



2016 UNDER-18 FIVE NATIONS TOURNAMENT

CZECH REPUBLIC, FINLAND, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, UNITED STATES || NOV. 1-5 || USA HOCKEY ARENA

2016 U18 FIVE NATIONS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	MATCHUP	TIME/RESULT
Tues, Nov. 1	Finland vs. Sweden	3:30 p.m. ET
Tues, Nov. 1	USA vs. Switzerland	7 p.m. ET
Wed, Nov. 2	Switzerland vs. Czech Republic	3:30 p.m. ET
Wed, Nov. 2	USA vs. Sweden	7 p.m. ET
Thu, Nov. 3	Switzerland vs. Sweden	3:30 p.m. ET
Thu Nov. 3	Finland vs. Czech Republic	7 p.m. ET
Fri, Nov. 4	Switzerland vs. Finland	3:30 p.m. ET
Fri Nov. 4	USA vs. Czech Republic	7 p.m. ET
Sat, Nov. 5	Czech Republic vs. Sweden	3:30 p.m. ET
Sat, Nov. 5	USA vs Finland	7 p.m. ET

USA games in bold | All streamed live on HockeyTV.com

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TALKING POINTS

FINLAND VS. SWEDEN

The 2016 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament kicks off Nov. 1 with Finland vs. Sweden at 3:30 p.m. ET at USA Hockey Arena.

Both teams have several players that played at USA Hockey Arena last February as part of the 2016 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament, and several of those players were recently included on the NHL Central Scouting "Players to Watch" List. These players are indicated by their grade (A) - first round talent, (B) - second and third round talent and (C) - fourth through seventh round talent.

Those players returning for Finland that were included in the NHL Central Scouting list as "C" prospects are goaltender: Lassi Lehtinen; defensemen: Aleksi Anttalainen, Olli Kaskinen, Bernard Isiguzo; and forwards: Santeri Aalto, Teemu Engberg, Jesse Koskenkorva, Joni Ikonen and Lauri Pajuniemi.

Returning for Team Sweden are goaltender: Olle Eriksson Ek (A); defensemen: Anton Bjorkman (C), Sebastian Walfirdsson (C), August Berg (C), and William Lindgren (C); and forwards: Lukas Alvenes (B), Eric Aterius (C), Marcus Sylvegard (C), Mat Tjerström (C) and Anton Johansson (C).

On Feb. 11, 2016, Finland defeated Sweden, 4-0, at USA Hockey Arena during the 2016 U17 Five Nations Tournament. Eero Teravainen, Lauri Pajuniemi, Joni Ikonen and Linus Nyman scored goals for Finland, while goaltender Lassi Lehtinen stopped all 28 shots he faced.

USA VS. SWITZERLAND

The second half of Tuesday's double header features Team USA and Team Switzerland at 7 p.m.

The two teams' last matchup at the Under-18 level was on April 19, 2016, when Team USA defeated Switzerland, 4-0, in the round-robin portion of the IIHF U18 Men's World Championships in Grand Forks, North Dakota. **Casey Middlestadt** scored twice for Team USA; **Graham McPhee** and **Kailer Yamamoto** scored the other goals. USA goaltender **Joseph Woll** made 15 saves to record the shutout.

The entire Team USA returns from last season's 2016 U17 Five Nations Tournament. Every draft eligible player

on Team USA is rated by NHL's Central Scouting Bureau.

Sven Leuenberger (C) is the lone rated Swiss player by NHL Central Scouting.

The Swiss have the youngest team in the tournament with two players having 2000 birthdays - Tim Berni (2/11/00) and Stephane Patry (2/18/00).

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Each team will compete in four games, with points awarded for wins (3), overtime wins (2) and overtime losses (1). The first-place team will be determined based on final point standings.

TEAM USA HISTORY

The U.S. National Under-18 Team has won eight of the last nine international events held each November.

TEAM USA CAPTAINS

Brady Tkachuk (St. Louis, Mo.) and **Phil Kemp** (Greenwich, Conn.) will serve as team captain's for the U.S. National Under-18 Team during the tournament. Tkachuk will serve as captain when Team USA wears their blue sweaters while Kemp will wear the "C" when Team USA plays in their white uniforms.

Josh Norris (Oxford, Mich.) and Kemp will be alternate captains when wearing blue sweaters while Tkachuk and Norris will serve as alternate captains during games where Team USA is wearing white jerseys.

TEAM USA INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Twenty-two of the 23 players on this year's U18 Five Nations Tournament roster have international tournament experience. In last year's U17 Five Nations tournament **Sean Dhooghe** (Aurora, Ill.) scored four goals and recorded one assist in four games played. **Scott Reedy** (Prior Lake, Minn.) registered 10 points in six games at the 2015 World Under-17 Challenge and had four points in last year's U17 Five Nations tournament. At the 2015 U17 Four Nations **Jacob Tortora** (Victor, N.Y.) netted five goals in just four games played. **Evan Barratt** (Bristol, Pa.) also recorded seven points (3-4) in Slovakia at last year's U17 Four Nations Tournament. Twelve players registered points in last year's U17 Five Nations Tournament for Team USA. Goaltender **Dylan St. Cyr** (Northville, Mich.) appeared in five games in last year's tournament while **Adam Scheel** (Lakewood, Ohio) appeared in two.

2016 U18 FIVE NATIONS TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

TEAM	PLACE	PTS	W	L	T	GF	GA
USA		0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic		0	0	0	0	0	0
Finland		0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden		0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland		0	0	0	0	0	0

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Line charts and statistics are available for all scouts and media in the USA Hockey Arena's Box Office. Line charts and statistics will also be available in the press box for each game.

Media should coordinate interviews requests through NTDP manager of communications Kris Nolt. He will coordinate media requests through each team's respective team manager.

TOURNAMENT WEBSITE

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ABOUT THE NTDP

The pinnacle of amateur player development in the U.S., the NTDP scouts and selects the top 22 players in two age groups (Under-17 and Under-18) to train and develop in a highly competitive two-year program.

The teams (Under-17 and Under-18) face a rigorous domestic schedule including competition against older, more developed players. The U17s play a majority of a 60-game junior schedule in the USHL, while the U18s face USHL, NCAA Division I and III opponents. Both squads also compete in several international events each season.

Additionally, the players face a daily routine of off-ice development that includes strength training, cross-training, cognitive skill testing and academics.

#NTDP20

USA Hockey's National Team Development Program is celebrating its 20th anniversary season in 2016-17. Created to help promote and facilitate the development of American players, the NTDP has helped produce 283 NHL draft picks and 15 U.S. Olympians so far.

WORLD UNDER-17 CHALLENGE

The U.S. National Under-17 team is in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario this week to compete in the 2016 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. This is the first international competition for this group as they will take on three different Canadian teams (Canada Black, Canada Red and Canada White), as well as teams from Finland, Russia, and Sweden.

On Monday, (Oct. 31) three different U.S. players scored power-play goals from the right circle to give the U.S. National Under-17 Team a 3-2 win against Canada White in the preliminary round. **Jacob Semik** (Canton, Mich.) scored in the first and **Blade Jenkins** (Jackson, Mich.) doubled Team USA's lead in the second before the Canadians added two consecutive goals to tie it at 2-2. **Joel Farabee** (Cicero, N.Y.) netted the game-winner at 14:52 of the third period for the win.

On Sunday (Oct. 30), Team USA erased a two-goal deficit in the third period to send the game into overtime and **Joel Farabee** netted the game winner as the U.S. National Under-17 Team topped the Czech Republic, 3-2, in the opening preliminary round game of the 2016 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.

Before their victory over the Czech Republic, the U.S. faced Canada Red in a

pre-tournament matchup Thursday (Oct. 27) evening at the Essar Centre. Despite outshooting Canada Red, 33-13, Team USA fell by a score of 3-1. **Jonathan Gruden** (Rochester, Mich.) scored the only goal for the U.S., his team-leading seventh of the season. **Tyler Weiss** (Raleigh, N.C.) and **Patrick Giles** (Chevy Chase, Md.) picked up points with assist on the play.

The U.S. roster includes 20 full-time members of the 2016-17 U.S. National Under-17 Team, part of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program based in Plymouth, Michigan, and two players from the Lincoln Stars and Dubuque Fighting Saints of the United States Hockey League, respectively.

The U.S. has played in five of the last seven title matches in this event, and has earned first place four times (2001, 2002, 2010, January 2014). Team USA had nine consecutive top-three finishes, stretching from 2006-14 (no event was held in 2007).

HockeyTV.com is provide live streaming coverage of the event in the U.S.

USA HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The U.S. Women's National Team recently wrapped up a pre-tournament camp in East Meadow, New York, in preparation for the upcoming Four Nations Cup.

Team USA is readying to face Sweden (Nov. 1), Finland (Nov. 2) and Canada (Nov. 4) in the preliminary games of the annual international event, taking place at multiple locations in Finland.

The 2016-17 U.S. National Sled Hockey Team is training this weekend at the Extreme Ice Center in Indian Trail, North Carolina. The five practices are all open to the public.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING

Eighteen players on the U.S. National Under-18 Team were named to the NHL Central Scouting's preliminary players to watch list, released last week. Seven of those players were listed as "B" prospects, indicating potential second or third round picks in the upcoming 2017 NHL Entry Draft. The other 11 NTDP players received "C" ratings, indicating fourth, fifth and sixth round candidates.

NTDP COACHES' COLLEGE PATHS

All four coaches on the U.S. National Under-18 Team staff have ties to Division I college hockey programs. Head coach **John Wroblewski**, a "pioneer" on the inaugural roster of the NTDP started in 1997, skated for Team USA for two

seasons (1997-99) before suiting up for the University of Notre Dame.

A four-year letterwinner with the Irish (1999-2003), Wroblewski captained two squads over his tenure, served as alternate captain during his senior year and was the winner of the Notre Dame Monogram Club's Most Valuable Player Award. He was also recognized as the Irish nominee for the college hockey Humanitarian Award and the CCHA's Mike and Marian Ilitch Community Service Award. Wroblewski graduated with a degree in finance from Notre Dame.

Assistant coach **Nick Fohr**, in his sixth season with the NTDP, has seen his career transition from undergraduate assistant coach at Miami University (2002-03) to assistant coach at the University of Nebraska Omaha (2007-10), where he also served as director of hockey operations from 2004-07 and 2010-11. Prior to his coaching days, Fohr played four seasons with the University of Nebraska Omaha Mavericks (1998-2002), where he majored in exercise science.

Intern assistant coach **Greg Moore** is another returning NTDP player who skated with the U.S. National Under-17 and Under-18 Teams (2000-02). Following his NTDP career, Moore laced his skates up for the University of Maine men's hockey program (2002-06). Moore was selected as team captain during his senior season, was a top-10 finalist for the Hobey Baker Memorial Award and earned the Hockey East First Team and All-American First Team honors.

USHL COMPETITION

The NTDP plays a full United States Hockey League season, split between the U.S. National Under-17 and Under-18 Teams. The records for both teams are combined into one in USHL standings. At this point, the U18s are 1-1-1 in the USHL regular season, while the U17s are 1-5-0, putting Team USA eighth in the Eastern Conference.

NTDP'S NCAA OPPONENTS

The U.S. National Under-18 Team will skate in 17 NCAA games this season, including 12 tilts with Division I squads. Team USA recently concluded a seven-game schedule in October alone, which included five teams ranked in the most recent USA Today / USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll.

Most recently, Team USA welcomed their first NCAA opponent to USA Hockey Arena on Saturday, Oct. 29. The U.S. National

Under-18 Team fell to Princeton University in overtime, 5-4. **Scott Reedy** (Prior Lake, Minn.) recorded two goals and an assist in the loss.

Team USA picked up their first victory against an NCAA opponent on Saturday, Oct. 22 when **Michael Pastujov** (Bradenton, Fla.) scored with 32 seconds remaining in regulation to break a 1-1 tie with second-ranked University of Minnesota Duluth at AMSOIL Arena in Duluth, Minnesota. **Brady Tkachuk** (St. Louis, Mo.) scored a short-handed goal in the second period to tie the game. **Dylan St. Cyr** (Northville, Mich.) made 32 saves en route to picking up his third win of the season.

Prior to their win over the Bulldogs, Team USA traveled to Madison to take on the University of Wisconsin at the Kohl Center on Friday (Oct. 21) night. Despite a late comeback attempt, the U18s lost 4-3. **Jacob Tortora** (Victor, N.Y.) tallied two goals in the game while **Tommy Miller** (West Bloomfield, Mich.) added two assists. **Dylan St. Cyr** (Northville, Mich.) made 24 saves on 28 shots.

Prior to their matchup with the Badgers, the U18s traveled to Maricucci Arena to take on the University of Minnesota on Friday, Oct. 14. They fell to the eighth-ranked Golden Gophers, 9-0. Other games this month included a 5-2 loss to Harvard University (Oct. 8), a 8-2 loss to second-ranked Boston University (Oct. 6) and a 5-1 loss to the University of Notre Dame.

Princeton is one of two teams that will skate against the Under-18 Team at USA Hockey Arena. Arizona State University will visit for a pair of matchups on Feb. 24 and 25.

MATTHEWS SETS DEBUT RECORD

Auston Matthews, who played for the NTDP from 2013-15, recorded four goals in his NHL debut for the Toronto Maple Leafs on Wednesday, Oct. 12 against the Ottawa Senators. This marks the most goals scored by a player making his debut in NHL history. He was awarded the NHL's Second Star of the Week for his opening night performance.

59 ALUMS ON OPENING NIGHT ROSTERS

A total of 59 NTDP alumni were named to NHL opening night rosters across the league. These alums are spread across 21 different NHL rosters.

COLLEGE BOUND

Twenty of the 23 players on the U.S. National Under-18 Team are currently committed to NCAA Division I college hockey programs. University of Michigan leads the way with four commits, followed by Boston College, Boston University and University of Wisconsin with three each. University of Minnesota and University of Notre Dame have two commits apiece, while Michigan State University, Penn State University and University of North Dakota each have one member of the U18s committed.

CCM/USA HOCKEY ALL-AMERICAN PROSPECTS GAME

Seventeen members of the U.S. National Under-18 Team recently competed at the 2016 CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game in Philadelphia. Players selected to compete in the game, which took place Sept. 22, were chosen by USA Hockey in conjunction with NHL Central Scouting. All 42 American players that competed in the game are eligible to be selected in the upcoming 2017 NHL Entry Draft.

Logan Cockerill (Brighton, Mich.), **Nate Knoepke** (Farmington, Minn.), **Logan Hutsko** (Morristown, N.J.) and **Grant Mismash** (Edina, Minn.) scored goals in the game. **Max Gildon** (Plano, Texas), **Josh Norris** (Oxford, Mich.), **Scott Reedy** and **Tyler Inamoto** (Barrington, Ill.) tallied assists and goaltender **Adam Scheel** (Lakewood, Ohio) made four saves in 30:28 minutes of play. Eight other U18 players participated in the game.



USA HOCKEY ARENA NOTES

ABOUT USA HOCKEY ARENA

Built in 1996 by Carolina Hurricanes owner Peter Karmanos, Jr. and purchased in March of 2015 by The USA Hockey Foundation, USA Hockey Arena is the home for the USA Hockey National Team Development Program.

Located in Plymouth, Michigan (20 miles west of Detroit and 15 miles east of Ann Arbor, Michigan), USA Hockey Arena encompasses close to 190,000 square feet with two ice surfaces. The main arena seats 3,400 (4,000 for standing room) and is a regulation National Hockey League ice surface (85 X 200). Four private suites are available with media facilities to accommodate live television broadcasts.

The second rink seats 900 with an Olympic-sized ice surface (100 X 200).

WINTER CHAMPION SERIES COMING TO USA HOCKEY ARENA

One of the fiercest rivalries in sports returns to the ice on Saturday, Dec. 17,

when Team USA faces Team Canada in women's hockey action at USA Hockey Arena in the Detroit suburb of Plymouth as part of the Team USA Winter Champions Series.

The USA-Canada women's hockey game will air live on NBCSN beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are available at USAHockeyArena.com.

DETROIT RED WINGS ALUMNI GAME SLATED FOR NOV. 19

The 2nd Annual Michigan Warriors Hockey Program vs. Detroit Red Wings Alumni Game will be held at USA Hockey Arena on Nov. 19. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and puck drops at 5:45 p.m. All proceeds benefit disabled veterans of the Michigan Warriors Hockey Program. The game will include raffles, 50/50 drawing, silent auction, chuck-a-puck, shooter challenge, corn hole toss, kid-friendly activities and games, face-painting and a center ice shot for a chance at \$25,000. Last year, the Detroit Red Wings Alumni team faced

the U.S. National Under-18 Team at USA Hockey Arena. Tickets are available at USAHockeyArena.com.

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The Learn to Skate (LTS) and Learn to Play Hockey (LTP) programs at USA Hockey Arena follows specialized curriculum that offers something for everyone. LTS offers a progressive system that, upon completion of the program, allows skaters to confidently advance to more specialized areas of skating.

The LTP program is a USA Hockey Cross-Ice Instructional program. All the teaching and lesson plan materials are based on USA Hockey's Athlete Development Model (ADM). This program is designed to be the natural progression from Learn to Skate (Hockey 1 - 4) to the Compuware Youth House League.

Registration for both programs are available at USAHockeyArena.com.