



2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME NOTES

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

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME #4 • USA (2-1-0-0) VS. LATVIA (1-1-0-1) • JYSKE BANK BOXEN (CAPACITY: 11,000) • MAY 10, 2018

TONIGHT'S GAME

The U.S. Men's National Team faces Latvia this afternoon in its fourth preliminary round game of 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.

Both teams enters today's game with three games played. The United States sits in second place with eight points, 12 goals for and just four goals allowed, the fewest in Group B. Latvia holds fourth place with five points, nine goals for and 10 goals against.

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. LATVIA

This is the 14th world championship meeting between the United States and Latvia. All-time, the U.S. holds a 9-0-0-3-1 record and a 41-27 advantage in goals scored.

A year ago, the two teams met in the preliminary round where the U.S. claimed a 5-3 victory. Five different U.S. players scored, including **Nick Bjugstad** (Blaine, Minn.), **JT Compher** (Northbrook, Ill.), **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.

USA VS. LATVIA • TALE OF THE TAPE

Category	USA	Latvia
Record	2-1-0-0	1-1-0-1
Goals For/Avg.	12/4.00	9/3.00
Goals Against/Avg.	4/1.33	10/3.33
Power Play	.300 (3-10)	.182 (2-10)
Penalty Killing	100 (8-8)	.750 (6-8)
Shots For Gm/Avg.	104/34.6	78/26
Shots Against Gm./Avg.	88/29.3	60/20
Top Scorers	Kane (1-4--5) Atkinson (2-2--4) Kreider (1-3--4)	Balcers (3-1--4) Abols (1-3--4) Four with 2
Top Goalie	Kinkaid (3-0, 1.30, .955)	Merzlikins (2-0, 1.00, .936)

NINE IN 11 FOR BLASHILL, TEAM USA

Entering today's game, the U.S. is now 8-1-0-2 in 11 games under head coach **Jeff Blashill** (Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.). With nine wins in its last 11 tournament games, the U.S. is currently in its best tournament stretch since winning 12 of 14 across the 1931, 1933 and 1934 tournaments. From 1920-1968, there was no World Championship in Olympic years as the Olympic champion was also declared world champion.

FIRST BACK-TO-BACK SHUTOUT WINS SINCE 2011

With wins over Denmark (4-0) and Germany (3-0) both coming by shutouts, the U.S. has now registered back-to-back shutout wins for the first time since the 2010 IIHF Men's World Championship. There, it blanked Kazakhstan, 10-0, and France, 4-0, in the relegation round to finish 13th overall.

Keith Kinkaid (Farmingville, N.Y.), the starter in Team USA's first three games this year, collected both shutouts to push his tournament stats to three wins, a 1.30 goals against average and .955 save percentage while saving 84 of 88 shots.

U.S. PLAYER OF THE GAMES

Through three games, **Keith Kinkaid** (Farmingville, N.Y.), Chris Kreider (Boxford, Mass.) and **Patrick Kane** (Buffalo, N.Y.) have earned U.S. Player of the Game honors. Against Canada (May 4), Kinkaid stopped 40 of 44 shots, including five of Canada's six shootout attempts, to earn a 5-4 shootout win. The next day, Kreider tallied a goal and an assist in Team USA's 4-0 win over host Denmark. On May 7, Kane tallied three points (1-2) to lead the U.S. past Germany, 3-0.

THINGS WORTH MENTIONING

Team USA is the home team and will be wearing blue ... Yesterday, Team USA had the day off and spent it with a number of outdoor activities, including biking, fishing and golfing ... **Stan Bowman**, general manager of the Chicago Blackhawks and member of USA Hockey's Men's National Team Advisory Group, arrived in Herning this morning ... **Johnny Gaudreau** (1-2--3) and **Patrick Kane** (1-4--5) have a point in every game ... The U.S. leads the tournament The U.S. returns to action tomorrow (May 11) when it faces Korea at 8:15 p.m. local time (2:15 p.m. ET) ... Tomorrow will also see Team USA's guests begin arriving in Herning ... Forward **Sonny Milano** turns 22 on Saturday (May 12) ... Team USA's next regulation win will be its 200th in IIHF Men's World Championship play ... For previous game summaries and opponent previews, see page 2.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE City	EVENT Venue	TIME (LOCAL)/RESULT (Eastern)
TUES., MAY 1 Herning	DENMARK (exh.) KVIK Hockey Arena	W, 3-2
FRI., MAY 4 Herning	CANADA Jyske Bank Boxen	W (SO), 5-4
SAT., MAY 5 Herning	DENMARK Jyske Bank Boxen	W, 4-0
MON., MAY 7 Herning	GERMANY Jyske Bank Boxen	W, 3-0
THURS., MAY 10 Herning	LATVIA Jyske Bank Boxen	4:15 P.M. 10:15 A.M.
FRI., MAY 11 Herning	KOREA Jyske Bank Boxen	8:15 P.M. 2:15 P.M.
SUN., MAY 13 Herning	NORWAY Jyske Bank Boxen	4:15 P.M. 10:15 A.M.
TUES., MAY 15 Herning	FINLAND Jyske Bank Boxen	12:15 P.M. 6:15 A.M.
THURS., MAY 17 TBD	QUARTERFINALS TBD	TBD TBD
SAT., MAY 19 Copenhagen	SEMIFINALS Royal Arena	3:15 P.M. 1:15 P.M.
SUN., MAY 20 Copenhagen	BRONZE MEDAL GAME Royal Arena	3:45 P.M. 9:45 A.M.
SUN., MAY 20 Copenhagen	GOLD MEDAL GAME Royal Arena	8:15 P.M. 2:15 P.M.

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

TEAM USA STAT LEADERS

SKATERS		GOALTENDERS	
GOALS	Dylan Larkin 2 Cam Atkinson 2 Patrick Kane 4	GAA	Keith Kinkaid 1.30 Keith Kinkaid .955
ASSISTS	Patrick Kane 4	SV%	Keith Kinkaid 3
POINTS	Patrick Kane 5	WINS	Keith Kinkaid 2
		SHUTOUTS	Keith Kinkaid 2

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.

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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 & RECAPS



Men's Worlds Series vs. Canada: 45 GP 1-4-1-39-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: Kinkaid's 40 save performance is most by U.S. netminder since 2011.
MAY 4, 2018: USA 5, CAN 4 (SOW): Cam Atkinson (Riverside, Conn.) scored both goals in the shootout, Dylan Larkin (Waterford, Mich.) added two goals in regulation and Keith Kinkaid (Farmingville, N.Y.) made 40 saves as the U.S. edged Canada, 5-4, in a shootout win to defeat Canada.



Men's Worlds Series vs. Denmark: 7 GP 5-0-1-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: Denmark is hosting the IIHF Men's World Championship for the first time.
MAY 5, 2018: USA 4, DEN 0: Keith Kinkaid (Farmingville, N.Y.) made 20 saves and three U.S. players recorded a goal and an assist in the victory. Will Butcher (Sun Prairie, Wis.), Chris Kreider (Boxford, Mass.), Cam Atkinson (Riverside, Conn.) and Nick Jensen (St. Paul, Minn.) all scored in the game.



Men's Worlds Series vs. Germany: 17 GP 9-0-1-4-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)
Of Note: Team USA's win snapped a two-game MWC losing streak to Germany.
MAY 7, 2017: USA 3, GER 0: Patrick Kane (Buffalo, N.Y.) tallied a goal and two assists and Keith Kinkaid (Farmingville, N.Y.) recorded his second shutout in as many games as the U.S. improved to 3-0. Derek Ryan (Spokane, Wash.) and Alex DeBrincat (Farmington Hills, Mich.) also scored in the win.



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 Nick Bjugstad (Blaine, Minn.), JT Compher (Northbrook, Ill.), 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.



Men's Worlds Series vs. Korea: 0 GP 0-0-0-0-0 (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.



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.



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 tournament play, and snapped a four-game win streak against Fins.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	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	45	1-4-1-39-0	87	230
Czech Republic	14	5-1-1-6-1	38	41
Czechoslovakia	38	8-2-0-25-3	76	194
Denmark	7	5-0-1-1-0	26	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	17	9-0-1-4-3	49	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	455	199-14-9-208-35	1,612	1,727

[^]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
Last SF: L, 3-4 vs. Canada (2016)
 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 round-robin medal play among the most common. The world championship has included semifinal games in most years since 1992.

Bronze Medal Game Record: 4-4
Total Bronze Medals: 7
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 most common.

Gold Medal Game Record: NA
Total Gold Medals: 1
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.

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 Republic	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



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2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM (LEAGUE)	COLLEGE (LEAGUE THEN)
GOALTENDERS (3)								
33	Scott Darling	6-6 (198)	231 (105)	12/22/1988	L	Lemont, Ill.	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)
35	Charlie Lindgren	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	12/18/1993	R	Lakeville, Minn.	Montreal Canadiens (NHL)	St. Cloud State University (NCHC)
DEFENSEMEN (7)								
4	Will Butcher ⁺	5-10 (177)	190 (86)	01/06/1995	L	Sun Prairie, Wis.	New Jersey Devils (NHL)	University of Denver (NCHC)
43	Quinn Hughes ⁺	5-9 (176)	168 (76)	10/14/1999	L	Orlando, Fla.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	University of Michigan (Big Ten)
14	Nick Jensen	6-0 (183)	194 (88)	09/21/1990	R	St. Paul, Minn.	Detroit Red Wings (NHL)	St. Cloud State University (WCHA)
23	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)	-
82	Jordan Oesterle	6-0 (183)	182 (83)	06/25/1992	L	Dearborn Heights, Mich.	Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	Western Michigan University (NCHC)
44	Neal Pionk	5-11 (180)	181 (82)	07/29/1995	R	Hermantown, Minn.	New York Rangers (NHL)	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)
FORWARDS (13)								
89	Cam Atkinson	5-8 (173)	179 (81)	06/05/1989	R	Riverside, Conn.	Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)	Boston College (HEA)
25	Blake Coleman	5-11 (180)	201 (91)	11/28/1991	L	Plano, Texas	New Jersey Devils (NHL)	Miami University (NCHC)
12	Alex DeBrincat	5-7 (171)	165 (75)	12/18/1997	R	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	-
13	Johnny Gaudreau [^]	5-9 (170)	157 (71)	08/13/1993	L	Salem, N.J.	Calgary Flames (NHL)	Boston College (HEA)
39	Brian Gibbons	5-8 (173)	174 (79)	02/26/1988	L	Braintree, Mass.	New Jersey Devils (NHL)	Boston College (HEA)
88	Patrick Kane ⁺ (C)	5-11 (180)	176 (80)	11/19/1988	L	Buffalo, N.Y.	Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	-
20	Chris Kreider	6-3 (191)	227 (103)	04/30/1991	L	Boxford, Mass.	New York Rangers (NHL)	Boston College (HEA)
21	Dylan Larkin ^{*** (A)}	6-1 (185)	190 (86)	07/30/1996	L	Waterford, Mich.	Detroit Red Wings (NHL)	University of Michigan (Big Ten)
27	Anders Lee [^]	6-3 (191)	227 (103)	07/03/1990	L	Edina, Minn.	New York Islanders (NHL)	University of Notre Dame (CCHA)
22	Sonny Milano ⁺	6-0 (183)	194 (88)	05/12/1996	L	Massapequa, N.Y.	Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)	-
7	Derek Ryan	5-11 (180)	170 (77)	12/29/1986	R	Spokane, Wash.	Carolina Hurricanes (NHL)	-
29	Tage Thompson ⁺	6-5 (196)	201 (91)	10/30/1997	R	Orange, Conn.	St. Louis Blues (NHL)	University of Connecticut (HEA)
36	Colin White ⁺	6-1 (185)	190 (86)	01/30/1997	R	Hanover, Mass.	Ottawa Senators (NHL)	Boston College (HEA)

[^]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

Average Height	6ft. 0in.
Tallest	Darling (6-6/198 cm)
Shortest	DeBrincat (5-7/171 cm)
Average Weight	191.5 lbs
Heaviest	Darling (231 lbs)
Lightest	Gaudreau (157 lbs)
Average Age	25.5 yrs
Oldest	Martinez (30.9 yrs)
Youngest	Hughes (18.6 yrs)
Shoot/Catch	Left: 13 Right: 10

HOME STATES (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

COLLEGE TIES (18)

Boston College	5
Miami University	2
University of Michigan	2
St. Cloud State University	2
Union College	1
University of Connecticut	1
University of Denver	1
University of Maine	1
University of Minnesota Duluth	1
University of Notre Dame	1
Western Michigan University	1

U.S. JUNIOR HOCKEY TIES⁺

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	TEAM LEADER:	Bob Webster
HEAD COACH:	Jeff Blashill	ATHLETIC TRAINER:	Stan Wong
ASSISTANT COACH:	Dan Bylsma	ATHLETIC TRAINER:	Dave Zeis
ASSISTANT COACH:	Don Granato	EQUIPMENT MANAGER:	Scott Aldrich
ASSISTANT COACH:	Seth Appert	EQUIPMENT MANAGER:	Mark DePasquale
VIDEO COORDINATOR:	Adam Nightingale	TEAM PHYSICIAN:	Dr. Charles Popkin
DIRECTOR, HOCKEY OPS:	Kevin McLaughlin	MESSAGE THERAPIST:	PeeWee Willman
		COMMUNICATIONS:	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, Ill. • 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 IIHF 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 SOW, 5-4 05/04	DEN W, 4-0 05/05	GER W, 3-0 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*	--	WA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1 (2)
5	Connor Murphy	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
7	Derek Ryan	F	A	--	A	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1 (2)
12	Alex DeBrincat	F	--	A	--	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1 (2)
13	Johnny Gaudreau	F	--	G	A*	A*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-2 (3)
14	Nick Jensen	D	--	--	GA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1 (2)
20	Chris Kreider	F	--	AA	PA#	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-3 (4)
21	Dylan Larkin	F	W	GG	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-0 (2)
22	Sonny Milano	F	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
23	Alec Martinez	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
25	Blake Coleman	F	DND	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
27	Anders Lee	F	--	G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
29	Tage Thompson	F	--	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
36	Colin White	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
39	Brian Gibbons	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
43	Quinn Hughes	D	--	--	A	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-2 (2)
44	Neal Pionk	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
82	Jordan Oesterle	D	--	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
88	Patrick Kane	F	A*	A	A	P/WAA#	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-4 (5)
89	Cam Atkinson	F	G#	W*A	G	A*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-2 (4)
1	Keith Kinkaid	G	W, 40:00	W, 60:00#	W, 60:00	W, 60:00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3-0 (W-L)
			--	40/44	20/20	24/24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.30 GAA
33	Scott Darling	G	20:00	DNP	DNP	DNP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L)
			--	DNP	DNP	DNP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.00 GAA
35	Charlie Lindgren	G	DND	DND	DND	DND	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L)
			DND	DND	DND	DND	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.00 GAA

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G - goal
A - assist
P - powerplay goal
S - shorthanded goal
P* - penalty shot
U - unassisted goal
W - game-winning goal
W* - shootout 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

*Point total does not include exhibition game

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

FORWARDS

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	Dylan Larkin Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	82	16	47	63	61
27	Anders Lee Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)	82	40	22	62	44
22	Sonny Milano Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL) Cleveland Monsters (AHL)	55 9	14 2	8 3	22 5	10 4
29	Tage Thompson St. Louis Blues (NHL) San Antonio Rampage (AHL)	41 30	3 8	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	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
4	Will Butcher 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 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 8	8 18	2 9	3.03 3.37	.908 .887	2 2



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U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ADVISORY GROUP

The staff and players of the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team are selected by **Bill Zito** (Columbus Blue Jackets), general manager of the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team, along with members of the U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group that includes **Stan Bowman** (Chicago Blackhawks), **David Poile** (Nashville Predators), **Ray Shero** (New Jersey Devils), **Dale Tallon** (Florida Panthers), and **Jeff Gorton** (New York Rangers). USA Hockey's international council, chaired by **Gavin Regan** (Potsdam, N.Y.), has oversight responsibilities for all U.S. national teams.

MURPHY'S FIFTH STRAIGHT MEN'S WORLDS

U.S. defenseman and alternate captain **Connor Murphy** (Dublin, Ohio) is skating in his fifth straight world championship. Only three other players in U.S. history have skated in five straight men's world championships, including **Eric Weinrich** (6 straight, 1997-2002), **Darby Hendrickson** (6 straight, 1996-2001) and **Adam Hall** (2003-07). A year ago, Murphy served as captain for the 2017 U.S. Men's National Team.

IIHF SOCIAL MEDIA FUN

Following practice today, former Boston College teammates and 2010 NCAA National Champions **Cam Atkinson** (Riverside, Conn.) and **Chris Kreider** (Boxford, Mass.) played NHL Threes in a best-of-three series. Additionally, 2016 U.S. National Junior Team bronze medalists **Sonny Milano** (Massapequa, N.Y.) and **Colin White** (Hanover, Mass.) played foosball. Both competitions were filmed by the IIHF social teams and will be published online in the coming days.

ROOMMATE TIES

Amongst Team USA's roommate duos are a number of combinations with ties to current or former teams. For example, New Jersey Devils teammates **Keith Kinkaid** (Farmingville, N.Y.) and **Blake Coleman** (Plano, Texas) are paired together, as are fellow Devils **Brian Gibbons** (Braintree, Mass.) and **Will Butcher** (Sun Prairie, Wis.) Additionally, 2012 Boston College National Championship teammates **Johnny Gaudreau** (Salem, N.J.) and **Chris Kreider** (Boxford, Mass.) are sharing a room as are 2017 U.S. National Junior Team gold medalists **Tage Thompson** (Milford, Conn.) and **Colin White** (Hanover, Mass.).

USHL, NAHL CHAMPIONS ON TEAM USA ROSTER

While the USHL's Clark Cup Final and NAHL's Robertson Cup Final are set to begin this Friday, five members of Team USA were part of championship-winning clubs in USA Hockey's junior hockey leagues.

Four players claimed a USHL Clark Cup championship, including **Johnny Gaudreau** (Dubuque Fighting Saints, 2011), **Alec Martinez** (Cedar Rapids RoughRiders, 2005) and 2010 Clark Cup Championship teammates **Anders Lee** and **Nick Jensen**. Additionally, **Keith Kinkaid** won the NAHL's 2009 Robertson Cup with the St. Louis Bandits.

The USHL's Clark Cup will come down to a best-of-five championship series starting Friday and continuing as long as May 23, if necessary. The NAHL's Robertson Cup takes the four divisional champions to Fogerty Ice Arena in Blaine, Minn., Friday through Monday for two best-of-three semifinal series and a one-game championship game on the final day.

AVERAGE AGE

With an average of 25.5 entering this year's tournament, the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team is Team USA's oldest since 2013, when that squad held an average age of 25.8. Over the last 15 years, the 2018 team ranks as Team USA's fourth oldest after the 2005 (28.1), 2004 (27.6) and 2013 (25.8). Both the 2004 and 2013 went on to claim bronze medals.

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.

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 MAKING INTERNATIONAL DEBUTS

Five players, including goaltenders **Scott Darling** (Lemont, Ill.) and **Charlie Lindgren** (Lakeville, Minn.); defenseman and **Jordan Oesterle** (Dearborn Heights, Mich.) and forwards **Blake Coleman** (Plano, Texas) and **Brian Gibbons** (Braintree, Mass.) are competing in 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.) are skating in an IIHF tournament for the first time after previously skating on U.S. select teams.

U.S. SUPPORT 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.).

REMEMBERING JIM JOHANNSON

Prior to Team USA's tournament-opening game against Canada, the IIHF recognized **Jim Johansson**, 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. Johansson, born March 10, 1964, in Rochester, Minn., had a life-long career in hockey and was one of the most accomplished and respected people in the sport. Johansson'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).

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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 Cup-winning 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).

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.

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.

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 five goals and seven assists for 12 points, which led all tournament skaters and saw him earn Tournament MVP and Best Forward honors.



BITS & PIECES FROM PREVIOUS GAME NOTES

Keith Kinkaid's 40 save performance against Canada was the most by a U.S. netminder since May 6, 2011, when **Ty Conklin** turned aside 48 shots in a 4-3 preliminary round shootout loss to Canada ... Due to the long walk distance to get from their regular locker rooms to the ice at the Jyske Bank Boxen, the IIHF provides golf cart shuttles for each team's goaltenders ... Team USA returns its top three point scorers from a year ago in **Johnny Gaudreau** (Salem, N.J.), **Dylan Larkin** (Waterford, Mich.) and **Anders Lee** (Edina, Minn.). Gaudreau had 11 points (6-5), Larkin tallied 10 (2-8) and Lee added eight (5-3) ... **Dylan Larkin** (Waterford, Mich.), **Anders Lee** (Edina, Minn.) and **Connor Murphy** (Dublin, Ohio) won a bronze medal with Team USA at the 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship, which had **Dan Bylsma** (Grand Haven, Mich.) as an assistant coach ... Five U.S. players skated at Boston College, including **Cam Atkinson** (Riverside, Conn.), **Brian Gibbons** (Braintree, Mass.), **Chris Kreider** (Boxford, Mass.), **Johnny Gaudreau** (Salem, N.J.) and **Colin White** (Hanover, Mass.). Both Gibbons (2008, 2010) and Kreider (2010, 2012) left Boston College as two-time NCAA champions while Atkinson (2010) and Gaudreau (2012) were each part of NCAA title-winning Eagle squads as well ... Four players on Team USA made their NHL debuts this season, including **Will Butcher** (New Jersey Devils), **Neal Pionk** (New York Rangers), **Tagge Thompson** (St. Louis Blues) and **Colin White** (Ottawa Senators) ... 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 ... Four players are former USA Hockey award winners, including College Player of the Year recipients **Will Butcher** (2017) and **Johnny Gaudreau** (2014) and Dave Tyler Junior Player of the Year recipients **Blake Coleman** (2011) and **Charlie Lindgren** (2013) ... **Blake Geoffrion** (Brentwood, Tenn.), who skated with U.S. captain **Patrick Kane** (Buffalo, N.Y.) on Team USA's gold medal-winning 2006 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team and bronze medal-winning 2007 U.S. National Junior Team, is splitting time between Herning and Copenhagen. A product of USA Hockey's NTDP, he is an assistant general manager for **Bill Zito** with the AHL's Lake Erie Monsters ... Five of the top 10 NHL rookie point-getters were American, including **Clayton Keller** (2nd, 65pts, Arizona), **Kyle Connor** (4th, 57pts, Winnipeg), **Brock Boeser** (5th, 55, Vancouver), **Alex DeBrincat** (6th, 52pts, Chicago) and **Will Butcher** (10th, 44pts, New Jersey). Additionally, four of the top 5 NHL rookie goal scorers. Connor scored an NHL rookie-best 31, followed by Boeser (2nd, 29), DeBrincat (3rd, 27) and Keller (5th, 23) ... Burnsville, Minn., native **Brock Boeser** (Vancouver Canucks) and St. Louis, Mo., native **Clayton Keller** (Arizona Coyotes) were tabbed two of the three finalists for the Calder Trophy, given to the best rookie in the NHL.

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PLAYER EXPERIENCE

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES (1 PLAYER)			IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (7 PLAYERS)		
PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH	PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH
Patrick Kane	2014	Fourth	Will Butcher	2013	Silver
	2010	Silver		2012	Gold
			Quinn Hughes	2017	Gold
			Patrick Kane	2006	Gold
			Dylan Larkin	2014	Gold
			Sonny Milano	2014	Gold
			Connor Murphy	2011	Gold
			Colin White	2015	Gold
IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (8 PLAYERS)			DEUTSCHLAND CUP (1 PLAYER)		
PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH	PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH
Cam Atkinson	2012	Seventh	Derek Ryan	2013	First
Johnny Gaudreau	2017	Fifth			
Patrick Kane	2008	Sixth			
Keith Kinkaid	2016	Fourth			
Chris Kreider	2011	Eighth			
	2010	Thirteenth			
Dylan Larkin	2017	Fifth			
	2016	Fourth			
	2015	Bronze			
Anders Lee	2017	Fifth			
	2015	Bronze			
Connor Murphy	2017	Fifth			
	2016	Fourth			
	2015	Bronze			
	2014	Sixth			
IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (11 PLAYERS)			IVAN HLINKA MEMORIAL CUP (3 PLAYERS)		
PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH	PLAYER	YEAR	FINISH
Will Butcher	2015	Fifth	Johnny Gaudreau	2010	Second
	2014	Fifth	Connor Murphy	2010	Second
Alex DeBrincat	2016	Bronze	Alec Martinez*	2004	Fourth
Johnny Gaudreau	2013	Gold			
Quinn Hughes*	2018	Bronze			
Patrick Kane	2007	Bronze			
Chris Kreider	2011	Bronze			
	2010	Gold			
Dylan Larkin	2015	Fifth			
Sonny Milano	2016	Bronze			
	2015	Fifth			
Connor Murphy	2013	Gold			
Tage Thompson	2017	Gold			
Colin White	2017	Gold			
	2016	Bronze			

*Eligible for 2019 U.S. National Junior Team

COACHING STAFF EXPERIENCE

STAFF	TOURNAMENT	POSITION	FINISH
Jeff Blashill Head Coach	2017 U.S. Men's National Team	Head Coach	Fifth
	2009 U.S. National Junior Team	Assistant Coach	Fifth
	2009 World Junior A Challenge	Head Coach	First
	2006 U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team	Assistant Coach	Second
Dan Bylsma Assistant Coach	2015 U.S. Men's National Team	Assistant Coach	Bronze
	2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team	Head Coach	Fourth
Don Granato Assistant Coach	2015 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team	Head Coach	Gold
	2015 U.S. National Junior Team	Assistant Coach	Bronze
	2014 U.S. Men's National Team	Assistant Coach	Sixth
	2013 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team	Head Coach	Silver
Seth Appert Assistant Coach	2018 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team	Head Coach	Silver
	2017 U.S. Men's National Team	Assistant Coach	Fifth
	2017 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team	Assistant Coach	Gold
	2011 U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team	Head Coach	Fifth
	2008 U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team	Head Coach	Seventh
	2007 U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team	Assistant Coach	Fifth
Adam Nightingale Video Coordinator	2017 U.S. Men's National Team	Video Coordinator	Fifth
	2015 U.S. National Junior Team	Video Coordinator	Fifth

TOURNAMENT FINISHES

Olympic & IIHF Tournaments

Select Teams

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
13	2	9	5	2	0

INTERNATIONAL PLAYER STATS

Entering 2018 Men's Worlds

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT	STATS
Cam Atkinson	2012 MWC	8 GP, 1-2--3
	TOTALS	8 GP, 1-2--3
Will Butcher	2015 WJC	5 GP, 0-1--1
	2014 WJC	5 GP, 2-3--5
	2013 MU18	7 GP, 2-0--2
	2012 MU18	6 GP, 0-0--0
	TOTALS	23 GP, 4-4--8
Alex DeBrincat	2016 WJC	5 GP, 1-0--1
	TOTALS	5 GP, 1-0--1
Johnny Gaudreau	2017 MWC	8 GP, 6-5--11
	2014 MWC	8 GP, 2-8--10
	2013 WJC	7 GP, 7-2--9
	TOTALS	23 GP, 15-15--30
Quinn Hughes	2018 WJC	7 GP, 0-3--3
	2017 MU18	7 GP, 1-4--5
	TOTALS	14 GP, 1-7--8
Nick Jensen	2009 WJAC	5 GP, 1-2--3
	TOTALS	5 GP, 1-2--3
Patrick Kane	2016 WCH	3 GP, 0-3--3
	2014 OWG	6 GP, 0-4--4
	2010 OWG	6 GP, 3-2--5
	2008 MWC	7 GP, 3-7--10
	2006 WJC	7 GP, 5-4--9
	2006 MU18	7 GP, 7-5--12
	TOTALS	36 GP, 18-25--43
Keith Kinkaid	2016 MWC	2-4 (W-L)
	3.25 GAA	.871 SV%
Chris Kreider	2011 MWC	7 GP, 2-1--3
	2011 WJC	6 GP, 4-2--6
	2010 MWC	6 GP, 1-1--2
	2010 WJC	7 GP, 6-1--6
	TOTALS	26 GP, 13-5--17
Dylan Larkin	2017 MWC	8 GP, 2-8--10
	2016 MWC	10 GP, 2-7--9
	2015 MWC	10 GP, 0-1--1
	2015 WJC	5 GP, 5-2--7
	2014 MU18	6-2-2--4
	TOTALS	39 GP, 11-20--31
Anders Lee	2017 MWC	8 GP, 5-3--8
	2015 MWC	10 GP, 1-4--5
	TOTALS	18 GP, 6-7--13
Sonny Milano	2016 WJC	7 GP, 1-7--8
	2015 WJC	5 GP, 2-2--4
	2014 MU18	7 GP, 3-7--10
	TOTALS	19 GP, 6-16--22
Connor Murphy	2017 MWC	8 GP, 1-1--2
	2016 MWC	10 GP, 3-2--5
	2015 MWC	10 GP, 0-0--0
	2014 MWC	5 GP, 0-0--0
	2013 WJC	7 GP, 0-1--1
	2011 MU18	6 GP, 3-1--4
	TOTALS	46 GP, 7-5--12
Derek Ryan	2014 DC	3 GP, 0-0--0
	TOTALS	3 GP, 0-0--0
Tage Thompson	2017 WJC	7 GP, 1-4--5
	2015 MU18	7 GP, 0-1--1
	TOTALS	14 GP, 1-5--6
Colin White	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

PLAYER	YOUTH HOCKEY (STATE)	JUNIOR/H.S. HOCKEY (LEAGUE)	COLLEGE (LEAGUE THEN)
Cam Atkinson	Connecticut Jr. Rangers (CT)	Avon Old Farms (USHS)	Boston College (HEA)
Will Butcher	Madison Youth Hockey (WI)	USA Hockey's NTDP (USHL)	University of Denver (NCHC)
		Dubuque Fighting Saints (USHL)	
Blake Coleman	Dallas Jr. Stars (TX)	Indiana Ice (USHL)	Miami University (CCHA)
	Belle Tire (MI)	Tri-City Storm (USHL)	
Scott Darling	Chicago Young Americans (IL)	Indiana Ice (USHL)	University of Maine (HEA)
		North Iowa Outlaws (NAHL)	
Alex DeBrincat	Victory Honda (MI)	-	-
Johnny Gaudreau	Philadelphia Little Flyers (NJ)	Dubuque Fighting Saints (USHL)	Boston College (HEA)
Brian Gibbons	South Shore Kings (MA)	Thayer Acaademy (USHS)	Boston College (HEA)
Quinn Hughes	-	USA Hockey's NTDP (USHL)	University of Michigan (Big Ten)
Nick Jensen	Rogers Youth Hockey (MN)	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)	St. Cloud State University (WCHA)
Patrick Kane	Honeybaked (MI)	USA Hockey's NTDP (NAHL)	-
Keith Kinkaid	Long Island Gulls (NY)	St. Louis Bandits (NAHL)	Union College (ECAC Hockey)
		Des Moines Buccaneers (USHL)	
Chris Kreider	Masconomet Youth Hockey (MA)	Valley Jr. High (EJHL)	Boston College (HEA)
Dylan Larkin	Belle Tire (MI)	USA Hockey's NTDP (USHL)	University of Michigan (Big Ten)
Anders Lee	Edina Youth Hockey (MN)	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)	University of Notre Dame (CCHA)
Charlie Lindgren	Lakeville Youth Hockey (MN)	Sioux Falls Stampede (USHL)	St. Cloud State University (NCHC)
Alec Martinez	Honeybaked (MI)	Cedar Rapids RoughRiders (USHL)	Miami University (CCHA)
	San Jose Jr. Sharks (CA)		
Sonny Milano	Long Island Gulls (NY)	USA Hockey's NTDP (USHL)	-
Connor Murphy	Ohio Blue Jackets (OH)	USA Hockey's NTDP (USHL)	-
Jordan Oesterle	Belle Tire (MI)	Sioux Falls Stampede (USHL)	Western Michigan University (WCHA)
Neal Pionk	Hermantown Youth Hockey (MN)	Sioux City Musketeers (USHL)	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)
		Hermantown High School (USHS)	
Derek Ryan	Spokane Youth Hockey (WA)	-	-
Tage Thompson	Mid Fairfield (CT)	USA Hockey's NTDP (USHL)	University of Connecticut (HEA)
Colin White	South Shore Kings (MA)	USA Hockey's NTDP (USHL)	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)
Blake Coleman	Player of the Year (2011)
	Forward of the Year (2011)
Anders Lee	Clark Cup Playoff MVP (2010)
	Rookie of the Year (2010)
Neal Pionk	Defenseman of the Year (2015)

NAHL HONORS

Robertson Cup Champions

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

Awards & Honors

PLAYER	HONOR (YEAR)
Keith Kinkaid	Most Valuable Player (2009)
	Goaltender of the Year (2009)

USA HOCKEY AWARD WINNERS

PLAYER	AWARD (YEAR)
Will Butcher	College Player of the Year (2017)
Blake Coleman	Dave Tyler Junior Player of the Year (2011)
Johnny Gaudreau	College Player of the Year (2014)
Charlie Lindgren	Dave Peterson Goalie of the Year (2013)

COLLEGIATE HONORS

National Champions

PLAYER	TEAM (YEAR)
Cam Atkinson	Boston College (2010)
Will Butcher	Univ. of Denver (2017)
Chris Kreider	Boston College (2010, 2012)
Johnny Gaudreau	Boston College (2012)
Brian Gibbons	Boston College (2008, 2010)

NCAA All-Americans

PLAYER	YEAR(S)
Cam Atkinson	2011
Will 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

PLAYER	YEAR
Cam Atkinson	Hockey East Tournament MVP (2011)
Will Butcher	NCHC Best Offensive Defenseman (2017)
Johnny Gaudreau	Hockey East Player of the Year (2013, 2014)
	Hockey East Tournament MVP (2012)
Nick Jensen	WCHA Defensive Player of the Year (2013)
Keith Kinkaid	ECAC Hockey Goaltender of the Year (2011)
Dylan Larkin	Big Ten Rookie of the Year (2015)
Charlie Lindgren	NCHC Goaltender of the Year (2016)
Alec Martinez	CCHA Best Defensive Defenseman (2008)
Colin White	Hockey East Rookie of the Year (2016)



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TEAM USA IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

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	Helsinki, Finland/Stockholm, Sweden	Russia	Slovakia	Czech Republic	4-2-0-2	7th
2011	Bratislava/Kosice, Slovakia	Finland	Sweden	Czech Republic	3-0-1-3	8th
2010	Cologne/Gelsenkirchen/Mannheim, Germany	Czech Republic	Russia	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/Mytitschi, 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 Republic	Canada	Sweden	United States	5-3-0-1	Bronze
2003	Helsinki/Tampere/Turku, Finland	Canada	Sweden	Slovakia	3-3-0-0	13th
2002	Göteborg/Jönköping/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	Helsinki/Turku/Tampere, Finland	Canada	Sweden	Czech Republic	4-3-1	6th
1996	Vienna, Austria	Czech Republic	Canada	United States	5-3-0	Bronze
1995	Stockholm/Gävle, Sweden	Finland	Sweden	Canada	3-1-2	6th
1994	Bolzano/Milano, Italy	Canada	Finland	Sweden	4-4-0	4th
1993	Dortmund/München, 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	München/Düsseldorf, West Germany	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Canada	POOL B	—
1982	Helsinki/Tampere, Finland	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	0-6-1	8th
1981	Göteborg, Sweden	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	4-3-0	5th
1979	Moscow, USSR	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	2-2-3	7th
1978	Prague, Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Canada	2-6-2	6th
1977	Vienna, Austria	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	Soviet Union	2-6-1	6th
1976	Katowice, Poland	Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	Sweden	3-3-1	4th
1975	München/Düsseldorf, 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	Stockholm, Sweden	Soviet Union	Sweden	Czechoslovakia	1-5-1	8th
1962	Colorado Springs, United States	Sweden	Canada	United States	5-2-0	Bronze
1961	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	Düsseldorf/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	Prague, Czechoslovakia	Czechoslovakia	Sweden	Austria	4-3-0	5th
1949	Basel/Zurich, Switzerland	Canada	United States	Switzerland	4-2-0	Silver
1938	Prague, Czechoslovakia	Canada	Great Britain	Czechoslovakia	3-2-1	7th
1937	London, England	Canada	Great Britain	Switzerland	DNP	—
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 against 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).

Guy Gosselin, a two-time U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team member (1988, 1992) who also serves as a regional manager of USA Hockey's American Development Model, served as head coach with **David Hoff**, USA Hockey's Northern Plains District Coach-in-Chief, as an assistant coach. **Dan Brennan**, USA Hockey's director of sled national teams, was the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team.

DATE	OPPONENT	ROUND	W	OTW	OTL	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	OTL	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 Johansson**, 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.

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 Johansson**, 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	OTL	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	Quarterfinals	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 SELECTS 21 TO JOIN USA HOCKEY'S NTDP

On May 4, USA Hockey announced 11 forwards, eight defensemen and two goaltenders that have been selected to join USA Hockey's National Team Development Program in Plymouth, Mich. The 21 players from the 2002 birth year will compete for the U.S. National Under-17 Team for the 2018-19 season. The Under-17 Team will play in the United States Hockey League, the only Tier I junior hockey league in the United States, as well as select competition against teams in the North American Hockey League and Minnesota Elite League. It will also compete in three international tournaments, including the 2018 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, 2018 Four Nations Tournament and 2019 Five Nations Tournament.

USA HOCKEY'S NTDP BOUNCED FROM USHL CLARK CUP PLAYOFFS

Erik Middendorf (Scottsdale, Ariz.) scored the lone goal for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program Under-17 Team in a 5-1 loss against the Youngstown Phantoms in Game 4 of the United States Hockey League's Clark Cup Eastern Conference Final on May 5 at Covelli Centre. The loss gave Youngstown its series-clinching win to advance to the USHL's Clark Cup Final as the U17s finished its season with a record of 42-18-0-1.

This was the first time since since 2011-12 that the NTDP competed 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 claimed the series, 3-1.

CHRIS CHELIOS NAMED TO IIHF HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018

Last December, **Chris Chelios** (Downers Grove, Ill.) 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.

