



Team USA Game Notes

2016 World Cup of Hockey

USA vs. Canada • Pre-Tournament Game
Saturday Sept. 10, 2016 • Canadian Tire Centre • Ottawa, Ontario

Team USA Schedule (all times are ET)

Friday, Sept. 9 - Pre-Tournament (Columbus, Ohio)
Canada vs. USA (ESPNU) W, 4-2

Saturday, Sept. 10 - Pre-Tournament (Ottawa, Ont.)
USA vs. Canada (ESPN3) 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Pre-Tournament (Washington, D.C.)
Finland vs. USA (ESPN) 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17 - Group A
USA vs. Team Europe (ESPN2) 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20 - Group A
Canada vs. USA (ESPN) 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 22 - Group A
USA vs. Czech Republic (ESPN2) 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24 - Semifinal #1
TBD (ESPN2) 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 25 - Semifinal #2
TBD (ESPN) 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 - Final Game #1
TBD (ESPN) 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29 - Final Game #2
TBD (ESPN2) 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1 - Final Game #3 (if necessary)
TBD (ESPN2) 7:00 p.m.

All World Cup of Hockey games will be televised live on the ESPN family of networks in the U.S. and also streamed live by ESPN.

TOP STATS FROM LAST NIGHT'S GAME

Below are some statistical highlights from last night's 4-2 U.S. win over Canada in pre-tournament action from Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

Alternate captain and defenseman **Ryan Suter** played 23:02, the most of any player in the game. Three other U.S. players topped 20 minutes, including **John Carlson** (21:36), **Dustin Byfuglien** (21:03) and **Patrick Kane** (20:13) ... Captain **Joe Pavelski** and alternate captain **Patrick Kane** each had four shots on goal to lead Team USA ... **Brandon Dubinsky** and **Dustin Byfuglien** both had four hits to lead Team USA ... **Derek Stepan** won seven of nine faceoffs (.778), tops of any player in the game ... Three U.S. players had multi-point games, including **Joe Pavelski** (1-1--2), **Patrick Kane** (1-1--2) and **Derek Stepan** (1-1--2) ... **Joe Pavelski** scored the game-winning goal, while **Patrick Kane** and **Jack Johnson** assisted on the game-winner ... Team USA won the faceoff battle, 57% to 43% ... The attendance of 17,791 was just short of a sellout. Team USA also conducted its training camp prior to the World Cup of Hockey 2004 in Columbus and its pre-tournament game at Nationwide Arena against Canada drew 14,817 (3-1 USA win on Aug. 23, 2004).

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• TONIGHT'S GAME

Team USA faces Canada tonight at Canadian Tire Centre in the second of three pre-tournament games for both teams, in preparation for the World Cup of Hockey 2016.

• LINEUP TONIGHT

Ben Bishop and **Cory Schneider** will both play in goal for Team USA. Forward **David Backes**, defenseman **Matt Niskanen** and goaltender **Jonathan Quick** will not dress.

• THREE CITIES IN 24 HOURS

Team USA began the day in Columbus, Ohio, and landed in Ottawa around 11:30 a.m. Following tonight's game the squad will fly to Washington, D.C., where it will continue preparations for the World Cup of Hockey 2016. Not only will Team USA be in three cities in a 24-hour period, but both North American capitals.

• ALL-TIME vs. CANADA

Pre-Tournament -- Team USA and Canada have met five previous times in pre-tournament action ahead of a World Cup of Hockey, with team USA having won three of the meetings, including last night's 4-2 victory at Nationwide Arena in Columbus. Canada earned 3-1 wins on Aug. 25, 2004 (Ottawa) and Aug. 19, 1996 (Vancouver) while the U.S. picked up a 3-1 win on Aug. 23, 2004 (Columbus) and a 7-5 victory on Aug. 21, 1996 (San Jose).

World Cup -- Team USA has a 3-0-1-8-1 record all-time versus Canada in both World Cup and Canada Cup action. Team USA was edged by Canada, 2-1, in their last meeting during the preliminary round of the 2004 World Cup.

• LEADERSHIP TEAM

Joe Pavelski is the captain of Team USA with **Patrick Kane** and **Ryan Suter** serving as alternate captains. In addition, **David Backes**, **Ryan Kesler**, **Ryan McDonagh** and **Zach Parise** are part of Team USA's overall seven-man leadership group.

• AVERAGE AGE

The 2016 U.S. World Cup of Hockey team has an average age of 28.9. Below is the average age of previous Team USA World Cup and Canada Cup squads.

Average Age Since 2004

2016 (World Cup)	28.9
2004 (World Cup)	30.9
1996 (World Cup)	27.6
1991 (Canada Cup)	26.2
1987 (Canada Cup)	24.9
1984 (Canada Cup)	23.5
1981 (Canada Cup)	25.4
1976 (Canada Cup)	24.8

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• BACK FROM SOCHI

The U.S. returns 14 players from the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Hockey team that competed in the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

• 1-2 AT NATIONWIDE ARENA

Nationwide Arena has a special place in the hearts of a number of Team USA players as it was the location where they were drafted into the NHL in June of 2007. **Patrick Kane** was the #1 pick that year (Chicago Blackhawks), while **James van Riemsdyk** was the #2 choice (Philadelphia Flyers), **Ryan McDonagh** was picked 12th (Montreal Canadiens) and **Max Pacioretty** was chosen 22nd (Montreal Canadiens). It was the first time ever American-born players went 1-2 in an NHL Entry Draft.

• THE WEEK IN COLUMBUS

Players and staff of Team USA arrived throughout the day in Columbus on Sunday (Sept. 4). The team gathered for a private reception that evening. Daily practices began Monday (Sept. 5). Players, coaches and staff had official World Cup headshots taken Monday; met daily with media, including two days of sit down interviews with television rights holders; and had a team photo taken Thursday. In addition, on Wednesday, Ryan Kesler filmed interviews with four of his Team USA teammates (Dustin Byfuglien, Jack Johnson, Derek Stepan, Cory Schneider) for special World Cup editions of his Between Two Zambonis internet show, which will air on ESPN for the World Cup.

• MANAGEMENT TEAM

The 2016 U.S. World Cup of Hockey Team is under the direction of General Manager Dean Lombardi, Assistant General Manager Paul Holmgren, and Senior Advisor Brian Burke. This management team is led by Jim Johansson, USA Hockey's Assistant Executive Director for Hockey Operations.

• TEAM USA COACHING STAFF

John Tortorella is serving as Head Coach of the U.S. World Cup of Hockey team. Tortorella was an Assistant Coach for the 2010 U.S. Olympic Men's Hockey team that earned a silver medal, the Head Coach of the 2008 U.S. Men's National Team and also an Associate Coach with the 2005 U.S. Men's National Team. **Jack Capuano**, **Scott Gordon**, **Phil Housley**, **John Hynes** and **Mike Sullivan** are all serving as Assistant Coaches.

• LONE ROOKIE

Dustin Byfuglien is the only member of the U.S. who has not previously represented Team USA in international competition.

• PREVIOUS IIHF EXPERIENCE

Twenty-two out of the 23 players on the U.S. roster have experience playing in the International Ice Hockey Foundation Men's World Championship, 17 players have participated in at least one IIHF World Junior Championship and 10 have participated in at least one IIHF U-18 Men's World Championship. Below is a list with total games played with Team USA heading into the 2016 World Cup of Hockey.

Ryan Suter - 70 games played
 Jack Johnson - 69 games played
 Erik Johnson - 49 games played
 Zach Parise - 44 games played
 Ryan Kesler - 40 games played
 James van Riemsdyk - 40 games played
 David Backes - 34 games played
 Patrick Kane - 33 games played
 T.J. Oshie - 32 games played
 Kyle Palmieri - 27 games played
 Ryan McDonagh - 26 games played
 Justin Abdelkader - 22 games played
 Blake Wheeler - 20 games played
 Max Pacioretty - 19 games played
 Joe Pavelski - 17 games played
 Matt Niskanen - 16 games played
 Derek Stepan - 15 games played
 John Carlson - 13 games played
 Cory Schneider - 13 games played
 Brandon Dubinsky - 10 games played
 Ben Bishop - 6 games played
 Jonathan Quick - 5 games played

Roster Breakdown

Average age: 28.9 years
 Average height: 6-2
 Average weight: 211
 Oldest: David Backes, 32 yrs., 4 months
 Youngest: Kyle Palmieri, 25 yrs. 7 months

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Alaska	1
Colorado	1
Connecticut	2
Massachusetts	2
Michigan	3
Minnesota	9
New Jersey	1
New York	2
Wisconsin	2

MOST RECENT TEAM

NHL (23)

Anaheim Ducks	1
Boston Bruins	1
Chicago Blackhawks	1
Colorado Avalanche	1
Columbus Blue Jackets	2
Detroit Red Wings	1
Los Angeles Kings	1
Minnesota Wild	2
Montreal Canadiens	1
New Jersey Devils	2
New York Rangers	2
San Jose Sharks	1
Tampa Bay Lightning	1
Toronto Maple Leafs	1
Washington Capitals	3
Winnipeg Jets	2

COLLEGE CONNECTION (19)

Boston College	1
Michigan State University	1
Minnesota State	1
Ohio State University	1
University of Maine	1
University of Massachusetts	1
University of Michigan	2
University of Minnesota	2
University of Minnesota Duluth	1
University of New Hampshire	1
University of North Dakota	2
University of Notre Dame	1
University of Wisconsin	4



TEAM USA 2015-16 NHL PLAYER STATS

GOALTENDERS

No	Name	GP	W	L	OTL	GAA	SV%	SO
30	Ben Bishop <i>Tampa Bay Lightning</i>	61	35	21	4	2.06	.926	6
32	Jonathan Quick <i>Los Angeles Kings</i>	68	40	23	5	2.22	.918	5
35	Cory Schneider <i>New Jersey Devils</i>	58	27	25	6	2.15	.924	4

DEFENSEMEN

No	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2	Matt Niskanen <i>Washington Capitals</i>	82	5	27	32	38
3	Jack Johnson <i>Columbus Blue Jackets</i>	60	6	8	14	25
4	John Carlson <i>Washington Capitals</i>	56	8	31	39	14
6	Erik Johnson <i>Colorado Avalanche</i>	73	11	16	27	50
20	Ryan Suter <i>Minnesota Wild</i>	82	8	43	51	30
27	Ryan McDonagh <i>New York Rangers</i>	73	9	25	34	22
33	Dustin Byfuglien <i>Winnipeg Jets</i>	81	19	34	53	119

FORWARDS

No	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
8	Joe Pavelski <i>San Jose Sharks</i>	82	38	40	78	30
9	Zach Parise <i>Minnesota Wild</i>	70	25	28	53	36
16	James van Riemsdyk <i>Toronto Maple Leafs</i>	40	14	15	29	6
17	Ryan Kesler <i>Anaheim Ducks</i>	79	21	32	53	78
19	Brandon Dubinsky <i>Columbus Blue Jackets</i>	75	17	31	48	71
21	Derek Stepan <i>New York Rangers</i>	72	22	31	53	20
23	Kyle Palmieri <i>New Jersey Devils</i>	82	30	27	57	39
26	Blake Wheeler <i>Winnipeg Jets</i>	82	26	52	78	49
42	David Backes <i>Boston Bruins</i>	79	21	24	45	83
67	Max Pacioretty <i>Montreal Canadiens</i>	82	30	34	64	34
74	T.J. Oshie <i>Washington Capitals</i>	80	26	25	51	34
88	Patrick Kane <i>Chicago Blackhawks</i>	82	46	60	106	30
89	Justin Abdelkader <i>Detroit Red Wings</i>	82	19	23	42	120

• MANY GOLDEN MOMENTS

A total of 22 players combine for 14 gold medals in previous IIHF tournaments for Team USA. **Ryan Kesler, Erik Johnson, Zach Parise** and **Ryan Suter** lead the way with two each. Below is a list of gold medals won by each player heading into the 2016 World Cup of Hockey.

John Carlson - 2010 World Juniors

Erik Johnson - 2005 & 2006 U18 Worlds

Jack Johnson - 2005 U18 Worlds

Ryan Suter - 2002 U18 Worlds/2004 World Juniors

Patrick Kane - 2006 U18 Worlds

Ryan Kesler - 2002 U18 Worlds/2004

World Juniors

Kyle Palmieri - 2010 World Juniors

Zach Parise - 2002 U18 Worlds/2004 World Juniors

Derek Stepan - 2010 World Juniors

James van Riemsdyk - 2006 U18 Worlds

• COVERAGE

All World Cup of Hockey games will be televised on the ESPN family of networks (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU and ESPNEWS) to U.S. viewers. Team USA's preliminary-round games against Team Europe and Czech Republic will be broadcast on ESPN2 while the U.S./Canada game on Sept. 20 will be on ESPN. Steve Levy and Barry Melrose will call all Team USA games, including the semifinals and best-of-3 championship series. Leah Hextall will provide ice-level reporting and Brett Hull, Chris Chelios, Linda Cohn and Adnan Virk will provide in-studio analysis.

2004 World Cup of Hockey

A Look Back

The 2004 U.S. Men's World Cup of Hockey Team (2-0-0-3, W-OTW-OTL-L) advanced to the semifinals of the 2004 World Cup of Hockey before falling to Finland, 2-1. The U.S. advanced to that point with a 3-1 victory over Slovakia in the preliminary round and a 5-3 win over Russia in the quarterfinals. Keith Tkachuk (5-1) and Mike Modano (0-6) led Team USA with six points each. Robert Esche and Rick DiPietro both saw time in net for the U.S.

