



# 2021 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2021 PARA ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | OSTRAVA, CZECH REPUBLIC | JUNE 19-26, 2021

PRELIMINARY ROUND • USA (0-0-0-0) VS. CANADA (0-0-0-0) • SAT., JUNE 19 • 3:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME • OSTRAVAR ARENA (CAPACITY: 9,779)

## TODAY'S GAME

The United States opens play at the 2021 Para Ice Hockey World Championship this afternoon against Canada. Puck drop at Ostravar Arena is set for 3 p.m. local time (9 a.m. ET) and will be broadcast live in the U.S. on the Olympic Channel.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is the first time the U.S. will meet Canada this season. The two met on four occasions in the 2019-20 season. The last four world championships have featured the two teams in the gold-medal game, with Team USA winning once (2015) and Canada twice (2013, 2017).

## TALKING POINTS

### SERIES VS. CANADA

Since the 2014-15 season, the two teams have met 28 times, with the U.S. posting a 19-4-1-4 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record. All-time, the teams have met on 102 occasions with Team USA holding a 34-11-8-47-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) record. Combined, the two teams have captured the last seven world championships and last five Paralympic titles.

Two years ago, Team USA and Canada met in the gold-medal game of the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship where **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) scored with 3:26 to play in regulation to send the game into overtime. **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) scored the game-winning goal 5:08 into overtime, giving Team USA its eighth gold medal in World Championship history.

### TEAM USA IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

The U.S. has captured four gold medals in the events' 10-year history and enters the 2021 event seeking a seventh-straight berth to the gold-medal game. This is the third time the event will take place in Ostrava, which hosted the 2009 and 2019 world championships, both resulting in gold medals for Team USA.

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DEBUTS

Defenseman **David Eustace** (Stoneham, Mass.) and forward **Joseph Woodke** (Nashville, Tenn.) are making their debuts today in world championship play. Eustace and Woodke both made their debuts with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team in the 2019-20 season.

Eustace notched his first career goal in Team USA's 8-0 victory over the Czech Republic in the preliminary round of the 2019 Para Hockey Cup. Woodke also picked up his first career point, tallying an assist in that same game.

### U.S. TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Several members of Team USA are current U.S. record holders in tournament play. **Declan Farmer** holds four records, **Kevin McKee** has two, and **Steve Cash** owns every goaltending record. Additionally, prior to Team USA's 4-1 loss to Canada in the 2017 gold-medal game, the U.S. set a team record with 11 consecutive wins. For more U.S. tournament history, see page 5.

### JOURNEY TO OSTRAVA

Team USA's journey to Ostrava, Czech Republic, started on Saturday, June 12, with players and staff convening in Newark, New Jersey. From there, the team boarded a plane on Sunday, June 13, and traveled overnight to Vienna, Austria, where the U.S. players and staff boarded a bus for a three-hour trip to Ostrava. Since its arrival, Team USA has held four practices at Ostravar Arena ahead of today's tournament-opening game.

### THE 100 CLUB

**Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) became the first player in sled national team history to score 100 career goals for Team USA. Farmer eclipsed that milestone after his two-goal performance against Russia on Sunday (Dec. 1) in Team USA's 2019 Para Hockey Cup debut.

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME (ET)/RESULT
SAT., JUNE 19	CANADA	9:00 A.M.
SUN., JUNE 20	CZECH REPUBLIC	8:30 A.M.
TUES., JUNE 22	SOUTH KOREA	2:30 P.M.
WED., JUNE 23	TBD (*QUARTERFINAL) <i>*if necessary</i>	TBD
FRI., JUNE 25	TBD (SEMIFINAL)	TBD
SAT., JUNE 26	TBD (GOLD-MEDAL GAME)	3:00 P.M.

## U.S. BROADCAST DETAILS

The 2021 Para Ice Hockey World Championship will broadcast all U.S. preliminary games live on the Olympic Channel. Those games will also stream live on Olympics.com, as well as the NBCSN app.

Hosts Ahmed Fareed and Paul Burmeister will provide pre-game commentary, intermission reports and post-game commentary.

## TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS

TOURNAMENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
2019 Para Hockey Cup*	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2019 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	KOR	4-1-0-0
2018 Para Hockey Cup*	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2018 Paralympics	USA	CAN	KOR	4-1-0-0
2018 Turin Para Hockey*	USA	ITA	NOR	5-0-0-0
2017 (Dec.) WSHC*	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2017 Sled Worlds	CAN	USA	KOR	6-0-0-1
2017 (Jan.) WSHC*	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 IPC Pan-Pacific*	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 WSHC*	USA	CAN	RUS	4-0-1-0
2015 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2015 WSHC*	USA	RUS	CAN	4-1-0-0
2014 Paralympics	USA	RUS	CAN	4-0-0-1
TOTAL				61-3-1-2

\*First place finishes, not gold medals

## LEADING TEAM USA

**David Hoff**, USA Hockey's Northern Plains District Coach-In-Chief and assistant coach of the gold medal-winning 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, is in his third season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. This is Hoff's fifth season with Team USA after making his debut in the 2016-17 season.

**Josh Pauls**, who has helped the U.S. capture gold medals in the last three Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018), is serving as captain of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. In addition, two-time Paralympic gold medalists (2014, 2018) **Declan Farmer** and **Rico Roman** are serving as alternate captains.

This marks Pauls' 13th season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his fourth as team captain while Farmer is entering his ninth season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his fourth as an alternate captain. A Purple Heart recipient and U.S. Army Veteran, Roman is serving as an alternate captain for a third-straight year as he begins his 10th season with Team USA.

## MEDIA INFORMATION

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

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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Aaron Westendorf, who is on-site with Team USA in Ostrava.



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### 2021 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
<b>GOALTENDERS (2)</b>						
32	Jen Lee* <sup>^</sup>	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	07/26/1986	San Francisco, California	San Antonio Rampage
34	Steve Cash* <sup>^</sup> #	5-7 (170)	150 (68)	05/09/1989	Overland, Missouri	DASA St. Louis Blues
<b>DEFENSEMEN (5)</b>						
3	Ralph DeQuebec*	5-10 (178)	185 (84)	03/24/1983	San Pedro, California	Colorado Avalanche
8	Jack Wallace*	6-4 (193)	210 (95)	06/24/1998	Franklin Lakes, New Jersey	NJ Freeze
17	Chris Douglas	5-9 (175)	150 (68)	05/17/1990	Saint Cloud, Florida	Florida Bandits
27	Josh Pauls* <sup>^</sup> # (C)	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	12/31/1992	Green Brook, New Jersey	DASA St. Louis Blues
37	David Eustace	6-1 (185)	155 (70)	05/03/1999	Stoneham, Massachusetts	Northeast Passage Wildcats
<b>FORWARDS (10)</b>						
4	Brody Roybal* <sup>^</sup>	3-1 (94)	120 (54)	05/25/1998	Northlake, Illinois	Chicago Blackhawks
9	Travis Dodson*	4-0 (122)	150 (68)	02/14/1985	Deming, New Mexico	Chicago Blackhawks
11	Joseph Woodke	6-0 (183)	160 (73)	07/12/1989	Nashville, Tennessee	Nashville Sled Preds
15	Kyle Zych	5-9 (175)	165 (75)	12/09/1996	South Hadley, Massachusetts	Northeast Passage Wildcats
16	Declan Farmer* <sup>^</sup> (A)	6-0 (183)	135 (61)	11/05/1997	Tampa, Florida	Tampa Bay Lightning
22	Noah Grove*	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	05/01/1999	Frederick, Maryland	Boston Bruins
23	Rico Roman* <sup>^</sup> (A)	5-9 (175)	180 (82)	02/04/1981	Portland, Oregon	Colorado Avalanche
24	Josh Misiewicz*	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	09/01/1987	Westerlo, New York	Buffalo Sabres
40	Josh Hargis	6-0 (183)	165 (75)	08/16/1989	Colorado Springs, Colorado	Colorado Avalanche
88	Kevin McKee* <sup>^</sup>	4-7 (140)	115 (52)	02/11/1990	Chicago, Illinois	Chicago Blackhawks

#### TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Dan Brennan (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	Equipment Manager	Jake Visser (Plymouth, Mich.)
Head Coach	David Hoff (Bottineau, N.D.)	Team Physician	Mike Uihlein (Grafton, Wis.)
Assistant Coach	Corey Gordier (Bottineau, N.D.)	Communications	Aaron Westendorf (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Athletic Trainer	Mike Cortese (Boynton Beach, Fla.)	Content	Meg Stahl (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

\*2018 Paralympic gold medalist

<sup>^</sup>2014 Paralympic gold medalist

#2010 Paralympic gold medalist

### 2021 GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET)		CANADA	CZECH REPUBLIC	SOUTH KOREA	SEMIFINALS	MEDAL ROUND	TOTALS
No	Name	9:00 A.M. 6/19/2021	8:30 A.M. 6/20/2021	2:30 P.M. 6/22/21	TBD 6/25/21	TBD 6/26/21	2021
3	Ralph DeQuebec						
4	Brody Roybal						
8	Jack Wallace						
9	Travis Dodson						
11	Joey Woodke						
15	Kyle Zych						
16	Declan Farmer						
17	Chris Douglas						
22	Noah Grove						
23	Rico Roman						
24	Josh Misiewicz						
27	Josh Pauls						
37	David Eustace						
40	Josh Hargis						
88	Kevin McKee						
32	Jen Lee						
34	Steve Cash						

#### Key:

G - goal	S - shorthanded goal	G* - game-winning goal	DNP - did not play
A - assist	P* - penalty shot	A* - assist on game-winning goal	DND - did not dress
P - powerplay goal	U - unassisted goal	# - U.S. Player of the Game	

### 2021 U.S. ROSTER DETAILS

#### CAREER SKATER STATISTICS ENTERING 2020-21

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Ralph DeQuebec	D	32	1	13	14	26
4	Brody Roybal	F	91	70	80	150	50
8	Jack Wallace	D	43	23	17	40	30
9	Travis Dodson	F	27	6	4	10	6
11	Joseph Woodke	F	5	0	1	1	2
15	Kyle Zych*	F	12	4	1	5	2
16	Declan Farmer	F	98	104	84	188	44
17	Chris Douglas	D	42	2	13	15	16
22	Noah Grove	F	43	10	23	33	2
23	Rico Roman	F	114	17	24	41	26
24	Josh Misiewicz	F	33	17	28	45	8
27	Josh Pauls	D	155	45	75	120	22
37	David Eustace	D	5	1	0	1	2
40	Josh Hargis	F	16	4	0	4	2
88	Kevin McKee	F	120	44	66	110	37

\*Making their national team debuts this season

#### HOME STATES

California	2
Colorado	1
Florida	2
Illinois	2
Iowa	1
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	2
Missouri	1
New Jersey	2
New Mexico	1
Oregon	1
Tennessee	1

#### BIRTH YEARS

1981	1
1983	1
1985	1
1986	1
1987	2
1989	3
1990	2
1992	1
1996	1
1997	1
1998	2
1999	1

#### ROSTER BREAKDOWN

<b>Average Height:</b>	5'6"
<b>Average Weight:</b>	156 lbs.
<b>Oldest Player:</b>	Rico Roman (40 yrs, 4 mo.)
<b>Youngest Player:</b>	David Eustace (22 yrs, 1 mo.)
<b>Average Age:</b>	29 yrs, 6 mo.

#### DISABILITY

<b>Osteosarcoma:</b>	2
Cash, Grove	
<b>Congenital Bilateral Amputee:</b>	3
Farmer, Pauls, Roybal	
<b>Congenital Regression Syndrome:</b>	1
McKee	
<b>Spinal Cord Injury:</b>	1
Douglas	
<b>Spina Bifida:</b>	1
Zych	
<b>Traumatic Amputee (Non-Military):</b>	2
Lee, Wallace	
<b>Traumatic Amputee (Military):</b>	6
Army: Hargis (Ranger), Roman	
Marine: DeQuebec, Dodson, Misiewicz, Woodke	



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## U.S. PARA ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW

### 2021 GROUP A OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

#### PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

##### CANADA



#### LAST MEETING: 2019 PARA HOCKEY CUP - USA 3, CAN 1

Goals from **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) and **Josh Hargis** (Colorado Springs, Colo.) helped Team USA secure its sixth-straight Para Hockey Cup title, defeating Canada, 3-1, in the Championship game of the 2019 Para Hockey Cup in Paradise, Newfoundland. Goaltender **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.), backstopped Team USA to victory with a six-save performance.

##### CZECH REPUBLIC



#### LAST MEETING: 2019 PARA HOCKEY CUP - USA 8, CZE 0

Three points apiece from **Noah Grove** (Frederick, Md.), **Kevin McKee** (Chicago, Ill.), **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) and **Jack Wallace** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) helped the U.S. defeat the Czech Republic, 8-0, in the semifinals to advance to its ninth-straight championship appearance at the Para Hockey Cup.

##### SOUTH KOREA



#### LAST MEETING: 2019 WORLDS - USA 4, KOR 0

Captain **Josh Pauls** registered three assists and four different U.S. players scored to lead the United States past South Korea, 4-0, for its second win at the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship here at Ostravar Arena. **Jack Wallace**, **Brody Roybal**, **Declan Farmer** and **Noah Grove** all tallied in the win.

#### PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES

##### SEMIFINAL



#### LAST APPEARANCE: 2019 WORLDS - USA 10, CZE 2

**Jack Wallace** scored five goals and **Declan Farmer** added five points as the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team defeated the Czech Republic, 10-2, to advance to the gold-medal game. Wallace's five goals established a new U.S. record for most goals by a player in a single game in tournament play.

All-time Semifinal Record: 6-0

##### FIFTH-PLACE



#### LAST APPEARANCE: 2000 SWC - USA 0, EST 4

The U.S. suffered a 4-0 defeat to Estonia to finish sixth in Salt Lake City, Utah. The United States hosted its first-ever IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in preparation for the 2002 Salt Lake City Paralympic Winter Games, where the U.S. would claim its first-ever Paralympic gold medal.

All-Time Fifth-Place Game Record: 0-1

##### BRONZE-MEDAL



#### LAST APPEARANCE: 2008 SWC - USA 3, JPN 1

On home ice in Marlborough, Massachusetts, the United States skated to a 3-1 victory to earn its second-ever medal in tournament play. **Jimmy Connelly** opened the scoring before **Alexi Salamone** tallied a pair of goals to help lead the U.S. to victory.

All-Time Bronze-Medal Game Record: 1-0

##### GOLD-MEDAL



#### LAST APPEARANCE: 2019 WORLDS - USA 3, CAN 2 (OT)

The U.S. went undefeated 4-0-0-0 to reach its sixth straight world championship gold-medal game where Team USA defeated Canada, 3-2, in overtime to win gold at the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, Czech Rep.

All-Time Gold-Medal Game Record: 4-3

#### 2021 GROUPS

The 2019 tournament introduced a new format that places the top four teams in the world rankings forming Group A and the next four in Group B. The top two finishers from Group A will earn a quarterfinal bye to the semifinals. The third-place finisher in Group A will face the second-place finisher in Group B while the other quarterfinal game will place Group A's fourth-place team against Group B's top finisher.

### U.S. PLAYERS AT SLED WORLDS

#### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALISTS

PLAYER	YEAR	MEDAL
Steve Cash	2019	Gold
	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
	2013	Silver
	2012	Gold
	2009	Gold
	2008	Bronze
Ralph DeQuebec	2019	Gold
Travis Dodson	2019	Gold
Chris Douglas	2019	Gold
	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
Declan Farmer	2019	Gold
	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
	2013	Silver
Noah Grove	2019	Gold
	2017	Silver
Josh Hargis	2019	Gold
Jen Lee	2019	Gold
	2017	Silver
	2013	Silver
	2012	Gold
Kevin McKee	2019	Gold
	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
	2013	Silver
	2012	Gold
Josh Misiewicz	2015	Gold
Josh Pauls	2019	Gold
	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
	2013	Silver
	2012	Gold
	2009	Gold
Rico Roman	2019	Gold
	2017	Silver
	2013	Silver
	2012	Gold
Brody Roybal	2019	Gold
	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
Jack Wallace	2019	Gold
	2017	Silver
Kyle Zych	2019	Gold

#### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

PLAYER	YEAR	GP	G	A	PTS
Ralph DeQuebec	2019	5	0	2	2
Travis Dodson	2019	5	0	0	0
Chris Douglas	2019	4	1	5	6
	2017	4	0	2	2
	2015	2	0	3	3
Declan Farmer	2019	5	7	7	14
	2017	7	12	6	18
	2015	5	6	1	7
	2013	5	4	4	8
Noah Grove	2019	5	3	0	3
	2017	4	2	2	4
Josh Hargis	2019	4	0	0	0
Kevin McKee	2019	5	0	2	2
	2017	7	1	9	10
	2015	5	1	2	3
	2013	5	2	2	4
	2012	5	0	2	2
Josh Pauls	2019	5	2	4	6
	2017	7	2	6	8
	2015	5	4	3	7
	2013	4	4	2	6
	2012	5	1	1	2
Rico Roman	2019	5	2	2	4
	2017	7	1	3	4
	2013	5	0	1	1
	2012	5	0	0	0
Brody Roybal	2019	5	3	7	10
	2017	7	8	6	14
	2015	5	2	7	9
Jack Wallace	2019	5	7	1	8
	2017	6	1	1	2
Kyle Zych	2019	5	1	0	1

PLAYER	YEAR	W-L	GAA	SV%
Steve Cash	2019	4-0	1.32	0.84
	2017	5-1	1.13	0.93
	2015	5-0	0.27	0.97
	2013	4-1	0.56	0.94
	2012	4-1	0.72	0.92
	2009	4-1	0.77	0.94
	2008	4-2	1.50	0.90
Jen Lee	2019	1-0	0.00	1.00
	2013	0-0	0.00	1.00
	2012	0-0	0.93	0.80

TEAM	GROUP A							TEAM	GROUP B						
	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS		W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
United States	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Korea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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**MEDALS:** Eight

**GOLD (3):** 2019, 2015, 2012, 2009

**SILVER (3):** 2017, 2013, 2004

**BRONZE (1):** 2008

YEAR	HOST	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. HEAD COACH	U.S. RECORD	U.S. FINISH
2019	Ostrava, Czech Republic	United States	Canada	Korea	David Hoff	4-1-0-0	Gold
2017	Gangneung, South Korea	Canada	United States	Korea	Guy Gosselin	6-0-0-1	Silver
2015	Buffalo, New York	United States	Canada	Russia	Jeff Sauer	5-0-0-0	Gold
2013	Goyang, South Korea	Canada	United States	Russia	Jeff Sauer	4-0-0-1	Silver
2012	Hamar, Norway	United States	Korea	Canada	Jeff Sauer	3-1-1-0	Gold
2009	Ostrava, Czech Republic	United States	Norway	Canada	Ray Maluta	3-1-0-1	Gold
2008	Marlborough, Massachusetts	Canada	Norway	United States	Ray Maluta	4-0-0-2	Bronze
2004	Ornskoldsvik, Sweden	Norway	United States	Sweden	Keith Blase	4-0-0-1	Silver
2000	Salt Lake City, Utah	Canada	Norway	Sweden	Rick Middleton	1-0-0-4	Sixth
1996	Nynashamn, Sweden	Sweden	Norway	Canada	Angelo Bianco	1-0-0-4	Fifth

## U.S. TOURNAMENT GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

YEAR	DATE	OPPONENT	ROUND	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	
2019	May 4	Canada	Gold-Medal Game	W				3	2	
2019	May 3	Czech Republic	Semifinals	W				10	2	
2019	April 30	Norway	Preliminary Round	W				10	0	
2019	April 28	South Korea	Preliminary Round	W				4	0	
2019	April 27	Canada	Preliminary Round	W				3	1	
2017	April 20	Canada	Gold-Medal Game				L	1	4	
2017	April 19	Korea	Preliminary Round	W				5	0	
2017	April 18	Norway	Preliminary Round	W				6	0	
2017	April 17	Canada	Preliminary Round	W				2	1	
2017	April 15	Germany	Preliminary Round	W				9	0	
2017	April 14	Italy	Preliminary Round	W				9	1	
2017	April 13	Sweden	Preliminary Round	W				7	0	
2015	May 3	Canada	Gold-Medal Game	W				3	0	
2015	May 1	Norway	Semifinals	W				6	0	
2015	April 29	Italy	Preliminary Round	W				7	0	
2015	April 27	Germany	Preliminary Round	W				7	0	
2015	April 26	Russia	Preliminary Round	W				6	1	
2013	April 20	Canada	Gold-Medal Game				L	0	1	
2013	April 18	Russia	Semifinals	W				2	1	
2013	April 16	Czech Republic	Preliminary Round	W				3	0	
2013	April 13	Norway	Preliminary Round	W				7	0	
2013	April 12	Sweden	Preliminary Round	W				7	0	
2012	April 1	Korea	Gold-Medal Game	W				5	1	
2012	March 29	Canada	Semifinals	W				2	1	
2012	March 28	Japan	Preliminary Round	W				5	0	
2012	March 26	Czech Republic	Preliminary Round			OTL*		1	2	
2012	March 25	Estonia	Preliminary Round		OTW*			2	1	
2009	May 16	Norway	Gold-Medal Game	W				1	0	
2009	May 14	Canada	Semifinals		OTW*			2	1	
2009	May 12	Norway	Preliminary Round				L	1	2	
2009	May 10	Korea	Preliminary Round	W				2	1	
2009	May 9	Italy	Preliminary Round	W				3	0	
2008	April 5	Japan	Bronze-Medal Game	W				3	1	
2008	April 4	Germany	Preliminary Round	W				5	1	
2008	April 2	Canada	Preliminary Round				L	0	3	
2008	April 1	Norway	Preliminary Round				L	2	3	
2008	March 30	Italy	Preliminary Round	W				4	0	
2008	March 29	Japan	Preliminary Round	W				5	1	
2004	April 24	Norway	Gold-Medal Game				L	1	2	
2004	April 22	Sweden	Semifinals	W				2	0	
2004	April 19	Canada	Preliminary Round	W				2	1	
2004	April 18	Japan	Preliminary Round	W				4	3	
2004	April 17	Great Britain	Preliminary Round	W				3	1	
2000	NA	Estonia	Fifth-Place Game				L	0	4	
2000	NA	Japan	Preliminary Round				L	2	3	
2000	NA	Canada	Preliminary Round				L	0	3	
2000	NA	Estonia	Preliminary Round	W				4	3	
2000	NA	Sweden	Preliminary Round				L	3	4	
1996	NA	Estonia	Round-Robin				L	1	5	
1996	NA	Japan	Round-Robin	W				3	0	
1996	NA	Norway	Round-Robin				L	0	11	
1996	NA	Canada	Round-Robin				L	0	5	
1996	NA	Sweden	Round-Robin				L	1	11	
TOTAL				53 GP	36	2	1	14	186	88

## U.S. RECORD VS. OPPONENT

OPPONENT	GP	RECORD	GF	GA
Canada	13	6-2-0-5	21	24
Czech Republic	4	3-0-1-0	24	6
Estonia	4	1-1-0-2	7	13
Germany	3	3-0-0-0	21	1
Great Britain	1	1-0-0-0	3	1
Italy	4	4-0-0-0	21	1
Japan	6	5-0-0-1	22	8
Korea	5	5-0-0-0	21	2
Norway	10	6-0-0-4	44	18
Russia	2	2-0-0-0	8	2
Sweden	5	3-0-0-2	20	15
TOTAL	57	34-2-1-14	211	91

## U.S. IN PLAYOFF ROUND

OPPONENT	SF	5TH	BMG	GMG	TOTAL
Canada	2-0	NA	NA	2-2	4-2
Czech R.	1-0	NA	NA	NA	1-0
Estonia	NA	0-1	NA	NA	0-1
Japan	NA	NA	1-0	NA	1-0
Korea	NA	NA	NA	1-0	1-0
Norway	1-0	NA	NA	1-1	2-1
Russia	1-0	NA	NA	NA	1-0
Sweden	1-0	NA	NA	NA	1-0
TOTAL	6-0	0-1	1-0	4-3	11-4

## U.S. EVENT RECORDS

Entering 2019 Tournament

### SINGLE TOURNAMENT

STATISTIC	PLAYER	RECORD (YEAR)
Goals	Declan Farmer^	12 (2017)
Assists	Kevin McKee^	9 (2017)
Points	Declan Farmer^	17 (2017)
GAA*	Steve Cash^	0.27 (2015)
SV%*	Steve Cash^	.970 (2015)
Shutouts*	Steve Cash^	4 (2015)

\*Minimum 75 minutes played

### CAREER TOURNAMENT

STATISTIC	PLAYER	RECORD
Games Played	Steve Cash^	36
Goals	Declan Farmer^	29
Assists	Kevin McKee^	17
Points	Declan Farmer^	47
Wins	Steve Cash^	27
GAA	Steve Cash^	0.77
Shutouts	Steve Cash^	14
Mins Played	Steve Cash^	1428

^Current U.S. player



# 2021 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

## PRELIMINARY ROUND VS. CANADA • JUNE 19, 2021



### U.S. TIDBITS

#### BUBBLE'D UP

Team USA, along with all teams and tournament officials, have entered into a tournament bubble. The hotel has designated team rooms where players can play video games, watch movies, listen to music and play cards. There is also outside areas to sit, play cornhole, toss football and more. Team USA has spent its time between just the hotel and locker room, but has a site seeing bus tour scheduled for the day off on Monday.

#### PRIDE TAPE

Captain **Josh Pauls**, alongside several teammates, have taped up their sticks with Pride Tape in celebration of Pride Month. Pauls thought of his home city and wanted to support Pride St. Louis, an organization that has supported the LGBTQ+ community for more than 40 years in St. Louis. To add a competitive twist, he wants his game to do the talking: \$10 per point he scores, \$20 for every USA win and a \$50 donation if the team wins gold. Teammates **Brody Roybal**, **David Eustace** and **Kyle Zych** have also jumped into the tournament with Pride Tape and promised donations.

When asked about his inspiration for the initiative, Pauls had this to say: "We have a lot of guys who want to give back, and are able to give back. We're all going through that learning process as a team and becoming more educated. We're family on this team. You never know when you'll meet a gay teammate and I want to make sure they're welcomed with open arms."

#### WEDDINGS DELAYED

**Josh Pauls** and **Kevin McKee** have both been planning weddings for more than two years, with plans constantly being changed or canceled due to the COVID 19 pandemic. With the team meeting for camp this summer following the tournament, both players have scheduled their big days and are finally full steam ahead.

#### UPCOMING MILESTONES

- Declan Farmer (98 games played) is two games away from 100 games played
- Brody Roybal (91 games played) is nine games away from 100 games played
- Josh Pauls (45 career goals) is five goals away from 50 career goals
- Declan Farmer (188 career points) is 12 points away from 200 career points
- Josh Misiewicz (45 career points) is five points away from 50 career points
- Rico Roman (41 career points) is nine points away from 50 career points
- Brody Roybal currently has 150 career points
- Jack Wallace (40 career points) is 10 points away from 50 career points

#### EXPERIENCE MATTERS

**Steve Cash** is set to play in his eighth World Championship, while teammates **Kevin McKee** and **Josh Pauls** are both playing in their sixth. The three have combined for 20 World Championships.

#### NO PAD NECESSARY

**Steve Cash** typically stands out in international play, as he is the one goalie that plays without a leg pad. When asked about his equipment preference, Cash noted the comfortability and ease of using his glove and stick hands without a pad.

### USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

#### NEW USA HOCKEY PRESIDENT

**Mike Trimboli** (Massena, N.Y.), who has been involved in grassroots hockey as a player, coach, official and administrator for parts of the last six decades, was elected president of USA Hockey at last week's Board of Directors Meeting as part of the organization's virtual Annual Congress. In addition to his work with USA Hockey, Trimboli, who retired in 2018 from his role in law enforcement with the New York State Police after over 31 years, has also coached public high school hockey for more than 25 seasons over two stints, including from 1990-2005 and from 2009 until today, winning a Division 1 New York State championship in 2014.

#### ANNUAL AWARDS

USA Hockey honored its top volunteers and players this season with its annual awards, with celebrations occurring virtually this year. Full list of award winners:

John Beadle Adult Member of the Year: Emily Ludy  
Adult Player of the Year: Tiffany Juha  
Excellence in Safety Award: Dr. Dave Crandell  
Chet Stewart Award: Bob Hayden  
Walter Yaciuk Award: Joe Eppolito  
Disabled Athlete of the Year: Curt Wilson  
Jim Johansson College Player of the Year: Cole Caufield  
Bob Allen Women's Player of the Year: Aerin Frankel  
Distinguished Achievement Award: Katey Stone  
Wm. Thayer Tutt Award: Dick Emahiser

#### DISABLED SECTION LEADERSHIP

USA Hockey, as part of its virtual Congress, elected **Amy LaPoe** (Hamilton, Tex.) as chair of the disabled section, replacing **J.J. O'Connor** (Mt. Prospect, Ill.) who served in the capacity for 20 years. O'Connor was elected as a director emeritus as well in the Congress session. LaPoe previously served as a Special Hockey Representative for the Disabled Hockey Section, working with special hockey programs around the country to help them grow and develop in order to allow more individuals with special needs to have the opportunity to play hockey. On a national level she developed new tools and resources and represent special hockey within the Disabled Hockey Section.

LaPoe was originally introduced to hockey over 20 years ago when her son, Spencer, wanted to play. Spencer, who has Down syndrome, originally started playing hockey with the Gateway Locomotives in St. Louis, but when the family relocated to the Chicago area in 2000, LaPoe discovered the need for a special hockey team in the area. With the help of the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks, LaPoe founded what is today recognized as the Chicago Blackhawks Special Hockey Team. Since its creation 16 years ago when it was called Tomahawks Special Needs Hockey, the program has grown and now has over 100 members across three locations in the Chicago area. For her contributions to hockey, LaPoe was inducted into the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame in 2012 and in 2014 the Dick Butkus Foundation named her a Youth Sports Most Valuable Player at the Chicago Sports Legacy Event.

#### GROWING THE GAME

USA Hockey announced last week two new volunteer positions to its coaching and officiating education structure, including a coach-in-chief for female development and a referee-in-chief for female development. The two new volunteer positions will be filled through the coaching education and officiating education sections of USA Hockey and will serve in a lead role in developing and implementing strategies to advance efforts related to recruitment, retention and overall support of females currently involved or interested in becoming involved in coaching and officiating.