



WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY 2004
TOURNAMENT GAME NOTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004 (Final Game)

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Final Game
Team Finland (4-0-1) vs. Team Canada (5-0-0)
Air Canada Centre (Toronto, Ontario)

Referees: Paul Devorski (10), Stephen Walkom (24)

Linesmen: Greg Devorski (54), Brad Lazarowich (86)

Anthem Singers: Finland-Robert Pomakov; Canada-Sass Jordan (from Canadian Idol)

TEAM FINLAND (4-0-1)

#	Pos	Player	DOB	Birthplace
30	G	Kari Lehtonen	11/16/83	Helsinki
34	G	Miikka Kiprusoff	10/26/76	Turku
35	G	Vesa Toskala	5/20/77	Tampere
2	D	Joni Pitkänen	9/19/83	Oulu
4	D	Kimmo Timonen	3/18/75	Kuopio
5	D	Ossi Väänänen	8/18/80	Vantaa
6	D	Sami Salo	9/2/74	Turku
7	D	Aki-Petteri Berg	7/28/77	Turku
8	F	Teemu Selänne	7/3/70	Helsinki
9	F	Niklas Hagman	12/5/79	Espoo
10	F	Ville Nieminen	4/6/77	Tampere
11	F	Saku Koivu	11/23/74	Turku
12	F	Olli Jokinen	12/5/78	Kuopio
15	F	Tuomo Ruutu	2/16/83	Vantaa
16	F	Ville Peltonen	5/24/73	Vantaa
21	F	Mikko-Sakari Koivu	3/12/83	Turku
22	F	Mikko Eloranta	8/24/72	Turku
24	F	Antti Laaksonen	10/3/73	Tammela
25	F	Jukka Hentunen	5/3/74	Joroinen
26	F	Jere Lehtinen	6/24/73	Espoo
27	D	Teppo Numminen	7/3/68	Tampere
32	D	Toni Lydman	9/25/77	Lahti
36	F	Riku Hahl	11/1/80	Hameenlinna
37	F	Jarkko Ruutu	8/23/75	Helsinki
39	F	Niko Kapanen	4/29/78	Hattula
44	D	Janne Niinimaa	5/22/75	Raahe

TEAM CANADA (5-0-0)

#	Pos	Player	DOB	Birthplace
1	G	Roberto Luongo	4/4/79	Montreal, QC
30	G	Martin Brodeur	5/6/72	Montreal, QC
60	G	Jose Theodore	9/13/76	Laval, QC
2	D	Eric Brewer	4/17/79	Kamloops, BC
3	D	Jay Bouwmeester	9/27/83	Edmonton, AB
4	F	Vincent Lecavalier	4/21/80	Ile Bizard, QC
6	D	Wade Redden	6/12/77	Lloydminster, SK
9	F	Shane Doan	10/10/76	Halkirk, AB
10	F	Brenden Morrow	1/16/79	Carlyle, SK
12	F	Jarome Iginla	7/1/77	Edmonton, AB
15	F	Dany Heatley	1/21/81	Calgary, AB
18	F	Kirk Maltby	12/22/72	Guelph, ON
21	F	Simon Gagné	2/29/80	Ste-Foy, QC
22	F	Patrick Marleau	9/15/79	Aneroid, SK
23	D	Scott Hannan	1/23/79	Richmond, BC
26	F	Martin St. Louis	6/18/75	Laval, QC
27	D	Scott Niedermayer	8/31/73	Cranbrook, BC
28	D	Robyn Regehr	4/19/80	Rosthern, SK
33	F	Kris Draper	5/24/71	Toronto, ON
39	F	Brad Richards	5/2/80	Murray Harbour, PE
52	D	Adam Foote	7/10/71	Whitby, ON
55	D	Ed Jovanovski	6/26/76	Windsor, ON
66	F	Mario Lemieux	10/5/65	Montreal, QC
91	F	Joe Sakic	7/7/69	Burnaby, BC
94	F	Ryan Smyth	2/21/76	Banff, AB
97	F	Joe Thornton	7/2/79	St. Thomas, ON

Team Staff

Kalervo Kummola	General Manager
Heikki Hietanen	Assistant General Manager
Timo Jutila	Team Leader
Raimo Summanen	Head Coach
Erkka Westerlund	Assistant Coach
Jari Kurri	Assistant Coach
Arto Koivisto	Video Coach
Kari Virpiö	Trainer
Pentti Lillfors	Trainer
Jari Rautiainen	Physical Therapist
Juha Sulin	Masseuse
Ismo Syvähuoko	Team Doctor
Henry Järvinen	Media & PR Manager
Jukka Tiikkaja	Video/Statistics
Jarmo Kekäläinen	Scouting

Team Staff

Wayne Gretzky	Executive Director
Kevin Lowe	Asst Executive Director
Steve Tambellini	Director, Player Personnel
Pat Quinn	Head Coach
Ken Hitchcock	Associate Coach
Jacques Martin	Associate Coach
Wayne Fleming	Associate Coach
Barrie Stafford	Equipment Manager
Pierre Gervais	Equipment Manager
Ken Lowe	Athletic Therapist
Jim Ramsay	Athletic Therapist
Stewart Poirier	Masseuse
Reid Mitchell	Video Coach
Jim Thorne	Doctor
Bob Nicholson	President
Johnny Misley	Team Leader
Brad Pascall	Director, Media Relations
Scott Smith	VP, Business Ops
Scott Farley	Director, Marketing/Events
Allan Matthews	Chairman of the Board
Tom Plasko	Masseuse
Mark Habscheid	Guest Coach
Reggie Lemelin	Goaltender Scout

Team Finland and Team Canada Notebook & Quotes

Tuesday, Sept. 14

10:00 - 11:00 am Team Canada morning skate

11:15 am - 12:15 pm Team Finland morning skate

- Team Canada will be the home team for the Final ... Home team was determined by a coin toss, won by Team Canada on Sunday, Sept. 12.
- Post-Game Media Availability Schedule:
 - Following the post-game handshake, the All-Tournament Team will be announced, followed by the announcement of the Samsung Tournament MVP (All-Tournament team will consist of six players, three forwards, two defensemen, one goaltender),
 - Followed by presentation of the World Cup Trophy (Borje Salming will present the World Cup Trophy to the winning team captain),
 - Championship team will be available on the ice for photos and TV/Radio live hits,
 - Runner-up team media availability will start approximately 10 minutes after the handshake,
 - Championship team media availability will take place following the on-ice presentations,
 - Select players and coaches from both runner-up and championship team will be available at the podium.
- The Canada/Finland Post-Game Press Conference will be available via satellite
Time (ET): 9:30 – 10:30 p.m. ET (+60 approx.)
Coordinates: IA-6 C-Band / Transponder 16 (formerly Telstar 6)
On-Site Contact: Stacie Watkins, WCH Broadcasting (646) 235-9522
Transmission Trouble Number: Dome Toronto (416) 332-7066

• Team Canada and Team Finland met once earlier this year in a major senior international competition, an overtime 5-4 Team Canada win in the Quarterfinals of the 2004 World Championships ... Finland led 2-0 after the first period on goals by Peltonen and Kallio ... Canada tied the game when Heatley and Bouwmeester scored power-play goals 3:58 apart in the second period ... Niemi and Brewer traded goals to end the second period tied 3-3 ... Rintanen gave Finland a lead 1:55 into the third, but Staios tied the score 4:07 later ... Heatley netted the game-winner 5:33 into the overtime session ... Luongo was in net for Team Canada and Noronen was in net for Team Finland.

Team Canada vs. Team Finland in major senior international competitions (Last 5 meetings)

5-4 OT Canada	2004 World Championships, Quarterfinals
2-1 Canada	2002 Olympics, Quarterfinals
2-1 Finland	2000 World Championships, Bronze Medal Game
5-1 Canada	2000 World Championships, Qualifying Round
4-2 Finland	1999 World Championships, Qualifying Round

- Team Canada and Team Finland Overtime History (major senior international competitions)
 - Canada has a 13-6 overtime/shootout record in major senior international competition ... Canada is 10-4 in overtimes and 3-2 in shootouts ... Canada is also 0-1 in two-game series determining tie-breaker shootouts.
 - Finland has a 1-3 overtime/shootout record in major senior international competition ... Finland is 0-3 in overtimes and 1-0 in shootouts ... Finland is also 0-2 in two-game series determining tie-breaker shootouts.
 - Finland and Canada have played two overtime/shootout contests in major senior international competitions ... Canada owns a 2-0 advantage, 1-0 in overtimes and 1-0 in shootouts ... Canada won the Finals of the 1994 World Championships in a shootout (3-2; Canada goals by Luc Robitaille, Joe Sakic, and Luc Robitaille, Finland goals by Jari Kurri and Mikko Makela) ... Canada won the Quarterfinals of the 2004 World Championships in overtime, 5-4 (Dany Heatley at 5:33 of overtime).

CANADA NOTEBOOK:

- Canada has advanced to the Finals of all six prior World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup tournaments ... Canada has now advanced to the Finals in four of the last five major senior international tournaments (World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup, Olympics, World Championships), including each of the last three (2003 World Championships, 2004 World Championships, World Cup of Hockey 2004) ... Canada has advanced to the Semifinals in 14 of the 17 major international tournaments since 1993, qualifying for the Finals nine times (5 First Place, 3 Second Place finishes).

- Canada made just one change to its line-up over the last three games, starting goaltender Luongo in place the injured Brodeur ... Canada line combinations (from Saturday's Semifinal against Czech Republic)

Forwards:

Lemieux - Sakic - Iginla
Smyth - Lecavalier - Heatley
Gagne - Richards - St. Louis
Draper - Thornton - Doan

Defense Pairings:

Regehr - Niedermayer
Brewer - Foote
Hannan - Bouwmeester

- Canada has scored goals in 11 of its 15 regulation periods played during the tournament ... Canada has registered five multi-goal periods, highlighted by its four-goal second period in the Quarterfinals against Slovakia ... By comparison, Canada has only allowed goals in five of its 15 periods played, with just one multi-goal period allowed (Period 3 of Semifinal vs. Czech Republic).

Canada Scoring by Period:

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Overtime	Total
Goals For	3	10	5	1	19
Goals Against	0	2	4	0	6

Canada Number of Goals by Period

0 goals 4 times
1 goal 6 times
2 goals 4 times
3+ goals 1 time

Canada Number of Goals Allowed by Period

0 goals 10 times
1 goal 4 times
2 goals 1 times
3+ goals 0 times

Canada Scoring by Lines:

<u>Line</u>	<u>Points (G + Asst)</u>	<u>Shots</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
Lemieux-Sakic-Iginla	12 (6+6)	38	2 power-play goals, 1 game-winning goal
Smyth-Lecavalier-Heatley	13 (5+8)	23	3 game-winning goals, 1 power-play goal
Gagne-Richards-St. Louis	10 (4+6)	22	1 power-play goal, 1 shorthanded goal
Draper-Thornton-Doan	8 (3+5)	26	1 game-winning goal
Maltby, Marleau, Morrow	0 (0+0)	0	1 game played (Morrow)
All Defensemen	8 (1+7)	36	Brewer scored lone goal by a defenseman in Semifinal win vs. Czech Republic

- Due to Canada's depth at center, captain Mario Lemieux has skated on the left wing on a line with Joe Sakic and Jarome Iginla ... "I played left wing before with Ron Francis and Jaromir Jagr for a year and a half," Lemieux said of the Pittsburgh Penguins' line that dominated the 1991 and 1992 Stanley Cups. "I played right wing in 1987 (when Canada won the Canada Cup) with Wayne Gretzky. So, I can move around a little bit and adjust to the situation. I do feel comfortable. I spent most of my hockey career on the left side, on the boards, so it doesn't affect my play at all."

Saturday's Post-Game Quotes:

"I thought he was very good," Canada Head Coach Pat Quinn said of goaltender Roberto Luongo. "In certain situations, he made some really good stops for us. You know, the first one was kind of a funny goal. And the other one, he makes the save. I saw tentativeness in the team tonight. We were killing the penalty on our second goal. One of our most experienced guys is right there and should challenge the play, when the player had his back. But he backed off, give him time. It sets up. We skated out of position. We got tentative. I'm not sure why. I guess maybe because it's we wanted to win so badly, we were thinking about winning and not performing, doing the jobs we have

to do. But he was very good in certain spots clearly. You know, I think he had 40, a lot of saves anyway, and a lot of good ones.

"Well, I mean, it's different," Canada forward Vincent Lecavalier said of the difference between the Stanley Cup Finals and the World Cup. "I didn't score in Game 7. But, you know, tonight scoring in overtime for your country, you know, to go to the finals, it's pretty high in my career, for sure."

"He's proven that, you know, he's one of the best goaltenders," Lecavalier said of Finland goaltender Miikka Kiprusoff.

"We've watched him all *World Cup*. He just plays so well. We're going to have to shoot on him, we're going to have to go for the rebounds, we're going to have to get the ugly goals. If we do that, then things will go well."

"After I missed my first shot, it kind of just went between my legs," Lecavalier said of the game-winning goal against Czech Republic. "I knew I didn't have much time. So I just turned around and shot as quick as I can. I knew I had to go high. But with the angle I had, you know, I got pretty lucky."

"Well, obviously, Kiprusoff's name is going to be brought up quite a bit," Canada forward Kris Draper said of preparing for Team Finland. "He was a big reason why my team was eliminated in the playoffs. Vinny's team, all the way right to Game 7. He's a guy that if he's seeing the puck, he's going to make the save. We have some big, strong forwards. We are going to have to make a concentrated effort of getting to the net, getting some screens, getting some rebounds and basically make it tough on him all night. I think he's basically been the key for his team. But they've had some timely scoring, as well. So obviously, for us, the one thing we want to concentrate is getting to the net, making it tough on Kiprusoff. But you also have to realize that they have some guys that can put the puck in the net. So we're going to have to play our best game to date. At times tonight we played great and at times we weren't that good. We want to come out and play a perfect game against the Finns."

FINLAND NOTEBOOK:

- This is the first time Finland has advanced to the Finals of a World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup tournament ... Finland's best previous WCH/Canada Cup finish was a third place showing at the 1991 Canada Cup ... Finland has advanced to the Finals of a major senior international tournament (World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup, Olympics, World Championships) for the first time since the 2001 World Championships ... This is the seventh time since 1990 that Finland has advanced to the Finals of a major senior international tournament (1992 World Championships, 1994 World Championships, 1995 World Championships, 1998 World Championships, 1999 World Championships, and 2001 World Championships) ... Finland won the 1995 World Championships.

- Finland made one change to its line-up between its Quarterfinal and Semifinal games, inserting J. Ruutu for M. Koivu ... J. Ruutu skated in M. Koivu's place on a line with Nieminen and Eloranta ... Finland made two line-up changes prior to its Quarterfinal win against Germany, inserting Nieminen and Berg for Laaksonen and Niinimaa ... Berg replaced Niinimaa alongside Salo on the blueline ... Nieminen took Laaksonen's forward spot alongside M. Koivu and Eloranta ... Finland line combinations (from Friday's Semifinal game against USA)

Forwards:

Lehtinen - S.Koivu - Selanne
T.Ruutu - Jokinen - Peltonen
Hagman - Kapanen - Hentunen
Nieminen - Eloranta - J.Ruutu

Defense Pairings:
Numminen - Timonen
Berg - Salo
Lydman - Vaananen

- Finland has scored goals in 10 of its 15 full periods played during the tournament ... Finland has registered three multi-goal periods ... By comparison, Finland has only allowed goals in four of its 15 full periods played, with just one multi-goal period allowed (Period 1 on Sept. 4 vs. Sweden).

Finland Scoring by Period:

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Overtime	Total
Goals For	5	3	7	0	15
Goals Against	3	1	2	0	6

Finland Number of Goals by Period

0 goals 5 times
1 goal 7 times
2 goals 1 times
3+ goals 2 times

Finland Number of Goals Allowed by Period

0 goals 12 times
1 goal 2 times
2 goals 0 times
3+ goals 1 time

Finland Scoring by Lines:

<u>Line</u>	<u>Points (G + Asst)</u>	<u>Shots</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
Lehtinen-S.Koivu-Selanne	12 (5+7)	29	1 power-play goal, 1 game-winning goal
T.Ruutu-Jokinen-Peltonen	8 (3+5)	27	-
Hagman-Kapanen-Hentunen	6 (3+3)	20	2 power-play goals, 1 game-winning goal
Nieminen-Eloranta-J.Ruutu	2 (2+0)	5	1 game-winning goal
Hahl, M.Koivu, Laaksonen	1 (0+1)	4	6 games played
All Defensemen	13 (2+11)	49	2 power-play goals, 1 game-winning goal

• Finland goaltender Miikka Kiprusoff opened the tournament with a shutout streak of 132:27, snapped when Fredrik Modin scored at the 12:27 mark of the first period of Saturday's game against Sweden ... Kiprusoff posted shutouts in both of his first two tournament starts, the first goaltender in the history of the World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup to post multiple shutouts in one tournament ... *See tournament notes section for more World Cup of Hockey shutout notes.*

Sunday's Preview Quotes:

"Huge. Everybody believes Kipper," Finland Head Coach Raimo Summanen said. "There's good combination with our Ds and Kipper. It's great, and we like to continue the same thing because we know the Canadian players are really good front the net. We have to take care that if they shoot the puck, we are the first guy to get the puck out in our end.

"We can look this thing different ways," Summanen said of being the visiting team in the Final game. "Now we'll ask this thing, certainly we will want to be the home team. There's lots of good things you can do if you're home team. But if we are visitors now, like we are, then if the Canadians, they start matching our team a lot, then we can see that they respect us a lot and it's a good push for our team. If they start put line to line, then we know that we are doing something really dangerously. We just see during the game. You know, we can do our things, you know, without this home thing."

"Ollie (Jokinen), he's one of our leaders," Summanen said. "These days, if you like to score, those goals, they come from the net. Ollie is willing to pay the price. He goes there, he gets a hit, but still he stands there. We need him. He's done that now all this tournament. I think he going to continue this thing."

Friday's Post-Game Quotes:

"We won once in '95, but as players now, this one here it's best ever in Finnish hockey," said Team Finland Head Coach Raimo Summanen. "It gives lots of privilege for our players in our system." ... "We know the level of this tournament is much higher, and this is a true tournament, and this is the biggest one for Finnish hockey, and biggest one mentally. We have good players. Now the tournament is here and we can win here. It's great."

"We knew we can't take too many penalties," said Team Finland forward Teemu Selanne. "I think we did exactly what we wanted to do, and when you have a goalie like Kiprusoff, it's so much easier to play." ... "Every player did their job. We didn't have to open up the game too much. We knew that we might do it in the end if we are still down a goal or two, but we didn't have to. We find a way to score a couple goals, and it was a very solid effort by our team and exactly how we wanted to play. And how we played against the Czechs and Sweden and tonight, that's the style of hockey we have been playing so far. It's a good feeling. Like he said, it's a big step for Finnish hockey. Tuesday is not going to be easy."

"This guy is amazing," Selanne said of goaltender Miikka Kiprusoff. "I was in San Jose two years with him, and he was number 2 guy there, but he was working really hard. And the year that he had last year, it was amazing, and he's playing with so much confidence right now, and it helps so much when you know that there is not going to be bad goals. Good goals always happen. Bad goals really kill your team." ... "Same thing, with Kari Lehtonen and Vesa Toskala, I think we have so much depth in the goalie department and that's what makes this team very special, too. All the great teams start from the goalies, we have three guys right now."

"I don't think myself or anyone in this room realizes yet how big this win is for Finland," Team Finland captain Saku Koivu explained. "I'm sure in a few weeks, or a few years when I sit back and think about my career, I'll realize just how big the goal was, the goal that beat the United States in St. Paul.

"You just don't score goals like that too often."

"Saku's just a great player," said Team Finland forward Tuomo Ruutu. "He's a leader on this team. It's not a once-in-a-lifetime thing, either. Saku's scored big goals for us before and he'll do it again."

"Well, we made a couple of mistakes in the third period and that was the difference," Team USA Head Coach Ron Wilson said. "I mean, that was a very tight hockey game. In the end you can look and see we only gave up 12 shots on goal and found a way to lose the game. Unfortunately that's the way it goes."

World Cup of Hockey Tournament Notes & Results

Pre-Tournament Game Results

Europe Pool

Aug. 27: Czech Republic – Sweden 5-3 (1-1, 2-0, 2-2) in Prague, Czech Republic

Czech Republic: Kaberle, Prospal, Sleggr, Straka, Vlasak

Sweden: Naslund, Sundin 2

Aug. 26: Finland – Germany 4-2 (1-1, 1-1, 2-0) in Helsinki, Finland

Finland: Jokinen 2, Peltonen 2

Germany: Hecht, Schubert

Aug. 25: Germany – Czech Republic 4-7 (2-2, 2-3, 0-2) in Cologne, Germany

Germany: M. Goc, Martinec, M. Reichel, Schubert

Czech Republic: Dopita, Dvorak, Havlat, Hejduk, Jagr, Vasicek, Vlasak

Aug. 25: Sweden – Finland 2-1 (0-1, 0-0, 1-0, 1-0) in Stockholm, Sweden

Sweden: J. Jonsson, Naslund

Finland: Jokinen

Aug. 23: Czech Republic – Finland 1-1 (0-0, 0-0, 1-1) in Prague, Czech Republic

Czech Republic: Zidlicky

Finland: Lehtinen

Aug. 22: Slovakia – Sweden 0-2 (0-1, 0-1, 0-0) at Bratislava, Slovakia

Slovakia: -

Sweden: Naslund, D. Sedin

Aug. 22: Germany – Russia 3-3 (0-1, 2-2, 1-0) at Cologne, Germany

Germany: Erhoff, M. Goc 2,

Russia: Afanasev, Frolov, Samsonov

North America Pool

Aug. 29: Russia - Slovakia 0-0 (0-0, 0-0, 0-0, 0-0) in Ottawa, Ontario

Russia: -

Slovakia: -

Aug. 28: Canada - Slovakia 2-2 (0-2, 1-0, 1-0, 0-0) in Ottawa, Ontario

Canada: Lecavalier, Iginla

Slovakia: Hossa, Orszagh

Aug. 27: USA - Russia 2-0 (2-0, 0-0, 0-0) in Columbus, Ohio

USA: Hull, Liles

Russia: -

Aug. 25: Canada – USA 3-1 (0-0, 3-0, 0-1) in Ottawa, Ontario

Canada: Lecavalier, Richards, Sakic

USA: Drury

Aug. 23: USA – Canada 3-1 (0-1, 2-0, 1-0) in Columbus, Ohio

USA: Guerin, Leopold, Rolston

Canada: Heatley

Aug. 22: Slovakia – Sweden 0-2 (0-1, 0-1, 0-0) at Bratislava, Slovakia

Slovakia: -

Sweden: Naslund, D. Sedin

Aug. 22: Germany – Russia 3-3 (0-1, 2-2, 1-0) at Cologne, Germany

Germany: Erhoff, M. Goc 2,

Russia: Afanasev, Frolov, Samsonov

Europe Pool Recaps

Game 1: Czech Republic at Finland 0-4 (0-1, 0-0, 0-3)

Czech Republic: -

Finland: Hentunen, S. Koivu, Kapanen (pp), Eloranta

Attendance: 11,407 (Helsinki, Finland)

Power-Plays: CZE- 0 of 1; FIN- 1 of 6

Goaltenders: CZE-Vokoun (L, 30-34); FIN-Kiprusoff (W, 12-12)

Players of the Game: FIN-S. Koivu; CZE-Vokoun

Game 2: Germany at Sweden 2-5 (1-1, 1-4, 0-0)

Germany: Sturm (sh), Kreutzer (sh)

Sweden: Holmstrom (pp), Sundin, Johnsson (pp), Nilson, Modin

Attendance: 12,133 (Stockholm, Sweden)

Goaltenders: GER-Kolzig (L, 37-42); SWE-Salo (W, 17-19)

Power-Play: GER- 0 of 4; SWE- 2 of 7 (GER 2 shg)

Players of the Game: GER-Sturm; SWE-Sundin

Game 3: Czech Republic at Sweden 3-4 (0-1, 0-3, 3-0)

Czech Republic: Rucinsky, Zidlicky, Elias

Sweden: Modin, Forsberg (pp), Ohlund (pp), Zetterberg (pp)

Attendance: 13,850 (Stockholm, Sweden)

Goaltenders: CZE-Vokoun (L, 16-20); SWE-Tellqvist (W, 37-40)

Power-Play: CZE- 0 of 5; SWE- 3 of 5

Players of the Game: CZE-Havlat; SWE-Alfredsson

Game 4: Finland at Germany 3-0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)

Finland: Timonen (pp), Selanne (pp), Lehtinen

Germany: -

Attendance: 12,975 (Cologne, Germany)

Goaltenders: FIN-Kiprusoff (W, 29-29); GER-Kolzig (L, 36-39)

Power-Play: FIN- 2 of 4; GER- 0 of 6

Players of the Game: FIN-Kiprusoff; GER-Kolzig

Game 5: Germany at Czech Republic 2-7 (0-0, 0-5, 2-2)

Germany: Boos, Hecht

Czech Republic: Zidlicky (pp), Slegr, Jagr, Hejduk (pp), Elias, Havlat, Prospal

Attendance: 11,944 (Prague, Czech Republic)

Goaltenders: GER-Muller (L, 23-26) & Jonas (ND, 26-30); CZE-Vokoun (W, 28-30)

Power-Play: GER- 0 of 4; CZE- 2 of 5

Players of the Game: GER-Boos; CZE-Elias

Game 6: Sweden at Finland 4-4 (3-3, 0-1, 1-0, 0-0)

Sweden: Modin (pp), Lidstrom (pp), Modin, Holmstrom (pp)

Finland: Peltonen, Vaananen (pp), S. Koivu, Jokinen

Attendance: 12,948 (Helsinki, Finland)

Goaltenders: SWE-Tellqvist (T, 21-25); FIN-Kiprusoff (T, 26-30)

Power-Play: SWE- 3 of 8; FIN- 1 of 5

Players of the Game: SWE-Modin; FIN-Selanne

Quarterfinal 1: No. 4 Germany at No. 1 Finland 1-2 (0-0, 0-1, 1-1)

Germany: Sturm

Finland: Hagman (pp), Eloranta

Attendance: 8,650 (Helsinki, Finland)

Goaltenders: GER-Kolzig (L, 22-24), FIN-Kiprusoff (W, 27-28)

Power-Play: GER- 0 of 2; FIN- 1 of 4

Players of the Game: GER-Hecht; FIN-Hagman

Quarterfinal 2: No. 3 Czech Republic at No. 2 Sweden 6-1 (2-0, 1-0, 3-1)

Czech Republic: Straka, Havlat, Zidlicky, Dvorak (sh), Hejduk, Hejduk (en)

Sweden: Holmstrom (pp)

Attendance: 11,957 (Stockholm, Sweden)

Goaltenders: CZE-Vokoun (W, 17-18), SWE-Tellqvist (L, 26-31)

Power-Play: CZE- 0 of 2; SWE- 1 of 4

Players of the Game: CZE-Straka; SWE-Holmstrom

North America Pool Recaps

Game 1: USA at Canada 1-2 (0-1, 1-1, 0-0)

USA: Guerin

Canada: St. Louis (pp), Sakic (pp)

Attendance: 21,273 (Montreal, Quebec)

Power-Plays: USA- 0 of 4; CAN- 2 of 5

Goaltenders: USA-Esche (L, 30-32); CAN-Brodeur (W, 23-24)

Players of the Game: USA-Esche; CAN-St. Louis

Game 2: Slovakia at Canada 1-5 (0-2, 0-1, 1-2)

Slovakia: Cibak

Canada: Thornton, Smyth, Gagne, St. Louis, Smyth

Attendance: 21,273 (Montreal, Quebec)

Power-Plays: SVK- 0 of 3; CAN- 0 of 5

Goaltenders: SVK-Stana (L, 30-35); CAN-Brodeur (W, 24-25)

Players of the Game: SVK-Gaborik; CAN-Brodeur

Game 3: Russia at USA 3-1 (0-0, 1-1, 2-0)

Russia: Zubrus, Kovalev, Kozlov

USA: Tkachuk (pp)

Attendance: 18,064 (St. Paul, Minnesota)

Power-Plays: RUS- 0 of 4; USA- 1 of 6

Goaltenders: RUS-Bryzgalov (W, 20-21); USA-Esche (L, 42-45)

Players of the Game: RUS-Bryzgalov; USA-Esche

Game 4: Slovakia at USA 1-3 (1-2, 0-0, 0-1)

Slovakia: Nagy (pp)

USA: Smolinski (pp), Blake, Guerin

Attendance: 17,104 (St. Paul, Minnesota)

Power-Plays: SVK- 1 of 3; USA- 1 of 3

Goaltenders: SVK-Lasak (L, 36-39); USA-DiPietro (W, 16-17)

Players of the Game: SVK-Chara; USA-Guerin

Game 5: Russia at Canada 1-3 (0-0, 0-2, 1-1)

Russia: Gonchar

Canada: Richards (sh), Draper, Sakic

Attendance: 19,226 (Toronto, Ontario)

Power-Plays: RUS- 0 of 4; CAN- 0 of 4

Goaltenders: RUS-Sokolov (L, 25-28); CAN-Brodeur (W, 27-28)

Players of the Game: RUS-Kovalchuk; CAN-Lecavalier

Game 6: Slovakia vs. Russia 2-5 (1-1, 0-2, 1-2)

Slovakia: Hossa, Gaborik

Russia: Datsyuk, Kovalev, Samsonov, Yashin (sh), Ovechkin

Attendance: 18,115 (Toronto, Ontario)

Power-Plays: SVK- 0 of 2 (RUS 1 shg); RUS- 0 of 3

Goaltenders: SVK-Lasak (L, 10-15); RUS-Bryzgalov (W, 25-27)

Players of the Game: SVK-Hossa; RUS-Datsyuk

Quarterfinal 1: No. 3 USA at No. 2 Russia 5-3 (1-0, 1-1, 3-2)

USA: Tkachuk, Tkachuk, Gomez, Tkachuk, Thachuk (en)

Sweden: Afanasev, Zubrus, Kovalchuk (pp)

Attendance: 17,281 (St. Paul, Minnesota)

Goaltenders: USA-Esche (W, 18-21), RUS-Bryzgalov (L, 16-20)

Power-Play: USA- 0 of 3; RUS- 1 of 5

Players of the Game: USA-Tkachuk; RUS-Kovalchuk

Quarterfinal 2: No. 4 Slovakia at No. 1 Canada 0-5 (0-0, 0-4, 0-1)

Slovakia: -

Canada: Lecavalier (pp), Iginla, Smyth, Sakic, Iginla

Attendance: 18,286 (Toronto, Ontario)

Goaltenders: SVK-Lasak (L, 14-18) & Stana (ND, 7-8), CAN-Brodeur (W, 23-23)

Power-Play: SVK- 0 of 3; CAN- 1 of 3

Players of the Game: SVK-Chara; CAN-Iginla

USA at Finland Semifinal Recap

Semifinal 1: USA at Finland 1-2 (0-0, 1-0, 0-2)

USA: Weight (pp)

Finland: Jokinen, Koivu

Attendance: 18,064 (St. Paul, Minnesota)

Power-Plays: USA- 1 of 3; FIN- 0 of 3

Goaltenders: USA-Esche (L, 10-12); FIN-Kiprusoff (W, 16-17)

Players of the Game: USA-Gomez; FIN-Koivu

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (Phil Coffey, NHL.com) - In a contest where both teams said they followed their respective game plans nearly to the letter, Team Finland celebrated with abandon on the ice at the Xcel Energy Center Friday night, contemplating one of the great achievements in Finnish hockey history.

Team USA was left to contemplate a couple bad bounces, one blown coverage, and the end of an era. Finland will play for the World Cup at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto Tuesday night, thanks to Friday night's taut 2-1 win over the Americans in a game where there were only 29 total shots, 17 by the Americans and a dozen by the Finns. Finland now awaits the winner of Saturday night's other semifinal game between the Czech Republic and Canada (6:30 p.m. ET, ESPN2, CBC).

"Today's game is so much (the) mental side," said Finnish coach Raimo Summanen. "Live and die. Usually, the Finnish teams, usually they die."

"This is a huge step for Finnish hockey," he said. "I'm really proud that we believed."

"Every player did their job," Finnish winger Teemu Selanne said. "We didn't have to open up the game too much. We knew that we might do it in the end if we are still down a goal or two, but we didn't have to. It was a very solid effort by our team and exactly how we wanted to play."

Finland entered the third period trailing by a goal after Doug Weight netted a power-play goal in the second period. The Finns got a break at 5:04 of the third period when Team USA was unable to clear the puck. It bounded past defenseman Aaron Miller in the slot and then clicked off Team USA defenseman Brian Leetch in the high slot, coming to Olli Jokinen, who snapped the puck past Robert Esche to knot the score.

The way the game was played, it essentially became an overtime game at this point. Team USA, which had played its system nearly perfectly in the game, then made the critical mistake at 16:06, losing their defensive zone assignments just long enough for Saku Koivu to get loose and to the American net. There, all alone to the right of Esche, he hauled in a hard pass from defenseman Ossi Vaananen, lost it, and then regained control before slamming it into the U.S. net.

"On the second goal, we completely lost our coverage in our end and had a total breakdown and they found an open man," Team USA coach Ron Wilson said. "We didn't have a defenseman in front of the net, but credit the Finns for being poised enough and patient enough to wait and they took advantage of that."

Despite a late power play and gaining an extra man through pulling the goalie, the Americans weren't able to crack goalie Miikka Kiprusoff again, ending their tournament and likely the international careers of veterans Chris Chelios, Brett Hull and Leetch.

"We knew what we were up against," said the 42-year-old Chelios. "One bounce, one power play, that's what it can come down to."

"We stuck to our system," Chelios said. "But sometimes it takes a great individual play to get it done. We just came up short. We got beat by a good team. There's nothing to be ashamed of."

"I'm sure it wasn't the kind of a game that hockey fans would say was what you were expecting at this level between two teams, 29 shots on goal," Wilson said. "We had a tough time generating any offense, and, obviously, they did too. I mean, they had seven shots after two periods and even in the third they had five. Maybe their strategy was to lull us to sleep a little bit. Whatever it was, it worked."

As a result, the Finns now take a breather and await the Canada-Czech winner. Selanne said the identity of the winner didn't matter to him.

"Not really," Selanne smiled. "Of course, I think Canada is the favorite for this tournament, but you never know. Tonight showed ... I don't think there were so many people believing in us, but when you have 25 guys in the dressing room who believe, that's what it takes."

"What makes this tournament very special is the gap between the best team and the No. 4 team is not very big. I think that's our strength. We know that if we can play our best, we can beat everybody. So, we have to believe that and play the same way."

For the Americans, winners of the inaugural 1996 World Cup, there was precious little solace in having made it to the Semifinals. After a solid win over the Russians in the Quarterfinals, the Americans had bigger things in mind.

"This is very disappointing when you get knocked out of a tournament like this," Esche said. "You can never be totally proud unless you win it all."

A big hit by Chelios on Ville Nieminen along the center-ice boards shook the building and gave the Americans the jolt they had been seeking. Moments after the hit, Jason Blake forced Kiprusoff to make a pad save at 11:38 and when Jarkko Ruutu was sent off for holding at 11:52, the sellout crowd of 18,064 gave Team USA a thunderous ovation as the Americans went to the power play.

It worked, as slightly over a minute into the man advantage the Americans stuck. After controlling a draw in the Finnish end, Scott Gomez took possession in the right corner and slowly began to move toward the Finnish goal. Out of the corner of his eye he spotted an unchecked Doug Weight hurtling down the left side and Gomez's pass was right on the tape, and the puck was right into the net, giving the Americans the 1-0 lead.

For Weight, a veteran of so many international tournaments, the goal was his first of the World Cup. In fact, it was his first point of the tournament.

The Americans held a 7-3 shot advantage in the second, but the Finns, while pretty much contained very effectively by Team USA's patient defensive scheme, did cause a few nervous moments. Early in the period, several scoring chances by the Finns were off the mark, including one by Niko Kapanen that was shot wide with plenty of open net in the American goal.

With 4:44 remaining, Esche was tested by a drive off the stick of Selanne and then ensuing rebound by Jere Lehtinen.

Disaster nearly struck for the Finns at 16:04 when Mike Modano forced a turnover deep in the Finnish end that came in front of the net, deflected off the skate of Kiprusoff and sat unattended in the crease. No American was close enough to bang home the chance and the Finns cleared, heaving a sigh of relief in the process.

Koivu, centering the Finns' top line with Lehtinen and Selanne, had a great scoring chance at 17:59, taking advantage of a turnover at the American blue line and darting in on Esche. But U.S. defenseman Brian Rafalski charged at Koivu, forcing him to rush the shot, which Esche turned away.

The scoreless first period was played about as close to the vest as you can manage. When the horn sounded with the Finns on a power play, the shots for the period were in favor of Finland, 4-3.

Both goalies were up to the task in the opening 20 minutes and there were some offensive forays that didn't result in shots, but by and large, this was an extended feeling-out process with an accent on conservative play.

The Finns continued to be physical. A trait of their game in earlier European Pool competition, Finnish players continued to take the body regularly with Ville Nieminen - no surprise there - and Vaananen throwing their weight around liberally.

Finland had two power plays in the first, a full man advantage when Rafalski was called for hooking at 6:36 and another that carried over to the second period when the officials detected the Americans with too many men on the ice and called a bench penalty at 18:19. The best scoring chance of the two first period power plays came during the bench minor when Esche stopped a point shot by Teppo Numminen and then denied Ville Peltonen who tried to poke home the rebound from the side of the net.

The Americans went on the power play when Peltonen was boxed for interfering with Jamie Langenbrunner, but close checking by the Finns prevented the Americans from getting any rhythm or flow going.

Czech Republic at Canada Semifinal Recap

Semifinal 2: Czech Republic at Canada 3-4 OT (0-0, 1-2, 2-1, 0-1)

Czech Republic: Cajanek, Havlat (pp), Elias

Finland: Brewer, Lemieux (pp), Draper, Lecavalier

Attendance: 19,273 (Toronto, Ontario)

Power-Plays: CZE- 1 of 1; CAN- 1 of 1

Goaltenders: CZE-Vokoun (L, 20-24); CAN-Luongo (W, 37-40)

Players of the Game: CZE-Jagr; CAN-Lecavalier

TORONTO (Phil Coffey, NHL.com) - Pressed to the max by a never-say-die Czech Republic squad that threatened to ruin their World Cup party, Team Canada dug deep into its collective heart and soul Saturday night at the Air Canada Centre, advancing to the finals of the World Cup of Hockey Saturday night with a 4-3 overtime win over the Czechs.

The battle for the World Cup takes place Tuesday night (7 p.m. ET, ESPN2, CBC) as Canada gets a couple days to regroup before taking on Finland.

Vincent Lecavalier was the offensive hero for the Canadians, scoring on a great individual effort at 3:45 of overtime. Surviving tremendous pressure by the Czechs, Canada struck when the puck came to Ryan Smyth at the left point and he put a shot on the Czech net that was stopped by goalie Tomas Vokoun. The goalie then sprawled to make a huge stop on Lecavalier's first attempt. Lecavalier fanned on his second try, but the Tampa Bay Lightning center made sure the next attempt, from a wide angle, found pay dirt and sent the Air Canada Centre into a frenzy.

"I knew I didn't have much time," Lecavalier said. "And I knew I had to go high. With the angle I had, I was pretty lucky.

"It was a great team effort tonight to carry us to the finals."

Lecavalier was the offensive hero, but goalie Roberto Luongo, starting for the injured Martin Brodeur, earned plenty of attention as he overcame the suffocating pressure of the game, especially in the third period and early in overtime when it seemed like just a matter of time before the Czechs would win it. In fact, moments before Lecavalier scored the winner, Luongo denied Milan Hejduk from in close, a save at one end that sparked the offensive heroics at the other. In all, Luongo made 37 saves as Canada was out-shot 40-24.

"Roberto played unbelievable," Kris Draper said. "He was huge for us."

He may well have been the difference on a night when Team Canada wasn't very sharp in the estimation of their coach.

"We escaped," Pat Quinn said. "I saw tentativeness in our team tonight. I'm not sure why. ? We sure didn't have the focus we needed to have. We did not execute very well, but a lot of that was the play of the Czechs.

"We were fortunate to have survived," Quinn said. "The Czechs played really well. They out-chanced us by quite a margin."

The loss marked a disappointing end for the Czechs, who rebounded mightily in the tournament after losing the first two games of the preliminary round to Finland and Sweden. But in the quarterfinals, the Czechs ousted the Swedes to advance to last night's games."

"I'm satisfied with the performance we showed tonight," Czech coach Vladimir Ruzicka said. "The game was very good. We showed excellent play, but Canada was more lucky in overtime."

The Czechs put relentless pressure on the Canadians in the third period and were rewarded with a tie, but there were plenty of heart-stopping moments along the way.

A holding penalty on Lecavalier at 6:40 proved costly to the Canadians as the Czechs notched a power-play goal by Martin Havlat at 7:21 to tie the score, 2-2. The power-play goal by Havlat came as he ripped home the rebound of a Tomas Kaberle point shot and brought the Czechs all the way back from a 2-0 deficit.

Dany Heatley had a glorious chance to restore the Canadian lead at 7:52, breaking in alone on Vokoun, who sprawled at the last second, doing a snow angel on the ice and deflecting Heatley attempt wide with his blocker. Hejduk had a

similar wonderful chance at 10:40 when the puck came to him in the slot with time and space, but he went too high and the puck cleared the net.

With the Czechs forcing the issue to the point of exhausting the Canadians, a desperate wrap around the boards by Joe Thornton paid off as Czech defenseman Marek Zidlicky tried to keep the puck in, only to have it get by him at the blue line and come to Draper who sped into the Czech end and ripped a rising shot over Vokoun's glove at 13:37 to restore Canada's lead, 3-2.

Canada's celebration lasted all of six seconds as the Czechs pushed the center-ice faceoff into the Canadian end, confusing Team Canada's defensemen, who both took Havlat, allowing Patrik Elias to send a 30-footer past Luongo, who appeared to be screened. Screened or not, the damage was done and Canada's late lead had evaporated like the two-goal edge it earned in the second period.

The pace in the second period was fast and furious as skated out to a 2-1 lead despite being out-shot 14-9. Canada raised the stakes in the second, becoming much more aggressive offensively, drawing the puck in close to the Czech net and then bringing its defensemen barreling down the slot for scoring chances. Eric Brewer, Jay Bouwmeester and Scott Niedermayer each had great scoring chances off this tactic, but were unable to convert. But one of these chances finally clicked for Canada at 11:15, resulting in a 1-0 lead off a goal by Brewer.

Team Canada gained control of the puck in the Czech end, with Joe Thornton holding the puck along the left-wing boards. He spotted Kris Draper behind the net and moved the puck down low. Not pressed by the Czechs, Draper spotted Brewer charging in from the point and his pass was dead on for Brewer to rip past Vokoun.

The Czechs roared right back to test Luongo, with Elias getting a testing shot on net, but the more dangerous opportunity belonged to David Vyborny on the rebound, but he fired wide.

A tripping penalty on Jiri Fischer at 12:29 proved costly to the Czechs as Mario Lemieux scored his first goal of the tournament, banging home a rebound off a determined Canadian power-play flurry at 14:25. Lecavalier and Brad Richards collected assists on the goal.

With the sellout crowd of 19,273 roaring its approval, Team Canada appeared on the verge of turning the contest into a rout, but a weird goal against Luongo halved the lead at 15:07. Petr Cajanek, standing wide to Luongo's left on the goal line, sent what appeared to be a "why not?" shot in front of the Canadian net and the puck hit the right skate of Luongo and slipped into the net, and quieting the arena instantly.

Luongo shook off whatever butterflies were flying around his stomach as he skated from the following the first period having stopped all 10 shots he faced in the scoreless first period. Luongo got the nod when Team Canada stalwart Martin Brodeur was scratched from the lineup with a bruised hand. Luongo was solid in net, stopping a handful of testing drives from the Czechs, who obviously figured putting some early heat on the Canadian net was the way to go in this one.

One of the leading culprits for the Czechs was Jaromir Jagr, who didn't show any ill-effects from the surmised stomach muscle ailment that had cast doubt about his ability to compete Saturday night. Instead, Jagr was the Czech's best player and nearly broke the scoreless tie at 7:45 when his high backhand from the inner rim of the left circle was deflected away.

Canada did a fair measure of buzzing around the Czech net, but were unable to mount much of a direct effect until later in the period. At 8:55, Richards sent a blind backhand pass from the left-wing boards that went all the way to the right-wing boards without coming into contact with a player from either team. Midway through the period, Heatley had an excellent scoring change after Lecavalier's drive from in close was blocked and came to Heatley, who was denied by Vokoun, who also stopped a follow-up shot by Martin St. Louis.

The Czechs did an excellent job of breaking up Canadian rushes in the opening period, adroitly getting a stick or body on a pass to blunt a Canadian foray. Luongo was tested with just 1:11 remaining in the first when Jagr got a stride on Draper and wheeled into shooting position on the lower rim of the right circle, forcing Luongo to make a good save.

Heatley capped off a Canadian flurry with just 38 seconds left in the period, testing Vokoun from in close, but Iginla couldn't solve the Nashville Predator goalie.

Television Schedule

*All Times Eastern Daylight Time

PRELIMINARY ROUND

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue, City</u>	<u>Matchup</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>North American TV</u>
Aug. 30	Hartwall Arena, Helsinki	Czech Republic vs. Finland	4-0 FIN	ESPN, CBC, SRC
Aug. 31	Globe Arena, Stockholm	Germany vs. Sweden	5-2 SWE	ESPN, CBC, SRC
Aug. 31	Bell Centre, Montreal	United States vs. Canada	2-1 CAN	CBC, SRC, ESPN2
Sept. 1	Globe Arena, Stockholm	Czech Republic vs. Sweden	4-3 SWE	ESPN, CBC, SRC
Sept. 1	Bell Centre, Montreal	Canada vs. Slovakia	5-1 CAN	CBC, SRC, ESPN2
Sept. 2	Cologne Arena, Cologne	Finland vs. Germany	3-0 FIN	ESPN2, CBC, SRC
Sept. 2	Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul	Russia vs. United States	3-1 RUS	ESPN2, CBC, SRC
Sept. 3	Sazka Arena, Prague	Germany vs. Czech Republic	7-2 CZE	ESPN, CBC, SRC
Sept. 3	Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul	Slovakia vs. United States	3-1 USA	ESPN2, CBC, SRC
Sept. 4	Hartwall Arena, Helsinki	Sweden vs. Finland	4-4 tie	CBC, SRC
Sept. 4	Air Canada Centre, Toronto	Russia vs. Canada	3-1 CAN	CBC, SRC
Sept. 5	Air Canada Centre, Toronto	Slovakia vs. Russia	5-2 RUS	CBC, SRC

QUARTERFINALS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue, City</u>	<u>Matchup</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>North American TV</u>
Sept. 6	Hartwall Arena, Helsinki	No. 4 Germany vs. No. 1 Finland	2-1 FIN	CBC, SRC
Sept. 7	Globe Arena, Stockholm	No. 3 Czech Republic vs. No. 2 Sweden	6-1 CZE	ESPN, CBC, SRC
Sept. 7	Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul	No. 3 United States vs. No. 2 Russia	5-3 USA	ESPN2, CBC, SRC
Sept. 8	Air Canada Centre, Toronto	No. 4 Slovakia vs. No. 1 Canada	5-0 CAN	CBC, SRC, ESPN2

SEMIFINALS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue, City</u>	<u>Matchup</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>North American TV</u>
Sept. 10	Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul	United States vs. Finland	2-1 FIN	ESPN2, CBC, SRC
Sept. 11	Air Canada Centre, Toronto	Czech Republic vs. Canada	4-3 (OT) CAN	CBC, SRC, ESPN2

CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue, City</u>	<u>Matchup</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>North American TV</u>
Sept. 14	Air Canada Centre, Toronto	Finland at Canada	7 p.m.	CBC, SRC, ESPN2

European Division (E): Czech Republic (CZE), Finland (FIN), Germany (GER), Sweden (SWE)

North American Division (NA): Canada (CAN), Russia (RUS), Slovakia (SVK), United States (USA)

Tournament Notes

- Final Europe Pool Seeding: No. 1 Finland (2-0-1), No. 2 Sweden (2-0-1), No. 3 Czech Republic (1-2-0), No. 4 Germany (0-3-0) ... Finland earned the No. 1 seed over Sweden based on goal differential ... Finland finished with a +7 goal differential compared to Sweden's +4 goal differential.

- Final North America Pool Seeding: No. 1 Canada (3-0-0), No. 2 Russia (2-1-0), No. 3 USA (1-2-0), No. 4 Slovakia (0-3-0)

First Goal Importance...

Teams scoring the first goal of the game are 16-1-1 in the World Cup of Hockey 2004 tournament ... The Sept. 10 Semifinal between Finland and USA was the only time which the team that scored first lost ... USA led 1-0, but Finland scored the game's final two goals for a 2-1 win ... The second Team Finland goal represented the first lead change of the entire tournament ... The Sept. 4 Finland/Sweden game was the only other time the team which scored first did not win (Finland scored first, game ended in a tie).

Firsts...

Six players have scored their first goal in a major international competition (World Cup/Canada Cup, Olympics, senior World Championships-A): Scott Gomez (USA), Marcus Nilson (SWE), Martin St. Louis (CAN), Ossi Vaananen (FIN),

Marek Zidlicky (CZE) and Dainus Zubrus (RUS) ... Sweden's Marcus Nilson scored his first goal in a major international competition on Aug. 31 against Germany, his second career game (one game in 2003 World Championships) ... Canada's Martin St. Louis scored his first goal in a major international competition on Aug. 31 against the United States, his first major international game ... St. Louis also added an assist for a multi-point performance (1+1) in his major international debut ... St. Louis followed it up with another two point night in Canada's second game of the tournament, his second major international contest ... Czech Republic's Marek Zidlicky scored his first goal in a major international competition on Sept. 1 against Sweden, his second game (first game of the World Cup of Hockey 2004 tournament) ... Zidlicky added a second goal in Czech Republic's next game out, it's round robin finale against Germany ... Russia's Dainus Zubrus scored his first goal in a major international competition on Sept. 2 against the United States, his major international debut ... Finland's Ossi Vaananen netted his first goal in a major international competition on Sept. 4 against Sweden ... USA's Scott Gomez scored his first goal in a major international competition on Sept. 7 against Russia.

Working Overtime...

There have been two overtime games in the World Cup of Hockey 2004 tournament, Sweden at Finland in the round-robin and Czech Republic at Canada in the Semifinals ... The Finland/Sweden game on Sept. 4 was the only overtime affair in the round-robin portion of the World Cup of Hockey 2004 tournament, ending in a 4-4 draw, the 12th tie in the history of the World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup ... The Canada/Czech Republic Semifinal was the only game to have an overtime decision, a 4-3 Canada win on Vincent Lecavalier's goal 3:45 into the first OT period ... According to IIHF records, 13 players participating in the World Cup of Hockey tournament have figured in the scoring of a game-winning goal in overtime or shootout of a major international tournament ... None of the participants in this year's World Cup of Hockey Tournament has more than one overtime/game-winning shootout point ... See below for a complete listing of active participants with OT/GW shootout points.

Overtime Points in World Cup/Canada Cup, World Championships, Olympics

(active World Cup of Hockey 2004 Tournament Participants)

Daniel Alfredsson (Sweden) -- 1-0-1 ('95 World Championships)
 Eric Brewer (Canada) -- 1-0-1 ('03 World Championships)
 Peter Forsberg (Sweden) -- 1-0-1 ('94 Olympics, GW shot in shootout)
 Dany Heatley (Canada) -- 1-0-1 ('04 World Championships)
 Kim Johnsson (Sweden) -- 1-0-1 ('01 World Championships)
 Vincent Lecavalier (Canada) -- 1-0-1 ('04 World Cup of Hockey)
 Mario Lemieux (Canada) -- 1-0-1 ('89 Canada Cup)
 Fredrik Modin (Sweden) -- 0-1-1 ('01 World Championships)
 Robert Reichel (Czech Rep) -- 1-0-1 ('98 Olympics, GW shot in shootout)
 Brian Rolston (USA) -- 1-0-1 ('96 World Championships)
 Teemu Selanne (Finland) -- 0-1-1 ('99 World Championships)
 Ryan Smyth (Canada) -- 0-1-1 ('04 World Cup of Hockey)
 Jaroslav Spacek (Czech Rep) -- 1-0-1 ('99 World Championships, GW shot in shootout)

Tkachuk Ties Tournament Record for Goals in a Game...

USA forward Keith Tkachuk tied a World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup record for goals in a game with his four-goal performance in Tuesday's Quarterfinal against Russia ... The Soviet Union's Viktor Zhlukto is the only other player to score more than three goals in a WCH/Canada Cup game, netting four against Finland on Sept. 7, 1976 ... Tkachuk's four-goal night marked the 10th hat trick in WCH/Canada Cup play, and the first since Tkachuk scored three goals against Slovakia in the 1996 World Cup of Hockey tournament (Sept. 3, 1996) ... Tkachuk is the second player to register more than one career hat trick in WCH/Canada Cup play, joining Mario Lemieux who netted two hat tricks in the 1987 Canada Cup tournament.

World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup Hat Tricks

Player	Goals	Opponent, Year
Rick Martin, CAN	3	vs. Finland, 1976
Viktor Zhlukto, USSR	4	vs. Finland, 1976
Sergei Shepelev, USSR	3	vs. Canada, 1981 (Finals)
Wayne Gretzky, CAN	3	vs. West Germany, 1984
Hakan Look, SWE	3	vs. USA, 1984
Mario Lemieux, CAN	3	vs. USA, 1987
Sergei Makarov, USSR	3	vs. Finland, 1987
Mario Lemieux, CAN	3	vs. Soviet Union, 1987 (Finals Series - Game 2)
Keith Tkachuk, USA	3	vs. Slovakia, 1996
Keith Tkachuk, USA	4	vs. Russia, 2004

Production from The Blueline...

Defensemen have combined to record 11 goals and 50 points through the Semifinal Round of the tournament ... Of the defenseman 11 goals, five have come even-strength and six have come on the power-play ... Team Finland has received the best production from its defensemen (13 points) ... Team Czech Republic has received the most goals from its defensemen (4 goals).

Goaltenders Take Charge...

The two teams participating in the Finals are the two best defensive teams in the tournament ... Both Canada and Finland have allowed 6 goals in 5 games played ... In the first six World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup tournaments, only four teams have finished a tournament with fewer than 10 goals allowed: '76 Canada (6 goals against in 5 games), '96 Sweden (6 in 4 games), '84 Soviet Union (7 in 5 games), and '76 Czechoslovakia (9 in 5 games).

Shutouts...

There have been three shutouts in the World Cup of Hockey 2004 tournament, the most in one World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup tournament since four were posted in the inaugural 1976 Canada Cup ... Finland's Miikka Kiprusoff has two shutouts and Canada's Martin Brodeur has one shutout ... Team Canada had three previous shutouts in WCH/Canada Cup play: 6-0 vs. Czechoslovakia in the 1976 Finals-Game 1; 9-0 vs. Finland in the 1981 round-robin; and 4-0 vs. Sweden in the 1991 Semifinals ... Team Finland had one previous shutout in World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup play: 1-0 vs. Czechoslovakia in the 1991 round-robin ... There were two shutouts recorded in the 1996 World Cup of Hockey tournament (Sweden 3-0 over Czech Republic in pool play and 5-0 Russia over Finland in the Quarterfinals).

Kiprusoff's Back-to-Back Blankings...

Finland's Miikka Kiprusoff opened his tournament with back-to-back shutouts, a 12-save effort on Aug. 30 against Finland and a 17-save effort on Sept. 2 at Germany ... Kiprusoff is the first goaltender to post more than one shutout in a World Cup/Canada Cup tournament ... Kiprusoff is the 10th goaltender since 2000 to post multiple shutouts in one major international tournament (World Cup/Canada Cup, Olympics, senior World Championships-A) ... Team Finland had one previous shutout in World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup play, the other came with a 1-0 win over ... Finland's last shutout in a major international competition came earlier this spring with a pair of shutouts at the 2004 IIHF World Championships, 4-0 against Team Russia (Mika Noronen) and 6-0 against Team Denmark (Fredrik Norrena).

Most Shutouts, Major International Tournaments, Single Tournament since 2000

- 4 Jan Lasak (SLO), 2004 World Championships ***including three consecutive shutouts
- 2 **Miikka Kiprusoff (FIN), World Cup of Hockey 2004**
 - Martin Gerber (SUI), 2004 World Championships
 - Tomas Vokoun (CZE), 2004 World Championships
 - Jani Hurme (FIN), 2003 World Championships
 - Jussi Markkanen (FIN), 2002 World Championships
 - Maxim Sokolov (RUS), 2002 World Championships
 - Arturs Irbe (LAT), 2001 World Championships
 - Tommy Salo (SWE), 2001 World Championships
 - Jose Theodore (CAN), 2000 World Championships

Busy Night in Net...

U.S. goaltender Robert Esche made a tournament-high 42 saves on Sept. 2 against Russia, five saves more than the next best performance (37, Olaf Kolzig for Germany vs. Sweden; Mikael Tellqvist for Sweden vs. Czech Republic; & Roberto Luongo for Canada vs. Czech Republic) ... Through the first Quarterfinal Round of the tournament there have been nine 30-save performances, seven in losing efforts ... Tellqvist's 37 saves in Sweden's 4-3 win over Czech Republic and Luongo's 37 save night in Canada's 4-3 overtime win in the Semifinals against Czech Republic are the only two 30-save victories in the tournament.

Penalty Shots...

USA forward Jason Blake was awarded the first penalty shot of the World Cup of Hockey 2004 tournament in Tuesday's Quarterfinal against Russia ... It was the first World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup penalty shot since the 1996

World Cup of Hockey tournament when Czech Republic's Robert Reichel scored on a penalty shot against Kari Takko of Finland ... Reichel's penalty shot goal is the only successful World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup penalty shot on record.

Lightning Leaving Mark on Tournament...

Through the Semifinal Round of the tournament, the seven Tampa Bay Lightning representatives have combined to score 29 points (12 goals, 17 assists) in 29 man-games played, the most points and goals of any NHL team representatives ... Entering the Final game, Lightning forwards Fredrik Modin (Sweden) and Vincent Lecavalier (Canada) rank No. 1 and No. 2 in scoring ... Colorado has the next highest scoring representatives with 22 points, followed by Dallas at 19 and Ottawa with 17.

Team	Points (Goals+Assists)
Tampa Bay	29 (12+17)
Colorado	22 (9+13)
Dallas	19 (4+15)
Ottawa	17 (5+12)
New Jersey	15 (5+10)

Highest Points Per Game, World Cup of Hockey 2004 Tournament (min. 4 games played)

Player	PPG (Points/Games)
Fredrik Modin, SWE	2.00 (8 pts/ 4 gms)
Daniel Alfredsson, SWE	1.50 (6 / 4)
Vincent Lecavalier, CAN	1.40 (7 / 5)
Milan Hejduk, CZE	1.25 (5 / 4)
Tomas Holmstrom, SWE	1.25 (5 / 4)
Mats Sundin, SWE	1.25 (5 / 4)

Highest Points Per Game, World Cup of Hockey/Canada Cup History (min. 4 games played)

Player	PPG (Points/Games)	Tournament
Wayne Gretzky, CAN	2.33 (21 pts / 9 gms)	'87 Canada Cup
Gilbert Perreault, CAN	2.25 (9 / 4)	'81 Canada Cup
Mario Lemieux, CAN	2.00 (18 / 9)	'87 Canada Cup
Fredrik Modin, SWE	2.00 (8 / 4)	'04 World Cup of Hockey
Viktor Zhulkov, USSR	1.80 (9 / 5)	'76 Canada Cup
Mats Sundin, SWE	1.75 (7 / 4)	'96 World Cup of Hockey
Vladimir Vikulov, USSR	1.75 (7 / 4)	'76 Canada Cup
Wayne Gretzky, CAN	1.71 (12 / 7)	'91 Canada Cup
Wayne Gretzky, CAN	1.71 (12 / 7)	'81 Canada Cup
Sergei Makarov, USSR	1.67 (15 / 9)	'87 Canada Cup

Family Ties...

There are five sets of brothers participating in the World Cup of Hockey Tournament, led by Team Finland with two brother sets (Mikko and Saku Koivu and Jarkko and Tuomo Ruutu) ... The Reichels (Martin and Robert) are the only brother set not playing for the same country ... Martin is playing for Team Germany and Robert for Team Czech Republic ... The Kaberles (Frantisek and Tomas; Czech Republic) were set to be a sixth set of brothers, but Frantisek had to pull out of the tournament.

Brother Combinations Participating in the World Cup of Hockey 2004 Tournament

Marcel and Sascha Goc (Germany)
 Mikko and Saku Koivu (Finland)
 Martin and Robert Reichel (Martin - Germany; Robert - Czech Republic)
 Jarkko and Tuomo Ruutu (Finland)
 Daniel and Henrik Sedin (Sweden)

Back-to-Backs...

Five of the eight teams played a back-to-back set during the World Cup of Hockey 2004 tournament ... Teams went 6-4 in back-to-back contests in the tournament (2-3 on front end, 4-1 on back end) ... Canada won both legs of its back-to-back, beating the United States 2-1 on Aug. 31 and Slovakia 5-1 on Sept. 1 ... Sweden won both ends of its back-

to-back, beating Germany 5-2 on Aug. 31 and Czech Republic 4-3 on Sept. 1 ... The United States split its back-to-back set, dropping a 1-3 decision to Russia on Sept. 2 before beating Slovakia 3-1 on Sept. 3 ... Germany dropped both ends of its back-to-back, falling 0-3 to Finland on Sept. 2 and 2-7 at Czech Republic on Sept. 3 ... Russia split its back-to-back set, dropping the front end 1-3 to Canada on Sept. 4 before beating Slovakia 5-2 on Sept. 5 ... Slovakia, Czech Republic, and Finland each do not have any back-to-back sets.

Tournament Birthday's ...

There are 10 participating players who will celebrate birthdays during the World Cup of Hockey 2004 tournament ... An 11th player, Canada's Patrick Marleau, turns 25 on Sept. 15, the day after the Final.

Date	Player	Age	Notes
Aug. 31	- Scott Niedermayer (CAN)	31	Picked up an assist as Canada beat USA 2-1
Sept. 2	- Jason Blake (USA)	31	Held scoreless in 1-3 USA loss to Russia
	- Sami Salo (FIN)	30	Helped Finland to a 3-0 win at Germany
Sept. 3	- Martin Straka (CZE)	32	Registered an assist as Czech Republic beat Germany 7-2
Sept. 4	- Maxim Afinogenov (RUS)	25	Picked up an assist in Russia's 1-3 loss at Canada
	- Craig Conroy (USA)	33	Day after 3-1 USA win over Slovakia
Sept. 8	- Marco Sturm (GER)	26	
Sept. 9	- Mattias Ohlund (SWE)	28	
Sept. 12	- Josef Vasicek (CZE)	24	
Sept. 13	- Jose Theodore (CAN)	28	Day before Final

Taking Home the Hardware...

28 different players participating in the World Cup of Hockey Tournament have earned major NHL Awards, including 14 multi-award winners ... The 28 players have accounted for 66 total awards, led by Mario Lemieux with 11 ... Each of the participating countries has at least one former award winner on its active tournament roster, led by Canada with 10 former award winners (33 awards) ... See below for a complete listing of NHL Award winners participating in the tournament (list by trophy).

Hart (7)

Forsberg (Sweden) - 2003
 Hull (USA) - 1991
 Jagr (Czech Rep) - 1999
 M. Lemieux (Canada) - 1988, 93, 96
 St. Louis (Canada) - 2004
 Sakic (Canada) - 2001
 Theodore (Canada) - 2002

Pearson (7)

Hull (USA) - 1991
 Iginla (Canada) - 2002
 Jagr (Czech Rep) - 1999, 2000
 M. Lemieux (Canada) - 1986, 88, 93, 96
 Naslund (Sweden) - 2003
 St. Louis (Canada) - 2004
 Sakic (Canada) - 2001

Norris (4)

Chelios (USA) - 1989, 93, 96
 Leetch (USA) - 1992, 97
 Lidstrom (Sweden) - 2001, 02, 03
 S. Niedermayer (Canada) - 2004

Vezina (3)

Brodeur (Canada) - 2003, 04
 Kolzig (Germany) - 2000
 Theodore (Canada) - 2002

Jennings (3)

Brodeur (Canada) - 1997, 98, 03, 04
 Cechmanek (Czech Rep) - 2003
 Esche (USA) - 2003

King Clancy (1)

Iginla (Canada) - 2004

Calder (10)

Alfredsson (Sweden) - 1996
 Brodeur (Canada) - 1994
 Drury (USA) - 1999
 Forsberg (Sweden) - 1995
 Gomez (USA) - 2000
 Heatley (Canada) - 2002
 Leetch (USA) - 1989
 M. Lemieux (Canada) - 1985
 Samsonov (Russia) - 1998
 Selanne (Finland) - 1993

Selke (2)

Draper (Canada) - 2004
 Lehtinen (Finland) - 1998, 99, 03

Conn Smythe (5)

Leetch (USA) - 1994
 M. Lemieux (Canada) - 1991, 92
 Lidstrom (Sweden) - 2002
 Richards (Canada) - 2004
 Sakic (Canada) - 1996

Masterton (2)

S. Koivu (Finland) - 2002
M. Lemieux (Canada) - 1993

Lady Byng (4)

Demitra (Slovakia) - 2000
Hull (USA) - 1990
Richards (Canada) - 2004
Sakic (Canada) - 2001

Age Breakdowns...

Team Germany enters the World Cup of Hockey 2004 Tournament with the youngest roster in the tournament (26.9 years) ... Team USA has the oldest roster in the tournament (31.6 years) ... The average age for the tournament is 28.4 years ... Russian forward Alexander Ovechkin (18 years, 11 months) is the youngest player participating in the World Cup of Hockey Tournament ... Ovechkin is the only teenager participating in the tournament ... United States defenseman Chris Chelios (42 years, 7 months) is the oldest player participating in the World Cup of Hockey Tournament ... Brett Hull (US; 40 years, 1 month) is the only other participant over the age of 40 ... See below for a complete listing of the oldest and youngest players participating in the tournament.

Average Age by Teams

Germany	26.9 years
Russia	27.0 years
Slovakia	27.1 years
Finland	27.7 years
Canada	27.9 years
Sweden	29.0 years
Czech Republic	29.6 years
United States	31.6 years
<i>Tournament Average</i>	<i>28.4 years</i>

Youngest

Alexander Ovechkin, Rus	9/17/85 (18 years, 11 mos)
Kari Lehtonen, Fin	11/16/83 (20 years, 9 mos)
Jay Bouwmeester, Can	9/27/83 (20 years, 11 mos)
Joni Pitkanen, Fin	9/19/83 (20 years, 11 mos)
Marcel Goc, Ger	8/24/83 (21 years, 0 mos)

Oldest

Chris Chelios, US	1/25/62 (42 years, 7 mos)
Brett Hull, US	8/9/64 (40 years, 1 mos)
Petr Briza, Cze	12/9/64 (39 years, 9 mos)
Mario Lemieux, Can	10/5/65 (38 years, 11 mos)
Eric Weinrich, US	12/19/66 (37 years, 8 mos)

Youngest Forwards

Alexander Ovechkin, Rus	9/17/85 (18 years, 11 mos)
Marcel Goc, Ger	8/24/83 (21 years, 0 mos)
Christoph Ullman, Ger	5/19/83 (21 years, 3 mos)
Ilya Kovalchuk, Rus	4/15/83 (21 years, 4 mos)
Mikko Koivu, Fin	3/12/83 (21 years, 5 mos)

Oldest Forwards

Brett Hull, US	8/9/64 (40 years, 1 mos)
Mario Lemieux, Can	10/5/65 (38 years, 11 mos)
Jiri Dopita, Cze	12/2/68 (35 years, 9 mos)
Joe Sakic, Can	7/7/69 (35 years, 2 mos)
Andrei Kovalenko, Rus	6/7/70 (34 years, 3 mos)
Mike Modano, US	6/7/70 (34 years, 3 mos)

Youngest Defensemen

Jay Bouwmeester, Can	9/27/83 (20 years, 11 mos)
Joni Pitkanen, Fin	9/19/83 (20 years, 11 mos)
Christian Ehrhoff, Ger	7/6/82 (22 years, 2 mos)
Anton Volchenkov, Rus	2/25/82 (22 years, 6 mos)
Christoph Schubert, Ger	2/5/82 (22 years, 7 mos)

Oldest Defensemen

Chris Chelios, US	1/25/62 (42 years, 7 mos)
Eric Weinrich, US	12/19/66 (37 years, 8 mos)
Brian Leetch, US	3/3/68 (36 years, 6 mos)
Teppo Numminen, Fin	7/3/68 (36 years, 2 mos)
Nicklas Lidstrom, Swe	4/28/70 (34 years, 4 mos)

Youngest Goaltenders

Kari Lehtonen, Fin	11/16/83 (20 years, 9 mos)
Rick DiPietro, US	9/19/82 (21 years, 11 mos)
Peter Budaj, Slo	9/18/82 (21 years, 11 mos)
Henrik Ljunqvist, Swe	3/2/82 (22 years, 6 mos)
Robert Muller, Ger	6/25/80 (24 years, 2 mos)

Oldest Goaltenders

Petr Briza, Cze	12/9/64 (39 years, 9 mos)
Olaf Kolzig, Ger	4/6/70 (34 years, 5 mos)
Tommy Salo, Swe	2/1/71 (33 years, 7 mos)
Roman Cechmanek, Cze	3/2/71 (33 years, 6 mos)
Martin Brodeur, Can	5/6/72 (32 years, 4 mos)

Youngest/Oldest by Team (Team Average)

Canada -- Team Average: 27.9years (5th youngest)

Youngest

Jay Bouwmeester 9/27/83 (21 years, 11 mos)
Dany Heatley 1/21/81 (23 years, 7 mos)

Oldest

Mario Lemieux 10/5/65 (38 years, 11 mos)
Joe Sakic 7/7/69 (35 years, 2 mos)

Czech Republic -- Team Average: 29.6 years (7th youngest)

Youngest

Martin Havlat 4/19/81 (23 years, 4 mos)
Josef Vasicek 9/12/80 (23 years, 11 mos)

Oldest

Petr Briza 12/9/64 (39 years, 9 mos)
Jiri Dopita 12/2/68 (35 years, 9 mos)

Finland -- Team Average: 27.7 years (4th youngest)

Youngest

Kari Lehtonen 11/16/83 (20 years, 9 mos)
Joni Pitkanen 9/19/83 (20 years, 11 mos)

Oldest

Teppo Numminen 7/3/68 (36 years, 2 mos)
Teemu Selanne 7/3/70 (34 years, 2 mos)

Germany -- Team Average: 26.9 years (1st youngest)

Youngest

Marcel Goc 8/24/83 (21 years, 0 mos)
Christoph Ullman 5/19/83 (21 years, 3 mos)

Oldest

Olaf Kolzig 4/6/70 (34 years, 5 mos)
Tobias Abstreiter 7/6/70 (34 years, 2 mos)

Russia -- Team Average: 27.0 years (2nd youngest)

Youngest

Alexander Ovechkin 9/17/85 (18 years, 11 mos)
Ilya Kovalchuk 4/15/83 (21 years, 4 mos)

Oldest

Andrei Kovalenko 6/7/70 (34 years, 3 mos)
Oleg Petrov 4/18/71 (33 years, 4 mos)

Slovakia -- Team Average: 27.1 years (3rd youngest)

Youngest

Peter Budaj 9/18/82 (21 years, 11 mos)
Marian Gaborik 2/14/82 (22 years, 6 mos)

Oldest

Jozef Stumpel 7/20/72 (32 years, 1 mos)
Miroslav Hlinka 6/25/73 (31 years, 2 mos)

Sweden -- Team Average: 29.0 years (6th youngest)

Youngest

Henrik Lundqvist 3/2/82 (22 years, 6 mos)
Henrik Zetterberg 10/9/80 (23 years, 11 mos)

Oldest

Nicklas Lidstrom 4/28/70 (34 years, 4 mos)
Tommy Salo 2/1/71 (33 years, 7 mos)

United States -- Team Average: 31.6 years (8th youngest)

Youngest

Rick DiPietro 9/19/82 (21 years, 11 mos)
Paul Martin 3/5/81 (23 years, 6 mos)

Oldest

Chris Chelios 1/25/62 (42 years, 7 mos)
Brett Hull 8/9/64 (40 years, 1 mos)

World Cup of Hockey 2004 Participants by NHL Club

(updated information from page 6 of the World Cup of Hockey 2004 Media Guide)

Mighty Ducks of Anaheim (5): Martin Skoula and Petr Sykora (Czech Republic), Ilya Bryzgalov and Vitaly Vishnevski (Russia), Samuel Pahlsson (Sweden)

Atlanta Thrashers (5): Dany Heatley (Canada), Kari Lehtonen (Finland), Ilya Kovalchuk (Russia), Ronald Petrovicky (Slovakia), Daniel Tjarnqvist (Sweden)

Boston Bruins (5): Joe Thornton (Canada), Jiri Slegr (Czech Republic), Sergei Gonchar and Sergei Samsonov (Russia), P.J. Axelsson (Sweden)

Buffalo Sabres (5): Jochen Hecht (Germany), Maxim Afinogenov and Dmitry Kalinen (Russia), Miroslav Satan (Slovakia), Chris Drury (United States)

Calgary Flames (6): Jarome Iginla and Robyn Regehr (Canada), Miikka Kiprusoff, Toni Lydman and Ville Nieminen (Finland), Marcus Nilson (Sweden)

Carolina Hurricanes (1): Josef Vasicek (Czech Republic)

Chicago Blackhawks (1): Tuomo Ruutu (Finland)

Colorado Avalanche (10): Adam Foote and Joe Sakic (Canada), Milan Hejduk (Czech Republic), Riku Hahl, Antti Laaksonen, Teemu Selanne and Ossi Vaananen (Finland), Peter Forsberg (Sweden), Steve Konowalchuk and John-Michael Liles (United States).

Columbus Blue Jackets (3): Jaroslav Spacek and David Vyborny (Czech Republic), Radoslav Suchy (Slovakia)

Dallas Stars (6): Brenden Morrow (Canada), Niko Kapanen, Jere Lehtinen and Teppo Numminen (Finland), Bill Guerin and Mike Modano (United States)

Detroit Red Wings (8): Kris Draper and Kirk Maltby (Canada), Jiri Fischer (Czech Republic), Pavel Datsyuk (Russia), Tomas Holmstrom, Nicklas Lidstrom and Henrik Zetterberg (Sweden), Chris Chelios (United States)

Edmonton Oilers (4): Eric Brewer and Ryan Smyth (Canada), Radek Dvorak (Czech Republic), Ty Conklin (United States)

Florida Panthers (5): Jay Bouwmeester and Roberto Luongo (Canada), Niklas Hagman and Olli Jokinen (Finland), Branislav Mezei (Slovakia)

Los Angeles Kings (7): Roman Cechmanek and Martin Straka (Czech Republic), Alexander Frolov (Russia), Lubomir Visnovsky (Slovakia), Mattias Norstrom (Sweden), Craig Conroy and Aaron Miller (United States)

Minnesota Wild (2): Marian Gaborik (Slovakia), Brian Rolston (United States)

Montreal Canadiens (5): Jose Theodore (Canada), Saku Koivu (Finland), Alex Kovalev and Andrei Markov (Russia), Richard Zednik (Slovakia)

Nashville Predators (5): Tomas Vokoun and Marek Zidlicky (Czech Republic), Kimmo Timonen (Finland), Vladimir Orszagh (Slovakia), Andreas Johansson (Sweden)

New Jersey Devils (8): Martin Brodeur and Scott Niedermayer (Canada), Patrik Elias (Czech Republic), Viktor Kozlov (Russia), Scott Gomez, Jamie Langenbrunner, Paul Martin and Brian Rafalski (United States)

NY Islanders (6): Roman Hamrlik (Czech Republic), Janne Niinimaa (Finland), Oleg Kvasha and Alexei Yashin (Russia), Jason Blake and Rick DiPietro (United States)

NY Rangers (2): Jaromir Jagr (Czech Republic), Darius Kasparaitis (Russia)

Ottawa Senators (7): Wade Redden (Canada), Martin Havlat (Czech Republic), Anton Volchenkov (Russia), Zdeno Chara and Marian Hossa (Slovakia), Daniel Alfredsson (Sweden), Bryan Smolinski (United States)

Philadelphia Flyers (9): Simon Gagne (Canada), Joni Pitkanen (Finland), Dennis Seidenberg (Germany), Branko Radivojevic and Radovan Somik (Slovakia), Kim Johnsson and Marcus Ragnarsson (Sweden), Tony Amonte and Robert Esche (United States)

Phoenix Coyotes (3): Shane Doan (Canada), Ladislav Nagy (Slovakia), Brett Hull (United States)

Pittsburgh Penguins (3): Mario Lemieux (Canada), Martin Strbak (Slovakia), Dick Tarnstrom (Sweden)

St. Louis Blues (7): Petr Cajanek (Czech Republic), Alexander Khavanov (Russia), Pavol Demitra (Slovakia), Christian Backman (Sweden), Keith Tkachuk, Doug Weight and Eric Weinrich (United States)

San Jose Sharks (7): Scott Hannan and Patrick Marleau (Canada), Vesa Toskala (Finland), Christian Ehrhoff, Marcel Goc and Marco Sturm (Germany), Nils Ekman (Sweden)

Tampa Bay Lightning (7): Vincent Lecavalier, Brad Richards and Martin St. Louis (Canada), Vaclav Prospal (Czech Republic), Dmitry Afanasev (Russia), Martin Cibak (Slovakia), Fredrik Modin (Sweden)

Toronto Maple Leafs (7): Tomas Kaberle and Robert Reichel (Czech Republic), Aki Berg (Finland), Mats Sundin and Mikael Tellqvist (Sweden), Ken Klee and Brian Leetch (United States)

Vancouver Canucks (10): Ed Jovanovski (Canada), Marek Malik and Martin Rucinsky (Czech Republic), Jarkko Ruutu and Sami Salo (Finland), Artem Chubarov (Russia), Markus Naslund, Mattias Ohlund, Daniel Sedin and Henrik Sedin (Sweden)

Washington Capitals (4): Olaf Kolzig (Germany), Dainius Zubrus (Russia), Rastislav Stana (Slovakia), Jeff Halpern (United States)

Roster Breakdown by NHL Club

(updated information from page 7 of the World Cup of Hockey 2004 Media Guide)

	CAN	CZE	FIN	GER	RUS	SVK	SWE	USA	TOTAL
Anaheim	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	5
Atlanta	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	5
Boston	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	5
Buffalo	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	5
Calgary	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	6
Carolina	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chicago	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Colorado	2	1	4	0	0	0	1	2	10
Columbus	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Dallas	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	6
Detroit	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	8
Edmonton	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Florida	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	5
Los Angeles	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	7
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Montreal	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	5
Nashville	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	5
New Jersey	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	8
NY Islanders	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	6
NY Rangers	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Ottawa	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	7
Philadelphia	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	9
Phoenix	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
St. Louis	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	3	7
San Jose	2	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	7
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	7
Toronto	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	7
Vancouver	1	2	2	0	1	0	4	0	10
Washington	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	4
TOTAL	26	23	22	6	20	17	23	26	163