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## Six Hockey East Players Headed to World Junior Camp Eichel, Demko, Hanifin, McCoshen, Santini, Tuch to Represent U.S.

**WAKEFIELD, MASS. -** Six players, including Boston University's **Jack Eichel** and Boston College's **Thatcher Demko**, **Noah Hanifin**, **Ian McCoshen**, **Steve Santini**, and **Alex Tuch**, have been selected to attend the U.S. National Junior Team camp. The camp, to be held at BU's Walter Brown Arena Dec. 16-19, will be used to select the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team that will compete at the 2015 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship in Montreal, Quebec and Toronto, Ontario Dec. 26-Jan. 5, 2015.

A complete camp schedule, including an exhibition game pitting Team USA against Boston University, can be found here.

Eichel has extensive international experience, having skated with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program from 2012-2014. The North Chelmsford, Massachusetts native has twice skated in the IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship, winning gold in 2014 and earning silver in 2013. Eichel was also the youngest player on last year's U.S. National Junior Team, helping the U.S. to a fifth-place finish.

Demko, also an alumnus of the NTDP, has twice worn a Team USA jersey in international competition, including at the 2014 IIHF World Junior Championship. Prior to last season, Demko backstopped the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team to a silver medal at the 2013 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship, compiling a 3-1-0-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record.

Hanifin, who captained the NTDP's U.S. National Under-17 Team in 2013-14, skated on the gold medal-winning 2014 U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team and helped Team USA to a tournament title in the 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. The Norwood, Massachusetts native is in his rookie campaign in Chestnut Hill.

McCoshen, a defenseman in his second year with Boston College, was a member of the 2014 U.S. National Junior Team in Malmo, Sweden, appearing in five games for the U.S. in the tournament.

Santini, a sophomore defenseman for the Eagles, has donned a USA sweater twice in his career. After training with the NTDP for two years, Santini helped lead the U.S. to the silver medal at the 2013 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship. In last year's World Junior Championship, Santini netted one goal in five games.

Tuch, who is a freshman forward at BC after spending two seasons with the NTDP, also has international experience at the 2014 Men's Under-18 World Championship. The Baldwinsville, New York native helped guide Team USA to the gold medal at last year's tournament, chipping in three assists in seven games.

All Team USA games in the IIHF World Junior Championship will be televised live on NHL Network in the U.S., and streamed live in the U.S. at NHL.com.

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