



2026 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME NOTES

2026 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP | SAINT PAUL, MINN. | DEC. 26-JAN. 5

PRELIMINARY ROUND • USA (3-0-0-0) VS. SWEDEN (3-0-0-0) • SAINT PAUL, MINN. • GRAND CASINO ARENA • DECEMBER 31, 2025

TONIGHT'S GAME

Team USA faces Sweden here tonight in its fourth and final preliminary round game of the 50th annual IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship. All U.S. games air live on NHL Network with EJ Hradek, Tony Granato and Jon Morosi calling the action.

THE LATEST

ALL-TIME SERIES VS. SWEDEN

The U.S. and Sweden have met 38 previous times in the World Juniors and Team USA has a slim 17-2-1-16-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) advantage. Below is a look at the last 10 games in the series.

TOURNAMENT	ROUND	RESULT
2024	Gold Medal Game	W, 6-2
2023	Bronze Medal Game	W, 8-7 OT
2022	Preliminary	W, 3-2
2021	Preliminary	W, 4-0
2019	Preliminary	L, 4-5 OT
2018	Semifinals	L, 2-4
2016	Bronze Medal Game	W, 8-3
2016	Preliminary Round	L, 0-1
2013	Gold Medal Game	W, 3-1
2011	Bronze Medal Game	W, 4-2

LINEUP TONIGHT

Max Plante, **Cole Hutson**, and **Caleb Heil** will not dress tonight. Hutson and Plante are both out with injury and listed as day-to-day. Hutson skated yesterday.

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

The U.S. is the home team tonight, will wear its blue jerseys and occupy the left bench ... The U.S. is looking to win its preliminary round group for the sixth straight year. Team USA has been first or second in its group in each of the last 11 tournaments ... **TJ Oshie** is expected to help present the Player of the Game awards following tonight's contest, along with Minnesota Hockey President **Steve Oleheiser** ... **James Hagens**, **Will Zellers** and **Brodie Ziemer** are the only U.S. players to have at least one point in each of Team USA's first three games.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Will Zellers is third in the World Juniors in points (4-2--6) and second in goals with four ... **Chase Reid** is tied for 7th in defensemen scoring with 1-2--3 ... In plus/minus rating, **Adam Kleber** is tied for first at +6, while **Cole Hutson** and **Will Zellers** are tied for third at +5 and **Brodie Ziemer** is tied for 8th at +4 ... **Adam Kleber** is fifth in the tournament in average time on ice at 22:34, while **Luke Osburn** is seventh at 21:49 ... **Kamil Bednarik** is seventh in faceoff percentage (.611, 11/18), while **James Hagens** is ninth at .600 (24/40) ... **James Hagens** is tied for tenth in goals with two ... The U.S. is the second least penalized team in the tournament.

THE LAST TIME

Hat Trick: Rutger McGroarty, 3G, 10-2 win over Slovakia in preliminary round on 12/31/23

Shutout: 7-0 vs. Austria on 8/13/2022

Five or More Points: Cole Hutson, 5A, 10-4 win over Germany in preliminary round on 12/26/24. Previous to Hutson, Ryan Ufko, 5A, 11-1 win over Germany in quarterfinal game on 1/2/23

Goaltender Shutout (complete game): Spencer Knight, 34 saves, 2-0 win over Canada in gold-medal game on 1/5/21

50 or More Shots On Goal: 56 vs. Germany, preliminary round, 12/26/24 (10-4 win)

Allowed 50+ Shots On Goal: 50 vs. Canada in 5-4 shootout win in gold-medal game on Jan. 5, 2017

Allowed 40+ Shots On Goal: 44 vs. Finland in 4-3 overtime loss in preliminary round game on Dec. 29, 2024

U.S. GAME SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)/RESULT
SUN., DEC. 21 Duluth, Minn.	GERMANY* Amsoil Arena	W, 8-0
TUES., DEC. 23 Duluth, Minn.	FINLAND* Amsoil Arena	W, 3-1
FRI., DEC. 26 Saint Paul, Minn.	GERMANY (V) Grand Casino Arena	W, 6-3 POG: Brendan McMorrow
SAT., DEC. 27 Saint Paul, Minn.	SWITZERLAND (H) Grand Casino Arena	W, 2-1 POG: Brodie Ziemer
MON., DEC. 29 Saint Paul, Minn.	SLOVAKIA (V) Grand Casino Arena	W, 6-5 POG: James Hagens
WED., DEC. 31 Saint Paul, Minn.	SWEDEN (H) Grand Casino Arena	5:00 P.M.
FRI., JAN. 2 Saint Paul, Minn.	QUARTERINALS Grand Casino Arena	5:00 P.M.
SUN., JAN. 4 Saint Paul, Minn.	SEMIFINAL 1 Grand Casino Arena	3:30 P.M.
MON., JAN. 5 Saint Paul, Minn.	BRONZE MEDAL GM Grand Casino Arena	3:30 P.M.
	GOLD MEDAL GAME Grand Casino Arena	7:30 P.M.

*Pre-tournament game

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

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GAME REWIND

James Hagens scored twice and **Will Zellers** provided the game-winning goal for the third straight game, and added an assist, to help the U.S. rally from a pair of two-goal deficits and defeat Slovakia by a 6-5 count on Monday (Dec. 29) in preliminary round play. The victory was the third straight for the U.S. **Brendan McMorrow** (1-1--2), **AJ Spellacy** (1-1--2), **Brodie Ziemer** (0-2--2), **LJ Mooney** (0-2--2) and **Chase Reid** (0-2-2) also had two-point games.

MEDIA INFORMATION

All U.S. National Junior Team players, as well as head coach Bob Motzko, will be available for interviews in designated media areas following practices and games. The U.S. lockerroom is closed.

MEDIA CONTACT:

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

ONLINE MEDIA INFO

TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/WORLDJUNIORS2026

Team USA information, including bios, news and team history are available at the official website of USA Hockey's national teams.



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FROM PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF GAME NOTES

At age 64, **Bob Motzko** is the oldest coach to ever guide the U.S. in the World Juniors. Motzko is making his third appearance as head coach of a U.S. National Junior Team, having led the U.S. to gold in 2017 and bronze in 2018. Prior to Motzko, Ron Wilson (2016) and Dean Blais (2012) shared the distinction of being the eldest coaches to ever guide a U.S. National Junior Team, both at age 60. John Perpich (1984) and Kevin Constantine (1991) are the youngest at age 31. The average age of the head coach for the U.S. National Junior Team is 45 ... **Kamil Bednarik** grew up speaking Slovak as his parents -- Kamil Sr. and Miriam -- are both from Slovakia. They moved to the U.S. in 1997 and Kamil grew up in the Chicago suburbs ... Team USA's goal song is Free Bird from Lynyrd Skynyrd. It was suggested by Jacob Fowler to leaders of the 2024 U.S. National Junior Team and has caught fire. It has now become the de facto goal song for all U.S. teams in international play.

HUTSON CLIMBING CHARTS

Defenseman **Cole Hutson** (North Barrington, Ill./Boston University) is climbing the charts in the Team USA record book. In last year's World Juniors, Hutson became the first-ever defenseman to lead the tournament in points with 3-8--11. He had two assists in Team USA's 6-3 win over Germany on Dec. 26 and is now just one shy of tying Erik Johnson for the top spot in career points by a defenseman. In addition, his 10 career assists in the WJC have tied Ryan Suter for the top spot in the U.S. record book.

POINTS BY A DEFENSEMAN (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	PTS
1	Erik Johnson	2006-07	14	14
2	Cole Hutson	2025-26	8	13
	Ryan Suter	2003-05	20	13
4	Tim Thomas	1982-83	14	12
5	Luke Hughes	2022-23	12	11
	Jacob Trouba	2012-13	13	11

ASSISTS BY A DEFENSEMAN (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	PTS
1	Cole Hutson	2025-26	8	10
	Ryan Suter	2003-05	20	10
3	Erik Johnson	2006-07	14	9
	Ryan Ufko	2023	7	9

seven players tied with 8 assists

TEAM CHARTER

Tom Koulentes, a lifelong educator and principal at Libertyville High School in Illinois and Stan Bowman, general manager of the Edmonton Oilers, helped the U.S. National Junior Team develop its team charter for the World Juniors. The process started during USA Hockey's U.S. National Junior Evaluation Camp this past summer in Minneapolis, Minn., where both Koulentes and Bowman were on hand. It finished on Dec. 14 in Saint Paul with Koulentes leading the session to complete the process. The team charter encompasses the guiding principles the players mutually agreed they will utilize throughout the tournament.

LEADERSHIP GROUP

Forward **Brodie Ziemer** (Chaska, Minn.), who returns to the U.S. National Junior Team after helping the squad earn the gold medal a year ago, is the captain of the 2026 U.S. National Junior Team. Ziemer was also the captain of the silver medal-winning U.S. National Under-18 Team in the 2024 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship. Forwards **James Hagens** (Hauppauge, N.Y.), **Max Plante** (Hermantown, Minn.) and **Teddy Stiga** (Sudbury, Mass.), along with defenseman **Cole Hutson** (North Barrington, Ill.) are serving as alternate captains. All four were part of the 2025 U.S. National Junior Team.

TOURNEY OPENERS

Including 2026, the U.S. is 23-2-1-22-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) all-time in World Juniors opening games. Since 2000, Team USA has won 22 of 27 openers, going 20-2-1-3-1.

LEGENDARY STAN WONG

Legendary athletic trainer **Stan Wong** marks his 58th appearance on the staff of a U.S. team on the international stage. He is working his 24th straight IIHF World Junior Championship and has also been an athletic trainer for the last five U.S. Olympic men's hockey teams in addition to 18 U.S. men's national teams, 10 Deutschland Cup squads and for Team USA at the 2012 Youth Olympic Games.

THE JOURNEY -- AN OVERVIEW

The U.S. began its World Juniors journey in St. Paul, Minn., on Dec. 14 before moving to Duluth, Minn., for a nine-day camp that included a pair of pre-tournament games against Germany (Dec. 21) and Finland (Dec. 23) at AMSOIL Arena. All total, 30 players started with Team USA vying for a spot on the final 25-man U.S. roster.

WORLD BREAKFAST OF TEAMMATES

Some 800 people gathered for the Hockey Ministries International World Breakfast of Teammates at Roy Wilkins Auditorium on Dec. 27. Team USA general manager **John Vanbiesbrouck** was the keynote speaker. Aaron Broten was master of ceremonies and Mike Eaves and Bill Butters were also featured speakers. The theme of the breakfast was "Joy To The Hockey World."

VIKINGS WELCOME TEAM USA

The Minnesota Vikings welcomed Team USA to their Christmas day game against the Detroit Lions at U.S. Bank Stadium. During a timeout in the first quarter, Team USA was recognized on the field before the capacity crowd, which broke out in chants of USA. The players had a chance prior to the game to be along the back of the North end zone and referee Shawn Smith stopped to talk to some of the guys for a few minutes and wish them luck. In addition, actor Josh Duhamel came down to the tunnel where the players were staged to take a photo.

TEAM USA AT THE WORLD JUNIORS

Entering the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship, the U.S. holds a 167-13-7-121-11 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) all-time record in the event. Most recently, Team USA went 5-1-1-0 in the 2025 tournament and earned the gold medal. To date, Team USA has earned 16 podium finishes, including seven gold medals (2004, 2010, 2013, 2017, 2021, 2024, 2025), two silver medals (1997, 2019) and seven bronze medals (1986, 1992, 2007, 2011, 2016, 2018, 2023). The United States has medaled in eight of the last ten tournaments, the best medal stretch in the history of the country.

WORLD JUNIORS IN THE USA

The U.S. is hosting the IIHF World Junior Championship for seventh time. Team USA is looking for its first-ever gold medal on home soil in the tournament. The U.S. has played in the bronze-medal game in the last three tourneys on U.S. soil.

2018	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bronze
2011	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bronze
2005	Grand Forks, N.D.	4th
1996	Boston	6th
1989	Anchorage	5th
1982	Minneapolis/St. Paul	6th

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2026 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM ROSTER

NO	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	CURRENT TEAM (LEAGUE)	NHL RIGHTS (NHL DRAFT)
GOALTENDERS (3)								
30	Caleb Heil	6-2 (188)	196 (89)	6/19/2006	L	Victoria, Minn.	Madison Capitols (USHL)	TBL (2025, 7th rd., 193rd ovrl)
31	Nick Kempf	6-2 (188)	196 (89)	3/1/2006	L	Morton Grove, Ill.	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)	WAS (2024, 4th rd., 114th ovrl)
35	Brady Knowing	6-5 (196)	203 (92)	3/9/2008	L	Chicago, Ill.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	2026 NHL Draft Eligible
DEFENSEMEN (8)								
14	Asher Barnett	6-1 (185)	197 (89)	5/16/2007	L	Wilmette, Ill.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	EDM (2025, 5th rd., 131st ovrl)
16	EJ Emery	6-3 (191)	185 (84)	3/30/2006	R	Compton, Calif.	University of North Dakota (NCHC)	NYR (2024, 1st rd., 30th ovrl)
5	Logan Hensler #	6-2 (188)	198 (90)	10/14/2006	R	Woodbury, Minn.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	OTT (2025, 1st rd., 23rd ovrl)
44	Cole Hutson #	5-11 (180)	171 (78)	6/28/2006	L	North Barrington, Ill.	Boston University (Hockey East)	WAS (2024, 2nd rd., 43rd ovrl)
6	Adam Kleber #	6-5 (196)	210 (92)	3/24/2006	R	Chaska, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	BUF (2024, 2nd rd., 42nd ovrl)
2	Luke Osburn	6-1 (185)	189 (86)	9/9/2006	L	Plymouth, Mich.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	BUF (2024, 4th rd., 108th ovrl)
25	Chase Reid	6-2 (188)	185 (84)	12/30/2007	R	Chesterfield, Mich.	Soo Greyhounds (OHL)	2026 NHL Draft Eligible
7	Dakota Rheäume-Mullen	6-1 (185)	188 (85)	12/18/2006	L	Northville, Mich.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	2026 NHL Draft Eligible
FORWARDS (14)								
38	Kamil Bednarik	6-1 (185)	185 (84)	5/26/2006	L	Elmhurst, Ill.	Boston University (Hockey East)	NYI (2024, 2nd rd., 61st ovrl)
34	Cole Eiserman #	6-0 (183)	189 (86)	8/29/2006	L	Newburyport, Mass.	Boston University (Hockey East)	NYI (2024, 1st rd., 20th ovrl)
10	James Hagens #	5-11 (180)	193 (88)	11/3/2006	L	Hauptpaugue, N.Y.	Boston College (Hockey East)	BOS (2025, 1st rd., 7th ovrl)
24	Will Horcoff	6-5 (196)	201 (91)	1/23/2007	L	Birmingham, Mich.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	PIT (2025, 1st rd., 24th ovrl)
17	Ryker Lee	6-1 (185)	185 (84)	11/8/2006	R	Wilmette, Ill.	Michigan State University (Big Ten)	NSH (2025, 1st rd., 26th ovrl)
11	Cole McKinney	6-1 (185)	198 (90)	3/16/2007	R	Lake Forest, Ill.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	SJS (2025, 2nd rd., 53rd ovrl)
22	Brendan McMorrow	5-11 (180)	180 (82)	3/27/2006	L	Lakeville, Minn.	University of Denver (NCHC)	LAK (2025, 7th rd., 196th ovrl)
18	LJ Mooney	5-8 (173)	165 (75)	3/2/2007	R	West Mifflin, Pa.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	MTL (2025, 4th rd., 113th ovrl)
26	Max Plante #	5-11 (180)	180 (82)	2/20/2006	L	Hermantown, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	DET (2024, 2nd rd., 47th ovrl)
8	AJ Spellacy	6-3 (191)	205 (93)	2/24/2006	R	Westlake, Ohio	Windsor Spitfires (OHL)	CHI (2024, 3rd rd., 72nd ovrl)
4	Teddy Stiga #	5-11 (180)	178 (81)	4/5/2006	L	Sudbury, Mass.	Boston College (Hockey East)	NAS (2024, 2nd rd, 55th ovrl)
23	Shane Vansaghi	6-2 (188)	215 (98)	10/11/2006	R	St. Louis, Mo.	Michigan State University (Big Ten)	PHI (2025, 2nd rd., 48th ovrl)
12	Will Zellers	6-0 (183)	180 (82)	4/4/2006	L	Maple Grove, Minn.	University of North Dakota (NCHC)	BOS (COL, 2024, 3rd rd., 76th ovrl)
74	Brodie Ziemer #	5-11 (180)	195 (88)	2/22/2006	R	Chaska, Minn.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	BUF (2024, 3rd rd., 71st ovrl)

2026 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (CT)			GER [^]	FIN [^]	GER	SUI	SVK	SWE	QF	SF	MG	2026
NO	NAME	POS.	W, 8-0	W, 3-1	W, 6-3	W, 2-1	W, 6-5	5:00	TBD	TBD	TBD	WJC
			12/21	12/23	12/26	12/27	12/29	12/31	1/2	1/4	1/5	TOTAL
2	Luke Osburn	D	AAA	E(U)A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
4	Teddy Stiga	F	G	--	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	
5	Logan Hensler	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
6	Adam Kleber	D	DND	--	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	
7	D. Rheäume-Mullen	D	A	DND	--	DND	--	--	--	--	--	
8	AJ Spellacy	F	DND	--	A*A	--	SA	--	--	--	--	
10	James Hagens	F	A*	--	A	A	GG#	--	--	--	--	
11	Cole McKinney	F	S	--	--	A*	--	--	--	--	--	
12	Will Zellers	F	PPA	--	GWA	W	WA	--	--	--	--	
14	Asher Barnett	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
16	EJ Emery	D	A	--	DND	--	--	--	--	--	--	
17	Ryker Lee	F	PAA	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	
18	LJ Mooney	F	--	--	--	--	AA*	--	--	--	--	
22	Brendan McMorrow	F	--	--	A#	--	GA	--	--	--	--	
23	Shane Vansaghi	F	A	DND	--	DND	DND	--	--	--	--	
24	Will Horcoff	F	WG	G	G	A	--	--	--	--	--	
25	Chase Reid	D	--	--	G	--	AA	--	--	--	--	
26	Max Plante	F	DND	W	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	
34	Cole Eiserman	F	DND	A*	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	
38	Kamil Bednarik	F	--	--	DND	--	A	--	--	--	--	
44	Cole Hutson	D	DND	--	AA*	--	INJ	--	--	--	--	
74	Brodie Ziemer	F	GA*A	A	A	G#	AA*	--	--	--	--	
30	Caleb Heil	G	DND	ND, 33:02 9/10	W, 60:00 18/21	DNP	W, 60:00 26/31	--	--	--	--	
31	Nick Kempf	G	ND, 32:37 12/12	W, 26:58 8/8	DND	W, 60:00 16/17	DNP	--	--	--	--	
35	Brady Knowing	G	W, 27:23 12/12	DND	DNP	DND	DND	--	--	--	--	

G - goal
A - assist
U - unassisted goal
E - empty-net goal
P - power play goal
W - game-winning 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
^ - pre-tournament game

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ROSTER DETAILS

HOME STATES (9)

Minnesota	7
Illinois	7
Michigan	4
Massachusetts	2
California	1
Missouri	1
New York	1
Ohio	1
Pennsylvania	1

AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT TIES*

USHL	24
NCAA	21
NTDP	19
NAHL	1

*Includes players who have skated in multiple leagues

BY THE NUMBERS

Average Height	6ft 1in (185 cm)
Tallest	Kleber/Horcoff/Knowling (6 ft 5in)
Shortest	Mooney (5 ft/8in/173 cm)

Average Weight	190 lbs (86 kg)
Heaviest	Vansaghi (215 lbs/98 kg)
Lightest	Monney (165 lbs/75 kg)

Average Age	19 yrs 3mo
Oldest	Plante (19yrs 8mo)
Youngest	Knowling (17yrs, 8mo)

Shoot/Catch	Left: 15 Right: 10
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FORWARDS

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
4	Teddy Stiga Boston College (Hockey East)	15	3	8	11
8	AJ Spellacy Windsor (OHL)	27	9	8	17
10	James Hagens Boston College (Hockey East)	16	10	8	18
11	Cole McKinney University of Michigan (Big Ten)	20	5	6	11
12	Will Zellers University of North Dakota (NCHC)	18	10	5	15
17	Ryker Lee Michigan State University (Big Ten)	16	7	16	13
18	LJ Mooney University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	19	4	11	15
22	Brendan McMorrow University of Denver (NCHC)	17	2	5	7
23	Shane Vansaghi Michigan State University (Big Ten)	16	1	5	6
24	Will Horcoff University of Michigan (Big Ten)	20	19	9	28
26	Max Plante University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	20	16	14	30
34	Cole Eiserman Boston University (Hockey East)	14	8	4	12
38	Kamil Bednarik Boston University (Hockey East)	17	5	4	9
74	Brodie Ziemer University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	19	12	7	19

SEASON STATISTICS

2025-26 SEASON

DEFENSE

NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
2	Luke Osburn University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	12	2	6	8
5	Logan Hensler University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	15	3	5	8
6	Adam Kleber University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	20	2	3	5
7	Dakota Rheame-Mullen University of Michigan (Big Ten)	20	4	9	13
14	Asher Barnett University of Michigan (Big Ten)	20	0	8	8
16	EJ Emery University of North Dakota (NCHC)	17	2	2	4
25	Chase Reid Soo Greyhounds (OHL)	31	14	21	35
44	Cole Hutson Boston University (Hockey East)	18	7	13	20

GOALTENDERS

NO	NAME	GP	W-L-T-OTL	GAA	SV%
30	Caleb Heil Madison Capitols (USHL)	16	10-4-2	2.60	.891
31	Nick Kempf University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)	16	4-11-1	3.57	.893
35	Brady Knowling USA Hockey NTDP (USHL)	15	5-7-0	3.63	.887

2026 U.S. STAFF

POSITION	NAME
General Manager	John Vanbiesbrouck Detroit, Mich.
Head Coach	Bob Motzko Austin, Minnesota
Assistant Coach	Greg Brown Scituate, Mass.
Assistant Coach	Garrett Raboin Detroit Lakes, Minn.
Assistant Coach	Steve Miller Sun Prairie, Wis.
Goaltending Coach	David Lassonde Durham, N.H.
Video Coach	Jacob LeRoy Dublin, Ohio
Video Coach	Travis Winter St. Cloud, Minn.
Performance Coach	Will Morlock Grand Haven, Mich.
Team Services	Jessica Thibault Guilford, Conn.
Team Physician	Dr. Charlie Popkin Medina, Minn.
Athletic Trainer	Jeff Winslow St. Paul, Minn.
Athletic Trainer	Stan Wong Boca Raton, Fla.
Equipment Manager	Patrick Dooley Berkley, Mich.
Equipment Manager	Andrew Zagorianakos Lincoln, Maine
Digital Content	Summer Dutton Colorado Springs, Colo.
Media Officer	Dave Fischer Colorado Springs, Colo.

ABOUT THE STAFF

ABOUT VANBIESBROUCK

John Vanbiesbrouck is the general manager of the 2026 U.S. National Junior Team, marking his eighth straight season serving in the capacity. Under his leadership, the U.S. has earned five medals, including three gold medals. The 2007 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee has previously represented the United States as a player on nine occasions, including one Olympic Winter Games (1998), two Canada Cups (1987, 1991), four men's world championships (1985, 1987, 1989, 1991) and two world junior championships (1982, 1983). A full-time employee of USA Hockey, Vanbiesbrouck began his duties as assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey on June 4, 2018. His responsibilities include oversight of USA Hockey's international efforts, including its men's, women's and sled programs as well as the National Junior Development Program. The U.S. has enjoyed unprecedented success on the international stage under his guidance.

ABOUT MOTZKO

Bob Motzko is serving as head coach of the U.S. National Junior Team for the third time. He led Team USA to gold at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship and bronze in the 2018 event. One of the most accomplished coaches in American hockey today, Motzko is in his 21st campaign as an NCAA Division I men's hockey head coach and eighth season guiding the University of Minnesota men's hockey program. In his time in Minneapolis, Motzko has led the Gophers to five-straight NCAA Tournament appearances, including two trips to the NCAA Men's Frozen Four, along with three Big Ten regular-season titles and one Big Ten Conference tournament title. The recipient of the Spencer Penrose Award as the top coach in NCAA Division I men's ice hockey in 2022-23, Motzko spent 13 seasons as the bench boss at St. Cloud State University and guided teams to eight NCAA Tournament appearances, including a spot in the 2013 NCAA Men's Frozen Four.

ASSISTANT COACHES

USA Hockey has an experienced group of assistant coaches, including NCAA Division I head coaches **Greg Brown** (Scituate, Mass./Boston College) and **Garrett Raboin** (Detroit Lakes, Minn./Augustana University); University of Minnesota associate head coach **Steve Miller** (Sun Prairie, Wis.); and **David Lassonde** (Durham, N.H.), who serves as the national goaltending coach for USA Hockey. The U.S. coaching staff also includes video coaches **Travis Winter** (St. Cloud, Minn./Bemidji State University) and **Jacob LeRoy** (Dublin, Ohio/University of Minnesota) and performance coach **Will Morlock** (Grand Haven, Mich./Michigan State University).



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TEAM USA ROSTER BACKGROUND

NHL DRAFT (22)

A total of 22 players have been drafted by an NHL team.

PLAYER	NHL RIGHTS	DRAFT YEAR	ROUND	OVERALL
James Hagens	BOS	2025	1	7
Cole Eiserman	NYI	2024	1	19
Logan Hensler	OTT	2025	1	23
Will Horcoff	PITT	2025	1	24
Ryker Lee	NSH	2025	1	26
EJ Emery	NYR	2024	1	30
Adam Kleber	BUF	2024	2	42
Cole Hutson	WSH	2024	2	43
Max Plante	DET	2024	2	47
Shane Vansaghi	PHI	2025	2	48
Cole McKinney	SJS	2025	2	53
Teddy Stiga	NSH	2024	2	55
Kami Bednarik	NYI	2024	2	61
Brodie Ziemer	BUF	2024	3	71
AJ Spellacy	CHI	2024	3	72
Will Zellers*	COL	2024	3	76
Luke Osburn	BUF	2024	4	108
LJ Mooney	MTL	2025	4	113
Nick Kempf	WSH	2024	4	114
Asher Barnett	EDM	2025	5	131
Caleb Heil	TBL	2025	7	193
Brendan McMorrow	LAK	2025	7	196

*Currently property of Boston

COLLEGE HOCKEY (21)

A total of 21 players are currently playing college hockey in the United States.

SCHOOL	PLAYERS
University of Michigan	4
Boston University	3
Boston College	2
Michigan State University	2
University of Minnesota	2
University of Minnesota Duluth	2
University of North Dakota	2
University of Wisconsin	2
University of Denver	1
University of Notre Dame	1

CONFERENCE	PLAYERS
Big Ten	11
Hockey East	5
NCHC	5

NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (19)

Based at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich., and in its 29th season, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program includes the U.S. National Under-17 and Under-18 Teams that compete in the United States Hockey League and against NCAA Division I and III teams and international opponents. Below are players who have been part of the NTDP.

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR(S)
Asher Barnett	Defense	2023-25
Kamil Bednarik	Forward	2022-24
Caleb Heil *	Goaltender	2023-24
Nick Kempf	Goaltender	2022-24
EJ Emery	Defense	2022-24
Logan Hensler	Defense	2022-24
Cole Hutson	Defense	2022-24
Cole Eiserman	Forward	2022-24
James Hagens	Forward	2022-24
Will Horcoff	Forward	2023-25
Brady Knowling	Goaltender	2024-26
Cole McKinney	Forward	2023-25
Brendan McMorrow	Forward	2022-24
LJ Mooney	Forward	2023-25
Max Plante	Forward	2022-24
Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen	Defense	2022-24
Teddy Stiga	Forward	2022-24
Shane Vansaghi	Forward	2022-24
Brodie Ziemer	Forward	2022-24

*Played 4 games with NTDP

USA HOCKEY CHIPOTLE ALL-AMERICAN GAME (20)

The USA Hockey Chipotle All-American Game is an annual event that provides the best U.S. players eligible for next year's NHL Draft the opportunity to showcase their skills on a national stage. Below are the players who have competed in the game.

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR(S)
Asher Barnett	Defense	2025
Kamil Bednarik	Forward	2024
Cole Eiserman	Forward	2024
EJ Emery	Defense	2024
James Hagens	Forward	2024
Caleb Heil	Goaltender	2024
Logan Hensler	Defense	2024
Cole Hutson	Defense	2024
Nick Kempf	Goaltender	2024
Adam Kleber	Defense	2024
Ryker Lee	Forward	2025
LJ Mooney	Forward	2025
Cole McKinney	Forward	2025
Brendan McMorrow	Forward	2024/2025
Luke Osburn	Defense	2024
Max Plante	Forward	2024
Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen	Defense	2024
Teddy Stiga	Forward	2024
Shane Vansaghi	Forward	2024
Brodie Ziemer	Forward	2024

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IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (8)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Cole Eiserman	Forward	2025	Gold
James Hagens	Forward	2025	Gold
Logan Hensler	Defense	2025	Gold
Cole Hutson	Defense	2025	Gold
Adam Kleber	Defense	2025	Gold
Max Plante	Forward	2025	Gold
Teddy Stiga	Forward	2025	Gold
Brodie Ziemer	Forward	2025	Gold

IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (19)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Logan Hensler	Defense	2024	Silver
Cole Hutson	Defense	2024	Silver
	Defense	2023	Gold
Cole Eiserman	Forward	2024	Silver
	Forward	2023	Gold
James Hagens	Forward	2024	Silver
	Forward	2023	Gold
Max Plante	Forward	2024	Silver
Teddy Stiga	Forward	2024	Silver
Asher Barnett	Defense	2025	Bronze
Will Horcoff	Forward	2025	Bronze
Cole McKinney	Forward	2025	Bronze
LJ Mooney	Forward	2025	Bronze
Nick Kempf	Goaltender	2024	Silver
Caleb Heil	Goaltender	2024	Silver
EJ Emery	Defense	2024	Silver
Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen	Defense	2024	Silver
Kamil Bednarik	Forward	2024	Silver
Brendan McMorrow	Forward	2024	Silver
LJ Mooney	Forward	2024	Silver
Shane Vansaghi	Forward	2024	Silver
Brodie Ziemer	Forward	2024	Silver

USA HOCKEY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS (23)

PLAYER	POSITION	PDC
Asher Barnett	Defense	S15
Kamil Bednarik	Forward	S15
Cole Eiserman	Forward	S15
James Hagens	Forward	S15
Caleb Heil	Goaltender	S15/S16/S17
Logan Hensler	Defense	S15
Will Horcoff	Forward	S15
Cole Hutson	Defense	S15
Nick Kempf	Goaltender	S15
Adam Kleber	Defense	S15/S16/S17
Ryker Lee	Forward	S15/S16/S17
Cole McKinney	Forward	S15
Brendan McMorrow	Forward	S15
LJ Mooney	Forward	S15
Luke Osburn	Defense	S15/S16/S17
Max Plante	Forward	S15
Chase Reid	Defense	S16/S17
Dakoda Rheaume-Mullen	Defense	S15
AJ Spellacy	Forward	S16
Teddy Stiga	Forward	S15
Shane Vansaghi	Forward	S15
Will Zellers	Forward	S15/S16/S17
Brodie Ziemer	Forward	S15

NOTE: USA Hockey Player Development Camps are held annually in the summer for both Youth and Girls hockey. The national camps are held after district camps, and are utilized as an opportunity for further athlete development, including the selection of international teams.

HAGENS HELPERS

Team USA forward **James Hagens** is helping support Feeding America throughout the IIHF World Junior Championship in an effort called Hagens Helpers. With each Team USA win during the World Juniors, Hagens will personally donate to Feeding America and he is encouraging others to join in. The campaign goal is \$50,000 and the website is below:

<https://app.jointheglow.com/c/aEsxrG>

TEAM USA INSIDER

Fans and media can follow the journey of the U.S. National Junior Team through the Team USA Insider, a daily glimpse of happenings in/around the team. It can be found here:

<https://teamusa.usahockey.com/worldjuniors2026>

THINGS

Team USA's lockerroom was filled with traditional Christmas music on Christmas day from the playlist of U.S. defenseman **Logan Hensler** ... U.S. trainer **Jeff Winslow**, who is an assistant athletic director at the University of Minnesota and in his 18th year working with the Gopher men's hockey team, shared that his nickname when he served as a YMCA camp counselor was "Scooby Doo." All camp counselors chose a cartoon themed nickname ... Team USA is using the Minnesota Wild lockerroom at Grand Casino Arena.

TEAM USA SNACKLE BOX

Jessica Thibault, who is handling operations for the U.S. National Junior Team for the fourth straight year and whose full-time job is as director of hockey operations for the University of Notre Dame men's hockey program, put together the Team USA Snackle Box, which features sweet treats for the U.S. training staff. The idea came from **Summer Dutton**, who is leading content efforts for the U.S. National Junior Team and works full-time for USA Hockey. The Snackle Box moves its way around, including hanging out in the both the training and equipment rooms generally.



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SERIES AND PLAYOFF RECORDS FOR TEAM USA AT WJC

2026 U.S. GROUP A OPPONENTS

GERMANY	FRI., DEC. 26	5:00 P.M. LOCAL/6:00 P.M. ET
	Series vs. Germany: 14-0-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)	
	Of Note: The U.S. has won its last nine meetings against Germany.	
	LAST MEETING: The U.S. gained an 10-4 win over Germany in preliminary round play on Dec. 26, 2024.	
SWITZERLAND	SAT., DEC. 27	5:00 P.M. LOCAL/6:00 P.M. ET
	Series vs. Switzerland: 25-0-0-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)	
	Of Note: The U.S. has won the last 10 games in the series.	
	LAST MEETING: Team USA earned a 7-2 win over Switzerland in the quarterfinal round of the 2025 tournament on Jan. 2, 2025.	
SLOVAKIA	MON., DEC. 29	5:00 P.M. LOCAL/6:00 P.M. ET
	Series vs. Slovakia: 15-0-0-5-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)	
	Of Note: The U.S. has won nine of the last 11 contests in the series.	
	LAST MEETING: Team USA earned a 10-2 decision over Slovakia in the preliminary round of the 2024 tournament on Dec. 31.	
SWEDEN	WED., DEC. 31	5:00 P.M. LOCAL/6:00 P.M. ET
	Series vs. Sweden: 17-2-1-16-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)	
	Of Note: Team USA has won the last four meetings in the series.	
	LAST MEETING: Team USA earned a 6-2 decision in the gold-medal game of the 2024 World Juniors on Jan. 5.	

U.S. WJC PLAYOFF HISTORY

Quarterfinal Record:	15-0-0-9 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Last QF:	W, 7-2 vs. Switzerland (2025)
Ryan Leonard and James Hagens each had two goals to propel Team USA.	
Semifinal Record:	8-1-1-9 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Last SF:	W, 4-1 vs. Czechia (2025)
Trey Augustine made 26 saves to become the all-time winningest American goaltender in World Juniors history. Four different players scored for Team USA.	
Bronze-Medal Games:	5-0-2-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Total Bronze Medals:	7 ('86, '92, '07, '11, '16, '18, '23)
Last BMG:	W, 8-7 OT vs. Sweden (2023)
Chaz Lucius scored three goals, including the game-winner in overtime, to lift the U.S. to a thrilling bronze-medal game victory.	
Gold-Medal Games:	4-3-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L)
Total Gold Medals:	7 ('04, '10, '13, '17, '21, '24, '25)
Last GMG:	W, 4-3 (OT) vs. Finland (2025)
Teddy Stiga scored 8:04 into three-on-three overtime as Team USA erased a two-goal deficit on the way to gold.	

U.S. WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY AT A GLANCE

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT									
Opponent	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	T	GF	GA	
Austria	4	4	0	0	0	0	33	2	
Belarus	4	3	0	0	0	0	23	11	
Canada	50	10	3	3	31	3	143	198	
Czechia	28	15	3	1	8	1	103	75	
Czechoslovakia	16	4	0	0	12	0	51	90	
Denmark	3	3	0	0	0	0	24	4	
Finland	40	16	4	1	18	1	152	164	
Germany	15	14	0	1	0	0	97	23	
West Germany	13	10	0	0	3	0	80	45	
Japan	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	2	
Kazakhstan	5	5	0	0	0	0	42	6	
Latvia	6	6	0	0	0	0	47	9	
Norway	7	6	0	0	1	0	66	18	
Poland	5	3	0	0	1	0	29	12	
Russia	23	9	1	0	13	0	58	77	
Soviet Union	12	1	0	0	11	0	32	76	
Slovakia	21	15	0	0	5	1	95	50	
Sweden	38	17	2	1	16	2	135	137	
Switzerland	27	25	0	0	0	2	161	52	
Ukraine	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	7	
TOTAL	320	167	13	1	122	11	1388	1058	
ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS									
Opponent	QF	SF	BMG	GMG	Total				
Canada	0-1	1-5	0-1	4-1	5-8				
Czechia	5-2	2-1	1-1	NA	8-4				
Finland	2-1	3-0	0-2	1-1	6-4				
Germany	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0				
Latvia	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0				
Russia	1-3	2-3	0-1	NA	3-7				
Slovakia	1-1	NA	NA	NA	1-1				
Sweden	2-1	1-1	4-0	2-0	9-2				
Switzerland	2-0	NA	NA	NA	2-0				
Total	15-9	9-10	5-5	7-2	36-26				

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT WORLD JUNIORS				
Year	Location	Head Coach	Record	Medal
2025	Ottawa, Canada	David Carle	5-1-1-0	Gold
2024	Gothenburg, Sweden	David Carle	6-1-0-0	Gold
2023	Moncton/Halifax, N.S.	Rand Pecknold	4-1-0-2	Bronze
2021	Edmonton, Canada	Nate Leaman	6-0-0-1	Gold
2019	Vancouver, Canada	Mike Hastings	5-0-1-1	Silver
2018	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bob Motzko	4-1-0-2	Bronze
2017	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Bob Motzko	5-2-0-0	Gold
2016	Helinski, Finland	Ron Wilson	5-0-0-2	Bronze
2013	Ufa, Russia	Phil Housley	5-0-0-2	Gold
2011	Buffalo/Niagara, N.Y.	Keith Allain	5-0-0-1	Bronze
2010	Regina/Saskatoon, Canada	Dean Blais	5-1-1-0	Gold
2007	Leksand/Mora, Sweden	Ron Rolston	3-1-2-1	Bronze
2004	Helsinki/Hameenlinna, Finland	Mike Eaves	6-0-0*	Gold
1997	Geneva/Morges, Switzerland	Jeff Jackson	4-1-1*	Silver
1992	Fussen/Kaufbeuren, Germany	Walt Kyle	5-2-0*	Bronze
1986	Hamilton, Canada	Dave Peterson	4-3-0*	Bronze
TOTAL		7 Gold	2 Silver	7 Bronze
*Win-Loss-Tie				

U.S. IN PREVIOUS 10 WORLD JUNIORS				
Year	Location	Head Coach	Record	Finish
2025	Ottawa, Canada	David Carle	5-1-1-0	Gold
2024	Gothenburg, Sweden	David Carle	6-1-0-0	Gold
2023	Moncton/Halifax, N.S.	Rand Pecknold	4-1-0-2	Bronze
2022	Edmonton, Canada	Nate Leaman	4-0-0-1	5th
2021	Edmonton, Canada	Nate Leaman	6-0-0-1	Gold
2020	Ostrava/Trinec, Czech Republic	Scott Sandelin	2-1-0-2	Sixth
2019	Vancouver, Canada	Mike Hastings	5-0-1-1	Silver
2018	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bob Motzko	4-1-0-2	Bronze
2017	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Bob Motzko	5-2-0-0	Gold
2016	Helinski, Finland	Ron Wilson	5-0-0-2	Bronze
TOTAL		4 Gold	1 Silver	3 Bronze



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U.S. RECORD BOOK

GOALS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	G
1	Kieffer Bellows	2018	7	9
2	Jeremy Roenick	1989	7	8
3	Isaac Howard	2024	7	7
	Logan Cooley	2023	7	7
	Trevor Zegras	2021	7	7
	Colin White	2017	7	7
	Auston Matthews	2016	7	7
	Johnny Gaudreau	2013	7	7
	Chris Borque	2006	7	7
	Peter Ferraro	1993	7	7
	Scott Young	1987	7	7
	Mark Green	1978	6	7

ASSISTS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	A
1	Doug Weight	1991	7	14
2	Trevor Zegras	2021	7	11
3	Cutter Gauthier	2024	7	10
	Derek Stepan	2010	7	10
	Phil Kessel	2006	7	10
5	Ryan Ufko	2023	7	9
	Trevor Zegras	2020	4	9
	Pat Peake	1993	7	9
	Mike Modano	1989	7	9
	Alfie Turcotte	1984	7	9
	Bobby Crawford	1978	6	9

POINTS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	PTS
1	Doug Weight	1991	7	19
2	Trevor Zegras	2021	7	18
3	Jeremy Roenick	1989	7	16
4	Mike Modano	1989	7	15
5	Logan Cooley	2023	7	14
	Derek Stepan	2010	7	14
7	Jimmy Snuggerud	2023	7	13
	Pat Peake	1993	7	13
	Bobby Crawford	1978	6	13
10	Cutter Gauthier	2024	7	12
	Jerry D'Amigo	2010	7	12
	Ted Drury	1991	8	12
	Trent Klatt	1991	8	12
	Mark Green	1978	6	12

WINS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	W
1	Al Montoya	2004	6	6
2	Tyler Parsons	2017	5	5
	John Gibson	2013	7	5
	Jack Campbell	2011	6	5
	Rick DiPietro	2001	6	5
	Mike Dunham	1992	6	5
7	Trey Augustine	2023	6	4
	Trey Augustine	2024	4	4
	Cayden Primeau	2019	5	4
	Alex Nedeljkovic	2016	6	4
	Mike Lee	2010	5	4
	Jeremy Smith	2008	6	4
	Jeff Frazee	2007	5	4
	Rob Geopfert	2003	7	4
	Jason Bacashihua	2002	7	4
	Brian Boucher	1997	6	4
	Paul Joswiak	1978	6	4

GAA (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	MIN	GAA
1	Al Montoya	2004	360	1.17
2	Rick DiPietro	2001	359	1.33
3	John Gibson	2013	398	1.36
4	Brian Boucher	1997	357	1.51
5	Cayden Primeau	2019	298	1.61
6	Spencer Knight	2021	332	1.63
7	Alex Nedeljkovic	2016	325	1.66
8	Jean-Marc Pelletier	1998	180	1.67
9	Jack Campbell	2011	353	1.70
10	Jeff Frazee	2007	313	1.72

SHUTOUTS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	SO
1	Spencer Knight	2021	6	3
2	Al Montoya	2004	6	2
4	Brian Boucher	1997	6	2
	11 Tied With One			

GOALS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	G
1	Jeremy Roenick	1988-89	14	13
2	James van Riemsdyk	2007-09	19	12
3	Kieffer Bellows	2017-18	14	11
	Brian Gionta	1998-99	13	11
5	8 different players			10

ASSISTS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	A
1	Trevor Zegras	2020-21	12	20
	Jordan Schroeder	2008-10	19	20
3	Cutter Gauthier	2023-24	14	16
4	Doug Weight	1991	7	14
5	Kyle Palmieri	2010-11	13	12
	Phil Kessel	2005-06	14	12
	Jeremy Roenick	1988-89	14	12

POINTS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	PTS
1	Trevor Zegras	2020-21	12	27
	Jordan Schroeder	2008-10	19	27
3	Jeremy Roenick	1988-89	14	25
4	Cutter Gauthier	2023-24	14	22
4	James van Riemsdyk	2007-09	19	22
5	Logan Cooley	2022-23	12	20
	Brian Rolston	1991-93	21	20
	Mike Modano	1988-89	14	20

WINS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	WINS
1	Jack Campbell	2010-12	14	10
2	Al Montoya	2004-05	12	9
3	Trey Augustine	2023-24	10	8
4	Spencer Knight	2019-21	10	7
	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	11	7
6	Brian Boucher	1996-97	10	6
	Mike Dunham	1991-92	9	6

MIN (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	MIN
1	Alan Perry	1984-86	968:40
2	Jack Campbell	2010-12	816:46
3	Al Montoya	2004-05	753:15
4	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	658:40
5	Brian Boucher	1996-97	577:00

SHUTOUTS (CAREER)

RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	SO
1	Spencer Knight	2020-21	3
2	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	2
	Al Montoya	2004-05	2
	Brian Boucher	1996-97	2

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR
Trevor Zegras	Forward	2021
Ryan Poehling	Forward	2019
Casey Mittelstadt	Forward	2018
John Gibson	Goaltender	2013
Zach Parise	Forward	2004

*minimum 180 minutes played



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2026 U.S. National Junior Team • Game-By-Game Review

USA vs. Germany • Pre-Tournament

December 21, 2025 — AMSOIL Arena • Duluth, Minn. (4,944)

United States (h)	2	3	3	—	8
Germany (v)	0	0	0	—	0

1st: USA-Horcoff (Hagens, Ziemer), 19:08
USA-Lee (Zellers, Osburn), 5x4 PPG, 19:42
2nd: USA-Zellers (Lee, Osburn), 5x4 PPG, 3:51
USA-Stiga (Lee), 18:23
USA-Horcoff (Ziemer, Emery), 18:31
3rd: USA-McKinney (Vansaghi), 4x5 SHG, 1:30
USA-Zellers (Osburn), 5x4 PPG, 15:48
USA-Ziemer (Rheume-Mullen), 17:34

Penalties: USA 4-8, GER 6-12 Power Plays: USA 3-6, GER 0-4
Saves: USA-Knowling (7-5-x-12); 27:23
USA-Kempf (x-2-10-12); 32:37
GER-Neisse (7-14-20-41); 60:00
Shots: USA 7-17-23-49; GER 7-7-10-24

Notes: The U.S. got two goals each from Will Horcoff and Will Zellers and six different players scored in pre-tournament action ahead of the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship. Brady Knowling and Nick Kempf split time in the net and each recorded 12 saves without yielding a goal.

USA vs. Finland • Pre-Tournament

December 23, 2025 — AMSOIL Arena • Duluth, Minn. (5,141)

United States (v)	1	1	1	—	3
Finland (h)	1	0	0	—	1

1st: FIN-Ruohonen (Koivu), 7:06
USA-Horcoff (Osburn, Ziemer), 13:56
2nd: USA-Plante (Eiserman), 14:19
3rd: USA-Osburn (unassisted), ENG, 19:54

Penalties: USA 5-10, FIN 4-8 Power Plays: USA 0-4, FIN 0-5
Saves: USA-Heil (7-2-x-9); 33:02
USA-Kempf (x-1-7-8); 26:58
FIN-Rimpinen (8-6-8-22); 58:35
Shots: USA 9-7-9-25; FIN 8-3-7-18

Notes: Luke Osburn had a goal and an assist and Max Plante and Will Horcoff each scored to help the U.S. to its second pre-tournament game victory in as many tries before an appreciative crowd in Duluth.

Germany vs. USA • Preliminary Round • Game 1

December 26, 2025 — Grand Casino Arena • St. Paul, Minn. (14,276)

United States (v)	3	3	0	—	6
Germany (h)	1	2	0	—	3

1st: FIN-Ruohonen (Koivu), 7:06
USA-Horcoff (Osburn, Ziemer), 13:56
2nd: USA-Plante (Eiserman), 14:19
3rd: USA-Osburn (unassisted), ENG, 19:54

Penalties: USA 3-6, GER 3-6 Power Plays: USA 0-3, GER 0-3
Saves: USA-Heil (9-5-4-18); 60:00
GER-Neisse (10-16-15-41); 60:00
Shots: USA 13-19-15-47; GER 10-7-4-21

Notes: Will Zellers had two goals and an assist to help the U.S. open play in the 50th anniversary of the World Juniors with a victory. Five different players scored for Team USA and Brendan McMorrow earned honors as the U.S. Player of the Game.

USA vs. Switzerland • Preliminary Round • Game 2

December 27, 2025 — Grand Casino Arena • St. Paul, Minn. (13,984)

United States (h)	0	2	0	—	2
Switzerland (v)	0	1	0	—	1

1st: No Scoring
2nd: USA-Ziemer (Hagens, Horcoff), 1:12
SUI-Sansonnens (Grossniklaus, Steiner); 12:34
USA-Zellers (McKinney), 14:40
3rd: No Scoring

Penalties: USA 2-4, SUI 3-6 Power Plays: USA 0-3, SUI 0-2
Saves: USA-Kempf (4-4-8-16); 60:00
SUI-Kirsch (8-4-6-18); 58:23
Shots: USA 8-6-6-20; SUI 4-5-8-17

Notes: Will Zellers provided the game-winning goal for the second straight outing as the U.S. got by the Swiss. Defenseman Cole Hutson was taken off the ice on a stretcher in the middle of the second period after getting drilled with the puck in the back of the neck. Fortunately, he was released from the hospital shortly after the game ended and was back with his teammates in the lockerroom. Brodie Ziemer was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

Slovakia vs. USA • Preliminary Round • Game 3

December 29, 2025 — Grand Casino Arena • St. Paul, Minn. (13,052)

United States (v)	0	4	2	—	6
Switzerland (h)	0	1	0	—	5

1st: SVK-Pitka (Tomik, Fabus), 8:53
SVK-Chrenko (Tadivojevic), 5x4 PPG, 11:15
2nd: USA-Spellacy (McMorrow), 4x5 SHG, 1:50
SVK-Belusko (Straka), 4x5 SHG, 6:46
USA-McMorrow (Bednarik, Spellacy), 8:33
USA-Lee (Mooney, Zellers), 5x4 PPG, 11:00
SVK-Svrcek (Straka, Chrenko), 14:44
USA-Hagens (Stiga, Reid), 19:15
3rd: USA-Hagens (Reid, Ziemer), :18
USA-Zellers (Ziemer, Mooney), 5x4 PPG, 4:34
SVK-Chrenko (Radivojevic, Nemec), 18:06

Penalties: USA 4-8, SVK 5-10 Power Plays: USA 2-5, SVK 1-4
Saves: USA-Heil (6-8-12-26); 60:00
SVK-Pradel (6-19-10-35); 57:13
Shots: USA 6-23-12-41; SVK 8-10-13-31

Notes: The U.S. rallied from a pair of two-goal deficits past Slovakia to remain unbeaten in the World Juniors. Ten different players contributed points, with James Hagens scoring twice and Will Zellers providing the game-winning goal for the third straight contest.

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PLAYER STATISTICS BY TEAM

As of MON 29 DEC 2025

Including Game 13

USA - United States

Playing Statistics

No.	Name	Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-	GWG	PPG	SHG	SOG	SG%	TM	M/G	TSh	AT/S
2	OSBURN Luke	D	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0.00	65:29	21:49	74	0:53
4	STIGA Teddy	F	3	0	2	2	0	-1	0	0	0	6	0.00	48:02	16:00	63	0:45
5	HENSLER Logan	D	3	0	0	0	2	-1	0	0	0	2	0.00	34:55	11:38	52	0:40
6	KLEBER Adam	D	3	0	1	1	0	+6	0	0	0	1	0.00	67:44	22:34	77	0:52
7	RHEAUME-MULLEN Dakota	D	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	11:48	5:54	18	0:39
8	SPELLACY AJ	F	3	1	3	4	4	+3	0	0	1	5	20.00	40:26	13:28	59	0:41
10	HAGENS James	F	3	2	2	4	0	+3	0	0	0	8	25.00	56:45	18:55	60	0:56
11	McKINNEY Cole	F	3	0	1	1	2	+1	0	0	0	6	0.00	32:37	10:52	46	0:42
12	ZELLERS Will	F	3	4	2	6	0	+5	3	1	0	6	66.67	38:12	12:44	46	0:49
14	BARNETT Asher	D	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.00	41:16	13:45	54	0:45
16	EMERY EJ	D	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	24:13	12:06	29	0:50
17	LEE Ryker	F	3	1	0	1	0	-1	0	1	0	3	33.33	39:36	13:12	41	0:57
18	MOONEY LJ	F	3	0	2	2	2	-1	0	0	0	6	0.00	49:36	16:32	68	0:43
22	McMORROW Brendan	F	3	1	2	3	0	+4	0	0	0	8	12.50	37:47	12:35	53	0:42
23	VANSAGHI Shane	F	1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	1	0.00	5:01	5:01	8	0:37
24	HORCOFF Will	F	3	1	1	2	0	+1	0	0	0	8	12.50	45:54	15:18	52	0:52
25	REID Chase	D	3	1	2	3	4	+1	0	0	0	8	12.50	59:14	19:44	70	0:50
26	PLANTE Max	F	3	1	0	1	0	-3	0	0	0	6	16.67	44:20	14:46	56	0:47
30	HEIL Caleb	GK	3	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00				
31	KEMPF Nick	GK	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00				
34	EISERMAN Cole	F	3	1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	10	10.00	36:19	12:06	47	0:46
35	KNOWLING Brady	GK	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00				
38	BEDNARIK Kamil	F	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.00	16:47	8:23	23	0:43
44	HUTSON Cole	D	2	0	2	2	0	+5	0	0	0	4	0.00	37:24	18:42	42	0:53
74	ZIEMER Brodie	F	3	1	3	4	0	+4	0	0	0	10	10.00	51:52	17:17	64	0:48

Goalkeeping Statistics

No.	Name	GPT	GKD	GPI	MIP	MIP%	GA	SVS	SOG	SVS%	GAA	SO	W
30	HEIL Caleb	3	3	2	120:00	66.67	8	44	52	84.62	4.00	0	2
31	KEMPF Nick	3	2	1	60:00	33.33	1	16	17	94.12	1.00	0	1
35	KNOWLING Brady	3	1	0	0:00	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0	0

Legend:

+/- Plus/minus net	A Assists	AT/S Average time per shift
D Defender	F Forward	G Goals
GA Goals against	GAA Goals against as average per 60 minutes	GK Goalkeeper
GKD Goalkeeper dressed	GP Number of games played	GPI Games played in
GPT Number of games played by team	GWG Game winning goals	L Number of games lost
MIP Minutes and seconds played	MIP% MIP as percentage	M/G Minutes per game
No. Jersey number	PIM Penalties in minutes	Pos. Position on team
PPG Power play goals	PTS Points	SG% Percentage of goals from total shots
SHG Shorthanded goals	SO Shutouts	SOG Shots on goal