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#### **TODAY'S GAME**

The U.S. will face Switzerland tonight in its third game of the 2019 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship. The game will take place at 7:30 p.m. local time/12:30 p.m. ET at Metro Areena in Espoo, Finland. Today's game will be broadcast live in the United States on NHL Network. Follow the updates on Twitter @USAHockey and join the conversation by using #WomensWorlds.

#### **TEAM USA SCHEDULE**

DATE	<b>OPPONENT</b>	TIME (LOCAL/ET)			
THURS., APRIL 4	<b>FINLAND</b> Preliminary Round	₩,6-2			
SAT., APRIL 6	<b>CANADA</b> Preliminary Round	₩,9-2			
SUN., APRIL 7	<b>SWITZERLAND</b> Preliminary Round	<b>7:30 P.M./12:30 P.M.</b> NHL Network			
TUES., APRIL 9	RUSSIA Preliminary Round	4 P.M./9 A.M. NHL Network			
THURS., APRIL 11	<b>TBD</b> Quarterfinal Round	<b>TBD</b> NHL Network			
SAT., APRIL 13	<b>TBD</b> Semifinal Round	<b>TBD</b> NHL Network			
SUN., APRIL 14	<b>TBD</b> Medal Round	<b>TBD</b> NHL Network			

#### 2019 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP -

The International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship is in its 19th year after the inaugural tournament was held in Ottawa in 1990. The U.S. Women's National Team has played Canada in the gold-medal game in all 18 of the previous events, capturing the tournament's top prize in each of the last four years and now a total of eight times (2005, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017), including seven of the last eight tournaments, and eight of the last 10.

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. is competing in Group A alongside Canada, Finland, Russia and Switzerland. Group B includes the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Japan and Sweden.

After a single round-robin series in each group, the five teams in Group A and best three teams from Group B advance to the playoff round. Quarterfinals will be played between A1-B3, A2-B2. A3-B1 and A4-A5, with the winner of each moving on to the semifinals. The winner of each semifinal game will advance to the gold-medal game, while the losers will play one another for the bronze medal.

#### **MEDIA ACCESS**

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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#### TALKING POINTS

#### **TWO WINS IN TWO GAMES**

The U.S. earned a comeback victory in game one with Melissa Samoskevich (Sandy Hook, Conn.), Hilary Knight (Sun Valley, Idaho), Alex Carpenter (North Reading, Mass.), Brianna Decker (Dousman, Wis.) and Annie Pankowski (Laguna Hills, Calif.) stringing together five unanswered goals in the third period to power the U.S. Women's National Team past Finland, 6-2. In a battle of the special teams in game two, Pankowski got on the scoreboard again, netting the game-winner for the U.S. as it prevailed, 3-2, over Canada.

#### **PLAYERS TO WATCH**

After a three-point effort in the first game and her breakaway goal in the second game, **Kendall Coyne Schofield** (Palos Heights, III.) climbed the ranks as the tournament's leading scorer. The captain currently sits tied with Finland's Viivi Vainikka with four total points so far. In addition, Pankowski scored her second goal in as many games against Canada last night and continues to be an offensive threat.

#### AGAINST SWITZERLAND

The U.S. will meet Switzerland on the international stage today for the first time since the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, when the two teams squared off in the preliminary round. The U.S. broke an Olympic record that night by scoring three goals in a 55-second span in the first period en route to a 9-0 victory. The last time these teams met at the IIHF Women's Worlds was in 2013. The U.S. put 61 shots on goal and Brianna Decker (Dousman, Wis.) scored twice to lift her team over Switzerland, 5-0.

#### **SWISS TIES**

Though the two teams don't meet often, the U.S. does have some Swiss ties. Both of the Swiss goaltenders play collegiate hockey in the NCAA, Janine Alder for St. Cloud State University (the same school as U.S. goalie **Emma Polusny** (Mound, Minn.), and Andrea Brandli of Ohio State. Additionally, Alina Muller plays at Northeastern University.

#### - Team USA at a Glance -

The U.S. roster for the 2019 IIHF WWC is made up of 23 players hailing from nine different states across the country. The roster contains 13 forwards, seven defense and three goaltenders.

#### RETURNING OLYMPIANS

The roster features 14 2018 Olympic champions, including Cayla Barnes (Eastvale, Calif.), Kacey Bellamy (Westfield, Mass.), Brandt, Dani Cameranesi (Plymouth, Minn.), Coyne Schofield, Decker, Megan Keller (Farmington Hills, Mich.), Amanda Kessel (Madison, Wis.), Knight, Kelly Pannek (Plymouth, Minn.), Emily Pfalzer (Buffalo, N.Y.), Rigsby, Maddie Rooney (Andover, Minn.) and Lee Stecklein (Roseville, Minn.). In addition, three more Olympians are represented, including 2014 Olympic silver medalists Megan Bozek (Buffalo Grove, III.), Carpenter and Shelly Picard (Taunton, Mass.).

#### **NEW TO THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE**

While fourteen members of the U.S. team that claimed gold at the 2017 IIHF WWC in Plymouth, Mich., return to defend the title this year in Espoo, six players will make their IIHF WWC debut, including Barnes, **Sydney Brodt** (North Oaks, Minn.), **Jesse Compher** (Northbrook, III.), Polusny, Samoskevich and **Hayley** Scamurra (Williamsville, N.Y.). All but two members of Team USA - Polusny and Scamurra - have experience representing the U.S. at an IIHF event, however, Polusny helped the U.S. win its fourth consecutive championship at the 2018 Four Nations Cup in November, and Scamurra recently made her U.S. debut during the 2019 Rivalry Series in February.

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

#### **PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES**

# FINLAND

Series vs. Finland: 15-0-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

**APRIL 4, 2019: USA 6, FIN 2:** Trailing 2-1 after two periods of play, the U.S. rattled off five unanswered goals in the final period to defeat Finland, 6-2. Coyne Schofield scored a game-high three points and was named U.S. player of the game.

CANADA



Series vs. Canada: 10-4-5-8 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**APRIL 6, 2019: USA 3, CAN 2:** In a battle of the special teams, the U.S. prevailed over Canada, 3-2, thank to goals from Kendall Coyne Schofield, Hilary Knight and Annie Pankowski.

**SWITZERLAND** 



Series vs. Switzerland: 7-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

Of Note: The U.S. owns a 70-5 scoring advantage over Switzerland at the WWC.

**FEB. 10, 2014: USA 9, SUI 0:** The last time the U.S. met Switzerland at an IIHF event was in the prelims of the 2014 Olympics when Team USA broke an Olympic record by scoring three goals in 55 seconds in the opening period.

**RUSSIA** 



Series vs. Russia: 13-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**Of Note:** The U.S. has met Russia in two out of the last three WWC tournament semifinals.

**FEB. 13, 2018: USA 5, OAR 0:** Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson set an Olympic record for fastest two goals scored by a single player as the U.S. defeated the Olympic Athletes from Russia, 5-0, in the 2018 Olympic prelims.

#### **PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES**

#### **OUARTERFINALS**



**U.S. All-Time in WWC Quarterfinals:** 0-0 (W-L)

**Of Note:** The U.S. has never played in a quarterfinal contest in IIHF Women's World Championship history, having earned a bye to the semifinal round in all of the previous competitions.

#### **SEMIFINALS**



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#### U.S. All-Time in WWC Semifinals: 13-1-1 (W-L-T)

**Of Note:** The U.S. has only fallen once in the semifinal round of the WWC and that was against Canada on April 10, 2009. Despite a 33-save effort by Molly Schaus, the U.S. was edged by its northern rival, 2-1. Because the U.S. had already earned a bid into the gold-medal game, the loss did not matter. Team USA would go on to claim gold against Canada two days later, winning 4-1.

#### **MEDAL GAMES**



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#### U.S. All-Time in WWC Gold-Medal Games: 4-4-3-7 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**Of Note:** The U.S. has faced Canada in the gold-medal game in all 18 previous WWC events, capturing the event's top prize the last four years and a total of eight times, including seven out of the last eight tournaments. Most recently, the U.S. defeated Canada in thrilling overtime fashion, 3-2, on April 7, 2017, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan.



Statistics and records on this page reflect numbers entering the 2019 tournament unless otherwise indicated.

#### **KEY TEAM USA WWC STATISTICS**

#### **ALL-TIME MEDALS AT WWC**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Medal</u>	Coach	Result	<u>Opp.</u>
2017	Gold	Robb Stauber	OTW, 3-2	CAN
2016	Gold	Ken Klee	OTW, 1-0	CAN
2015	Gold	Ken Klee	W, 7-5	CAN
2013	Gold	Katey Stone	W, 3-2	CAN
2012	Silver	Katey Stone	OTL, 5-4	CAN
2011	Gold	Katey Stone	OTW, 3-2	CAN
2009	Gold	Mark Johnson	W, 4-1	CAN
2008	Gold	Jackie Barto	W, 4-3	CAN
2007	Silver	Mark Johnson	L, 5-1	CAN
2005	Gold	Ben Smith	W, 1-0	CAN
2004	Silver	Ben Smith	L, 2-0	CAN
2001	Silver	Ben Smith	L, 3-2	CAN
2000	Silver	Ben Smith	OTL, 3-2	CAN
1999	Silver	Ben Smith	L, 3-1	CAN
1997	Silver	Ben Smith	OTL, 4-3	CAN
1994	Silver	Karen Kay	L, 6-3	CAN
1992	Silver	Russ McCurdy	L, 8-0	CAN
1990	Silver	Don MacLeod	L, 5-2	CAN

#### **PREVIOUS 5 WWCs**

<u>Year</u>	<b>Finish</b>	<u>Coach</u>	Record*
2017	Gold	Robb Stauber	4-1-0-0
2016	Gold	Ken Klee	4-1-0-0
2015	Gold	Ken Klee	5-0-0-0
2013	Gold	Katey Stone	4-0-1-0
2012	Silver	Katey Stone	4-0-0-1
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#### **ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT**

<b>Opponent</b>	<u>GP</u>	Record*	<u>GF</u>	GA				
Canada	27	10-4-5-8	76	77				
China	6	5-0-0-0-1	56	12				
Finland	17	15-0-1-0-1	79	24				
Germany	6	6-0-0-0	71	2				
Japan	1	1-0-0-0	8	0				
Kazakhstan	1	1-0-0-0	9	0				
Norway	3	3-0-0-0	33	1				
Russia	13	13-0-0-0	120	8				
SKV	1	1-0-0-0	5	0				
Sweden	8	8-0-0-0	66	12				
Switzerland	7	7-0-0-0	70	5				
TOTAL	90	70-4-6-8-2	593	141				
*W-OTW-OTL-L-T								

#### **TOP U.S. GOAL SCORERS (ALL-TIME WWC)**

<u>Goals</u>	<u>GP</u>
44	43
36	45
29	40
27	30
24	30
	Goals 44 36 29 27

#### **MOST WWC APPEARANCES**

<u>Player</u>	<b>Tournaments</b>
Hilary Knight	10*
Jenny Potter	10
Angela Ruggiero	10
Kacey Bellamy	9*
Julie Chu	9
Cammi Granato	9

\*including the 2019 IIHF WWC (this year)



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

NO.	NAME TENDEDS (2)	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
31 33 35	.TENDERS (3) Emma Polusny Alex Rigsby Maddie Rooney	5-9 (175) 5-7 (170) 5-5 (165)	164 (74) 155 (70) 145 (66)	3/16/99 01/03/92 07/07/97	L L L	Mound, Minn. Delafield, Wis. Andover, Minn.	St. Cloud State University (WCHA) Calgary Inferno (CWHL) University of Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)
DEFE 2 3 5 8 9 22 32	Lee Stecklein Cayla Barnes Megan Keller Emily Pfalzer Megan Bozek Kacey Bellamy Shelly Picard	6-0 (183) 5-2 (157) 5-11 (180) 5-2 (157) 5-8 (173) 5-7 (170) 5-4 (163)	170 (77) 138 (63) 165 (75) 125 (57) 176 (80) 145 (66) 150 (68)	04/23/94 01/07/99 05/01/96 06/14/93 03/27/91 04/22/87 05/27/93	L R L R L L	Roseville, Minn. Eastvale, Calif. Farmington Hills, Mich. Buffalo, N.Y. Buffalo Grove, Ill. Westfield, Mass. Taunton, Mass.	Minnesota Whitecaps (NWHL) Boston College (HEA) Boston College (HEA) Buffalo Beauts (NWHL) Markham Thunder (CWHL) Calgary Inferno (CWHL) Metropolitan Riveters (NWHL)
FORV	NARDS (13)						
14 15 16 18 20 21 24 25 26 27 28 39	Brianna Decker Sydney Brodt Hayley Scamurra Jesse Compher Hannah Brandt Hilary Knight Dani Cameranesi Alex Carpenter Kendall Coyne Schofield Annie Pankowski Amanda Kessel Melissa Samoskevich	5-4 (163) 5-6 (168) 5-8 (173) 5-8 (173) 5-6 (168) 5-11 (180) 5-5 (165) 5-7 (170) 5-2 (157) 5-9 (175) 5-6 (168) 5-4 (163)	148 (67) 140 (64) 161 (73) 150 (68) 150 (68) 172 (78) 155 (70) 155 (70) 125 (57) 165 (75) 130 (59) 168 (76)	05/13/91 05/03/98 12/14/94 07/01/99 11/27/93 07/12/89 06/30/95 04/13/94 05/25/92 11/04/94 08/28/91 03/31/97	R R L R R L L L R R L	Dousman, Wis. North Oaks, Minn. Williamsville, N.Y. Northbrook, Ill. Vadnais Heights, Minn. Sun Valley, Idaho Plymouth, Minn. North Reading, Mass. Palos Heights, Ill. Laguna Hills, Calif. Madison, Wis. Sandy Hook, Conn.	Calgary Inferno (CWHL) University of Minnesota Duluth (WCHA) Buffalo Beauts (NWHL) Boston University (HEA) Minnesota Whitecaps (NWHL) Les Canadiennes de Montreal (CWHL) Buffalo Beauts (NWHL) Kunlun Red Star (CWHL) Minnesota Whitecaps (NWHL) University of Wisconsin (WCHA) Metropolitan Riveters (NWHL) Quinnipiac University (ECAC)

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TALLEST	Stecklein	(6ft	. C	)in.)
SHORTEST	Barnes/Coyne/Pfalzer			

**HEAVIEST** Bozek (176 lbs) Coyne/Pfalzer (125 lbs) **LIGHTEST** 

SHOOT/CATCH Left: 12 Right: 11

**YOUNGEST** Compher (19) **OLDEST** Bellamy (31)

#### **HOME STATES (9)**

California: 2 Minnesota: 7 Illinois: 3 New York: 2 Massachusetts: 3 Connecticut: 1 Wisconsin: 3 Idaho: 1 Michigan: 1

# PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS (2018-19 SEASON) (14)

**NWHL PLAYERS (8) CWHL PLAYERS (6)** Minn.Whitecaps: 3 Calgary Inferno: 3 Buffalo Beauts: 3 Kunlun Red Star: 1 Metro. Riveters: 2 Markham Thunder: 1 Mtl. Canadiennes: 1

#### **COLLEGE PLAYERS (9)**

WCHA PLAYERS (5) **WHEA PLAYERS (3)** Minnesota Duluth: 2 Boston College: 2 Minnesota: 1 Boston University: 1 **ECAC PLAYERS (1)** Wisconsin: 1 Quinnipiac Univ.: 1 St. Cloud State: 1

#### 2019 IIHF WWC - U.S. SCORING BREAKDOWN

			FIN W, 6-2	CAN W, 3-2	SUI 12:30 P.M. ET	RUS 9 A.M. ET	QF TBD	SF TBD	
NO	NAME	POS.	4/4	4/6	4/7	4/9	4/11	4/13	TOTAL
2	Lee Stecklein	D							0-0 (0)
3	Cayla Barnes	D	Α	A*					0-2 (2)
5	Megan Keller	D	Α						0-1 (1)
8	Emily Pfalzer	D							0-0 (0)
9	Megan Bozek	D							0-0 (0)
12	Kelly Pannek	F							0-0 (0)
14	Brianna Decker	F	G						1-0 (1)
15	Sydney Brodt	F							0-0 (0)
16	Hayley Scamurra	F							0-0 (0)
18	Jesse Compher	F	DNP						0-0 (0)
20	Hannah Brandt	F	A*						0-1 (1)
21	Hilary Knight	F	WA	G					2-1 (3)
22	Kacey Bellamy	D							0-0 (0)
24	Dani Cameranesi	F		Α					0-1 (1)
25	Alex Carpenter	F	PA						1-1 (2)
26	Kendall Coyne Schofield	F	GAA	G					2-2 (4)
27	Annie Pankowski	F	G	W					2-0 (2)
28	Amanda Kessel	F	A						0-1 (1)
32	Shelly Picard	F	DNP						0-0 (0)
39	Melissa Samoskevich	F	G						1-0 (1)
31	Emma Polusny	G	DNP	DNP					(0-0 (W-L)
									0.00 GAA
33	Alex Rigsby	G	21/23	31/33					(2-0 (W-L)
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35	Maddie Rooney	G							0-0 (W-L)
									0.00 GAÁ

#### 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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#### **BOB CORKUM. HEAD COACH**

Bob Corkum is serving as head coach of the U.S. Women's National Team for the 2018-19 season.

Corkum's first international tournament as head coach with the U.S. Women's National Team was the 2018 Four Nations Cup in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where the U.S. women went undefeated en route to its fourth straight tournament title.

Previously, Corkum served as an assistant coach for the U.S. Under-22 Women's Select Team for the U-22 Series vs. Canada in Calgary in August and helped lead the U.S. to a three-game sweep.

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 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. Corkum helped the Black Bears qualify for the NCAA Tournament in 2012.

Corkum's NHL career began with the Buffalo Sabres in 1990 after being selected by the Sabres in the 3rd round, 47th overall in 1986. The Salisbury, Mass., native also spent time with the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, 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, Corkum helped lead the Black Bears to a Hockey East Championship and a second-consecutive Frozen Four Appearance.

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

Johnson recently served as an assistant coach for the U.S. Women's National Team during the 2019 Rivalry Series and as it won four games in five days en route to its fourth consecutive tournament championship at the 2018 Four Nations Cup in November, marking his first appearance behind the bench for the team in international play. Previously, he led the U.S. Under-22 Women's Select Team to a three-game sweep at the Under-22 Series vs. Canada, serving as head coach alongside Corkum. Johnson also served as head coach for the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team from 2015-2018, helping the U.S. capture four consecutive gold medals at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, and in addition, has coached at numerous USA Hockey evaluation and training camps over the past five years. 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**

Pothier receives his third coaching assignment with the U.S. Women's National Team after serving as an assistant coach during both the 2019 Rivalry Series and the 2018 Four Nations Cup. Pothier, alongside Corkum and Johnson, has served as a camp coach at the 2018 USA Hockey Women's Winter Training Camp in Plymouth, Mich., the U.S. Women's National Team Evaluation Camp in Biddeford, Maine, and the USA Hockey Women's National Festival in Lake Placid, N.Y. 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.

#### STEVE THOMPSON, GOALTENDING COACH

Thompson is also making his third appearance as a coach with the U.S. Women's National Team after having been a member of the staff at the 2019 Rivalry Series and 2018 Four Nations Cup. Recently, he served as goaltending coach during the 2018 USA Hockey Women's Winter Training Camp in Plymouth, Mich. He has spent two years with USA Hockey as the Pacific District Associate Coach-in-Chief/Goaltending. The f ounder and head instructor at Alaska Goaltending Academy, LLC, Thompson played two seasons with the USHL's Sioux City Musketeers before graduating from University of Alaska Nanooks and moving on to coach at University of Alaska Anchorage where he spent two seasons as the team's goaltending/ strength and conditioning coach.

#### **TEAM SUPPORT STAFF**

TEAM LEADER: SPORTS DIETICIAN: VIDEO COORDINATOR: ATHLETIC TRAINER: TEAM DOCTOR: Donna Guariglia Shelly Guzman Emily Engel Sheri Walters Ally Howe MASSAGE THERAPIST: STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH: ADM MANAGER, FEMALE HOCKEY: COMMUNICATIONS: EQUIPMENT MANAGER: Jennifer Chee Pete Friesen Emily West Andrea Mazzarelli Logan Fischer

