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# IIHF World Junior Championship Prediction Challenge! 2026

| Quarterfinals                 |     |          | Predictions and Results |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Teams                         |     | Score    | Michael Poplawski       | Doug Wansbrough         | Adam Pilotte            | Chris Lewtas            | Richard Owens           | John Lo                 |
| Sweden<br>Latvia              | SWE | SWE<br>6 | SWE 4-1<br>Right!<br>12 | SWE 5-0<br>Right!<br>12 | SWE 3-2<br>Right!<br>12 | SWE 7-2<br>Right!<br>16 | SWE 5-1<br>Right!<br>14 | SWE 3-2<br>Right!<br>12 |
|                               | LAT | 3        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Czechia<br>Switzerland        | CZE | CZE<br>6 | CZE 4-1<br>Right!<br>14 | CZE 3-2<br>Right!<br>14 | CZE 3-2<br>Right!<br>14 | CZE 3-2<br>Right!<br>14 | CZE 3-1<br>Right!<br>12 | CZE 3-2<br>Right!<br>14 |
|                               | SUI | 2        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Canada<br>Slovakia            | CAN | CAN<br>7 | CAN 4-2<br>Right!<br>12 | CAN 4-1<br>Right!<br>14 | CAN 3-2<br>Right!<br>10 | CAN 6-3<br>Right!<br>14 | CAN 4-3<br>Right!<br>10 | CAN 3-2<br>Right!<br>10 |
|                               | SVK | 1        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| United States<br>Finland      | USA | FIN<br>3 | FIN 2-3<br>Right!<br>16 | FIN 3-4<br>Right!<br>20 | USA 3-2<br>6            | USA 4-2<br>4            | USA 5-2<br>2            | USA 3-2<br>6            |
|                               | FIN | 4        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Game winners correct          |     |          | 2                       | 2                       | 2                       | 2                       | 2                       | 2                       |
| Bonus Points (10)             |     |          | 10                      | 10                      | 10                      | 10                      | 10                      | 10                      |
| Game Scores correct           |     |          | 0                       | 1                       | 0                       | 0                       | 0                       | 0                       |
| Bonus Points (10)             |     |          | 0                       | 10                      | 0                       | 0                       | 0                       | 0                       |
| Score-Quarterfinals (100)     |     |          | 64                      | 80                      | 52                      | 58                      | 48                      | 52                      |
| Score-Preliminary Round (100) |     |          | 72                      | 86                      | 48                      | 26                      | 62                      | 72                      |
| Total Score (200)             |     |          | 136                     | 166                     | 100                     | 84                      | 110                     | 124                     |
| Rank (out of 6)               |     |          | 2                       | 1                       | 5                       | 6                       | 4                       | 3                       |



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| Preliminary Round      |               |           |        | Predictions and Results |                 |              |              |               |         |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Teams                  |               | Standings | Points | Michael Poplawski       | Doug Wansbrough | Adam Pilotte | Chris Lewtas | Richard Owens | John Lo |
| GROUP A                |               |           |        |                         | Right!          |              |              |               |         |
| USA                    | United States | SWE       | 12     | USA                     | SWE             | USA          | USA          | USA           | USA     |
| SWE                    | Sweden        | USA       | 9      | SWE                     | USA             | SWE          | SWE          | SWE           | SWE     |
| SVK                    | Slovakia      | SUI       | 6      | SVK                     | SUI             | SVK          | SUI          | SUI           | SVK     |
| SUI                    | Switzerland   | SVK       | 3      | SUI                     | SVK             | SUI          | SVK          | SVK           | SUI     |
| GER                    | Germany       | GER       | 0      | GER                     | GER             | GER          | GER          | GER           | GER     |
|                        |               |           |        | 12                      | 40              | 12           | 26           | 26            | 12      |
| GROUP B                |               |           |        | Right!                  |                 |              |              |               | Right!  |
| FIN                    | Finland       | CAN       | 11     | CAN                     | CAN             | CAN          | CAN          | CAN           | CAN     |
| CZE                    | Czechia       | CZE       | 8      | CZE                     | FIN             | FIN          | FIN          | FIN           | CZE     |
| CAN                    | Canada        | FIN       | 7      | FIN                     | CZE             | CZE          | DEN          | CZE           | FIN     |
| LAT                    | Latvia        | LAT       | 4      | LAT                     | LAT             | LAT          | CZE          | LAT           | LAT     |
| DEN                    | Denmark       | DEN       | 0      | DEN                     | DEN             | DEN          | LAT          | DEN           | DEN     |
|                        |               |           |        | 40                      | 26              | 26           | 0            | 26            | 40      |
| Qualifiers Correct     |               |           |        | 8                       | 8               | 8            | 7            | 8             | 8       |
| Bonus Points (10)      |               |           |        | 10                      | 10              | 10           | 0            | 10            | 10      |
| Groups Exactly Correct |               |           |        | 1                       | 1               | 0            | 0            | 0             | 1       |
| Bonus Points (10)      |               |           |        | 10                      | 10              | 0            | 0            | 0             | 10      |
| Total Score (100)      |               |           |        | 72                      | 86              | 48           | 26           | 62            | 72      |
| Rank (out of 6)        |               |           |        | 2                       | 1               | 5            | 6            | 4             | 2       |

## "Results" Explained

Each group is scored out of a maximum 40 points

If the group is predicted in the correct order, the full 40 points are awarded, and the word "Right!" appears  
7 points are taken off the maximum score for each position incorrect in the order.