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2018 IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | COPENHAGEN & HERNING, DENMARK | MAY 4-20, 2018

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME #1 • USA (0-0-0-0) VS. CANADA 0-0-0-0) • JYSKE BANK BOXEN (CAPACITY: 11,000) • MAY 4, 2018

TONIGHT'S GAME -

The U.S. Men's National Team faces Canada this afternoon to open tournament play at the 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship here in Herning, Denmark. Puck drop is set for 4:15 p.m. local time (10:15 a.m. ET) at the Jyske Bank Boxen and will be televised live in the U.S. exclusively on NHL Network.

The U.S. and Canada have met 44 times préviously in a Men's World Championship, including twice at the 2016 event in St. Petersburgh, Russia. Canada leads the series by a 39-1-3-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) margin in the event.

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The United States enters the 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship seeking its 12th tournament medal and first since 2016, when it claimed a bronze medal. All-time, the U.S. has won gold once (1933), silver four times (1950, 1939, 1934, 1931) and bronze six times (2015, 2013, 2004, 1996, 1952, 1949).

- TALKING POINTS -

THE SERIES VS. CANADA

The two teams last met in 2016, where the U.S. fell to Canada, 4-3, in the semifinal round. After falling, 2-0, the U.S. received goals from **Auston Matthews** (Scottsdale, Ariz.), **David Warsofsky** (Marshfield, Mass.) and **Tyler Motte** (St. Clair, Mich.) to take a 3-2 lead before Canada scored twice to claim the 4-3 win. Current U.S. netminder **Keith Kinkaid** (Farmingville, N.Y.) made 26 saves in the game.

LAST 5 U.S.-CANADA MEN'S WORLDS MEETINGS

Tournament	Date	Round	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA
2016 MWC	5/6/16	Semifinal				L	3	4
2016 MWC	5/21/16	Preliminary				L	1	5
2012 MWC	5/5/12	Preliminary		OTW			5	4
2011 MWC	5/6/11	Qualification			OTL		3	4
2008 MWC	5/6/08	Preliminary				L	4	5

KANE, MURPHY & LARKIN LEADING TEAM USA

On April 9, USA Hockey announced that **Patrick Kane** (Buffalo, N.Y.) will serve as captain for the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team. A three-time Stanley Cup champion with the Chicago Blackhawks who has twice represented the U.S. in the Olympic Winter Games (2010, 2014), including helping Team USA to a silver medal in 2010, Kane is skating in his second IIHF Men's World Championship (2008) and seventh international event.

Ahead of its exhibition game on Tuesday, May 1, it was also announced that **Connor Murphy** (Dublin, Ohio) and **Dylan Larkin** (Waterford, Mich.) will serve as alternate captains. A year ago, Murphy was captain of Team USA while Larkin served as an alternate captain. The two were part of the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team that earned a bronze medal at the 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship in Ostrava and Prague, Czech Republic.

DETROIT'S JEFF BLASHILL RETURNS AS U.S. HEAD COACH

Jeff Blashill (Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.), who recently completed his third season as head coach of the NHL's Detroit Red Wings, is serving as head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team for the second consecutive year. A year ago, Blashill guided the U.S. Men's National Team to a fifth-place finish in his international head coaching debut at the 2017 IIHF Men's World Championship in Cologne, Germany, and Paris, France.

REMEMBERING JIM JOHANNSON

Prior to today's game, the IIHF will recognize **Jim Johannson**, assistant executive director of USA Hockey and general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, who passed away in his sleep at his home in Colorado Springs on Jan. 21. Johannson, born March 10, 1964, in Rochester, Minn., had a lifelong career in hockey and was one of the most accomplished and respected people in the sport. Johannson's time with USA Hockey included 34 gold, 19 silver and 11 bronze medals; the launching and implementation of the highly acclaimed American Development Model; and securing USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich. as a home for all U.S. teams to utilize. He had served on 18 consecutive U.S. Men's National Teams (1999-2017).

- THINGS WORTH MENTIONING

Team USA has finished in the top five of an IIHF Men's World Championship four of the last five years ... The U.S. roster currently sits at 23 ... Team USA arrived April 29 ... Alex DeBrincat joined Team USA on May 1 and Blake Coleman arrived on May 2 ... Patrick Kane is captain while Connor Murphy and Dylan Larkin are alternate captains ... Five U.S. players are making their international debuts ... Jeff Blashill is head coach for the second straight year ... Last year, Team USA skated to a fifth place finish with a 6-0-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) mark after tying a U.S. record with six consecutive wins in the preliminary round en route to finishing atop Group A ... Last night, the U.S. National Under-17 Team edged the Youngstown Phantoms, 10-6, to even its USHL Eastern Conference Final series, 1-1. Game three is tonight at 7:05 p.m. ET. For more on the U17 team, see page 11.

– TEAM USA SCHEDULE – EVENT TIMI

TIME (LOCAL)/RESULT

City	Venue	(Eastern)
TUES., MAY 1	DENMARK (exh.)	W, 3-2
Herning	KVIK Hockey Arena	
FRI., MAY 4	CANADA	4:15 P.M.
Herning	Jyske Bank Boxen	10:15 A.M.
SAT., MAY 5	DENMARK	8:15 P.M.
Herning	Jyske Bank Boxen	2:15 P.M.
MON., MAY 7	GERMANY	4:15 P.M.
Herning	Jyske Bank Boxen	10:15 A.M.
THURS., MAY 10	LATVIA	4:15 P.M.
Herning	Jyske Bank Boxen	10:15 A.M.
FRI., MAY 11	KOREA	8:15 P.M.
Herning	Jyske Bank Bozen	2:15 P.M.
SUN., MAY 13	NORWAY	4:15 P.M.
Herning	Jyske Bank Boxen	10:15 A.M.
TUES., MAY 15	FINLAND	12:15 P.M.
Herning	Jyske Bank Boxen	6:15 A.M.
THURS., MAY 17	QUARTERFINALS	TBD
TBD	TBD	TBD
SAT., MAY 19	SEMIFINALS	3:15 P.M.
Copenhagen	Royal Arena	1:15 P.M.
SUN., MAY 20	BRONZE MEDAL GAM	IE 3:45 P.M.
Copenhagen	Royal Arena	9:45 A.M.
SUN., MAY 20	GOLD MEDAL GAME	8:15 P.M.
Copenhagen	Royal Arena	2:15 P.M.

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

– TEAM USA IIHF MWC HISTORY AT A GLANCE

Entering the 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship, the United States holds a 194-12-8-203-35 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) all-time record in world championship play. The U.S. has won a total of 11 medals in the event, winning gold once (1933); silver four times (1950, 1939, 1934, 1931) and bronze six times (2015, 2013, 2004, 1996, 1952, 1949).

- MEDIA INFORMATION -

Team USA players and head coach **Jeff Blashill** 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.

MEDIA CONTACT: 973.723.5744 JON.GOMEZ@USAHOCKEY.ORG

All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Jon Gomez, who is on-site with the U.S. Men's National Team here in Denmark.

ONLINE GUIDE TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/2018MENSWORLDS

Team USA information, including player and staff bios, team schedule, news and team history is available online.



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2018 IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP U.S. DETAILS

2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

CANADA



Men's Worlds Series vs. Canada: 44 GP 1-3-1-39-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) Of Note: Canada earned a silver medal last year, falling to Sweden in a shootout.

MAY 21, 2016: USA 3, CAN 4: In a 2016 semifinal meeting, Auston Matthews (Scottsdale, Ariz.), David Warsofsky (Marshfield, Mass.) and Tyler Motte (St. Clair, Mich.) each scored and Keith Kinkaid (Farmingville, N.Y.) made 26 saves but the Ú.S. ultimately fell to Canada, 4-3.

DENMARK



Men's Worlds Series vs. Denmark: 6 GP 4-0-1-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) Of Note: Denmark is hosting the IIHF Men's World Championship for the first time.

MAY 7, 2017: USA 7, DEN 2: Clayton Keller (St. Louis, Mo.) netted a hat trick and Anders Lee (Edina, Minn.) scored twice to lead the U.S. over Denmark, 7-2, a year ago. In six all-time meetings, the U.S. has outscored the Danes, 22-12, while claiming four wins.

GERMANY



Men's Worlds Series vs. Germany: 16 GP 8-0-1-4-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) Of Note: Germany enters the tournament as the 2018 Olympic silver medalist

MAY 5, 2017: USA 1, GER 2: Connor Murphy (Dublin, Ohio) scored and **Jimmy Howard** (Syracuse, N.Y.) made 25 saves, but the U.S. fell to Germany, 2-1, in last year's tournament-opening game. Over its last 10 meetings, the U.S. holds an 4-0-1-2-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) record.

LATVIA



Men's Worlds Series vs. Latvia: 13 GP 9-0-0-3-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) Of Note: U.S. forwards Dylan Larkin & Johnny Gaudreau scored in last year's win

MAY 13, 2017: USA 5, LAT 3: A year ago, five different U.S. players scored, including and Nick Bjugstad (Blaine, Minn.), JT Compher (Northbrook, III.), Johnny Gaudreau (Salem, N.J.), Dylan Larkin (Waterford, Mich. and Andrew Copp (Ann Arbor, Mich.), who tallied the game-winner with 3:22 to play.

KOREA



Men's Worlds Series vs. Korea: 0 GP 0-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) Of Note: This will mark the first-ever meeting in an IIHF Men's World Championship

The first-ever meeting in an IIHF Men's World Championship, Korea served as host of the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games where the U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team and U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team both won gold, marking the first time two U.S. teams won gold in ice hockey.

NORWAY



Men's Worlds Series vs. Norway: 18 GP 17-0-0-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) Of Note: This is the first meeting between the two teams since 2011, a 4-2 U.S. win

MAY 2, 2011: USA 4, NOR 2: After falling behind by a 2-0 count, the U.S. rallied with a four-goal third period to defeat Norway, 4-2. Current U.S. forward Chris Kreider (Boxford, Mass.) tallied an assist in the game. The U.S. has not lost to Norway since March 9, 1951, where it was shutout, 3-0.

FINLAND



Men's Worlds Series vs. Finland: 62 GP 22-1-2-29-8 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) Of Note: A rematch of Team USA's 2017 MWC quarterfinal, a 2-0 Finland win.

MAY 18, 2017: USA 0, FIN 2: A year ago, Jimmy Howard (Syracuse, N.Y.) made 18 saves as the U.S. outshot Finland, 26-20, but fell, 2-0. The defeat came after the U.S. rallied off six-straight wins, matching a U.S. record in tournamnet play, and snapped a four-game win streak against Fins.

ALL-TIME U.S. MEDALS AT MEN'S WORLDS

YEAR	LOCATION	MEDAL	RECORD
2015	Prague/Ostrava, Czech Republic	Bronze	7-1-0-2*
2013	Helsinki, Finland/Stockholm, Sweden	Bronze	6-1-0-3*
2004	Prague/Ostrava, Czech Repulic	Bronze	5-3-0-1*
1996	Vienna, Austria	Bronze	5-3-0
1962	Colorado Springs, United States	Bronze	5-2-0
1950	London, England	Silver	4-1-0
1949	Stockholm, Sweden	Bronze	6-2-0
1939	Basel/Zurich, Switzerland	Silver	4-2-0
1934	Milan, Italy	Silver	3-1-0
1933	Prague, Czechoslovakia	Gold	5-0-0
1931	Krynica, Poland	Silver	4-1-0

*W-OTW-OTL-L

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

				
Opponent	<u>GP</u>	Record [^]	GF	GA
Austria	12	11-0-0-2-0	58	23
Belarus	7	6-0-0-1-0	29	15
Belgium	2	2-0-0-0-0	25	2
Canada	44	1-3-1-39-0	82	226
Czech Republic	14	5-1-1-6-1	38	41
Czechoslovakia	38	8-2-0-25-3	76	194
Denmark	6	4-0-1-1-0	22	12
East Germany	10	2-0-0-5-3	39	40
Finland	62	22-1-2-29-8	186	216
France	10	9-0-0-1-0	43	15
Germany	16	8-0-1-4-3	46	35
Great Britain	4	2-0-0-0-2	22	14
Hungary	2	2-0-0-0-0	8	1
Italy	8	5-1-0-2-0	26	17
Japan	2	2-0-0-0-0	15	2
Kazakhstan	3	1-2-0-0-0	17	5
Latvia	13	9-0-0-3-1	41	27
Netherlands	3	3-0-0-0-0	31	10
Norway	18	17-0-0-1-0	115	38
Poland	17	14-0-0-2-1	91	40
Romania	4	3-0-0-1-0	41	10
Russia	16	6-1-0-8-1	43	50
Slovakia	11	4-2-1-3-1	32	29
Slovenia	4	4-0-0-0-0	22	4
Soviet Union	28	0-0-0-28-0	60	237
Sweden	53	11-0-1-36-5	131	260
Switzerland	25	16-0-1-7-1	109	63
Ukraine	3	2-0-0-0-1	14	5
West Germany	26	18-0-0-4-4	139	92
TOTALS	452	197-13-9-208-35	1601	1,723
^W-OTW-OTL-L	T			

PLAYOFF ROUND HISTORY

Quarterfinal Record: 5-3-3-9 (W-OTW-OTL-L) Last QF: L, 1-2 vs. Finland (2017) Quarterfinal games have been played in the IIHF Men's World Championship since 1992, with the exception of 1997, 1998 and 1999. Of the 22 years quarterfinals have been played. the U.S. has qualified all but twice.

Semifinal Record: 2-6 L, 3-4 vs. Canada (2016) Last SF: The U.S. is 2-6 in eight previous semifinal games in the IIHF World Championship. The IIHF has used various formats over its history, including round robin, double round robin and roundrobin medal play among the most common. The world championship has included semifinal

games in most years since 1992.

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Bronze Medal Game Record: 4-4 **Total Bronze Medals:** Last BMG: L. 2-7 vs. Russia (2016) The U.S. is 4-3 in seven previous bronze-medal games in the IIHF Men's World Championship. The IIHF has used various formats over its history, including round robin, double round robin and round-robin medal play among the

Gold Medal Game Record: NA **Total Gold Medals:** Last GMG: L, 1-2 vs. Finland (2017) The U.S., which won the gold medal in 1933, has not played in a gold medal game since the format change in 1992.



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2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

N	0.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM (LEAGUE)	COLLEGE (LEAGUE THEN)			
G	0AL	TENDERS (3)										
3	3	Scott Darling	6-6 (198)	231 (105)	12/22/1988	L	Lemont, III.	Carolina Hurricanes (NHL)	University of Maine (HEA)			
1		Keith Kinkaid	6-3 (191)	195 (88)	07/04/1989	L	Farmingville, N.Y.	New Jersey Devils (NHL)	Union College (ECAC Hockey)			
3	5	Charlie Lindgren	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	12/18/1993	R	Lakeville, Minn.	Montreal Canadiens (NHL)	St. Cloud State University (NCHC)			
D	EFE	NSEMEN (7)										
4		Will Butcher ⁺	5-10 (177)	190 (86)	01/06/1995	L	Sun Prairie, Wis.	New Jersey Devils (NHL)	University of Denver (NCHC)			
4	3	Quinn Hughes ⁺	5-9 (176)	168 (76)	10/14/1999	L	Orlando, Fla.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	University of Michigan (Big Ten)			
1	4	Nick Jensen	6-0 (183)	194 (88)	09/21/1990	R	St. Paul, Minn.	Detroit Red Wings (NHL)	St. Cloud State University (WCHA)			
2		Alec Martinez	6-1 (185)	215 (97)	07/26/1987	L	Rochester Hills, Mich.	Los Angeles Kings (NHL)	Miami University (CCHA)			
5		Connor Murphy^** (A)	6-4 (193)	212 (96)	03/26/1993	R	Dublin, Ohio	Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	-			
8	_	Jordan Oesterle	6-0 (183)	182 (83)	06/25/1992	L	Dearborn Heights, Mich.	Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	Western Michigan University (WCHA)			
4	4	Neal Pionk	5-11 (180)	181 (82)	07/29/1995	R	Hermantown, Minn.	New York Rangers (NHL)	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)			
F	ORV	VARDS (13)										
8	-	Cam Atkinson	5-8 (173)	179 (81)	06/05/1989	R	Riverside, Conn.	Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)	Boston College (HEA)			
2	-	Blake Coleman	5-11 (180)	201 (91)	11/28/1991	L	Plano, Texas	New Jersey Devils (NHL)	Miami University (CCHA)			
	2	Alex DeBrincat	5-7 (171)	165 (75)	12/18/1997	R	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	-			
	3	Johnny Gaudreau^	5-9 (170)	157 (71)	08/13/1993	L	Salem, N.J.	Calgary Flames (NHL)	Boston College (HEA)			
	9	Brian Gibbons	5-8 (173)	174 (79)	02/26/1988	Ŀ	Braintree, Mass.	New Jersey Devils (NHL)	Boston College (HEA)			
	8	Patrick Kane ⁺ (C)	5-11 (180)	176 (80)	11/19/1988	Ŀ	Buffalo, N.Y.	Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	- D (UEA)			
_	0	Chris Kreider	6-3 (191)	227 (103)	04/30/1991	Ŀ	Boxford, Mass.	New York Rangers (NHL)	Boston College (HEA)			
2		Dylan Larkin^*+ (A)	6-1 (185)	190 (86)	07/30/1996	Ŀ	Waterford, Mich.	Detroit Red Wings (NHL)	University of Michigan (Big Ten)			
2		Anders Lee^* Sonny Milano ⁺	6-3 (191)	227 (103)	07/03/1990 05/12/1996	Ŀ	Edina, Minn.	New York Islanders (NHL)	University of Notre Dame (CCHA)			
7	2		6-0 (183)	194 (88)	12/29/1986	R	Massapequa, N.Y.	Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)	-			
7	9	Derek Ryan	5-11 (180)	170 (77)	10/30/1997	R	Spokane, Wash. Orange, Conn.	Carolina Hurricanes (NHL) St. Louis Blues (NHL)	- University of Connecticut (HEA)			
	9 6	Tage Thompson ⁺ Colin White ⁺	6-5 (196) 6-1 (185)	201 (91) 190 (86)	01/30/1997	R	Hanover, Mass.	Ottawa Senators (NHL)	Boston College (HEA)			
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^2017 U.S. Men's National Team member

*2015 U.S. Men's National Team bronze medalist

+Product of US AHockey's National Team Development Program

- BY THE NUMBERS -

6ft. 0in. Darling (6-6/198 cm)
DeBrincat (5-7/171 cm)
191.5 lbs
Darling (231 lbs)
Gaudreau (157 lbs)
25.5 yrs
Martinez (30.9 yrs)
Hughes (18.6 yrs)
Left: 13 Right: 10

HOME STATES (12)

HOME SIAILS (12)					
Michigan	4				
Minnesota	4				
Massachusetts	3				
New York	3				
Connecticut	2				
Florida	1				
Illinois	1				
New Jersey	1				
Ohio	1				
Texas	1				
Wisconsin	1				
Washington	1				
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COLLEGE TIES (18)

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Boston College	
Miami University	
University of Michigan	
St. Cloud State University	
Union College	
University of Connecticut	
University of Denver	
University of Maine	
University of Minnesota Duluth	
University of Notre Dame	
Western Michigan University	

U.S. JUNIOR HOCKEY TIES+

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USHL		17
NAHL		3
USHS		3
EJHL		1

*Includes players from multiple junior leagues

2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM STAFF

GENERAL MANAGER:	Bill Zito
HEAD COACH:	Jeff Blashill
ASSISTANT COACH:	Dan Bylsma
ASSISTANT COACH:	Don Granato
ASSISTANT COACH:	Seth Appert
VIDEO COORDINATOR:	Adam Nightingale
DIRECTOR, HOCKEY OPS:	Kevin McLaughlin

TEAM LEADER:
ATHLETIC TRAINER:
ATHLETIC TRAINER:
EQUIPMENT MANAGER:
EQUIPMENT MANAGER:
TEAM PHYSICIAN:
MASSAGE THERAPIST:
COMMUNICATIONS:

Bob Webster Stan Wong Dave Zeis Scott Aldrich Mark DePasquale Dr. Charles Popkin PeeWee Willman Jon Gomez

BILL ZITO, GENERAL MANAGER • *Milwaukee, Wis.* • *Assistant GM, Columbus Blue Jackets* Bill Zito is serving as a general manager on a U.S. men's national team for the first time. Zito, who also holds the role of general manager for the AHL's Cleveland Monsters, is a member of USA Hockey's international council and previously served on the management staff for the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team that claimed a bronze medal at the 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship. Zito joined the Blue Jackets in the summer of 2013 before adding his role with the Monsters two years later. Prior to joining the Blue Jackets organization, Zito spent two decades building Acme World Sports into one of the top hockey agencies in the world by uncovering late-round or undrafted, lesser-known players, as well as the top picks.

JEFF BLASHILL, HEAD COACH • Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. • Detroit Red Wings Head Coach (3rd Season) Jeff Blashill, who guided the 2017 U.S. Men's National Team to a 6-0-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, in his international head coaching debut, is serving as head coach of the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team. This is the fifth time Blashill will be behind a U.S. bench. Previously, he was a goaltending coach for the 2009 U.S. National Junior Team and an assistant coach for both the U.S. Junior Select Team that won the 2009 World Junior A Challenge and the U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team that earned second place at the 2006 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament. A former USHL and NCAA head coach, Blashill joined Detroit after three seasons with its AHL affiliate, the Grand Rapids Griffins, where he led the program to its first Calder Cup championship in the 17-year history of the franchise in 2012-13.

DAN BYLSMA, ASSISTANT COACH • Grand Haven, Mich. • 2014 U.S. Olympic Head Coach • 2009 Stanley Cup Champion Dan Bylsma is representing the U.S. as a coach for the third time. The head coach of the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team in Sochi, Russia, Bylsma most recently served as an assistant coach for the bronze medal-winning 2015 U.S. Men's National Team. Bylsma, who won the Stanley Cup in his first season as head coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins, currently ranks first all-time among Pittsburgh bench bosses with 252 wins he accumulated during his six seasons with the organization. He also served two seasons (2015-17) as head coach of the NHL's Buffalo Sabres.

DON GRANATO, ASSISTANT COACH • Downers Grove, III. • Chicago Blackhawks Assistant Coach (1st Season) Don Granato is an assistant coach on a U.S. Men's National Team for the second time after fulfilling the same capacity in 2014. He has significant experience on the international stage, having led the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team to gold (2015) and silver (2013) medal finishes at the IHF Under-18 Men's World Championship as head coach, while also serving as an assistant for the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team. Granato was a head coach at USA Hockey National Team Development Program from 2011-17, guiding the U.S. to five other international titles.

SETH APPERT, ASSISTANT COACH • Cottage Grove, Mich. • Head Coach, USA Hockey's NTDP (1st Season) Seth Appert returns as an assistant coach for Blashill and the U.S. Men's National Team for the second straight year. The head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team that earned silver at the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship on April 29, Appert was an assistant coach for last year's gold medal-winning 2017 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team. His other USA Hockey coaching experience includes two stints as head coach (2008, 2011) and one as assistant coach (2007) of the U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team that competed in the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup.



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2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

NO	NAME	POS.	DEN^ W, 3-2 05/01	CAN 4:15 P.M. 05/04	DEN 8:15 P.M. 05/05	GER 4:15 P.M. 05/07	LAT 4:15 P.M. 05/10	KOR 8:15 P.M. 05/11	NOR 4:15 P.M. 05/13	FIN 12:15 P.M. 05/15	QF TBD 05/17	SF TBD 05/19	MG TBD 05/20	2018* MWC TOTAL
4	Will Butcher	D	SAA*											0-0 (0)
5	Connor Murphy	D												0-0 (0)
7	Derek Ryan	F	Α											0-0 (0)
12	Alex DeBrincat	F												0-0 (0)
13	Johnny Gaudreau	Ė												0-0 (0)
14		D												0-0 (0)
20	Chris Kreider	F												0-0 (0)
21	Dylan Larkin	F	W											0-0 (0)
22	Sonny Milano	F	A											0-0 (0)
23	Alec Martinez	D												0-0 (0)
25	Blake Coleman	F	DND											0-0 (0)
27	Anders Lee	F												0-0 (0)
29	Tage Thompson	F												0-0 (0)
36	Colin White	F												0-0 (0)
39	Brian Gibbons	F												0-0 (0)
43	Quinn Hughes	D												0-0 (0)
44	Neal Pionk	D												0-0 (0)
82	Jordan Oesterle	D												0-0 (0)
88	Patrick Kane	F	A*											0-0 (0)
89	Cam Atkinson	F	G#											0-0 (0)
1	Keith Kinkaid	G	W, 40:00											0-0 (W-L)
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33	Scott Darling	G	20:00											0-0 (W-L)
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35	Charlie Lindgren	G	DND											0-0 (W-L)
			DND											0.00 GAA

Key: Visit 2018.iihfworlds.com for full stats
G - goal S - shorthanded goal
A - assist P* - penalty shot
P - powerplay goal U - unassisted goal
*Point total does not include exhibition game

W - game-winning goal A* - assist on game-winning goal # - U.S. Player of the Game

^ - Exhibition Game DNP - did not play DND - did not dress

2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM REGULAR-SEASON SCORING

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NO	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
89	Cam Atkinson Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)	65	28	24	52	14
25	Blake Coleman New Jersey Devils (NHL)	79	13	12	25	50
12	Alex DeBrincat Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	82	28	24	52	6
13	Johnny Gaudreau Calgary Flames (NHL)	80	24	60	84	26
88	Patrick Kane Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	82	27	49	76	32
20	Chris Kreider Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	58	16	21	37	44
39	Brian Gibbons New Jersey Devils (NHL)	59	12	14	26	20
21		82	16	47	63	61
27	Anders Lee Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	82	40	22	62	44
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22	Sonny Milano Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL) Cleveland Monsters (AHL)	55 9	14 2	8	22 5	10 4
29	Tage Thompson St. Louis Blues (NHL) San Antonio Rampage (AHL)	41 30	3	6 10	9 18	12 4
36	Colin White					
	Ottawa Senators (NHL) Belleville Senators (NHL)	21 47	2 11	4 16	6 27	8 43

DEFENSEMEN

NO	NAME Will Butcher	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
7	New Jersey Devils (NHL)	81	5	39	44	8
43	Quinn Hughes University of Michigan (Big Ten)	37	5	24	29	26
23	Alec Martinez Los Angeles Kings (NHL)	77	9	16	25	34
5	Connor Murphy Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	76	2	12	14	34
82	Jordan Oesterle Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	55	5	10	15	8
44	Neal Pionk New York Rangers (NHL) Hartford Wolf Pack (AHL)	28 48	1	13 16	14 17	12 20

GOALTENDERS

NO	NAME	GP	W	L	OTL.	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Scott Darling Carolina Hurricanes (NHL)	43	13	21	7	3.18	.888	0
33	Keith Kinkaid New Jersey Devils (NHL)	41	26	10	3	2.77	.913	1
35	Charlie Lindgren Montreal Canadiens (NHL) Laval Rockets (AHL)	14 36	4	_		3.03 3.37		2



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TEAM USA TIDBITS-

MAY 1 RECAP: USA 3, DENMARK 2 (EXHIBITION)

Will Butcher (Sun Prairie, Wis.) collected a goal and two assists as the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team earned a 3-2 victory over Denmark in its lone exhibition game ahead of the 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship. Dylan Larkin (Waterford, Mich.) tallied the eventual game-winning goal with Patrick Kane (Buffalo, N.Y.) and Butcher tallying assists. Cam Atkinson (Riverside, Conn.), who scored Team USA's second goal off a deflection, was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

"This was a good team win in a fun atmosphere," said Jeff Blashill, head coach of the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team. "We were able to play different line combinations and evaluate some of our special teams play, which was great. What's important going forward is that we continue to build our game."

TRIO OF 2015 BRONZE MEDALISTS HEADLINE RETURNEES

Three players on Team USA helped the United States to a bronze medal at the 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship, including forwards **Dylan Larkin** (Waterford, Mich.) and **Anders Lee** (Edina, Minn.) and defenseman **Connor Murphy** (Dublin, Ohio).

The trio, along with forward **Johnny Gaudreau** (Salem, N.J.), all skated for 2018 U.S. Men's National Team head coach Jeff Blashill at last year's IIHF Men's World Championship.

Additionally, goaltender **Keith Kinkaid** (Farmingville, N.Y.) and forwards **Cam Atkinson** (Riverside, Conn.), **Chris Kreider** (Boxford, Mass.) and captain Patrick Kane have all skated for a U.S. Men's National Team previously.

INTERNATIONAL WINNING PEDIGREES

Fourteen U.S. players have skated for a U.S. national team previously and have combined to win 24 medals in IIHF World Championship play.

Among the medalists are 10 IIHF gold medalists, including defensemen Will Butcher (2012 MU18), Quinn Hughes (2017 MU18) and Connor Murphy (2013 WJC, 2011 MU18) and forwards Johnny Gaudreau (2013 WJC), Patrick Kane (2006 MU18), Chris Kreider (2010 WJC), Dylan Larkin (2014 MU18), Sonny Milano (2014 MU18), Tage Thompson (2017 WJC) and Colin White (2017 WJC, 2015 MU18).

FIVE POISED FOR INTERNATIONAL DEBUTS

Five players, including goaltenders **Scott Darling** (Lemont, III.) and **Charlie Lindgren** (Lakeville, Minn.); defenseman and **Jordan Oesterle** (Dearborn Heights, Mich.) and forwards **Blake Coleman** (Plano, Texas) and **Brian Gibbons** (Braintree, Mass.) will be making their international debuts at the 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship. Additionally, defensemen **Nick Jensen** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Alec Martinez** (Rochester Hills, Mich.) and **Neal Pionk** (Hermantown, Minn.) as well as forward **Derek Ryan** (Spokane, Wash.) will be skating in an IIHF tournament for the first time after previously skating on U.S. select teams.

ZITO TABBED GENERAL MANAGER OF TEAM USA

Bill Zito (Milwaukee, Wis.), assistant general manager of the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets, is serving as general manager for the U.S. Men's National Team for the first time. Zito, who also holds the role of general manager for the AHL's Cleveland Monsters, is a member of USA Hockey's international council and previously served on the management staff for the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team that claimed a bronze medal at the 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship.



U.S. COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Blashill is joined behind the U.S. bench by assistant coaches **Dan Bylsma** (Grand Haven, Mich.), **Don Granato** (Downers Grove, Ill.) and **Seth Appert** (Cottage Grove, Minn.). All three have previously served on a U.S. coaching staff.

Additional staff members on this year's U.S. Men's National Team include team leader **Bob Webster** (Littleton, Colo.), video coordinator **Adam Nightingale** (Cheboygan, Mich.) and director of hockey operations **Kevin McLaughlin** (Colorado Springs, Colo.) While Webster and Nightingale were members of Team USA a year ago, this is the first U.S. Men's National Team for McLaughlin, who works for USA Hockey full-time as its senior director of hockey development.

Team USA's support staff includes athletic trainers **Dave Zeis** (Buffalo, N.Y.) and **Stan Wong** (Boca Raton, Fla.); equipment managers **Scott Aldrich** (Colorado Springs, Colo.) and **Mark DePasquale** (Chicago, Ill.); team physician **Dr. Charles Popkin** (Medina, Minn.); and communications manager **Jon Gomez** (Colorado Springs, Colo.).

FOUR STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS

Four players on Team USA have claimed a Stanley Cup. Since 2009, a current member of the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team has been on six of the last eight Stanley Cup-winning teams.

Assistant coach **Dan Bylsma**, in his NHL head coaching debut, led the Pittsburgh Penguins to Stanley Cup in 2009. The following year, **Patrick Kane** helped the Chicago Blackhawks to its first of three Stanley Cup championships (2010, 2013, 2015). His performance in 2013 saw him earn the Conn Smythe Trophy as MVP of the Playoffs. Joining Kane on the 2015 Stanley Cupwinning squad was goaltender and Lemont, Ill., native **Scott Darling**. Additionally, **Alec Martinez** helped the Los Angeles Kings claim its first Stanley Cup win in its franchise history in 2012 before helping the Kings win the Cup again in 2014.

STANLEY CUP GAME-WINNING GOALS

Two players on the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team have scored Stanley Cup-clinching goals. In 2010, forward **Patrick Kane**'s goal 4:06 into overtime gave the Chicago Blackhawks its first Stanley Cup since 1961 with a 4-3 Game 6 win over the Philadelphia Flyers. Four years later, defenseman **Alec Martinez** scored with 5:17 remaining in double overtime of Game 5 to give the Los Angeles Kings a 3-2 victory over fellow U.S. forward **Chris Kreider** (Boxford, Mass.) and the New York Rangers for its second Stanley Cup in three years (2012).

FOUR NHL ROOKIES ON TEAM USA

Four players on Team USA made their NHL debuts this season. Will Butcher (Sun Prairie, Wis.) registered 44 points in 81 games for the New Jersey Devils while Neal Pionk (Hermantown, Minn.), Tage Thompson (Milford, Conn.) and Colin White (Hanover, Mass.) all split time this season with their respective NHL clubs and their AHL affiliates. Pionk opened the season with the AHL's Hartford Wolf Pack before being called up to the New York Rangers. Thompson started the season with the AHL's San Antonio Rampage before closing the year out with the St. Louis Blues, while White played for both the NHL's Ottawa Senators and AHL's Belleville Senators.

U.S. COACHING STAFF HOLD COLLEGE ROOTS

While 18 of the 23 U.S. players may hail from the college ranks, so does all four members of Team USA's coaching staff. Head coach **Jeff Blashill** (Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.) skated four seasons (1994-98) at Ferris State University, including two seasons with U.S. assistant coach **Seth Appert** (Cottage Grove, Minn.), who also played goaltender from 1992-96. Additionally, **Dan Bylsma** (Grand Haven, Mich.) played four years (1988-1992) for Bowling Green State University while **Don Granato** (Downers Grove, Ill.) skated four seasons (1987-91) for the late Jeff Sauer, a 2014 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, at the University of Wisconsin. In 1990, Granato and the Badgers claimed an NCAA National Championship with a 7-3 win over Colgate.



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TEAM USA TIDBITS -

COLLEGE REUNIONS

The 2018 U.S. Men's National Team has a number of players from the same college skating together. In total, 18 of the 23 players representing Team USA come from 11 different NCAA schools. Boston College leads all school with five players - Cam Atkinson (2008-11), Chris Kreider (2009-12), Johnny Gaudreau (2011-14), Brian Gibbons (2007-11) and Colin White (2015-17). Three schools each have two players on Team USA, as Charlie Lindgren (2013-16) and Nick Jensen (2010-13 both skated at St. Cloud State University; Dylan Larkin (2014-15) and Quinn Hughes (2017-18) played at the University of Michigan and both Alec Martinez (2005-08) and Blake Coleman (2011-15) played at Miami University (Ohio). Additionally, Jeff Blashill and Seth Appert were teammates at Ferris State University where they both were goaltenders.

USHL POWERS TEAM USA

Seventeen players on the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team spent time in the United States Hockey League, the only Tier I junior league in the United States. Among the 17 USHL alumni are four Clark Cup champions in **Johnny Gaudreau** (Dubuque Fighting Saints, 2011), **Alec Martinez** (Cedar Rapids RoughRiders, 2005) and Green Bay Gamblers teammates **Anders Lee** and **Nick Jensen** in 2010. Additionally, three players earned playing honors, as **Neal Pionk** was named the 2014-15 USHL Defenseman of the Year; **Anders Lee** was tabbed 2009-10 USHL Rookie of the Year; and **Blake Coleman** earned both the 2010-11 USHL Player of the Year and 2010-11 USHL Forward of the Year awards.

TEAM USA TIES TO 2018 MU18 SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

On April 29, the 2018 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team earned a silver medal at the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. The team was coached by 2018 U.S. Men's National Team assistant coach **Seth Appert** (Cottage Grove, Minn.) and included forward **Jack Hughes** (Orlando, Fla.), brother of 2018 U.S. Men's National Team defenseman **Quinn Hughes** (Orlando, Fla.). A year ago, Quinn helped the U.S. win gold at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

Quinn's brother, Jack, finished the tournament with 5 goals and 7 assists for 12 points, which led all tournament skaters and saw him earn Tournament MVP and Best Forward honors.

GOLD MEDALIST BLAKE GEOFFRION IN DENMARK

Blake Geoffrion (Brentwood, Tenn.), who helped the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team to a gold medal in 2006 and the U.S. National Junior Team to a bronze medal in 2007, is here in Herning, Denmark. A product of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program and former teammate of current U.S. captain Patrick Kane (Buffalo, N.Y.) on both medal-winning U.S. national teams, Geoffrion played five seasons of professional hockey with the NHL's Montreal Canadiens and Nashville Predators, as well as their AHL affiliates the Milwaukee Admirals (NSH) and Hamilton Bulldogs (MTL). He was the first fourth-generation player in NHL history, after his father Dan, grandfather Bernie and great-grandfather Howie Morenz. Currently, Geoffrion is an assistant general manager for general manager Bill Zito and the AHL's Lake Erie Monsters.

EAGLES PRIDE

Among the 18 players on Team USA to have skated collegiately, five did so as member of Boston College. **Brian Gibbons** joined the Eagles in 2007-08, where he helped them win an NCAA national championship that season. After **Cam Atkinson** became an Eagle the following season, **Chris Kreider** joined the duo in 2009-10, where the Eagles again claimed an NCAA title. **Johnny Gaudreau** then joined Boston College in 2011-12, its first season without Gibbons or Atkinson, where he and Kreider led to the Eagles to its third NCAA title in five seasons. In 2015-16, **Colin White** skated for the Eagles where he was tabbed Hockey East Rookie of the Year.

NHL ROOKIES PACED BY U.S. TALENT

The 2017-18 NHL season saw a number of notable rookie performances, many of which came by U.S. players.

Five of the top 10 point-getters were Americans, as Arizona Coyotes forward Clayton Keller (St. Louis, Mo.) finished second with 65, Winnipeg Jets forward Kyle Connor (Clinton, Mich.) was fourth with 57, Vancouver Canucks forward Brock Boeser (Burnsville, Minn.) was fifth with 55, U.S. forward Alex DeBrincat was sixth with 52 and U.S. defenseman Will Butcher was 10th with 44.

Additionally, four of the top five NHL rookie goal scorers were Americans, as Connor tallied an NHL rookie-best 31, Boeser was second with 29, DeBrincat finished third with 27 and Keller was fifth with 23.

In terms of assists, Keller was second with 42, Butcher finished third with 39 and Boeser was 10th with 26. Butcher led all NHL rookie defensemen in both assists and points.

All five have skated for the U.S. previously, with Keller and Connor both skating on a U.S. Men's National Team.

AMERICANS FILL NHL LEADER COLUMNS

A number of U.S.-born players finished the 2017-18 NHL season among the league's best performers. Forward **Blake Wheeler** (Plymouth, Minn.) collected an NHL-best 68 assists while U.S. forward **Johnny Gaudreau** ranked seventh with 60. U.S. forward **Anders Lee** led all U.S. players with 40 goals, which was seventh best in the NHL this season. Additionally, with 92 points, **Phil Kessel** (Madison, Wis.) finished seventh in NHL scoring while Wheeler was ninth with 91.

BOESER, KELLER TABBED CALDER TROPHY FINALISTS

On April 22, Burnsville, Minn., native **Brock Boeser** (Vancouver Canucks) and St. Louis, Mo., native **Clayton Keller** (Arizona Coyotes) were tabbed finalists for the Calder Trophy, given to the best rookie in the NHL, along with Matthew Barzal (N.Y. Islanders). It is the second straight year two Americans are among the three finalists, as **Auston Matthews** (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and **Zach Werenski** (Grosse Pointe, Mich.) were finalists a year ago. Matthews went on the receive the award, becoming the first American awarded the honor since Patrick Kane in 2007-08. The winner will be announced at the 2018 NHL Awards in Las Vegas on June 20.



Given the location of the team locker rooms, each team's respective goaltenders have the ability to be escorted to the ice via a golf cart. Pictured here is **Scott Darling**, ready to head to the ice.



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INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

PLAYER EXPERIENCE

INTERNATIONAL PLAYER STATS

	WINTER GAI	MES	IIHF UNDER-18	MEN'S WORLD CHA	MPIONSHIP	PLAYER Cam Atkinson	TOURNAMENT STATS 2012 MWC 8 GP, 1-23
PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH	PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH	our / transor	TOTALS 8 GP, 1-23
Patrick Kane	2014	Fourth	Will Butcher	2013	Silver		
Tatrick Ranc	2010	Silver	Will Datellel	2012	Gold	Will Butcher	2015 WJC 5 GP, 0-11
	2010	Olivei	Quinn Hughes	2017	Gold	Will Batoriol	2014 WJC 5 GP, 2-35
HUE MENIC W	ODI D CUANA	поментр	Patrick Kane	2006	Gold		2013 MU18 7 GP, 2-02
IIHF MEN'S WO		PIUNSHIP	Dylan Larkin	2014	Gold		2012 MU18 6 GP, 0-00
	PLAYERS)	FINIOU	Sonny Milano	2014	Gold		TOTALS 23 GP, 4-48
PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH	Connor Murphy		Gold		101AL0 20 GI, 4 4 0
Cam Atkinson	2012	Seventh	Colin White	2015	Gold	Alex DeBrincat	2016 WJC 5 GP, 1-01
Johnny Gaudreau	2017	Fifth	Colli Wille	2013	Gold	AICX DEBITICAL	TOTALS 5 GP, 1-01
Patrick Kane	2008	_Sixth		EUTOOUL AND OUD			101AL0 3 di, 1-01
Keith Kinkaid	2016	Fourth	וע	EUTSCHLAND CUP		Johnny Gaudreau	2017 MWC 8 GP, 6-511
Chris Kreider	2011	Eighth		(1 PLAYER)		Johnny Gaudreau	2014 MWC 8 GP, 2-810
D 1 1 1 .	2010	Thirteenth	PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH		2013 WJC 7 GP, 7-29
Dylan Larkin	2017	Fifth	Derek Ryan	2013	First		TOTALS 23 GP, 15-1530
	2016	Fourth					101AL3 23 dF, 13-1330
	2015	Bronze	WORLD	JUNIOR A CHALLEN	IGE	Quinn Hughes	2018 WJC 7 GP, 0-33
Anders Lee	2017	_ Fifth		(2 PLAYERS)		Quilli Hugiles	2017 MU18 7 GP, 1-45
	2015	Bronze	PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH		TOTALS 14 GP, 1-78
Connor Murphy	2017	_ Fifth	Nick Jensen	2009	First		101AL3 14 GF, 1-78
	2016	Fourth	Neal Pionk	2013	First	Nick Jensen	2009 WJAC 5 GP, 1-23
	2015	Bronze				NICK Jeliseli	TOTALS 5 GP, 1-23
	2014	Sixth	Ιναν Η	LINKA MEMORIAL C	IIP		101ALS 5 GP, 1-23
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IIHF WORLD JU	INIOR CHAM	PIONSHIP	PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH	Patrick Kane	
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PLAYER `	YEAR '	FINISH	Connor Murphy		Second		2010 OWG 6 GP, 3-25
Will Butcher	2015	Fifth	Alec Martinez*	2004	Fourth		2008 MWC 7 GP, 3-710 2006 WJC 7 GP. 5-49
	2014	Fifth	7 1100 Martinez	2004	1 Out til		
Alex DeBrincat	2016	Bronze	*Mas called the I	Inder-18 Junior World (מעי		2006 MU18 7GP, 7-512
Johnny Gaudreau	2013	Gold	vvas called tile c	maer-10 damor Wona C	Jup		TOTALS 36 GP, 18-2543
Quinn Hughes*	2018	Bronze		IVE NATIONS CUP		Kaith Kinkaid	0016 MMC 0 4 MM I)
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Chris Kreider	2011	Bronze	DI AVED	(1 PLAYER)	FINICH		3.25 GAA .871 SV%
	2010	Gold	PLAYER	YEAR v 2010	FINISH	Chris Kreider	2011 MWC 7 GP. 2-13
Dylan Larkin	2015	Fifth	Connor Murphy	y 2010	First	Chris Kreider	
Sonny Milano	2016	Bronze					2011 WJC 6 GP, 4-26
,	2015	Fifth					2010 MWC 6 GP, 1-12
Connor Murphy	2013	Gold					2010 WJC 7 GP, 6-16
Tage Thompson	2017	Gold					TOTALS 26 GP, 13-517
Colin White	2017	Gold				D. Jane J. and Co.	004714140 0 00 0 0 10
	2016	Bronze				Dylan Larkin	2017 MWC 8 GP, 2-810
	_0.0	2.020					2016 MWC 10 GP, 2-79
*Eligible for 2019 U.S.	National Junio	or Team					2015 MWC 10 GP, 0-11
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	_						2014 MU18 6-2-24
	C	OACHING STAF	F EXPERIENC	E			TOTALS 39 GP, 11-2031
						A se al a se	0017 MWC 0 0D F 0 0
STAFF	TOURNAME	NT		POSITION	FINISH	Anders Lee	2017 MWC 8 GP, 5-38
Jeff Blashill	2017 U.S.	Men's National Te	eam	Head Coach	Fifth		2015 MWC 10 GP, 1-45
Head Coach		National Junior Te		Assistant Coach	Fifth		TOTALS 18 GP, 6-713
		d Junior A Challer		Head Coach	First	0 14"	2010 110 7 20 1 7 2
		Under-18 Men's S		Assistant Coach	Second	Sonny Milano	2016 WJC 7 GP, 1-78
Don Bulama		Men's National Te		Assistant Coach			2015 WJC 5 GP, 2-24
Dan Bylsma							2014 MU18 7 GP, 3-710
Assistant Coach		Olympic Men's Ic	•	Head Coach	<u>Fourth</u>		TOTALS 19 GP, 6-1622
Don Granato		Under-18 Men's I		Head Coach	Gold		00471440 000 1 1
Assistant Coach	2015 U.S.	National Junior Te	eam	Assistant Coach	Bronze	Connor Murphy	2017 MWC 8 GP, 1-12
	2014 U.S.	Men's National Te	eam	Assistant Coach	Sixth		2016 MWC 10 GP, 3-25
Seth Appert	2018119	Under-18 Men's I	National Team	Head Coach	Silver		2015 MWC 10 GP, 0-00
Assistant Coach		Men's National Te		Assistant Coach	Fifth		2014 MWC 5 GP, 0-00
, issisiant Guacif		Under-18 Men's I		Assistant Coach	Gold		2013 WJC 7 GP, 0-11
		Under-18 Men's		Head Coach	Fifth		2011 MU18 6 GP, 3-14
		Under-18 Men's		Head Coach	Seventh		TOTALS 46 GP, 7-512
		Under-18 Men's		Assistant Coach	Fifth		
						Derek Ryan	2014 DC 3 GP, 0-00
Adam Nightingale		Men's National Te		Video Coordinator	Fifth		TOTALS 3 GP, 0-00
Video Coordinator	2015 U.S.	National Junior Te	eam	Video Coordinator	Fifth		•
						Tage Thompson	2017 WJC 7 GP 1-45

GOLD

Olympic & IIHF Tournaments

SILVER

Select Teams

SECOND

TOURNAMENT FINISHES

FIRST

BRONZE

THIRD

Tage Thompson

Colin White

2017 WJC 7 GP, 1-4--5 2015 MU18 7 GP, 0-1--1 TOTALS 14 GP, 1-5--6

2017 WJC 7 GP, 7-1--8 2016 WJC 7 GP, 3-4--7 2015 MU18 7 GP, 6-3--9

TOTALS 21 GP, 16-8--24

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TEAM USA AMERICAN HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT TIES

LEATER
Cam Atkinson
Will Butcher

DI AVED

Blake Coleman

Scott Darling

Alex DeBrincat Johnny Gaudreau Brian Gibbons Quinn Hughes Nick Jensen Patrick Kane Keith Kinkaid

Chris Kreider Dylan Larkin Anders Lee Charlie Lindgren Alec Martinez

Sonny Milano Connor Murphy Jordan Oesterle Neal Pionk

Derek Ryan Tage Thompson Colin White

YOUTH HOCKEY (STATE)

Connecticut Jr. Rangers (CT) Madison Youth Hockey (WI)

Dallas Jr. Stars (TX) Belle Tire (MI)

Chicago Young Americans (IL)

Victory Honda (MI) Philadelphia Little Flyers (NJ) South Shore Kings (MA)

Rogers Youth Hockey (MN) Honeybaked (MI) Long Island Gulls (NY)

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Belle Tire (MI)

Hermantown Youth Hockey (MN)

Spokane Youth Hockey (WA) Mid Fairfield (CT) South Shore Kings (MA)

JUNIOR/H.S. HOCKEY (LEAGUE)

North Iowa Outlaws (NAHL)

Avon Old Farms (USHS) USA Hockey's NTDP (USHL) Dubuque Fighting Saints (USHL) Indiana Ice (USHL) Tri-City Storm (USHL) Indiana Ice (USHL)

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COLLEGE (LEAGUE THEN)

Boston College (HEA) University of Denver (NCHC)

Miami University (CCHA)

University of Maine (HEA)

Boston College (HEA) Boston College (HEA)

University of Michigan (Big Ten) St. Cloud State University (WCHA)

Union College (ECAC Hockey)

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Western Michigan University (WCHA) University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)

University of Connecticut (HEA) Boston College (HEA)

USHL HONORS

Clark Cup Champions

PLAYER TEAM (YEAR) Johnny Gaudreau Dubuque Fighting Saints (2011) Nick Jensen Green Bay Gamblers (2010) Anders Lee Green Bay Gamblers (2010) Alec Martinez Cedar Rapids RoughRiders (2005)

Awards & Honors

PLAYER HONOR (YEAR) Player of the Year (2011) Blake Coleman Forward of the Year (2011) Clark Cup Playoff MVP (2010) Anders Lee Rookie of the Year (2010) Neal Pionk Defenseman of the Year (2015)

Will Butcher Chris Kreider Johnny Gaudreau Brian Gibbons

COLLEGIATE HONORS National Champions

TEAM (YEAR) Boston College (2010) Univ. of Denver (2017) Boston College (2010, 2012) Boston College (2012) Boston College (2008, 2010)

NAHL HONORS

Robertson Cup Champions

PLAYER TEAM (YEAR) Keith Kinkaid St. Louis Bandits (2009)

Awards & Honors

PLAYER Keith Kinkaid

HONOR (YEAR)

Most Valuable Player (2009) Goaltender of the Year (2009)

USA HOCKEY AWARD WINNERS

PLAYER

Will Butcher Blake Coleman Johnny Gaudreau Charlie Lindgren

AWARD (YEAR)

College Player of the Year (2017) Dave Tyler Junior Player of the Year (2011) College Player of the Year (2014) Dave Peterson Goalie of the Year (2013)

PLAYER

PLAYER

Cam Atkinson

Will Butcher

Nick Jensen

Dylan Larkin

Alec Martinez

Colin White

Keith Kinkaid

Cam Atkinson

NCAA All-Americans

PLAYER	YEAR(S)
Cam Atkinson	2011
WIII Butcher	2017
Johnny Gaudreau	2013, 2014
Nick Jensen	2013
Keith Kinkaid	2011
Charlie Lindgren	2016

Hobey Baker Award Winners

PLAYER	YEAR
Will Butcher	2017
Johnny Gaudreau	2014

Conference Honors

Hockey East Tournament MVP (2011) NCHC Best Offensive Defenseman (2017)

Johnny Gaudreau Hockey East Player of the Year (2013, 2014) Hockey East Tournament MVP (2012) WCHA Defensive Player of the Year (2013) ECAC Hockey Goaltender of the Year (2011) Big Ten Rookie of the Year (2015) NCHC Goaltender of the Year (2016) CCHA Best Defensive Defenseman (2008) Charlie Lindgren Hockey East Rookie of the Year (2016)



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TEAM USA 11HF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY-

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YEAR	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD	U.S. FINISH
2017	Cologne, Germany & Paris, France	Sweden	Canada	Russia	6-0-0-2	5th
2016	St. Petersburg/Moscow, Russia	Canada	Finland	Russia	4-1-1-4	4th
2015	Prague/Ostrava, Czech Republic	Canada	Russia	United States	7-1-0-2	Bronze
2014	Minsk, Belarus	Russia	Finland	Sweden	4-1-0-3	6th
2013	Helsinki, Finland/Stockholm, Sweden	Sweden	Switzerland	United States	6-1-0-3	Bronze
2012 2011	Helsinki, Finland/Stockholm, Sweden	Russia Finland	Slovakia Sweden	Czech Republic	4-2-0-2 3-0-1-3	7th 8th
2010	Bratislava/Kosice, Slovakia Cologne/Gelsenkirchen/Mannheim, Germany	Czech Republic	Russia	Czech Republic Sweden	2-1-2-1	13th
2009	Bern/Zurich-Kloten, Switzerland	Russia	Canada	Sweden	4-0-2-3	4th
2008	Halifax/Quebec City, Canada	Russia	Canada	Finland	4-0-1-2	6th
2007	Moscow/Mytischi, Russia	Canada	Finland	Russia	4-0-1-2	5th
2006	Riga, Latvia	Sweden	Czech Republic	Finland	4-3-0-0	7th
2005	Vienna/Innsbruck, Austria	Czech Republic	Canada	Russia	3-2-0-2	6th
2004	Prague/Ostrava, Czech Repulic	Canada	Sweden	United States	5-3-0-1	Bronze
2003	Helsinki/Tampere/Turku, Finland	Canada	Sweden	Slovakia	3-3-0-0	13th
2002	Gothenburg/Jonkoping/Karlstad, Sweden	Slovakia	Russia	Sweden	3-3-0-1	7th
2001	Cologne/Hannover, Germany	Czech Republic	Finland	Sweden	4-4-0-1	4th
2000	St. Petersburg, Russia	Czech Republic	Slovakia	Finland	4-1-0-2	5th
1999	Lillehammer/Hamar/Oslo, Norway	Czech Republic	Finland	Sweden	3-3-0	6th
1998	Zurich/Basel, Switzerland	Sweden	Finland	Czech Republic	1-4-1	12th
1997 1996	Helsinki/Turku/Tampere, Finland	Canada Czech Republic	Sweden Canada	Czech Republic United States	4-3-1 5-3-0	6th Bronze
1995	Vienna, Austria Stockholm/Gavle, Sweden	Finland	Sweden	Canada	3-1-2	6th
1993	Bolzano/Milano, Italy	Canada	Finland	Sweden	4-4-0	4th
1993	Dortmund/Munchen, Germany	Russia	Sweden	Czech Republic	2-2-2	6th
1992	Prague/Bratislava, Czechoslovakia	Sweden	Finland	Czechoslovakia	3-2-1	7th
1991	Turku/Tampere, Finland	Sweden	Canada	Soviet Union	3-5-2	4th
1990	Bern/Fribourg, Switzerland	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	6-4-0	5th
1989	Stockholm, Sweden	Soviet Union	Canada	Czechoslovakia	4-5-1	6th
1987	Vienna, Austria	Sweden	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	4-6-0	7th
1986	Moscow, USSR	Soviet Union	Sweden	Canada	4-6-0	5th
1985	Prague, Czechoslovakia	Czechoslovakia	Canada	Soviet Union	4-5-1	4th
1983	Munchen/Dusseldorf, West Germany	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Canada	POOL B	
1982	Helsinki/Tampere, Finland	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	0-6-1	8th
1981	Gothenburg, Sweden	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	4-3-0	5th
1979 1978	Moscow, USSR	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden Canada	2-2-3 2-6-2	7th
1976	Prague, Czechoslovakia Vienna, Austria	Soviet Union Czechoslovakia	Czechoslovakia Sweden	Soviet Union	2-6-2 2-6-1	6th 6th
1976	Katowice, Poland	Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	Sweden	3-3-1	4th
1975	Munchen/Dusseldorf, West Germany	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	0-10-0	6th
1974	Helsinki, Finland	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	POOL B	_
1973	Moscow, USSR	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	POOL B	_
1972	Prague, Czechoslovakia	Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	Sweden	POOL B	_
1971	Bern/Geneva, Switzerland	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	2-8-0	6th
1970	Stockholm, Sweden	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	POOL B	_
1969	Stockholm, Sweden	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	0-10-0	6th
1967	Vienna, Austria	Soviet Union	Sweden	Canada	3-3-1	5th
1966	Ljubljana, Yugoslavia	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Canada	2-5-0	6th
1965	Tampere, Finland	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	2-5-0	6th
1963 1962	Stockholm, Sweden Colorado Springs, United States	Soviet Union Sweden	Sweden Canada	Czechoslovakia United States	1-5-1 5-2-0	8th Bronze
1962	Geneva/Lausanne, Switzerland	Canada	Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	2-4-1	6th
1959	Prague/Brno, Czechoslovakia	Canada	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	5-3-0	4th
1958	Oslo, Norway	Canada	Soviet Union	Sweden	3-3-1	5th
1957	Moscow, USSR	Sweden	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	DNP	_
1955	Dusseldorf/Dortmund, Germany	Canada	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	4-2-2	4th
1954	Stockholm, Sweden	Soviet Union	Canada	Sweden	DNP	_
1953	Basel/Zurich, Switzerland	Sweden	Germany	Switzerland	DNP	_
1951	Paris, France	Canada	Sweden	Switzerland	1-4-1	6th
1950	London, England	Canada	United States	Switzerland	4-1-0	Silver
1949	Stockholm, Sweden	Czechoslovakia	Canada	United States	6-2-0	Bronze
1948	St. Moritz, Switzerland	Canada	Czechoslovakia	Switzerland	DNP	
1947 1939	Prague, Czechoslovakia	Czechoslovakia Canada	Sweden United States	Austria Switzerland	4-3-0 4-2-0	5th Silver
1939	Basel/Zurich, Switzerland Prague, Czechoslovakia	Canada	Great Britain	Czechoslovakia	3-2-1	7th
1936	London, England	Canada	Great Britain	Switzerland	DNP	/ UI
1935	Davos, Switzerland	Canada	Switzerland	Great Britain	DNP	_
1934	Milan, Italy	Canada	United States	Germany	3-1-0	Silver
1933	Prague, Czechoslovakia	United States	Canada	Czechoslovakia	5-0-0	Gold
1931	Krynica, Poland	Canada	United States	Austria	4-1-0	Silver
1930	Chamonix, France/Berlin, Germany	Canada	Germany	Switzerland	DNP	_
1928	St. Moritz, Switzerland	Canada	Sweden	Switzerland	DNP	_

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USA HOCKEY IN 2017-18 IIHF, OLYMPIC & PARALYMPICS

2018 IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team earned a silver medal at the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Men's National Championship in Chelyabinsk & Magnitogorsk, Russia.

After falling to Canada, 6-4, to open preliminary round play, the U.S. topped Switzerland, 8-5, before falling to Sweden, 3-1. In the team's final preliminary round game, it blanked Belarus, 8-0, to earn a quarterfinal meeting agains Russia. With a 5-1 quarterfinal victory over the host nation, the U.S. edged the Czech Republic, 4-1, to earn a spot in its tournament-record 14th gold medal game. There, the U.S. overcame a two-goal deficit to even the score before Finland scored in the third period to claim a 3-2 win.

Seth Appert served as head coach and was joined by assistant coaches Nick Fohr, Mason Graddock, Rand Pecknold and Thomas Speer. The 2018 event was Appert's second consecutive with the U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team after serving as an assistant on last year's gold medal-winning squad.

DATE	OPPONENT	ROUND	W	OTW	OTL.	L	GF	GA
4/19/2018	Canada	Preliminary				L	4	6
4/20/2018	Switzerland	Preliminary	W				8	5
4/22/2018	Sweden	Preliminary				L	1	3
4/24/2018	Belarus	Preliminary	W				8	0
4/26/2018	Russia	Quarterfinals	W				5	1
4/28/2018	Czech Republic	Semifinals	W				4	1
4/29/2018	Finland	Gold Medal Game				L	2	3_
		Record: 4-0-0-3					32	19

2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team captured an unprecedented third-straight Paralympic gold medal by defeating Canada, 2-1, in overtime. In the gold-medal game, forward **Declan Farmer** scored the tying goal with 37 seconds in regulation and went on to score the game-winning goal 3:30 into overtime. His 11 tournament goals tied a U.S. and Paralympic record for most goals in a single Paralympic Winter games while forward **Brody Roybal** was named Best Forward and Tournament MVP with 17 points (10-7), which tied Farmer's point total (11-6--17).

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DATE	OPPONENT	ROUND	W	OTW	0TL	L	GF	GA
3/11/2018	Japan	Preliminary	W				10	0
3/12/2018	Czech Republic	Preliminary	W				10	0
3/13/2018	Korea	Preliminary	W				8	0
3/15/2018	Italy	Semifinal	W				10	1
3/18/2018	Canada	Gold-Medal Game		OTW			2	_1
		Record: 4-1-0-0					40	2

2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES - WOMEN'S TEAM

The 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team claimed its second ever gold medal by defeating Canada, 3-2, in a shootout in the gold-medal game. It was Team USA's first gold medal since winning the inaugural gold medal in the event at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. **Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson** scored the game-winner in the sixth round of the shootout and **Maddie Rooney** stopped 29 shots and four of Canada's six shootout attempts to seal the victory. Lamoureux-Davidson was named to the Media All-Star Team.

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.

DATE	OPPONENT	ROUND	W	OTW	0TL	L	GF	GA
2/11/2018	Finland	Preliminary	W				3	1
2/13/2018	O.A.R.	Preliminary	W				5	0
2/15/2018	Canada	Preliminary				L	1	2
2/19/2018	Finland	Semifinals	W				5	0
2/22/2018	Canada	Gold-Medal Game		SOW			3	2
		Record: 3-1-0-1					17	5

2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES - MEN'S TEAM

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.

DATE	OPPONENT	ROUND	W	OTW	OTL L	GF	GA
2/14/2018	Slovenia	Preliminary			OTL	2	3
2/16/2018	Slovakia	Preliminary	W			2	1
2/17/2018	O.A.R.	Preliminary			L	. 0	4
2/20/2018	Slovakia	Qualification	W			5	1
2/21/2018	Czech Republic	Quarterfinals			SOL	2	3
	·	Record: 2-0-2-1				11	12

2018 IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team captured an unprecedented fourth consecutive gold medal at the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship in Dmitrov, Russia.

Joel Johnson was head coach for the fourth consecutive year and was joined behind the bench by assistant coaches Maura Crowell, Courtney Kennedy and Alli Altmann.Reagan Carey, USA Hockey's director of women's hockey, was the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team.

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Gracie Ostertag was named Best Defenseman and Taylor Heise was named Best Forward. In addition, Heise and Makenna Webster were selected to the Tournament Media All-Star Team while Heise was also named Tournament MVP.

DATE	OPPONENT	ROUND	W	OTW OTL L	GF	GA
1/6/2018	Sweden	Preliminary		OTW	2	1
1/7/2018	Russia	Preliminary	W		5	3
1/9/2018	Canada	Preliminary	W		6	2
1/12/2018	Canada	Semifinals		SOW	4	3
1/13/2018	Sweden	Gold-Medal Game	W		9	3
		Record: 3-2-0-0			26	12

2018 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The U.S. National Junior Team earned a bronze medal on home ice to give the United States a World Junior Championship in three-straight years for the first time ever. The event took place at the KeyBank Center and HarborCenter in Buffalo, N.Y and was the sixth World Junior Championship to be played in the United States. It was also the second time Buffalo served as host (2011). The U.S. and Canada made history on Dec. 29, 2017, when the two teams played its preliminary round game outdoors at New Era Field, home of the NFL's Buffalo Bills, in front of a record crowd of 44,592 fans. Never before had an outdoor game been held in IIHF world championship play.

Head coach **Bob Motzko** and his assistants **Greg Brown**, **Grant Potulny**, **Kris Mayotte** and **Steve Miller** reprised their roles from the gold-medal winning 2017 U.S. National Junior Team while **Jim Johannson**, who passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 21, 2018, was the team's general manager.

Forward Casey Mittelstadt was tabbed Best Forward and Tournament MVP as he joined forward Kieffer Bellows on the Tournament All-Star Team.

DATE	OPPONENT	ROUND	w	OTW	0TL	L	GF	GA
12/26/2017	Denmark	Preliminary	W				9	0
12/28/2017	Slovakia	Preliminary				L	2	3
12/29/2017	Canada	Preliminary		SOW			4	3
12/31/2018	Finland	Preliminary	W				5	4
1/2/2018	Russia	Quaterfinals	W				4	2
1/4/2018	Sweden	Semifinals				L	2	4
1/13/2018	Czech Republic	Bronze Medal Game	W				9	3
		Record: 4-1-0-2					26	12



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USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS-

USA HOCKEY'S NTDP COMPETING IN USHL CLARK CUP PLAYOFFS

Last night, NTDP forward **Owen Lindmark** (Naperville, Ill.) recorded a hat trick and six other players scored goals for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program Under-17 Team in its 10-6 win against the Youngstown Phantoms in game two of the USHL's Eastern Conference Final at USA Hockey Arena. With the win, Team USA ties the series at 1-1 in the Eastern Conference Final, with Game 3 set for tonight night at the Covelli Centre in Youngstown. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. ET and can be seen live on HockeyTV.com.

This is the first time since since 2011-12 that the NTDP is competing in the USHL's Clark Cup Playoffs. The 2017-18 Eastern Conference regular-season champions, the NTDP earned a first-round playoff bye before meeting the Chicago Steel in the semifinals where it claiemd the series, 3-1.

CHRIS CHELIOS NAMED TO 11HF HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

Last December, **Chris Chelios** (Downers Grove, III.) was named to the International Ice Hockey Federation Hall of Fame Class of 2018 that will be inducted on the final week of the 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship. Chelios will become the 23rd American to be enshrined into the IIHF Hall of Fame.

One of only two male players to represent the United States at four Olympic Winter Games (1984, 1988, 2002, 2006), he also participated in three Canada Cups (1984, 1987, 1991), and two World Cups of Hockey (1996, 2004). He first skated on the international stage when he competed on the U.S. National Junior Team at the IIHF World Junior Championship in 1982.

Representing his country 10 times internationally, he totaled 23 points (5-18) in 60 games played while helping the U.S. win the inaugural 1996 World Cup of Hockey and captaining Team USA to a silver medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

A three-time Stanley Cup champion, Chelios holds the record for most games played by a defenseman in NHL history (1,651), after completing 26 seasons in the NHL. Since retirement, Chelios most recently served as an assistant coach for the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team after fulfilling the same role for the 2016 U.S. National Junior Team at the IIHF World Junior Championship, helping them capture a bronze medal.

CHIPOTLE-USA HOCKEY YOUTH NATIONALS

National champions were crowned across the country at the 2018 Chipotle-USA Hockey Youth, Girls and Women's National Championships last month. As part of USA Hockey Nationals, some 4,000 players competed for American hockey top honors in the sled, youth, girls, high school, adult and women's levels at 13 host sites across the United States. For a full list of this year's champions, visit nationals.usahockey.com.

The 2019 USA Hockey National Championships will mark the 70th anniversary of USA Hockey crowning the nation's best in youth hockey, a tradition that dates back to 1949 and the inaugural national championship tournament for players "under the high school age" held at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Last November, USA Hockey announced the host sites for its slate of 2019 USA Hockey National Championships, with each tournament to be contested in March/April 2019. To see those sites and to learn more about USA Hockey's national championships, visit nationals.usahockey.com.

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.

OTHER U.S. SUCCESS IN INTERNATIONAL PLAY

In addition to its success in IIHF, Olympic and Paralympic play, the United States had a number of other teams find success in international competition.

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 SETS 8-AND-UNDER PLAYER PARTICIPATION RECORD

On 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.

ABOUT 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.

ABOUT 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.





