, Ziemer) 0:59 USA - Whipple (Rheaume-Mullen, Bednarik) 4:42 USA - Hagens (Stiga, Ziemer) 7:07				
3rd:	USA - Humphreys (Connelly, Hutson) 7:18 USA - Eiserman (Bednarik, Plante) 9:58 USA - Eiserman (Bednarik, Plante) 18:23				
Penalties:	USA 1-2, SVK 3-6		Power Play: USA 1-3, SVK 0-1		
Saves:	USA - Kempf (24/24); 60:00 W SVK - Liv (31/39); 60:00, L		Shots: USA 35-24		

Notes: Behind two goals and two assists from **James Hagens** (Hauppauge, N.Y.) and a 24-save shutout from **Nick Kempf** (Chicago, Ill.), the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team shut out Slovakia, 9-0, today in the opening game of the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

Cole Eiserman (Newburyport, Mass.) recorded his second career IIHF hat-trick after scoring four goals last year against Norway ... **Kamil Bednarik** (Chicago, Ill.) and **Brodie Ziemer** (Hutchinson, Minn.) recorded three-point games, each tallying three assists. **Teddy Stiga** (Sudbury, Mass.) and **Max Plante** (Hermantown, Minn.) added multi-point efforts.

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2024 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM (LEAGUE)	NCAA COMMITMENT
GOALTENDERS (3)								
1	Caleb Heil	6-2 (187)	188 (85)	06/19/2006	L	Victoria, Minn.	Sioux Falls Stampede (USHL)	Univ. of North Dakota (NCHC)
30	Jack Parsons	6-4 (193)	185 (84)	01/15/2006	L	Ithaca, N.Y.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Providence College (HEA)
31	Nick Kempf	6-2 (189)	195 (88)	03/01/2006	L	Chicago, Ill.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Univ. of Notre Dame (Big Ten)
DEFENSEMEN (7)								
4	John Whipple	6-1 (186)	194 (88)	01/20/2006	L	Minnetonka, Minn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Univ. of Minnesota (Big Ten)
6	EJ Emery	6-3 (191)	185 (84)	03/30/2006	R	Compton, Calif.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Univ. of North Dakota (NCHC)
7	Dakoda Rheame-Mullen	6-0 (183)	184 (83)	12/18/2006	L	Northville, Mich.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Univ. of Michigan (Big Ten)
13	Sam Laurila	6-0 (183)	189 (86)	09/02/2006	L	Moorhead, Minn.	U.S. National Under-17 Team (NTDP)	Univ. of North Dakota (NCHC)
16	Logan Hensler	6-2 (189)	197 (89)	10/14/2006	R	Woodbury, Minn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Univ. of Wisconsin (Big Ten)
23	Cole Hutson*	5-10 (179)	171 (77)	06/28/2006	L	Chicago, Ill.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Boston University (HEA)
27	Will Skahan	6-4 (194)	211 (96)	5/14/2006	L	Woodbury, Minn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Boston College (HEA)
FORWARDS (13)								
2	Brodie Ziemer	5-11 (181)	192 (87)	02/22/2006	R	Hutchinson, Minn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Univ. of Minnesota (Big Ten)
8	Teddy Stiga	5-10 (178)	177 (80)	04/05/2006	L	Sudbury, Mass.	U.S. National Under-18 Team	Boston College (HEA)
9	Austin Baker	6-0 (183)	191 (87)	02/11/2006	L	White Lake, Mich.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Michigan State Univ. (Big Ten)
10	James Hagens*	5-10 (179)	171 (77)	11/03/2006	L	Hauppauge, N.Y.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Boston College (HEA)
11	Kamil Bednarik	6-0 (184)	186 (84)	05/26/2006	L	Chicago, Ill.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Boston University (HEA)
17	Trevor Connelly	6-1 (185)	161 (73)	02/28/2006	L	Manhattan Beach, Calif.	Tri-City Storm (USHL)	Providence College (HEA)
19	Lucas Van Vliet	6-2 (187)	181 (82)	01/25/2006	L	Livonia, Mich.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Michigan State Univ. (Big Ten)
21	Brendan McMorrow	6-0 (183)	175 (80)	03/27/2006	L	Lakeville, Minn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Univ. of Denver (NCHC)
24	Christian Humphreys	5-11 (180)	170 (77)	02/04/2006	R	Pittsburgh, Pa.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Univ. of Michigan (Big Ten)
25	LJ Mooney	5-6 (170)	150 (68)	03/08/2007	R	West Mifflin, Pa.	U.S. National Under-17 Team (NTDP)	Univ. of Minnesota (Big Ten)
26	Max Plante	5-11 (180)	170 (77)	02/20/2006	L	Hermantown, Minn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)
29	Shane Vansaghi	6-2 (189)	216 (98)	10/11/2006	R	St. Louis, Mo.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Michigan State Univ. (Big Ten)
34	Cole Eiserman*	6-0 (183)	197 (89)	08/29/2006	L	Newburyport, Mass.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	Boston University (HEA)

*2023 U.S. Under-18 National Team member

2024 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET)	NO	NAME	POS.	SWE [^] W, 8-5 4/20	SVK W, 9-0 4/25	NOR 1:00 PM 4/27	LAT 1:00 PM 4/28	FIN 10:00 AM 4/30	TBD (QF) TBD 5/2	TBD (SF) TBD 5/4	TBD (MG) TBD 5/5	2024 U18 MWC TOTAL
	2	Brodie Ziemer	F	A	AAA	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-3 (3)
	4	John Whipple	D	--	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
	6	EJ Emery	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
	7	Dakoda Rheame-Mullen	D	A	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
	8	Teddy Stiga	F	APA	GA	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1 (2)
	9	Austin Baker	F	AA*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
	10	James Hagens	F	G	AUAG	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-2 (4)
	11	Kamil Bednarik	F	A	AAA	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-3 (3)
	13	Sam Laurila	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
	16	Logan Hensler	D	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
	17	Trevor Connelly	F	G	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
	19	Lucas Van Vliet	F	G*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
	21	Brendan McMorrow	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
	23	Cole Hutson	D	--	U*A	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1 (2)
	24	Christian Humphreys	F	GGA	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
	25	LJ Mooney	F	PAAA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
	26	Max Plante	F	G	AA	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-2 (2)
	27	Will Skahan	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
	29	Shane Vansaghi	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
	34	Cole Eiserman	F	A	PGG	--	--	--	--	--	--	3-0 (3)
	1	Caleb Heil	G	(20:00) 11/14	DND	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L)
	30	Jack Parsons	G	(20:00) W 4/5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L)
	31	Nick Kempf	G	(20:00) 8/9	(60:00) W 24/24 SO	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L)

Key: For complete statistics, visit: <https://www.iihf.com/en/events/2024/wm18>

G - goal
A - assist
U - unassisted goal
E - empty-net goal
P - power play 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
^ - exhibition game



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2023-24 SEASON STATISTICS

FORWARDS

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
2	Brodie Ziemer U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	55	24	37	61
8	Teddy Stiga U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	55	31	39	70
9	Austin Baker U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	53	15	16	31
10	James Hagens U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	52	32	52	84
11	Kamil Bednarik U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	55	24	39	63
17	Trevor Connelly Tri-City Storm (USHL)	54	32	48	80
19	Lucas Van Vliet U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	45	13	9	22
21	Brendan McMorrow U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	55	8	14	22
24	Christian Humphreys U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	46	20	34	54
25	LJ Mooney U.S. National Under-17 Team (NTDP)	55	22	25	47
26	Max Plante U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	45	13	40	53
29	Shane Vansaghi U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	53	12	10	22
34	Cole Eiserman U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	51	52	28	80

DEFENSE

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
4	John Whipple U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	55	2	15	17
6	EJ Emery U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	55	0	11	11
7	Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	55	0	17	17
13	Sam Laurila U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	55	3	7	10
16	Logan Hensler U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	55	3	23	26
23	Cole Hutson U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	45	12	28	40
27	Will Skahan U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	54	4	8	12

GOALTENDERS

NO	NAME	GP	W-L-OT-SO	GAA	SV%
1	Caleb Heil Sioux Falls Stampede (USHL)	19	6-10-1-0	4.32	.850
30	Jack Parsons U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	30	14-9-0-4	3.76	.865
31	Nick Kempf U.S. National Under-18 Team (NTDP)	32	19-6-2-0	3.10	.897

ROSTER DETAILS

HOME STATES (8)

Minnesota	8
Illinois	3
Michigan	3
California	2
Massachusetts	2
New York	2
Pennsylvania	2
Missouri	1

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS (11)

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

BY THE NUMBERS

Average Height	6ft 0in (184 cm)
Tallest	Skahan (6 ft 4in/194 cm)
Shortest	Mooney (5ft 6in/170 cm)
Average Weight	184 lbs (83 kg)
Heaviest	Vansaghi (212 lbs/96 kg)
Lightest	Hutson (143 lbs/65 kg)
Oldest	Parsons (Jan. 15, 2006)
Youngest	Mooney (March 8, 2007)
Shoot/Catch	Left: 17 Right: 6

AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT TIES

USHL	23
NTDP	21
Chipotle All-American Game	22

PRONUNCIATIONS

Austin Baker	AW-stin BAKE-urr	Brendan McMorrow	BREN-duhn mick-MORE-oh
Kamil Bednarik	kuh-MEEL bed-NARR-ick	LJ Mooney	L-J MOO-nee
Trevor Connelly	TREV-urr CON-uh-lee	Jack Parsons	JAK PAR-suns
Cole Eiserman	KOHL EYE-zur-men	Max Plante	MAX PLANT
EJ Emery	E-J EM-er-ee	Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen	duh-CODE-uh REE-ohm MULL-in
James Hagens	JAYMZ HAY-gehns	Will Skahan	WIL SKAY-han
Caleb Heil	CAY-leb HILE	Teddy Stiga	TED-ee STEE-guh
Logan Hensler	LOW-guhn HENZ-ler	Shane Vansaghi	SHAYN van-SAH-ghee
Christian Humphreys	KRISH-tun HUM-freeze	Lucas Van Vliet	LOO-kuss van VLEET
Cole Hutson	KOHL HUT-sun	John Whipple	JON WHIP-pull
Nick Kempf	NIK KEMF	Brodie Ziemer	BRO-dee ZEE-murr
Sam Laurila	SAM luh-RILL-uh		

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2024 U.S. STAFF

POSITION	NAME
General Manager	Scott Monaghan Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J.
Head Coach	Nick Fohr Grand Forks, N.D.
Assistant Coach	Matt Gilroy North Bellmore, N.Y.
Assistant Coach	Ryan Bourque Topsfield, Mass.
Assistant Coach	David Lassonde Durham, N.H.
Assistant Coach	Mike Hamilton Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.
Sports Science	Joe Meloni Falmouth, Mass.
Team Physician	Dr. Charlie Popkin Medina, Minn.
Athletic Trainer	Dennis MacDonald Detroit, Mich.
Equipment Manager	Brock Bradley West Stockholm, N.Y.
Hockey Operations	Gaby Turer Milwaukee, Wis.
Communications	Jon Edwards Neversink, N.Y.
Digital Content	Caleigh Burchfield Lakeville, Conn.

ABOUT MacDONALD

Dennis MacDonald completed his ninth season as athletic trainer with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program with the U.S. National Under-18 Team for the 2023-24 season.

MacDonald served on the U.S. staff at the 2022 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship in Landshut, Germany, where Team USA captured the silver medal. He also fulfilled athletic trainer duties for the 2017 silver medal-winning and the bronze medal-winning 2016 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Teams.

Additionally, MacDonald was on staff for the 2023 World Under-17 Challenge where the U.S. went undefeated and finished first.

ABOUT BRADLEY

Brock Bradley, who just completed his 23rd season with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, is no stranger to IIHF competition. His extensive service has included five gold medals (2002, 2006, 2010, 2012, 2014), three silver (2004, 2018, 2022) and two bronze (2008, 2016) at the International Ice Hockey Federation Men's Under-18 World Championship while with Team USA. The West Stockholm, New York, native also served as equipment manager with Team USA at the 2022 IIHF World Championship in addition to four stints with the U.S. National Junior Team at the IIHF World Junior Championship (2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2017), including the gold medal-winning 2010 squad.

ABOUT THE STAFF

ABOUT MONAGHAN

Scott Monaghan is serving as the general manager of the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team for the 25th time at the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. Monaghan has been on staff for all 11 gold medal-winning U.S. teams at the 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2023 events. An original staff member of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, he currently serves as USA Hockey's assistant executive director of the NTDP and USA Hockey Arena, where he is responsible for all aspects of both entities. Monaghan, who sits on the USA Hockey Player Development Committee and the USA Hockey Junior Council, was honored at the USA Hockey Annual Congress in 2009 with the President's Award, recognizing his outstanding contributions to the organization.

ABOUT FOHR

Nick Fohr will serve as the head coach of the Under-18 Men's National Team for the first time, having been an assistant coach for Team USA at this tournament on six previous occasions, including two gold-medal teams (2015 & 2017) and three silver medal-winning squads (2013, 2018, 2022). Additionally, Fohr was on staff of the 2023 U.S. National Junior Team that captured the bronze medal at the 2023 IIHF World Junior Championship.

Fohr, who is completing his 13th season on the bench with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, began his coaching career as a student assistant at the University of Nebraska-Omaha for the 2002-03 campaign, spent one season with Miami University (2003-04) and returned to UNO as director of hockey operations (2004-07) and assistant coach (2007-11) before joining USA Hockey.

ABOUT GILROY

In his second season as an assistant coach with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, **Matt Gilroy** is making his IIHF debut behind the bench for Team USA. Earlier this year, the Long Island native served as an assistant coach for Team USA at the 2024 Youth Olympic Games and helped the U.S. to a gold medal.

Before turning to coaching, Gilroy played 10 seasons (2009-19) of professional hockey throughout the NHL and Europe. On the international stage, he served as alternate captain for the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team and also played for Team USA at the 2010 IIHF Men's World Championship. Gilroy skated collegiately for four seasons at Boston University, where he captained the Terriers to a national championship his senior season and was named the sixth defenseman to win the Hobey Baker Memorial Award in 2009.

ABOUT BOURQUE

Ryan Bourque, in his initial season at USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, is making his IIHF coaching debut. He joined USA Hockey after two seasons as an assistant coach with the ECHL's South Carolina Stingrays, where he helped lead the team to a South Division championship in 2022-23.

Prior to going behind the bench, Bourque played nine seasons (2011-20) of professional hockey, including time with the New York Rangers during the 2014-15 campaign. Before turning pro, Bourque helped Team USA to four medals in IIHF events, including golds at the 2009 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship and 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship.

ABOUT LASSONDE

David Lassonde, in his fourth season as USA Hockey's national goaltending coach, brings over 30 years of experience to the staff, including collegiate stops at Dartmouth College, University of Denver, University of New Hampshire, Miami University and the University of Wisconsin.

Lassonde has served as an assistant coach for U.S. teams on the international stage 10 times, most recently for the 2024 U.S. National Junior Team and 2023 U.S. Under 18 Men's National Team, which both claimed gold medals.

ABOUT HAMILTON

Mike Hamilton, who is making his IIHF coaching debut, serves as a volunteer assistant coach at USA Hockey's National Team Development Program with the Under-18 Team, where he focuses on video breakdown.

Before joining the NTDP, the Michigan native spent five seasons as head coach of the USHL's Muskegon Lumberjacks, where he led the team to an Eastern Conference title in 2018-19 and was named the 2020-2021 USHL Coach of the Year.

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U.S. OUTLOOK AT 2024 IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2024 U.S. GROUP A OPPONENTS



SLOVAKIA

THURS., APRIL 25 2:00 P.M. LOCAL 7:00 A.M. ET
Series vs. Slovakia: 11-0-0-2-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: Team USA has won 10 consecutive games over Latvia.
LAST MEETING: Behind two goals and two assists from **James Hagens** (Hauppauge, N.Y.) and a 24-save shutout from **Nick Kempf** (Chicago, Ill.), the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team shut out Slovakia, 9-0, here today in the opening game of the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.



NORWAY

SAT., APRIL 27 5:30 P.M. LOCAL 10:30 A.M. ET
Series vs. Norway: 3-0-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: The U.S. has averaged 10 goals in three career games vs. Norway.
LAST MEETING: **Gabe Perreault** (Hinsdale, Ill.) recorded three goals and two assists while **Cole Eiserman** (Newburyport, Mass.) added a four-goal game as the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team downed Norway by a 12-1 final at the 2023 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship.



LATVIA

SUN., APRIL 28 6:00 P.M. LOCAL 11:00 A.M. ET
Series vs. Latvia: 6-0-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: Team USA has outscored Latvia 54-7 in six all-time matchups.
LAST MEETING: **Will Smith** (Lexington, Mass.) scored two goals and **Ryan Leonard** (Amherst, Mass.) and **Cole Hutson** (Barrington, Ill.) added three points each as the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team topped Latvia, 7-1, to open preliminary-round play at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championship.



FINLAND

TUES., APRIL 30 6:00 P.M. LOCAL 11:00 A.M. ET
Series vs. Finland: 12-2-0-6-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: Team USA's 20 wins over Finland ranks third most of any opponent.
LAST MEETING: **Will Smith** (Lexington, Mass.) collected a goal and four assists to help the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team prevail in a back-and-forth battle with Finland to earn an 8-4 victory on Sunday, and win its third straight prelim game at the 2023 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

U.S. U18 MWC PLAYOFF HISTORY

Quarterfinal Record: 13-0-1-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Last QF: W, 4-1 vs. Czechia (2023)
 Team USA advanced to the semifinals of the 2023 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship on Thursday with a 4-1 victory over Czechia at St. Jakob Arena. The U.S. saw four different goal scorers, with **Ryan Leonard** (Amherst, Mass.) notching the game-winner.

Semifinal Record: 10-5-2-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Last SF: W, 7-1 vs. Slovakia (2023)
Will Smith (Lexington, Mass.) scored three times and **Trey Augustine** (South Lyon, Mich.) made 27 saves to help the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team to a 7-1 victory over Slovakia in semifinal play at the 2023 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

Bronze-Medal Games: 3-0-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Total Bronze Medals: 3 ('08, '16, '19)
Last BMG: W, 9-3 vs. Czech Republic (2018)
Jack Hughes (Orlando, Fla.) set the record for most points (32) at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship with his one goal, two-assist performance in Team USA's 5-2 victory over Canada to take the bronze medal.

Gold-Medal Games: 8-3-0-5 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Total Gold Medals: 10 ('02, '05, '06, '09, '10, '11, '12, '14, '15, '17, '23)
Last GMG: W, 3-2 (OT) vs. Sweden (2023)
Ryan Leonard (Amherst, Mass.) scored the golden goal 2:20 into overtime as Team USA came back from a two-goal deficit to earn a 3-2 win over Sweden and capture the gold medal at the 2023 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship at St. Jakob Arena.

U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY AT A GLANCE

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	T	GF	GA
Belarus	9	8	0	0	0	1	69	8
Canada	17	11	2	2	2	0	79	41
Czechia	20	16	2	1	1	0	91	31
Denmark	3	3	0	0	0	0	16	2
Finland	20	12	2	0	6	0	67	44
Germany	10	8	0	0	2	0	65	16
Latvia	6	6	0	0	0	0	54	7
Norway	3	3	0	0	0	0	30	3
Russia	21	8	1	2	10	0	77	72
Slovakia	13	11	0	0	2	0	89	26
Sweden	21	13	3	0	5	0	92	51
Switzerland	11	10	0	0	1	0	57	18
Ukraine	4	4	0	0	0	0	33	0
TOTAL	158	113	10	5	29	1	819	319

ALL-TIME RECORD BY ROUND

Round	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	T
Preliminary	97	75	2	2	17	1
Playoffs	3	2	0	0	1	0
Relegation	4	3	0	0	1	0
Fifth-Place	1	0	0	0	1	0
Quarterfinal	15	13	0	1	1	0
Semifinal	19	10	5	2	2	0
Bronze-Medal	4	3	0	0	1	0
Gold-Medal	16	8	3	0	5	0
TOTAL	159	114	10	5	29	1

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT U18 WORLDS

Year	Location	Record	Medal	
2023	Basel & Porrentruy	6-1-0-0	Gold	
2022	Landshut & Kaufbeuren	5-0-0-1	Silver	
2019	Umea & Ornskoldsvik	6-0-0-1	Bronze	
2018	Chelyabinsk & Magnitogorsk	4-0-0-3	Silver	
2017	Poprad & Spisska Nova Ves	6-1-0-0	Gold	
2016	Grand Forks	6-0-0-1	Bronze	
2015	Zug & Lucerne	5-1-0-1	Gold	
2014	Lappeenranta & Imatra	6-0-0-1	Gold	
2013	Sochi	3-1-0-3	Silver	
2012	Brno	6-0-0-0	Gold	
2011	Crimmitschau & Dresden	4-2-0-0	Gold	
2010	Minsk & Babruysk	6-0-0-1	Gold	
2009	Fargo & Moorhead	6-0-0-1	Gold	
2008	Kazan	5-0-0-2	Bronze	
2007	Tampere & Rauma	3-1-1-2	Silver	
2006	Angelholm & Halmstad	5-1-0-0	Gold	
2005	Pizen & Ceske Budejovice	6-0-0-0	Gold	
2004	Minsk	5-0-0-1	Silver	
2002	Piestany & Trnava	7-0-0-1	Gold	
TOTAL		11 Gold	5 Silver	3 Bronze

*Records listed as W-OTW-OTL-L



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U.S. RECORDS

GOALS

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	G
1	Cole Caufield	2018, 2019	14	18
2	Phil Kessel	2004, 2005	12	16
3	Jack Hughes	2018, 2019	14	14
4	Ryan Leonard	2022, 2023	13	13
	Auston Matthews	2014, 2015	14	13
6	Cole Eiserman	2023, 2024	8	12
	Jeremy Morin	2008, 2009	14	12
8	Oliver Wahlstrom	2017, 2018	14	11
	Will Smith	2022, 2023	11	11
10	Brett Sterling	2002	8	9
11	Reid Boucher	2011	6	8
	Clayton Keller	2015, 2016	14	8
	Rutger McGroarty	2021, 2022	11	8

ASSISTS

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	A
1	Jack Hughes	2018, 2019	14	18
2	Clayton Keller	2015, 2016	14	15
3	Rocco Grimaldi	2010, 2011	13	14
4	Gabe Perreault	2023	7	13
	Cam York	2018, 2019	14	13
	Lane Hutson	2021, 2022	11	13
7	Will Smith	2022, 2023	11	13
8	Cole Hutson	2023, 2024	8	12
9	Jeremy Bracco	2015	7	10
	Matthew Tkachuk	2015	7	10
	Phil Kessel	2004, 2005	12	10
	Ryan Leonard	2022, 2023	13	10

POINTS

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	PTS
1	Jack Hughes	2018, 2019	14	32
2	Phil Kessel	2004, 2005	12	26
3	Will Smith	2022, 2023	11	26
	Cole Caufield	2018, 2019	14	24
5	Ryan Leonard	2022, 2023	13	23
6	Clayton Keller	2015, 2016	14	23
7	Auston Matthews	2014, 2015	14	22
8	Gabe Perreault	2023	7	18
	Jeremy Morin	2008, 2009	14	18
	Rocco Grimaldi	2010, 2011	13	18
11	Cam York	2018, 2019	14	17
12	Jordan Schroeder	2007, 2008	14	16
13	Patrick O'Sullivan	2002	8	15
	Isaac Howard	2021, 2022	11	15

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	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(S)	GP	SV%
1	Jack Campbell	2009, 2010	11	.966
	Collin Olson	2012	5	.966
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

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

GOALS

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	G
1	Alex 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	Connor Bedard	2021, 2022	11	13
	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	YEAR(S)	GP	A
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	Lane Hutson	2021, 2022	11	13
	Markus Granlund	2010, 2011	12	13
	Kevin Romy	2002, 2003	14	13
	Cam York	2018, 2019	14	13

POINTS

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	PTS
1	Jack Hughes	2018, 2019	14	32
2	Alex 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	GAA
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

