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## **U18s fall in Shootout to the Phantoms, 4-3**

*Bogas scores first goal as NTDP'er.*

**PLYMOUTH, Michigan** - U.S. National Under-18 Team vs Youngstown Phantoms tonight at Team USA Arena.

The opening 20 minutes of the season got off to a quick start, with both teams seeing multiple scoring opportunities. The Phantoms got on the board first with a quick power-play goal from **Evan Jardine** with 4:35 left to play. Team USA's decisive response came just 5 seconds later, as **Brody George** (Johnstown, Pa.) tied the game. **Sammy Nelson** (Maple Grove, Minn.) picked up the faceoff win, and with a quick trip around the net, George sent it soaring past Youngstown's netminder, **Owen Lepak**.

Team USA started the second period fast and physical. Keeping up the energy from the previous frame, Nelson found **Nick Bogas** (Royal Oak, Mich.), who sent Team USA's first power-play goal past Lepak after 4:22 of play.

Team USA kept the pressure on with a series of shots on goal. Nelson had the best opportunity with a slapshot gloved by Lepak with 5:08 left to play. Team USA goaltender **Brady Knowling** (Chicago, Ill.) survived a scramble in front of the net, and Team USA left the ice with a 2-1 lead.

Youngstown came into the third period with a vengeance as 4:28 into the frame, Melker Morin tied it up with a quick shot past **Knowling**. With buzzing around the net after 8:40 of play, the Phantoms fought to take the lead during a 5-on-3 power-play, but Knowling denied them the buzzer after a series of quick saves. Team USA killed off the initial penalty to make it 4 on 3, but Owen Boucher got the go-ahead goal halfway through the period with a second power-play score at 10:00.

After fighting hard, **Victor Plante** (Hermantown, Minn.) corralled a loose puck and sent it over to forward Jamie Glance (Stratham, N.H.), who, after sneaking behind the net, sent the puck home with 1:18 in the period to force overtime.

Extra time was a defensive standstill for both teams. A great save from Knowling sent the game into a shootout. Team USA's Glance scored the first goal, but two scores by the Phantoms brought them the win.

The U18s head to Printscape Arena in Southpointe, Pa., tomorrow (9/13) for a rematch at 6:00 PM EDT.