



# Team USA Game Notes

2015 IIHF Men's World Championship • Ostrava/Prague, Czech Republic

USA (0-0-0-0) vs. Finland (0-0-0-0) • CEZ Arena • Game 1

## Team USA Schedule (times are local/EDT)

### Friday, May 1 - Group B (Ostrava)

USA vs. Finland 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

### Saturday, May 2 - Group B (Ostrava)

Norway vs. USA 8:15 p.m./2:15 p.m.

### Monday, May 4 - Group B (Ostrava)

Russia vs. USA 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

### Thursday, May 7 - Group B (Ostrava)

USA vs. Belarus 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

### Friday, May 8 - Group B (Ostrava)

USA vs. Denmark 8:15 p.m./2:15 p.m.

### Sunday, May 10 - Group B (Ostrava)

Slovenia vs. USA 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

### Tuesday, May 12 - Group B (Ostrava)

USA vs. Slovakia 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

### Thursday, May 14 - Quarterfinals

vs. TBD TBD

### Saturday, May 16 - Semifinals

vs. TBD TBD

### Sunday, May 17 - Bronze-Medal Game

vs. TBD 4:15 p.m./10:15 a.m.

### Sunday, May 18 - Gold-Medal Game

vs. TBD 8:45 p.m./2:45 p.m.

All preliminary round games will be televised live on NBC Sports Network. NBC Sports Live Extra will stream all preliminary round games to U.S. viewers.

## • ROSTER ADDITIONS

Forwards **Anders Lee** and **Brock Nelson**, both from the New York Islanders, and goaltender **Jack Campbell** from the Texas Stars were added to the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team yesterday. In addition, forward **Stefan Matteau**, who was initially named to the team, was injured during the USA-Austria exhibition game on Tuesday (April 28) and has returned to the U.S.

## TIDBITS

The U.S. is in the midst of hosting the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York, at HARBORCENTER. Team USA, which captured gold at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, has reached the semifinals and will face Norway tonight at 8 p.m. ET. The other semifinals pits Canada against Russia at 4:30 p.m. ET. The winners will play for gold on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. ET live on NBCSN in the U.S. ... **Dale Tallon**, GM of the Florida Panthers and **Don Waddell**, president of Gale Force Sports & Entertainment, the parent company of the Carolina Hurricanes, are here with Team USA. Both are members of the U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group ... The U.S. is 6-4-0 in games on May 1 all-time at the world championship.

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## • TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. Men's National Team faces Finland here today in the opening game for both teams of the 2015 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship at CZE Arena in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

## • STARTING IN GOAL

**Connor Hellebuyck** is expected to get the call in goal today. He was a member of the 2014 U.S. Men's National Team (did not play), serving in a back-up role to Tim Thomas. Hellebuyck, who played college hockey at UMass-Lowell, spent the 2014-15 campaign as the top goaltender for St. John's of the American Hockey League. He finished the year with a 28-22-5-4-1 record, 2.58 goals against average and .921 save percentage. Hellebuyck was the starting goaltender for the East in the AHL All-Star Game.

## • ALL-TIME vs. FINLAND

The U.S. has won four of the last five meetings against Finland at the IIHF Men's World Championship. In the all-time series, Finland has a 27-2-1-21-8 (w-otw-otl-l-t) advantage. The teams met here in Ostrava in the opening game for both clubs in the 2004 IIHF Men's World Championship with Finland scoring twice in the final 10 minutes of the game to gain a 4-2 victory. Team USA has opened this event against Finland on four previous occasions (1963, 1976, 1986, 2004) and is 0-3-1. The teams faced each other in the preliminary round a year ago, with the U.S. earning a 3-1 victory. See the all-time game-by-game history of the series later in these notes.

## • LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Matt Hendricks** is the captain of the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team. Hendricks is playing on his first U.S. national team. He is the oldest member of Team USA at 33. Hendricks has served as an alternate captain throughout his professional career, including at Edmonton the last two seasons. He was team captain of his college team, St. Cloud State University, in 2003-04. **Justin Faulk** and **Trevor Lewis** are the team's alternate captains. Faulk was a member of the 2014 U.S. Olympic men's ice hockey team and tonight will play in his 34th career international contest spanning six events, the most of anyone on the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team. Lewis played on the 2007 U.S. Men's National Junior Team that earned a bronze medal at the IIHF World Junior Championship in Leksand and Mora, Sweden.

## • TIDBITS

Team USA has won its opening game of the Men's World Championship in each of the past four years and nine times in the last 10 tournaments ... Team USA arrived in Ostrava early Wednesday evening from Vienna where it played an exhibition game against Austria on Tuesday (April 28). The U.S. received goals from Mike Reilly, Steve Moses, Auston Matthews and Jeremy Morin in the win ... U.S. forward **Mark**

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**Arcobello** has played for four different NHL teams in 2014-15. He joins Dennis O'Brien (1977-78) and Dave McLlwain (1991-92) as the only players in NHL history to play on four different teams in one campaign ... The U.S. has won gold at the last three IIHF world championships played this season (U18 Women, Women, U18 Men).

**• BACK FROM LAST YEAR**

Team USA returns five players from the 2014 U.S. Men's National Team, including defensemen **Jake Gardiner**, **Seth Jones** and **Connor Murphy**; forward **Brock Nelson**; and goaltender **Connor Hellebuyck**. Jones was the team's leading point getter a year ago (2-9--11) and earned the directorate award as the top defenseman in the world championship.

**• MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Seven players have experience playing in the IIHF Men's World Championship. The group includes five players that competed a year ago (Jake Gardiner, Connor Hellebuyck, Seth Jones, Connor Murphy, Brock Nelson), as well as Justin Faulk and Jack Campbell.

**• PLAYING FOR TEAM USA --**

A total of 13 players on the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team have competed for Team USA at IIHF world championships in their career (U18, World Juniors, Senior). Below is a list with total games played heading into the 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship.

- Faulk -- 33 games played
- Jones - 27 games played
- Morin - 25 games played
- Campbell -- 25 games played
- Eichel -- 24 games played
- Murphy -- 18 games played
- Gardiner -- 15 games played
- Nelson -- 13 games played
- Larkin -- 11 games played
- Lewis -- 7 games played
- Vesey -- 7 games played
- Reilly -- 7 games played
- Hellebuyck -- 0 games played  
(on 2014 men's national team as back-up goaltender)

**• ROOKIES**

A total of 11 players on the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team are playing in an IIHF world championship for the first time, including goaltender Alex Lyon; defensemen Torey Krug, John

Moore and Zach Redmond; and forwards Mark Arcobello, Nick Bonino, Matt Hendricks, Anders Lee, Steve Moses, Dan Sexton, and Ben Smith.

**• YOUTH MOVEMENT**

The 2015 U.S. Men's National Team has an average age of 24.3. Below is a look at the average age of Team USA since 2004.

**Average Age Since 2004**

2015	24.3
2014	24.8
2013	25.8
2012	25.2
2011	24.4
2010	24.4
2009	24.8
2008	24.6
2007	24.5
2006	24.7
2005	28.1
2004	27.6

**• TEAM USA COACHING STAFF**

**Todd Richards** is serving as head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team for the first time. Richards was an assistant coach for the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team and also for the 2010 U.S. Men's National Team. **Dan Bylsma** and **Greg Carvel** are both serving as assistant coach of the U.S. Men's National Team for the first time. Bylsma was the head coach of the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team.

**• MANAGEMENT TEAM**

The 2015 U.S. Men's National Team is under the direction of the U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group, including NHL general managers **Stan Bowman** (Chicago), **Dean Lombardi** (Los Angeles), **David Poile** (Nashville), and **Dale Tallon** (Florida). Also involved are **Don Waddell**, president of Gale Force Sports & Entertainment and **Ray Shero**. The group is led by **Jim Johannson**, USA Hockey's assistant executive director for hockey operations. **Bill Zito**, assistant general manager of the Columbus Blue Jackets, is also part of the management group for the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team. The U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group was formed in February of 2007 to assist USA Hockey with the selection of players and staff of U.S. Men's National Teams, including the Olympic Team.

**Roster Breakdown**

Average age: 24.3 years  
 Average height: 6-0  
 Average weight: 204  
 Oldest: Matt Hendricks, 33 yrs., 10 months  
 Youngest: Jack Eichel, 18 yrs. 6 months

**HOME STATES OF TEAM USA**

Minnesota	8
Michigan	5
Massachusetts	3
Connecticut	3
Illinois	1
Ohio	1
New York	1
Texas	1
Utah	1

**MOST RECENT TEAM**

**NHL (15)**

Arizona Coyotes	3
New York Islanders	2
Boston Bruins	1
Carolina Hurricanes	1
Colorado Avalanche	1
Columbus Blue Jackets	1
Edmonton Oilers	1
L.A. Kings	1
Nashville Predators	1
San Jose Sharks	1
Toronto Maple Leafs	1
Vancouver Canucks	1

**KHL (2)**

Jokerit	1
Nizhnekamsk	1

**AHL (2)**

St. John's	1
Texas	1

**NCAA (5)**

Boston University	1
Harvard University	1
University of Michigan	1
University of Minnesota	1
Harvard University	1

**COLLEGE CONNECTION (18)**

Boston University	2
Yale University	2
Boston College	1
Bowling Green State University	1
Ferris State University	1
Harvard University	1
Michigan State University	1
Notre Dame University	1
St. Cloud State University	1
UMass Lowell	1
University of Michigan	1
University of Minnesota	1
University of Minnesota Duluth	1
University of New Hampshire	1
University of North Dakota	1
University of Wisconsin	1

**USA vs. Finland Series History**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>GF-GA</b>
5/18/14	Preliminary	W	3-1
5/19/13	Bronze Medal	OTW	3-2
5/8/13	Preliminary	W	4-1
5/17/12	Quarterfinals	L	2-3
5/13/12	Preliminary	W	5-0
5/12/10	Preliminary	L	2-3
5/6/09	Quarterfinals	W	3-2
5/14/08	Quarterfinals	OTL	2-3
5/11/08	Qualification	L	2-3
5/10/07	Quarterfinals	OTL	4-5
5/12/06	Qualification	L	0-4
5/6/05	Qualification	T	4-4
4/24/04	Preliminary	L	2-4
5/7/02	Quarterfinals	L	1-3
5/12/01	Semifinals	L	1-3
5/5/01	Qualification	W	4-1
5/7/99	Qualification	L	3-4
5/9/97	Round Robin	L	0-2
4/30/95	Preliminary	T	4-4
5/7/94	Semifinals	L	0-8
5/2/94	Preliminary	L	0-7
4/20/93	Preliminary	T	1-1
5/1/92	Preliminary	L	1-6
4/28/91	Preliminary	W	2-1
5/1/90	Relegation	W	3-2
4/25/90	Preliminary	W	2-1
4/30/89	Relegation	L	2-6
4/23/89	Preliminary	T	3-3
4/28/87	Relegation	L	4-6
4/21/87	Preliminary	L	2-5
4/12/86	Preliminary	L	4-5
4/26/85	Preliminary	L	3-8
4/18/82	Preliminary	L	2-4
4/25/81	Relegation	T	3-3
4/19/81	Relegation	W	6-4
4/22/79	Relegation	W	6-2
4/16/79	Preliminary	T	1-1
5/11/78	Relegation	W	4-3
5/7/78	Preliminary	T	3-3
5/7/77	Relegation	W	3-2
4/26/77	Preliminary	L	2-3
4/8/76	Preliminary	T	3-3
4/13/75	Round Robin	L	1-9
4/4/75	Round Robin	L	4-7
3/31/71	Round Robin	L	3-7
3/23/71	Round Robin	L	4-7
3/30/69	Round Robin	L	3-7
3/22/69	Round Robin	L	3-4
3/26/67	Round Robin	W	2-0
3/9/66	Round Robin	L	1-4
3/12/65	Round Robin	W	4-0
3/8/63	Round Robin	L	3-11
3/11/62	Round Robin	W	6-3
3/12/61	Round Robin	W	52
3/11/59	Round Robin	W	10-3
3/9/58	Round Robin	W	4-2
2/26/55	Round Robin	W	8-1
3/12/51	Round Robin	W	5-4
2/5/39	Preliminary	W	4-0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>21-1-2-27-8</b>	<b>179-210</b>

**• MANY GOLDEN MOMENTS**

A total of 10 players on the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team have earned gold medals at IIHF world championships. Seth Jones and Jack Campbell lead the way, each with three gold medals to their credit.

- Jack Campbell – 2009 & 2010 U18 Worlds/2010 World Juniors
- Seth Jones – 2011 & 2012 U18 Worlds/2013 World Juniors
- Jeremy Morin – 2009 U18 Worlds/2010 World Juniors
- Connor Murphy – 2011 U18 Worlds/2013 World Juniors
- Jack Eichel – 2014 U18 Worlds
- Jake Gardiner – 2010 World Juniors
- Justin Faulk – 2010 U18 Worlds
- Dylan Larkin – 2014 U18 Worlds
- Mike Reilly – 2013 World Juniors
- Jimmy Vesey – 2013 World Juniors

**• COVERAGE**

NBC Sports Network will televise all Team USA games at the 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship. All seven preliminary round games will air live and/or same-day delay. Additionally, all Team USA preliminary round games will be streamed live online through *NBC Sports Live Extra*. Dennis Beyak and Shane Hnidy will call the action of Team USA's preliminary round games from Ostrava, with Russ Thaler and Anson Carter serving as studio hosts.

**2014 Men's World Championship  
A Look Back**

The 2014 U.S. Men's National Team (4-1-0-3, W-OTW-OTL-L) finished sixth of 16 teams at the IIHF Men's World Championship in Minsk, Belarus. Seth Jones was named by the directorate as the tournament's best defenseman. Jones, the youngest player on the team at 19, led all players on the squad with 2-9--11. Johnny Gaudreau was second on Team USA in points with 2-8--10, while Tyler Johnson was third (6-3--9). Tim Thomas was the goaltender of record for all eight U.S. contests and finished with a 3.49 goals against average and .869 save percentage.

