



TEAM USA GAME NOTES

2008 IIHF World Junior Championship • Liberec & Pardubice, Czech Rep.

Canada (4-0-0-1) vs. USA (4-0-0-0)

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• **TONIGHT'S GAME** -- The United States battles Canada in semifinal action of the 32nd annual IIHF World Junior Championship tonight. Including this year, Team USA has reached the semifinals each of the last six tournaments, the best in U.S. history.

• **PRELIMINARY ROUND** -- Team USA went through the preliminary round unbeaten for the third time since this format started in 1997. Team USA was 3-0-1 in the preliminary round in 1997 and went on to gain a silver medal. Then in 2004, Team USA went 4-0-0 in the preliminary round and eventually captured the first gold medal ever in the event for the United States.

• **RECORD WITHIN REACH** -- **Colin Wilson (New Canaan, Conn./Boston University)** enters play tonight with a tournament-leading six goals, including four on the power play and one game-winning effort (vs. Finland). He is within two goals of tying Jeremy Roenick of the all-time U.S. leader for goals in a single tournament. Roenick had eight in 1989. Wilson is also second in the tournament in faceoff percentage at .724.

• **RECORD vs. CANADA** -- The U.S. and Canada meet for the 33rd time in World Junior Championship history here tonight. Canada owns a 24-5-3 all-time series advantage. Team USA is 0-2 against Canada in semifinal games.

Date	Score	OT/SO	Result	Stage
1/3/07	1-2	OT/SO	L	Semifinals
12/27/06	3-6		L	Preliminary
12/31/05	2-3		L	Preliminary
1/5/04	4-3		W	Gold Medal Gm
1/3/03	2-3		L	Semifinals
1/2/01	1-2		L	Quarterfinal
1/4/00	3-4		L	Bronze Medal Gm
12/31/99	1-1			T Preliminary
12/31/98	5-2		W	Preliminary
1/2/98	3-0		W	Relegation
1/4/97	0-2		L	Gold Medal Gm
12/28/96	4-4			T Preliminary
12/26/95	1-6		L	First Stage
12/29/94	3-8		L	Round Robin
1/1/94	3-8		L	Round Robin
12/26/92	0-3		L	Round Robin
1/1/92	5-3		W	Round Robin
12/27/90	4-4			T Round Robin
12/26/89	2-3		L	Round Robin
12/29/88	1-5		L	Round Robin
12/31/87	4-5		L	Round Robin
1/1/87	2-6		L	Round Robin
12/29/85	2-5		L	Round Robin
12/28/84	5-7		L	Round Robin
12/26/83	2-5		L	Round Robin
12/27/82	2-4		L	Round Robin
12/27/81	0-7		L	Round Robin
12/31/80	7-3		W	Champ Rd. (B Div.)
1980	2-4		L	
1979	3-6		L	Champ Rd (B Div.)
12/22/77	3-6		L	Preliminary
1/1/77	2-8		L	Round Robin

• **PREVIOUS SEMIFINAL GAMES** -- Team USA is 2-5-0 in seven previous semifinal games in the World Junior Championship. Below is a look at those contests.

1997	5-2	W		Czech Republic
2000	1-4		L	Czech Republic
2003	2-3		L	Canada
2004	2-1	W		Finland
2005	2-7		L	Russia
2006	1-5		L	Russia
2007	1-2 (OT/SO)		L	Canada

U.S. Schedule & Results

<u>Wednesday, Dec. 20 -- Kalamazoo, Mich.</u>	
USA vs. Western Michigan Univ. (exhibition)	W, 4-2
<u>Saturday, Dec. 22 -- Ceska Trebova</u>	
USA vs. Czech Republic (exhibition)	L, 2-5
<u>Wednesday, Dec. 26 -- Liberec</u>	
USA vs. Kazakhstan	W, 5-1
<u>Friday, Dec. 28 -- Liberec</u>	
Switzerland vs. USA	W, 4-2
<u>Saturday, Dec. 29 -- Liberec</u>	
Russia vs. USA	W, 3-2
<u>Monday, Dec. 31 -- Liberec</u>	
USA vs. Finland	W, 5-3
<u>Friday, Jan. 4 -- Pardubice</u>	
Canada (Semifinal)	8:00 p.m.
<u>Friday, Jan. 5 -- Pardubice</u>	
Medal Games	4:00/8:00 p.m.

STATISTICAL COMPARISON • U.S. vs. Canada

	United States	Canada
Record	4-0-0-0	4-0-0-1
Goals For	17 (4.25)	16 (3.20)
Goals Against	8 (2.00)	7 (1.40)
Power Play	8/28 (.286)	8/35 (.229)
Penalty Killing	24/28 (.833)	28/31 (.893)
Penalty Minutes	54 (13.50)	60 (12.00)
Shots on Goal	178 (44.50)	158 (31.60)
Shots Against	92 (23.00)	137 (27.4)
Top Goaltender	Smith (4-0-0, 1.67, .924)	Mason (3-0-0, 1.00, .951)
Top Scorers	vanRiemsdyk (4-6--10) Wilson (6-1--7) Schroeder (0-7--7) Okposo (1-4--5)	Turris (4-2--6) Stamkos (1-5--6) Tavares (4-1--5) Godfrey (0-5--5)

• **vanRIEMSDYK LEADS TOURNEY** -- **James vanRiemsdyk** (Lumberton, N.J./University of New Hampshire), last June's second overall selection in the NHL Entry Draft, has 4-6--10 through the first four games of the WJC and leads the tournament in points. Since 2000, only Zach Parise (5-6--11/2004) and Phil Kessel (1-10--11/2006) have had more points in a single WJC. The U.S. record for most points in a single WJC is held by Doug Weight with 19 (4G, 15A) in 1991.

• **RUEGSEGGER FAMILY** -- **Tyler Ruegsegger** (Lakewood, Colo.) has points in three of Team USA's four games in the WJC. Ruegsegger, who is seventh in the tournament in faceoff percentage at .618, is an alternate captain for the U.S. His sister, Rebecca, was recently named to the U.S. National Women's Under-18 Team that will participate in the inaugural IIHF Women's World Under-18 Championship in Calgary, Alberta, Jan. 7-12.

TOP POINT GETTERS SINCE 2000 -- Below is a look at Team USA's top point getters in the World Junior Championship since 2000 and where they finished (where applicable) in the final tournament rankings.

2007 Rank	Name	GP	G	A	TP
T1	Erik Johnson, D	7	4	6	10
4	Patrick Kane, F	7	5	4	9
15	Peter Mueller, F	7	3	6	9
T18	Taylor Chorney, D	7	1	5	6
T18	Jack Skille, F	7	1	5	6
20	Nathan Gerbe, F	7	0	6	6

2006 Rank	Name	GP	G	A	TP
1	Phil Kessel, F	7	1	10	11
5	Chris Bourque, F	7	7	1	8
8	Bobby Ryan, F	7	3	4	7
T20	Kevin Porter, F	7	2	4	6
T20	Peter Mueller, F	7	2	4	6

2005 Rank	Name	GP	G	A	TP
8	Drew Stafford, F	7	5	4	9
T12	Patrick O'Sullivan, F	7	2	6	8
T12	Ryan Suter, D	7	1	7	8
16	Dan Fritsche, F	7	3	4	7
T19	Phil Kessel, F	7	2	4	6
T19	Jack Johnson, D	7	1	5	6

2004 Rank	Name	GP	G	A	TP
T1st	Zach Parise, F	6	5	6	11
	Patrick Eaves, F	6	1	5	6
	Steve Werner	6	5	0	5

2003 Rank	Name	GP	G	A	TP
8	Zach Parise, F	7	4	4	8
14	Ryan Kesler, F	7	3	4	7
17	Chris Higgins, F	7	3	3	6

2002 Rank	Name	GP	G	A	TP
16	Chris Higgins, F	7	4	2	6
	Ryan Hollweg, F	7	2	3	5
	Ben Eaves, F	6	1	4	5
	Ryan Whitney, D	7	1	2	3

2001 Rank	Name	GP	G	A	TP
T3	Jon Disalvatore, F	7	6	3	9
T3	Andy Hilbert, F	7	4	5	9
6	Jeff Taffe, F	7	6	2	8
	Ron Hainsey, D	7	0	5	5

2000 Rank	Name	GP	G	A	TP
	Jeff Taffe, F	7	1	4	5
	William Heisten, F	7	2	1	3
	Jordan Leopold, D	7	1	2	3

• **CAPTAIN CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY** -- Team USA captain **Brian Strait** (Waltham, Mass./Boston University) is celebrating his 20th birthday today. Strait captained the Team USA to the gold medal at the 2006 IIHF World Under-18 Championship.

• **GOALTENDING SOLID** -- **Jeremy Smith** (Brownstown, Mich./Plymouth) has backstopped Team USA in all but the third period of the Finland game. He is second in the tournament in both save percentage (.938) and goals against average (1.36).

• **POINT STREAKS** -- Three Team USA players -- **James vanRiemsdyk** (Middletown, N.J./University of New Hampshire), **Jordan Schroeder** (Prior Lake, Minn./U.S. National Under-18 Team) and **Kyle Okposo** (St. Paul, Minn.) -- enter tonight's game having contributed at least one point in each of Team USA's four games at the World Junior Championship. vanRiemsdyk is the only Team USA player to score a goal in each of Team USA's four games.

• **THIS AND THAT** -- Team USA has three of the tournament's top four point getters with **James vanRiemsdyk** (Middletown, N.J./University of New Hampshire) first with 4-6--10 and **Colin Wilson** (New Canaan, Conn./Boston University)/6-1--7) and **Jordan Schroeder** (Prior Lake, Minn./U.S. National Under-18 Team/0-7--7) tied for second with seven points ... Team USA has averaged two power play goals per game in the WJC. The United States has a tournament-high-tying eight power play goals to its credit, including three of the five-on-three variety ... Team USA has trailed only once in the 2008 WJC, that when Kazakhstan took a lead 14:46 into the opening period of the first game. Team USA evened the game at 19:57 of the same period and thus has trailed for a grand total of 5:11 to date in the WJC ... The U.S. has five of the top faceoff artists in the event ... Team USA had a 35-28 shots-on-goal advantage in last year's semifinal game against Canada in the World Junior Championship. Canada was 1-for-9 on the power play in the game, while Team USA was 1-for-5 ... U.S. assistant coach **Patrick Foley**, a former player and coach in USA Hockey's National Team Development Program and now an assistant men's ice hockey coach at Harvard University, made a presentation focusing on the penalty kill to approximately 200 Czech coaches yesterday as part of an IIHF/Czech Ice Hockey Federation coaches clinic at Pardubice University ... The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team is conducting a three-day training camp in Colorado Springs this weekend ... **Lou Vairo**, USA Hockey's director of special projects and the 1984 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Coach, will be the head coach for a group of World All-Stars that will play two outdoor games against the Russian team GazpromExport. The first contest is slated for Jan. 18 at Palace Square in St. Petersburg, with the second game on Jan. 20 in Moscow's Red Square.

• **SOLID EFFORT AT BOTH ENDS** -- Not only is Team USA leading the World Junior Championship in shots on goal per game at 44.5, but the U.S. is also tops in fewest shots on goals allowed per game at 23.0.

• **COACHING STAFF NOTES** -- Team USA Head Coach **John Hynes** is 16-1-0 as a head coach in IIHF World Championship play, including 12-1-0 in the World Under-18 Championship and 4-0-0 in the World Junior Championship ... Team USA assistant coach **Keith Allain**, the head men's ice hockey coach at Yale University, has a wealth of experience in World Championship play. He has been a member of the U.S. coaching staff in four World Junior Championships (2008, 2002, 2001, 2000), two Olympics (2006, 1992), two World Cups (2004, 1996) and two Men's World Championships (2005, 2006) ... Team USA assistant coach **Patrick Foley** played in the 2000 WJC and helped Team USA to a fourth-place finish.

• **SINCE THE NTDP** -- The U.S. is 46-26-6 (.628) in the World Junior Championship since the launch of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program in 1996. Previous to that, the U.S. had a combined 52-75-5 (.413) mark.

• **STATISTICAL LEADERS** -- Below is a look at where Team USA and its players rank in various statistical categories in the 2008 World Junior Championship.

TEAM

Goals Per Game Average (Leader/5.50)

3rd 4.25

Goals Against Average (Leader/1.40)

2nd 2.00

Power Play (Leader/.300)

2nd .286 (8/28)

Penalty Kill (Leader/.893)

3rd .833 (24/28)

Shots on Goal Per Game (Leader/44.5)

1st 44.5

Shots On Goals Against/Game (Leader/23.0)

1st 23.0

Penalty Minutes (Leader/11.20)

5th 13.50

INDIVIDUAL

Points (Leaders with 10 Points)

1	vanRiemsdyk	4-6--10
T2	Wilson	6-1--7
T2	Schroeder	0-7--7

Goals (Leader With 6 Goals)

1	Wilson	6
T4th	vanRiemsdyk	4

Assists (Leader With 7 Assists)

1	Schroeder	7
T2	vanRiemsdyk	6
T9	Okposo	4

Faceoff Percentage (Leader at .800)

2	Wilson	.724 (42/58)
3	Geoffrion	.714 (20/28)
4	Rust	.704 (19/27)
7	Ruegsegger	.618 (42/68)
8	Carman	.613 (38/62)

Goals Against Average (Leader at 1.00)

2	Smith	1.36
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Save Percentage (Leader at .951)

3	Smith	.938
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• **JOTTINGS** -- Ron DeGregorio, president of USA Hockey, arrived on Dec. 29 and is here for the duration of the tournament. The 61-year-old DeGregorio continues to play goal for a men's league team at least once a week ...

Jim Johannson, a two-time Olympian (1988, 1992), is Team USA's general manager. He works full-time for USA Hockey as its assistant executive director of hockey operations. Johannson played in both the 1983 and 1984 World Junior Championship and recorded 7-5-12 in 14 total games played ... **Cameron Eickmeyer**, the managing editor of usahockey.com, is here covering the tournament.

• **UPCOMING IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN USA** -- The United States will host the 2009 IIHF World Under-18 Men's Championship; the 2011 IIHF World Under-20 Championship; and the 2012 IIHF World Women's Championship. The site for the 2009 IIHF World Under-18 Men's Championship is expected to be announced within the next month.

• **CELEBRATING THE IIHF 100TH ANNIVERSARY** -- The United States is conducting a nationwide 24-Hour Hockey Game on Feb. 29, 2008, to help celebrate the IIHF's 100th anniversary. Each of the lower 48 states in the USA will play a 30-minute running-time game, beginning with Maine at 12 noon ET on Feb. 29. The states of Hawaii and Alaska will each play a 30-minute running-time "overtime" period. (48 states x 30 minutes = 24 hours, plus overtime). The 24-Hour Game will end at 1 p.m. ET on March 1.

• **HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA** -- USA Hockey is leading the nationwide *Hockey Weekend Across America* initiative Feb. 15-17, 2008. For hockey at all levels in the USA, Hockey Weekend Across America is focused on celebrating the sport and those involved while also sharing hockey with new audiences. For complete information, visit: HockeyWeekendAcrossAmerica.com

U.S. Medals at the World Junior Championship		
Year	Medal	Head Coach
2006	Bronze	Ron Rolston
2004	Gold	Mike Eaves
1997	Silver	Jeff Jackson
1992	Bronze	Walt Kyle
1986	Bronze	Dave Peterson

Home State of Team USA Players

Minnesota	6
Michigan	4
California	2
Connecticut	2
New Jersey	2
New York	2
Colorado	1
Illinois	1
Massachusetts	1
Tennessee	1

Team USA College Connection

Univ. of Minnesota (WCHA)	4
Univ. of Michigan (CCHA)	3
Boston Univ. (HEA)	2
Univ. of Denver (WCHA)	2
Univ. of Wisconsin (WCHA)	2
Colorado College (WCHA)	1
Univ. of Notre Dame (CCHA)	1
Ohio State Univ. (CCHA)	1
Univ of New Hampshire (HEA)	1

College Connection By League

WCHA	9
CCHA	5
HEA	3

Other Leagues

OHL	3
WHL	1
NTDP	1

Key: CCHA-Central Collegiate Hockey Association; WCHA-Western Collegiate Hockey Association; HEA-Hockey East Association; OHL-Ontario Hockey League; ; WHL-Western Hockey League; NTDP-National Team Development Program

Average Height	6-0 (183)
Average Weight	193 (87)
Average Age	18.6
Shoots/Catches Left	14
Shoots/Catches Right	8

Team USA Players & NHL Team Rights

Nashville Predators	4
Chicago Blackhawks	2
Colorado Avalanche	2
New York Islanders	2
St. Louis Blues	2
Carolina Hurricanes	1
Florida Panthers	1
Montreal Canadiens	1
New York Rangers	1
Philadelphia Flyers	1
Phoenix Coyotes	1
Pittsburgh Penguins	1
Toronto Maple Leafs	1

TEAM USA 2008 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP BREAKDOWN:

Record when--

Team USA scored first: 3-0-0-0
Opponent scored first: 1-0-0-0
Team USA led after first: 3-0-0-0
Opponent led after first: 0-0-0-0
Tied after first: 1-0-0-0
Team USA led after second: 3-0-0-0
Opponent led after second: 0-0-0-0
Tied after second: 1-0-0-0
Team USA scored two goals or less: 0-0-0-0
Team USA scored three goals: 1-0-0-0
Team USA scored four goals or more: 3-0-0-0
Opponent scored two goals or less: 2-0-0-0
Opponent scored three goals: 2-0-0-0
Opponent scored four goals or more: 0-0-0-0
One-goal games: 1-0-0-0
Two-goal games: 2-0-0-0
Games decided by three or more: 1-0-0-0
Outshot opponent: 4-0-0-0
Opponent outshot Team USA: 0-0-0-0
Team USA had less than 20 shots: 0-0-0-0
Team USA had 20-29 shots: 1-0-0-0
Team USA had 30-39 shots: 0-0-0-0
Team USA had 40 shots or more: 3-0-0-0
Opponent had less than 20 shots: 2-0-0-0
Opponent had 20-29 shots: 1-0-0-0
Opponent had 30-39 shots: 1-0-0-0
Team USA scored a PPG: 4-0-0-0
Team USA did not score a PPG: 0-0-0-0
Opponent scored a PPG: 3-0-0-0
Opponent did not score a PPG: 1-0-0-0
In Blue Jerseys: 2-0-0-0
In White Jerseys: 2-0-0-0

• **GOLDEN MOMENTS** -- Thirteen members of the 2008 U.S. National Junior Team have previously won a combined 15 gold medals in international competition, with **Bill Sweatt** (Elburn, Ill.) and **Joe Palmer** (Yorkville, N.Y.) each owning two. Following is a list of Team USA's previous gold-medal winners and the events in which they competed:

2005 World Under-18 Championship
Joe Palmer

2006 World Under-18 Championship
Mike Carman • Cade Fairchild
Ryan Flynn • Blake Geoffrion
Jamie McBain • Kevin Montgomery
Joe Palmer • Rhett Rakhshani
Brian Strait • Chris Summers
Bill Sweatt • James vanRiemsdyk
Colin Wilson

2006 InLine World Championship
Bill Sweatt

• **BACK FROM LAST YEAR** -- Below are a list of the six players back from last year's bronze-medal winning U.S. National Junior Team that competed in the IIHF World Junior Championship with their statistics from the 2007 tournament in parentheses.

Mike Carman (7GP, 1-0--1)
Blake Geoffrion (7GP, 0-1--1)
Jamie McBain (6GP, 0-0--0)
Kyle Okposo (7GP, 0-1--1)
Bill Sweatt (7GP, 1-1--2)
James vanRiemsdyk (4GP, 1-0--1)

• **NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** -- Below are a list of the players that have been part of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mike Carman • Ian Cole
Cade Fairchild • Ryan Flynn
Blake Geoffrion • Jamie McBain
Kevin Montgomery • Joe Palmer
Rhett Rakhshani • Matt Rust
Jordan Schroeder • Brian Strait
Chris Summers • Bill Sweatt
James vanRiemsdyk • Colin Wilson

• **FILLED WITH FIRST ROUNDERS** -- Team USA has seven NHL first-round picks on its roster including **James vanRiemsdyk** (Middletown, N.J.), **Kyle Okposo** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Ian Cole** (Ann Arbor, Mich.), **Bobby Sanguinetti** (Lumberton, N.J.), **Max Pacioretty** (New Canaan, Conn.), **Jonathon Blum** (Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.) and **Chris Summers** (Milan, Mich.).



U.S. National Junior Team • 2008 IIHF World Championship • Game Summaries

Exhibition #1 • USA at Western Michigan

December 18, 2007—Lawson Ice Arena • Kalamazoo, Mich.
(600)

United States	2	1	1	—	4
Western Michigan	0	2	0	—	2

1st: USA-Okposo (McBain, Fairchild); 5x4 PPG; 16:55
USA-Flynn (Geoffrion, Wilson); 18:07

2nd: WMU-Campbell (Watson, Galivan); 8:11
USA-McBain (Rust, Wilson); 5x4 PPG; 13:34
WMU-Campbell (Ansell); 14:58

3rd: USA-Carman (Rakhshani, Sanguinetti); 17:03

Penalties: USA 4-8; WMU 5-10

Power Plays: USA 2-3; WMU 0-2

Saves: USA-Smith (3-0-x-3); 31:08

Shots: USA 12-11-14--37; WMU 3-6-5--14

USA-Palmer (x-3-x--9); 28:53

WMU-Gill (10-4-x--14); 31:08

WMU-Kuhn (x-6-11--17); 25:55

WMU-Federico (x-x-2--2); 2:57

Officials: Ref-Keith Sergott, Brian Hill; Lines-Chris Max, Mike Elder

Notes: Team USA received goals from four different players in an exhibition game at Western Michigan University.

Exhibition #2 • USA at Czech Republic

December 22, 2007—Ceska Trebova Arena
Ceska Trebova, Czech Republic
(1,175)

United States	0	1	1	—	2
Czech Republic	1	4	0	—	5

1st: CZE-Frolik (Boruta); 4x5 SHG; 18:38

2nd: CZE-Boruta (Jordan, Kveton); 5x3 PPG; :30

CZE-Sklenar (Kubena, Ondracek); 2:45

USA-vanRiemsdyk (Sanguinetti, Carman); 5:02

CZE-Voracek (Szturc); 7:37

CZE-Bartek (Meidl); 14:41

3rd: USA-vanRiemsdyk (Schroeder, Fairchild); 11:14

Penalties: USA 7-14; CZE 11-22

Power Plays: USA 0-11; CZE 1-7

Saves: USA-Smith (14); Palmer (13)

Shots: USA 31; CZE 32

CZE-Kovar (15); Danecek (14)

Notes: James vanRiemsdyk scored twice for Team USA in its final tune-up prior to the World Junior Championship before a sold out crowd.

Preliminary Round • Game 1 • Kazakhstan vs. USA

December 28, 2007—Tipsport Arena • Liberec, Czech Republic
(1,029)

Kazakhstan	1	0	0	—	1
United States	1	2	2	—	5

1st: KAZ-Kurshuk (Bolyakin, Vitoshkin); 14:46

USA-vanRiemsdyk (Sweatt); 19:57

2nd: USA-Rakhshani (Okposo, Ruegsegger); 4:58

USA-Carman (Schroeder); 6:23

3rd: USA-Wilson (Fairchild, vanRiemsdyk); 5x4 PPG; 4:11

USA-Okposo (Ruegsegger); 17:43

Penalties: KAZ 8-16, USA 5-10

Power Plays: KAZ 1-5, USA 1-8

Saves: KAZ-Smolnikov (14-14-16--44); 60:00

Shots: KAZ 5-3-10--18; USA 15-16-18--49

USA-Smith (4-3-10--17); 60:00

Officials: Ref-Francis Charron (CAN), Marc Muylaert (CAN) Lines-Jaromir Blaha (CZE), Petr Blumel (CZE)

Notes: Team USA received goals from five different players enroute to a solid victory in its opening game of the 32nd annual IIHF World Junior Championship. James vanRiemsdyk was named Team USA's Player of the Game.

Preliminary Round • Game 2 • USA vs. Switzerland

December 28, 2007—Tipsport Arena • Liberec, Czech Republic
(1,222)

United States	1	1	2	—	4
Switzerland	0	1	1	—	2

1st: USA-Wilson (Schroeder, vanRiemsdyk); 5x4 PPG; 5:08

2nd: USA-Sanguinetti (vanRiemsdyk, Rakhshani); 5x4 PPG; 2:57

SUI-Bykov (Wieser); 4:17

3rd: USA-vanRiemsdyk (Sanguinetti, Schroeder); 5x3 PPG; 2:27

USA-Wilson (Okposo, Schroeder); 5x3 PPG; 9:30

SUI-Jacquemet (Weber, Froidevaux); 5x4 PPG; 15:45

Penalties: USA 7-14; SUI 11-22

Power Plays: USA 4-11; SUI 1-6

Saves: USA-Smith (9-3-4--16); 60:00

Shots: USA 19-18-14--51; SUI 9-4-5--18

SUI-Mayer (18-17-12--47); 58:40

Officials: Ref-Daniel Konc (Slovakia), Marc Muylaert (CAN); Lines-Jaromir Blaha (CZE), Jeff Jobson (Canada)

Notes: Colin Wilson scored twice, while James vanRiemsdyk had a goal and two assists and Jordan Schroeder had three assists. Team USA scored all four of its goals on the power play, including two of the five-on-three variety. Wilson was named Team USA's Player of the Game.

Preliminary Round • Game 3 • USA vs. Russia

December 28, 2007—Tipsport Arena • Liberec, Czech Republic
(4,654)

United States	1	0	2	—	3
Russia	0	1	1	—	2

1st: USA-Ruegsegger (Schroeder, Okposo); 5x3 PPG; 11:31

2nd: RUS-Cherepanov (Filatov, Anisimov); 8:36

3rd: USA-vanRiemsdyk (Rakhshani); 3:01

USA-Carman (Geoffrion, Summers); 7:44

RUS-Tikhonov (Korolev, Sayustov); 14:36

Penalties: USA 7-14; RUS 12-24

Power Plays: USA 1-10; RUS 1-6

Saves: USA-Smith (7-10-11--28); 60:00

Shots: USA 18-10-21--49; RUS 7-17-12--30

RUS-Bobrovsky (17-10-19--46); 59:49

Officials: Ref-Christer Larking (Sweden), Ulf Ronnmarak (Sweden); Lines-Petr Blumel (CZE), Jeff Jobson (Canada)

Notes: Team USA prevailed in perhaps the most entertaining game of the tournament to date. The U.S. forced Russia into five straight penalties to start the game and capitalized once on a five-on-three to get on the board first. Defensemen Chris Summers was named Team USA's Player of the Game. The U.S. outshot Russia by a 49-30 count.

Preliminary Round • Game 4 • Finland vs. USA

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(1,133)

Finland	0	0	3	—	3
United States	2	3	0	—	5

1st: USA-Wilson (vanRiemsdyk, Schroeder); 9:29

USA-Wilson (vanRiemsdyk, Blum); 5x4 PPG; 13:20

2nd: USA-Wilson (vanRiemsdyk, Schroeder); 1:43

USA-Ruegsegger (Okposo, McBain); 4:44

USA-vanRiemsdyk (Wilson); 9:14

3rd: FIN-Aaltonen (Salminen, Lajunen); 5x4 PPG; 10:52

FIN-Kousa (Lucenius, Juutilainen); 5x4 PPG; 15:21

FIN-Lucenius (Poysti, Jalvanti); 19:14

Penalties: FIN 3-6, USA 8-16

Power Plays: FIN 2-8, USA 1-3

Saves: FIN-Helenius (11-4-x--15); 29:14

Shots: FIN 10-5-11--26; USA 13-10-6--29

FIN-Sateri (x-3-6--9); 30:46

USA-Smith (10-5-x--15); 40:00

USA-Palmer (x-x-8--8); 20:00

Officials: Ref-Christer Larking (SWE), Marc Muylaert (CAN) Lines-Jeff Jobson (CAN), Fredrik Carlman (SWE)

Notes: Team USA jumped out to a 5-0 lead after 40 minutes and went on to a 5-3 victory. Colin Wilson had a natural hat trick and an assist and James vanRiemsdyk recorded a goal and three assists. The U.S. finished preliminary-round play at 4-0 for only the second time in its history.



2008 U.S. National Junior Team

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FORWARD

10 RAKHSHANI, RHETT
5-11, 175 NHL: NYI (4th-100)
Huntington Beach, Calif.
Univ. of Denver (WCHA)
At DU: (16GP, 7(1)-7--14)
WJC08: (4GP, 1(0)-2--3)

3/6/88
Right Shot

One of Two California Natives On The Team

FORWARD

15 RUEGSEGGER, TYLER
5-11, 193 NHL: TOR (6th-166)
Lakewood, Colo.
Univ. of Denver (WCHA)
At DU: (18GP, 8(4)-10--18)
WJC08: (4GP, 2(1)-2--4)

AC
1/19/88
Right Shot

Had Goal Monday vs. Finland

FORWARD

9 OKPOSO, KYLE
6-0, 200 NHL: NY Islanders (1st-7)
St. Paul, Minn.
Univ. of Minnesota (WCHA)
At MN: (18GP, 7(4)-4--11)
WJC08: (4GP, 1(0)-4--5)

4/16/88
Right Shot

Has At Least A Point In All Four WJC Games

FORWARD

12 VANRIEMSDYK, JAMES
6-3, 211 NHL: PHI (1st-2)
Middletown, N.J.
Univ. of New Hampshire (HEA)
At UNH: (13GP, 6(1)-9--15)
WJC08: (4GP, 4(2)-6--10)

5/4/89
Left Shot

Tournament Point Leader

FORWARD

33 WILSON, COLIN
6-1, 215 NHL: '08 Draft Elg
Greenwich, Conn.
Boston Univ. (HEA)
At BU: (16GP, 4(0)-8--12)
WJC08: (4GP, 6(4)-1--7)

10/20/89
Left Shot

Tournament Goal-Scoring Leader

FORWARD

29 SCHROEDER, JORDAN
5-8, 165 NHL: '09 Draft Elg
Prior Lake, Minn.
U.S. National Under-18 Team
At NTDP: (26GP, 7(1)-12--19)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-7--7)

9/29/90
Right Shot

Leads Tournament In Assists

FORWARD

17 PACIORETTY, MAX
6-2, 213 NHL: MTL (1st-22)
New Canaan, Conn.
Univ. of Michigan (CCHA)
At MI: (18GP, 5(3)-13--18)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-0--0)

11/20/88
Left Shot

One of 3 Players from U of Mich. on Team

FORWARD

19 CARMAN, MIKE
6-0, 187 NHL: COL (3rd-81)
Apple Valley, Minn.
Univ. of Minnesota (WCHA)
At MN: (0GP, 0(0)-0--0)
WJC08: (4GP, 2(0)-0--2)

4/14/88
Left Shot

Had Goal vs. KAZ and vs. RUS

FORWARD

21 SWEATT, BILL
6-0, 180 NHL: CHI (2nd-38)
Elburn, Ill.
Colorado College (WCHA)
At CC: (16GP, 4(2)-10--14)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-1--1)

9/21/88
Left Shot

His Assist Came vs. KAZ

FORWARD

5 GEOFFRION, BLAKE
6-2, 189 NHL: NSH (2nd-56)
Brentwood, Tenn.
Univ. of Wisconsin (WCHA)
At UW: (16GP, 6(1)-8--14)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-1--1)

AC
2/3/88
Left Shot

Is Third in WJC in Faceoff % At .714

FORWARD

11 RUST, MATT
5-10, 193 NHL: FLA (4th-101)
Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
Univ. of Michigan (CCHA)
At MI: (17GP, 7(1)-5--12)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-0--0)

3/23/89
Left Shot

4th in Tournament in Faceoff % at .704

FORWARD

22 FLYNN, RYAN
6-3, 211 NHL: NSH (6th-176)
Lino Lakes, Minn.
Univ. of Minnesota (WCHA)
At MN: (18GP, 3(1)-6--9)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-0--0)

3/22/88
Right Shot

Helped Team USA To Gold at 2006 World U18s

DEFENSE

27 FAIRCHILD, CADE
5-10, 184 NHL: STL (4th-96)
Duluth, Minn.
Univ. of Minnesota (WCHA)
At MN: (17GP, 2(0)-8--10)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-1--1)

1/15/89
Left Shot

Played In 2 Previous World U18 Championships

DEFENSE

4 MCBAIN, JAMIE
6-1, 195 NHL: CAR (2nd-63)
Faribault, Minn.
Univ. of Wisconsin (WCHA)
At UW: (16GP, 2(2)-8--10)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-1--1)

2/25/88
Right Shot

One of 6 Plyrs That Competed In Last Year's WJC

GOALTENDERS

30 SMITH, JEREMY
6-0, 167 NHL: NSH (2nd-54)
Brownstown, Mich.
Plymouth (OHL)
At PLY: (22GP, 14-5-3, 2.51, .930)
WJC08: (4GP, 4-0-0, 1.36, .938)

4/13/89
Catches Left

2nd In Tourney With .938 Svs% and 1.36 GAA

DEFENSE

16 SUMMERS, CHRIS
6-2, 191 NHL: PHX (1st-29)
Milan, Mich.
Univ. of Michigan (CCHA)
At MI: (18GP, 1(0)-4--5)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-1--1)

AC
2/5/88
Left Shot

His Assist Came vs. Russia

DEFENSE

24 BLUM, JONATHON
6-1, 171 NHL: NSH (1st-23)
Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.
Vancouver (WHL)
At VAN: (35GP, 9(6)-30--39)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-1--1)

1/30/89
Right Shot

Had Assist Monday vs. Finland

GOALTENDERS

34 PALMER, JOE
6-1, 205 NHL: CHI (4th-96)
Yorkville, N.Y.
The Ohio State Univ. (CCHA)
At OSU: (19GP, 5-12-2, 3.22, .887)
WJC08: (1GP, 0-0-0, 9.09, .727)

2/19/88
Catches Left

Spent 2 Yrs With USA Hockey's Nat'l Tm Dev. Program

DEFENSE

23 MONTGOMERY, KEVIN
6-1, 190 NHL: COL (4th-107)
Rochester, N.Y.
London (OHL)
At LON: (34GP, 6(4)-20--26)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-0--0)

4/4/88
Left Shot

Not Part of Department Store Family

DEFENSE

28 COLE, IAN
6-1, 217 NHL: STL (1st-18)
Ann Arbor, Mich.
Univ. of Notre Dame (CCHA)
At ND: (20GP, 2(1)-5--7)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-0--0)

2/21/89
Left Shot

Played 2 Years at USA Hockey's Nat'l Tm Dev. Program

Jonathon Blum	BLUHM
Mike Carman	CAHR-mihn
Blake Geoffrion	JEHF-ree-awn
Kyle Okposo	oh-POH-so
Max Pacioretty	PACH-ah-reh-dee
Rhett Rakhshani	rahk-SHAW-nee
Tyler Ruegsegger	ROOGH-say-gehr
Bobby Sanguinetti	SAING-wuh-neh-tee
Jordan Schroeder	SHRAY-dehr
Bill Sweatt	SWEHT
James vanRiemsdyk	van-REEMZ-dyke
John Hynes	HIGHNZ

DEFENSE

7 STRAIT, BRIAN
6-1, 207 NHL: PIT (3rd-65)
Waltham, Mass.
Boston Univ. (HEA)
At BU: (16GP, 0(0)-7--7)
WJC08: (4GP, 0(0)-0--0)

C
1/4/88
Left Shot

One of 2 Players From Boston University On Team USA

DEFENSE

20 SANGUINETTI, BOBBY
6-1, 188 NHL: NYR (1st-21)
Lumberton, N.J.
Brampton (OHL)
At BRM: (33GP, 17(10)-26--43)
WJC08: (4GP, 1(1)-1--2)

2/29/88
Right Shot

Goes By Bobby

Head Coach: John Hynes
Asst. Coaches: Keith Allain & Patrick Foley

Key: Stats listed are games played, goals, power play goals in parentheses, assists and total points.
C-Captain; AC-Alternate captain