



AUSTON AND HIS TEAMMATES ON THEIR WAY TO SWITZERLAND FOR THE IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN APRIL 2015.

But the US lost their first game to Russia. Auston was an alternate captain, so he worked with the other captains to talk strategy. Things clicked, and they confidently beat Slovakia 10–0 — and Auston was player of the game with a whopping five points! Then they beat Sweden 6–4 and Germany 13–1. Next they would play the Czech Republic in the quarter-finals.

Auston was having a fabulous tournament, scoring goals and also setting up plays for his teammates. In the quarter-final, Auston scored two more goals, helping his team to a 7–2 win.

Next up was Canada. Auston had confidence in his teammates, especially linemate Matthew Tkachuk. The final score was 7–2 for the US — and Auston had scored another two goals. They were on to the final.

The final had a tough start: Finland scored in the first 17 seconds. The US fired shot after shot but couldn't score. One period went by, then two. They were still scoreless. Finally in the third period, Auston sent a chip shot to the end wall for Tkachuk. Tkachuk slipped the puck through his legs and over to Jack Roslovic, who one-timed it into the net. Regulation time ended in a 1–1 tie.

Then, at 12:44 into overtime, Colin White scored to win the game for the US. It was another gold for Auston, but so much more too. He ended up first in scoring with 8 goals and 7 assists for 15 points in just 7 games. He was also named MVP of the tournament and IIHF best forward.

It was such a great tournament for Auston that USA Hockey asked him to play in an exhibition game for the Men's National Team at the IIHF World Championship in Prague, Czech Republic. This was a huge step for him. He would be playing with NHL players at just 17 years old. Could he play against big men? Prove he was ready to play in the NHL?