



2018 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME NOTES

2018 INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP | BUFFALO, NEW YORK

BRONZE MEDAL GAME • USA (3-1-0-2) VS. CZECH REPUBLIC (4-0-0-2) • BUFFALO, NEW YORK • KEYBANK CENTER (CAPACITY: 19,070) • JANUARY 5, 2018

TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. National Junior Team faces the Czech Republic today in the bronze medal game of the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship. Puck drop is set for 4 p.m. ET and will be broadcast live on NHL Network.

Team USA is 11-1-1-7-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) all-time in 21 meetings against the Czech Republic. In nine playoff round meetings, the U.S. is 6-2. The two teams have met in the bronze medal game just once, when the Czech Republic edged the U.S., 2-3, in overtime at the 2005 IIHF World Junior Championship in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Its last playoff meeting came in 2016, when an **Auston Matthews** hat trick and 28-save shutout by **Alex Nedeljkovic** led the U.S. over the Czechs, 7-0, in the quarterfinals.

On home ice, the U.S. is 1-1 in medal games. After falling to the Czechs in 2005, the U.S. beat Sweden, 4-2, to win the bronze at the 2011 IIHF World Junior Championship here in Buffalo.

TALKING POINTS

TEAM USA IN BRONZE MEDAL PLAY

Team USA has won bronze in the World Junior Championship five times previously (1986, 1992, 2007, 2011, 2016). The U.S. last played in the bronze medal game in 2016, where it avenged a 1-0 preliminary round setback to defeat Sweden, 8-3. **Anders Bjork** (Mequon, Wis.), **Ryan Donato** (Scituate, Mass.) and **Matthew Tkachuk** (St. Louis, Mo.) each scored twice and **Alex Nedeljkovic** (Parma, Ohio) stopped 35 shots in the win.

When the tournament was held in Buffalo in 2011, the U.S. also captured a bronze medal with a 4-2 victory over Sweden. **Chris Kreider** (Boxford, Mass.) scored twice while **Nick Bjugstad** (Blaine, Minn.) tallied the game-winning goal.

Team USA in Last Five WJC Bronze Medal Games

DATE	OPPONENT	W	L	GF	GA
1/5/16	Sweden	W		8	3
1/5/11	Sweden	W		4	2
1/5/08	Russia		L	2	4
1/5/07	Sweden	W		3	1
1/5/06	Finland		L	2	4
	Totals	3	2	19	14

CHANCE FOR THREE-STRAIGHT ON THE LINE

This is the third-straight year the U.S. will be playing in an IIHF World Junior Championship medal game after winning bronze in 2016 and gold in 2017. A medal tonight would give the U.S. three-straight World Junior Championship medals for the first time in U.S. history. Its best stretch in tournament play came from 2003-08, when the U.S. reached a medal game five-straight times, earning gold in 2004, bronze in 2007 and fourth four times (2003, 2005, 2006, 2008). Prior to the tournament format change in 1996, the U.S. also finished fourth or better three-straight years in round robin play, when it earned a bronze medal in 1992 and fourth place finishes in 1991 and 1993.

BELLOWS, FOX, MITTELSTADT NAMED TOP 3 U.S. PLAYERS

Upon the conclusion of last night's semifinal game, **Kieffer Bellows** (Edina, Minn./Portland Winterhawks), **Adam Fox** (Jericho, N.Y./Harvard University) and **Casey Mittelstadt** (Eden Prairie, Minn./University of Minnesota) were named the Top 3 U.S. Players of the tournament, as selected by the coaches.

In six games, Bellows tallied seven goals, which is tied for the tournament lead. Among tournament defensemen, Fox ranks fourth in points with five (1-4) while Mittelstadt leads the tournament in points (10) and is tied for second in assists (6).

OTHER U.S. NATIONAL TEAMS ENTER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Tomorrow (Jan. 6) the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team will begin its quest for a fourth-straight gold medal finish at the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. The U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team will also travel to Turin, Italy, on Jan. 18 for the Turin 2018 Para Ice Hockey International Tournament from Jan. 22-27, 2018. It will return to Buffalo in February for a Border Series with Canada. It will play Canada at HarborCenter's KeyBank Rink at 7 p.m. ET on Feb. 8 before traveling to Port Colborne, Ontario, for a 3:30pm tilt.

THINGS WORTH MENTIONING

A medal tonight would give the U.S. three-straight World Junior Championship medals for the first time in U.S. history ... **Brady Tkachuk** (3-5-8) has tallied at least one point in every U.S. game. Both his father, Keith (1992), and brother, Matthew (2016) have won IIHF World Junior Championship bronze medals ... **Kieffer Bellows** has seven goals, which is tied for second-best all-time by a U.S. player in a single World Junior Championship while his nine career WJC goals is one shy of the Top 10 all-time list on page 13 ... Yesterday, **Taylor Heise** was named captain of the 2018 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team with **Gracie Ostertag**, **Dominique Petrie** and **Madeline Wethington** tabbed alternate captains. The team opens the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship this Saturday (Jan. 6) against Sweden ... On Jan. 1, USA Hockey announced its rosters for the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team and Women's Ice Hockey Teams and 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)/RESULT
WED., DEC. 20 Jamestown, N.Y.	BELARUS (EXH.) Northwest Arena	W, 14-0
FRI., DEC. 22 Erie, Pa.	SWEDEN (EXH.) Erie Insurance Arena	W, 3-1
TUES., DEC. 26 Buffalo, N.Y.	DENMARK KeyBank Center	W, 9-0 POG: Casey Mittelstadt
THURS., DEC. 28 Buffalo, N.Y.	SLOVAKIA KeyBank Center	L, 2-3 POG: Brady Tkachuk
FRI., DEC. 29 Orchard Park, N.Y.	CANADA New Era Field	W (SO), 4-3 POG: Casey Mittelstadt
SUN., DEC. 31 Buffalo, N.Y.	FINLAND KeyBank Center	W, 5-4 POG: Joey Anderson
TUES., JAN. 2 Buffalo, N.Y.	RUSSIA (QF) KeyBank Center	W, 4-2 POG: Kieffer Bellows
THURS., JAN. 4 Buffalo, N.Y.	SWEDEN (SF) KeyBank Center	L, 2-4 POG: Josh Norris
FRI., JAN. 5 Buffalo, N.Y.	CZECH REPUBLIC (BMG) KeyBank Center	4 P.M.

All U.S. tournament games to be televised live on NHL Network

PREVIOUS WORLD JUNIORS HELD IN U.S.

YEAR	LOCATION	U.S. FINISH
2011	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bronze
2005	Grand Forks, N.D./Thief River Falls, Minn.	Fourth
1996	Boston, Mass.	Fifth
1989	Anchorage, Alaska	Fifth
1982	Minneapolis & St. Paul, Minn.	Sixth

MEDIA INFORMATION

All Team USA players or staff will be available for interviews in designated mixed-zone areas following games and non-game day practices. Media availability on day-of-game skates will be limited. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Jon Gomez, who will be on-site with Team USA throughout the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship.

ONLINE MEDIA GUIDE

TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/WORLDBJUNIORS2018

Team USA information, including bios, team schedule, news and team history are available at the official website of the U.S. National Junior Team.

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Media interested in photos of Team USA throughout the tournament are encouraged to visit ImagesOnIce.net for tournament photos. Any other photography requests surrounding the 2018 U.S. National Junior Team players and staff should be directed to Sydney Blackman.

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2018 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

EXHIBITION GAMES

BELARUS



WJC Series vs. Belarus: 3-0-0-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: Belarus went 4-0-0-1-0 to win last year's Division I tournament.

DEC. 20, 2017: USA 14, BLR 0: Kieffer Bellows (Edina, Minn.), Josh Norris (Oxford, Mich.) and Riley Tufte (Ham Lake, Minn.) each scored twice as the U.S. blanked Belarus, 14-0, in its first pre-tournament game ahead of this year's tournament. Joseph Woll (St. Louis, Mo.) registered the shutout.

SWEDEN



Series vs. Sweden: 14-1-0-15-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: The U.S. is 5-0 against Sweden in WJC medal games.

DEC. 22: USA 3, SWE 1: Kailer Yamamoto (Spokane, Wash.) and Casey Mittelsatdt (Eden Prairie, Minn.) each scored power-play goals and Trent Frederic (St. Louis, Mo.) added an empty-net goal with :30 remaining to lead the U.S. past Sweden in its final pre-tournament game.

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

DENMARK



WJC Series vs. Denmark: 3-0-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: Denmark will host the 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship in April

DEC. 26, 2017: USA 9, DEN 0: Kieffer Bellows (Edina, Minn.) and Casey Mittelsatdt (Eden Prairie, Minn.) each scored twice, Joseph Woll (St. Louis.) made 17 saves and 15 total U.S. players tallied at least one point for Team USA's record ninth-straight win in World Junior Championship play.

SLOVAKIA



WJC Series vs. Slovakia: 12-0-0-4-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: The 3-2 setback was Team USA's first against Slovakia since 2009

DEC. 28, 2017: USA 2, SVK 3: Brady Tkachuk (St. Louis, Mo.) and Casey Mittelsatdt (Eden Prairie, Minn.) each scored, Joseph Woll (St. Louis.) made 23 saves but the U.S. fell to Slovakia, snapping its nine-game win streak in World Junior Championship play.

CANADA



WJC Series vs. Canada: 8-3-3-29-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: The U.S. has now won four straight (2-2-0-0-0) against Canada

DEC. 29, 2017: USA 4, CAN 3 (SO): In front of a record crowd of 44,592 outdoors at New Era Field, Brady Tkachuk (St. Louis, Mo.) and Kieffer Bellows (Edina, Minn.) scored in the shootout and Jake Oettinger (Lakeville, Minn.) didn't allow a shootout goal to help the U.S. overcome a two-goal deficit.

FINLAND



WJC Series vs. Finland: 12-3-0-16-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: The two teams account for four of the last five WJC gold medals.

DEC. 31, 2017: USA 5, FIN 4: Captain Joey Anderson (Roseville, Minn.) scored twice, defenseman Adam Fox (Jericho, N.Y.) netted the game-winning goal with 1:37 remaining and Joseph Woll (St. Louis, Mo.) finished with 20 saves to help the U.S. clinch second place in Group A in preliminary round play.

PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES

RUSSIA (QF)



U.S. All-Time in WJC Quarterfinals: 10-7 (W-L)
Of Note: The U.S. has won three-straight QF games, outscoring opponents, 14-4.

JAN. 2, 2018: USA 4, RUS 2: Kieffer Bellows (Edina, Minn.) scored twice, including the game-winning goal, Kailer Yamamoto (Spokane, Wash.) tallied a goal and Joey Anderson (Roseville, Minn.) added an empty-netter while Joseph Woll (St. Louis, Mo.) made 27 saves in the quarterfinal win.

SWEDEN (SF)



U.S. All-Time in WJC Semifinals: 5-9 (W-L)
Of Note: Yesterday's loss was Team USA's second ever to Sweden in the playoffs

JAN. 4, 2018: USA 2, SWE 4: Kieffer Bellows (Edina, Minn.) and Brady Tkachuk (St. Louis, Mo.) both scored in the third period, but the U.S. was unable to overcome a 4-0 deficit. The U.S. outshot Sweden, 31-20, in the loss.

BRONZE MEDAL



U.S. All-Time in WJC Bronze Medal Games: 4-5 (W-L)
Of Note: A win today would give the U.S. three-straight WJC medals for first time
JAN. 5, 2016: USA 8, SWE 3: The U.S. avenged a 1-0 preliminary round setback to defeat Sweden in 2016. Anders Bjork (Mequon, Wis.), Ryan Donato (Scituate, Mass.) and Matthew Tkachuk (St. Louis, Mo.) each scored twice and Alex Nedeljkovic (Parma, Ohio) stopped 35 shots in the win.

KEY TEAM USA WJC STATISTICS

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT WORLD JUNIORS

Year	Medal	Coach	Result	Opp.
2017	Gold	Bob Motzko	SOW, 5-4	CAN
2016	Bronze	Ron Wilson	W, 8-3	SWE
2013	Gold	Phil Housley	W, 3-1	SWE
2011	Bronze	Keith Allain	W, 4-2	SWE
2010	Gold	Dean Blaise	OTW, 6-5	CAN
2007	Bronze	Ron Rolston	W, 2-1	SWE
2004	Gold	Mike Eaves	W, 4-3	CAN
1997	Silver	Jeff Jackson	L, 0-2	CAN
1992	Bronze	Walt Kyle	NA - Round Robin	
1986	Bronze	Dave Peterson	NA - Round Robin	

Playoff format introduced in 1996

PREVIOUS 10 WORLD JUNIORS

Year	Finish	Coach	Record*
2017	Gold	Bob Motzko	5-2-0-0
2016	Bronze	Ron Wilson	5-0-0-2
2015	Fifth	Mark Osiecki	2-1-0-2
2014	Fifth	Don Lucia	3-0-0-2
2013	Gold	Phil Housley	5-0-0-2
2012	Seventh	Dean Blais	4-0-3-0
2011	Bronze	Keith Allain	4-1-0-1
2010	Gold	Dean Blais	5-1-1-0
2009	Fifth	Ron Rolston	3-1-0-2
2008	Fourth	John Hynes	4-0-0-2

*W-OTW-OTL-L

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record*	GF	GA
Austria	2	2-0-0-0	15	2
Belarus	4	3-0-0-1-0	23	11
Canada	46	8-3-3-29-3	131	185
Czech Republic	21	11-1-1-7-1	70	60
Czechoslovakia	16	4-0-0-12-0	51	90
Denmark	3	3-0-0-0-0	24	4
Finland	32	12-3-0-16-1	126	145
Germany	11	10-0-1-0-0	65	14
West Germany	13	10-0-0-3-0	80	45
Japan	1	1-0-0-0-0	12	2
Kazakhstan	4	4-0-0-0-0	34	4
Latvia	3	3-0-0-0-0	30	4
Norway	6	5-0-0-1-0	62	17
Poland	5	3-0-0-1-0	29	12
Russia	20	7-1-0-12-0	50	70
Soviet Union	12	1-0-0-11-0	32	76
Slovakia	17	12-0-0-4-1	75	39
Switzerland	23	21-0-0-0-2	131	45
Sweden	33	14-1-0-16-2	102	118
Ukraine	2	0-0-0-2-0	5	7
TOTAL	274	134-9-5-115-11	1155	953

*W-OTW-OTL-L-T

ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	QF	SF	BM	GM	Total
Canada	0-1	1-4	0-1	3-1	5-7
Czech Republic	4-1	1-1	1-0	NA	6-2
Finland	2-0	1-0	0-2	NA	3-2
Russia	1-3	1-3	0-1	NA	2-7
Slovakia	0-1	NA	NA	NA	0-1
Sweden	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-0	7-2
Switzerland	1-0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	10-7	5-9	4-4	4-1	23-21



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2018 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM PRE-TOURNAMENT ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM	NHL DRAFT RIGHTS
GOALTENDERS (3)								
1	Jeremy Swayman	6-3 (191)	200 (91)	11/24/1998	L	Anchorage, Alaska	University of Maine (HEA)	BOS (*17, 4th rd., 111th overall)
30	Jake Oettinger [^]	6-4 (193)	215 (97)	12/18/1998	L	Lakeville, Minn.	Boston University (HEA)	DAL (*17, 1st rd., 26th overall)
31	Joseph Woll [^]	6-3 (191)	197 (89)	07/12/1998	L	St. Louis, Mo.	Boston College (HEA)	TOR (*16, 3rd rd., 62nd overall)
DEFENSEMEN (7)								
5	Ryan Lindgren [^] (A)	6-0 (183)	204 (93)	02/11/1998	L	Minneapolis, Minn.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	BOS (*16, 2nd rd., 49th overall)
6	Quinn Hughes	5-9 (176)	168 (76)	10/14/1999	L	Orlando, Fla.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	2018 Draft Eligible
8	Adam Fox [^] (A)	5-11 (180)	185 (84)	02/17/1998	R	Jericho, N.Y.	Harvard University (ECAC Hockey)	CGY (*16, 3rd rd., 66th overall)
12	Dylan Samberg	6-4 (193)	215 (97)	01/24/1999	L	Hermantown, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	WPG (*17, 2nd rd., 43rd overall)
15	Scott Perunovich	5-10 (177)	170 (77)	08/18/1998	L	Hibbing, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	2018 Draft Eligible
20	Andrew Peeke	6-2 (188)	211 (96)	03/17/1998	R	Parkland, Fla.	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)	CBJ (*16, 2nd rd., 34th overall)
24	Mikey Anderson	6-0 (183)	198 (90)	05/25/1999	L	Roseville, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	LAK (*17, 4th rd., 103rd overall)
FORWARDS (13)								
4	Ryan Poehling	6-2 (188)	193 (87)	01/03/1999	L	Lakeville, Minn.	St. Cloud State University (NCHC)	MTL (*17, 1st rd., 25th overall)
7	Brady Tkachuk	6-3 (191)	194 (88)	09/16/1999	L	St. Louis, Mo.	Boston University (HEA)	2018 Draft Eligible
9	Josh Norris	6-1 (185)	194 (88)	05/05/1999	L	Oxford, Mich.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	SJS (*17, 1st rd., 19th overall)
10	Will Lockwood	6-0 (183)	173 (78)	06/20/1998	R	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	VAN (*16, 3rd rd., 64th overall)
11	Casey Mittelstadt	6-0 (183)	202 (92)	11/22/1998	L	Eden Prairie, Minn.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	BUF (*17, 1st rd., 8th overall)
13	Joey Anderson [^] (C)	6-0 (180)	200 (91)	06/19/1998	R	Roseville, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	NJD (*16, 3rd rd., 73rd overall)
17	Kailer Yamamoto	5-8 (173)	153 (69)	09/29/1998	R	Spokane, Wash.	Spokane Chiefs (WHL)	EDM (*17, 1st rd., 22nd overall)
21	Patrick Harper [^]	5-8 (175)	158 (72)	07/29/1998	L	New Canaan, Conn.	Boston University (HEA)	NSH (*16, 5th rd., 138th overall)
22	Logan Brown	6-6 (198)	218 (99)	03/05/1998	L	St. Louis, Mo.	Windsor Spitfires (OHL)	OTT (*16, 1st rd., 11th overall)
23	Kieffer Bellows [^] (A)	6-1 (185)	204 (93)	06/10/1998	L	Edina, Minn.	Portland Winterhawks (WHL)	NYI (*16, 1st rd., 19th overall)
27	Riley Tufte	6-5 (196)	227 (103)	04/10/1998	L	Ham Lake, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	DAL (*16, 1st rd., 25th overall)
34	Trent Frederic	6-2 (188)	212 (96)	02/11/1998	L	St. Louis, Mo.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	BOS (*16, 1st rd., 29th overall)
49	Max Jones	6-3 (191)	210 (95)	02/17/1998	L	Rochester, Mich.	London Knights (OHL)	ANA (*16, 1st rd., 24th overall)

[^]2017 U.S. National Junior Team Gold Medalist

2018 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

No	Name	POS.	BLR [^] W, 14-0 12/21	SWE [^] W, 3-1 12/23	DEN W, 9-0 12/26	SVK L, 2-3 12/28	CAN W (S0), 4-3 12/29	FIN W, 5-4 12/31	RUS (QF) L, 4-2 1/2	SWE (SF) L, 2-4 1/4	CZE (B) 4 p.m. 1/5	2018 WJC TOTAL
4	Ryan Poehling	F	DND	--	--	A	--	--	A	--	--	2 (0-2)
5	Ryan Lindgren	D	DND	--	--	--	--	--	A	--	--	1 (0-1)
6	Quinn Hughes	D	G	AA*	AA	--	--	--	--	--	--	2 (0-2)
7	Brady Tkachuk	F	G	--	A	G#	G	A*AA	A	G	--	8 (3-5)
8	Adam Fox	D	DND	--	A	--	--	WAA	A	--	--	5 (1-4)
9	Josh Norris	F	GG	--	A*A	--	--	--	--	#	--	2 (0-2)
10	Will Lockwood	F	--	DND	--	--	--	DND	DND	DND	--	0 (0-0)
11	Casey Mittelstadt	F	GAA	PA*	GG#	U	AAA#	GA*A	A	--	--	10 (4-6)
12	Dylan Samberg	D	AA	--	G	--	--	--	AA*	--	--	3 (1-2)
13	Joey Anderson	F	DND	--	--	A	--	PP#	G	A	--	5 (3-2)
15	Scott Perunovich	D	A	--	A	--	P	--	--	--	--	2 (1-1)
17	Kailer Yamamoto	F	G	P(W)	G	--	--	A	G	A	--	4 (2-2)
20	Andrew Peeke	D	--	A	PA*	--	--	--	--	--	--	2 (1-1)
21	Patrick Harper	F	DND	A	GA	--	--	--	--	--	--	2 (1-1)
22	Logan Brown	F	AAA	--	A	--	DND	DND	DND	--	--	1 (0-1)
23	Kieffer Bellows	F	GU	DND	PP*	--	PP*(W)	--	PW#	P	--	7 (7-0)
24	Mikey Anderson	D	G	--	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	1 (0-1)
27	Riley Tufte	F	GGA	--	A	--	--	A	--	--	--	2 (0-2)
34	Trent Frederic	F	G	G	--	--	--	G	--	--	--	1 (1-0)
49	Max Jones	F	A*A	--	W	--	--	--	--	--	--	1 (1-0)
1	Jeremy Swayman	G	DND	8/8 (8:30)	DND	DND	DNP	DND	DND	DND	--	--
30	Jake Oettinger	G	DNP	W 10/11 (10:30)	DNP	DNP	W 19/22 (65:00)	DNP	DNP	1/1 (8:24)	--	1-0
31	Joseph Woll	G	W (60:00)	DND	W 17/17 (60:00)	L 22/25 (60:00)	DND	W 20/24 (60:00)	W 27/29 (60:00)	L 15/19 (48:25)	--	3-2

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G - goal

A - assist

P - powerplay goal

S - shorthanded goal

P* - penalty shot

U - unassisted goal

W - game-winning goal

A* - assist on game-winning goal

- U.S. Player of the Game

[^] - Pre-Tournament Game

DNP - did not play

DND - did not dress



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2018 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM PLAYERS



1 • JEREMY SWAYMAN • GOALTENDER
Univ. of Maine: GP: 11 Record: 7-3-1
GAA: 2.58 SV%: .927 SO: 0
SV% ranks eighth in NCAA, second among freshmen



11 • CASEY MITTELSTADT • FORWARD
Univ. of Minnesota: GP: 19 G: 5 A: 12 PTS: 17
Ranks fourth among NCAA freshmen in scoring



23 • KIEFFER BELLOWS • FORWARD
Portland (WHL): GP: 31 G: 19 A: 21 PTS: 40
Ranks third in points, goals and assists with Portland



4 • RYAN POEHLING • FORWARD
St. Cloud State Univ: GP: 14 G: 5 A: 11 PTS: 16
Skates with two brothers; Plays for Coach Motzko



12 • DYLAN SAMBERG • DEFENSE
Univ. of Minn. Duluth: GP: 19 G: 0 A: 4 PTS: 4
Two-time Minnesota H.S. state champ with Hermantown



24 • MIKEY ANDERSON • DEFENSE
Univ. of Minn. Duluth: GP: 19 G: 3 A: 7 PTS: 10
Sits second among UMD freshmen in points



5 • RYAN LINDGREN • DEFENSE
Univ. of Minnesota: GP: 20 G: 2 A: 2 PTS: 4
Named to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team last season



13 • JOEY ANDERSON • FORWARD
Univ. of Minn. Duluth: GP: 13 G: 4 A: 5 PTS: 9
Finished fifth among NCAA freshmen in scoring last year



27 • RILEY TUFT • FORWARD
Univ. of Minn. Duluth: GP: 19 G: 8 A: 3 PTS: 11
Leads UMD Bulldogs in goals as a sophomore



6 • QUINN HUGHES • DEFENSE
Univ. of Michigan: GP: 16 G: 1 A: 9 PTS: 10
Leads team freshmen in points, second among defense



15 • SCOTT PERUNOVICH • DEFENSE
Univ. of Minn. Duluth: GP: 19 G: 4 A: 12 PTS: 16
Leads UMD in points and assists as a freshman



30 • JAKE OETTINGER • GOALTENDER
Boston Univ: GP: 17 Record: 7-9-1
GAA: 2.91 SV%: .902 SO: 2
Named to 2017 Hockey East All-Rookie Team last year



7 • BRADY TKACHUK • FORWARD
Boston Univ: GP: 19 G: 4 A: 10 PTS: 14
Among freshmen Terriers, ranks second in points



17 • KAILER YAMAMOTO • FORWARD
Univ. of Minn. Duluth: GP: 13 G: 2 A: 10 PTS: 12
Started season with the NHL's Edmonton Oilers



31 • JOSEPH WOLL • GOALTENDER
Boston College: GP: 15 Record: 7-6-2
GAA: 2.90 SV%: .898 SO: 0
Backtipped U.S. 3-1 prelim win vs. CAN at 2017 WJC



8 • ADAM FOX • DEFENSE
Harvard Univ: GP: 10 G: 0 A: 9 PTS: 9
ECAC Hockey, Ivy League Rookie of the Year last season



20 • ANDREW PEEKE • DEFENSE
Univ. of Notre Dame: GP: 20 G: 1 A: 7 PTS: 8
Helped Notre Dame reach NCAA Frozen Four last year



34 • TRENT FREDERIC • FORWARD
Univ. of Wisconsin: GP: 21 G: 8 A: 8 PTS: 16
Tied for team lead in goals, sits second in points



9 • JOSH NORRIS • FORWARD
Univ. of Michigan: GP: 16 G: 4 A: 5 PTS: 9
Sits second among Michigan freshmen in points



21 • PATRICK HARPER • FORWARD
Boston Univ.: GP: 19 G: 8 A: 13 PTS: 21
Leads Terriers in points; ranks third in Hockey East



49 • MAX JONES • FORWARD
London (OHL): GP: 25 G: 18 A: 3 PTS: 21
Second in goals; won 2015 Memorial Cup with London



10 • WILL LOCKWOOD • FORWARD
Univ. of Michigan: GP: 16 G: 4 A: 7 PTS: 11
Named Michigan's most valuable player last season



22 • LOGAN BROWN • FORWARD
Windsor (OHL): GP: 15 G: 13 A: 11 PTS: 24
Started season with the NHL's Ottawa Senators

2018 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM STAFF

JIM JOHANNSSON, GENERAL MANAGER • 9th Consecutive U.S. National Junior Team • Gold (2004, 2010, 2013, 2017)
Jim Johannsson, assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey, is serving as the general manager of the U.S. National Junior Team for the ninth consecutive year. Johannsson, who is also fulfilling the same role for the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, a year ago guided Team USA to its fourth-ever gold medal at the World Junior Championship with a thrilling 5-4 shootout victory over Canada at the 2017 event in Montreal and Toronto, Canada. Under Johannsson's guidance, the U.S. has captured five other medals in tournament play, including a pair of gold medal finishes at the 2013 and the 2010 events. He also led the U.S. to bronze medals 2016, 2011 and 2007. A two-time U.S. Olympian (1988, 1992), Johannsson has served on the staff of 17 U.S. National Junior Teams and was the team leader for the first-ever gold medal-winning U.S. National Junior Team at the 2004 event.

BOB MOTZKO, HEAD COACH • Head Coach Second Straight Year • Gold (2017) In International Head Coaching Debut
Bob Motzko, who guided the U.S. National Junior Team to its fourth-ever gold medal at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship, is serving as head coach for the 2018 U.S. National Junior Team. He also served as an assistant coach for the 2014 U.S. National Junior Team that finished fifth in 2014. Entering his 13th season at the helm of St. Cloud State University's men's ice hockey team, the 2014 NCHC Coach of the Year and two-time WCHA Coach of the Year (2007, 2006) has guided his alma mater to seven 20 or more win seasons; seven NCAA tournament appearances; one NCAA Frozen Four appearance; two regular-season conference titles (one each: WCHA, NCHC); and one NCHC Frozen Faceoff Championship. Prior to his time at St. Cloud, Motzko served in multiple coaching capacities at four different schools, including a four-season span at the University of Minnesota (2001-05) that was highlighted by back-to-back NCAA national titles in 2002 and 2003.

GREG BROWN, ASSISTANT COACH • Assistant (2017, gold; 2014, fifth) • 2x U.S. Olympian
Greg Brown, a two-time U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team member, is making his third appearance as an assistant coach on a U.S. National Junior Team. Last year, he was part of the U.S. staff that orchestrated a gold medal after also serving as an assistant coach on the U.S. National Junior Team that finished fifth at the 2014 event in Malmo, Sweden. Brown is in his 14th season at his alma mater, Boston College, and has helped the program claim 10 overall five Hockey East Conference and three NCAA titles (2008, 2010 and 2012). Additionally, Brown represented the United States at both the 1988 Olympic Winter Games in Calgary, Alberta, and the 1992 Olympic Winter Games in Albertville, France.

GRANT POTULNY, ASSISTANT COACH • Assistant (2013, gold; 2017, gold) • 2x NCAA Champ
Grant Potulny is serving on the staff of his third U.S. National Junior Team and seeking his third gold medal after helping Team USA claim one last year as well as at the 2013 event in Ufa, Russia. Potulny is in his first season as head coach of Northern Michigan University. He spent the past eight seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Minnesota, where he helped the Golden Gophers capture six regular-season conference titles and appear in one NCAA national championship game. As a player, Potulny captained the Gophers for three seasons and helped the team claim two national championships (2002, 2003).

KRIS MAYOTTE, ASSISTANT COACH • Assistant (2017, gold) • NCAA Champ (2015)
Kris Mayotte returns as an assistant coach for the second time after helping the U.S. National Junior Team claim the gold medal a year ago at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship in Montreal and Toronto, Canada. Mayotte is in his fourth season as an assistant coach at Providence College where he works with the goaltenders and penalty kill unit. He saw his first season with the Friars culminate in the program's first-ever NCAA national championship (2015). Under his guidance, Friar goaltenders and penalty kill units have ranked among the nation's best each of the last two seasons. Last season, the Friars finished ninth in the nation for fewest goals allowed while its penalty kill unit ranked 11th.

STEVE MILLER, ASSISTANT COACH • Assistant (2017, gold) • 3x NCAA Champ
Steve Miller returns as an assistant coach for the second time after helping Team USA claim the gold medal a year ago at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship in Montreal and Toronto, Canada. Miller is in his first season as an associate head coach for Ohio State University after spending the last two seasons (2015-17) as the director of hockey at Air Force Academy. His time in the collegiate ranks includes one season with Providence (2014-15) and 20 seasons at the University of Denver, where he helped the Pioneers claim seven WCHA conference titles and back-to-back NCAA National Championships (2004, 2005).



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TEAM USA ROSTER DETAILS

TALE OF THE TAPE

Average Height	6-1
Tallest	Brown (6-6)
Shortest	Harper/Yamamoto (5-8)
Average Weight	194
Heaviest	Tufte (227)
Lightest	Yamamoto (153)
Average Age	19yr, 2mo
Oldest	Lindgren/Frederic (19yr, 10mo)
Youngest	Hughes (18yr, 2 mo)
Shoots/Catch Left	18
Shoots/Catch Right	5

STATE REPRESENTED (8)

STATE	NO. OF PLAYERS
Alaska	1
Connecticut	1
Florida	2
Michigan	3
Minnesota	10
Missouri	4
New York	1
Wisconsin	1

COLLEGE HOCKEY (20)

NAME	COLLEGE	LEAGUE
Joey Anderson	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth	NCHC
Mikey Anderson	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth	NCHC
Kieffer Bellows*	Boston Univ.	HEA
Adam Fox	Harvard Univ.	ECAC Hockey
Trent Frederic	Univ. of Wisconsin	Big Ten
Patrick Harper	Boston University	HEA
Quinn Hughes	Univ. of Michigan	Big Ten
Ryan Lindgren	Univ. of Minnesota	Big Ten
Will Lockwood	Univ. of Michigan	Big Ten
Casey Mittelstadt	Univ. of Minnesota	Big Ten
Josh Norris	Univ. of Michigan	Big Ten
Jake Oettinger	Boston Univ.	HEA
Andrew Peeke	Univ. of Notre Dame	Big Ten
Scott Perunovich	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth	NCHC
Ryan Poehling	St. Cloud State Univ.	NCHC
Dylan Samberg	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth	NCHC
Jeremy Swayman	Univ. of Maine	HEA
Brady Tkachuk	Boston Univ.	HEA
Riley Tufte	Univ. of Minnesota Duluth	NCHC
Joseph Woll	Boston College	HEA

CONFERENCE	NO. OF PLAYERS
Big Ten Conference (Big Ten)	7
National College Hockey Conference (NCHC)	6
Hockey East Association (HEA)	5
ECAC Hockey (ECAC Hockey)	2

USA HOCKEY'S NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (12)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR(S)
Joey Anderson	Forward	2014-16
Kieffer Bellows	Forward	2015-16
Adam Fox	Defense	2014-16
Trent Frederic	Forward	2014-16
Quinn Hughes	Defense	2015-17
Max Jones	Forward	2014-15
Ryan Lindgren	Defense	2014-16
Will Lockwood	Forward	2014-16
Josh Norris	Forward	2015-17
Jake Oettinger	Goaltender	2014-16
Brady Tkachuk	Forward	2015-17
Joseph Woll	Defense	2014-16

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (20)

IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (7 PLAYERS)

Player	Position	Year (Finish)
Joey Anderson	Forward	2017 (gold)
Kieffer Bellows	Forward	2017 (gold)
Adam Fox	Defense	2017 (gold)
Patrick Harper	Forward	2017 (gold)
Ryan Lindgren	Defense	2017 (gold)
Jake Oettinger	Goaltender	2017 (gold)
Joseph Woll	Goaltender	2017 (gold)

IVAN HLINKA MEMORIAL CUP (7 PLAYERS)

Player	Position	Year (Finish)
Mikey Anderson	Defense	2016 (Second)
Patrick Harper	Forward	2015 (Fifth)
Casey Mittelstadt	Forward	2015 (Fifth)
Andrew Peeke	Defense	2015 (Fifth)
Scott Perunovich	Defense	2015 (Fifth)
Ryan Poehling	Forward	2016 (Second)
Riley Tufte	Forward	2015 (Fifth)

IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (15 PLAYERS)

Player	Position	Year (Finish)
Joey Anderson (A)	Forward	2016 (bronze)
Kieffer Bellows	Forward	2016 (bronze)
Logan Brown	Forward	2016 (bronze)
Adam Fox	Defense	2016 (bronze)
Trent Frederic	Forward	2016 (bronze)
Quinn Hughes	Defense	2017 (gold)
Ryan Lindgren (C)	Defense	2016 (bronze)
Will Lockwood	Forward	2016 (bronze)
Casey Mittelstadt	Forward	2016 (bronze)
Jake Oettinger	Goaltender	2016 (bronze)
		2015 (gold)
Josh Norris	Forward	2017 (gold)
Ryan Poehling	Forward	2017 (gold)
Brady Tkachuk (C)	Forward	2017 (gold)
Joseph Woll	Goaltender	2016 (bronze)
Kailer Yamamoto	Forward	2016 (bronze)

FIVE NATIONS CUP (4 PLAYERS)

Player	Position	Year (Finish)
Kieffer Bellows	Forward	2014 (Second)
Andrew Peeke	Defense	2014 (Second)
Riley Tufte	Forward	2014 (Second)
Kailer Yamamoto	Forward	2014 (Second)

WORLD JUNIOR A CHALLENGE (2 PLAYERS)

Player	Position	Year (Finish)
Mikey Anderson	Defense	2016 (First)
Andrew Peeke	Defense	2015 (Second)

USHL TIES (21)

In total, 21 players have ties to the United States Hockey League (USHL), the only Tier I junior league in the United States. Of those 21 players are all 12 players who spent time with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program.

At least one player with USHL experience has been featured on every U.S. World Junior Championship roster since 1995. The USHL has had 10 or more players featured on Team USA since 2012, including a record 22 former players on the 2017 team, which captured the gold medal in a thrilling shootout victory over Canada.

Notable players with USHL ties include **Casey Mittelstadt** (Green Bay Gamblers), who was selected eighth overall by the Buffalo Sabres at the 2017 NHL Draft after spending part of last season with the Green Bay Gamblers, 2018 NHL Draft eligible defenseman **Quinn Hughes** (Team USA), who was named to last year's USHL All-Second Team. In 2014-15, **Kieffer Bellows** led the Sioux Falls Stampede to a USHL Clark Cup championship.

Head coach **Bob Motzko** played for the Dubuque Fighting Saints and Waterloo Black Hawks, and also coached the North Iowa Huskies and Sioux Falls Stampede. Motzko was named USHL General Manager of the Year in both 1989 and 2000. General Manager **Jim Johansson** coached the Twin Cities Vulcans. Assistant coaches **Grant Potulny** (Lincoln Stars), **Kris Mayotte** (Sioux City Musketeers) and **Steve Miller** (Madison Capitols) all played in the USHL.

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON(S)
Mikey Anderson	Waterloo Black Hawks	2015-17
Kieffer Bellows	Sioux Falls Stampede	2013-14
Patrick Harper	Omaha Lancers	2015-16
Casey Mittelstadt	Green Bay Gamblers	2016-17
Andrew Peeke	Green Bay Gamblers	2015-16
Scott Perunovich	Cedar Rapids RoughRiders	2016-17
Ryan Poehling	Lincoln Stars	2015-16
Dylan Samberg	Waterloo Blackhawks	2016-17
Jeremy Swayman	Tri City Storm	2015-16
	Sioux Falls Stampede	2016-17
Riley Tufte	Fargo Force	2014-16



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TEAM USA AND THE NHL

BREAKDOWN

Overall NHL Draft Picks:	20
First Round Picks:	10
Second Round Picks:	3
Third Round Picks:	4
Fourth Round Picks:	2
Fifth Round Picks:	1
Sixth Round Picks:	0
Seventh Round Picks:	0
2018 NHL Draft Eligible:	3

BY NHL TEAM (16)

Team	NO. of Players
Anaheim Ducks	1
Boston Bruins	3
Buffalo Sabres	1
Calgary Flames	1
Columbus Blue Jackets	1
Dallas Stars	2
Los Angeles Kings	1
Montreal Canadiens	1
Nashville Predators	1
New Jersey Devils	1
New York Islanders	1
Ottawa Senators	1
San Jose Sharks	1
Toronto Maple Leafs	1
Vancouver Canucks	1
Winnipeg Jets	1

NHL EXPERIENCE (2)

Player	Position	Team	GP	Points
Logan Brown	Forward	Ottawa Senators	4	0-1--1
Kailer Yamamoto	Forward	Edmonton Oilers	9	0-3--3

2016 NHL ENTRY DRAFT (12)

Player	Position	Team	Round	Overall
Logan Brown	Forward	Ottawa Senators	First	11th
Kieffer Bellows	Forward	New York Islanders	First	19th
Riley Tufte	Forward	Dallas Stars	First	22nd
Max Jones	Forward	Anaheim Ducks	First	24th
Trent Frederic	Forward	Boston Bruins	First	29th
Andrew Peeke	Defense	Columbus Blue Jackets	Second	34th
Ryan Lindgren	Defense	Boston Bruins	Second	49th
Joseph Woll	Goaltender	Toronto Maple Leafs	Third	62nd
Will Lockwood	Forward	Vancouver Canucks	Third	64th
Adam Fox	Defense	Calgary Flames	Third	66th
Joey Anderson	Forward	New Jersey Devils	Third	73rd
Patrick Harper	Forward	Nashville Predators	Fifth	138th

2017 NHL ENTRY DRAFT (8)

Player	Position	Team	Round	Overall
Casey Mittelstadt	Forward	Buffalo Sabres	First	8th
Josh Norris	Forward	San Jose Sharks	First	19th
Kailer Yamamoto	Forward	Edmonton Oilers	First	22nd
Ryan Poehling	Forward	Montreal Canadiens	First	25th
Jake Oettinger	Goaltender	Dallas Stars	First	26th
Dylan Samberg	Defense	Winnipeg Jets	Second	43rd
Mikey Anderson	Defense	Los Angeles Kings	Fourth	103rd
Jeremy Swayman	Goaltender	Boston Bruins	Fourth	111th

CCM/USA HOCKEY ALL-AMERICAN PROSPECTS GAME (16)

Sixteen players here on this year's U.S. National Junior Team have skated in the CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game, which provides the best U.S. players eligible for next year's NHL Entry Draft the opportunity to showcase their skills on a national stage. To date, 126 players who have participated in the event have gone on to be selected in the NHL Entry Draft, including 30 first-round selections.



PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	LOCATION
Joey Anderson	Forward	2015	Buffalo, New York
Mikey Anderson	Defense	2016	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Kieffer Bellows	Forward	2015	Buffalo, New York
Logan Brown	Forward	2015	Buffalo, New York
Adam Fox	Defense	2015	Buffalo, New York
Trent Frederic	Forward	2015	Buffalo, New York
Quinn Hughes	Defense	2017	Buffalo, New York
Max Jones	Forward	2015	Buffalo, New York
Ryan Lindgren	Defense	2015	Buffalo, New York
Will Lockwood	Forward	2015	Buffalo, New York
Casey Mittelstadt*	Forward	2016	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Josh Norris	Forward	2016	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Jake Oettinger	Goaltender	2016	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Andrew Peeke	Forward	2015	Buffalo, New York
Ryan Poehling	Forward	2016	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Brady Tkachuk*	Forward	2017	Buffalo, New York
Riley Tufte	Forward	2015	Buffalo, New York
Kailer Yamamoto	Forward	2016	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Most Valuable Player in respective AAPG

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TEAM USA FAMILY TIES

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY TIES (4)

PLAYER	FAMILY MEMBER	RELATION	EXPERIENCE
Quinn Hughes	Jim Hughes	Father	Played for the U.S. at the Spengler Cup in 1988-89
	Ellen Weinberg	Mother	Helped U.S. Women's National Team earn a silver medal in 1992 IIHF Women's World Championship
Max Jones	Brad Jones	Father	Skated for the U.S. Men's National Team in 1987-88
	Mary Bailey	Mother	Was a 10-time member of the U.S. national diving team
Josh Norris	Dwayne Norris	Father	Helped Canada win gold at the 1990 IIHF World Juniors, silver at 1994 Olympic Winter Games
Brady Tkachuk	Keith Tkachuk	Father	Skated on eight U.S. teams; silver medal 2002 Olympic Winter Games; bronze medal 1986 World Juniors
	Matthew Tkachuk	Brother	Played on two U.S. IIHF teams; gold medalist 2015 Men's U18 Worlds; bronze medal 2016 World Juniors
	Tom Fitzgerald	Cousin	Skated on 1987 U.S. National Junior Team and a pair of U.S. Men's National Teams (1989, 1991)
	Casey Fitzgerald	Cousin	Played on two U.S. IIHF teams; gold medalist 2015 U18 Men's Worlds; bronze medal 2016 World Juniors
	Ryan Fitzgerald	Cousin	Helped the U.S. to a championship at the 2012 World Junior A Challenge
	Jimmy Hayes	Cousin	Played for three U.S. IIHF teams; silver medalist, 2007 U18 Men's Worlds; 2009 U.S. National Jr Team
	Kevin Hayes	Cousin	Skated for two U.S. Men's National Teams (2014, 2017)

NHL FAMILY TIES (8)

PLAYER	FAMILY MEMBER	RELATION	EXPERIENCE
Kieffer Bellows	Brian Bellows	Father	17-year NHL career; Stanley Cup Champion ('93)
Logan Brown	Jeff Brown	Father	13-year NHL career; holds numerous records with the St. Louis Blues
Max Jones	Brad Jones	Father	Skated 149 NHL games with the Winnipeg Jets, Los Angeles Kings and Philadelphia Flyers
Ryan Lindgren	Charlie Lindgren	Brother	Made NHL debut with Montreal Canadiens on April 7, 2016;
Josh Norris	Dwayne Norris	Father	Skated parts of three seasons with the Quebec Nordiques (1993-95) and Anaheim Ducks (1995-96)
Scott Perunovich	Doug Torrel	Uncle	Drafted by the Vancouver Canucks in the 1987 NHL Amateur Draft
Ryan Poehling	Stan Palmer	Uncle	Drafted by the Montreal Canadiens in the 1977 NHL 1977
Brady Tkachuk	Keith Tkachuk	Father	19-year NHL career; Over 500 goals & 1,000 points; Current St. Louis Blues scout
	Matthew Tkachuk	Brother	In his second NHL Season with the Calgary Flames; Drafted 6th overall at the 2016 NHL Draft
	Tom Fitzgerald	Cousin	17-year NHL career; Stanley Cup Champion ('09); Current Assistant General Manager with New Jersey
	Jimmy Hayes	Cousin	In eighth NHL season and first with the New Jersey Devils; Has skated with Boston and Florida
	Kevin Hayes	Cousin	In fourth season with the New York Rangers; Drafted 24th overall in 2010 by the Chicago Blackhawks

COLLEGE FAMILY TIES (12)

PLAYER	FAMILY MEMBER	RELATION	EXPERIENCE
The Andersons*	Gerry Anderson	Father	Skated Division III hockey with The College of St. Scholastica (1987-88)
	Sami Anderson	Sister	Skated four seasons at The College of St. Scholastica (2014-17)
Trent Frederic	Grant Frederic	Brother	Sophomore defenseman for Miami of Ohio University (2016-00)
	Gene Frederic	Brother	Played Division I football at the University of Memphis (2001-05)
	KC Frederic	Sister	Competed in volleyball for Oregon State University (1999-2003)
Quinn Hughes	Jim Hughes	Father	Skated four seasons at Providence College (1985-89)
	Ellen Weinberg	Mother	Lettered in hockey, lacrosse and soccer at the University of New Hampshire (1991-94)
	Marty Hughes	Uncle	Four-year letterwinner in hockey at Boston College (1997-01), winning NCAA title in 2001
	Ted Doherty	Cousin	Skated four seasons with Boston College (2012-16); served as captain senior year
Max Jones	Brad Jones	Father	Played four seasons at University of Michigan (1983-87) with Bob Lindgren and Joe Lockwood
	Mary Bailey	Mother	Springboard diver at University of Michigan; 2x NCAA National Champion, 3x Big Ten Champion
Ryan Lindgren	Bob Lindgren	Father	Skated one season at the University of Michigan (1985-86) with Brad Jones and Joe Lockwood
	Charlie Lindgren	Brother	Goaltender at St. Cloud State Univ. for three seasons (2013-16) under U.S. head coach Bob Motzko
Will Lockwood	Joe Lockwood	Father	Played four seasons at the University of Michigan (1984-88) with Brad Jones and Bob Lindgren
Josh Norris	Dwayne Norris	Father	Skated four seasons at Michigan State University (1988-92); 1992 Hobey Baker Finalist
	Coale Norris	Brother	Is a freshman for Ferris State University's men's ice hockey program (2017-21)
	Warren Norris	Uncle	Played at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (1993-97)
Scott Perunovich	Doug Torrel	Uncle	Skated four seasons at the University of Minnesota Duluth (1988-92)
Ryan Poehling	Stan Palmer	Uncle	Four-year letterwinner in hockey and baseball at University of Minnesota Duluth (1976-80); senior captain
	Nick Poehling	Brother	Sophomore at St. Cloud State Univ. under head coach Bob Motzko (2016-00)
	Jack Poehling	Brother	Sophomore at St. Cloud State Univ. under head coach Bob Motzko (2016-00)
Brady Tkachuk	Keith Tkachuk	Father	Skated one season at Boston University (1990-91)
	Tom Fitzgerald	Cousin	Played two seasons with the Providence College Friars (1986-88)
	Casey Fitzgerald	Cousin	Is a captain in his junior year at Boston College (2014-18), including two seasons with brother, Ryan
	Ryan Fitzgerald	Cousin	Played four seasons at Boston College (2013-17), including two seasons with brother, Casey
	Jimmy Hayes	Cousin	Skated at Boston College (2010-14), including one season with brother, Kevin, and cousin, Ryan
	Kevin Hayes	Cousin	Played at Boston college (2008-11), including one season with brother, Jimmy
Riley Tufte	Craig Dahl	Uncle	Served as head coach of St. Cloud State (1987-2005); succeeded by U.S. head coach Bob Motzko
	Gavin Tufte	Brother	Skated two seasons for Gustavus Adolphus from 2013-16

*Joey and Mikey Anderson



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OTHER TEAM USA TIDBITS

WELL WISHES FOR TEAM USA

Team USA has received well-wishes from several notable individuals, including current Buffalo Sabres head coach and 2013 gold medal-winning U.S. National Junior Team head coach **Phil Housley**, and PGA Tour Commissioner **Jay Monahan**, who grew up playing hockey with USA Hockey executive director **Pat Kelleher** and played hockey at Trinity College where he was an Academic All-American as a senior.

Additionally, the U.S. received good luck wishes from **Lou Vairo**, USA Hockey's director of special projects for USA Hockey since 1992, who is here in Buffalo. Vairo's coaching resume includes serving on the staff for two U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Teams (2002, 1984) along with four U.S. Men's National Teams (1983, 2000-03) and five U.S. National Junior Teams (1979-82, 2003). An assistant coach for Herb Brooks at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, Vairo coached **Brady Tkachuk's** father, Keith, at those Games in addition to coaching U.S. head coach **Bob Motzko** during Motzko's high school days in Austin, Minnesota.

U.S. JUNIOR TEAM ALUMS EARN NHL ROOKIE OF MONTH HONORS

On Jan. 2, the NHL named **Brock Boeser** (Burnsville, Minn.) the NHL's Rookie of the Month for December. Boeser also earned the honors in November while **Clayton Keller** (St. Louis, Mo.) took the honor in October. Two years ago, Boeser helped the 2016 U.S. National Junior Team earn a bronze medal while Keller led last year's U.S. team in points (11) and assists (8) en route to winning the gold medal in Montreal.

TKACHUK'S EXCEL AT WORLD JUNIOR STAGE

Entering today's final game of the IIHF World Junior Championship, **Brady Tkachuk** (St. Louis, Mo./Boston University) is following in his family's footsteps as far as point getters go, sitting second on Team USA with eight points (3-5). Two years ago, his brother Matthew tied for the U.S. team-lead with 11 points (4-7) in seven games while their father, Keith, followed a nine-point performance (6-3) in 1991 with a seven-point effort (3-4) in 1992. Both Matthew and Keith have earned WJC bronze medals.

OLYMPIC MEN'S, WOMEN'S, PARALYMPIC SLED ROSTERS

On January 1, USA Hockey announced the rosters for its 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Teams and 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team during the second intermission of the NHL Winter Classic at Citi Field in New York City and live on NBC.

"We're excited about all three of our teams and the chance to compete for gold," said **Pat Kelleher**, executive director of USA Hockey. "There's no bigger stage than the Olympics and Paralympics and I know our teams will represent our country extremely well in PyeongChang."

The first 23 players to its 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team include 15 who currently play professionally in Europe, three that compete in the AHL and four that play collegiately. It was also announced that **Brian Gionta** (Rochester, N.Y./Boston College), who played for Team USA in the 2006 Olympic Winter Games and has played in 1,006 regular-season NHL games, will serve as team captain of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team.

The women's roster features 23 players, including 10 returning Olympians and six two-time Olympians (2010, 2014) in **Kacey Bellamy** (Westfield, Mass.), captain **Meghan Duggan** (Danvers, Mass.), **Hilary Knight** (Sun Valley, Idaho), **Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson** (Grand Forks, N.D.), **Monique Lamoureux-Morando** (Grand Forks, N.D.) and **Gigi Marvin** (Warroad, Minn.).

The 17-player sled roster includes 10 players with Paralympic experience, led by captain **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), alternate captains **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) and **Nikko Landeros** (Johnstown, Colo.) and goaltender **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.). All four were members of the gold medal-winning 2014 Paralympic Sled Hockey Team.

2018 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM HAS JUNIOR TEAM TIES

Among the first 23 players named to the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, 11 players have skated on a U.S. National Junior Team. **Brian Gionta** (Rochester, N.Y.), who was also named captain of Team USA, skated on two U.S. National Junior Teams (1998 - fifth; 1999 - fifth).

In addition, six players helped the U.S. earn a medal in IIHF World Junior Championship play. A year ago, **Jordan Greenway** (Canton, N.Y.) and **Troy Terry** (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) helped the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team to a gold medal while **Ryan Donato** (Scituate, Mass.) and **Will Borgen** (Moorhead, Minn.) were on the 2016 U.S. National Junior Team that earned a bronze medal. Additionally, **James Wisniewski** (Canton, Mich.) was part of the first-ever gold medal-winning U.S. National Junior Team in 2004 and **Ryan Stoa** (Bloomington, Minn.) helped the U.S. earn a bronze medal in 2007.

Other former U.S. National Junior Team players to be on the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team include **Jonathan Blum** (Long Beach, Calif./2008, 2009), **Chris Bourque** (Boston, Mass./2005, 2006), **Bobby Sanguinetti** (Trenton, N.J./2008) and **Jim Slater** (Lapeer, Mich./2002).

NOTABLE WATCHING USA-CANADA

A number of notable fans were watching the U.S.-Canada game from afar on Dec. 29. During the first intermission of Buffalo Sabres' game, **Jack Eichel**, captain of the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team, congratulated the U.S. through a tweet sent out by the Buffalo Sabres. Columbus Blue Jackets head coach, **John Tortorella**, who has coached a number of U.S. men's national teams, closed his press conference by mentioning the 3-on-3 overtime and wishing Team USA good luck.

GIONTA VISITS TEAM USA

Before its practice on Dec. 30, Team USA received a visit from **Brian Gionta** (Rochester, N.Y.), who will captain the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.

Gionta has represented Team USA at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy, the IIHF Men's World Championship (2000, 2001, 2005), the IIHF World Junior Championship (1998, 1999) and also played for the U.S. at the 2004 Deutschland Cup.

A 15-year veteran in the NHL, including stops in New Jersey (2001-2009), Montreal (2009-2014) and Buffalo (2014-2017), Gionta's career has included a Stanley Cup title in New Jersey in 2003 and seven seasons as an NHL captain, including four in Montreal and three with Buffalo.

"You gotta come together as a group as quickly as you can but embrace the opportunity," said Gionta. "These guys have a great opportunity to win gold, they have to seize that. Back-to-back gold for the U.S. at the World Juniors would be an unbelievable thing for USA Hockey and for the nation. For us alums that have been part of this World Juniors, for them to go back to back would be pretty special."

RECORD ATTENDANCE FOR WORLD JUNIOR GAME

The U.S.-Canada outdoor game on Dec. 29 at New Era Field saw a record 44,592 fans in attendance, besting the 20,380 single-game IIHF World Junior Championship attendance record previously set in the gold medal-game of the 2009 IIHF World Junior Championship in Ottawa, Ontario.

FROM COLUMBUS TO BUFFALO

The United States began its journey towards the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship with 28 players convening in Columbus, Ohio, the night of Dec. 14. There, Team USA held five days of practices and meetings at Nationwide Arena and the OhioHealth Ice Haus before moving to Jamestown, New York, for a three-day camp from Dec. 20-22. The time in Jamestown started with a 14-0 pre-tournament victory over Belarus and closed with a 3-1 victory over Sweden in Erie, Pennsylvania.

In total, five players were released, including **Cole Huits** (Stoughton, Wis./Penn State Univ.) on Dec. 19; **Reilly Walsh** (North Falmouth, Mass./Harvard Univ.) on Dec. 21; and **Jack Badini** (Old Greenwich, Conn./Harvard Univ.), **Phil Kemp** (Greenwich, Conn./Yale Univ.) and **Hugh McGing** (Chicago, Ill./Western Michigan Univ.) on Dec. 23.

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PRE-TOURNAMENT GAMES: U.S. TOPS BLR (14-0), SWE (3-1)

The U.S. claimed both its pre-tournament games by blanking Belarus, 14-0, at Northwest Arena in Jamestown, New York, on Dec. 20, and edging Sweden, 3-1, at the Erie Insurance Arena in Erie, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 22. In total, 15 players tallied at least one point with **Quinn Hughes** (1-2--3), **Trent Frederic** (2-0--2), **Casey Mittelstadt** (2-3--5) and **Kailer Yamamoto** (2-0--2) each registering at least one point in both games.

ST. CLOUD'S BOB MOTZKO RETURNS AS U.S. HEAD COACH

Bob Motzko (St. Cloud, Minn.), head coach of St. Cloud State University, is serving as head coach of the U.S. National Junior Team for the second consecutive year. Last year, he guided the U.S. to an undefeated 5-2-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that culminated in a thrilling 5-4 overtime shootout gold medal-win over Canada. He is joined behind the bench by assistant coaches **Greg Brown** (Scituate, Mass./Boston College), **Grant Potulny** (Grand Forks, N.D./Northern Michigan Univ.), **Kris Mayotte** (Pittsburgh, Pa./Providence College) and **Steve Miller** (Littleton, Colo./Ohio State Univ.), all of whom were part of last year's gold medal-winning staff.

TEAM USA STAFF

Jim Johannson (Colorado Springs, Colo.) is serving as general manager for the U.S. National Junior Team for the ninth consecutive time.

Additional staff members on this year's U.S. National Junior Team include **Ryan Martin** (Novi, Mich./Detroit Red Wings) and **Ben Smith** (Gloucester, Mass./USA Hockey) in player evaluation roles along with high performance coach **Sean Braziel** (Alexandria, Va./USA Hockey) and video coordinator **Matt Chapman** (Bloomington, Ind./St. Cloud State Univ.). All four were part of last year's championship staff.

Team USA's support staff also includes equipment managers **Brock Bradley** (Plymouth, Mich./USA Hockey) and **Josh Penn** (Hadley, Mass./UMass Amherst); athletic trainers **Derek Repucci** (Rochester, N.H./USA Hockey) and **Stan Wong** (Boca Raton, Fla./USA Hockey); team physician **Dr. Doug Weiss** (Dublin, N.H./USA Hockey); and media officer **Jon Gomez** (Colorado Springs, Colo./USA Hockey).

ANDERSON, BELLOWES, FOX AND LINDGREN TO LEAD TEAM USA

On Dec. 17, coach Motzko named forward **Joey Anderson** (Roseville, Minn./Univ. of Minnesota Duluth) captain of the 2018 U.S. National Junior Team. In addition, on Dec. 23, Motzko tabbed forward **Kieffer Bellows** (Edina, Minn./Portland Winterhawks) and defensemen **Adam Fox** (Jericho, N.Y./Harvard Univ.) and **Ryan Lindgren** (Minneapolis, Minn./Univ. of Minnesota) alternate captains. All four helped last year's U.S. National Junior Team capture the gold medal in Montreal.

A member of last year's gold medal-winning team, Anderson was an alternate captain for the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team that claimed a bronze medal at the 2016 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship in Grand Forks, North Dakota. A product of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, he was drafted in the third round, 73rd overall, by the New Jersey Devils. Watch the announcement on teamusa.usahockey.com/worldjuniors2018.

Anderson is the second player from Roseville, Minnesota, to captain a U.S. National Junior Team. In 1979, **Steve Ulfseth** wore the 'C'. He skated four seasons at the University of Minnesota, winning the 1979 NCAA National Championship and in his senior year was recognized for his outstanding play when he was named the WCHA Most Valuable Player and was selected as a finalist for the 1981 Hobey Baker Award.

SEVEN GOLD MEDAL RETURNEES

Seven players on this year's roster were members of the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team that earned the gold medal at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship in Montreal and Toronto, Canada, including forwards **Joey Anderson** (Roseville, Minn.), **Kieffer Bellows** (Edina, Minn.), **Patrick Harper** (New Canaan, Conn.); defensemen **Adam Fox** (Jericho, N.Y.) and **Ryan Lindgren** (Minneapolis, Minn.); and goaltenders **Jake Oettinger** (Lakeville, Minn.) and **Joseph Woll** (St. Louis, Mo.).

TRIO OF INTERNATIONAL DEBUTS

Three players on this year's U.S. National Junior Team are representing the United States in international play for the first time, including defenseman **Dylan Samberg** (Hermantown, Minn./University of Minnesota Duluth), goaltender **Jeremy Swayman** (Anchorage, Alaska/University of Maine) and forward **Max Jones** (Rochester, Mich./London Knights). In Team USA's 9-0 victory over Denmark, both Samberg and Jones scored, while Swayman was the U.S. backup goaltender in Team USA's 4-3 shootout victory over Canada outdoors at New Era Field.

Additionally, forward **Riley Tufte** (Ham Lake, Minn./University of Minnesota Duluth) and defenseman **Mikey Anderson** (Roseville, Minn./University of Minnesota Duluth), **Scott Perunovich** (Hibbing, Minn./Univ. of Minnesota Duluth) and **Andrew Peeke** (Parkland, Fla./University of Notre Dame) are representing the U.S. in International Ice Hockey Federation play for the first time after previously skating on U.S. select teams internationally.

RETURN TO BUFFALO

The 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship is just the latest major international hockey event to be taking place in Buffalo. Recent events to be held in Buffalo's HarborCenter include the 2016 International Paralympic Committee Pan-Pacific Championship, 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship and 2015 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship, all of which saw the United States win on home ice. In addition, Buffalo has hosted four of the six CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Games (2012, 2014, 2015, 2017).

WORLD JUNIORS SUCCESS FOR TEAM USA

Over the last 10 IIHF World Junior Championships, no country has won more gold medals than Team USA's three (2010, 2013, 2017). In total, the U.S. has claimed five medals, including three gold and two bronze (2011, 2016), which is the best 10-year stretch in World Junior Championship history for the U.S.

In addition, over the last two WJC's the U.S. has posted a 10-2-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, which is the best U.S. stretch over a two-tournament span in World Junior Championship history.

INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS FOR USA HOCKEY

The 2016-17 season brought unprecedented international success in ice hockey for the United States, as it became the first nation to ever win gold in the first four International Ice Hockey Federation World Championships in a single season. In all, Team USA claimed top honors at the IIHF World Junior Championship, IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, IIHF Women's World Championship and IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. Additionally, the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team was crowned World Sled Hockey Challenge champions for the third consecutive time and saw its season culminate with a silver medal at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Two players have a combined six family members who have previously skated in IIHF World Junior Championships.

Forward **Josh Norris's** father, Dwayne, skated for Canada at the 1990 IIHF World Junior Championship where he scored the winning goal to help Canada beat Czechoslovakia and win the gold medal.

Brady Tkachuk has five relatives who skated for the U.S. in IIHF World Junior Championships, including three who went on to earn medals. His father, Keith, was a member of the bronze medal-winning U.S. National Junior Team at the 1992 event. Brady's brother, Matthew, then went on to earn a bronze medal at the 2016 event. Among his cousins are Tom Fitzgerald, who skated on the 1987 U.S. National Junior Team, as well as Tom's son, Casey, who helped Team USA claim a gold medal at the 2017 tournament last year. In addition, their cousin, Jimmy Hayes, skated on the 2009 team.

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CURRENT TEAMMATES

Several members of the U.S. National Junior Team are teammates with their respective teams in the regular season.

Boston University (3): Patrick Harper, Jake Oettinger, Brady Tkachuk
University of Michigan (2): Quinn Hughes, Will Lockwood
University of Minnesota (2): Ryan Lindgren, Casey Mittelstadt
University of Minnesota Duluth (5): Joey Anderson, Mikey Anderson, Scott Perunovich, Dylan Samberg, Riley Tufte

SMITH AMONG 2017 U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME CLASS

On Dec. 13, U.S. player personnel staff member **Ben Smith** and four other American hockey legends including **Kevin Collins**, **Jack Parker**, **Ron Wilson** and **Scott Young**, were formally enshrined into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame during a sold-out induction ceremony at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel.

Several of this year's inductees have significant ties to the U.S. National Junior Team. Smith is currently serving on the U.S. National Junior Team in a player personnel capacity, while also fulfilling the role of Director of Player Personnel for the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. In addition, both Parker and Wilson served as head coaches of a U.S. National Junior Team. In 1996, Parker led the U.S. to a fifth-place finish in Boston, Massachusetts, while Wilson guided Team USA to a bronze medal at the 2016 event in Helsinki, Finland. Meanwhile, Young was a three-time member of the U.S. National Junior Team (1985-87) who went on to serve as captain and finish as the team-leader in points (7-4--11) in 1987.

In addition to the induction of the Class of 2017, **Peter Lindberg** and **Dave Ogrea**n both received the National Hockey League's Lester Patrick Trophy, presented for outstanding service to hockey in the United States.

ANDERSON BROTHERS JOIN FERRARO'S, BROTEN'S

U.S. brothers **Joey** and **Mikey Anderson** of Roseville, Minnesota, are just the third brothers to be named to the same U.S. National Junior Team. Fellow Minnesotans Neal and Aaron Broten were the first to accomplish the feat in 1979, just one year before Neal went on to be a part of the 'Miracle on Ice' 1980 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. The other brothers to skate together were Port Jefferson, New York, natives Peter and Chris Ferraro, who skated together on both the 1992 and 1993 U.S. National Junior Teams. In addition to this year's U.S. National Junior Team, the Anderson brothers are teammates at the University of Minnesota Duluth during the regular season.

USA HOCKEY'S PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

Twenty players have attended at least one USA Hockey Player Development Camp. Held annually every June and July, the camp provides many of the United States' best young players with concentrated on- and off-ice training and coaching, as well as the chance to compete against their peers. Players are selected from a national pool of camps in USA Hockey districts and rosters are formed by camp staff prior to the teams assembling at their respective locations.

Camp Attendees (Camp Age in Parenthesis): **Joey Anderson** ('15), **Mikey Anderson** ('15, '16, '17), **Kieffer Bellows** ('15, '16), **Logan Brown** ('15), **Adam Fox** ('15), **Trent Frederic** ('15), **Patrick Harper** ('15, '16, '17), **Max Jones** ('16, '17), **Ryan Lindgren** ('15), **Casey Mittelstadt** ('17), **Josh Norris** ('15), **Andrew Peeke** ('15, '16, '17), **Scott Perunovich** ('16, '17), **Ryan Poehling** ('15, '17), **Dylan Samberg** ('17), **Jeremy Swayman** ('15, '16, '17), **Brady Tkachuk** ('15), **Riley Tufte** ('15, '16, '17), **Joseph Woll** ('15) and **Kailer Yamamoto** ('15, '16, '17).

WINNING PEDIGREES ON TEAM USA

In total, 33 players and staff have been on championship-winning teams at the club and international level.

Last year, **Logan Brown** and the Windsor Spitfires claimed the Memorial Cup on home ice. In 2016-17, **Max Jones**, along with former U.S. National Junior Team players Matthew Tkachuk (2016, bronze) and Tyler Parsons (2017, gold) helped the London Knights to the OHL's J. Ross Robertson Cup and CHL's Memorial Cup. In 2014-15, **Kieffer Bellows** led the Sioux Falls Stampede to a USHL Clark Cup championship.

Internationally, 12 different players have helped the U.S. win an international tournament, including 11 who have done so at the International Ice Hockey Federation level. In addition to the seven gold medal-winning returnees, last season saw **Quinn Hughes**, **Josh Norris**, **Ryan Poehling** and **Brady Tkachuk** lead the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team to a gold medal at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. Tkachuk served as team captain. In addition, **Mikey Anderson** was a part of the 2016 U.S. Junior Select Team that won gold at the World Junior A Challenge.

The U.S. coaches and support staff also has an extensive winning pedigree. All four coaches have been part of NCAA championship teams, including head coach **Bob Motzko** (Minnesota - 2002, 2003), assistant coach **Greg Brown** (Boston College - 2008, 2010, 2012), **Grant Potulny** (Minnesota - 2002, 2003), Kris Mayotte (Providence College - 2015) and **Steve Miller** (Denver - 2004, 2005; Providence College - 2015).

In IIHF play, 14 staff members have won at least one gold medal, including the 12 returning staff members from last year's gold medal-winning team. General Manager **Jim Johannson** has been a part of all four gold medal-winning U.S. National Junior Teams (2004, 2010, 2013, 2017) along with U.S. athletic trainer **Stan Wong**. Potulny served as an assistant coach on Team USA's gold medal-winning 2013 U.S. National Junior Team while U.S. equipment manager **Brock Bradley**. Bradley was with the 2010 U.S. squad that won gold. Bradley has also been a part of five gold medal-winning U.S. Under-18 Men's National Teams (2002, 2006, 2010, 2012, 2014) while **Dr. Doug Weiss** was also a member of four U.S. teams to claim gold at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship (2012, 2014, 2015, 2017).

In addition, two U.S. staff members have been a part of Stanley Cup-winning teams. Ryan Martin, who is serving a player personnel role with the U.S. once again, was a member of the Detroit Red Wings front office when the Red Wings claimed the Stanley Cup in 2008. Three years later, U.S. athletic trainer Derek Repucci was with the Boston Bruins when they captured the Stanley Cup in 2011. Martin has also won two Calder Cup's as general manager of the Grand Rapids Griffins (2013, 2017).

MOTZKO'S ST. CLOUD TIES

U.S. head coach **Bob Motzko**, who is in his 13th season as head coach of St. Cloud State University's men's ice hockey team, has several ties to players on this year's roster due to his time at his alma mater, St. Cloud.

Currently, forward **Ryan Poehling** (Lakeville, Minn.) skates for Motzko along with his brothers, twins Nick and Jack, all of whom are sophomores.

Ryan Lindgren's brother, Charlie Lindgren, was a goaltender for Motzko and St. Cloud from 2013-16. During his time at St. Cloud, he helped St. Cloud claim one NCHC regular-season (2013-14) and one NCHC Frozen Faceoff (2015-16) title while also receiving several NCHC honors, including NCHC All-Rookie Team (2014), NCHC First All-Star Team (2016) and NCHC Goaltender of the Year (2016).

In addition, when Motzko was named head coach, he succeeded Craig Dahl, whose nephew, **Riley Tufte**, is among those fighting for a spot on this year's roster. Motzko and Dahl were assistant coaches at St. Cloud together in 1986-87 for legendary head coach Herb Brooks.

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MINNESOTA MEN

In total, 10 players hail from the state of Minnesota, including **Joey Anderson** (Roseville), **Mikey Anderson** (Roseville), **Kieffer Bellows** (Edina), **Ryan Lindgren** (Minneapolis), **Casey Mittelstadt** (Eden Prairie), **Jake Oettinger** (Lakeville), **Scott Perunovich** (Hibbing), **Ryan Poehling** (Lakeville), **Dylan Samberg** (Hermantown) and **Riley Tufte** (Ham Lake).

In addition to the Anderson brothers, **Jake Oettinger** and **Ryan Poehling** grew up playing hockey together. The two went on to become first round NHL Draft picks last June. The Montreal Canadiens selected Poehling 25th overall, just one spot ahead of Oettinger being chosen by the Dallas Stars.

Forward **Casey Mittelstadt**, currently a freshman at the University of Minnesota, was named Minnesota Mr. Hockey Award winner after captaining Eden Prairie High School and collecting 64 points, including 21 goals and 43 assists, in 25 games.

Defenseman **Dylan Samberg** was named the 2016-17 Reed Larson Award (Minnesota high school senior defenseman of the year) after captaining Hermantown High School to its second consecutive Minnesota Class A Tournament title last winter. He amassed 11 goals -- including the game-winner in double overtime in the state championship bout against Monticello-Annandale-Maple Lake -- and was a finalist for the Minnesota Mr. Hockey Award which went to Mittelstadt.

Collegiately, three universities within Minnesota have players or staff aiming to represent Team USA in Buffalo, including St. Cloud State University (head coach **Bob Motzko**, video coach **Matt Chapman**, **Ryan Poehling**); University of Minnesota (**Ryan Lindgren**, **Casey Mittelstadt**); University of Minnesota Duluth (**Joey Anderson**, **Mikey Anderson**, **Scott Perunovich**, **Dylan Samberg**, **Riley Tufte**).

In addition, assistant coach **Grant Potulny**, who is in his first season as head coach of Northern Michigan University, spent eight seasons as an assistant coach for University of Minnesota where he played four seasons, including three as a captain, and won two NCAA National Championships (2002, 2003). Meanwhile, assistant coach **Steve Miller** is an alumnus of St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota, where he played three seasons. He then began his coaching career with his alma mater and in 1989 helped St. Mary's capture the 1989 MIAC playoff championship and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament that same season.

2018 WJC: ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

The 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship started Dec. 26, 2017 and will culminate today, Jan. 5, at the KeyBank Center here in Buffalo, New York.

This is the sixth World Junior Championship to be played in the United States and second time Buffalo is serving as host (2011). Like this year, the 2011 event saw the U.S. enter the tournament as the defending gold medalist. In the end, Russia won gold, Canada earned silver and the U.S. claimed bronze.

The U.S. and Canada made history when the two rivals battled outdoors on Dec. 29, 2017, in a preliminary round game the U.S. won in a shootout, 4-3 in front of a record 44,592 attendance. The outdoor game, one of 31 total in the 2018 tournament, was staged at New Era Field in Orchard Park, New York, home of the NFL's Buffalo Bills. Never before had an outdoor game been played at any top-level IIHF world championship.

RECAP: 2017 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

A year ago, the U.S. went undefeated (5-2-0-0) and came back from two two-goal deficits in the gold medal-game to top Canada, 5-4, in a shootout.

Team USA defeated Latvia (6-1), Slovakia (5-2), Russia (3-2) and Canada (3-1) to go undefeated in preliminary round play. After topping Switzerland (3-2) in the quarterfinals, the U.S. edged Russia (4-3) behind a seven-round shootout that saw **Tyler Parsons** (Chesterfield, Mich.) turn aside four shooters and **Troy Terry** (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) score three-straight shootout goals. In the gold medal game, the U.S. came back from two two-goal deficits to force overtime. In the shootout, Terry was the lone scorer and Parsons stopped all five Canadian shooters to secure the win. The tournament marked the first time a team defeated two teams twice en route to a gold medal.

RECAP: 2017 WORLD JUNIOR SUMMER SHOWCASE

From July 28-Aug. 5, 2017, the 2017 World Junior Summer Showcase took place at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan. The week-long camp included 12 international competitions between Canada, Finland, Sweden and the U.S. in preparation for the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship.

Twenty-one players on this year's roster participated as all U.S. squads combined for a 7-0-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record.

"I thought it was great," said **Jim Johansson**, general manager of the 2018 U.S. National Junior Team. "It was really good hockey throughout the whole week -- it's a real compliment to all four teams. You can't run this event without great competitors, and Canada, Finland and Sweden showed well."

DATE	GAME	RESULT
Sat., July 29	USA White vs. Finland USA Blue vs. Sweden	USAW, 4-2 SWE, 4-3
Sun., July 30	USA Blue vs. Finland USA White vs. Sweden	USAB, 4-1 USAW, 4-3
Tues., Aug. 1	Canada Red vs. USA White Canada White vs. USA Blue	USAW, 8-2 CANW, 2-1
Wed., Aug. 2	Canada vs. Finland USA vs. Sweden	CAN, 6-5 (OT) USA, 3-2
Fri., Aug. 4	Sweden vs. Canada Finland vs. USA	CAN, 7-4 USA, 4-3
Sat., Aug. 5	Sweden vs. Finland USA vs. Canada	SWE, 6-5 USA, 7-5

BROWN, MITTELSTADT SHARE SABRES DRAFT CONNECTION

U.S. assistant coach **Greg Brown** (Scituate, Mass.) and forward **Casey Mittelstadt** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) both lay claim to being drafted by the Buffalo Sabres.

Brown, was drafted in the second round, 26th overall, by the Buffalo Sabres in the 1986 NHL Draft. After amassing 120 points in 119 games with the Boston College Eagles, Brown made his professional debut in 1990-91 when he split time between the Sabres and its AHL affiliate, the Rochester Americans. In total, he spent three seasons with the Sabres organization, collecting four points (1-3) in 49 games with the Sabres and adding another 90 points (20-70) during his time in Rochester.

This past June, Mittelstadt became the first American taken in the 2017 NHL Draft when the Sabres selected him eighth overall. It was the second time in three NHL Drafts that the Sabres took an American with their first selection. In 2015, the Sabres chose **Jack Eichel** (North Chelmsford, Mass.), captain of the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team, with the second overall pick.

AMERICANS IN RECENT NHL DRAFTS

Over the last three years, a total of 159 American players have heard their name called in the NHL Draft. The total ranks second amongst all nations and accounts for nearly 25% of all draftees.

This past June, 49 American players from 19 different states heard their name called in Chicago at the 2017 NHL Draft. Led by **Casey Mittelstadt** (Eden Prairie, Minn.), six American first-round selections were made, four in the second round, nine in the third, six in the fourth and fifth, eight in the sixth and 10 in the seventh round.

At the 2016 NHL Draft, 55 American players from 19 different states were selected, including a record 12 American first-round selections. **Auston Matthews** (Scottsdale, Ariz.), who was chosen first overall by the Toronto Maple Leafs to become the seventh American all-time to be selected first overall, won the Calder Trophy this past season as the NHL's rookie of the year.

In 2015, 55 Americans were chosen from 18 states at the 2015 NHL Draft in Sunrise, Florida. Led by Sabres draft pick **Jack Eichel** (Second Overall/North Chelmsford, Mass.), the Draft saw 11 first-round American selections and the first time in NHL Draft history that three NCAA players were selected in the top-10 (Eichel, Second Overall, Boston University; **Noah Hanifin**, Fifth Overall, Boston College; **Zach Werenski**, Eighth Overall, University of Michigan).

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TEAM USA IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

PAST TOURNAMENTS

YEAR	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD	U.S. FINISH	HEAD COACH	ASSISTANT COACHES
2017	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	United States	Canada	Russia	5-2-0-0	Gold	Bob Motzko	Greg Brown, Grant Potulny, Kris Mayotte, Steve Miller
2016	Helsinki, Finland	Finland	Russia	United States	5-0-0-2	Bronze	Ron Wilson	Chris Chelios, Danton Cole, Kevin Reiter
2015	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Canada	Russia	Slovakia	2-1-0-2	5th	Mark Osiecki	Don Granato, Kevin Patrick, Mike Ayers
2014	Malmö, Sweden	Finland	Sweden	Russia	3-0-0-2	5th	Don Lucia	Greg Brown, Bob Motzko, David Lassonde
2013	Ufa, Russia	United States	Sweden	Russia	5-0-0-2	Gold	Phil Housley	Mark Osiecki, Grant Potulny, David Lassonde
2012	Calgary/Edmonton, Canada	Sweden	Russia	Canada	3-0-0-3	7th	Dean Blais	Scott Sandelin, Tom Ward, Joe Exter
2011	Buffalo/Niagara, N.Y.	Russia	Canada	United States	5-0-0-1	Bronze	Keith Allain	Mark Osiecki, Phil Housley, Joe Exter
2010	Regina/Saskatoon, Canada	United States	Canada	Sweden	5-1-1-0	Gold	Dean Blais	Mark Osiecki, Tom Ward, Joe Exter
2009	Ottawa, Canada	Canada	Sweden	Russia	3-1-0-2	5th	Ron Rolston	Nate Leaman, PK O'Hanley, Jeff Blashill
2008	Pardubice/Liberec, Czech Republic	Canada	Sweden	Russia	4-0-0-2	4th	John Hynes	Keith Allain, Patrick Foley
2007	Leksand/Mora, Sweden	Canada	Russia	United States	3-1-2-1	Bronze	Ron Rolston	Phil Housley, Nate Leaman
2006	Kamloops/Kelowna/Vancouver, Canada	Canada	Russia	Finland	3-3-1	4th	Walt Kyle	Mike Gibbons, John Hynes
2005	Grand Forks, N.D./Thief River Falls, Minn.	Canada	Russia	Czech Republic	3-4-0	4th	Scott Sandelin	David Quinn, Mike Hastings
2004	Helsinki/Hämeenlinna, Finland	United States	Canada	Finland	6-0-0	Gold	Mike Eaves	John Hynes, Ken Martel
2003	Halifax/Sydney, Canada	Russia	Canada	Finland	4-3-0	4th	Lou Vairo	Jeff Sauer, Ron Rolston, Mike Hastings
2002	Pardubice/Hradec Králové, Czech Republic	Russia	Canada	Finland	4-1-2	5th	Keith Allain	Jim Johnson, Red Gendron, John Hynes
2001	Moscow/Podolsk, Russia	Czech Republic	Finland	Canada	5-2-0	5th	Keith Allain	Jim Johnson, Tim Taylor, Red Gendron
2000	Skellefteå/Umeå, Sweden	Czech Republic	Russia	Canada	2-3-2	4th	Jeff Jackson	Keith Allain, Jim Johnson, Jim Tortorella
1999	Winnipeg, Canada	Russia	Canada	Slovakia	3-3-0	8th	Jeff Jackson	Bob Mancini, Jim Tortorella
1998	Helsinki/Hämeenlinna, Finland	Finland	Russia	Switzerland	4-3-0	5th	Jeff Jackson	Greg Cronin, Bob Mancini
1997	Geneva/Morges, Switzerland	Canada	United States	Russia	4-1-1	Silver	Jeff Jackson	Greg Cronin, Mel Pearson
1996	Boston, Mass.	Canada	Sweden	Russia	3-3-0	5th	Jack Parker	Don Cahoon, Mike Guentzel
1995	Red Deer, Canada	Canada	Russia	Sweden	3-4-0	5th	Jeff Jackson	Mike Guentzel
1994	Ostrava/Frydek-Místek, Czech Republic	Canada	Sweden	Russia	1-5-1	6th	Dean Blais	Bill Beaney, Mike Guentzel
1993	Gävle/Fulun, Sweden	Canada	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	4-3-0	4th	Walt Kyle	John Cuniff, Red Gendron
1992	Füssen/Kaufbeuren, Germany	CIS	Sweden	United States	5-2-0	Bronze	Walt Kyle	Jon Cuniff, Bob O'Connor
1991	Saskatoon, Canada	Canada	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	4-2-1	4th	Kevin Constantine	Walt Kyle, Bob O'Connor
1990	Helsinki/Turku, Finland	Canada	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	1-6-0	7th	Steve Cedorchuk	Kevin Constantine, Jim Knapp
1989	Anchorage, Alaska	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	3-3-1	5th	Steve Cedorchuk	Dean Blais, Kevin Constantine
1988	Moscow, Soviet Union	Canada	Soviet Union	Finland	1-6-0	6th	Terry Christensen	Steve Cedorchuk, Dean Blais
1987	Plešany, Czechoslovakia	Finland	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	4-3-0	4th	Dave Peterson	Ben Smith, Terry Christensen
1986	Hamilton, Canada	Soviet Union	Canada	United States	4-3-0	Bronze	Dave Peterson	Ben Smith, Terry Christensen
1985	Helsinki/Turku, Finland	Canada	Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	2-5-0	6th	Doug Woog	Dave Peterson, Ben Smith
1984	Nyköping, Sweden	Soviet Union	Finland	Czechoslovakia	2-5-0	6th	John Perpich	Jack Barzee, Dave O'Connor
1983	Leningrad, Soviet Union	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Canada	3-4-0	5th	Bill Hasler	John Perpich, Dave O'Connor
1982	Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.	Canada	Czechoslovakia	Finland	2-5-0	6th	Lou Vairo	Jay Riley, Dave Peterson, Doug Woog, Jim Nelson
1981	Füssen/Augsburg, Germany	Sweden	Finland	Soviet Union	2-3-0	6th	Lou Vairo	Jay Riley
1980	Helsinki, Finland	Soviet Union	Finland	Sweden	1-3-1	7th	Lou Vairo	Bill Hasler
1979	Karlstad, Sweden	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	2-3-0	6th	Lou Vairo	Herb Boxer, Jeff Kravitz
1978	Montreal, Canada	Soviet Union	Sweden	Canada	4-2-0	5th	Len Lilyholm	Herb Boxer, Jeff Kravitz
1977	Bystrica-Zloven, Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	Canada	Czechoslovakia	1-5-1	7th	Marshall Johnston	Lou Vairo



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TEAM USA • SKATER RECORDS

SINGLE TOURNAMENT

GOALS					
Rank	Name	Pos	Year	GP	G
1	Jeremy Roenick	F	1989	7	8
2	Colin White*	F	2017	7	7
	Auston Matthews*	F	2016	5	7
	Johnny Gaudreau*	F	2013	7	7
	Chris Bourque*	F	2006	7	7
	Peter Ferraro	F	1993	7	7
	Scott Young	F	1987	7	7
	Mark Green	F	1978	6	7
9	Jerry D'Amigo*	F	2010	7	6
	Chris Kreider*	F	2010	7	6
	James van Riemsdyk*	F	2009	6	6
	Colin Wilson*	F	2008	6	6
	Jon DiSalvatore	F	2001	7	6
	Jeff Taffe	F	2001	7	6
	Brian Gionta*	F	1999	6	6
	Jeff Farkas	F	1998	7	6
	Adam Deadmarsh	F	1995	7	6
	Brian Rolston	F	1993	7	6
	Trent Klatt	F	1991	8	6
	Keith Tkachuk	F	1991	7	6
	Mike Modano	F	1989	7	6
	John LeClair	F	1989	7	6
	David Emma	F	1989	7	6
	Darren Turcotte	F	1987	7	6
	Steve Leach	F	1986	7	6
	Paul Ranheim	F	1986	7	6
	Wally Chapman	F	1984	7	6
	Paul Miller	F	1977	7	6

ASSISTS					
Rank	Name	Pos	Year	GP	A
1	Doug Weight	F	1991	7	14
2	Derek Stepan	F	2010	7	10
	Phil Kessel*	F	2006	7	10
4	Pat Peake	F	1993	7	9
	Mike Modano	F	1989	7	9
	Alfie Turcotte	F	1984	7	9
	Bobby Crawford	F	1978	6	9
8	Clayton Keller*	F	2017	7	8
	Kyle Palmieri*	F	2010	7	8
	Jordan Schroeder*	F	2009	6	8
	Kevin Shattenkirk*	D	2009	6	8
	Tom Pederson	F	1989	7	8
	Jeremy Roenick	F	1989	7	8

POINTS					
Rank	Name	Pos	Year	GP	PTS
1	Doug Weight	F	1991	7	19
2	Jeremy Roenick	F	1989	7	16
3	Mike Modano	F	1989	7	15
4	Derek Stepan*	F	2010	7	14
5	Pat Peake	F	1993	7	13
	Bobby Crawford	F	1978	6	13
7	Jerry D'Amigo*	F	2010	7	12
	Ted Drury	F	1991	8	12
	Trent Klatt	F	1991	8	12
	Mark Green	F	1978	6	12

CAREER TOURNAMENT

GOALS					
Rank	Name	Pos.	Year(s)	GP	G
1	Jeremy Roenick	F	1988-89	14	13
2	James van Riemsdyk*	F	2007-09	19	12
3	Brian Gionta*	F	1998-99	13	11
4	Colin White*	F	2016-17	14	10
	Chris Kreider*	F	2010-11	13	10
	Peter Ferraro	F	1992-93	14	10
	Brian Rolston	F	1991-93	21	10
	Mike Modano	F	1988-89	14	10
	John LeClair	F	1988-89	14	10
	Steve Leach	F	1984-86	21	10

ASSISTS					
Rank	Name	Pos.	Year(s)	GP	A
1	Jordan Schroeder*	F	2008-09	19	20
2	Doug Weight	F	1991	7	14
3	Kyle Palmieri*	F	2010-11	13	12
	Phil Kessel*	F	2005-06	14	12
	Jeremy Roenick	F	1988-89	14	12
6	Bobby Crawford	F	1977-79	18	11
7	Derek Stepan*	F	2010	7	10
	James van Riemsdyk*	F	2007-09	19	10
	Ryan Suter*	D	2003-05	20	10
	Zach Parise*	F	2003-04	13	10
	Pat Peake	F	1992-93	14	10
	Chris Ferraro	F	1992-93	14	10
	Brian Rolston	F	1991-93	21	10
	Mike Modano	F	1988-89	14	10

POINTS					
Rank	Name	Pos	Year	GP	G
1	Jordan Schroeder*	F	2008-09	19	27
2	Jeremy Roenick	F	1988-89	14	25
3	James van Riemsdyk*	F	2007-09	19	22
4	Brian Rolston	F	1991-93	21	20
	Mike Modano	F	1988-89	14	20
6	Zach Parise*	F	2003-04	13	19
	Brian Gionta*	F	1998-99	13	19
	Pate Peake	F	1992-93	14	19
	Peter Ferraro	F	1992-93	14	19
	Doug Weight	F	1991	7	19



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^Minimum three games played

+total wins, including overtime/shootout



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TEAM USA • GOALTENDER RECORDS

SINGLE TOURNAMENT GOALTENDERS^

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE					WINS+				
Rank	Name	Year	GP	GAA	Rank	Name	Year	GP	Wins
1	Al Montoya*	2004	6	1.33	1	Al Montoya	2004	6	6
	Rick DiPietro	2001	6	1.33	2	Tyler Parsons	2017	5	5
3	John Gibson*	2013	7	1.36		John Gibson	2013	7	5
4	Brian Boucher	1997	6	1.51		Jack Campbell	2011	6	5
5	Alex Nedeljkovic*	2016	6	1.66		Rick DiPietro	2001	6	5
6	Jean-Marc Pelletier	1998	3	1.67		Mike Dunham	1992	6	5
7	Jack Campbell*	2011	6	1.70	7	Alex Nedeljkovic	2016	6	4
8	Jeff Frazee	2007	5	1.72		Mike Lee	2010	5	4
9	Thatcher Demko*	2015	4	1.74		Jeremy Smith	2008	6	4
10	Rob Geopfert	2003	7	1.77		Jeff Frazee	2007	5	4
						Rob Geopfert	2003	7	4
						Jason Bacashihua	2002	7	4
						Brian Boucher	1997	6	4
						Paul Joswiak	1978	6	4

SAVE PERCENTAGE					SHUTOUTS				
Rank	Name	Year	GP	GAA	Rank	Name	Year	GP	SO
1	John Gibson*	2013	7	0.955	1	Al Montoya	2004	6	2
2	Al Montoya*	2004	6	0.944		Brian Boucher	1997	6	2
3	Alex Nedeljkovic*	2016	6	0.943	3	Alex Nedeljkovic	2016	6	1
4	Brian Boucher	1997	6	0.942		Thatcher Demko	2015	4	1
5	Jack Campbell*	2011	6	0.940		Brandon Halverson	2015	1	1
6	Jeff Frazee	2007	5	0.939		Anthony Stolarz	2014	1	1
	Thatcher Demko*	2015	4	0.939		John Gibson	2013	7	1
8	Rob Geopfert	2003	7	0.937		Jack Campbell	2010	3	1
9	Rick DiPietro	2000	5	0.934		Thomas McCollum	2009	5	1
10	Rick DiPietro	2001	6	0.927		Rick DiPietro	2001	6	1
						Rick DiPietro	2000	5	1
						Mike Heinke	1991	4	1

CAREER TOURNAMENT GOALTENDERS^

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE					WINS+				
Rank	Name	Year	MINS	GAA	Rank	Name	Year	GP	Wins
1	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	658	1.60	1	Jack Campbell*	2010-12	14	10
2	Alex Nedeljkovic*	2015-16	325	1.66	2	Al Montoya*	2004-05	12	9
3	Jean-Marc Pelletier	1998	179	1.67	3	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	11	7
4	John Gibson*	2012-13	458	1.70	4	Brian Boucher	1996-97	10	6
5	Thatcher Demko*	2014-15	241	1.74		Mike Dunham	1991-92	9	6
6	Rob Geopfert	2003	338	1.77	6	Tyler Parsons*	2017	5	5
7	Mike Heinke	1991	240	2.00		John Gibson*	2012-13	8	5
8	Tyler Parsons*	2017	330	2.18		Jeff Frazee	2006-07	6	5
9	Jack Campbell*	2010-12	816	2.20	9	Alan Perry	1984-86	15	5
10	Jeff Frazee	2006-07	373	2.24		Alex Nedeljkovic*	2015-16	6	4
						Mike Lee	2010	5	4
						Jeremy Smith	2008	6	4
						Bobby Goepfert	2003	7	4
						Jason Bacashihua	2002	7	4
						John Vanbiesbrouck	1982-83	10	4
						Paul Joswiak	1978	6	4

MINUTES PLAYED					SHUTOUTS				
Rank	Name	Year(s)	Minutes		Rank	Name	Year	GP	SO
1	Jack Campbell*	2010-11	816:46		1	Al Montoya*	2004-05	12	2
2	Alan Perry	1984-86	801:00			Rick DiPietro	2000-01	11	2
3	Al Montoya*	2004-05	753:15			Brian Boucher	1996-97	10	2
4	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	658:40		4	Alex Nedeljkovic*	2015-16	6	1
5	Brian Boucher	1996-97	577:00			Brandon Halverson*	2015-16	3	1
6	Mike Dunham	1991-92	540:00			Thatcher Demko*	2014-15	4	1
7	John Vanbiesbrouck	1982-83	480:00			Anthony Stolarz	2014	1	1
8	John Gibson*	2012-13	458:00			John Gibson*	2012-13	8	1
9	Jason Glickman	1988-89	452:00			Jack Campbell*	2010-12	14	1
10	Jason Bacashihua	2002	420:00			Thomas McCollum*	2009	5	1
						Jean-Marc Pelletier	1998	3	1
						Mike Heinke	1991	4	1



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TEAM USA HISTORY • CAPTAINS, HALL OF FAME, AWARDS

TEAM USA CAPTAINS

Year	Name	Hometown	Birthdate
2017	Luke Kunin	Chesterfield, Mo.	12/04/1997
2016	Zach Werenski	Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.	07/19/1997
2015	Jack Eichel	North Chelmsford, Mass.	10/28/1996
2014	Riley Barber	Livonia, Mich.	02/07/1994
2013	Jake McCabe	Fau Claire, Wis.	10/12/1993
2012	Jason Zucker	Las Vegas, Nev.	01/16/1992
2011	John Ramage	Chesterfield, Mo.	02/07/1991
2010	Derek Stepan	Hastings, Minn.	06/18/1990
2009	Jonathan Blum	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.	01/30/1989
2008	Brian Strait	Waltham, Mass.	01/04/1988
2007	Taylor Chorney	Hastings, Minn.	04/27/1987
2006	Kevin Porter	Northville, Mich.	03/12/1986
2005	Ryan Suter	Madison, Wis.	01/21/1985
2004	Mark Stuart	Rochester, Minn.	04/27/1984
2003	Eric Nystrom	Syosset, N.Y.	02/14/1983
2002	R.J. Umberger	Pittsburgh, Pa.	05/03/1982
2001	Connor Dunlop	St. Louis, Mo.	01/05/1981
2000	Adam Hall	Kalamazoo, Mich.	08/14/1980
1999	Paul Mara	Belmont, Mass.	09/07/1979
1998	Mike York	Waterford, Mich.	01/03/1978
1997	Marty Reasoner	Honeoye Falls, N.Y.	02/26/1977
1996	Bryan Berard	Woonsocket, R.I.	03/05/1977
1995	Adam Deadmarsh	Portland, Ore.	05/10/1975
1994	John Emmons	New Canaan, Conn.	08/17/1974
1993	Brent Bilodeau	Dallas, Texas	03/23/1973
1992	Keith Tkachuk	Medford, Mass.	03/28/1972
1991	Ted Drury	Trumbull, Conn.	09/13/1971
1990	Barry Richter	Madison, Wis.	09/11/1970
1989	Adam Burt	Novi, Mich.	01/15/1969
1988	C.J. Young	Boston, Mass.	01/01/1968
1987	Scott Young	Clinton, Mass.	10/01/1967
1986	Steve Leach	Lexington, Mass.	01/16/1966
1985	Brian Johnson	Silver Bay, Minn.	03/07/1965
1984	Scott Sandelin	Madison, Wis.	08/08/1964
1983	Kelly Miller	Lansing, Mich.	03/03/1963
1982	Kelly Miller	Lansing, Mich.	03/03/1963
1981	David H. Jensen	Crystal, Minn.	05/03/1961
1980	Bryan Erickson	Roseau, Minn.	03/07/1960
1979	Steve Ulseth	Roseville, Minn.	02/22/1959
1978	Don Waddell	Detroit, Mich.	08/19/1958
1977	Doug Olson	Schaumburg, Ill.	

U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

U.S. National Junior Team Players

Name	WJC(s) Played	USHOF Class
Tony Amonte	1989	2009
Tom Barrasso	1983	2009
Aaron Broten	1979	2007
Neal Broten	1979	2000
Bobby Carpenter	1981	2007
Chris Chelios^	1982	2011
Dave Christian	1979	2001
Chris Drury	1996	2015
Kevin Hatcher	1984	2010
Phil Housley^	1982	2004
Mark Fusco	1981	2002
Scott Fusco	1982	2002
Bill Guerin	1989	2013
Craig Janney	1986, 1985	2016
John LeClair	1989, 1988	2009
Brian Leetch	1987, 1986, 1985	2008
Lane MacDonald	1986	2005
Mike Modano	1989, 1988	2012
Brian Rafalski	1993, 1992	2014
Mike Ramsey	1979	2001
Mike Richter	1986, 1985	2008
Jeremy Roenick	1989, 1988	2010
Matthieu Schneider	1988	2015
Gary Suter	1984	2011
Keith Tkachuk	1992, 1991	2011
John Vanbiesbrouck	1983, 1982	2007
Doug Weight	1991	2013
Scott Young	1985, 1986, 1987	2017

^Has gone on to serve as a head or assistant coach with Team USA

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

TOURNAMENT ALL-STAR TEAM

Year	Player	Position
2017	Clayton Keller	Forward
	Charlie McAvoy	Defense
	Auston Matthews*	Forward
2016	Zach Werenski*	Defense
	John Gibson*	Goaltender
2013	Johnny Gaudreau*	Forward
	Jake McCabe*	Defense
	Jacob Trouba*	Defense
2011	Jack Campbell*	Goaltender
2010	John Carlson*	Defense
	Derek Stepan*	Forward
2008	James van Riemsdyk*	Forward
2007	Patrick Kane*	Forward
	Erik Johnson*	Defense
2006	Jack Johnson*	Defense
2005	Ryan Suter*	Defense
2004	Al Montoya*	Goaltender
	Zach Parise*	Forward
2000	Rick DiPietro	Goaltender
1999	Brian Gionta*	Forward
1997	Brian Boucher	Goaltender
	Mike York	Forward
1992	Mike Dunham	Goaltender
	Peter Ferraro	Forward
1991	Scott Lachance	Defense
1989	Jeremy Roenick	Forward
1987	Scott Young	Forward
	Brian Leetch	Defense

DIRECTORATE AWARD

Year	Player	Position
2016	Zach Werenski*	Best Defenseman
2013	John Gibson*	Best Goaltender
	Jacob Trouba*	Best Defenseman
	Jack Campbell	Best Goaltender
2011	Erik Johnson*	Best Defenseman
2007	Al Montoya*	Best Goaltender
2004	Zach Parise*	Best Forward
	Rick DiPietro	Best Goaltender
2000	Joseph Corvo	Best Defenseman
1997	Mike Dunham	Best Goaltender
1992	Alan Perry	Best Goaltender

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Year	Player	Position
2013	John Gibson*	Goaltender
2004	Zach Parise*	Forward

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Luke Kunin (right) receiving Team USA's fourth-ever IHLF World Junior Championship tournament trophy

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BUFFALO SABRES AND NEW YORK TIES

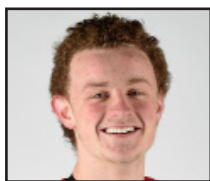
EMPIRE STATE OF HOCKEY

Of the 260 American players who skated in the NHL during the 2016-17 season, 34 were from New York. That ranked third among all states, trailing Minnesota (44) and Michigan (42).

New York had 50,042 hockey players during the 2016-17 season, which stood as the third-highest in the United States behind Minnesota (57,179) and Michigan (50,106).

The state of New York has produced some of the NHL's top stars, including Buffalo native **Patrick Kane** (Chicago Blackhawks), a three-time Stanley Cup champion (2010, 2013, 2015) whose personal accolades include the Conn Smythe Trophy (2013) as the most valuable player of the Stanley Cup Playoffs; Hart Memorial Trophy (2015-16) as the NHL's most valuable player; and Art Ross Trophy (2015-16) as the NHL regular-season scoring champion. With a career-high 106 points (46-60) in 2015-16, Kane became the first American-Born player to win either the Art Ross or Hart Memorial trophies.

Other notable NHL players from New York include Ithaca native **Dustin Brown** (Los Angeles Kings), and Rochester's Brian Gionta (Free Agent) and **Ryan Callahan** (Tampa Bay Lightning). Brown, a two-time Stanley Cup champion (2012, 2014) as captain of the Los Angeles Kings, was U.S. teammates with Callahan at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games, where they helped the U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team earn the silver medal. Gionta, a 2006 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team member, won the Stanley Cup with the New Jersey Devils in 2003 and most recently spent three seasons (2013-16) as captain of the Buffalo Sabres.



Jack Eichel
Buffalo Sabres
2015 2nd ovr. NHL Pick



Phil Housley
Buffalo Sabres
Head Coach



Patrick Kane
Buffalo, N.Y. native
3x Stanley Cup Champ



Mike Ramsey
Buffalo Sabres
1980 U.S. Olympian



SABRES CONNECTIONS

American **Phil Housley** (South St. Paul, Minn.) is in his first season as head coach of the Buffalo Sabres, the same team that drafted him as a player in 1982. A member of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame (2004), Housley has represented Team USA 15 times, including eight as a player and seven as a coach. Additionally, Housley was a head coach at the 2012 inaugural All-American Prospects Game, that was also held in Buffalo, New York.

Overall, the Sabres have drafted 14 Americans in the last five NHL Drafts, including recent first round selections **Casey Mittelstadt** (2017/Eden Prairie, Minn.) and **Jack Eichel** (2015/North Chelmsford, Mass.), both of whom won Most Valuable Player honors in their respective CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Games (Mittelstadt - 2016; Eichel - 2014) that both took place in Buffalo. Each also went on to be the first Americans selected in their draft years (Mittelstadt - 2017; Eichel - 2015).

Eight current members of the Buffalo Sabres have represented the United States in international play.

Justin Bailey, a native of Buffalo who made his debut with the Sabres in 2015-16, skated for the 2013 U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team at the 2013 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament.

Zach Bogosian represented the U.S. at the 2009 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship in Switzerland.

Jack Eichel, selected second overall by the Sabres in the 2015 NHL Draft, helped Team USA earn a bronze medal at the 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship. Captain of the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team, Eichel also skated for the 2014 U.S. National Junior Team and 2017 U.S. Men's National Team while winning a gold (2014) and silver (2013) medal with the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Teams.

Hudson Fasching earned a silver medal with the 2013 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team and represented Team USA on three other occasions, including two U.S. National Junior Teams (2014, 2015) and one U.S. Men's National Team (2016).

Sean Malone helped the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team earn a silver medal in 2013.

Jake McCabe was captain of the 2013 U.S. National Junior Team that won gold in Russia and helped Team USA win a gold medal at the 2011 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team. Additionally, he skated on the 2014 U.S. Men's National Team.

Kyle Okposo has skated for Team USA five times, including three U.S. Men's National Teams (2009, 2010, 2012) and two U.S. National Junior Teams (2007 - bronze; 2008).

Kevin Porter represented the U.S. twice at both the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship (2003, 2004) and IIHF World Junior Championship (2005, 2006). He helped Team USA to a silver medal at the 2004 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

In addition, three Buffalo Sabres prospects also represented the U.S. internationally, collecting a pair of bronze and gold medals in IIHF play.

Will Borgen, who is coached by U.S. head coach Bob Motzko at St. Cloud State University, helped the 2016 U.S. National Junior Team to a bronze medal at the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship in Helsinki, Finland.

Casey Fitzgerald, the son of Stanley Cup champion **Tom Fitzgerald**, has skated on two gold medal-winning U.S. squads, including the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team and 2015 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team.

Casey Mittelstadt, the first Sabres selection of the 2017 NHL Draft (eighth overall), is hoping to represent the U.S. in IIHF play on home ice for the second time after helping the 2016 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team earn a bronze medal on home ice at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He also skated for the U.S. in the 2015 Ivan Hlinka Memorial.

Additionally, there are three American players currently in the Sabres Hall of Fame, including **Mike Ramsey** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Pat LaFontaine** (St. Louis, Mo.) and Housley.

Ramsey, a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team and 1979 U.S. National Junior Team, was a four-time NHL All-Star Game participant (1982, 1983, 1985, 1986) and served as Sabres captain from 1991-92.

LaFontaine, who helped the U.S. claim the inaugural 1996 World Cup of Hockey event, spent six of his 15 NHL seasons with the Sabres, including five as team captain (1992-97). Housley, also a member of the 1996 U.S. World Cup of Hockey Team, skated his first eight NHL seasons with the Sabres and currently ranks third among U.S.-born players with 1,232 NHL points.



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USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

USA HOCKEY SIGNS PARTNERSHIP WITH CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL

On Dec. 21, USA Hockey announced that Chipotle Mexican Grill will become an official sponsor of the organization, including designation as the title sponsor of USA Hockey National Championships for youth, girls, women and high school aged-players. Chipotle will also be an official sponsor of Hockey Weekend Across America, including designation as Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day, sponsored by Chipotle, as well as an official sponsor of USA Hockey's two national Try Hockey for Free Days and USA Hockey Player Development Camps.

2018 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

The 2018 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team will seek its fourth straight gold medal at the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Dmitrov, Russia, from Jan. 6-13, 2018.

The 23-player roster, announced Dec. 1, features seven players that helped the U.S. earn gold last year in Zlin & Prerov, Czech Republic, including **Taylor Heise, Lizi Norton, Gracie Ostertag, Dominique Petrie, Lindsay Reed, Ally Simpson and Madeline Wethington**. Twenty-one players also participated in the 2017 Under-18 Series vs. Canada last August in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Overall, the U.S. has captured gold six times (2008, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017) and silver on four occasions (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014).

FELLOW U.S. NATIONAL HOCKEY TEAM SUCCESS

Over the last two months, four other U.S. hockey teams have found success in international competition.

On Nov. 12, the U.S. Women's National Hockey Team topped Canada, 5-1, to claim the 2017 Four Nations Cup at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Florida. The title was Team USA's third-straight in the event and eighth overall.

A month later, the 2017-18 U.S. National Sled Hockey Team edged Canada, 3-2, to claim the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge at McLaughlin Arena in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The victory marked an unprecedented fourth-straight title in the event and tournament record sixth title overall.

The U.S. National Under-17 Team also claimed a pair of international titles. On Dec. 16, the U.S. National Under-17 Team defeated Russia, 2-1, in a shootout in its final game of the 2017 Under-17 Four Nations Tournament to secure first place with an undefeated 2-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record. The team also claimed the 2017 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, in early November.

On Dec. 16, the U.S. Junior Select Team reached the championship game of the 2018 World Junior A Challenge in Truro, Nova Scotia, but fell to Canada West, 5-1, to earn second.

TEAM USA WOMEN TO HOST NWHL STARS IN EXHIBITION GAMES

The U.S. Women's National Team will play two exhibition games against the top players from the National Women's Hockey League. The games will serve as a final tune-up for the U.S. before the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang.

The games will be held Jan. 13 and 15 at Florida Hospital Center Ice in Wesley Chapel, Florida. Tickets will be available for \$10 each with 50 percent of the proceeds benefitting The USA Hockey Foundation's Friends of Women's Hockey Fund. Further details about broadcast information and how fans can purchase tickets will be forthcoming.

THE TIME IS NOW TOUR, PRESENTED BY TOYOTA

The Time is Now Tour, which recently completed, consisted of a series of games in the U.S. to assist the U.S. Women's National Team in preparation for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. In total, the U.S. went 4-0-1-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) as it played four times against Canada (1-0-1-2) and once against both Finland (1-0) and Sweden (1-0). For more information, visit TheTimeisNowTour.com

2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The XXIII Olympic Winter Games will be held in PyeongChang, South Korea, from February 9-25, 2018. Both the Men's and Women's Olympic rosters were unveiled on January 1.

Men: The 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team will compete from Feb. 14-25. Team USA's final 25-player roster will be comprised of college players, American Hockey Leaguers, and Americans playing professionally in Europe. **Jim Johansson** is the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, while **Ben Smith** is director of player personnel. **Tony Granato** will serve as head coach and will be joined by assistant coaches **Keith Allain, Chris Chelios, Ron Rolston** and **Scott Young**. The U.S. Men's Olympic Team has won two gold medals (1960, 1980), eight silver medals (1920, 1924, 1932, 1952, 1956, 1972, 2002, 2010) and one bronze medal (1936) all-time in Olympic competition.

Women: The 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team will compete from Feb. 11-22. **Reagan Carey**, USA Hockey's director of women's hockey, is the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team, with **Robb Stauber** serving as head coach, **Bret Strot** filling the role of associate head coach and **Paul Mara** tabbed as an assistant coach. Since capturing gold in 1998, the U.S. has won three silver medals (2002, 2010, 2014) and one bronze medal (2006).

2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The 2018 Paralympic Winter Games will take place in PyeongChang, South Korea, from March 9-18, 2018. The U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, which was named on January 1, will represent the United States in sled hockey. Team USA will play in Group B alongside the Czech Republic, Japan and host South Korea. Group A will include Canada, Italy, Norway and Sweden.

The U.S. enters the Paralympic Winter Games as two-time defending Paralympic gold medalists. After going undefeated and unscored upon to claim the gold medal at the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, Team USA became the first nation to claim back-to-back Paralympic gold medals in sled hockey when it defeated Russia, 1-0, in the gold-medal game of the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

11TH HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA

The 11th annual Hockey Weekend Across America will be held March 2-4, 2018. The weekend will feature a theme for each of the three days, including Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day on Friday (March 2); Try Hockey Day on Saturday (March 3) and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes Day on Sunday (March 4). Hockey Weekend Across America was created by USA Hockey in 2008 to engage the hockey community in celebrating the sport of hockey at all levels and exposing the sport to new audiences.

USA HOCKEY'S NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Founded in 1996, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program began operations in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and remained there until the summer of 2015. The full-time program is composed of two squads, the U.S. National Under-18 Team and U.S. National Under-17 teams, which compete in the USHL as well as against international and collegiate competition.

The Under-17 Team competes in the United States Hockey League and also participates in three international events annually. The U.S. National Under-18 Team's schedule includes games against NCAA Division I and III opponents, USHL teams as well as competition in three international tournaments.

USA HOCKEY ARENA

USA Hockey Arena, home of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, is a two-sheet facility with regulation ice (85x200) in the main arena and Olympic-size ice (100x200) for the secondary sheet. Acquired by the USA Hockey Foundation on April 1, 2015, the facility has added 20,000 square feet to the property that included a 9,800-square-foot workout facility, additional offices and a conference center. In total, the facility encompasses 170,000 square feet with the main rink providing 3,504 seats for hockey games and 4,500 seats for other performances and events. Accompanying the facility is the USA Hockey Summer Drive-In, which has three large screens that show first-run double-features seven nights a week, as well as CJ's Brewing Company.

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	LOCATION
10/25/17	Canada	L, 1-5	Boston, Massachusetts
11/07/17	Finland	W, 8-2	Wesley Chapel, Florida
11/08/17	Canada	W, 4-2	Wesley Chapel, Florida
11/10/17	Sweden	W, 5-0	Wesley Chapel, Florida
11/12/17	Canada	W, 5-1	Tampa, Florida
12/03/17	Canada	L, 1-2 (OT)	St. Paul, Minnesota
12/15/17	Canada	L, 1-3	San Jose, California

