



# ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

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### Best Finish Since 1996

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Sweden Edges U.S. Men's National Team, 3-2,  
In Bronze-Medal Game Of 2001 IIHF World Championship

Fourth-Place Finish Highest For U.S. Since 1996

HANNOVER, Germany -- The United States Men's National Team (4-4-1) was defeated by Sweden, 3-2, here today in the semifinal round of the 2001 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship. The U.S. placed fourth in the tournament, its highest finish since winning the bronze medal in 1996 at Vienna, Austria.

Sweden registered the game's first goal when forward Kristian Huselius stickhandled through the U.S. defense until he found an opening on the ice and fired a high slap shot 6:58 into the game.

At the 1:33 mark of the second period, the United States tied the score, 1-1, on a tally by forward Jim Campbell (Worcester, Mass./Montreal Canadiens).

Campbell chipped in the goal from the left side of the net after forward Landon Wilson (St. Louis, Mo./Phoenix Coyotes) found him on a pass through the crease.

Sweden responded 1:09 later when forward Kristofer Ottosson intercepted a pass at the U.S. blue line and fired a slap shot through the five-hole of U.S. goaltender Robert Esche (Utica, N.Y./Phoenix Coyotes) to make the score 2-1.

Forward Andreas Johansson extended Sweden's lead to 3-1 when he roofed a shot past Esche at 16:45 of the third period.

Skating with a two-man advantage for the United States, forward Doug Brown (Southborough, Mass./Detroit Red Wings) one-timed a pass from behind the net to bring the U.S. to within one goal with :38 remaining in the contest.

Esche made 27 saves in the loss, which dropped his record to 4-2-0 in the tournament. U.S. forward Jeff Halpern (Potomac, Md./Washington Capitals) was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

Sweden 1 1 1 -- 3  
United States 0 1 1 -- 2

First Period -- Scoring: 1, SWE, Huselius (Axelsson), 6:58. Penalties: Campbell, USA (high sticking), 4:01; Olsson, SWE (interference), 7:14; Brown, USA (holding), 16:00.

Second Period -- Scoring: 2, USA, Campbell (Wilson), 1:33. 3, SWE, Ottosson (Axelsson), 2:42. Penalties: Rohlin, SWE (holding), 10:14; Nord, SWE (holding the stick), 14:40; Campbell, USA (elbowing), 19:24.

Third Period -- Scoring: 4, SWE, A. Johannson (Jonsson, Nord), 16:45. 5, USA, Brown (Hendrickson, Campbell), 19:22. Penalties: Johnsson, SWE (high sticking), 7:30; Wilson, USA (hooking), 10:13; Campbell, USA (high sticking), 16:50; Modin, SWE (hooking), 18:51.

Shots On Goal: SWE 14-7-9--30. USA 5-17-10--32.

Goaltenders: SWE, Tellqvist (32 shots, 30 saves). USA, Esche (30 shots, 27 saves).

Officials: Referee -- Daniel Kurmann. Linesmen -- Antti Hamalainen, Rudolf Lauff.

Attendance: 10,513.

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