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new arena in which to play. pittsburgh ' s luck already seems to be changing as the penguins won last week ' s draft lottery that determined the picking order of the first round. "i ' m not really thinking about it right now," crosby said of the expectations. "i want to come and play in the nhl next year. that ' s my goal, that ' s my focus right now. i ' m going to put everything into that and try to move on from there." aside from the crosby focus, the u.s. hockey program grabbed a share of the spotlight when a record eight americans were chosen in the first round, including two of the first three picks. after crosby was chosen, the mighty ducks of anaheim chose power forward bobby ryan (camden, n.j.) and hard-hitting defenseman jack johnson (indianapolis) was taken by the carolina hurricanes with the third pick. johnson, who played prep-school hockey in minnesota with crosby, plans to enroll at the university of michigan. speedy jack skille (madison, wis.) went seventh to the chicago blackhawks and defenseman brian lee (fargo, n.d.) was grabbed ninth by the ottawa senators. "the development program has worked very, very well and you are seeing some signs of that," said carolina general manager jimmy rutherford. "and people questioned it at the time (it was introduced in 1996). but guys are going through that program and getting drafted higher and higher. rutherford was referring to the u.s. national development program in ann arbor, mich. in theory, the program was designed to bring the country ' s best teenage players to play together on the under-17 and under-18 national teams. players from around the country all live and train in ann arbor. johnson and skille both came directly out of the under-18

program. the americans won the under-18 world championship this past winter. "this says a lot," said johnson whose prickly playing style has drawn comparisons to chris chelios. "we ' re trying to build up with other countries, like canada." skille came into the u.s. national development program as a 185-pound player and has grown into a 205-pound, hard-driving winger. "the weightlifting program there was awesome," skille said. 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目 直接下载。 详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)