



# 2018-19 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2019 SLED SERIES | INDIAN TRAIL, NORTH CAROLINA | MARCH 22-23, 2019

TWO-GAME SERIES • USA (5-0-0-0) VS. CANADA (2-0-0-3) • FRI., MARCH 22 (3:30 P.M.) • SAT., MARCH 23 (4:00 P.M.) • EXTREME ICE CENTER

## TODAY'S GAME

The 2019 Sled Series between the U.S. and Canada opens today at the Extreme Ice Center in Indian Trail, North Carolina. Puck drop is slated for 3:30 p.m. ET and will be broadcast live on HockeyTV.com.

The two teams, which will meet again tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. ET, are facing off for the fourth time this season. Last December, the U.S. posted three wins against Canada en route to winning its fifth-straight Para Hockey Cup.

## TALKING POINTS

### SERIES VS. CANADA

Since the 2014-15 season, the two teams have met 21 times, with the U.S. posting a 14-3-1-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record. All-time, the teams have met on 93 occasions with Team USA holding a 28-10-8-46-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T). A year ago, the two teams met in the gold-medal game of the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games where Declan Farmer (Tampa, Fla.) scored with 30 seconds in regulation and tallied again 3:30 into overtime to give the U.S. an unprecedented third-straight Paralympic gold medal.

### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REGULARS

Dating back to the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship, the U.S. and Canada have met in the championship game of eight consecutive international tournaments. The U.S. holds a 7-1 advantage, with its lone loss coming in the 2017 Para Ice Hockey World Championship.

Last March, the two teams met in the gold-medal game at the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games where the U.S. came from behind in dramatic fashion to capture the Paralympic gold medal with a 2-1 overtime win. **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) scored the game-tying goal with 37.8 seconds left in regulation and tallied the golden goal 3:30 into overtime.

### BACK IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Extreme Ice Center here in Indian Trail, North Carolina, is a common meeting spot for the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. The facility, which has hosted USA Hockey National Championships over the years, is one of the regular training sites for the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. From April 11-13, the U.S. will return for its final training camp ahead of the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship that will take place in Ostrava, Czech Republic, from April 27-May 4.

### WINNING WAYS

Including the 2018 Para Hockey Cup last December, the U.S. has skated to a 48-4-1-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record over the last four seasons. Those 48 wins include a Paralympic gold (2018), two world championship medals (gold - 2015, silver - 2017), five-straight Para Hockey Cups (2015, 2016 (Jan.), 2016 (Dec.), 2017, 2018), the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship and the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament.

### 2019 SLED WORLDS

The 2019 Para Sled Hockey World Championship is set to take place from April 27-May 4 in Ostrava, Czech Republic. The U.S., which has captured three gold medals in the events' nine-year history, enters the event seeking a sixth-straight berth in the gold-medal game. In 2017, the event was held in Gangneung, South Korea, where the U.S. fell to Canada, 4-1.

This is the second time the event will take place in Ostrava, which hosted the 2009 event and saw the U.S. capture its first-ever world championship. Joining the U.S. will be Canada, Czech Republic, Italy, Japan, Norway, Korea and Sweden.

### 2019 DISABLED HOCKEY FESTIVAL BEGINS NEXT WEEK

The largest disabled event of its kind and one of USA Hockey's most significant events each season, the 2019 Toyota-USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival begins next week in Wesley Chapel, Florida, and will encompass two weekends (March 28-31, April 4-7) for the second straight year. USA Hockey, in partnership with the Tampa Bay Lightning and Statewide Amateur Hockey of Florida, is hosting the Festival in Florida for the first time.

## 2018 PARA HOCKEY CUP RECAP

The 2018 Para Hockey Cup took place at the Western Fair Sports Centre in London, Ontario, from Dec. 2-8. Entering the tournament as four-time defending champions, the U.S. skated to a perfect 5-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that included three victories over Canada (3-0, 4-1, 5-4) and two wins against South Korea (9-0, 8-0). The championship game was a thrilling back-and-forth affair that saw the U.S. come back from two deficits to win, 5-4, for its fifth-consecutive title and seventh in 12 years.

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME (ET)
WED., MARCH 20	PRACTICE	7:30-9:00 P.M.
THURS., MARCH 21	PRACTICE	10:15-11:45 A.M.
THURS., MARCH 21	PRACTICE	6:00-7:30 P.M.
FRI., MARCH 22	PRE-GAME SKATE	9:00-9:30 A.M.
FRI., MARCH 22	GAME VS. CANADA	3:30 P.M.
SAT., MARCH 23	GAME VS. CANADA	4:00 P.M.

All games will be streamed live on HockeyTV.com

## TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS

TOURNAMENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
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				52-2-1-2

\*First place finishes

## LEADING TEAM USA

**David Hoff** (Bottineau, N.D.), USA Hockey's Northern Plains District Coach-In-Chief and assistant coach of last year's gold medal-winning 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, is in his first season as head coach of the 2018-19 U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. This will be Hoff's third season with Team USA after making his debut in the 2016-17 season.

**Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), who has helped the U.S. capture the gold medal 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** (Tampa, Fla.) and **Rico Roman** (Portland, Ore.) have been named alternate captains.

Pauls begins his 11th season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his second as team captain while Farmer is entering his seventh season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his second as an alternate captain. A Purple Heart recipient and U.S. Army Veteran, Roman is serving as an alternate captain for the first time as he begins his eighth 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 Jon Gomez, who will be on-site with Team USA in Indian Trail, N.C.

**ONLINE MEDIA GUIDE**

**TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/2019SLED SERIES**

Team USA information, including bios, team schedule, news and team history are available at the official website of USA Hockey's national teams.



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### 2018-19 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
7	Colin Gooley	5-10 (178)	180 (82)	09/17/1993	Baldwinsville, New York	Buffalo Sabres
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
<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
10	Josh Sweeney <sup>^</sup>	5-8 (173)	150 (68)	06/06/1987	Portland, Oregon	Portland Winterhawks
13	Luke McDermott*	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	09/01/1987	Westerlo, New York	Buffalo Sabres
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
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.)	Athletic Trainer	Mike Cortese (Boynton Beach, Fla.)
Head Coach	David Hoff (Bottineau, N.D.)	Equipment Manager	Joel Isaacson (Houghton, Mich.)
Assistant Coach	Corey Gorder (Bottineau, N.D.)	Team Physician	Mike Uihlein (Grafton, Wis.)
		Communications	Jon Gomez (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

\*2018 Paralympic gold medalist

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

#2010 Paralympic gold medalist

### 2018-19 GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET)		CAN W, 3-0 12/03	KOR W, 9-0 12/04	CAN W, 4-1 12/06	KOR W, 8-0 12/07	CAN W, 5-4 12/08	CAN 3:30 P.M. 3/22	CAN 4:00 P.M. 3/23	TOTALS
No	Name								2018-19
3	Ralph DeQuebec	--	--	--	AA	A			3 PTS (0-3)
4	Brody Roybal	A*	GA*	A	GA*AAA#	G			10 PTS (3-7)
7	Colin Gooley	--	--	--	A	--			1 PTS (0-1)
8	Jack Wallace	A	--	--	--	G*/PGA#			4 PTS (2-2)
9	Travis Dodson	--	GA	--	P	--			3 PTS (1-2)
10	Josh Sweeney	--	--	--	A	AA*			3 PTS (0-3)
13	Luke McDermott	--	GG#	--	P	--			3 PTS (3-0)
15	Kyle Zych	G#	GA	--	--	G			4 PTS (3-1)
16	Declan Farmer	P/G*A	GA	GS/G*#	G*GGGA	A			12 PTS (8-4)
17	Chris Douglas	--	--	--	DND	DND			0 PTS (0-0)
22	Noah Grove	--	U	A	A	A			4 PTS (1-3)
23	Rico Roman	G	GA	--	A	--			4 PTS (2-2)
27	Josh Pauls	--	AA	UA	A	G			6 PTS (2-4)
40	Josh Hargis	--	G*	--	--	--			1 PTS (1-0)
88	Kevin McKee	--	--	G	G	A*			3 PTS (2-1)
32	Jen Lee	DNP	W, 4/4 (45:00)	DNP	W, 1/1 (45:00)	DNP			2-0 (0.00)
34	Steve Cash	W, 9/9 (45:00)	DNP	W, 5/6 (45:00)	DNP	W, 7/11 (45:00)			3-0 (0.50)

Key:

G - goal

A - assist

P - powerplay goal

S - shorthanded goal

P\* - penalty shot

U - unassisted goal

G\* - game-winning goal

A\* - assist on game-winning goal

# - U.S. Player of the Game

DNP - did not play

DND - did not dress

### 2018-19 U.S. ROSTER DETAILS

#### CAREER SKATER STATISTICS ENTERING 2018-19

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Ralph DeQuebec	D	15	1	5	6	4
4	Brody Roybal	F	64	54	59	113	34
7	Colin Gooley*	D	0	0	0	0	0
8	Jack Wallace	F/D	27	9	12	21	8
9	Travis Dodson	F	15	4	2	6	2
10	Josh Sweeney	F	64	12	21	33	4
13	Luke McDermott	F	48	5	17	22	22
15	Kyle Zych*	F	0	0	0	0	0
16	Declan Farmer	F	81	82	67	149	26
17	Chri Douglas	F/D	28	1	7	8	14
22	Noah Grove	F	26	5	13	18	0
23	Rico Roman	F/D	92	10	18	28	22
27	Josh Pauls	F/D	138	37	64	101	22
40	Josh Hargis*	F	0	0	0	0	0
88	Kevin McKee	F	104	38	61	99	35

\*Making their national team debuts this season

#### HOME STATES

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

#### BIRTH YEARS

1981	1
1983	1
1985	1
1986	1
1987	2
1989	2
1990	2
1992	1
1993	1
1996	1
1997	1
1998	2
1999	1

#### CAREER GOALTENDER STATISTICS ENTERING 2018-19

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-OTW-OTL-L-T	GA	SVS	GAA	SV%
32	Jen Lee	21	534:42	8-0-0-0-0	6	52	0.51	0.897
34	Steve Cash	142	6006:07	91-15-7-32-1	177	1605	1.33	0.901

Average Height:

5'4"

Average Weight:

156

Oldest Player:

Rico Roman (37 years, 10 months)

Youngest Player:

Noah Grove (19 years, 7 months)

Average Age:

27 years, 9 months



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## OTHER U.S. TIDBITS

### INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Over the last four years, the United States has skated to a 43-4-1-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record in all competitions over the last four years that includes a Paralympic gold (2018), two world championship medals (gold - 2015; silver - 2017), four-straight Para Hockey Cups (2015, 2016 (Jan.), 2016 (Dec.), 2017), the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship and the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament.

Additionally, since 2009, Team USA has reached eight consecutive gold-medal game berths at the Paralympic and World Championship level. In those gold-medal game appearances, the U.S. has posted a 6-2 record while claiming three Paralympic gold medals (2010, 2014, 2018) and three world championship gold medals (2009, 2012, 2015). Its two losses came in world championship play (2013, 2017).

### SEVEN MILITARY VETERANS

Seven players on Team USA hold military backgrounds from the U.S. Army and U.S. Marines, including three U.S. Army veterans in alternate captain **Rico Roman** (Portland, Ore.), **Jen Lee** (San Francisco, Calif.) and U.S. Army Ranger **Josh Hargis** (Colorado Springs, Colo.) and four U.S. Marines in **Ralph DeQuebec** (San Pedro, Calif.), **Travis Dodson** (Deming, N.M.) **Luke McDermott** (Westerlo, N.Y.) and **Josh Sweeney** (Portland, Ore.).

### QUARTET OF CONGRATULATIONS

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team took time before its initial practice here in North Carolina to congratulate four members of its team. Earlier this year, defenseman **Chris Douglas** was married while goaltender **Steve Cash**, forward **Kevin McKee** and equipment manager **Joel Isaacson** all became engaged with their longtime partners. McKee's now fiancée, **Erica Mitchell**, is a longtime member of the U.S. Women's Development Sled Hockey Team. The two helped the Chicago Blackhawks Sled Hockey Team capture the O'Connor Courage Trophy at the 2018-19 USA Hockey Sled Classic, presented by the NHL.

## 2018 PARA HOCKEY CUP GAME-BY-GAME

### GAME 1: USA 3, CANADA 0

In its tournament-opener on Monday (Dec. 3), the U.S. blanked Canada, 3-0, as Farmer tallied a goal and an assist and **Kyle Zych** (South Hadley, Mass.) scored his first goal in his national team debut. Steve Cash made nine save to secure the shutout and **Rico Roman** (Portland, Ore.) scored Team USA's third goal.

### GAME 2: USA 9, SOUTH KOREA 0

**Luke McDermott** (Westerlo, N.Y.) scored twice and eight other U.S. players registered at least one point as the U.S. defeated South Korea, 9-0, in its second game on Tuesday (Dec. 4). **Jen Lee** (San Francisco, Calif.) earned the shutout in net while **Josh Hargis** (Colorado Springs, Colo.) became the second newcomer to score his first goal as a member of Team USA.

### GAME 3: USA 4, CANADA 1

**Declan Farmer** netted two goals and **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) added a goal and an assist as Team USA edged Canada, 4-1, to maintain its perfect tournament start. **Kevin McKee** (Chicago, Ill.) also scored as **Steve Cash** earned his second win.

### GAME 4: USA 8, SOUTH KOREA 0

**Brody Roybal** and **Declan Farmer** each tallied five points and 10 other players collected at least one point to lead the 2018-19 U.S. National Sled Hockey Team past South Korea, 8-0, in its final preliminary round game. **Colin Gooley** (Baldwinsville, N.Y.) registered an assist for his first point with Team USA.

### GAME 5: USA 5, CANADA 4 (CHAMPIONSHIP)

A back-and-forth affair culminated in the United States capturing a thrilling 5-4 victory. **Jack Wallace** had two goals and an assist, **Josh Sweeney** added two helpers and **Steve Cash** turned aside seven shots in the victory.

## USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

### USA HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The schedules for the 2019 Chipotle-USA Hockey High School, Youth and Girls tournaments are available at Nationals. USAHockey.com. The High School tournaments will take center stage March 28-April 1 in Cleveland, Ohio to open nationals. The Youth, Girls, Women's Senior and Sled tournaments get underway the following week. All the action will be streamed live at USAHockey.HockeyTV.com and daily schedules, scoring and stat leaders for all tournaments can be found here.

### U.S. INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Entering the 2018-19 season, since 2010 no other nation has claimed more medals in Olympic, Paralympic and International Ice Hockey Federation play than the United States' 44. Additionally, Team USA's 26 collective gold medals also leads all nations. In total, the last eight years has seen the U.S. claim 26 gold medals, 12 silver medals and six bronze medals.

The 26 gold medals span seven events, including the Olympic Winter Games (2018 - Women), Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018), IIHF Women's World Championship (2011, 2013, 2015-17), IIHF World Junior Championship (2010, 2013, 2017), IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship (2010-15, 2017), IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship (2011, 2015-18) and IPC Para Hockey World Championship (2012, 2015).

### DRURY TABBED GM OF 2019 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

**Chris Drury**, currently in his third year as assistant general manager of the NHL's New York Rangers and general manager of the Rangers' AHL affiliate Hartford Wolf Pack, will serve as general manager of the 2019 U.S. Men's National Team it was announced today by USA Hockey.

Drury will be assisted by the U.S. Men's National Team Advisory Group, led by **John Vanbiesbrouck**, assistant executive director of USA Hockey, and including NHL general managers **David Poile**, **Don Waddell**, **Ray Shero**, **Dale Tallon**, **Stan Bowman**, **Jeff Gorton** and **Paul Fenton**.

Drury, who served as part of the management group for U.S. Men's National Teams in both 2016 and 2017, was inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2015 after a 12-year NHL career that included a Stanley Cup championship with the Colorado Avalanche in 2001. He competed in eight international events for Team USA, including three Olympic Winter Games (2002-silver, 2006, 2010-silver), three IIHF Men's World Championships (1997, 1998, 2004-bronze), one World Cup of Hockey (2004) and one IIHF World Junior Championship (1996).

### 2019 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

The U.S. U18 Men's National Team will take part in the 2019 IIHF Under-18 World Championship April 18-28, 2019, in Örnsköldsvik and Umeå, Sweden.

The United States enters the 2019 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship having medaled in 15-straight years, which includes seven gold medals in the past 10 tournaments. Most recently, Team USA earned a silver medal at the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship, which was held in Chelyabinsk & Magnitogorsk, Russia.

### 2019 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

The U.S. Women's National Team will take part in the 2019 IIHF Women's World Championship April 4-14, 2019, in Espoo, Finland.

The 2019 tournament will include competition among 10 women's national teams for the first time, as opposed to eight in previous years. The U.S. will be competing in Group A alongside Canada, Finland, Russia and Switzerland. Group B includes the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Japan and Sweden.

The United States enters the 2019 IIHF Women's World Championship having won gold in the past four Women's World Championships (2013, 2015, 2016, 2017). Team USA is 70-4-6-8-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) in 90 career games and has outscored their opponents 593-141.