



# TEAM USA Game Notes

2008 IIHF World Championship • Halifax, Nova Scotia

## USA (2-0-0-1) vs. Germany (1-0-0-2)

May 8, 2008 • 8:15 p.m. • Qualification Round, Game 1

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• **TONIGHT'S GAME** -- The United States and Germany meet tonight in the first qualifying round game for both teams. Team USA finished second in Group B, while Germany was third in Group C. The teams have met just three times over the course of the last 10 tournaments with the U.S. holding a 1-0-2 mark in those contests.

• **RECORD vs. GERMANY** -- The U.S. has a 27-10-10 record vs. Germany in World Championship play (mark includes record against Germany, E. Germany and W. Germany combined). A complete look at the series can be found later in these game notes. The last meeting between the two clubs came a year ago in the qualification round of the World Championship. Team USA gained a 3-0 victory and the boxscore is below.

### May 5, 2007—at Arena Mytischki • Moscow, Russia (2,200)

|               |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Germany       | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |
| United States | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 3 |

**1st:** USA-Stastny (Cole, Arnason); 5x4 PPG; 2:33

**2nd:** USA-Stastny (Cole); 15:26

**3rd:** USA-Stempniak (Cole, Stastny); 3:31

**Penalties:** GER 6-12, USA 9-18

**Power Plays:** GER 0-9, USA 1-6

**Saves:** GER-Patzold (4-10-7--21); 60:00

**Shots:** GER 9-6-8--23; USA 5-11-8--24

USA-Grahame (9-6-8--23); 60:00

**Officials:** Ref-Jyri Petteri Ronn (FIN); Lines-Stefan Fonselius (FIN); Luca Zatta (ITA)

**Notes:** Team USA downed a stingy German team. John Grahame was solid in goal. The U.S. received two goals and an assist from Paul Stastny and three assists from Erik Cole. The victory guaranteed Team USA a spot in the quarterfinal round, regardless of the outcome of its final qualification-round game against Canada.

• **PLAYER MOVES** -- Team USA has added defenseman **Jordan Leopold** (Golden Valley, Minn./Colorado Avalanche/University of Minnesota) and forward **Brandon Dubinsky** (Anchorage, Alaska/New York Rangers) to its roster for the remainder of the 2008 IIHF World Championship. In addition, goaltender **Tim Thomas** (Flint, Mich./Boston Bruins/University of Vermont) and forward and captain **Jeff Halpern** (Potomac, Md./Tampa Bay Lightning/Princeton University) were injured in Tuesday's (May 6) game with Canada and are not expected to return to the Team USA lineup. A revised version of the Team USA media guide, including bios of both Leopold and Dubinsky, is available in .pdf format at USAHockey.com. Team USA's current roster has 23 players, with 21 skaters and two goaltenders. Defenseman **Keith Ballard** (Baudette, Minn./Phoenix Coyotes/University of Minnesota) will not play tonight.

• **SPECIAL TEAMS CONTINUE TO BE DOMINANT FORCE** -- The U.S. was two-for-six on the power play in its game against Canada on Tuesday (May 6) and killed off both Canada power play attempts. Team USA is tops in the World Championship in power play percentage at .474 and also number one in penalty-killing percentage at 100.0, having killed off all 12 opponent power play opportunities.

• **ANDERSON IN GOAL TONIGHT** -- **Craig Anderson** (Park Ridge, Ill./Florida Panthers) will get the call in goal tonight. He played the third period of Tuesday's (May 6) game vs. Canada and made 10 saves on 12 shots. Prior to this year, Anderson had played in one previous World Championship, that in 2006 (3-2-0, 2.36, .908).

• **QUALIFICATION ROUND** -- Since the World Championship went to a 16-team field in 1998, Team USA has advanced to the qualifying round all but twice (2003 and 1998 were exceptions). The U.S. is seeking to advance to the quarterfinal round for the fourth straight year.

• **POINT STREAKS** -- Three U.S. players -- **Patrick Kane** (Buffalo, N.Y./Chicago Blackhawks), **Patrick O'Sullivan** (Winston-Salem, N.C./L.A. Kings) and **Dustin Brown** (Ithaca, N.Y./L.A. Kings) -- have at least one point in each of Team USA's opening three games in the World Championship. Each of the three also had at least one point in Team USA's 5-1 exhibition win over Sweden on April 27.

### 2008 IIHF World Championship U.S. Schedule & Results

#### Friday, May 2 - Halifax

USA vs. Latvia W, 4-0

#### Sunday, May 4 - Halifax

USA vs. Slovenia W, 5-1

#### Tuesday, May 6 - Halifax

Canada vs. USA L, 4-5

#### Thursday, May 8 - Halifax

USA vs. Germany 8:15 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 11 - Halifax

Finland vs. USA 4:30 p.m.

#### Monday, May 12 - Halifax

USA vs. Norway 12:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, May 14 -- Halifax

Quarterfinals

#### Friday, May 16 -- Quebec City

Semifinals

#### Saturday, May 17/Sunday, May 18 -- Quebec City

Bronze & Gold Medal Games

### U.S. Medals at the World Championship

|      |        |      |
|------|--------|------|
| 2004 | Bronze |      |
| 1996 | Bronze |      |
| 1962 | Bronze |      |
| 1960 |        | Gold |
| 1956 | Silver |      |
| 1952 | Silver |      |
| 1950 | Silver |      |
| 1949 | Bronze |      |
| 1939 | Silver |      |
| 1936 | Bronze |      |
| 1934 | Silver |      |
| 1933 |        | Gold |
| 1932 | Silver |      |
| 1931 | Silver |      |
| 1924 | Silver |      |
| 1920 | Silver |      |

• **NHL AWARD CANDIDATES** -- **Patrick Kane** and **Jason Pominville** are both candidates for significant post-season National Hockey League awards. Kane is one of three finalists for the Calder Trophy as the NHL's top rookie. Pominville is one of three finalists for the Lady Byng Trophy, honoring the NHL's most gentlemanly player.

• **HEADED TO THE IIHF HALL OF FAME** -- Two U.S. residents will be inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame on May 15 in Quebec City, including **Art Berglund** and **Cammi Granato**. Berglund's career in international ice hockey spans portions of five decades, during which time he managed or served on the administrative staff of more than 30 U.S. teams in a variety of tournaments worldwide. A 15-year member of the U.S. Women's National Team beginning in 1990, Granato is the program's all-time scoring leader with 343 points (186-157) in 205 games. She achieved international fame by captaining Team USA to the gold medal at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, the first year women could compete in ice hockey. The gold-medal game, a nationally broadcast 3-1 victory over archrival Canada, brought unprecedented exposure to the sport and inspired a surge in girls' hockey participation. Granato earned the honor of carrying the U.S. flag at the Games' Closing Ceremonies. Four years later, she captained the United States to the silver medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City. In her last international competition, the 2005 IIHF World Women's Championship, she led Team USA to its first ever gold-medal victory. It was her ninth World Championship as part of the U.S. squad, as she helped the team to silver-medal finishes in the eight previous tournaments.

• **MANAGEMENT TEAM** -- USA Hockey utilizes a four-man National Advisory Group as the core of its management team for the U.S. Men's National Team. The group includes **Brian Burke** (Anaheim), **David Poile** (Nashville), **Ray Shero** (Pittsburgh) and **Don Waddell** (Atlanta). Poile is here for today's game and is slated to be with the team through the duration of the tournament. **Jim Johannson**, USA Hockey's assistant executive director for hockey operations, leads the group.

• **COACHING STAFF** -- **John Tortorella** is the head coach of the 2008 U.S. Men's National Team. The winningest American-born coach in National Hockey League history, Tortorella is currently the head coach of the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning. **Mike Sullivan** and **Kurt Kleinendorst** are serving as assistant coaches of the U.S. Men's National Team. Sullivan, who was the head coach of the 2007 U.S. Men's National Team, is the assistant coach of the Lightning. He also was an assistant coach of the 2006 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. Kleinendorst is the head coach of the Lowell Devils of the American Hockey League. **Nigel Kirwan** is Team USA's video coordinator and serves in a similar capacity for the Tampa Bay Lightning.

• **GOLD MEDAL SUCCESSES** -- The United States has won two recent gold medals in international competition, including at the 2008 IIHF World Women's Championship and also at the 2008 IIHF Women's World Under-18 Championship. The U.S. also took the bronze medal at the 2008 IIHF Under-18 World Men's Championship.

• **LEADERSHIP TEAM** -- **Zach Parise** (Faribault, Minn./New Jersey Devils/University of North Dakota) and **Mark Stuart** (Minneapolis, Minn./Boston Bruins/Colorado College) are the team's alternate captains. Stuart was the captain of U.S. gold-medal winning squads at the 2004 IIHF World Junior Championship and 2002 IIHF World Under-18

Championship. **Jeff Halpern** (Potomac, Md./Tampa Bay Lightning/Princeton University), Team USA's captain, was injured in Tuesday's (May 6) game against Canada and is no longer with the club.

• **2004 BRONZE MEDALISTS RETURN** -- **Keith Ballard** (Baudette, Minn.), **Dustin Brown** (Ithaca, N.Y.) and **Jeff Halpern** (Potomac, Md.), members of the U.S. Men's National Team that earned the bronze medal at the 2004 IIHF World Championship, are back with Team USA this year. The bronze medal in 2004 was the last medal for the United States in the event.

• **GOLDEN BOYS** -- Team USA boasts a total of nine players who have won gold medals in IIHF World Championships. Below is a list of players who have earned world titles at the World Junior Championship or World Under-18 Championship.

David Booth (04 WJC/02 U18)  
Patrick Kane (06 U18)  
Phil Kessel (05 U18)  
Peter Mueller (05 U18)  
Patrick O'Sullivan (04WJC/02 U18)  
Zach Parise (04 WJC/02 U18)  
Drew Stafford (04 WJC)  
Mark Stuart (04 WJC/02 U18)  
James Wisniewski(04WJC/02 U18)

• **THROWBACK JERSEYS** -- Team USA wore replica jerseys from the 1960 gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic Men's Ice



Hockey Team in its opening game of the 2008 IIHF World Championship last Friday (May 2) against Latvia. It will be the only time in the tournament the team will don the jerseys.

• **HALIFAX** -- Seven members of the 2008 U.S. Men's National Team -- **Dustin Brown**, **Tim Gleason**, **Matt Greene**, **Patrick O'Sullivan**, **Zach Parise**, **Mark Stuart** and **James Wisniewski** -- were part of the U.S. National Junior Team that played in the 2003 IIHF World Junior Championship in Halifax. Team USA finished fourth in the event. Parise led the United States with eight points (4-4) in seven games.

**Team USA Point Leaders In World Championship Play (2008 Rostered Players)**  
Through May 7, 2008 • Ranked By Points Per Game

| Name               | Years Played       | GP | G | A | TP | PPG  |
|--------------------|--------------------|----|---|---|----|------|
| Patrick Kane       | 08                 | 3  | 2 | 3 | 5  | 1.67 |
| Lee Stempniak      | 07, 08             | 10 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 1.00 |
| Jason Pominville   | 08                 | 3  | 1 | 2 | 3  | 1.00 |
| Dustin Brown       | 04, 06, 08         | 19 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 0.84 |
| Peter Mueller      | 08                 | 3  | 0 | 2 | 2  | 0.67 |
| Patrick O'Sullivan | 06, 08             | 6  | 3 | 2 | 5  | 0.83 |
| Phil Kessel        | 06, 07, 08         | 17 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 0.76 |
| Zach Parise        | 05, 07, 08         | 7  | 2 | 3 | 5  | 0.71 |
| Paul Martin        | 05, 08             | 10 | 0 | 4 | 4  | 0.40 |
| Tom Gilbert        | 08                 | 3  | 0 | 1 | 1  | 0.33 |
| David Booth        | 08                 | 3  | 1 | 0 | 1  | 0.33 |
| Adam Burish        | 08                 | 3  | 0 | 1 | 1  | 0.33 |
| James Wisniewski   | 08                 | 3  | 0 | 1 | 1  | 0.33 |
| David Backes       | 07, 08             | 10 | 1 | 2 | 3  | 0.30 |
| Drew Stafford      | 06, 08             | 10 | 0 | 3 | 3  | 0.30 |
| Jordan Leopold     | 08                 | 20 | 1 | 5 | 6  | 0.30 |
| Jeff Halpern       | 00, 01, 04, 05, 08 | 35 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 0.29 |
| Keith Ballard      | 04, 07, 08         | 18 | 1 | 3 | 4  | 0.22 |
| Matt Greene        | 07, 08             | 10 | 0 | 2 | 2  | 0.20 |
| Tim Gleason        | 08                 | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0.00 |
| Mark Stuart        | 08                 | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0.00 |
| Brandon Dubinsky   | 08                 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0.00 |



**Home State of Team USA**

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Minnesota      | .8 |
| Michigan       | .5 |
| New York       | .5 |
| Wisconsin      | .3 |
| Alaska         | .1 |
| Illinois       | .1 |
| Maryland       | .1 |
| North Carolina | .1 |

**Team USA College Connection**

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Univ. of Minnesota      | .4 |
| Univ. of North Dakota   | .3 |
| Univ. of Wisconsin      | .2 |
| Colorado College        | .1 |
| Dartmouth College       | .1 |
| Michigan State Univ.    | .1 |
| Minn. St. Univ. Mankato | .1 |
| Princeton Univ.         | .1 |
| Univ. of Vermont        | .1 |

**College Connection By League**

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| WCHA  | .11 |
| ECACH | .3  |
| CCHA  | .1  |

**Key:** CCHA-Central Collegiate Hockey Association; WCHA-Western Collegiate Hockey Association; ECACH-Eastern College Athletic Conference Hockey.

## All-Time Series Scores USA vs. Germany

(Record Includes Games vs. Germany.  
W. Germany, E. Germany)

| Date     | Score | W | L | T | Notes            |
|----------|-------|---|---|---|------------------|
| 5/5/07   | 3-0   | W |   |   | Qualification Rd |
| 5/5/02   | 2-2   |   |   | T | Qualification Rd |
| 5/8/98   | 1-1   |   |   | T | Placement        |
| 4/23/96  | 4-2   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 4/25/93  | 3-6   |   | L |   | Rd Robin         |
| 4/29/92  | 3-5   |   | L |   | Rd Robin         |
| 4/26/91  | 4-4   |   |   | T | Rd Robin         |
| 4/22/90* | 6-3   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 4/27/90* | 5-3   | W |   |   | Relegation       |
| 4/21/89* | 7-4   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 4/28/89* | 4-3   | W |   |   | Relegation       |
| 4/23/87* | 6-4   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 4/30/87* | 6-3   | W |   |   | Relegation       |
| 4/15/86* | 7-2   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 4/23/86* | 5-0   | W |   |   | Relegation       |
| 4/23/85* | 4-3   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 4/24/85+ | 5-5   |   |   | T | Rd Robin         |
| 4/24/82* | 5-5   |   |   | T | Rd Robin         |
| 4/15/81* | 10-6  | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 4/21/81* | 2-6   |   | L |   | Relegation       |
| 4/20/79* | 3-6   |   | L |   | Consolation Rd   |
| 4/26/79* | 2-5   |   | L |   | Consolation Rd   |
| 5/3/78+  | 4-7   |   | L |   | Rd Robin         |
| 5/5/78*  | 7-3   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 5/9/78+  | 5-5   |   |   | T | Relegation Rd    |
| 5/13/78+ | 4-8   |   | L |   | Relegation Rd    |
| 4/24/77* | 3-3   |   |   | T | Rd Robin         |
| 5/3/77*  | 4-1   | W |   |   | Relegation Rd    |
| 4/12/76+ | 1-2   |   | L |   | Rd Robin         |
| 4/18/76* | 5-1   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 3/25/71* | 2-7   |   | L |   | Rd Robin         |
| 4/2/71*  | 5-1   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 3/25/67+ | 0-0   |   |   | T | Rd Robin         |
| 3/28/67* | 8-3   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 3/11/66+ | 4-0   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 3/9/65+  | 4-7   |   | L |   | Rd Robin         |
| 3/14/63* | 8-5   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 3/17/63+ | 3-3   |   |   | T | Rd Robin         |
| 3/13/62* | 8-4   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 3/7/61*  | 4-4   |   |   | T | Rd Robin         |
| 1961+    | 6-5   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 3/6/59+  | 9-2   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 2/27/55* | 6-3   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 2/4/39   | 5-0   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 2/14/38  | 1-0   | W |   |   | Rd Robin         |
| 1934     | 3-2   | W |   |   |                  |
| 2/10/34  | 3-0   | W |   |   | Semifinal        |

\* - West Germany  
+ - East Germany

### △ **Series Quick Glance:**

**Today's Meeting:** 47th

**Series Standing:** U.S. Leads,  
27-10-10

**Last 10:** U.S., 5-2-3

△ **SHUTOUTS** -- There have been six shutouts in the series, all by the U.S. The last shutout came on May 5, 2007, by a 3-0 count. There has been one scoreless tie in the series, that on March 25, 1967.

△ **OVERTIME** -- There have been no overtime games in the series.

• **TIDBITS** -- Instead of its more common pre-game skate today, Team USA instead went to a local park and played a game of handball using soccer balls ... The average age of the players currently with Team USA stands at 24.0 ... Team USA (May 9) will have tomorrow completely off ... **Stang Wong**, one of Team USA's two trainers, can get a cork that is pushed through into an empty bottle of wine out of the bottle without breaking the bottle or damaging the cork ... **Bob Webster** is the team leader for the United States for the fourth straight year. Webster had served as Team USA's equipment manager in 15 previous World Championships (1979, 82, 86, 87, 89-96, 2002, 03, 04).

## USA vs. Germany

*2008 IIHF World Championship Statistical Comparison*

| Category              | USA  | Germany   |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Record                | 2-0-0-1  | 1-0-0-2   |
| Goals For/Average     | 4.33   | 2.33  |
| Goals Against/Average | 2.00   | 3.33  |
| Power Play            | .474 (9-19)/1st  | .333 (3-15)/4th   |
| Penalty Killing       | 1.000 (12-12)/1st  | .684 (13-19)/16th   |
| Shots For Gm/Avg      | 39.7   | 26.0  |
| Shots Against Gm/Avg  | 21.7   | 34.3  |
| Shorthanded Goals     | 0  | 0   |
| Goaltender Saves %    | .908   | .903  |
| Leading Scorers       | Kane (2-3--5)<br>Brown (2-3--5)<br>Kessel (3-1--4)<br>O'Sullivan (2-2--4)<br>Martin (0-4--4) | Hackert (2-1--3)<br>Ustorf (1-2--3)<br>Gogulla (1-2--3)<br>Busch (1-2--3)<br>Schmidt (0-3--3) |

• **EXHIBITION GAME** -- The U.S. played one exhibition game leading up to the World Championship, that a 5-1 victory over Sweden on April 27 at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland, Maine. **Peter Mueller** (Bloomington, Minn./Phoenix Coyotes) led the charge with a goal and two assists. Team USA conducted its training camp in Portland from April 24-30.

• **BACK FROM LAST YEAR** -- The 2008 U.S. Men's National Team features six players that competed for Team USA a year ago in the IIHF World Championship in Moscow. They are listed below with their statistics from the 2007 tournament in parentheses.

David Backes (7GP, 1-2--3)  
Keith Ballard (7GP, 0-3--3)  
Matt Greene (7GP, 0-2--2)  
Phil Kessel (7GP, 2-5--7)  
Zach Parise (1GP, 0-0--0)  
Lee Stempniak (7GP, 6-4--10)





# 2008 U.S. Men's National Team vs. Germany

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## FORWARD

**9 O'SULLIVAN, PATRICK**  
5-11, 190 Los Angeles Kings  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

2/1/85  
Left Shot  
NHL: (82GP, 22-31--53)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 2-2--2)

*Has at least one point in all 3 games of MWC*

**7 BOOTH, DAVID**  
6-0, 212 Florida Panthers  
Detroit, Mich.

11/24/84  
Left Shot  
Michigan St. Univ. (CCHA)  
NHL: (73GP, 22-18--40)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 1-0--1)

*Had Goal vs. Slovenia*

**12 STEMPNIAK, LEE**  
6-0, 195 St. Louis Blues  
West Seneca, N.Y.

2/4/83  
Right Shot  
Dartmouth College, (ECACH)  
NHL: (80GP, 13-25--38)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 0-0--0)

*Led Team USA w/10 points at 2007 MWC*

**23 BROWN, DUSTIN**  
6-0, 200 Los Angeles Kings  
Ithaca, N.Y.

11/4/84  
Right Shot  
NHL: (78GP, 33-27--60)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 2-3--5)

*Has at least one point in all 3 games of MWC*

## DEFENSE

**6 GLEASON, TIM**  
6-0, 217 Carolina Hurricanes  
Clawson, Mich.

1/29/83  
Left Shot  
NHL: (80GP, 3-16--19)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 0-0--0)  
GLEE-suhn

*Played in 2001 & 2003 World Junior Champs.*

**10 MARTIN, PAUL**  
6-1, 195 New Jersey Devils  
Minneapolis, Minn.

3/5/81  
Left Shot  
Univ. of Minnesota (WCHA)  
NHL: (73GP, 5-27--32)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 0-4--4)

*Tied For 2nd In Tourney In DMen Scoring*

**22 STUART, MARK**  
6-2, 213 Boston Bruins  
Rochester, Minn.

AC  
4/27/84  
Left Shot  
Colorado College (WCHA)  
NHL: (82GP, 4-4--8)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 0-0--0)

*Captain of 2 IIHF gold medalist clubs ('04 WJC/'02 U-18)*

**4 LEOPOLD, JORDAN**  
6-1, 200 Colorado Avalanche  
Golden Valley, Minn.

8/3/80  
Left Shot  
Univ. of Minnesota (WCHA)  
NHL: (43GP, 5-18--23)  
2008MWC: (0GP, 0-0--0)

*Played in 2002, '03 and '05 World Championships*

## CENTER

**8 KESSEL, PHIL**  
6-0, 180 Boston Bruins  
Madison, Wis.

10/2/87  
Right Shot  
Univ. of Minnesota (WCHA)  
NHL: (82GP, 19-18--37)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 3-1--4)  
KEH-suhl

*Had 3G vs. Slovenia, 1A vs. Canada*

**16 DUBINSKY, BRANDON**  
6-1, 210 NY Rangers  
Anchorage, Alaska

4/29/86  
Left Shot  
NHL: (82GP, 14-26--40)  
2008MWC: (0GP, 0-0--0)  
DOO-bihn-skee

*First Team USA Appearance At Any Level*

**88 MUELLER, PETER**  
6-2, 205 Phoenix Coyotes  
Bloomington, Minn.

4/14/88  
Right Shot  
NHL: (81GP, 22-32--54)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 0-2--2)  
MEW-luhr

*Had 1A vs. Latvia, Slovenia*

**17 PARISE, ZACH**  
5-11, 190 New Jersey Devils  
Minneapolis, Minn.

7/24/84  
Left Shot  
Univ. of North Dakota (WCHA)  
NHL: (81GP, 33-32--65)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 2-1--3)  
puh-REE-see

*Alternate Captain; Leads U.S. w/15 Shots on Goal*

## DEFENSE

**43 WISNIEWSKI, JAMES**  
6-0, 207 Chicago Blackhawks  
Canton, Mich.

2/21/84  
Left Shot  
NHL: (68GP, 7-19--26)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 0-1--1)  
wihz-NOO-skee

*Had Assist vs. Slovenia*

**77 GILBERT, TOM**  
6-3, 206 Edmonton Oilers  
Minneapolis, Minn.

1/10/83  
Right Shot  
Univ. of Wisconsin (WCHA)  
NHL: (82GP, 13-20--33)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 0-1--1)  
GIHL-burt

*Had Assist vs. Canada*

**5 GREENE, MATT**  
6-3, 224 Edmonton Oilers  
Grand Ledge, Mich.

5/13/83  
Right Shot  
Univ. of North Dakota (WCHA)  
NHL: (46GP, 0-1--1)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 0-0--0)

*Played in the 2007 IIHF World Championship*

## RIGHT WING

**42 BACKES, DAVID**  
6-3, 216 St. Louis Blues  
Minneapolis, Minn.

5/1/84  
Right Shot  
NHL: (72GP, 13-18--31)  
Minn. St. Univ. Mankato (WCHA)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 0-0--0)  
BAK-ihz

*Has Played 15:00 Per Game; Played in '07 MWC*

**83 KANE, PATRICK**  
5-10, 163 Chicago Blackhawks  
Buffalo, N.Y.

11/19/88  
Left Shot  
NHL: (82GP, 21-51--72)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 2-3--5)

*Has at least one point in all 3 games of MWC*

**19 STAFFORD, DREW**  
6-2, 202 Buffalo Sabres  
Milwaukee, Wis.

10/30/85  
Right Shot  
Univ. of North Dakota (WCHA)  
NHL: (64GP, 16-22--38)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 0-2--2)  
STA-fuhrd

*Had 1A vs. Slovenia, Canada*

**29 POMINVILLE, JASON**  
6-0, 186 Buffalo Sabres  
Buffalo, N.Y.

11/30/82  
Right Shot  
NHL: (82GP, 27-53--80)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 1-2--3)  
paw-MIHN-vihl

*Had 1A vs. Slovenia, 1G, 1A vs. Canada*

**37 BURISH, ADAM**  
6-1, 189 Chicago Blackhawks  
Madison, Wis.

1/6/83  
Right Shot  
Univ. of Wisconsin (WCHA)  
NHL: (81GP, 4-4--8)  
2008MWC: (3GP, 0-1--1)  
BUHR-ish

*Had Assist vs. Slovenia*

## GOALTENDERS

**31 ANDERSON, CRAIG**  
6-2, 195 Florida Panthers  
Park Ridge, Ill.

5/21/81  
Catches Left  
NHL: (17GP, 8-6-1, 2.25, .935)  
2008MWC: (0-0-0-1, 6.23, .833)

*Starter Tonight*

**35 ESCHÉ, ROBERT**  
6-0, 204 Ak-Bars Kazan  
Utica, N.Y.

1/22/78  
Catches Left  
RSL: (29GP, 22-5-2, 2.01, .912)  
2008MWC: (0-0-0-0, 0.00, .000)  
EHSH

*Played in 2006 Olympic Winter Games*

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