



# U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2016 (Dec.) World Sled Hockey Challenge • Preliminary Round Game #1 • USA (0-0-0-0) vs. Korea (0-0-0-0)

Sunday, December 4, 2016 • 12 p.m. Local/11 a.m. ET • MacLauchlan Arena (capacity: 1,350) • Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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## TODAY'S GAME

The United States faces Korea at MacLauchlan Arena (capacity: 1,350) to open preliminary-round play at the 2016 (Dec.) World Sled Hockey Challenge. The game will be streamed live on HockeyTV.com, in addition to being updated live on Twitter @USAHockeyScores.

## USA VS. KOREA

Team USA holds a 11-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record all-time against Korea. The two teams last met in the opening game of the 2016 (Jan.) World Sled Hockey Challenge, with the U.S. earning an 8-1 victory. **Declan Farmer** netted a hat trick and was named U.S. Player of the Game, while **Josh Pauls** recorded four points (2-2).

## WSHC: TEAM USA YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

Year	Finish	Location
2016 (Jan.)	First	Bridgewater, N.S.
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.

## 2016 (JAN.) WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team opened the 2016 season by claiming the 2016 (Jan.) World Sled Hockey Challenge in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. In preliminary-round play, Team USA earned an 8-1 victory against Korea, and defeated Russia, 6-2, before falling in overtime to Canada, 3-2. In the semifinal round, the U.S. defeated Russia, 2-1, and went on to meet Canada in the finals, where **Josh Pauls** netted the overtime winner for the second straight World Sled Hockey Challenge. With the victory, Team USA claimed the tournament title for the second consecutive year and third time in four tries (2016, 2015, 2012). **Declan Farmer** finished as the tournament leader with 7 goals and 13 points, while **Kevin McKee** led the tournament with 8 assists.

## TEAM USA TIDBITS

Team USA returns to Charlottetown for the first time since winning its first-ever WSHC title in 2009 with a 3-2 overtime decision over Canada ... Players and staff arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia on the evening of Dec. 1 and traveled to Charlottetown together via bus ... The team held a pair of practices on Friday (Dec. 2) and Saturday (Dec. 3) before opening tournament-play ... Team USA traveled to three different U.S. cities to hold training camps in preparation for the 2016-17 season, including Nashville, Tennessee (Sept. 29-Oct.1), Charlotte, North Carolina (Oct. 27-30) and Madison, Wisconsin (Nov. 3-6).

## RECAPPING LAST SEASON

Team USA went 6-1-1-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) and ended the campaign as champions on home ice for the second consecutive season. After defending its title in the 2016 (Jan.) World Sled Hockey Challenge, Team USA went on to claim the first-ever International Paralympic Committee Sled Hockey Pan-Pacific Championship in Buffalo, New York, defeating Canada 4-1 in the championship tilt. In nine games, the U.S. outscored its opponents 42-12 and outshot opposing teams 207-95. **Declan Farmer** paced all skaters with 13 goals and 21 points and goaltender **Steve Cash** finished with 1.52 goals against average while earning six victories.

## 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 sixth season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. Since taking the helm in 2011, Sauer has guided Team USA to a 47-2-2-12 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that includes reaching the championship game of every major international competition and titles in five straight major international events, including the 2016 IPC Sled Hockey Pan-Pacific Championship in Buffalo, New York; the 2016 (Jan.) World Sled Hockey Challenge in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia; the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York; the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alberta; and the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

## TEAM USA - 2016 (DEC.) WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE SCHEDULE & RESULTS

*All Games Played at MacLauchlan Arena in Charlottetown, P.E.I.*

Date	Opponent	Round	Time (AT)	Broadcast Information
Sun., Dec. 4	Korea	Preliminary	12 p.m.	HockeyTV
Mon., Dec. 5	Norway	Preliminary	12 p.m.	HockeyTV
Wed., Dec. 7	Canada	Preliminary	7 p.m.	HockeyTV
Thurs., Dec. 8	TBD	Semifinal	TBD	HockeyTV
Sat., Dec. 10	TBD	3rd place/Championship	12 p.m./4 p.m.	HockeyTV

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## 2017 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
<b>GOALTENDERS (2)</b>						
1	Bo Reichenbach	6-0	175	1/7/88	Billings, Mont.	Colorado Avalanche
34	Steve Cash <sup>+</sup> %	5-7	150	5/9/89	Overland, Mo.	DASA St. Louis Blues
<b>DEFENSEMEN (6)</b>						
5	Billy Hanning <sup>+</sup>	5-10	160	4/18/85	Festus, Mo.	DASA St. Louis Blues
8	Jack Wallace <sup>^</sup>	6-4	210	6/24/98	Franklin Lakes, N.J.	NJ Freeze
9	Andy Yohe <sup>%</sup>	5-10	175	7/21/78	Bettendorf, Iowa	RIC Chicago Blackhawks
11	Tyler Carron <sup>+</sup> %	6-0	165	5/11/89	Fort Collins, Colo.	Colorado Avalanche
15	Nikko Landeros <sup>+</sup> %	6-1	185	4/28/89	Johnstown, Colo.	Colorado Avalanche
27	Josh Pauls <sup>+</sup> %	5-8	135	12/31/92	Green Brook, N.J.	DASA St. Louis Blues
<b>FORWARDS (9)</b>						
2	Luke McDermott <sup>+</sup>	5-7	155	9/1/87	Westerlo, N.Y.	San Antonio Rampage
3	Noah Grove <sup>^</sup>	5-8	135	5/1/99	Frederick, Md.	USA Warriors
4	Brody Roybal <sup>+</sup> %	3-1	120	5/25/98	Northlake, Ill.	RIC Chicago Blackhawks
16	Declan Farmer <sup>+</sup> %	6-0	135	11/5/97	Tampa, Fla.	Tampa Bay Lightning
17	Chris Douglas <sup>+</sup>	5-9	150	5/17/90	Saint Cloud, Fla.	Florida Bandits
20	Adam Page <sup>+</sup> %	5-6	170	3/10/92	Lancaster, N.Y.	Buffalo Sabres
23	Rico Roman <sup>%</sup>	5-9	180	2/4/81	Portland, Ore.	Colorado Avalanche
28	Paul Schaus <sup>+</sup> %	5-7	155	11/8/88	Buffalo, N.Y.	Buffalo Sabres
88	Kevin McKee <sup>+</sup> %	4-7	115	2/11/90	Chicago, Ill.	RIC Chicago Blackhawks

<sup>^</sup> - Making U.S. National Sled Hockey Team debut

<sup>+</sup> - 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship gold medalist

<sup>%</sup> - 2014 Paralympic Winter Games gold medalist

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

HOME STATES	
New York	3
Colorado	2
Florida	2
Illinois	2
Missouri	2
New Jersey	2
Iowa	1
Maryland	1
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	1

BIRTH YEAR	
1989	3
1988	2
1990	2
1992	2
1998	2
1978	1
1981	1
1985	1
1987	1
1997	1
1999	1

### Average Age:

25 years, 11 months

### Average Height:

5'7"

### Average Weight:

157 lbs.

### Oldest Player:

Andy Yohe

(38 years, 4 months)

### Youngest Player:

Noah Grove

(17 years, 7 months)

## TEAM STAFF

### General Manager:

Dan Brennan

### Head Coach:

Jeff Sauer

### Team Doctor:

Mike Uihlein

### Athletic Trainer:

Mike Cortese

### Equipment Manager:

Joel Isaacson

### Communications:

Pat Durant

## INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Team USA has earned titles in five straight major international events, including the 2016 IPC Sled Hockey Pan-Pacific Championship in Buffalo, New York; the 2016 (Jan.) World Sled Hockey Challenge in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia; the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York; the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alberta; and the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

## RECORD HOLDERS

**Adam Page** and **Declan Farmer** currently rank first and second for the most goals scored all-time for the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team with 38 and 36 tallies, respectively. Farmer also ranks second all-time alongside **Taylor Chace** with 73 career points, while **Josh Pauls** ranks fourth with 71 points and Page sits fifth with 68 points. In 2015-16, Farmer joined **Taylor Lipsett** and **Alexi Salamone** with the most goals scored in a single-season with 11 markers. U.S. records pertinent to the World Sled Hockey Challenge can be found on page 4.

## A PAIR OF ROOKIES

Forward **Noah Grove** and defenseman **Jack Wallace** are making their debut with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. Wallace had been a member of the U.S. Development Sled Hockey Team since 2013, while Grove began skating with the Development Team in 2014. Grove (17) is the youngest player on the team, and Wallace is one of two 18-year-olds on the roster (**Brody Roybal**).

## TEAM FIRST

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

## ROSTER INFORMATION

### CAPTAIN AMERICA

Defenseman **Andy Yohe** returns to captain Team USA for the third time in seven campaigns. Yohe most recently captained the U.S. to a gold medal at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. Defensemen **Nikko Landeros** and **Josh Pauls** also return as alternate captains for the third consecutive season.

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

The IPC recently named goaltender **Steve Cash**, defenseman **Josh Pauls**, and forwards **Declan Farmer** and **Brody Roybal** as players to watch in the 2016-17 sled hockey season leading up to the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea. Cash, a member of Team USA since 2006, has led the U.S. to two Paralympic gold medals (2010, 2014) and three IPC Sled Hockey World Championship titles (2009, 2012, 2015) while Pauls, a two-time Paralympic gold medalist (2010, 2014), has been named Best Defenseman of the last two IPC sled hockey events: 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship and the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship. In addition, Farmer has led Team USA in scoring the past two seasons while Roybal has finished second. Last season, Farmer tied the U.S. record for most goals in a season with 11 while the 2014-15 season saw Roybal set the U.S. record for most assists in a season with 13.

### 2016 USA HOCKEY SLED CLASSIC, PRESENTED BY THE NHL

The Colorado Avalanche, featuring National Team defensemen **Tyler Carron** and **Nikko Landeros**, goaltender **Bo Reichenbach** and forward **Rico Roman**, captured its second straight Tier I title at the 2016 USA Hockey Sled Classic, presented by the NHL, in Nashville, Tennessee, from Nov. 17-20. Roman netted the tournament-winning goal for the Avalanche in a 6-2 victory over the Buffalo Sabres and forwards **Adam Page** and **Paul Schaus** in the championship game.



## USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

### LABATT USA'S PASS IT FORWARD INITIATIVE

Through Labatt USA's "Pass It Forward" initiative, Labatt is raising awareness and funding to expand USA Hockey's Sled Hockey program by helping disabled athletes get back on the ice and back in the game. On Nov. 5, 2015, the initiative awarded 10 sled hockey programs in the United States with \$250,000 in grants. To learn more about the "Pass It Forward" initiative and to see how Labatt is helping to raise awareness for the sport, visit [www.LabattUS.com/sledhockey](http://www.LabattUS.com/sledhockey).

### TEAM USA WINTER CHAMPIONS SERIES

The U.S. Women's National Team faces Canada at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan, at 4:30 p.m. ET on Saturday, Dec. 17 as part of the Team USA Winter Champions Series. Fans can purchase tickets online at [usahockeyarena.com](http://usahockeyarena.com).

### 2017 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The U.S. National Junior Team will hold training camp in Buffalo, New York, Dec. 15-20 in preparation for the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship Dec. 26, 2016 - Jan. 5, 2017, in Montreal and Toronto, Canada. Team USA will play its preliminary-round games at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto against fellow Group A members Canada, Latvia, Russia, and Slovakia. Last year, the United States captured the bronze medal at the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship in Helsinki, Finland.

### HOCKEY WEEK ACROSS AMERICA

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Hockey Weekend Across America, USA Hockey is extending the annual celebration of hockey in our country by creating the first-ever Hockey Week Across America from Feb. 19-26, 2017. The week-long event will include the traditional themed days of Wear Your Favorite Jersey Day on Friday (Feb. 24); Try Hockey Day on Saturday (Feb. 25); and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes on Sunday (Feb. 26). For complete event information, visit [hockeyweekendacrossamerica.com](http://hockeyweekendacrossamerica.com).

### 2017 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan, will also host the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship from April 1-8, 2017. A schedule and ticket packages for the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship will be available in the coming months. For more information, visit [teamusa.usahockey.com](http://teamusa.usahockey.com).

### 2018 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

USA Hockey, along with the Buffalo Sabres, KeyBank Center, HarborCenter and New Era Field, will host the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship from Dec. 26, 2017-Jan. 5, 2018. The U.S. and Canada will also meet outdoors for the first time ever in a preliminary-round game at New Era Field on Dec. 29, 2017. For complete event and ticket information, visit [buffaloworldjuniors.com](http://buffaloworldjuniors.com).





## U.S. WSHC RECORD BOOK - SKATERS

### ALL-TIME WSHC POINT LEADERS

NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
Josh Pauls	38	18	19	<b>37</b>
Declan Farmer	20	14	18	<b>32</b>
Kevin McKee	30	14	18	<b>32</b>
Nikko Landeros	34	15	14	<b>29</b>
Taylor Chace	31	7	21	<b>28</b>
Adam Page	38	10	16	<b>26</b>
Alexi Salamone	28	11	14	<b>25</b>

### ALL-TIME WSHC GOAL LEADERS

NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
Josh Pauls	38	<b>18</b>	19	37
Nikko Landeros	34	<b>15</b>	14	29
Declan Farmer	20	<b>14</b>	18	32
Kevin McKee	30	<b>14</b>	18	32
Taylor Lipsett	27	<b>12</b>	12	24
Alexi Salamone	28	<b>11</b>	14	25
Adam Page	38	<b>10</b>	16	26

### SINGLE WSHC POINT LEADERS

NAME	YEAR	G	PTS
Declan Farmer	2016 (Jan.)	7	<b>13</b>
Brody Roybal	2016 (Jan.)	4	<b>11</b>
Kevin McKee	2016 (Jan.)	2	<b>10</b>
Declan Farmer	2015	3	<b>9</b>
Josh Pauls	2012	3	<b>9</b>
Nikko Landeros	2011 (Apr.)	7	<b>8</b>
Adam Page	2011 (Apr.)	4	<b>8</b>

### SINGLE WSHC GOAL LEADERS

NAME	YEAR	G	PTS
Declan Farmer	2016 (Jan.)	<b>7</b>	13
Nikko Landeros	2011 (Apr.)	<b>7</b>	8
Taylor Lipsett	2011 (Nov.)	<b>5</b>	6
Brody Roybal	2016 (Jan.)	<b>4</b>	11
Adam Page	2011 (Apr.)	<b>4</b>	8
Kevin McKee	2015	<b>4</b>	7
Josh Pauls	2013	<b>4</b>	7

## U.S. WSHC RECORD BOOK - GOALTENDERS

### ALL-TIME WSHC WINS LEADERS

NAME	GP	MIN	W
Steve Cash	40	1829	<b>24</b>
Jen Lee	2	95	<b>2</b>

### ALL-TIME WSHC GAA LEADERS

NAME	GP	MIN	GAA
Jen Lee	2	95	<b>.47</b>
Steve Cash	40	1829	<b>1.77</b>

### ALL-TIME WSHC SHUTOUT LEADERS

NAME	GP	MIN	SO
Steve Cash	40	1829	<b>8</b>
Jen Lee	2	95	<b>1</b>

### SINGLE WSHC GAA LEADERS

NAME	YEAR	GP	GAA
Steve Cash	2015	5	.66
Steve Cash	2014	4	1.33
Steve Cash	2009	4	1.45

### SINGLE WSHC SV% LEADERS

NAME	YEAR	GP	SV%
Steve Cash	2015	5	.936
Steve Cash	2012	4	.889
Steve Cash	2009	4	.878

### SINGLE WSHC SHUTOUT LEADERS

NAME	YEAR	GP	SO
Steve Cash	2015	5	<b>2</b>
Steve Cash	2009	4	<b>2</b>

Current U.S. National  
Sled Hockey Team players in **bold**.