U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

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

ROUND ROBIN GAME #4 • USA (3-0-0-0) VS. CANADA (4-0-0-0) • MON., APRIL 17, 2017 • 3:00 P.M. LOCAL • GANGNEUNG HOCKEY CENTRE (CAPACITY: 10,000)

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TODAY'S GAME

Team USA squares off with Canada in its fourth game of the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship here 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. CANADA

In eight world championship meetings, the U.S. holds a 3-1-0-4 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record against Canada with its last meeting coming in the gold-medal game of the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York, which the U.S. won, 3-0. Forward **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) scored the game-winning goal while goaltender **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.) stopped all eight shots he faced in the golden victory.

Team USA's last loss in world championship play came at the hands of Canada, who edged the U.S., 1-0, for the gold medal at the 2013 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Goyang City, South Korea.

FAMILIAR FOES

Since the 2014-15 season, the two teams have met 11 times, with the U.S. posting a 7-2-1-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record and outscoring Canada, 29-12. All-time, the teams have met on 84 occasions with the U.S. holding a record of 22-9-8-44-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T).

TEAM USA IN ITS LAST FIVE MEETINGS VS. CANADA

Event	Round	Result
2016 (Jan.) WSHC	Championship Game	OTW, 3-2
2016 IPC Pan-Pacific	Preliminary	L, 1-2
2016 IPC Pan-Pacific	Championship Game	W, 4-1
2016 (Dec.) WSHC	Preliminary .	OTW, 2-1
2016 (Dec.) WSHC	Championship Game	W, 5-2

REWRITING THE RECORD BOOKS

On Saturday (April 15), **Declan Farmer** scored his seventh goal of the tournament to set a new U.S. record for most goals by a single player in world championship play. Farmer and **Adam Page** are tied for most career U.S. points in world championship play with 24 while **Josh Pauls** is third with 23 (10-9). Meanwhile, Page has now tied **Alexi Salamone** for most assists by a U.S. player in world championship history with 13 while Roybal ranks second all-time with 12.

Among regular season records, Farmer's 26 points and 15 goals are the most ever by a U.S. player in a single season, besting his own records from the 2015-16 season. In addition, Roybal and McKee have 13 assists apiece, tying the record Roybal set in 2014-15.

TEAM USA ENJOYS OFF DAY

With a much-needed off day after three-straight games and ahead of four-straight to close out the tournament, Team USA spent the day off sight seeing near the hotel. Their explorations including riding the gondola to the Yong Pong Resort at the top of the mountain, visiting a nearby Korean BBQ restaurant and spending time bowling.

TEAM USA THROUGH THREE GAMES

Team USA ranks second in goals scored (25), power play efficiency (22.22%) and save percentage (0.947). **Declan Farmer** is first in goals (7) and fifth in points (9) while **Kevin McKee** and **Josh Pauls** are tied for fourth in assists with six.

GAME #3. APRIL 15: USA 9. GERMANY 0

Paul Schaus (Buffalo, N.Y.) scored twice and **Bo Reichenbach** (Billings, Mont.) registered his first world championship shutout to lead Team USA past Germany, 9-0. **Josh Pauls** was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

"We faced some adversity in the beginning, but our players pushed through and put in a strong team effort," said **Guy Gosselin**, head coach of Team USA.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 13	Round Robin
vs. Sweden	W, 7-0
U.S. Player of the Game	Brody Roybal
Friday, April 14	Round Robin
vs. Italy	W, 9-1
U.S. Player of the Game	Declan Farmer
Saturday, April 15	Round Robin
vs. Germany	W, 9-0
U.S. Player of the Game	Josh Pauls
Monday, April 17	Round Robin
vs. Canada	3 p.m. (Local)/2 a.m. (ET)
U.S. Player of the Game	
Tuesday, April 18	Round Robin
vs. Norway	11 a.m. (Local)/10 p.m. (ET)*
U.S. Player of the Game	
Wednesday, April 19	Round Robin
vs. Korea	3 p.m. (Local)/2 a.m. (ET)
U.S. Player of the Game	
Thursday, April 20	Round Robin
Fifth Place Game	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	

TEAM USA TOURNAMENT LEADERS

SKATERS

Points	Goals	Assists
Declan Farmer, 9	Declan Farmer, 7	Josh Pauls, 6
Brody Roybal, 8	Brody Roybal, 3	Kevin McKee, 6
Josh Pauls, 8	Nikko Landeros, 3	Brody Roybal, 5
Kevin McKee, 7	Paul Schaus, 3	Four players tied, 3

GOALTENDERS

Wins	Goals Against Avg.	Save Percentage
Steve Cash, 2	Bo Reichenbach, 0.00	Bo Reichenbach, 1.00
Bo Reichenbach, 1	Steve Cash, 0.75	Steve Cash, .916

TOURNAMENT STANDINGS											
TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	PTS	GF	GA			
Canada	4	4	0	0	0	12	35	0			
United States	3	3	0	0	0	9	25	1			
Korea	3	2	0	0	1	6	4	4			
Norway	4	1	0	0	2	5	9	13			
Italy	3	1	1	0	2	3	3	17			
Germany	3	0	0	1	2	1	2	13			
Sweden	4	0	0	0	4	0	2	32			







ABOUT TEAM USA

NUMERICAL ROSTER

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

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

Home States			Birth Year	
New York	3	1989		3
Colorado	2	1988		2
Florida	2	1990		2
Illinois	2	1992		2
Missouri	2	1998		2
New Jersey	2	1978		1
lowa	1	1981		1
Maryland	1	1985		1
Montana	1	1987		1
Oregon	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, 8 mo.) Youngest Player: Noah Grove (17 years, 11 mo.)

GAME #2, APRIL 14: USA 9, ITALY 1

Declan Farmer scored his second hat trick in as many games and 11 other players tallied at least a point as the U.S. topped Italy, 9-1. Farmer was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

"I liked the way we started each period and how that carried us throughout the game," said **Guy Gosselin**. "We were able to roll our lines and really give players a chance to shine."

GAME #1, APRIL 13: USA 7, SWEDEN 0

Declan Farmer, **Kevin McKee** and **Brody Roybal** each registered four points to lead Team USA past Sweden, 7-0. Goaltenders **Steve Cash** and **Bo Reichenbach** shared the shutout victory. Roybal was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

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

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.



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** 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**, who received the Directorate Award for Best Defenseman of the tournament; forward **Adam Page**, 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**, who tied former Team USA member **Taylor Lipsett** 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.





TEAM USA STATISTICS

2017 PARA SLED HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

	CAL TIME Name	SWEDEN W, 7-0 4/13	ITALY W, 9-1 4/14	GERMANY W, 9-0 4/15	CANADA 3 P.M. 4/17	NORWAY 11 A.M. 4/18	KOREA 3 P.M. 4/19	TBD TBD 4/20
2	Luke McDermott		AA	DND				
3	Noah Grove	Α	DND	G				
4	Brody Roybal	GAAA#	GAA	G				
5	Billy Hanning	DND	G	Α				
8	Jack Wallace			DND				
9	Andy Yohe (C)		DND	GAAA				
11	Tyler Carron		Α					
15	Nikko Landeros (A)	G^	GG	Α				
<u>16</u>	Declan Farmer	GGGA	GPGA#	P^				
17	Chris Douglas	DND	Α					
20	Adam Page	Α	GA*	G				
<u>23</u>	Rico Roman	G	A*	AA				
27	Josh Pauls (A)	Α	G^AA	GAAAA#				
28	Paul Schaus	G	AA	GGA				
<u>88</u>	Kevin McKee	A*AAA	Α	GA				
1	Bo Reichenbach	ND (30:00)	DNP	W, (45:00) 7/7				
34	Steve Cash	W, (15:00)	W, (30:00) 11/12	DNP				

= Team USA's Player of the Game

Steve Cash

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 Tea	m	USA	Sea	sor	s S	tati	stics	<u> </u>
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3	Noah Grove		F	7	1	;	3	4	0
4	Brody Roybal		F	8	8	1	3	21	18
5	Billy Hanning		D	7	1		1	2	6
8	Jack Wallace		F/D	7	0	(0	0	6
9	Andy Yohe		F	7	1	;	3	4	0
11	Tyler Carron		D	8	0		4	4	4
15	Nikko Landeros	5	F	8	5		7	12	4
16	Declan Farmer		F	8	15	1	1	26	2
17	Chris Douglas		F	7	0	:	2	2	6
20	Adam Page		F	8	5		4	9	2
23	Rico Roman		D	8	3		4	7	2
27	Josh Pauls		F	8	3	,	9	11	0
28	Paul Schaus		D	8	5	(6	11	14
88	Kevin McKee		F	8	4	1	3	17	2
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3	Noah Grove	F	7	1	4	5	0
4	Brody Roybal	F	43	23	36	59	28
5	Billy Hanning	D	34	1	6	7	4
8	Jack Wallace	F/D	7	0	0	0	6
9	Andy Yohe	F	48	8	14	22	24
11	Tyler Carron	D	93	3	14	17	42
15	Nikko Landeros	D	107	31	39	70	74
16	Declan Farmer	F	60	53	46	99	20
17	Chris Douglas	F	26	1	6	7	14
20	Adam Page	F	138	43	32	75	72
23	Rico Roman	F	72	6	16	22	20
27	Josh Pauls	D	117	36	49	85	22
28	Paul Schaus	F	60	17	11	28	38
88	Kevin McKee	F	83	30	44	74	33
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TEAM USA SLED HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

PAST TOURNAMENTS

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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

U.S. CAREER TOURNAMENT RECORDS

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Italy	4		21	1
Japan	6	5-0-0-1	22	
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	44	28-2-1-13	140	78

ALL-TIME SWC RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

<u>Opponent</u> Canada	<u>SF</u> 2-0	<u>5th</u> NA	BM NA	<u>GM</u> 1-1	<u>Total</u> 2-1
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Germany	1-0 NA	NA NA	NA	NA NA	1-0
Japan Korea	NA NA	NA NA	1-0 NA	1-0	1-0 1-0
Norway	1-0	NA	NA	1-1	2-1
Russia	1-0	NA	NA	NA	1-0
<u>Sweden</u>	1-0	NA 0.2	NA 1.0	NA	1-0
Total	6-0	0-2	1-0	3-2	9-4





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OTHER TEAM TIDBITS

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** and **Josh Pauls** 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** as the team's two 18 year olds.

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**, **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.

On April 7, the U.S. Women's National Team edged Canada, 3-2, in overtime on home ice 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. Jeff Blashill (Detroit Red Wings) is serving as head coach, with the first 17 players having been named to the roster at 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.

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 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 th sport of sled hockey, visit www.LabattUS.com/sledhockey.



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