

## **Belgian National U18 Women's Ice Hockey Team prepares for Division IIB World Championship in Istanbul**

The Belgian national U18 women's ice hockey team is gearing up for the Division IIB World Championship, set to take place from January 18 to 23, in Istanbul, Turkey. As part of their preparations, the Belgian women will play an important trial game against the Dutch U18 women's ice hockey team on January 13 at 7:15 PM in Tilburg.

### **Preparation with a Key Exhibition Match Against the Netherlands**

On January 13, the Belgian and Dutch U18 teams will face off in Tilburg for a 2nd preparatory match ahead of the World Championship. The previous encounter involved a preselection of Belgian players and ended in defeat, but this match will focus on fine-tuning the strategies with the final roster set for the tournament.

This exhibition match is essential for team cohesion and refining tactics for the championship in Istanbul. Coaches Tim Vos and Femke Bosmans aim to prepare the team for the intensity of the upcoming World Championship.

### **Division IIB World Championship in Istanbul**

The Division IIB World Championship for U18 women's ice hockey teams is a competitive tournament where nations vie for promotion to Division IIA. The Belgian team will face tough opponents such as Iceland and host country Turkey. Despite the challenge and the absence of some key players who have aged out of the U18 category, the expectation is that the young players will continue to develop and deliver a strong performance, building on their silver and bronze medals from the past two years.

### **A Crucial Tournament for the Future of Women's Ice Hockey in Belgium**

Participating in a World Championship is a significant milestone for the development of women's ice hockey in Belgium. It not only provides young talents with an opportunity to showcase their skills but also raises awareness of the sport within the country. Success in this tournament could lead to increased investment and attention for women's ice hockey, which is vital for the long-term growth of the sport.

### **Final Selection**