



Team USA Game Notes

World Cup of Hockey 2016

Finland vs. USA • Pre-Tournament Game
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016 • Verizon Center • Washington, D.C.

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) L, 2-5

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.

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• TONIGHT'S GAME

Team USA faces Finland tonight at Verizon Center in the third and final pre-tournament games for both teams in preparation for the World Cup of Hockey 2016. Puck drop is set for 7:12 p.m. ET and the game can be seen live on ESPN in the U.S.

• LINEUP THIS EVENING

Jonathan Quick will start in goal tonight for the U.S., with **Ben Bishop** also dressing. Forwards **Brandon Dubinsky** and **Kyle Palmieri**, along with netminder **Cory Schneider** will not dress. Quick started Team USA's first pre-tournament game against Canada on Sept. 9 in Columbus and made 32 saves on 33 shots in two periods of action. He was named the game's #1 star as Team USA went on to a 4-2 win.

• 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.

QUANTICO VISIT

Following practice yesterday (Sept. 12), Team USA boarded a charter bus and headed to Quantico in Virginia where it met and ate lunch with a contingent of U.S. Marines. Following, the scene shifted to a shooting range where players and staff received a safety briefing before having a chance to fire a number of weapons regularly used by the Marines. The day also included a briefing and team photo on the stairway leading up to the entrance of the Pentagon and a somber visit to the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial.

BITS AND PIECES

Team USA is the home team tonight ... Three players on Team USA are members of the NHL's Washington Capitals -- **Matt Niskanen**, **John Carlson** and **T.J. Oshie**. The U.S. is utilizing the Capitals lockerroom at Verizon Center while in Washington, D.C., and Niskanen, Carlson and Oshie all have the locker stall they occupy with the Caps ... U.S. Head Coach **John Tortorella** met Washington Wizards Head Coach **Scott Brooks** yesterday at Verizon Center. Brooks took in Team USA's practice ... Team USA will depart Washington D.C. after its game tonight and arrive in Toronto early tomorrow morning. The U.S. will not practice tomorrow ... **Dr. Mike Shindle** has been serving as the team's physician for the pre-tournament portion of the World Cup of Hockey 2016. **Dr. Michael Stuart**, the chief medical and safety officer for USA Hockey, will be meeting the team in Toronto and taking over for the rest of the event ... USA Hockey will host the 5th annual CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game on Sept. 22 at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. The event features 40 of the top American-born players eligible for this June's NHL Entry Draft ... Last year's NHL season featured four Americans among the top eight point getters in the league (Kane, Pavelski, Gaudreau, Wheeler) in the regular season. In no other NHL season has there been that many Americans among the top eight scorers in the league.

LAST TIME OUT

Team USA dropped a 5-2 decision to Canada in Ottawa on Saturday (Sept. 10) in its most recent pre-tournament game. Below are a few statistical highlights.

For the second straight game, alternate captain and defenseman **Ryan Suter** led all players in the game in ice time at 24:50. The only other U.S. player to top 20 minutes was **Dustin Byfuglien**, who registered 21:20 of ice time ... Alternate captain and forward **Patrick Kane** led Team USA with five shots on goal. No other player had more than two shots on goal in the game for the U.S. ... **Joe Pavelski** won 58% of the faceoffs he took to lead Team USA. Pavelski was the only U.S. player better than 50%.



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• 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

• 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, including Jonathan Quick, John Carlson, Ryan McDonagh, Ryan Suter, David Backes, Patrick Kane, Ryan Kesler, T.J. Oshie, Max Pacioretty, Zach Parise, Joe Pavelski, Derek Stepan, Blake Wheeler and James van Riemsdyk.

• 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, Senior Advisor Brian Burke, and Director of Hockey Operations Jim Johansson.

• 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
 TJ 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.



2016 U.S. World Cup of Hockey Team Game-by-Game Scoring

No	Name	CAN (ex.) (W, 4-2) 9/9	CAN (ex.) (L, 5-2) 9/10	FIN (ex.) 9/13	EUR 9/17	CAN 9/20	CZE 9/22
2	Matt Niskanen	--	DND				
3	Jack Johnson	A*	--				
4	John Carlson	--	P				
6	Erik Johnson	DND	--				
8	Joe Pavelski	WA	--				
9	Zach Parise	G	--				
16	James van Riemsdyk	DND	--				
17	Ryan Kesler	--	--				
19	Brandon Dubinsky	--	--				
20	Ryan Suter	A	--				
21	Derek Stepan	E(U)A	A				
23	Kyle Palmieri	--	--				
26	Blake Wheeler	--	--				
27	Ryan McDonagh	--	G				
33	Dustin Byfuglien	--	--				
42	David Backes	--	DND				
67	Max Pacioretty	--	--				
74	TJ Oshie	--	--				
88	Patrick Kane	GA*	A				
89	Justin Abdelkader	--	--				
30	Ben Bishop	ND (20:00) 9/10	ND (20:00) 13/14				
32	Jonathan Quick	W (40:00) 32/33	DND				
35	Cory Schneider	DND	L (40:00) 20/24				

Key: G-goal; S-shorthanded goal; E-empty net goal; U-unassisted goal; P-power play goal; W-game-winning goal; A-assist; asterisk-assist on game-winning goal; DND-did not dress; DNP-did not play

