



Team USA Game Notes

The U.S. Women's National Team • Team USA Winter Champions Series

USA vs. Canada • Dec. 17, 2016 • 4:30 p.m. ET

USA Hockey Arena • Plymouth, Michigan



THE TEAM USA WINTER CHAMPIONS SERIES: The U.S. Women's National Team hosts Canada at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan, today (Dec. 17) at 4:30 p.m. ET as part of the first-ever Team USA Winter Champions Series. The series is a daylong celebration of the Road to Pyeongchang that features three Olympic events broadcast on NBC and NBCSN. In addition to hockey, the series will include luge and the new Olympic event of big air snowboarding.

GAME DAY: Today is the first of two exhibition games between the U.S. and Canada. The two teams will play again on Monday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at Progressive Arena in Sarnia Ontario.

Today's game will be televised live on NBCSN at 4:30 p.m. ET with Gord Miller calling the play-by-play, Olympic gold-medalist A.J. Mleczko providing color commentary and Leila Rahimi serving as the rink-side reporter. USA Hockey executive Dave Ogrea will be a guest in the booth during the first period. The game will be also be streamed live on NBCSports.com and the NBC Sports app via "TV Everywhere." Fans can follow along on Twitter @USAHockey and @USAHockey-Scores and join the conversation by using hashtag #WCS2016.

AT THE GAME: Fans attending the game will receive a free American flag and also get an exclusive advance purchase and discounted ticket offer for the upcoming 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship, which will be hosted at USA Hockey Arena March 31-April 7. Carly Bins, a senior at Northville (Mich.) High School, will sing both the U.S. and Canadian national anthems prior to opening faceoff. Flag bearers from area youth hockey programs will also be part of the ceremonies prior to the game. The intermissions will showcase cross-ice games featuring girls' players at the 8U and 10U levels from across the state of Michigan. Select members of Team USA will sign autographs in the arena after the game.

IIHF WOMEN'S WORLDS PREPARATION: The game today will also serve as a precursor to the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship that will be held at USA Hockey Arena from March 31 to April 7.

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USA vs. CANADA: The United States and Canada are the only gold-medal winners in Olympic Winter Games and International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship history. Team USA won the inaugural Olympic gold medal in 1998, while Canada has taken the top prize in the four Games since (2002, 2006, 2010, 2014).

TAKING ON THE WORLD: In national team play, the United States has captured gold at seven of the 17 IIHF Women's World Championships it has participated in, including six of the last seven world championships (2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016) and seven overall, including 2005, while Canada won gold the remaining 10 years (1990, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2012). The last meeting between the two teams at the women's worlds was earlier this year on April 4 in the gold medal game in Kamloops, British Columbia as the U.S. defeated Canada in a 1-0 overtime thriller.

BRING ON THE CUP: Prior to the Team USA Winter Champions Series, the last time the U.S. and Canada met in an international tournament was on Nov. 5 in Jarvanpaa, Finland at the 2016 Four Nations Cup. The U.S. defeated Canada, 5-3, to win the tournament. The United States has competed in the tournament 20 of 21 times, having not participated in 2001. Team USA has captured the title seven times (1997, 2003, 2008, 2011-12, 2015-16), finished second 12 times and third in the tournament in 2013. The U.S. holds an overall record of 46-6-5-24-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) in 83 Three/Four Nations Cup games.

SINCE SOCHI: Since falling to Canada in overtime, 3-2, and earning a silver medal at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, the U.S. Women's National Team has played Canada in five international events (two IIHF Women's World Championships and three Four Nations Cups), winning four of five titles and seven of 10 games overall.

The U.S. Women's National Team vs. Canada Since 2014 Olympic Winter Games

Year	Date	Event	Round	Result
2016	Nov. 5	Four Nations Cup	Championship Game	Win, 5-3
2016	Nov. 4	Four Nations Cup	Preliminary Round	Loss, 2-3
2016	Apr. 4	IIHF Women's World Championship	Gold Medal Game	Win, 1-0 (OT)
2016	Mar. 28	IIHF Women's World Championship	Preliminary Round	Win, 3-1
2015	Nov. 8	Four Nations Cup	Championship Game	Win, 3-2 (OT)
2015	Nov. 5	Four Nations Cup	Preliminary Round	Win, 3-0
2015	Apr. 4	IIHF Women's World Championship	Gold Medal Game	Win, 7-5
2015	Mar. 28	IIHF Women's World Championship	Preliminary Round	Win, 4-2
2014	Nov. 8	Four Nations Cup	Championship Game	Loss, 2-3 (SO)
2014	Nov. 5	Four Nations Cup	Preliminary Round	Loss, 2-3

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UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE VS. CANADA

Date/Time (ET)	Location	Broadcast Info
Dec. 17 (4:30 p.m.)	USA Hockey Arena/Plymouth, Mich.	NBCSN
Dec. 19 (7 p.m.)	Progressive Auto Sales Arena/Sarnia, Ont.	HockeyTV.com

CAPTAIN AMERICA: Meghan Duggan is captain for the U.S. Women's National Team. She has served as captain at multiple events for the U.S., most recently at the 2016 Four Nations Cup in Finland. She was also the captain at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. **Kacey Bellamy** and **Monique Lamoureux** will serve as alternate captains.

OLYMPIANS: Thirteen players on Team USA competed in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. They are **Kacey Bellamy**, **Megan Bozek**, **Alex Carpenter**, **Kendall Coyne**, **Brianna Decker**, **Meghan Duggan**, **Amanda Kessel**, **Hilary Knight**, **Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson**, **Monique Lamoureux-Morando**, **Anne Schleper**, **Kelli Stack** and **Lee Stecklein**.

VETERAN EXPERIENCE: Six players on the current roster have competed in more than 100 games with Team USA. They are **Kacey Bellamy** (118), **Kendall Coyne** (100), **Meghan Duggan** (115), **Hilary Knight** (135), **Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson** (115) and **Monique Lamoureux-Morando** (113).

UNDER-18 IMPACT: **Cayla Barnes**, who plays at New Hampton School in New Hampshire, is the youngest member of the team (17) and will also play on the U.S. U18 Women's National Team in January at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship.

STATES: The players hail from 13 different states, led by Minnesota with four representatives followed by Massachusetts and Wisconsin with three each. California, Illinois, New York and North Dakota have two, while Colorado, Idaho, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio and Vermont all have one.

CALIFORNIA DREAMING: **Annie Pankowski** (Laguna Hills) and **Cayla Barnes** (Corona) grew up playing in California.

BOSTON STRONG: There are six players who currently or previously played at Boston College. They are **Alex Carpenter**, **Megan Keller**, **Emily Pflazer**, **Haley Skarupa**, **Kelli Stack** and **Dana Trivigno**.

MINNESOTA FIVE: There are five players who currently or previously played at the University of Minnesota. They are **Megan Bozek**, **Hannah Brandt**, **Amanda Kessel**, **Anne Schleper**, and **Lee Stecklein**.

CHEESEHEADS: The USWNT has five players (four former, one current) who have played for the University of Wisconsin. **Brianna Decker**, **Meghan Duggan**, **Hilary Knight**, and **Alex Rigsby** have graduated from the university and **Annie Pankowski** is currently in school.

DOUBLE TROUBLE: **Monique Lamoureux** and **Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson** will once again compete for Team USA. The twin sisters have participated in more than 100 games together for the U.S.

BLOODLINES: **Alex Carpenter** is the daughter of Bobby Carpenter, who played in the NHL for 18 years. **Amanda Kessel** is the sister of Phil Kessel who plays for the Pittsburgh Penguins in (NHL).

PATTY PROUD: **Meghan Duggan** (2011), **Brianna Decker** (2012), **Amanda Kessel** (2013), **Alex Carpenter** (2015) and **Kendall Coyne** (2016), have won the Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award, presented annually to the top player in NCAA Division I women's ice hockey.

AGE: The average age of the 24 players on the team is 23. The oldest player on the team is **Kacey Bellamy** (29) and the youngest is **Cayla Barnes** (17).

LEADING THE WAY: Head Coach **Robb Stauber** is making his first appearance at the helm of Team USA after being named to the role on December 5 for the pair of games against Canada on December 17 and 19. Stauber, who retired from playing in 2006, lives in Medina, Minnesota. He played 10 years of professional hockey, including four seasons in the National Hockey League with the Los Angeles Kings and Buffalo Sabres. He was originally drafted 107th overall by the Kings in the 1986 Entry Draft. Stauber, who was an assistant coach for the 2014 U.S. Women's Olympic Team in Sochi, Russia, has been involved with the U.S. Women's National Team since 2010 in a variety of roles, including coaching, scouting and development of its goaltenders. Stauber served as head coach for the Minnesota Whitecaps, an independent professional women's team, during the 2015-16 season. As a player at the University of Minnesota, he was the first goaltender to win the Hobey Baker Award (1988). He was also the recipient that year of the WCHA Player of the Year award. Additionally, Stauber was recognized as WCHA Goaltender of the Year in 1988 and 1989. He represented the U.S. at the 1987 World Junior Championship and 1989 IIHF World Championship. Stauber served as the goalie coach at the University of Minnesota's men's team from 2000-2008. and for the University of Minnesota Duluth's women's team from 2004-08, winning the 2008 NCAA Championship.

COLLEGE: Twenty-three of the 24 players on the roster have attended college and three (**Megan Keller**, **Annie Pankowski** and **Lee Stecklein**) are currently in school. Nine different schools are represented, including Boston College (HEA) which has had six players skate for them. The University of Minnesota (WCHA) and University of Wisconsin (WCHA) have five players and the University of North Dakota two. Bemidji State University (WCHA), Lindenwood University (CHA), Northeastern University (HEA), University of New Hampshire (HEA) and the University of Vermont (HEA) all have one. Thirteen players come from the WCHA, nine from the HEA and one from the CHA.

NWHL SHOWCASE: Thirteen players are currently competing in the NWHL. **Kacey Bellamy**, **Alex Carpenter**, **Brianna Decker**, **Meghan Duggan**, **Hilary Knight** and **Amanda Pelkey** play for Boston; **Megan Bozek**, **Emily Pflazer** and **Anne Schleper** with Buffalo; and **Haley Skarupa**, **Kelli Stack** and **Dana Trivigno** for Connecticut; and **Amanda Kessel** with New York.

MINNESOTA SIX: Six players are currently competing this season (2016-17) for the Minnesota Whitecaps. They are **Stephanie Anderson**, **Hannah Brandt**, **Kendall Coyne**, **Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson**, **Monique Lamoureux-Morando** and **Alex Rigsby**.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

2	Lee Stecklein	Defense
3	Cayla Barnes	Defense
5	Megan Keller	Defense
7	Monique Lamoureux-Morando	Defense
8	Emily Pfalzer	Defense
9	Megan Bozek	Defense
10	Meghan Duggan	Forward
11	Haley Skarupa	Forward
14	Brianna Decker	Forward
15	Anne Schleper	Defense
16	Kelli Stack	Forward
17	Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson	Forward
18	Stephanie Anderson	Forward
20	Hannah Brandt	Forward
21	Hilary Knight	Forward
22	Kacey Bellamy	Defense
25	Alex Carpenter	Forward
26	Kendall Coyne	Forward
27	Annie Pankowski	Forward
28	Amanda Kessel	Forward
29	Nicole Hensley	Goaltender
32	Dana Trivigno	Forward
33	Alex Rigsby	Goaltender
37	Amanda Pelkey	Forward

TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Reagan Carey
Head Scout	Matt Kelly
Director of Communications	Rob Koch
Head Coach	Robb Stauber
Associate Coach	Brett Strot
Assistant Coach	Chris Tamer
Assistant Coach	Mike Grier
Goaltending Coach	Karl Goehring
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Walter Norton
Team Doctor	Ally Howe
Athletic Trainer	Katie Homan
Massage Therapist	Jocelyn Law
Equipment Manager	Brent Proulx
Nutritionist	Carrie Aprik
Video Coordinator	Nick Laurila

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Minnesota	4
Massachusetts	3
Wisconsin	3
California	2
Illinois	2
New York	2
North Dakota	2
Colorado	1
Idaho	1
Maryland	1
Michigan	1
Ohio	1
Vermont	1

BY COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (23 PLAYERS)

Boston College (HEA)	6
University of Minnesota (WCHA)	5
University of Wisconsin (WCHA)	5
University of North Dakota (WCHA)	2
Bemidji State University (WCHA)	1
Lindenwood University (CHA)	1
Northeastern University (HEA)	1
University of New Hampshire (HEA)	1
University of Vermont (HEA)	1

BIRTH YEAR

1999	1	1991	3
1996	1	1990	1
1994	6	1989	3
1993	3	1988	1
1992	3	1987	2

Player Stats:

Average Age: 23 years
Average Height: 5'7"
Average Weight: 151 lbs.

Oldest Player (29):

Kacey Bellamy (4/22/87)

Youngest Player (17):

Cayla Barnes (1/7/99)

Two members of Team USA are playing NCAA Division I women's ice hockey during the 2016-17 season.

Roster Highlights

- 13 Olympians (Includes 6 two-time silver medalists)
- 23 World Champions (All gold-medal winners)
- 17 U18 World Champions (14 gold-medal winners)
- 13 NWHL players
- 4 Minnesota Whitecaps
- 23 NCAA Division I players (2 current)
- 1 High school