



# 2018 U.S. PARALYMPIC SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES | PYEONGCHANG, SOUTH KOREA | MARCH 9-18, 2018

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME #2 • USA (1-0-0-0) VS. CZECH REPUBLIC (0-0-1-0) • GANGNEUNG HOCKEY CENTER (CAPACITY: 10,000) • MARCH 12, 2018

## TODAY'S GAME

The 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team continues preliminary round play at the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games when it takes on the Czech Republic in its second tournament game. Puck drop is set for 12 p.m. local time (11 p.m. ET, March 11) at Gangneung Hockey Center and will be broadcast live on NBCSN as well as live streamed on NBCOlympics.com.

The United States 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 Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, 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.

## TALKING POINTS

### THE SERIES VS. CZECH REPUBLIC

Between Paralympic and World Championship play, this is just the fourth-ever meeting between the two teams and the first time the two teams are facing off since 2012, when the United States fell to the Czechs, 2-1, in overtime. All-time, in three meetings in both the Paralympic and World Championship play, the U.S. is 2-1 and has outscored the Czechs by a 7-2 margin.

### TEAM USA VS. CZECH REPUBLIC IN PARALYMPIC SLED HOCKEY

Event	Date	Round	W	L	GF	GA
2013 SWC	April 16	Preliminary Round	W		3	0
2012 SWC	Feb. 26	Preliminary Round		OTL	1	2
2010 PWG	March 14	Preliminary Round	W		3	0
TOTAL		Three Meetings	2	1	7	2

### GROUP B UPDATE, PARALYMPIC SLED HOCKEY

Entering day three of Paralympic play, the United States sits in second place of Group B. With a game in hand, Korea sits first having won its both games, one in regulation and one in overtime, for five points. Among the four teams, the U.S. has a group-best goal differential of 10 without having allowed a goal.

### GROUP B STANDINGS - MARCH 12

Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
South Korea	2	1	1	0	0	7	3	5
United States	1	1	0	0	0	10	0	3
Czech Republic	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	1
Japan	2	0	0	0	2	1	14	0

### IN GOAL TODAY

**Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.) is the likely starter for Team USA today. A three-time Paralympian (2006, 2010, 2014) and member of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team since 2006, Cash has backstopped the United States to two Paralympic gold medals (2010, 2014), three world championship titles (2009, 2012, 2015) and six World Sled Hockey Challenge titles (2009, 2012, 2015, 2016 - Jan., 2016 - Dec., 2017) along with one Paralympic bronze medal (2006), two world championship silver medals (2013, 2017) and one world championship bronze medal (2008). In eight games this season, Cash has posted a 7-1 (W-L) record that includes a 0.71 goals-against-average, .935 save percentage and three shutouts.

### CHICAGO RESIDENCY PREPS TEAM USA

From Jan. 6 through March 1, the U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team resided in Chicago, where it lived and trained as a team in preparation for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. The team utilized ice time at West Meadows Ice Arena in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, and closed its time with two Sled Hockey Benefit Games against the U.S. Development Sled Hockey Team. In total, nearly 500 tickets were sold each night as all proceeds went to the team in helping families and friends travel to PyeongChang, South Korea.

## THINGS WORTH MENTIONING

**Brody Roybal** (3-1) and **Declan Farmer** (1-3) each enter today's game with a team-best four points ... With 35 points (19-16) in 13 games this season, **Brody Roybal** has tied **Declan Farmer** for the most points in a single U.S. season, when Farmer went 20-15--35 a year ago in the 2016-17 season ... **Noah Grove**, **Luke McDermott** and **Jack Wallace** each scored in their Paralympic debuts yesterday while **Ralph DeQuebec** registered two assists in his Paralympic debut ... The 17-player roster was unveiled on Jan. 1, 2018 at the 2018 NHL Winter Classic ... Team USA claimed two international titles this season, including the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, P.E.I. last December and the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament in January ... Since 2011, the U.S. has reached 11 straight title games in major international events, winning eight tournaments.

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME (LOCAL)
Broadcast	Venue	(Eastern)
<b>SUN., MARCH 11</b>	<b>JAPAN</b>	<b>W, 10-0</b>
NBCSN	Gangneung Hockey Center	
<b>MON., MARCH 12</b>	<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	<b>12 P.M.</b>
NBCSN	Gangneung Hockey Center	<b>11 P.M. (MARCH 11)</b>
<b>TUES., MARCH 13</b>	<b>KOREA</b>	<b>12 P.M.</b>
NBCSN	Gangneung Hockey Center	<b>11 P.M. (MARCH 12)</b>
<b>THURS., MARCH 15</b>	<b>SEMIFINAL GAME</b>	<b>TBD</b>
TBD	Gangneung Hockey Center	<b>TBD</b>
<b>SAT., MARCH 17</b>	<b>BRONZE MEDAL GAME</b>	<b>12 P.M.</b>
NBCSN	Gangneung Hockey Center	<b>11 P.M. (MARCH 16)</b>
<b>SUN., MARCH 18</b>	<b>GOLD MEDAL GAME</b>	<b>12 P.M.</b>
NBCSN	Gangneung Hockey Center	<b>11 P.M. (MARCH 17)</b>

## 2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, which was named on Jan. 1, 2018, is playing in Group B alongside the Czech Republic, Japan and host South Korea. Group A includes Canada, Italy, Norway and Sweden.

Entering the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games, Team USA owns an 18-1-0-6-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) record. Among its Group B opponents, Team USA has faced Japan, South Korea and the Czech Republic a combined 10 times, registering an 8-2 record. After a sixth place finish in its Paralympic debut in 1998, the U.S. has claimed four-straight Paralympic medals, including three gold medals (2002, 2010, 2014) and one bronze medal (2006). Its three Paralympic gold medals are most in Paralympic history.

## TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS

TOURNAMENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
2018 Turin Tournament	USA	ITA	NOR	5-0-0-0
2017 WSHC	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2017 Sled Worlds	CAN	USA	KOR	6-0-0-1
2016 (Dec.) WSHC	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 IPC Pan-Pacific	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 WSHC	USA	CAN	RUS	4-0-1-0
2015 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2015 WSHC	USA	RUS	CAN	4-1-0-0
2014 Paralympics	USA	RUS	CAN	4-0-0-1
TOTAL				43-1-1-2

## 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. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room.

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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Jon Gomez, who is on-site with Team USA here in South Korea.

**ONLINE GUIDE** [TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/2018PARALYMPICSLEDHOCKEY](http://TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/2018PARALYMPICSLEDHOCKEY)  
Team USA information, including bios, team schedule, news and team history are available at the official website of USA Hockey's national teams.



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### 2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES U.S. DETAILS

#### 2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

##### PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

#### JAPAN



**LAST PARALYMPIC MEETING - MARCH 11, 2018: USA 10, JAPAN 0**

In its first game of the tournament, **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) scored three goals and added an assist while **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) collected a goal and three assists to lead the United States to its tournament-opener. **Jen Lee** (San Francisco, Calif.) stopped two shots in the shutout win.

#### CZECH REPUBLIC



**LAST PARALYMPIC MEETING - MARCH 14, 2010: USA 3, CZE 0**

Behind goals from **Taylor Lipsett** (Mesquite, Texas), **Alexi Salamone** (Grand Island, N.Y.) and **Jimmy Connelly** (Galloway, N.J.) and another shutout effort by **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.), the United States blanked the Czech Republic, 3-0, in its second preliminary round game of the 2010 Paralympics in Vancouver.

#### KOREA



**LAST PARALYMPIC MEETING - MARCH 9, 2014: USA 3, KOR 0**

At the 2014 Paralympics in Sochi, **Adam Page** (Lancaster, N.Y.) scored twice and **Taylor Chace** (Hampton Falls, N.H.) added a goal as **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.) turned away nine shots to help the U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team defeat Korea, 3-0, in its second preliminary round game of the tournament.

##### PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES

#### SEMIFINAL



#### U.S. PARALYMPIC SEMIFINAL HISTORY

**Last Semifinal Appearance:** **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) scored twice, **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) collected a goal and **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.) made 11 saves to help Team USA knock off Canada, 3-0  
**U.S. Semifinal Record:** 2-1 (format implemented in 2006)

#### BRONZE MEDAL



#### U.S. PARALYMPIC BRONZE MEDAL HISTORY

**Last Bronze Medal Game Appearance:** In its only ever appearance in a Paralympic bronze medal game, the United States edges Germany, 4-3, at the Torino 2006 Paralympic Winter Games.  
**U.S. Bronze Medal Game Record:** 1-0

#### GOLD MEDAL



#### U.S. PARALYMPIC GOLD MEDAL HISTORY

**Last Gold Medal Game Appearance:** Four years ago, **Josh Sweeney** (Phoenix, Ariz.) scored the game-winning goal in the second period and **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.) secured the shutout to lead the U.S. past host Russia, 1-0.  
**U.S. Gold Medal Game Record:** 3-0

#### KEY TEAM USA PWG STATISTICS

##### ALL-TIME PWG FINISHES

Year	Location	Finish	Record <sup>^</sup>
2014	Sochi, Russia	Gold	4-0-0-1-0
2010	Vancouver, B.C.	Gold	5-0-0-0-0
2006	Torino, Italy	Bronze	3-0-0-2-0
2002	Salt Lake City, USA	Gold	5-1-0-0-0
1998	Nagano, Japan	Sixth	1-0-0-3-1
1994	Lillehammer, Sweden	DNP	DNP

##### ALL-TIME PWG RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record <sup>^</sup>	GF	GA
Canada	3	2-0-0-0-1	9	2
Czech Republic	1	1-0-0-0-0	6	1
Estonia	1	1-0-0-0-0	6	1
Germany	2	1-0-0-1-0	5	5
Great Britain	1	1-0-0-0-0	7	0
Italy	1	1-0-0-0-0	5	1
Japan	7	5-0-0-2-0	26	4
Korea	2	2-0-0-0-0	8	0
Norway	5	2-1-0-2-0	11	10
Russia	2	1-0-0-1-0	2	2
Sweden	2	2-0-0-0-0	12	1
TOTAL	27	19-1-0-6-1	94	26

##### SINGLE PWG U.S. RECORDS\*

Statistic	Player	Record
Goals	Sylvester Fils	11 (2002)
Assists	Joe Howard	8 (2002)
Points	Sylvester Fils	18 (2002)
GAA	Steve Cash	0.00 (2010)
SV%	Steve Cash	1.00 (2010)

##### CAREER PWG U.S. RECORDS\*

Statistic	Player	Record
Games	Joe Howard	16
Goals	Sylvester Fils	11
Assists	Joe Howard	15
Points	Joe Howard	24
Wins	Steve Cash	9
GAA	Steve Cash	0.21
Shutouts	Steve Cash	7
Minutes	Steve Cash	436

<sup>^</sup>(W-OTW-OTL-L-T)  
 \*Records only since 2002

#### 2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

LOCAL TIME	JAPAN	CZECH REPUBLIC	KOREA	SEMIFINAL	MEDAL GAME	TOTAL
No Name	W, 10-0 03/11	12:00 P.M. 03/12	12:00 P.M. 03/13	TBD 03/15	TBD 03/17 or 03/18	2018 PWG
3 Ralph DeQuebec	AA					0-2--2
4 Brody Roybal	GGGA					3-1--4
5 Billy Hanning	DND					0-0--0
8 Jack Wallace	G					1-0--1
9 Travis Dodson	DND					0-0--0
11 Tyler Carron	--					0-0--0
13 Luke McDermott	G					1-0--1
15 Nikko Landeros (A)	PA*					1-1--2
16 Declan Farmer (A)	UAAA					1-3--4
20 Adam Page	AA					0-2--2
22 Noah Grove	G					1-0--1
23 Rico Roman	G					1-0--1
24 Josh Misiewicz	AAA					0-3--3
27 Josh Pauls (C)	AA					0-2--2
88 Kevin McKee	WA					1-1--2
32 Jen Lee	W (45:00) 2/2					1-0 0.00 GAA
34 Steve Cash	DNP					NA

Key:

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

DNP - did not play  
 DND - did not dress



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NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
<b>GOALTENDERS (2)</b>						
32	Jen Lee*	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	07/26/1986	San Francisco, California	Chicago Blackhawks
34	Steve Cash <sup>%^</sup>	5-7 (170)	150 (68)	05/09/1989	Overland, Missouri	DASA St. Louis Blues
<b>DEFENSEMEN (5)</b>						
3	Ralph DeQuebec	5-10 (178)	185 (84)	03/24/1983	San Pedro, California	Colorado Avalanche
5	Billy Hanning <sup>%</sup>	5-10 (178)	160 (73)	04/18/1985	High Ridge, Missouri	DASA St. Louis Blues
11	Tyler Carron <sup>%*</sup>	6-0 (183)	165 (75)	05/11/1989	Fort Collins, Colorado	Colorado Avalanche
15	Nikko Landeros <sup>%^(A)</sup>	6-1 (185)	185 (84)	04/28/1989	Johnstown, Colorado	Colorado Avalanche
27	Josh Pauls <sup>%^(C)</sup>	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	12/31/1992	Green Brook, New Jersey	DASA St. Louis Blues
<b>FORWARDS (10)</b>						
4	Brody Roybal <sup>%*</sup>	3-1 (94)	120 (54)	05/25/1998	Northlake, Illinois	Chicago Blackhawks
8	Jack Wallace <sup>%</sup>	6-4 (193)	210 (95)	06/24/1998	Franklin Lakes, New Jersey	NJ Freeze
9	Travis Dodson	4-0 (122)	150 (68)	02/14/1985	Deming, New Mexico	Chicago Blackhawks
13	Luke McDermott <sup>%</sup>	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	09/01/1987	Westerlo, New York	Buffalo Sabres
16	Declan Farmer <sup>%*(A)</sup>	6-0 (183)	135 (61)	11/05/1997	Tampa, Florida	Tampa Bay Lightning
20	Adam Page <sup>%^</sup>	5-6 (167)	170 (77)	03/10/1992	Lancaster, New York	Buffalo Sabres
22	Noah Grove <sup>%</sup>	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	05/01/1999	Frederick, Maryland	USA Warriors
23	Rico Roman <sup>%*</sup>	5-9 (175)	180 (82)	02/04/1981	Portland, Oregon	Colorado Avalanche
24	Josh Misiewicz <sup>%*</sup>	6-0 (183)	170 (77)	06/25/1988	La Grange, Illinois	Chicago Blackhawks
88	Kevin McKee <sup>%*</sup>	4-7 (140)	115 (52)	02/11/1990	Chicago, Illinois	Chicago Blackhawks

#### TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Dan Brennan (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	Athletic Trainer	Mike Cortese (Boynton Beach, Fla.)
Head Coach	Guy Gosselin (Grafton, Wis.)	Equipment Manager	Scott Aldrich (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Assistant Coach	David Hoff (Bottineau, N.D.)	Team Physician	Mike Uihlein (Grafton, Wis.)
		Communications	Jon Gomez (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

<sup>%</sup>2017 Para Sled Worlds Silver Medalist

<sup>\*</sup>2014 Paralympic Winter Games Gold Medalist

<sup>^</sup>2010 and 2014 Paralympic Winter Games Gold Medalist

### 2018 U.S. PARALYMPIC SLED HOCKEY TEAM STAFF

#### DAN BRENNAN, GENERAL MANAGER • Third Consecutive U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team • Gold (2010, 2014)

Dan Brennan, director of sled hockey national teams for USA Hockey, is serving as the general manager of a U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team for the third consecutive Paralympic Winter Games. Since becoming general manager of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team in 2006-07, Brennan has guided the U.S. to two Paralympic gold medals (2010, 2014); three world championships (2009, 2012, 2015); six World Sled Hockey Challenge titles (2009, 2012, 2015, 2016 - Jan., 2016 - Dec., 2017); the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship and most recently the 2018 Turin Para International Ice Hockey Tournament last January. Brennan, who skated four seasons at Colorado College (1982-86), began working with USA Hockey in February 1996 as the coordinator of coaching and player development programs. In 1999, he was named the manager of the ice and inline coaching education programs before being elevated to his current role as director of sled national teams for USA Hockey in 2013. Brennan also manages USA Hockey coaching education programs, including seminars and clinics, and assists with USA Hockey's 30 diversity programs across the United States.

#### GUY GOSSELIN, HEAD COACH • Second-Straight U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team • Gold as Assistant Coach (2014)

Guy Gosselin, a two-time U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team member (1988, 1992), is serving as head coach of a U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team for the first time. He previously served as an assistant coach for the gold-medal winning 2014 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team alongside head coach Jeff Sauer, who passed away in February 2017. The 2017-18 season, Gosselin's third stint with a U.S. National Sled Hockey Team, has seen the U.S. earn an 11-0-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record and championship wins at both the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge and 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament. A year ago, he served as head coach of Team USA's silver-medal effort at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship and previously worked alongside Sauer as an assistant coach from 2011-15. Overall, Gosselin has helped Team USA claim one Paralympic gold medal (2014); one world championship (2012); three World Sled Hockey Challenge titles (2012, 2015, 2017) and the 2018 Turin Para International Ice Hockey Tournament. Currently regional manager of USA Hockey's American Development Model, Gosselin played at the University of Minnesota Duluth (1982-87) before skating professionally for six seasons.

#### DAVID HOFF, ASSISTANT COACH • First U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team • USA Hockey Coach-In-Chief Since 2009

David Hoff is serving as an assistant coach on a U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team for the first time. Through two seasons with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team, Hoff has helped the United States to a silver medal at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship along with a trio of international wins at the 2016 (Dec.) World Sled Hockey Challenge, 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge and 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament. Hoff, who has been involved with USA Hockey as a coach-in-chief for the last eight years, serves as an athletic director, mathematics teacher and head coach for the boys' ice hockey team at Bottineau High School. He graduated from Minot State University in 1990.

#### SUPPORT STAFF • Two Paralympic Gold Medalists Return

The 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team staff features four international gold medalists, including 2014 Paralympic gold medal-winning staff members in athletic trainer, **Mike Cortese**, and team physician, **Mike Uihlein**. Also on Team USA's support staff is equipment manager, **Scott Aldrich**, and media officer, **Jon Gomez**, who are serving on a U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team staff for the first time.

Cortese has been a member of Team USA's support staff for the last seven seasons while Uihlein has fulfilled his same role for six seasons. Together, the two have helped Team USA claim eight titles, including one Paralympic gold (2014), one world championship gold medal (2015), four World Sled Hockey Challenge titles (2015, 2016 - Jan., 2016 - Dec., 2017), the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship and the 2018 Turin Para International Ice Hockey Tournament. Cortese also helped the U.S. to a world championship gold medal in 2012.

Aldrich and Gomez, both full-time employees with USA Hockey, have experience serving on gold-medal winning U.S. national teams. An equipment manager for 12 other U.S. national teams, Aldrich has been on the staff of two gold-medal winning U.S. National Junior Teams (2013, 2017) and most recently filled equipment manager duties for the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. Last December, he was the equipment manager for Team USA's championship win at the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge, his first event with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team.

In addition, Gomez has spent the last four seasons as media officer for the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. A gold medalist staff member with both the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team (2015) and U.S. National Junior Team (2017), his time with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team also includes wins at three World Sled Hockey Challenges (2015, 2016 - Jan., 2017), the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship and the 2018 Turin Para International Ice Hockey Tournament.





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#### TALE OF THE TAPE

Average Height	5-3
Tallest	Jack Wallace (6-4) (193)
Shortest	Brody Roybal (3-1) (94)
Average Weight	159 (73)
Heaviest	Jack Wallace (210) (95)
Lightest	Brody Roybal (120) (54)
Average Age	27yrs, 6mo
Oldest	Rico Roman (36yrs, 9mo)
Youngest	Noah Grove (18yrs, 7mo)

#### HOME STATE REPRESENTED (10)

STATE	NO. OF PLAYERS
California	2
Colorado	2
Florida	1
Illinois	3
Maryland	1
Missouri	2
New Jersey	2
New Mexico	1
New York	2
Oregon	1

#### BIRTH YEARS (12)

Year	NO. OF PLAYERS
1981	1
1983	1
1985	2
1986	1
1987	1
1988	1
1989	3
1990	1
1992	2
1997	1
1998	2
1999	1

#### INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

##### PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES (10 PLAYERS)

PLAYER	YEAR(S)	PLAYER	YEAR(S)
Tyler Carron	2014 (Gold)	Kevin McKee	2014 (Gold)
Steve Cash	2006 (Bronze) 2010 (Gold) 2014 (Gold)	Adam Page	2010 (Gold) 2014 (Gold)
Declan Farmer	2014 (Gold)	Josh Pauls	2010 (Gold) 2014 (Gold)
Nikko Landeros	2010 (Gold) 2014 (Gold)	Rico Roman	2014 (Gold)
Jen Lee	2014 (Gold)	Brody Roybal	2014 (Gold)

##### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE (15 PLAYERS)

PLAYER	YEAR(S)	PLAYER	YEAR(S)
Tyler Carron	2012 (Gold) 2013 (Silver) 2015 (Gold) 2017 (Silver)	Kevin McKee	2012 (Gold) 2013 (Silver) 2015 (Gold) 2017 (Silver)
Steve Cash	2008 (Bronze) 2009 (Gold) 2012 (Gold) 2013 (Silver) 2015 (Gold) 2017 (Silver)	Josh Misiewicz	2015 (Gold)
Declan Farmer	2013 (Silver) 2015 (Gold) 2017 (Silver)	Adam Page	2008 (Bronze) 2009 (Gold) 2012 (Gold) 2013 (Silver) 2015 (Gold) 2017 (Silver)
Noah Grove	2017 (Silver)	Josh Pauls	2009 (Gold) 2012 (Silver) 2013 (Gold) 2015 (Gold) 2017 (Silver)
Billy Hanning	2017 (Silver)	Rico Roman	2012 (Gold) 2013 (Silver) 2015 (Gold) 2017 (Silver)
Nikko Landeros	2012 (Gold) 2013 (Silver) 2015 (Gold) 2017 (Silver)	Brody Roybal	2015 (Gold) 2017 (Silver)
Jen Lee	2012 (Gold) 2013 (Silver)	Jack Wallace	2017 (Silver)
Luke McDermott	2015 (Gold) 2017 (Silver)		

#### 2018 U.S. PARALYMPIC ROSTER UNVEILED JANUARY 1, 2018

On Jan. 1, 2018, the 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Roster was unveiled alongside the Men's and Women's Olympic Ice Hockey Team Rosters during the second intermission of the 2018 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic at Citi Field in New York City.

The 17-player roster includes 10 players who won the gold medal at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games as well as four players (Steve Cash, Nikko Landeros, Adam Page, Josh Pauls) who have won two Paralympic gold medals (2010 - Vancouver, 2014 - Sochi). Cash also earned a bronze medal at the 2006 Paralympic Winter Games here in Torino, Italy.

On site for the unveil was general manager **Dan Brennan** (Colorado Springs, Colo.), captain **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), alternate captain **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.), goaltender **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.) and **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.).

#### PAULS TO WEAR 'C'; LANDEROS, FARMER TABBED WITH 'A'S

Defenseman **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), a two-time Paralympic gold medalist at the 2010 and 2014 Paralympic Winter Games, is captain of the U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team for the first time. In addition, defenseman **Nikko Landeros** (Johnstown, Colo.) and forward **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) are alternate captains for a U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team for the first time. Landeros was teammates with Pauls on both gold-medal winning Paralympic teams (2010, 2014) while Farmer was part of Team USA's gold medal win in Sochi.

#### FIVE SET FOR PARALYMPIC SLED HOCKEY DEBUTS

Five players - **Ralph DeQuebec** (San Pedro, Calif.), **Travis Dodson** (Deming, N.M.), **Billy Hanning** (High Range, Mo.), **Luke McDermott** (Westerlo, N.Y.) and **Josh Misiewicz** (La Grange, Ill.) - will be making their Paralympic debuts in sled hockey at the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea. DeQuebec and Dodson are making their national debuts this season, while Hanning, McDermott and Misiewicz have been members of Team USA since the 2014-15 season.

While the 2018 Paralympics will be Dodson's first in sled hockey, it will be his second Paralympics experience after competing in biathlon at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. His interest in sled hockey was driven by Team USA's success at those Games.

#### SIX HOLD MILITARY BACKGROUNDS

Six players on the 2017-18 U.S. National Sled Hockey Team hold military backgrounds from the U.S. Army and U.S. Marines.

Among them are four U.S. Marines, including **Ralph DeQuebec** (San Pedro, Calif.), **Travis Dodson** (Deming, N.M.), **Luke McDermott** (Westerlo, N.Y.) and **Josh Misiewicz** (La Grange, Ill.).

Additionally, forward **Rico Roman** (Portland, Ore.) and goaltender **Jen Lee** (San Francisco, Calif.) spent time with the U.S. Army.

For a recent article detailing all five players, visit the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team website at [teamusa.usahockey.com](http://teamusa.usahockey.com).



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### MORE TEAM USA TIDBITS

#### HEAVY HEARTS FOR TEAM USA

For Team USA, heavy hearts will be part of the equation here at the Paralympics. In February 2017, the team lost head coach, **Jeff Sauer**, who passed away due to pancreatic cancer. Head coach from 2012-17, Sauer led Team USA to an unprecedented level of success that included two world championships (2012, 2015) and the gold medal at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. In addition, **Jim Johannson**, assistant executive director of USA Hockey and general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic men's ice hockey team, passed away in his sleep at his home in Colorado Springs. Johannson was a childhood teammate and eventual two-time Olympic teammate with U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey head coach **Guy Gosselin**. To recognize Gosselin and Sauer, Team USA has decals for both hanging in the Team USA locker room.

#### HOW WE GOT HERE

Entering the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea, the United States holds a record of 11-0-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) that includes championship wins at both of its international tournaments: the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge last December and the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament last January. Team USA's final competition ahead of the Paralympics included a home-and-home Border Series with Canada in February that saw each team claim one win. After the U.S. won, 2-1, on home ice in Buffalo, New York, it fell to Canada, 3-0, in Port Colborne, Ontario.

#### RETURN TO KOREA

The 2018 Paralympic Winter Games marks the third time a major international sled hockey event is taking place in Korea. Just last April, 14 members of Team USA were here for the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship that saw the U.S. claim six-straight wins before falling to rival Canada, 4-1, in the gold-medal game. Prior to that, nine U.S. players were on the U.S. squad that helped the U.S. to a silver medal effort at the 2013 International Paralympic Committee Sled Hockey World Championship in Goyang, South Korea.

#### RECAP: 2018 TURIN TOURNAMENT

At the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament last January, the United States went a perfect 5-0 in tournament play while not allowing a single goal in tournament play. The victory marked the team's eighth international championship in its last nine events dating back to the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. Brody Roybal (Northlake, Ill.) led the tournament in scoring with 18 points, including 10 goals and 8 assists, to earn Best Forward of the Tournament honors.

#### RECAP: 2017 WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE

Last December, Team USA claimed an unprecedented fourth-straight World Sled Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. The tournament started with preliminary round victories over Korea (8-0), Italy (10-0) and Canada (5-2). After a semifinal win over Italy (6-1), the U.S. met Canada in the championship game where it defeated the host by a 3-2 count. The title gave the U.S. a record sixth title in the event.

#### INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

With back-to-back international wins at the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament in Turin, Italy, and the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, P.E.I., the U.S. has now claimed eight of its last nine major international sled hockey tournaments. Prior to its silver medal at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship in Gangneung, South Korea, the U.S. had claimed titles six straight times, including the 2016 (Dec.) World Sled Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, P.E.I.; 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship in Buffalo, New York; the 2016 (Jan.) World Sled Hockey Challenge in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia; the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York; the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alberta; and the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

#### PAULS AN NHL AMBASSADOR FOR HOCKEY IS FOR EVERYONE

On Feb. 1, the NHL unveiled U.S. captain **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) as one its ambassadors for *Hockey Is For Everyone* month throughout February, which aims to reaffirm that the official policy of the sport is one of inclusion on the ice, in the locker rooms and in the stands. Around the hockey community, leagues and teams will celebrate the game's diversity and commitment to respect for all.

"I believe that the Hockey Is For Everyone initiative is important each year because many people, especially at a young age, are not usually comfortable pushing for inclusion," said Pauls. "With the NHL and its partners putting it out there that everyone is welcome in the sport of hockey, it opens the door for people of different backgrounds to feel a part of a family that they may not have had in the past or in any other setting."

#### GOSSELIN TIES TO 2018 U.S. MEN'S OLYMPIC TEAM

**Guy Gosselin**, head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team, held unique ties to the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team that competed in PyeongChang, South Korea.

A two-time U.S. Olympian, Gosselin grew up in Rochester, Minnesota with the late **Jim Johannson** (Colorado Springs, Colo.), who served as USA Hockey's assistant executive director of hockey operations and general manager for the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team until his passing on Jan. 20, 2018. Together, Johannson and Gosselin skated at both the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Winter Games where they were joined by 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team head coach **Tony Granato** (Downers Grove, Ill.). Granato is currently in his second campaign as head coach of the University of Wisconsin men's ice hockey team, where he played for the late **Jeff Sauer**, who coached the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team from 2012 until his passing in February of 2017. Sauer's time with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team included gold medal finishes at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, and the 2015 International Paralympic Committee Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York.

#### U.S. NATIONAL SLED TEAM WINS 2017 TEAM USA AWARDS

On Nov. 29, the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team was named the Paralympic Team of the Year by the United States Olympic Committee after registering a 10-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that included an unprecedented third straight World Sled Hockey Challenge title last December and a silver medal at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship in Gangneung, South Korea. On hand to receive the award was last season's captain, **Andy Yohe** (Bettendorf, Iowa).



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### 2017-18 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM STATISTICS

#### U.S. PLAYER STATISTICS BY TOURNAMENT

##### SKATERS

NO.	PLAYER	TOURNAMENT	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Ralph DeQuebec	2017 WSHC	5	0	2	2	2
		2018 Turin	5	1	1	2	2
		2018 Border Series	2	0	0	0	0
4	Brody Roybal	2017 WSHC	5	6	6	12	2
		2018 Turin	5	10	8	18	2
		2018 Border Series	2	0	1	1	2
8	Jack Wallace	2017 WSHC	4	4	3	7	8
		2018 Turin	5	2	4	6	2
		2018 Border Series	2	0	1	1	0
9	Travis Dodson	2017 WSHC	5	0	1	1	2
		2018 Turin	5	1	1	2	0
		2018 Border Series	1	0	0	0	0
11	Tyler Carron	2017 WSHC	5	1	4	5	2
		2018 Turin	5	1	1	2	0
		2018 Border Series	2	0	0	0	0
13	Luke McDermott	2017 WSHC	5	0	3	3	6
		2018 Turin	5	0	4	4	2
		2018 Border Series	2	0	0	0	0
15	Nikko Landeros	2017 WSHC	5	0	5	5	4
		2018 Turin	5	4	4	8	0
		2018 Border Series	2	0	0	0	2
16	Declan Farmer	2017 WSHC	5	6	7	13	2
		2018 Turin	5	5	4	9	0
		2018 Border Series	2	2	0	2	2
20	Adam Page	2017 WSHC	5	3	2	5	0
		2018 Turin	5	2	3	5	0
		2018 Border Series	2	0	0	0	2
22	Noah Grove	2017 WSHC	5	1	3	4	0
		2018 Turin	5	1	3	4	0
		2018 Border Series	2	0	1	1	0
23	Rico Roman	2017 WSHC	5	1	0	1	0
		2018 Turin	5	2	1	3	0
		2018 Border Series	2	0	0	0	0
24	Josh Misiewicz	2017 WSHC	4	3	3	6	31
		2018 Turin	5	6	10	16	2
		2018 Border Series	2	0	1	1	2
25	Billy Hanning	2017 WSHC	5	1	0	1	0
		2018 Turin	5	0	1	1	0
		2018 Border Series	2	0	0	0	0
27	Josh Pauls	2017 WSHC	5	1	4	5	2
		2018 Turin	5	0	3	3	0
		2018 Border Series	2	0	0	0	2
88	Kevin McKee	2017 WSHC	5	4	4	8	0
		2018 Turin	5	2	4	6	0
		2018 Border Series	2	0	0	0	0

##### GOALTENDERS

NO.	PLAYER	TOURNAMENT	GP	W-L	GA	SV	GAA	SV%
33	Jen Lee	2017 WSHC	2	2-0	1	12	0.50	.923
		2018 Turin	2	2-0	0	2	0.00	1.00
		2018 Border Series	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
34	Steve Cash	2017 WSHC	3	3-0	4	35	1.33	.913
		2018 Turin	3	3-0	0	14	0.00	1.00
		2018 Border Series	2	1-1	4	31	2.00	.886

#### CUMULATIVE U.S. SEASON STATISTICS

##### SKATERS

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Ralph DeQuebec	D	13	1	5	6	4
4	Brody Roybal	F	13	19	16	35	6
5	Billy Hanning	D	13	1	1	2	0
8	Jack Wallace	F	12	7	8	15	10
9	Travis Dodson	F	11	1	2	3	2
11	Tyler Carron	D	13	2	5	7	6
13	Luke McDermott	F	13	1	7	8	8
15	Nikko Landeros	D	13	5	10	15	4
16	Declan Farmer	F	13	14	14	28	4
20	Adam Page	F	13	6	8	14	2
22	Noah Grove	F	13	2	9	11	0
23	Rico Roman	F	13	4	1	5	0
24	Josh Misiewicz	F	12	9	17	26	35
27	Josh Pauls	D	13	1	9	10	2
88	Kevin McKee	F	13	7	9	16	0

##### GOALTENDERS

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-L	GA	SVS	GAA	SV%
32	Jen Lee	5	225:00	5-0	1	17	0.25	0.937
34	Steve Cash	8	360:00	7-1	8	72	0.71	0.935

#### CAREER U.S. STATISTICS

##### SKATERS

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Ralph DeQuebec	D	13	1	5	6	4
4	Brody Roybal	F	60	47	53	100	38
5	Billy Hanning	D	47	2	7	9	4
8	Jack Wallace	F	23	8	9	17	16
9	Travis Dodson	F	11	1	2	3	2
11	Tyler Carron	D	103	5	21	26	2
13	Luke McDermott	F	45	4	17	21	20
15	Nikko Landeros	D	124	38	52	90	82
16	Declan Farmer	F	77	72	64	134	26
20	Adam Page	F	155	48	39	87	74
22	Noah Grove	F	23	3	11	14	0
23	Rico Roman	F	89	10	17	27	20
24	Josh Misiewicz	F	29	14	24	38	39
27	Josh Pauls	D	134	37	58	95	28
88	Kevin McKee	F	100	37	56	93	35

##### GOALTENDERS

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-L	GA	SV	GAA	SV%
32	Jen Lee	20	504	8-0	5	51	0.49	.907
34	Steve Cash	142	6303	102-37	176	1575	1.26	.899

#### 2017-18 SEASON GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

##### 2017 WSHC

##### 2018 TURIN

##### CAN SERIES

No	Name	KOR W, 8-0 12/03	ITA W, 10-0 12/04	CAN W, 5-2 12/06	ITA W, 5-1 12/07	CAN W, 3-2 12/09	ITA W, 6-0 01/22	JPN W, 8-0 01/23	NOR W, 8-0 01/24	JPN W, 9-0 01/26	ITA W, 6-0 01/27	CAN W, 2-1 02/07	CAN L, 0-3 02/09
3	Ralph DeQuebec	--	AA	--	--	--	P	--	--	A*	--	--	--
4	Brody Roybal	AA	PGA	GUA*	GA	SA	GA*	GGA#	P/WPUAA	WPA	GAAA	A*	--
8	Jack Wallace	GGA#	GGA*A	--	DND	--	A	--	A	UGA	A	A	--
9	Travis Dodson	A	--	--	--	--	G	A	--	--	--	--	--
11	Tyler Carron	G	AAAA	--	--	--	--	--	--	G	A	--	--
13	Luke McDermott	A	A	--	--	A*	A	AAA*	--	--	--	--	--
15	Nikko Landeros	--	A	A	AA*	A	P#	WA	GUA*	A	--	--	--
16	Declan Farmer	WAAA	WGGAA	U	AAG	A	A	--	GA	GGA#	GG	W/PG	--
20	Adam Page	GA	A	--	GG#	--	A	GAA	--	U	--	--	--
22	Noah Grove	--	GAA#	--	A	--	G	--	AA	A	A	A	--
23	Rico Roman	--	P	--	--	--	--	GGA*	--	--	--	--	--
24	Josh Misiewicz	--	DND	WAA	W	GA	WA	GAAAA	GAA#	AA	WGGA#	A*	--
25	Billy Hanning	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	A	--	--	--	--
27	Josh Pauls	A*	A*	--	A*A	W	A	A	A*	--	--	--	--
88	Kevin McKee	PGA	GA	GA*	A	--	A	AA	G	P	A	--	--
32	Jen Lee	DNP	W (45:00) 5/5	DNP	W (45:00) 7/8	DNP	DNP	W (45:00) 2/2	DNP	W (45:00) 0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP
34	Steve Cash	W (45:00) 8/8	DNP	W (45:00) # 20/22	DNP	W (45:00) # 14/16	W (45:00) 6/6	DNP	W (45:00) 4/4	DNP	W (45:00) 4/4	W (45:00) 18/19	L (45:00) 13/16

Key:

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

DNP - did not play  
DND - did not dress





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### USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

#### 11TH HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA CONCLUDES

The 11th annual Hockey Weekend Across America proved to be a success on every level, highlighted by 13,460 children experiencing Try Hockey For Free Day at 379 rinks nationwide on Saturday (March 3).

Each day of the celebration featured a special theme. Friday (March 2) was Wear Your Favorite Jersey Day, sponsored by Chipotle, during which fans across the country showed their hockey pride by wearing their prized jerseys. Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes Day capped the weekend on Sunday (March 4) with recognition of those who power the game at grassroots levels. Sandwiched between was Saturday's (March 3) national Try Hockey For Free Day, when children ages 4-9 were introduced to hockey for the first time with complimentary equipment, ice time and encouragement from certified USA Hockey instructors.

Also part of Hockey Weekend Across America, 34 youth officials had the chance to meet and learn from current NHL officials in conjunction with 17 NHL games in American markets over the course of the event.

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.

#### TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE DAYS HELP 24,836 NEW PLAYERS

A total of 24,836 new players were part of USA Hockey's two national Try Hockey For Free Days this season.

The NHL, AHL, ECHL and USHL provided outstanding support to help drive attention to local Try Hockey opportunities. Additionally, several NHL clubs and other leagues supported the initiative by promoting and organizing events of their own. Pure Hockey and Liberty Mutual Insurance are official sponsors of Try Hockey For Free Days.

Now in their eighth season, USA Hockey's Try Hockey for Free Days have introduced more than 177,000 children to the sport.

#### USA HOCKEY SETS 8-AND-UNDER PLAYER PARTICIPATION RECORD

On Friday, March 2, USA Hockey announced that Paulina Doughtie from Antioch, Tennessee, became USA Hockey's 115,695th 8-and-Under player in 2017-18, setting a single-season 8U participation record. It marked the third consecutive record-breaking season for USA Hockey in the 8U age classification. Doughtie was introduced to the game in 2017 through USA Hockey's Try Hockey For Free Day and the Little Predators Learn-to-Play program, part of a league-wide initiative developed by the NHL and NHLPA that provides new players with six to eight weeks of beginner instruction and a full set of hockey equipment to keep.

"Hockey continues to grow at every level in the United States, and as our participation numbers indicate, the best is yet to come as these young players continue to play, love and excel," said **Jim Smith**, president of USA Hockey. "With initiatives like Try Hockey For Free Day and our American Development Model welcoming more and more young players to the sport, the sky's the limit for hockey in the U.S."

#### 2018 U.S. OLYMPIC WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM WINS GOLD

The 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team claimed its second-ever gold medal at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games with a 3-2 shootout win over rival Canada in the gold-medal game on Thursday, Feb. 22.

Leading up to the gold medal, Team USA carried a 3-1 victory over Finland, 5-0 win over Olympic Athletes from Russia, and a 2-1 loss to Canada in preliminary play before topping Finland, 5-0, in the semifinals.

Team USA earned the inaugural gold medal in the event at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan and has medaled in all six Olympic appearances to date (gold – 1998, 2018; silver – 2002, 2010, 2014 and bronze – 2006).

**Robb Stauber** served as head coach with **Bret Strot** filling the role of associate head coach and **Paul Mara** also on the staff as an assistant coach. **Reagan Carey**, USA Hockey's director of women's hockey, was the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team.

#### 2018 U.S. OLYMPIC MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM FINISHES SEVENTH

The U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team finished in seventh place among 12 teams competing at the 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games between February 14-25, 2018.

Team USA opened the preliminary round with a 3-2 OT loss to Slovenia before topping Slovakia 2-1 and falling to the Olympic Athletes from Russia, 4-0. The U.S. defeated Slovakia again, 5-1, in the preliminary round and closed the competition with a 3-2 shootout loss to the Czech Republic in the quarterfinals.

**Tony Granato** served as head coach of Team USA. Granato was joined by assistant coaches **Keith Allain**, **Chris Chelios**, **Ron Rolston** and **Scott Young**. In addition, **Jim Johannson**, who passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 21, 2018, was the team's general manager, and **Ben Smith** served as director of player personnel.

#### FELLOW U.S. NATIONAL HOCKEY TEAM SUCCESS

Entering the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, five other U.S. hockey teams had found success in international events.

On Jan. 13 in Dmitrov, Russia, the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team claimed a fourth-straight gold medal at the International Ice Hockey Federation Women's Under-18 World Championship with a 9-3 victory over Sweden.

Two weeks prior to that, on Jan. 5 the 2018 U.S. National Junior Team earned a bronze medal at the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship in Buffalo, New York, after topping Czech Republic, 9-3, in the bronze medal game. It marked the first time the U.S. has claimed a medal in three-straight World Junior Championships (2016 - bronze; 2017 - gold; 2018 - bronze).

Last December, two U.S. teams reached the championship game of their respective tournaments. 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. That second-place finish preceded Team USA's championship at the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

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.

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.

#### 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.

