



U.S. NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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DATE	GAME	LOCATION	TIME*	BROADCAST INFO
Wed., Oct. 29	U18 at Muskegon	Muskegon, Mich.	10:30 a.m.	FASTHockey.com
Fri., Oct. 31	U17 vs Canada White	Sarnia, Ont.	7:00 p.m.	HockeyCanada.ca/WU17
Sun., Nov. 2	U17 vs Sweden	Lambton Shores, Ont.	3:00 p.m.	HockeyCanada.ca/WU17

* All times are ET

U18 at MUSKEGON LUMBERJACKS

GAME INFO: The U18 Team heads to Muskegon to play a Wednesday morning game against the Lumberjacks. Puck-drop is at 10:30 a.m. at L.C. Walker Arena and the contest can be viewed live on FASTHockey.

ALL-TIME RECORD: Muskegon leads, 20-11-4

MOST RECENT MEETING: The U18s fell to Muskegon, 6-4, on Sept. 28 in Ann Arbor.

2014-15 SERIES: The NTDP and Muskegon have met four times this season, with both the U18s and U17s involved in two of those contests. The Under-18 Team is 1-1 against the Lumberjacks this year, while the younger NTDP squad is 0-2.

TEAM USA PLAYERS TO WATCH: F **Jeremy Bracco** has three points (1-2) in two games against the Lumberjacks this season ... F **Luke Kunin** and F **Brendan Warren** both have two goals against Muskegon in 2014-15 ... F **Auston Matthews** has recorded one assist in both games against the 'Jacks this year.

QUICK FACTS: This is the third of five scheduled matchups between the U18s and Muskegon this season ... The NTDP and Muskegon will meet a total of 10 times this winter, as the U17 Team also plays the Lumberjacks five times ... No other USHL team will play the National Team Development Program as often as Muskegon this season.



U17 at WORLD U17 HOCKEY CHALLENGE

TOURNAMENT INFO: The U.S. National Under-17 Team makes its way to Sarnia, Ont., to play in the 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. The NTDP is sending a team to the event for the 16th time, having won four championships - including the last event, held in January - along with five second-place finishes and three third-place showings. Team USA's complete tournament schedule can be found below.

HOW TO FOLLOW: The tournament will be broadcast live on Hockey Canada's event page (hockeycanada.ca/wu17) during the pre-tournament, preliminary round and quarterfinals. The semifinals, third-place game and championship contest will be shown live on TSN and will not be available to fans in the United States.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Team USA can be followed on Twitter (@USANTDP and @USAHockeyScores) throughout the tournament. News and notes on the event can also be found by searching for hashtags #NTDP and #WU172014.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE:

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
10/31	Canada White (pre-tournament)	7 p.m.
11/2	Sweden (preliminary)	3 p.m.
11/3	Slovakia (preliminary)	3 p.m.
11/4	Canada Red (preliminary)	7 p.m.
11/6	Quarterfinals	TBA
11/7	Semifinals	TBA
11/8	Third-Place Game	3:30 p.m.
	Championship Game	7:30 p.m.



NTDP NEWS AND NOTES

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.

USA TO HOST 2014 U17 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.

FASCHING EARNS EARLY HONORS

NTDP alumni F **Hudson Fasching** (2011-13) was named the Big 10 First Star on Oct. 14. Fasching also earned the MVP award at the Ice Breaker Tournament after posting two goals and adding one helper in Minnesota's two wins against Minnesota Duluth and RPI.

NTDP OFFICIAL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

USANTDP.com: The official website of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program provides access to complete team information, including news, rosters, schedules/results, statistics, NTDP history and a PDF media guide, along with other information.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Follow the NTDP on Twitter (@USANTDP) and like on Facebook (USA Hockey NTDP) for the latest news and notes related to the National Team Development Program. Also follow on Instagram (USANTDP) for behind-the-scenes photos and videos.

