

## TODAY'S GAME

Today is the first meeting between the U.S. and Finland at the 2018 Four Nations Cup. The game will take place at 1 p.m. (ET) at SaskTel Centre in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Today's game will be streamed live on HockeyTV.com. Follow the updates on Twitter @USAHockey and join the conversation by using #FourNations. The two teams last met in the semifinals at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games when the U.S. defeated the Fins, 5-0. **Dani Cameranesi** (Plymouth, Minn.) led the way for Team USA with two goals and an assist while **Maddie Rooney** (Andover, Minn.) made 14 saves on as many shots to advance to the gold-medal game against Canada.

## TALKING POINTS

### USA VS. FINLAND

The U.S. has fared well against Finland in the Four Nations Cup, historically. Over the last 10 tournaments Team USA is 9-1 against Finland, outscoring the Fins by a total of 62-7. The U.S. has recorded six shutout victories over the last decade and scored at least four goals in nine of the 10 contests.

The last meeting between the two teams in the Four Nations Cup was in 2017 in Tampa, Florida, when the U.S. defeated the Fins, 8-2. Twelve different skaters registered points and **Emily Pfalzer** (Buffalo, N.Y.) recorded a hat trick to secure the victory. Rooney made 11 saves in her first victory of the tournament.

### BACK FOR MORE

Sixteen of the 23 skaters on the U.S. Women's National Team roster competed in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games with Team USA. **Cayla Barnes** (Eastvale, Calif.), **Kacey Bellamy** (Westfield, Mass.), **Hannah Brandt** (Vadnais Heights, Minn.), **Cameranesi**, **Kendall Coyne Schofield** (Palos Heights, Ill.), **Brianna Decker** (Dousman, Wis.), **Kali Flanagan** (Hudson, N.H.), **Megan Keller** (Farmington Hills, Mich.), **Amanda Kessel** (Madison, Wis.), **Hilary Knight** (Sun Valley, Idaho), **Gigi Marvin** (Warroad, Minn.), **Sidney Morin** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **Kelly Pannek** (Plymouth, Minn.), **Pfalzer**, **Alex Rigsby** (Delafield, Wis.) and Rooney helped lead the U.S. to its second-ever Olympic gold medal.

Cameranesi tied to lead all U.S. skaters with five points (3G-2A) while Coyne Schofield, Knight and Marvin each added two goals of their own in the tournament. Team USA outscored its opponents 17-5 over the five contests played in PyeongChang, South Korea.

### INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Winning gold at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea, was an incredible moment for the U.S., but not one that came without previous success on the international stage. The gold medal was the second in U.S. women's Olympic history after capturing gold in 1998 in Nagano, Japan. However, Team USA's success at the IIHF Women's World Championships paved the way for the journey to Olympic gold, having won four consecutive gold medals from 2013-17 and winning eight of the last 10 tournaments with an overall record of 40-4-4-2-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) over that span. Along with the success at Women's Worlds, the U.S. has also won four consecutive gold medals at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championships.

### CORKUM LEADING THE WAY

**Bob Corkum** (Salisbury, Mass.) is the head coach of the U.S. Women's National Team for the first time at the 2018 Four Nations Cup. He served as an assistant coach for the U.S. Under-22 Women's Select Team for the U-22 Series vs. Canada in Calgary this past August and helped lead the U.S. to a three-game sweep.

Corkum will be joined by assistant coaches **Joel Johnson** (White Bear Lake, Minn.) and **Brian Pothier** (New Bedford, Mass.).

## 2018 FOUR NATIONS CUP

The Four Nations Cup is an annual tournament that has been held in varying forms since 1996. This year marks the 23rd year of the tournament (previously the Three Nations Cup). Games will be held at SaskTel Centre in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. The United States has competed in the tournament 21 times, having not participated in 2001. Team USA has captured the title eight times (1997, 2003, 2008, 2011-12, 2015-17), finished second 12 times and third in the tournament in 2013. The Americans hold an overall record of 51-5-5-23-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) in 86 Three/Four Nations Cup games.

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
TUES., NOV. 6	FINLAND SaskTel Centre	12 P.M./1 P.M.
WED., NOV. 7	CANADA SaskTel Centre	7 P.M./8 P.M.
FRI., NOV. 9	SWEDEN SaskTel Centre	3 P.M./4 P.M.
SAT., NOV. 10	THIRD-PLACE GAME SaskTel Centre	3 P.M./4 P.M.
SAT., NOV. 10	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SaskTel Centre	8 P.M./9 P.M.

## FINISHES SINCE 2003

YEAR	LOCATION	FINISH	RECORD
2017	Tampa, Florida	First	4-0-0-0
2016	Vierumaki, Finland	First	3-0-0-1
2015	Sundsvall, Sweden	First	3-1-0-0
2014	Kamloops, British Columbia	Second	2-0-1-1
2013	Lake Placid, New York	Third	2-0-0-2
2012	Vantaa, Finland	First	3-0-0-1
2011	Nykoping, Sweden	First	2-1-0-1
2010	St. John's, Newfoundland	Second	2-1-1-0
2009	Vierumaki, Finland	Second	3-0-0-1
2008	Lake Placid, New York	First	2-1-0-1
2007	Leksand, Sweden	Second	2-0-0-2
2006	Kitchener, Ontario	Second	2-0-0-2
2005	Hameenlinna, Finland	Second	2-0-0-2
2004	Lake Placid, New York	Second	2-0-0-1-1
2003	Skovde, Sweden	First	4-0-0-0

## MEDIA INFORMATION

Team USA players and head coach Bob Corkum will be available for interviews in designated mixed zone areas following games and non-gameday practices. Media availability on day-of-game morning skates will be limited and by request only. 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 Andrea Mazzarelli, who is on-site with the U.S. Women's National Team here in Saskatoon.



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### 2018 TEAM USA FOUR NATIONS ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
<b>GOALTENDERS (3)</b>							
31	Emma Polusny	5-9 (175)	164 (74)	03/16/99	L	Mound, Minn.	St. Cloud State University (WCHA)
33	Alex Rigsby	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	01/03/92	L	Delafield, Wis.	Calgary Inferno (CWHL)
35	Maddie Rooney	5-5 (165)	145 (66)	07/07/97	L	Andover, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)
<b>DEFENSE (8)</b>							
2	Mikaela Gardner	5-8 (173)	160 (73)	02/10/97	L	Plainfield, Ill.	University of Wisconsin (WCHA)
3	Cayla Barnes	5-2 (157)	138 (63)	01/07/99	R	Eastvale, Calif.	Boston College (HEA)
5	Megan Keller	5-11 (180)	165 (75)	05/01/96	L	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Boston College (HEA)
6	Kali Flanagan	5-5 (165)	140 (64)	09/19/95	R	Hudson, N.H.	Boston College (HEA)
8	Emily Pflazer	5-2 (157)	125 (57)	06/14/93	R	Buffalo, N.Y.	Buffalo Beauts (NWHL)
9	Megan Bozek	5-8 (173)	176 (80)	03/27/91	R	Buffalo Grove, Ill.	Markham Thunder (CWHL)
22	Kacey Bellamy	5-7 (170)	145 (66)	04/22/87	L	Westfield, Mass.	Calgary Inferno (CWHL)
23	Sidney Morin	5-5 (165)	140 (64)	06/06/95	R	Minnnetonka, Minn.	Linköping HC (SDHL)
<b>FORWARDS (12)</b>							
11	Caitrin Lonergan	5-7 (170)	158 (72)	09/10/97	R	Roslindale, Mass.	Boston College (HEA)
12	Kelly Pannek	5-8 (173)	165 (75)	12/29/95	R	Plymouth, Minn.	University of Minnesota (WCHA)
14	Brianna Decker	5-4 (163)	148 (67)	05/13/91	R	Dousman, Wis.	Calgary Inferno (CWHL)
15	Sydney Brodt	5-6 (168)	140 (64)	05/03/98	R	North Oaks, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)
19	Gigi Marvin	5-8 (173)	162 (73)	03/07/87	R	Warroad, Minn.	Boston Pride (NWHL)
20	Hannah Brandt	5-6 (168)	150 (68)	11/27/93	R	Vadnais Heights, Minn.	Minnesota Whitecaps (NWHL)
21	Hilary Knight	5-11 (180)	172 (78)	07/12/89	R	Sun Valley, Idaho	Montréal Canadiennes (CWHL)
24	Dani Cameranesi	5-5 (165)	155 (70)	06/30/95	L	Plymouth, Minn.	Buffalo Beauts (NWHL)
26	Kendall Coyne Schofield	5-2 (157)	125 (57)	05/25/92	L	Palos Heights, Ill.	Minnesota Whitecaps (NWHL)
27	Annie Pankowski	5-9 (175)	165 (75)	11/04/94	R	Laguna Hills, Calif.	University of Wisconsin (WCHA)
28	Amanda Kessel	5-6 (168)	130 (59)	08/28/91	R	Madison, Wis.	Metropolitan Riveters (NWHL)
39	Melissa Samoskevich	5-4 (163)	168 (76)	03/31/97	L	Sandy Hook, Conn.	Quinnipiac University (ECAC)

### BY THE NUMBERS

<b>AVERAGE HEIGHT</b>	5ft. 6in.
<b>TALLEST</b>	Keller/Knight (5ft. 11in.)
<b>SHORTEST</b>	Barnes/Coyne-Schofield/ Pflazer (5ft. 2 in.)
<b>AVERAGE WEIGHT</b>	152 lbs
<b>HEAVIEST</b>	Bozek (176 lbs)
<b>LIGHTEST</b>	Coyne Schofield/ Pflazer (125 lbs)
<b>SHOOT/CATCH</b>	Left: 9 Right: 14

### HOME STATES (10)

MINNESOTA	8
ILLINOIS	3
WISCONSIN	3
CALIFORNIA	2
MASSACHUSETTS	2
CONNECTICUT	1
IDAHO	1
MICHIGAN	1
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1
NEW YORK	1

### TEAM USA ALL-TIME FOUR NATIONS STAT LEADERS

<b>SKATERS</b>	
<b>GAMES PLAYED</b>	Julie Chu (47)
<b>GOALS</b>	Hilary Knight (29)
<b>ASSISTS</b>	Brianna Decker (22)

### GOALTENDERS

<b>GAMES PLAYED</b>	Jessie Vetter (21)
<b>SV% (AT LEAST 3 GP)</b>	Sara DeCosta (.955)
<b>WINS</b>	Jessie Vetter (15)

### 2018 TEAM USA FOUR NATIONS SCORING BREAKDOWN

NO	NAME	POS.	FIN	CAN	SWE	TBD	2018
			TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	FNC
			11/06	11/07	11/09	11/10	TOTAL
2	Mikaela Gardner	D	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
3	Cayla Barnes	D	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
5	Megan Keller	D	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
6	Kali Flanagan	D	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
8	Emily Pflazer	D	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
9	Megan Bozek	D	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
11	Caitrin Lonergan	F	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
12	Kelly Pannek	F	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
14	Brianna Decker	F	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
15	Sydney Brodt	F	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
19	Gigi Marvin	F	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
20	Hannah Brandt	F	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
21	Hilary Knight	F	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
22	Kacey Bellamy	D	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
23	Sidney Morin	D	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
24	Dani Cameranesi	F	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
26	Kendall Coyne Schofield	F	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
27	Annie Pankowski	F	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
28	Amanda Kessel	D	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
39	Melissa Samoskevich	F	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
31	Emma Polusny	G	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA
33	Alex Rigsby	G	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA
35	Maddie Rooney	G	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA

### KEY

**G** - GOAL

**W** - GAME-WINNING GOAL

**U** - UNASSISTED GOAL

**P** - POWER-PLAY GOAL

**DNP** - DID NOT PLAY

**A** - ASSIST

**P\*** - PENALTY SHOT GOAL

**A\*** - ASSIST ON GWG

**S** - SHORTHANDED GOAL

**W\*** - SHOOTOUT GWG



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### 2018 FOUR NATIONS CUP U.S. TEAM STAFF



#### **BOB CORKUM, HEAD COACH**

Bob Corkum's appointment to the U-22 select team staff marked his first coaching assignment for a U.S. team since leading the U.S. men into the 2013 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament in Slovakia, where the team finished second.

Corkum, who will serve as the U.S. Women's National Team head coach for the duration of the 2018-19 season, also previously served as an assistant coach for the New York Islanders from 2014-2017. A 12-year NHL veteran, Corkum joined the Islanders organization in July 2013 after spending five seasons as an associate coach at his alma mater, the University of Maine. Among his accomplishments, he helped the Black Bears qualify for the NCAA tournament in 2012.

Corkum's NHL playing career began with the Buffalo Sabres in 1990 after being selected by the Sabres in the 3rd round (47th overall) in the 1986 NHL Draft. The Salisbury, Mass., native also spent time with the Anaheim Ducks, Philadelphia Flyers, Phoenix Coyotes, Los Angeles Kings, New Jersey Devils and Atlanta Thrashers.

Prior to playing in the NHL, Corkum played four years at the University of Maine. As a senior in 1989, he helped lead the Black Bears to a Hockey East championship and a second consecutive Frozen Four appearance.

#### **JOEL JOHNSON, ASSISTANT COACH**

Joel Johnson, who recently led the U.S. Under-22 Women's Select Team into the Under-22 Series vs. Canada as head coach alongside Corkum, will make his debut as assistant coach of the U.S. Women's National Team at the 2018 Four Nations Cup. Johnson served as head coach for the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team from 2014-2017, helping the U.S. capture four consecutive gold medals at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship.

Now in his 14th season on the University of Minnesota coaching staff, Johnson has helped the Golden Gophers claim six national titles (2000, 2004, 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2016). He previously spent six seasons coaching at Bethel University from 2004-10, including three years as the men's hockey head coach.

#### **BRIAN POTHIER, ASSISTANT COACH**

Brian Pothier will be making his debut as a member of the coaching staff for the U.S. Women's National Team, having recently served as a camp coach at both the 2018 USA Hockey Women's National Festival in Lake Placid, N.Y., and the 2018 U.S. Women's National Team Evaluation Camp in Biddeford, Maine.

A former NHL defenseman and U.S. Men's National Team alumnus (2007 IIHF Men's World Championship), Pothier went undrafted in the NHL before signing with the Atlanta Thrashers in his senior year of college. He spent his first year in Orlando with Atlanta's farm team, the Orlando Solar Bears and went on to win both the Turner Cup and Rookie of the Year and American-born Rookie of the Year honors in 2000-2001. Pothier also spent time with the Ottawa Senators, Washington Capitals and Carolina Hurricanes organizations before retiring from hockey in 2012. Pothier now coaches all ages at Pothier Blueline Hockey in Rochester, Mass.



<b>HOCKEY OPERATIONS:</b>	John Vanbiesbrouck
<b>HEAD COACH:</b>	Bob Corkum
<b>ASSISTANT COACH:</b>	Joel Johnson
<b>ASSISTANT COACH:</b>	Brian Pothier
<b>GOALIE COACH:</b>	Steve Thompson
<b>STRENGTH &amp; CONDITIONING:</b>	Connor Lyons
<b>ATHLETIC TRAINER:</b>	Katie Homan
<b>ATHLETIC TRAINER:</b>	Sheri Walters
<b>MASSAGE THERAPIST:</b>	Jennifer Chee
<b>DIETICIAN:</b>	Shelly Guzman
<b>TEAM DOCTOR:</b>	Jamie Schlueter
<b>VIDEO COORDINATOR:</b>	Chris Demczuk
<b>EQUIPMENT MANAGER:</b>	Logan Fischer
<b>PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:</b>	Kristen Wright
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b>	Andrea Mazzarelli

**BOTTOM ROW (L-R):** Alex Rigsby, Kendall Coyne, Dani Cameranesi, Amanda Kessel, Kelly Pannek, Hilary Knight, Gigi Marvin, Kacey Bellamy, Brianna Decker, Emily Pfalzer, Maddie Rooney and Emma Polusny

**MIDDLE ROW (L-R):** Head coach Bob Corkum, Assistant Coach Joel Johnson, Cayla Barnes, Kali Flanagan, Hannah aBrandt, Caitrin Lonergan, Annie Pankowski, Megan Keller, Megan Bozek, Mikaela Gardner, Sydney Brodt, Sidney Morin, Melissa Samoskevich, Assistant Coach Brian Pothier and Goalie Coach Steve Thompson

**BACK ROW (L-R):** Massage therapist Jennifer Chee, player development manager Kristen Wright, strength and conditioning coach Connor Lyons, sports dietician Shelly Guzman, team physician Jamie Schlueter, athletic trainer Katie Homan, equipment manager Logan Fischer, athletic trainer Sheri Walters and communications manager Andrea Mazzarelli

