



U.S. NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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DATE	GAME	LOCATION	TIME*	BROADCAST INFO
Fri., Oct. 24	U17 vs. Tri-City	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:00 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
	U18 at Cornell University	Ithaca, N.Y.	7:00 p.m.	IvyLeagueDigitalNetwork.com
Sat., Oct. 25	U17 vs. Tri-City	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:00 p.m.	FASTHockey.com
	U18 at Oswego State Univ.	Oswego, N.Y.	7:00 p.m.	OswegoLakers.com

* All times are ET

UI7 vs. TRI-CITY STORM

GAME INFO: The U.S. National Under-17 Team hosts USHL opponent Tri-City in a two-game weekend series at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. Both games are scheduled for 7 p.m. ET.

ALL-TIME RECORD: Team USA leads, 6-4-0

2013-14 SERIES: Team USA and the Storm each skated to one win in two games played last winter.

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: F **Clayton Keller** is on a six-game point streak dating back to Sept. 26. Keller has notched 10 points (6-4) during that stretch ... F **Max Jones** and F **Nick Pastujov** both enter the weekend sporting four-game point streaks. Jones has two goals and two assists during that run, while Pastujov has tallied four goals and three helpers ... G **Jake Oettinger** has turned aside 55 of the 59 shots he's faced in his past two outings, good for a .932 SV% ... D **Adam Fox** has four points - all assists - in the last three games ... G **Joseph Woll** leads the U17s with a 3.13 GAA and .898 SV%.

QUICK FACTS: These are the only two meetings between the National Team Development Program and Tri-City this season ... Storm G **Blake Weyrick** was a member of the NTDP from 2012-14. While with the U18 Team last season, Weyrick posted an 11-4-0-1 (W-L-OTL-SOL) record with a 2.80 GAA and .886 SV% ... Tri-City F **Chris Wilkie** spent the 2012-13 campaign in Ann Arbor with the NTDP



UI8 at CORNELL UNIVERSITY

GAME INFO: The U18 Team plays its fifth NCAA Division I opponent of the season when it travels to Ithaca, N.Y., to play Cornell University Friday night. The contest is at 7 p.m. ET and can be viewed live on IvyLeagueDigitalNetwork.com.

ALL-TIME RECORD: Cornell University leads, 4-0-1

MOST RECENT MEETING: Team USA and Cornell haven't played since Jan. 8, 2012. The U.S. and Big Red tied in that contest, 3-3.

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: F **Auston Matthews** and F **Matthew Tkachuk** are both riding 10-game scoring streaks. Matthews has tallied six goals and 12 assists in that stretch, while Tkachuk has collected eight goals and eight assists ... F **Jeremy Bracco** has found the scoresheet in six consecutive contests, posting five goals and eight helpers on that run ... G **Luke Opilka** leads the team in wins (5), SV% (.905) and GAA (2.58) ... G **Michael Lackey** is unbeaten in four of five starts this season.

QUICK FACTS: The National Team Development Program has produced seven Cornell players all-time, including current Big Red skaters F **Cole Bardreau** (2009-11), D **Ryan Bliss** (2012-14), F **Jared Fiegl** (2012-14) and F **Gavin Stoick** (2010-12).



UI8 at OSWEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

GAME INFO: The elder NTDP group takes the ice Saturday against its first NCAA Division III foe of the winter - Oswego State University. Puck-drop is set for 7 p.m. ET at Oswego's Marano Campus Center Arena. A free online stream of the game is available at OswegoLakers.com.

ALL-TIME RECORD: Team USA leads, 2-0-0

MOST RECENT MEETING: The U.S. National Under-18 Team visited Oswego State on Oct. 20, 2012, and skated to a 2-0 win. F **Kevin Labanc** and F **Shane Eiserman** scored for the U.S., and G **Thatcher Demko** turned in a 31-save shutout.

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: Team USA boasts five players from New York, including F **Jeremy Bracco** (Freeport), F **Jordan Greenway** (Potsdam), D **Charles McAvoy** (Long Beach), D **Steven Ruggiero** (Kings Park) and F **Tage Thompson** (Oyster Bay).

QUICK FACTS: The NTDP U18s will play five NCAA Division III teams in 2014-15. Besides Oswego State, the Under-18 Team also plays Augsburg College (Minn.), the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Neumann University (Pa.) and Adrian College (Mich.). The game against Adrian will be played outdoors at Fifth Third Field in Toledo, Ohio, on Dec. 31.



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TWENTY-ONE ON NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING'S WATCH LIST

Twenty-one players with ties to the NTDP were included on NHL Center Scouting's Preliminary 2015 Players to Watch list, released earlier this week. The current NTDPers on the list are goaltenders **Michael Lackey** and **Luke Opilka**; defensemen **Nicholas Boka**, **Christian Evers**, **Casey Fitzgerald**, **Grant Gabriele**, **Caleb Jones** and **Steven Ruggiero**; and forwards **Jeremy Bracco**, **Christian Fischer**, **Jordan Greenway**, **Jack Roslovic**, **Troy Terry**, **Brendan Warren** and **Colin White**. Six alumni of the National Team Development Program - G **Ed Minney** (Michigan State University); D **Noah Hanifin** (Boston College), D **Zach Werenski** (University of Michigan), F **Jack Eichel** (Boston University), F **Ryan Hitchcock** (Yale University) and F **Dennis Yan** - were also included on the list. Greenway, White, Eichel, Hanifin, and Werenski were each "A" rated prospects, meaning they are projected to be first-round picks in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft.

51 NTDP ALUMNI ON NHL OPENING-NIGHT ROSTERS

The National Team Development Program had 51 alumni crack NHL opening-night rosters. The Anaheim Ducks boasted more NTDP products (5) than any other club, while Carolina checked in at No. 2 with four NTDP alums. In all, 25 NHL organizations - including 21 of the 23 located in the United States - had at least one player with NTDP ties on its opening-night roster.

WORLD UI7 HOCKEY CHALLENGE DATE CHANGE

The World Under-17 Hockey Challenge will take place in early November this season after being a mid-season event over the past few years. The U.S. National Under-17 Team will head to Sarnia, Ont., for the Challenge as defending champion. In all, Team USA has won the title on four occasions (2001, 2002, 2010, 2014).

USA TO HOST 2014 UI7 FOUR NATIONS TOURNAMENT

USA Hockey and the National Team Development Program will host the 2014 Four Nations Tournament Dec. 16-20 at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. The Under-17 Team will play games against Russia, Switzerland and Slovakia in preliminary-round action before the tournament championship and third-place games on Saturday, Dec. 20. Team USA has won the championship five years in a row. For ticket information, call (734) 327-9251, ext. 317.

NTDP OFFICIAL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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