



U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2017 PARA SLED HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | GANGNEUNG, SOUTH KOREA | APRIL 11-20

ROUND ROBIN GAME #1 • USA (1-0-0-0) VS. ITALY (1-0-0-1) • FRI., APRIL 14, 2017 • 11:00 A.M. LOCAL • GANGNEUNG HOCKEY CENTRE (CAPACITY: 10,000)
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TODAY'S GAME

Team USA faces off with Italy in its second game of the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship here today in Gangneung, South Korea. Today's game will be live streamed at Gangneung2017.com with live tweets available through @usahockey using the hashtag #SledWorlds.

USA VS. ITALY

The United States and Italy are meeting for the fifth time, with the U.S. claiming all four previous matchups. Most recently, the two teams met at the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York, where Team USA shutout Italy, 7-0. Five different players scored, including current U.S. players **Kevin McKee** (Chicago, Ill.), **Adam Page** (Lancaster, N.Y.), **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) and **Paul Schaus** (Buffalo, N.Y.).

LAST GAME: USA 7, SWEDEN 0

Declan Farmer (Tampa, Fla.), **Kevin McKee** (Chicago, Ill.) and **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) each registered four points to lead Team USA past Sweden, 7-0. Goaltenders **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.) and **Bo Reichenbach** (Billings, Mont.) shared the shutout victory.

"The guys have been looking really well in practice and that showed here tonight," said **Guy Gosselin**, head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. "There were a lot of positives, but we can always improve and that's what we'll look to do tomorrow against Italy."

SHATTERING RECORDS

With just one game played in the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship, numerous records were broken while others are now being threatened.

With three goals yesterday, **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) now holds the record for most career goals by a U.S. player in world championship play. His 19 career world championship points also rank second all-time behind **Adam Page** (Lancaster, N.Y.), who holds the record with 20. In the assists category, Page is second all-time with 11, but **Kevin McKee** (Chicago, Ill.) and **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) now sit in third with 10 while **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) is fifth with seven assists.

Among U.S. records McKee's four assists are tied for fifth and Roybal's three assists sit tied for 10th.

Regarding regular-season records, Farmer's 21 points sit tied for first with himself (2014-15; 2015-16) and **Alexi Salamone** (2009-10). Meanwhile, McKee and Roybal share fifth place for assists with 11 apiece and Farmer's 11 goals are tied for second, threatening his own record of 13 in a single season.

PLAYER'S THOUGHTS

Throughout the tournament, various members of Team USA will be featured in a 'Daily Notebook' highlighting their thoughts about their time here in Korea. Items addressed have included 'shinny hockey' struggles, Guy 'Goose' Gosselin returning to Team USA and team chemistry.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 13 vs. Sweden	Round Robin W, 7-0
Friday, April 14 vs. Italy	Round Robin 11 a.m. (Local)/10 p.m. (ET)*
Saturday, April 15 vs. Germany	Round Robin 3 p.m. (Local)/2 a.m. (ET)
Monday, April 17 vs. Canada	Round Robin 3 p.m. (Local)/2 a.m. (ET)
Tuesday, April 18 vs. Norway	Round Robin 11 a.m. (Local)/10 p.m. (ET)*
Wednesday, April 19 vs. Korea	Round Robin 3 p.m. (Local)/2 a.m. (ET)
Thursday, April 20 Fifth Place Game	Round Robin 11 a.m. (Local)/10 p.m. (ET)*
Bronze Medal Game	3 p.m. (Local)/2 a.m. (ET)
Gold Medal Game	7 p.m. (Local)/6 a.m. (ET)

*Game takes place day prior in the United States

TEAM USA TOURNAMENT LEADERS

SKATERS

Points	Goals	Assists
Declan Farmer, 4	Declan Farmer, 3	Kevin McKee, 4
Brody Roybal, 4	Four tied with 1	Brody Roybal, 3
Kevin McKee, 4		Five tied with 1
Seven tied with 1		

GOALTENDERS

Wins	Goals Against Avg.	Save Percentage
Steve Cash, 1	Bo Reichenbach, 0.00	Steve Cash, NA
	Steve Cash, 0.00	Bo Reichenbach, NA

TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	PTS	GF	GA
Canada	2	2	0	0	0	6	16	0
United States	1	1	0	0	0	3	7	0
Korea	1	1	0	0	0	3	2	1
Italy	2	1	0	0	1	3	2	8
Norway	2	0	1	0	1	2	2	10
Germany	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	4
Sweden	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	9

TOURNAMENT LEADERS

SKATERS

Points	TEAM	PTS
Liam Hickey	CAN	8
Greg Westlake	CAN	6
Billy Bridges	CAN	5
Adam Dixon	CAN	5
Four Tied with four points		

Goals

PLAYER	TEAM	G
Greg Westlake	CAN	4
Declan Farmer	USA	3
Billy Bridges	CAN	3
Liam Hickey	CAN	3
Two players tied with two goals		

Assists

PLAYER	TEAM	A
Liam Hickey	CAN	5
Kevin McKee	USA	4
Adam Dixon	CAN	4
Brody Roybal	USA	3
Dominic Cozzolino	CAN	3

GOALTENDERS

Wins

PLAYER	TEAM	W
Five players tied with one win		

Goals Against Average

PLAYER	TEAM	GAA
Dominic Laracque	CAN	0.00
Corbin Watson	CAN	0.00
Bo Reichenbach	USA	0.00
Steve Cash	USA	0.00
Mangyun Yu	KOR	1.00

Save Percentage

PLAYER	TEAM	SVP
Dominic Laracque	CAN	1.00
Corbin Watson	CAN	1.00
Mangyun Yu	KOR	.900
Simon Kunst	GER	.894
Ulf Nilsson	SWE	.863



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ABOUT TEAM USA

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position
1	Bo Reichenbach	Goaltender
2	Luke McDermott	Forward
3	Noah Grove	Forward
4	Brody Roybal	Forward
5	Billy Hanning	Defense
8	Jack Wallace	Defense
9	Andy Yohe	Defense
11	Tyler Carron	Defense
15	Nikko Landeros	Defense
16	Declan Farmer	Forward
17	Chris Douglas	Forward
20	Adam Page	Forward
23	Rico Roman	Defense
27	Josh Pauls	Defense
28	Paul Schaus	Forward
34	Steve Cash	Goaltender
88	Kevin McKee	Forward

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Home States	Birth Year
New York	3
Colorado	2
Florida	2
Illinois	2
Missouri	2
New Jersey	1
Iowa	1
Maryland	1
Montana	1
Oregon	1
	1999
Average Age: 25 years, 11 months	
Average Height: 5'7"	
Average Weight: 157 lbs.	
Oldest Player: Andy Yohe (38 years, 8 mo.)	
Youngest Player: Noah Grove (17 years, 11 mo.)	

REIGNING CHAMPIONS

The United States enters the world championship as defending champions for the third time. Team USA is the only team to ever claim back-to-back gold medals in the world championship after doing so in 2009 and 2012. Goaltender **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.) was a member of both U.S. squads.

KEY RETURNEES

Among the 17 players representing Team USA, 12 were members of the U.S. squad that claimed the gold medal on home ice at the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York. Key returnees include defenseman **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), who received the Directorate Award for Best Defenseman of the tournament; forward **Adam Page** (Lancaster, N.Y.), whose 11 points (5-6) at the 2015 event set a new Team USA record for most points in a world championship; forward **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.), who tied former Team USA member **Taylor Lipsett** (Mesquite, Texas) for most goals in a single world championship by a U.S. player with six; and goaltender **Steve Cash**, who set Team USA records in goals against average (0.27), save percentage (.970) and shutouts (4).

GOSSELIN LEADING TEAM USA

Guy Gosselin (Grafton, Wis.), a two-time U.S. Olympian (1988, 1992), is making his international head coaching debut after the passing of former head coach, **Jeff Sauer** (Madison, Wis.), last February. This is his second stint with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team after working alongside Sauer as an assistant coach from 2011-15 and helped the U.S. claim gold medals at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, and the 2012 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Hamar, Norway. Additionally, he helped Team USA earn a silver medal at the 2013 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Goyang City, South Korea.

SEVENTH HEAVEN

Team USA enters the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship seeking its seventh straight international title. Since its gold medal victory at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, the U.S. has gone on to claim the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alberta; the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York; the 2016 (Jan.) World Sled Hockey Challenge in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia; the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship in Buffalo, New York; and the 2016 (Dec.) World Sled Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

VETERANS LEADERSHIP

Defenseman **Andy Yohe** (Bettendorf, Iowa) is serving as captain for Team USA for the third time in seven campaigns. Yohe, who sat out the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons, prior to this season captained the U.S. to a gold medal at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. Defensemen **Nikko Landeros** (Johnstown, Colo.) and **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) also return as alternate captains for the third consecutive season. The trio are two-time Paralympic gold medalists (2010, 2014) who helped Team USA win world championship gold medals in 2009 (Yohe), 2012 (Landeros, Pauls) and 2015 (Landeros, Pauls).

PAIR OF ROOKIES

Forward **Noah Grove** (Frederick, Md.) and defenseman **Jack Wallace** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) are in their first season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and will be making their debuts at a world championship. Wallace had been a member of the U.S. Development Sled Hockey Team since 2013, while Grove joined the squad a year later. At 17 years old, Grove is the youngest player on the team while Wallace joins teammate **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) as the team's two 18 year olds.



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TEAM USA STATISTICS

2017 PARA SLED HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

LOCAL TIME		SWEDEN	ITALY	GERMANY	CANADA	NORWAY	KOREA	TBD
No Name		W, 7-0 4/13	11 A.M. 4/14	3 P.M. 4/15	3 P.M. 4/17	11 A.M. 4/18	3 P.M. 4/19	TBD 4/20
2	Luke McDermott	--						
3	Noah Grove	A						
4	Brody Roybal	GAAA						
5	Billy Hanning	DND						
8	Jack Wallace	--						
9	Andy Yohe (C)	--						
11	Tyler Carron	--						
15	Nikko Landeros (A)	G^						
16	Declan Farmer	GGGA						
17	Chris Douglas	DND						
20	Adam Page	A						
23	Rico Roman	G						
27	Josh Pauls (A)	A						
28	Paul Schaus	G						
88	Kevin McKee	A*AAA						
1	Bo Reichenbach	ND (30:00)						
34	Steve Cash	W, (15:00)						

= Team USA's Player of the Game
 Key: G-goal; S-shorthanded goal; P-powerplay goal; U-unassisted goal; carrot-game-winning goal;
 A-assist; asterik-assist on game-winning goal; DND-did not dress; DNP-did not play; ND-no decision

2016-17 Team USA Season Statistics

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2	Luke McDermott	F	6	1	2	3	6
3	Noah Grove	F	6	0	4	4	0
4	Brody Roybal	F	6	6	11	17	16
5	Billy Hanning	D	5	1	2	3	6
8	Jack Wallace	F/D	6	0	0	0	4
9	Andy Yohe	F	6	0	0	0	0
11	Tyler Carron	D	6	0	3	3	4
15	Nikko Landeros	F	6	3	6	9	4
16	Declan Farmer	F	6	11	10	21	2
17	Chris Douglas	F	5	0	1	1	4
20	Adam Page	F	6	3	2	5	0
23	Rico Roman	D	6	3	1	4	2
27	Josh Pauls	F	6	1	4	5	0
28	Paul Schaus	D	6	3	3	6	0
88	Kevin McKee	F	6	3	11	14	2

Goaltender Statistics

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	WL	GA	SV	GAA	SV%
1	Bo Reichenbach	3	120:00	2-0	1	8	0.50	.889
34	Steve Cash	4	150:00	4-0	3	35	1.00	.921

Team USA Career Statistics

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2	Luke McDermott	F	27	2	8	10	6
3	Noah Grove	F	6	0	4	4	0
4	Brody Roybal	F	41	21	34	51	26
5	Billy Hanning	D	32	0	5	5	4
8	Jack Wallace	F/D	6	0	0	0	4
9	Andy Yohe	F	47	7	11	18	24
11	Tyler Carron	D	91	3	13	16	42
15	Nikko Landeros	D	105	29	38	67	72
16	Declan Farmer	F	58	49	45	94	20
17	Chris Douglas	F	24	1	5	6	12
20	Adam Page	F	136	41	30	71	70
23	Rico Roman	F	70	6	13	19	18
27	Josh Pauls	D	115	34	44	78	22
28	Paul Schaus	F	58	15	8	23	24
88	Kevin McKee	F	81	29	42	71	33

Goaltender Statistics

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	WL	GA	SV	GAA	SV%
1	Bo Reichenbach	6	129	2-0	1	11	0.35	.909
34	Steve Cash	129	5718	91-37	165	1438	1.29	.897



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TEAM USA SLED HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

PAST TOURNAMENTS

YEAR - HOST	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. HEAD COACH	U.S. RECORD	U.S. FINISH
2015 - Buffalo, N.Y.	United States	Canada	Russia	Jeff Sauer	5-0-0-0	Gold
2013 - Goyang, South Korea	Canada	United States	Russia	Jeff Sauer	4-0-0-1	Silver
2012 - Hamar, Norway	United States	Korea	Canada	Jeff Sauer	3-1-1-0	Gold
2009 - Ostrava, Czech Republic	United States	Norway	Canada	Ray Maluta	3-1-0-1	Gold
2008 - Marlborough, Mass.	Canada	Norway	United States	Ray Maluta	4-0-0-2	Bronze
2004 - Ornskoldsvik, Sweden	Norway	United States	Sweden	Keith Blase	4-0-0-1	Silver
2000 - Salt Lake City, Utah	Canada	Norway	Sweden	Rick Middleton	1-0-0-4	Sixth
1996 - Nynashamn, Sweden	Sweden	Norway	Canada	Angelo Bianco	1-0-0-4	Fifth

U.S. SINGLE TOURNAMENT RECORDS

GOALS				
Rank	Name	Year	GP	G
1	Declan Farmer	2015	5	6
	Taylor Lipsett	2012	5	6
3	Adam Page	2015	5	5
	Taylor Chace	2013	5	5
5	Josh Pauls	2015	5	4
	Declan Farmer	2013	5	4
	Josh Pauls	2013	4	4
	Taylor Lipsett	2008	6	4
9	Declan Farmer	2017	1	3
	Josh Misiewicz	2015	5	3
	Paul Schaus	2015	5	3
	Josh Sweeney	2015	5	3
	Taylor Cahce	2012	5	3
	Adam Page	2009	5	3
	Kip St. Germaine	2009	5	3
	Jim Connelly	2008	6	3
	Chris Manns	2008	6	3

ASSISTS				
Rank	Name	Year	GP	A
1	Alexi Salamone	2008	6	8
2	Brody Roybal	2015	5	7
3	Adam Page	2015	5	6
4	Chris Manns	2008	6	5
5	Kevin McKee	2017	1	4
6	Tyler Carron	2015	5	4
	Josh Misiewicz	2015	5	4
	Declan Farmer	2013	5	4
	Alexi Salamone	2012	5	4
10	Brody Roybal	2017	1	3
	Chris Douglas	2015	5	3
	Josh Pauls	2015	5	3
	Josh Sweeney	2015	5	3

POINTS				
Rank	Name	Year	GP	PTS
1	Adam Page	2015	5	11
2	Alexi Salamone	2008	6	10
3	Brody Roybal	2015	5	9
4	Declan Farmer	2013	5	9
	Chris Manns	2008	6	8
6	Declan Farmer	2015	5	7
	Josh Misiewicz	2015	5	7
	Josh Pauls	2015	5	7
9	Josh Sweeney	2015	5	6
	Josh Pauls	2013	4	6
	Taylor Chace	2013	5	6
	Taylor Lipsett	2012	5	6
	Taylor Lipsett	2008	6	6

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE				
Rank	Name	Year	GP	GAA
1	Kyle Huckaby	2015	4	0.00
	Jen Lee	2013	2	0.00
3	Steve Cash	2015	5	0.27
4	Steve Cash	2013	5	0.56
5	Steve Cash	2012	5	0.72
6	Steve Cash	2009	5	0.78
7	Jen Lee	2012	2	0.93
8	Steve Cash	2008	6	1.50

SAVE PERCENTAGE				
Rank	Name	Year	GP	SV%
1	Kyle Huckaby	2015	4	1.000
	Jen Lee	2013	2	1.000
3	Steve Cash	2015	5	0.970
4	Steve Cash	2013	5	0.942
5	Steve Cash	2009	5	0.940
6	Steve Cash	2012	5	0.923
7	Steve Cash	2008	6	0.904
8	Jen Lee	2012	2	0.800

SHUTOUTS				
Rank	Name	Year	GP	SO
1	Steve Cash	2015	5	4
2	Steve Cash	2013	5	3
3	Steve Cash	2009	5	2
4	Steve Cash	2017	1	1
	Steve Cash	2012	5	1
	Steve Cash	2008	6	1

U.S. CAREER TOURNAMENT RECORDS

GAMES PLAYED			
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP
1	Adam Page	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	27
2	Taylor Chace	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	21
	Greg Shaw	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	21
4	Taylor Lipsett	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	20
	Josh Pauls	2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20
6	Jim Connelly	2008, 2009, 2012	16
	Alexi Salamone	2008, 2012, 2013	16
	Tyler Carron	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	16
	Nikko Landeros	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	16
	Kevin McKee	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	16

POINTS			
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP PTS
1	Adam Page	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	27 20
2	Declan Farmer	2013, 2015	11 19
3	Alexi Salamone	2008, 2012, 2013	16 18
4	Taylor Lipsett	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	20 17
	Taylor Chace	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	21 17
6	Josh Pauls	2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20 16
7	Brody Roybal	2015, 2017	6 13
	Kevin McKee	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	16 13
9	Chris Manns	2008, 2009	11 10
10	Josh Sweeney	2012, 2013, 2015	15 9

GOALS			
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP G
1	Declan Farmer	2013, 2015, 2017	11 13
2	Taylor Lipsett	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	20 11
	Taylor Chace	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	21 11
4	Adam Page	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	27 9
	Josh Pauls	2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20 9
6	Alexi Salamone	2008, 2012, 2013	16 5
	Paul Schaus	2013, 2015	11 5
8	Josh Sweeney	2012, 2013, 2015	15 4
	Nikko Landeros	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	16 4
10	Kevin McKee	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	11 3
	Jim Connelly	2008, 2009, 2012	16 3
	Chris Manns	2008, 2009	11 3
	Kip St. Germaine	2009	5 3

ASSISTS			
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP A
1	Alexi Salamone	2008, 2012, 2013	16 13
2	Adam Page	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	27 11
3	Brody Roybal	2015, 2017	6 10
	Kevin McKee	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	16 10
5	Chris Manns	2008, 2009	11 7
	Josh Pauls	2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20 7
7	Taylor Lipsett	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	20 6
	Taylor Chace	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	21 6
	Declan Farmer	2013, 2015, 2017	11 6
10	Tyler Carron	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	16 5
	Josh Sweeney	2012, 2013, 2015	15 5

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE			
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP GAA
1	Kyle Huckaby	2015	4 0
	Bo Reichenbach	2017	1 0
2	Jen Lee	2012, 2013	4 0.47
3	Steve Cash	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	27 0.49

SHUTOUTS			
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP SO
1	Steve Cash	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	27 12

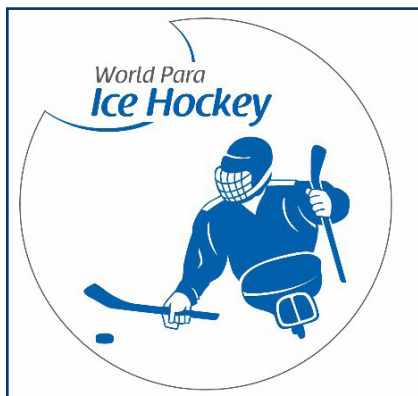
MINUTES PLAYED			
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP Mins
1	Steve Cash	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	27 1018:56
2	Jen Lee	2012, 2013	4 95:19
3	Kyle Huckaby	2015	4 60:00
4	Bo Reichenbach	2017	1 30:00

ALL-TIME SWC RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record	GF	GA
Canada	8	3-1-0-4	9	15
Czech Republic	2	1-0-1-0	4	2
Estonia	4	1-1-0-2	7	13
Germany	2	2-0-0-0	12	1
Great Britain	1	1-0-0-0	3	1
Italy	3	3-0-0-0	14	0
Japan	6	5-0-0-1	22	8
Korea	2	2-0-0-0	7	2
Norway	7	3-0-0-4	18	18
Russia	2	2-0-0-0	8	2
Sweden	5	3-0-0-2	20	15
TOTAL	42	26-2-1-13	124	77

ALL-TIME SWC RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	SF	5th	BM	GM	Total
Canada	2-0	NA	NA	1-1	2-1
Estonia	NA	0-2	NA	NA	0-2
Germany	1-0	NA	NA	NA	1-0
Japan	NA	NA	1-0	NA	1-0
Korea	NA	NA	NA	1-0	1-0
Norway	1-0	NA	NA	1-1	2-1
Russia	1-0	NA	NA	NA	1-0
Sweden	1-0	NA	NA	NA	1-0
Total	6-0	0-2	1-0	3-2	9-4



OTHER TEAM TIDBITS

TEAM USA STAFF

Dan Brennan (Colorado Springs, Colo.), director of inline and sled hockey national teams for USA Hockey, returns as the general manager of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. Joining national team head coach **Guy Gosselin** (Grafton, Wis.) behind the bench is assistant coach **David Hoff** (Bottineau, N.D.) and **Mike Sertich** (Duluth, Minn.). Hoff is in his first season with Team USA while Sertich was on the U.S. staff at last year's IPC Pan-Pacific Championship in Buffalo, New York. Additional team staff members include athletic trainer **Mike Cortese** (Boynton Beach, Fla.), equipment manager **Joel Isaacson** (Houghton, Mich.), and team physician **Mike Uihlein** (Grafton, Wis.). Cortese, Isaacson, and Uihlein have been staff members for the past four seasons.

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**).

AVALANCHE SWEEP TITLES

On April 8, **Tyler Carron** (Fort Collins, Colo.), **Nikko Landeros** (Johnstown, Colo.), **Bo Reichenbach** (Billings, Mont.) and **Rico Roman** (Portland, Ore.) helped the Avalanche claim the USA Hockey Adult Sled Hockey National Championship at the Toyota-USA Hockey Disabled Festival in San Jose, California. The quartet also led the Avalanche to a championship at the USA Hockey Sled Classic, presented by the NHL, in Nashville, Tennessee, last November.

USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

USA'S WINNING PEDIGREE

While the U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team is currently competing in the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's Under-18 World Championship in Poprad and Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia, the 2016-17 season has already seen a trio of U.S. National Teams crowned world champions.

Last week on home ice, the U.S. Women's National Team edged Canada, 3-2, in overtime to win its fourth consecutive IIHF Women's World Championship and seventh in the past eight competitions.

On January 14, the U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team topped Canada, 3-1, to claim the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Zlin, Czech Republic.

Additionally, on January 5, the U.S. National Junior Team came back from a two two-goal deficits before defeating Canada, 5-4, in a five-round shootout to win the gold medal at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship in Montreal and Toronto, Canada.

The U.S. Men's National Team, which has finished in the top four of the world championship in three of the last four years, will compete in the 2017 IIHF Men's World Championship in Cologne, Germany and Paris, France, from May 5-21. A roster is expected to be named in the coming days.

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.

This is the third time the U.S. will host the tournament as the defending gold medalist in the event. After winning its first-ever gold medal in the event in 2004, the U.S. finished fourth while hosting the event in Grand Forks, North Dakota and Thief River Falls, Minnesota, the following year. Then in 2011, with the event in Buffalo, New York, Team USA followed up its 2010 gold medal performance with a bronze medal on home ice.

For complete event and ticket information, visit buffaloworldjuniors.com.

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 Wednesday (April 12), it was announced that six sled hockey programs in the United States will equally share \$150,000 in grants from The USA Hockey Foundation provided by Labatt USA through its "Pass It Forward" Initiative. This is the second time the initiative has awarded grants to sled hockey programs after 10 programs were awarded with \$250,000 in grants on Nov. 5, 2015. To learn more about the Labatt USA "Pass It Forward" initiative and how it is raising awareness for the sport of sled hockey, visit www.LabattUS.com/sledhockey.



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