



U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

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

ROUND ROBIN GAME #6 • USA (5-0-0-0) VS. KOREA (1-1-1-2) • WED., APRIL 19, 2017 • 3:00 P.M. LOCAL • GANGNEUNG HOCKEY CENTRE (CAPACITY: 10,000)
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TODAY'S GAME

Team USA faces Korea today in its final preliminary round 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. KOREA

This is just the third world championship meeting between the United States and Korea. The U.S. has claimed both previous meetings and all-time holds a perfect 13-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record in international meetings. The most recent meeting occurred in the semifinals of the 2016 (Dec.) World Sled Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, where Team USA won, 8-1.

GOLD-MEDAL GAME BERTH

With a 6-0 victory over Norway that was followed by Korea falling to Italy, 3-2, in an overtime shootout yesterday, the United States is guaranteed a place in tomorrow's gold-medal game with a chance to claim back-to-back gold medals in the event for the second time ever. It previously accomplished the feat in 2009 and 2012, where it was backstopped by goaltender **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.).

TEAM USA IN THE TOURNAMENT

Team USA ranks first in power play (25%) and save percentage (0.935) while sitting second in goals scored (33) and penalty kill (91.67%). **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) is first in goals (11) and tied for first in points (15) while **Kevin McKee** (Chicago, Ill.) is second in assists (8) and **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) ranks fifth with six. Among starting goaltenders, **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.) is second in both goals against average (0.60) and save percentage (.916) while backup goaltender **Bo Reichenbach** (Billings, Mont.) has a perfect 1.00 SV% and 0.00 GAA.

TITLE GAME REGULARS

This is the 11th straight major international tournament -- and fifth straight world championship -- in which the United States will be competing in the championship game.

In that span, Team USA has claimed nine titles, including the 2016 (Dec.) World Sled Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; the 2016 IPC 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; the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia; the 2012 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Hamar, Norway; the 2012 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Calgary, Alberta and the 2011 (Nov.) World Sled Hockey Challenge that also took place in Calgary. The U.S. finished as runner-ups to Canada in the 2013 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Goyang City, South Korea, and the 2013 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Toronto, Ontario.

REWRITING THE RECORD BOOKS

Kevin McKee (Chicago, Ill.) has 15 assists this season, surpassing the record set by **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) during the 2014-15 season when he tallied 13. McKee also takes over the record for most assists by a U.S. player in world championship history with 14 while teammate joins **Adam Page** (Lancaster, N.Y.) is tied with **Alexi Salamone** in second with 13.

With 11 goals, **Declan Farmer** has set a new U.S. record for most goals by a single player in world championship play. His 30 points in world championship play are also the most career points by a U.S. player, with teammates **Adam Page** (24) and **Josh Pauls** (23) in second and third place.

Among regular season records, Farmer's 32 points and 19 goals are the most ever by a U.S. player in a single season while he is the only player to have tallied over 100 career points with 105 (57-48) in 62 games since 2012-13.

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	W, 2-1
U.S. Player of the Game	Kevin McKee
Tuesday, April 18	Round Robin
vs. Norway	W, 6-0
U.S. Player of the Game	Tyler Carron
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 United States

TEAM USA TOURNAMENT LEADERS

SKATERS

Points	Goals	Assists
Declan Farmer, 15	Declan Farmer, 11	Kevin McKee, 8
Brody Roybal, 11	Brody Roybal, 6	Josh Pauls, 6
Kevin McKee, 9	Nikko Landeros, 4	Brody Roybal, 5
Josh Pauls, 8	Paul Schaus, 3	Declan Farmer, 4

GOALTENDERS

Wins	Goals Against Avg.	Save Percentage
Steve Cash, 4	Bo Reichenbach, 0.00	Bo Reichenbach, 1.00
Bo Reichenbach, 1	Steve Cash, 0.60	Steve Cash, .916

TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	PTS	GF	GA
United States	5	5	0	0	0	15	33	2
Canada	5	4	0	0	1	12	36	2
Korea	5	3	0	0	1	10	12	7
Italy	5	2	1	0	2	8	11	19
Norway	5	1	1	0	3	5	9	19
Germany	4	0	0	1	3	1	2	18
Sweden	5	0	0	0	5	0	2	38



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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.)	

GAME #5, APRIL 18: USA 5, NORWAY 0

Declan Farmer and **Brody Roybal** each scored three goals as the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team shut out Norway, 6-0. **Tyler Carron** (Fort Collins, Colo.) was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

"Coming into a game when you had a big win the night before is tough to fight through, but our guys did," said **Guy Gosselin**, head coach of Team USA.

GAME #4, APRIL 17: USA 2, CANADA 1

Steve Cash made 11 saves and **Declan Farmer** scored the game-winning goal to lead the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team past Canada, 2-1. **Kevin McKee** was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

"We had a slow start, but after the first period I thought we took our game to another level and our guys were rewarded with a hard-fought win," said **Guy Gosselin**.

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

Paul Schaus scored twice and **Bo Reichenbach** 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**.

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**.

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 (April 16) sightseeing 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.

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.

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).



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TEAM USA STATISTICS

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LOCAL TIME	SWEDEN	ITALY	GERMANY	CANADA	NORWAY	KOREA	TBD
No Name	W, 7-0 4/13	W, 9-1 4/14	W, 9-0 4/15	W, 2-1 4/17	W, 6-0 4/18	3 P.M. 4/19	TBD 4/20
2 Luke McDermott	--	AA	DND	--	--		
3 Noah Grove	A	DND	G	--	--		
4 Brody Roybal	GAAA#	GAA	G	--	G^GG		
5 Billy Hanning	DND	G	A	DND	--		
8 Jack Wallace	--	--	DND	--	A		
9 Andy Yohe (C)	--	DND	GAAA	--	DND		
11 Tyler Carron	--	A	--	--	A*#		
15 Nikko Landeros (A)	G^	GG	A	P	A*		
16 Declan Farmer	GGGA	GPGA#	P^	G^A	GGs		
17 Chris Douglas	DND	A	--	DND	--		
20 Adam Page	A	GA*	G	--	DND		
23 Rico Roman	G	A*	AA	--	--		
27 Josh Pauls (A)	A	G^AA	GAAAA#	--	--		
28 Paul Schaus	G	AA	GGA	--	--		
88 Kevin McKee	A*AAA	A	GA	A#	A		
1 Bo Reichenbach	ND (30:00)	DNP	W, (45:00) 7/7	DNP	DNP		
34 Steve Cash	W, (15:00) 0/0	W, (45:00) 11/12	DNP	W, (45:00) 11/12	W, (45:00) 0/0		

= 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	9	1	4	4	8
3	Noah Grove	F	9	1	3	4	0
4	Brody Roybal	F	10	11	13	24	24
5	Billy Hanning	D	8	1	1	2	6
8	Jack Wallace	F/D	9	0	1	1	6
9	Andy Yohe	F	8	1	3	4	0
11	Tyler Carron	D	10	0	5	5	4
15	Nikko Landeros	F	10	6	8	14	4
16	Declan Farmer	F	10	19	13	32	2
17	Chris Douglas	F	8	0	2	2	6
20	Adam Page	F	9	5	4	9	2
23	Rico Roman	D	10	3	4	7	2
27	Josh Pauls	F	10	3	9	11	0
28	Paul Schaus	D	10	5	6	11	14
88	Kevin McKee	F	10	4	15	19	4

Goaltender Statistics							
NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-L	GA	SV	GAA SV%
1	Bo Reichenbach	4	165:00	3-0	1	15	0.27 .937
34	Steve Cash	7	280:00	7-0	5	57	0.80 .904

Team USA Career Statistics							
NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2	Luke McDermott	F	30	2	10	12	8
3	Noah Grove	F	9	1	4	5	0
4	Brody Roybal	F	45	26	36	62	34
5	Billy Hanning	D	35	1	6	7	4
8	Jack Wallace	F/D	9	0	1	1	6
9	Andy Yohe	F	49	8	14	22	24
11	Tyler Carron	D	95	3	15	18	42
15	Nikko Landeros	D	109	32	40	72	74
16	Declan Farmer	F	62	57	48	105	20
17	Chris Douglas	F	27	1	6	7	14
20	Adam Page	F	139	43	32	75	72
23	Rico Roman	F	74	6	16	22	20
27	Josh Pauls	D	119	36	49	85	22
28	Paul Schaus	F	62	17	11	28	38
88	Kevin McKee	F	85	30	45	75	33

Goaltender Statistics							
NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-L	GA	SV	GAA SV%
1	Bo Reichenbach	7	174	3-0	1	18	0.26 .947
34	Steve Cash	132	5853	95-37	167	1460	1.28 .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	2017	5	11	
2	Brody Roybal	2017	5	6	
	Declan Farmer	2015	5	6	
	Taylor Lipsett	2012	5	6	
5	Adam Page	2015	5	5	
	Taylor Chace	2013	5	5	
7	Nikko Landeros	2017	5	4	
	Josh Pauls	2015	5	4	
	Declan Farmer	2013	5	4	
	Josh Pauls	2013	4	4	
	Taylor Lipsett	2008	6	4	

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

POINTS					
Rank	Name	Year	GP	PTS	
1	Declan Farmer	2017	5	15	
2	Brody Roybal	2017	5	11	
	Adam Page	2015	5	11	
4	Alexi Salamone	2008	6	10	
5	Kevin McKee	2017	5	9	
	Brody Roybal	2015	5	9	
7	Josh Pauls	2017	4	8	
	Declan Farmer	2013	5	8	
	Chris Manns	2008	6	8	
10	Declan Farmer	2015	5	7	
	Josh Misiewicz	2015	5	7	
	Josh Pauls	2015	5	7	

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	2017	2	2	
	Steve Cash	2009	5	2	
5	Bo Reichenbach	2017	2	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	30		
2	Josh Pauls	2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	24		
3	Taylor Chace	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	21		
	Greg Shaw	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	21		
5	Taylor Carron	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20		
	Nikko Landeros	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20		
	Kevin McKee	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20		
	Taylor Lipsett	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	20		
9	Jim Connelly	2008, 2009, 2012	16		
	Alexi Salamone	2008, 2012, 2013	16		

POINTS					
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP	PTS	
1	Declan Farmer	2013, 2015, 2017	15	30	
	Adam Page	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	30	24	
3	Josh Pauls	2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	24	23	
4	Brody Roybal	2015, 2017	10	20	
5	Alexi Salamone	2008, 2012, 2013	16	18	
6	Kevin McKee	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20	17	
	Taylor Lipsett	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	20	17	
	Taylor Chace	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	21	17	
9	Nikko Landeros	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20	14	
10	Paul Schaus	2013, 2015, 2017	15	12	

GOALS					
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP	G	
1	Declan Farmer	2013, 2015, 2017	15	21	
2	Josh Pauls	2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	24	11	
	Adam Page	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	30	11	
	Taylor Lipsett	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	20	11	
	Taylor Chace	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	21	11	
6	Brody Roybal	2015, 2017	10	8	
6	Paul Schaus	2013, 2015, 2017	15	7	
7	Nikko Landeros	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20	6	
	Alexi Salamone	2008, 2012, 2013	16	5	
10	Kevin McKee	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20	4	
	Josh Sweeney	2012, 2013, 2015	15	4	

ASSISTS					
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP	A	
1	Kevin McKee	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20	14	
2	Adam Page	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	30	13	
	Alexi Salamone	2008, 2012, 2013	16	13	
4	Brody Roybal	2015, 2017	10	12	
	Josh Pauls	2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	24	12	
6	Declan Farmer	2013, 2015, 2017	15	9	
7	Nikko Landeros	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20	7	
	Chris Manns	2008, 2009	11	7	
9	Taylor Carron	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	20	6	
	Taylor Lipsett	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	20	6	
	Taylor Chace	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013	21	6	

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE					
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP	GAA	
1	Kyle Huckaby	2015	4	0	
1	Bo Reichenbach	2017	2	0	
2	Jen Lee	2012, 2013	4	0.47	
3	Steve Cash	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	29	0.77	

SHUTOUTS					
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP	SO	
1	Steve Cash	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	29	13	
1	Bo Reichenbach	2017	2	1	

MINUTES PLAYED					
Rank	Name	Year(s)	GP	Mins	
1	Steve Cash	2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017	29	1168:56	
2	Jen Lee	2012, 2013	4	95:19	
3	Bo Reichenbach	2017	2	75:00	
4	Kyle Huckaby	2015	4	60:00	

ALL-TIME SWC RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record	GF	GA
Canada	9	4-1-0-4	11	16
Czech Republic	2	1-0-1-0	4	2
Estonia	4	1-1-0-2	7	13
Germany	3	3-0-0-0	21	1
Great Britain	1	1-0-0-0	3	1
Italy	4	4-0-0-0	21	1
Japan	6	5-0-0-1	22	8
Korea	2	2-0-0-0	7	2
Norway	8	4-0-0-4	24	18
Russia	2	2-0-0-0	8	2
Sweden	5	3-0-0-2	20	15
TOTAL	46	30-2-1-13	148	79

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

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** 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.





U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES VS. KOREA

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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, and 19 players have been named to the roster, which is available 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 the sport of sled hockey, visit www.LabattUS.com/sledhockey.



2017 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM



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