



# U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge  
Bridgewater, Nova Scotia

USA (2-0-1-0) vs. Russia (1-0-0-2)  
Semifinals

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## TODAY'S GAME

The United States faces Russia today in semifinal action in the 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge here at Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (capacity: 1,200) in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. The game will be streamed live on FASTHockey.com.

## USA VS. RUSSIA

The two teams met on Monday (Jan. 18), where the U.S. claimed a 6-2 victory. Team USA leads the all-time series vs. Russia, 8-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L). In last year's World Sled Hockey Challenge, the U.S. defeated Russia, 3-2, in the preliminary round before meeting again in the championship game where the U.S. won, 2-1, just 19 seconds into overtime.

## TEAM USA IN WSHC SEMIFINALS

Since the World Sled Hockey Challenge implemented the semifinal round in 2011, Team USA is 4-0-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L). Its only loss came on April 22, 2011, when the U.S. fell to Norway, 5-4.

Year	Opponent	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA
2011 Apr.	Norway				L	4	5
2011 Nov.	Norway	W				7	2
2012	Norway	W				4	1
2013	Russia	W				4	1
2015	Korea	W				8	0

## CAPTAIN'S THOUGHTS

Captain **Josh Sweeney** reflected on Team USA's first loss since March 11, 2014 (2-1 vs. Russia in the preliminary round of the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games), "It is what it is. That's part of the love of the game; nothing is certain. As much as you would love to you can't expect to win every game. We just need to look at what we didn't do and learn from the loss; otherwise, we won't get better as a team."

## TEAM USA IN 2016 WSHC

Entering semifinal action, **Declan Farmer** leads the tournament in goals (5) and points (8) while **Kevin McKee** ranks first in assists with five. As a team, the United States ranks first in goals scored (16), goals-per-game (5.33), power-play percentage (40%) and penalty-kill percentage (100%).

## Team USA Schedule

Sunday, Jan. 17	Preliminary Round
vs. Korea	W, 8-1
Monday, Jan. 18	Preliminary Round
vs. Russia	W, 6-2
Wednesday, Jan. 20	Preliminary Round
vs. Canada	OTL, 2-3
Thursday, Jan. 21	Semifinals
vs. Russia	1:00 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23	Third Place/Championship
TBD	12:00 p.m./4:00 p.m.

All times Eastern. All games except the championship game will be streamed on FASTHockey.com.

## CHASING RECORDS

**Declan Farmer** is one point away from tying his U.S. record for most points (9) in a WSHC and two goals away from tying **Nikko Landeros'** U.S. record for most goals (7) in a WSHC. Additionally, **Kevin McKee** is one assist away from Farmer's U.S. record for most assists (6) in a WSHC and two points away from Farmer's record for most points in a WSHC.

## PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME #3 JAN. 20: CANADA 3, USA 2 (SO)

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team outshot Canada, 28-13, but fell in a shootout, 3-2. **Kevin McKee** tallied a goal and an assist and **Nikko Landeros** was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

## PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME #2 JAN. 18: USA 6, RUSSIA 2

**Declan Farmer** scored twice and **Steve Cash** made nine saves as the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team defeated Russia, 6-2. **Dan McCoy**, **Kevin McKee**, **Adam Page** and **Brody Roybal** also scored in the win. McCoy was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

## PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME #1 JAN 17: USA 8, KOREA 1

Team USA opened the 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge with an 8-1 victory over Korea on Sunday (Jan. 17). **Declan Farmer** scored a hat trick and **Josh Pauls** recorded four points in the win. Six players posted multi-point games in the win, including **Declan Farmer** (3-1-4), **Billy Hanning** (0-2-2), **Nikko Landeros** (1-1-2), **Kevin McKee** (0-3-3), **Josh Pauls** (2-2-4) and **Brody Roybal** (1-2-3). Farmer was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

## 2016 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

No	Name	KOREA (W, 8-1) 1/17	RUSSIA (W, 6-2) 1/18	CANADA (OTL, 2-3) 1/20	RUSSIA 1 p.m. ET 1/21	TBD TBD 1/23
4	Brody Roybal	GAA	WA	A		
5	Billy Hanning	AA	--	--		
6	Luke McDermott	--	--	--		
11	Tyler Carron	G	--	--		
13	Josh Sweeney (C)	A	--	--		
14	Dan McCoy	--	GA#	--		
15	Nikko Landeros (A)	W/PAA	A	#		
16	Declan Farmer	GGGA#	GS/UA*	A		
17	Chris Douglas	--	--	--		
19	Kevin McKee	AAA	GA*	GA		
20	Adam Page	--	GA	--		
23	Rico Roman	--	--	--		
27	Josh Pauls (A)	GGA*A	AA	--		
28	Paul Schaus	--	--	P		
1	Bo Reichenbach	ND (15:00) 4/4	ND (7:04) 1/1	DNP		
34	Steve Cash	W (30:00) 4/3	W (37:56) 11/9	L (50:00) 13/11		

# = Team USA's Player of the Game

Key: G-goal; S-shorthanded goal; P-powerplay goal; U-unassisted goal; W-game-winning goal; A-assist; asterik-assist on game-winning goal; DND-did not dress; DNP-did not play

### Overall Team Statistics

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
4	Brody Roybal	F	3	2	4	6	2
5	Billy Hanning	D	3	0	2	2	2
6	Luke McDermott	F	3	0	0	0	0
11	Tyler Carron	D	3	1	0	1	0
13	Josh Sweeney	F	3	0	1	1	0
14	Dan McCoy	F	3	1	1	2	0
15	Nikko Landeros	D	3	1	2	3	2
16	Declan Farmer	F	3	5	3	8	0
17	Chris Douglas	F	3	0	0	0	2
19	Kevin McKee	F	3	2	5	7	0
20	Adam Page	F	3	1	1	2	2
23	Rico Roman	D	3	0	0	0	0
27	Josh Pauls	D	3	2	4	6	0
28	Paul Schaus	F	3	1	0	1	4

### Overall Team Goaltender Record

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	WL	GA	SV	GAA	SV%
1	Bo Reichenbach	2	22:04	0-0	0	4	0.00	1.00
34	Steve Cash	3	117:56	2-1	5	22	1.92	0.77



## TIDBITS FROM PAST GAME NOTES

Forward **Josh Misiewicz**, who skated for Team USA last season, is missing the tournament due to injury ... On Tuesday (Jan. 19), the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team visited the local movie theatre where some players and staff took in *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* while others chose to see *The Revenant* ... Throughout the tournament Team USA players have stayed busy by playing shinny sticks, Xbox, cards and even venturing outside for some sledding ... Since 2007, **Adam Page**'s 34 goals from 2007-16 rank second only to **Taylor Lipsett**, who lit the lamp 36 times from 2007-14 ... Last season, **Brody Roybal** collected 13 assists, the most by a U.S. player since the 2007 season. His linemate, **Declan Farmer**, tallied 21 points, the most by a U.S. player since **Alexi Salamone** recorded 21 in the 2009-10 season ... The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team returns 15 players from last year's undefeated team ... Last November, USA Hockey unveiled the 10 sled hockey programs that will equally share \$250,000 in grants provided by Labatt USA through its Pass it Forward initiative. For more information, see page 5.

## 2015 WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team opened the 2015 campaign by claiming the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alberta. In preliminary round play, the U.S. defeated Russia (3-2) and Korea (8-1) before shutting out Canada (2-0). In the semifinal round, Team USA defeated Korea 8-1, and went on to face Russia in the championship game where **Josh Pauls** scored 19 seconds into overtime to give the U.S. a 2-1 victory and its third-ever World Sled Hockey Challenge title. The U.S., who won all five games for the first time, led the tournament in goals (23), fewest goals against (4), goals-per-game (4.6), goals-against-per-game (0.8), and power-play percentage (40%). Forward **Declan Farmer** had nine points (3-6) in five games to pace all players, marking the first time an American led the event in points. He also set Team USA records for assists (6) and points (9) in a World Sled Hockey Challenge. **Nikko Landeros** led all defensemen in points (4-4—8) and goaltender **Steve Cash** finished with a tournament-best 0.66 goals-against-average that ranks third all-time in tournament history.



## TEAM USA YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS AT WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE

Year	Finish	Location
2015	First	Leduc, Alta.
2013	Second	Toronto, Ont.
2012	First	Calgary, Alta.
2011 Nov.	Second	Calgary, Alta.
2011 Apr.	Third	London, Ont.
2009	First	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
2008	Third	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
2007	Third	Kelowna, B.C.

## CAPTAIN AMERICA

**Josh Sweeney** is serving as captain for Team USA for the second consecutive season. Also returning are alternate captains **Nikko Landeros** and **Josh Pauls**. A year ago, the trio led Team USA to an undefeated season and a gold medal on home ice at the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York.

## LEADING THE WAY

**Jeff Sauer**, former men's ice hockey head coach at the University of Wisconsin and 2014 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, is in his fifth season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. Last season, Sauer led Team USA to an undefeated 12-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that culminated with a gold medal at the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York. Since taking the helm in 2011, Sauer has guided Team USA to a 43-3-2-11 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that includes reaching the championship game of every major international competition and titles in five major international events, including the 2012 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Hamar, Norway; the 2012 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Calgary, Alberta; the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia; the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alberta; and the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York.



## RECAPPING LAST SEASON

Team USA went undefeated (12-1-0-0/W-OTW-OTL-L) and ended the season as world champions on home ice. After defeating Russia, 2-1, in overtime to win the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alberta, the U.S. outscored its opponents 29-1 while going a perfect 5-0 to claim the gold medal at the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship. The U.S. finished both tournaments as leaders in goals per game, goals against per game, power play percentage and shutouts. In 13 games, Team USA scored 59 goals, allowed just six goals and set 12 team records to finish the season undefeated for the second time in team history. **Declan Farmer** paced all skaters in goals (10) and points (21) and goaltender **Steve Cash** finished with a career-best 0.45 goals against average and .950 save percentage.

## INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

The United States has won four of the last five major international events, including the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York; 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia; 2012 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Hamar, Norway; and the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia.

## TEAM FIRST

Members of Team USA are already teammates on club teams with Buffalo Sabres (**Adam Page**, **Paul Schaus**), Colorado Avalanche (**Tyler Carron**, **Nikko Landeros**, **Bo Reichenbach**), Disabled Athlete Sports Association St. Louis Blues (**Steve Cash**, **Billy Hanning**, **Josh Pauls**), Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago Blackhawks (**Kevin McKee**, **Brody Roybal**) and San Antonio Rampage (**Luke McDermott**, **Rico Roman**).

## VISIT FROM THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

At the conclusion of Saturday's (Jan. 16) practice, Honorary Colonel **Dan Hennessey** and several other members of the Royal Canadian Air Force visited the Team USA locker room where they shared their passion for hockey and expressed their gratitude at the players' dedication to the sport.

## SIX PURPLE HEARTS

Six members of Team USA are Purple Heart recipients. Last year, former Marines **Luke McDermott**, **Josh Misiewicz**, **Paul Schaus** and **Josh Sweeney** helped Team USA to an undefeated season and the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship while retired Army staff sergeant **Rico Roman** is back with the national team after helping Team USA claim gold at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. Additionally, former Navy Seal **Bo Reichenbach**, spent last season as an alternate captain for the U.S. Developmental Sled Hockey Team before being named to his first U.S. National Sled Hockey Team.

## SPUDS THE DEVIL

Prior to the tournament, Team USA alternate captain and New Jersey native **Josh Pauls** was fortunate to meet several members of the New Jersey Devils during the team's visit to St. Louis. The meeting, arranged by Devils broadcaster, Sherry Ross, included Pauls and national team teammate, **Luke McDermott**, receiving tickets to the game, being a second intermission interview guest and having the opportunity to meet several Devils players after the game. Among the players Pauls met was **Kyle Palmieri**, who helped the U.S. National Junior Team to a pair of medals at the IIHF World Junior Championship, including gold in 2010 and bronze in 2011, and **Cory Schneider**, who helped Team USA to a silver medal at the 2004 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship and was later named the David Peterson Goalie of the Year by USA Hockey.



## LABATT USA'S PASS IT FORWARD INITIATIVE

On November 5, 2015, USA Hockey unveiled the 10 sled hockey programs that will equally share \$250,000 in grants provided by Labatt USA through its Pass it Forward initiative. The funding will assist five newly created programs this year and five other previously established USA Hockey sled programs. Each of the 10 programs will receive \$25,000 to be used for items such as sleds, stick, ice time and uniforms.

### GRANT WINNING PROGRAMS

Boston Shamrocks Sled Hockey (Boston, Mass.)  
 Eagle Mount-Great Falls (Great Falls, Mont.)  
 DASA St. Louis Blues (St. Louis, Mo.)  
 Hero Sports (Sioux Falls, S.D.)  
 Palm Beach Tiger Sharks Sled Hockey (Lake Worth, Fla.)  
 Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association (Knoxville, Tenn.)  
 Rochester Sled Hockey (Rochester, Minn.)  
 Rochester Sled Hockey Organization (Rochester, N.Y.)  
 Winterhawks Sled Hockey (Portland, Ore.)  
 WASA Lightning Sled Hockey Team (Milwaukee, Wis.)

Of the 10 programs selected by USA Hockey, five are new for this season. U.S. National Sled Hockey Team captain **Josh Sweeney** is leading the creation of the Winterhawks Sled Hockey Program, while U.S. National Sled Hockey team members **Steve Cash**, **Billy Hanning** and **Josh Pauls** are members of the DASA St. Louis Blues organization. Additionally, Team USA doctor, **Mike Uihlein**, is assisting the newly created program in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

## 2016 IIHF U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2016 U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team defeated Canada, 3-2, in overtime to claim its second consecutive gold medal at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, in St. Catharines, Ontario.

## HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA

USA Hockey hosts the ninth annual Hockey Weekend Across America, Feb. 19-21, 2016. Hockey Weekend Across America is focused on celebrating the sport and those involved while sharing hockey with new audiences. For more information, visit [HockeyWeekendAcrossAmerica.com](http://HockeyWeekendAcrossAmerica.com).

## 2016 IIHF U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Grand Forks, North Dakota, is set to host the 2016 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship from April 14-24, 2016. The 10-team event, which features the top players in the world under the age of 18, will be staged at Ralph Engelstad Arena (main venue) and Icon Sports Center (secondary venue). For more information, visit [grandforks2016.com](http://grandforks2016.com).

## 2016 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position
1	Bo Reichenbach	Goaltender
4	Brody Roybal	Forward
5	Billy Hanning	Defense
6	Luke McDermott	Forward
11	Tyler Carron	Defense
13	Josh Sweeney	Forward
14	Dan McCoy	Forward
15	Nikko Landeros	Defense
16	Declan Farmer	Forward
17	Chris Douglas	Forward
19	Kevin McKee	Forward
20	Adam Page	Forward
23	Rico Roman	Defense
24	Josh Misiewicz*	Forward
27	Josh Pauls	Defense
28	Paul Schaus	Forward
34	Steve Cash	Goaltender

\*missing tournament

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

HOME STATES	BIRTH YEAR
Illinois	3
New York	3
Colorado	2
Florida	2
Missouri	2
Arizona	1
Montana	1
New Jersey	1
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	1

Average Age: 25 years, 11 months

Average Height: 5'6"

Average Weight: 154 lbs.

Oldest Player: Rico Roman (2/4/81)

Youngest Player: Brody Roybal (5/25/98)

## TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Dan Brennan
Head Coach	Jeff Sauer
Assistant Coach	Guy Gosselin
Team Doctor	Mike Uihlein
Athletic Trainer	Mike Cortese
Equipment Manager	Davey Sproule
Communications	Jon Gomez