2019 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP | VANCOUVER & VICTORIA, B.C. | DEC. 26, 2018 - JAN. 5, 2019

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME #3 · USA (2-0-0-0) VS. SWEDEN (2-0-0-0) · VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA · SAVE-ON-FOODS MEMORIAL CENTRE · DECEMBER 29, 2018

TONIGHT'S GAME

The U.S. (2-0-0-0) faces Sweden (2-0-0-0) tonight in its third preliminary round tilt of the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship. Puck drop between the two undefeated Group B opponents is set

for 7:30 p.m. local time (10:30 p.m. ET) live on NHL Network.

The U.S. is 14-1-0-16-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) all-time against Sweden. A year ago, the two teams met in the semifinals where the U.S. fell, 4-2. **Kieffer Bellows** (Edina, Minn./Portland Winterhawks) and **Brady Tkachuk** (St. Louis, Mo./Boston University) both scored while current U.S. forward and alternate captain **Josh Norris** (Oxford, Mich./University of Michigan) was tabbed the U.S. Player of the Game.

- TALKING POINTS -

USA VS. SWEDEN • TALE OF THE TAPE

CATEGORY	USA	SWEDEN
Record	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0
Goals For/Avg.	42/4.66	39/4.33
Goals Against/Avg.	24/2.66	24/2.11
Power Play	.333 (3-9)	.363/ (4-11)
Penalty Killing	1.00 (6-6)	.777 (Ż-9) ´
Shots For Gm/Avg.	100/50	56/28
Shots Against Gm./Avg	ļ .	27/13.5 52/26
Top Scorers	Robertson (0-44)	Brannstrom (3-03)
•	Farabee (3-03)	Bemstrom (2-13)
	Poehling (1-23)	Lundestrom (1-23)
		Boqvist (0-33)
Top Goalie	Keyser	Ersson
•	(1-0, 1.00, .929)	(2-0, 1.50, .942)

TEAM USA AGAINST SWEDEN'S STREAK

Sweden enters tonight's game having won 46 consecutive preliminary round games in IIHF World Junior Championship play. Its last loss came at the hands of the United States, which defeated Sweden, 3-2, in overtime on New Year's Eve in 2006 behind goals from **Patrick Kane**, **Ryan Stoa** and **Jack Johnson** (OT winner). Since beginning its streak, however, Sweden is just 2-0-0-5 (W-OTW-OTL-L) against the United States in tournament play, with four of Team ÚSĂ's wins coming in medal games (gold - 2013; bronze - 2007, 2011, 2016). Team USA's two losses came in the preliminary round of 2015 and last year's semifinal.

BACK-TO-BACK FAMILIARITY

Including playoff rounds, the United States has claimed 10-straight wins on the tailend of back-to-back games in IIHF World Junior Championship play, a stretch that spans six tournaments. The last time the U.S. lost the second game of a back-to-back was at the 2013 IIHF World Junior Championship, where it fell to Russia, 2-1, its first of three eventual back-to-back matchups that tournament en route to eventually winning the gold medal. Below is a list of Team USA's last 10 second game in back-to-backs.

TOURNAMENT	DATE	OPPONENT	ROUND	RESULT
2018 WJC	01/05/2018	CZE	Bronze Medal	W, 9-3
2018 WJC	12/29/2018	CAN	Preliminary	SOW, 4-3
2017 WJC	01/05/2017	CAN	Gold Medal	SOW, 5-4
2017 WJC	12/29/2017	RUS	Preliminary	W, 3-2
2016 WJC	01/05/2016	SWE	Bronze Medal	W, 8-3
2016 WJC	12/31/2015	DEN	Preliminary	W, 4-1
2015 WJC	12/29/2014	SVK	Preliminary	W, 3-0
2014 WJC	12/29/2013	GER	Preliminary	W, 8-0
2013 WJC	01/03/2013	CAN	Semifinal	W, 5-1
2013 WJC	12/31/2012	SVK	Preliminary	W, 9-3

LAST GAME: USA 8, KAZ 2

Joel Farabee (Cicero, N.Y./Boston University) scored a natural hat trick over a span of 6 minutes and 52 seconds in the first period and Jason Robertson (Northville, Mich./Niagara IceDogs) had four points -- all assists -- to lead the U.S. past Kazakhstan last night. For an abbreviated boxscore, see page 2.

THINGS WORTH MENTIONING

In its last 15 meetings, the U.S. is 11-1-0-2-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T), against Sweden ... Jason Robertson and Sasha Chmelevski played youth hockey together with 2018 U.S. Olympian, Cayla Barnes. For more, see page 2 ... Yesterday, Scott Sandelin's University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs edged Mike Hastings' Minnesota State Mavericks in overtime, 4-3 ... Pat Kelleher, executive director of USA Hockey, arrived today ... A year ago today, the U.S. edged Canada, 4-3, in a preliminary round shootout at New Era Field, the first-ever outdoor game in IIHF history ... For more, see the "Additional Details" document on USA Hockey's gameday page at teamusa.usahockey.com.

U.S. GAME SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME (ET)
THURS., DEC. 20 Kamloops, B.C.	RUSSIA* Sandman Centre	W, 3-2
SAT., DEC. 22 Langley, B.C.	CZECH REPUBLIC* Langley Events Centre	W, 6-2
WED., DEC. 26 Victoria, B.C.	SLOVAKIA Save-On-Foods Memorial Center	W, 2-1 POG: Barratt
FRI., DEC. 28 Victoria, B.C.	KAZAKHSTAN Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre	W, 8-2 POG: Robertson
SAT., DEC. 29 Victoria, B.C.	SWEDEN Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre	10:30 P.M.
MON., DEC. 31 Victoria, B.C.	FINLAND Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre	10:30 P.M.
WED., JAN. 2 TBD	QUARTERFINALS TBD	TBD
FRI., JAN. 4 Vancouver, B.C.	SEMIFINALS Rogers Arena	TBD
SAT., JAN. 5 Vancouver, B.C.	BRONZE-MEDAL GAME Rogers Arena	4:00 P.M.
SAT., JAN. 5 Vancouver, B.C.	GOLD-MEDAL GAME Rogers Arena	8:00 P.M.

*Pre-tournament game

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

TEAM USA AT THE WORLD JUNIORS

Entering the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship, the U.S. holds an all-time event record of 135-9-5-115-11 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) and has earned 11 podium finishes, including four gold medals (2004, 2010, 2013, 2017), one silver medal (1997) and six bronze medals (1986, 1992, 2007, 2011, 2016, 2018).

The U.S. has medaled in six of the last nine years, including the last three years (gold - 2017; bronze - 2018, 2016), the first time it has accomplished the feat in U.S. history. Additionally, Team USA's three gold medals since 2010 (2010, 2013, 2017) are the most of any nation.

In each of the last three IIHF World Junior Championships, the U.S. has had two players earn Media All-Star Team honors, including Casey Mittelstadt and Kieffer Bellows (2018), Clayton Keller and Charlie McAvoy (2017) and Auston Matthews and Zach Werenski (2016). Additionally, a year ago Mittelstadt earned the Directorate Award as Best Forward and while Werenski was tabbed Best Defenseman honors in 2016.

MEDIA INFORMATION

All U.S. National Junior Team players and staff, including head coach Mike Hastings, will be available for interviews in designated media areas following practices. 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 is on-site with Team USA throughout the event.

history are available at the official website of USA Hockey's national teams.

ONLINE MEDIA GUIDE TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/WORLDJUNIORS2019 Team USA information, including bios, team schedule, news and team



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- OTHER TIDBITS -

A YEAR AGO TODAY: U.S. TOPS CANADA OUTDOORS
A year ago today, the U.S. and Canada met outdoors at New Era
Field for the first-ever outdoor game in IIHF history. In front of a
record 44,592 fans, the U.S. stormed back from a 3-1 deficit to edge Canada, 4-3, in a shootout. Casey Mittelstadt (Edina, Minn.), a rookie with the Buffalo Sabres this year, tallied three assists to earn U.S. Player of the Game honors, while **Brady Tkachuk** (St. Louis, Mo.), a rookie with the Ottawa Senators, scored the tying goal before registering another tally in the shootout round. The U.S. wore a special Bills-replica jersey that utilized jersey numbers on the front and back, similar to an NFL jersey, with colors similar to the NFL's Buffalo Bills while the attendance record bested the 20,380 mark set in the gold medal-game of the 2009 tournament in Ottawa, Ontario. Current U.S. players to participate in that game include **Mikey Anderson** (Roseville, Minn./University of Minnesota Duluth), **Quinn Hughes** (Orlando, Fla./University of Michigan), **Ryan Poehling** (Lakeville, Minn./St. Cloud State), **Josh Norris** and **Dylan Samberg** (Hermantown, Minn./University of Minnesota Duluth). of Minnesota Duluth).

U.S. TOURNAMENT LEADERS

Jason Robertson leads the U.S. with four points -- all assists. His assists are tied for the tournament lead while he ranks fifth overall in points. Joel Farabee is tied with two other players for second in goal-scoring with three goals through two games while his three points is tied for sixth. Among faceoff takers, Josh Norris ranks fourth with a 69.77% faceoff percentage rate while Sasha Chmelevski (Northville, Mich./Ottawa 67's) is ninth at 65.22. Norris also leads the U.S. in time-on-ice with an average of 20:21 while his University of Michigan teammate and U.S. alternate captain, Quinn Hughes, is right behind him at 19:48.

CALIFORNIA TIES FOR ROBERTSON, CHMELEVSKI, BARNES

Forwards Jason Robertson and Sasha Chmelevski, who skated together on youth hockey teams in both California and Michigan, combined for five points (1-4) in Team USA's 8-2 win over Kazakhstan. Perhaps just as impressive as their development taking them from youth hockey teammates to teammates on the U.S. National Junior Team is that one of their fellow youth hockey teammates is none other than Cayla Barnes (Eastvale, Calif./ Boston College), who last year helped the 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team capture its first gold medal in women's ice hockey in 20 years. A sophomore at Boston College, Barnes also helped the U.S. win three IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship gold medals from 2015-17. At the 2016 and 2017 event, Barnes earned the Directorate Award as Best Defenseman.

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMERS

A number of U.S. players continue to excel on the international stage. Among IIHF competitions, Oliver Wahlstrom (Quincy, Mass.) has 12 goals and three assists in 16 games, Jack Hughes (Orlando, Fla.) holds 13 points (5-8) through eight tilts, **Josh Norris** has tallied 12 points (4-8) in 16 outings and **Joel Farabee** has collected 17 points (10-7) in 16 games. Additionally, in both National and Select Team appearances, Ryan Poehling has 17 points (9-8) in 22 outings, Sasha Chmelevski has collected 11 points (6-5) in 12 games while Tyler Madden (Hartford, Conn.) has six points (4-2) in seven appearances. Among goaltenders, Spencer Knight (Darien, Conn.) owns a 4-1 (W-L) record, 2.42 goals against average and .900 save percentage in IIHF play and Cayden Primeau (Voorhees, N.J.) has now won all seven starts he has made in a U.S. sweater.

SANDELIN'S BULLDOGS CLIP HASTINGS' MAVERICKS FOR RECORD

U.S. head coach Mike Hastings (Crookston, Minn.) and assistant coach Scott Sandelin (Hibbing, Minn.) watched their respective college teams faceoff from afar as the Minnesota State Mavericks took on the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs at the Desert Hockey Classic Tournament in Glendale, Ariz. yesterday. The tilt went to extra time where Sandelin's Bulldogs edged Hastings' Mavericks, 4-3. The win pushed Sandelin's Bulldogs coaching record to 351-303-86 in 18-plus seasons as the UMD bench boss while his predecessor, Mike Sertich rolled up a 350-328-44 record.

U.S. BOXSCORES

DEC. 28, 2018 **UNITED STATES 8, KAZAKHSTAN 2**

Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre • Victoria, B.C. • 6,185 attendance

Kazakhstan (h) United States (v)

USA-Wahlstrom (Poehling), 1:37

KAZ-Buyalski (Orekhov), 1:55 USA-Farabee (Robertson, Hughes Q.), 5x4 PPG, 5:13

USA-Farabee (Roberston, Norris), 8:53 USA-Farabee (Robertson), 12:05

USA-Chmelevski (Poehling, Anderson), 5x4 PPG, 5:46 USA-Poehling, Shorthanded, 10:50 USA-Madden (Miller), 12:11 2nd:

USA-Norris (Robertson), 0:23 3rd:

KAZ-Mitenkov (Orekhov, Gatiyatov), 9:56

Penalties: KAZ 7-14, USA 5-10 **Saves:** KAZ-Nurek (33), 35:59 Power Plays: KAZ 0-5, USA 2-7

KAZ-Nurek (33), 35:59 KAZ-Yeremeyev (25), 24:01 USA-Primeau (5-3-3--11) 60:00 KAZ 6-2-6--14; USA 21-25-20--66 Shots: Refs: Jonathan Alarie, Daniel Prazak Officials:

Lines: Daniel Hynek, Dmitri Shishlo

Notes: Joel Farabee's natural hat trick came in a span of 6 minutes and 52 seconds while Jason Robertson earned U.S. Player of the Game.

UNITED STATES 2, SLOVAKIA 1

Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre • Victoria, B.C. • 6,208 attendance

United States (h) Slovakia (v)

1st: No scoring

SVK-Korencik (Liska), 17:17 2nd:

USA-Anderson (Hughes J.), 5x4 PPG, 1:10 3rd: USA-Barratt (Madden, Samberg), 5:42

Penalties: USA 2-4 SVK 3-6 Power Plays: USA 1-3, SVK 0-2

USA-Keyser (7-4-2--13), 60:00 SVK-Hlavaj (7-12-13--32), 60:00 Saves:

USA 7-12-15--34; SVK 7-5-2--14 Shots: Officials: Refs: Jeff Ingram, Mikael Svjoqvist

Lines: Maxime Chaput, Dmitri Shishlo

Notes: Evan Barratt was named the U.S. Player of the Game and became the first-ever Penn State University player to skate in an IIHF World Junior Championship. The win gave the U.S. its 12th-straight tournament-opening win in IIHF World Junior Championship play.

- TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

GROUP A										
TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS		
CAN	2	2	0	0	0	17	2	6		
RUS	2	2	0	0	0	6	1	6		
CZE	2	0	1	0	0	3	3	2		
SUI	2	0	0	1	2	3	5	1		
DEN	2	0	0	0	2	0	18	0		
GROUP B										

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TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
USA	2	2	0	0	0	10	3	6
SWE	2	2	0	0	0	7	3	6
FIN	2	1	0	0	1	6	2	3
SVK	2	0	0	0	2	3	7	0
KAZ	2	0	0	0	2	2	13	0

Overtime: Five-minute (3 on 3) overtime period. If no goal, five-round shootout. If shootout ends in tie, tie-breaking rounds continue where each team can re-use shooters.

Qualification: Top four teams from each group advance to the Playoff where they each play a cross-over Quarterfinal game: 1A vs. 4B, 1B vs. 4A, 2A vs. 3B and 2B vs. 3A.



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2019 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET)			RUS^ W, 3-2	CZE^ W. 6-2	SVK W, 2-1	KAZ W, 8-2	SWE 10:30 P.M.	FIN 10:30 P.M.	QF TBD	SF TBD	MEDAL TBD	2019 WJC
NO NAME		POS.	12/20	12/22	12/26	12/28	12/29	12/31	01/02	01/04	01/05	TOTAL
2 Jack St. Ivar	ny	D	Α									0-0 (0)
4 Dylan Samb	erg	D	DND	Α	A*							0-1 (1)
6 Jack Hughes	s	F	G*	Α	Α	DND						0-1 (1)
7 Quinn Hugh	es (A)	D	DND	AA		Α						0-1 (1)
8 Sasha Chme	elevsi	F		GA*		Р						1-0 (1)
9 Tyler Madde	en	F			A*	G						1-1 (2)
11 Ryan Poehlii	ng	F	DND	Α		S/UAA						1-2 (3)
12 Logan Cock	erill	F										0-0 (0)
14 Josh Norris	(A)	F	DND	PA		GA*						1-1 (2)
15 Jason Robe	rtson	F	G	Α		AA*AA#						0-4 (4)
16 Jay O'Brien		F										0-0 (0)
17 Evan Barratt	t	F	Α		G*#							1-0 (1)
18 Oliver Wahls	strom	F	PA*	GG		G						1-0 (1)
19 Jack Drury		F										0-0 (0)
20 K'Andre Mill	ler	D				Α						0-1 (1)
21 Noah Cates		F										0-0 (0)
24 Mattias Sam	nuelsson	D										0-0 (0)
25 Phil Kemp		D	Α	G*								0-0 (0)
26 Mikey Ander	rson (C)	D	DND		Р	Α						1-1 (2)
28 Joel Farabee	е	F	AA*	Α		PG*G						3-0 (3)
 Kyle Keyser 		G	DND	W 60:00	W 60:00	DND						1-0 (W-L)
				19/21	13/14							1.00 GAA
29 Spencer Kni	ight	G	(30:09)		DND	DNP						0-0 (W-L)
			7/9									0.00 GAA
30 Cayden Prin	neau	G	W (29:08)		DNP	W (60:00)						1-0 (W-L)
			8/8			11/13						2.00 GAA

^pre-tournament game

Key: For complete statistics, visit: https://www.iihf.com/en/events/2019/wm20

G - goal A - assist

U - unassisted goal

P - powerplay goal

S - shorthanded goal

P* - penalty shot goal

G* - game-winning goal

A* - assist on game-winning goal

W. 2-1

W - goaltender win

- U.S. Player of the Game

DNP - did not play DND - did not dress

U.S. OUTLOOK AT 2019 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

2018 U.S. GROUP B OPPONENTS

SLOVAKIA

3:30 P.M. LOCAL

Series vs. Slovakia: 13-0-0-4-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: Last year's loss was Team USA's fourth in 17 meetings vs. Slovakia. RECAP: Mikey Anderson and Evan Barratt each scored third period goals and Kyle Keyser made 13 saves, including a penalty shot save with 6:45 left in regulation, to lead the U.S. National Junior Team past Slovakia, 2-1, for its 12th straight tournament-opening win.

KAZAKHSTAN



FRI., DEC. 28

7:30 P.M. LOCAL

W, 8-2

Series vs. Kazakhstan: 5-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: This was just the fifth-ever WJC meeting between the two nations. RECAP: Joel Farabee scored a natural hat trick over a span of 6 minutes and 52 seconds in the first period, Jason Robertson had four points and the U.S. defeated Kazakhstan, 8-2. A total of 10 different U.S. players registered at least one point while Robertson earned U.S. Player of the Game honors.

SWEDEN



SAT., DEC. 29

7:30 P.M. LOCAL

10:30 P.M. ET

Series vs. Sweden: 14-1-0-15-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: Sweden has claimed 46-straight preliminary round wins dating to 2011. LAST MEETING: JAN. 4. 2018 (USA 2. SWE 4): On home ice in Buffalo. N.Y., the U.S. fell to Sweden, 4-2, in semifinal play. Josh Norris was named the U.S. Player of the Game as **Kieffer Bellows** and **Brady Tkachuk** each scored. In 2016, the two teams met in the bronze-medal game, an 8-3 U.S. victory.

FINLAND



MON., DEC. 31

7:30 P.M. LOCAL **U.S. vs. Finland:** 12-3-0-16-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) 10:30 P.M. ET

Of Note: The two teams have accounted for four of last six WJC gold medals. **LAST MEETING: DEC. 31, 2017 (USA 5, FIN 4):** This is the second-consecutive New Year's Eve meeting betwen the U.S. and Finland after last year's 5-4 U.S. victory. A year ago, Joey Anderson scored twice and Adam Fox netted

the game-winning goal with 1:37 remaining to secure the win.

U.S. WJC PLAYOFF HISTORY

Quarterfinal Record: 10-0-0-7 (W-OTW-OTL-L) W, 4-2 vs. Russia (2018) Last QF: The U.S. enters the 2019 event having outscored opponents, 14-4, in its last three quarterfinal games. A year ago, **Kieffer Bellows** scored twice and **Joe Woll** made 27 saves to lead the U.S. past Russia, 4-2.

Semifinal Record: 4-1-1-8 (W-OTW-OTL-L) L, 2-4 vs. Sweden (2018) Last SF: Team USA has reached the semifinal of the last three IIHF World Junior Championships, its best stretch since earning six-straight semifinal berths from 2003-08. Last year, Josh Norris was tabbed U.S. Player of the Game as the U.S. fell to Sweden, 4-2.

Bronze-Medal Games: 4-0-2-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L) Total Bronze Medals: 6 ('86, '92, '07, '11, '16, '18)
Last BMG: W, 9-3 vs. Czech Republic (2018) The 2018 bronze medalists, the United States has claimed four of its last five bronze-medal game meetings. Last year, Trent Frederic netted four goals and Kieffer Bellows scored as the U.S. topped the Czech Republic, 9-3.

Gold-Medal Games: 2-2-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) 4 ('04, '10, '13, '17) SOW, 5-4 vs. Canada (2017) **Total Gold Medals:** Last GMG: Since 2010, no other nation has won more gold medals at the IIHF World Junior Championship than Team USA's three (2010, 2013, 2017). In 2017, the U.S. rallied from a pair of two-goal deficits to force overtime and a shootout where Troy Terry scored the lone goal and Tyler **Parsons** stopped all five shooters to win, 5-4.



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2019 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM FINAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME LTENDERS (3)	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	CURRENT TEAM (LEAGUE)	NHL RIGHTS
1	Kyle Keyser	6-2 (188)	180 (81)	03/08/1999	L	Coral Springs, Fla.	Oshawa Generals (OHL)	BOS (Free Agent, Signed)
29	Spencer Knight [^]	6-3 (191)	197 (89)	04/19/2001	L	Darien, Conn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	2019 Draft Eligible
30	Cayden Primeau	6-3 (191)	200 (90)	08/11/1999	L	Voorhees, N.J.	Northeastern University (HEA)	MTL ('17, 7th rd., 199th ovr.)
DEFI	ENSEMEN (7)							
26	Mikey Anderson* (C)	6-0 (183)	190 (86)	05/25/1999	L	Roseville, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	LAK ('17, 4th rd., 103rd ovr.)
7	Quinn Hughes*^ (A)	5-10 (178)	175 (79)	10/14/1999	L	Orlando, Fla.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	VAN ('18, 1st rd., 7th ovr.)
25	Phil Kemp^	6-3 (191)	210 (95)	02/12/1999	R	Greenwich, Conn.	Yale University (ECAC Hockey)	EDM ('17, 7th rd., 208th ovr.)
20	K'Andre Miller^	6-4 (193)	205 (94)	01/21/2000	L	Saint Paul, Minn.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	NYR ('18, 1st rd., 22nd ovr.)
4	Dylan Samberg*	6-4 (193)	225 (102)	01/24/1999	L	Hermantown, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	WPG ('17, 2nd rd., 43rd ovr.)
24	Mattias Samuelsson^	6-4 (193)	221 (100)	03/14/2000	L	Voorhees, N.J.	Western Michigan University (NCHC)	BUF ('18, 2nd rd., 32nd ovr.)
2	Jack St. Ivany	6-2 (188)	195 (88)	07/22/1999	R	Manhattan Beach, Calif.	Yale University (ECAC Hockey)	PHI ('18, 4th rd., 112th ovr.)
FOR	WARDS (13)							
17	Evan Barratt^	5-11 (180)	190 (86)	02/18/1999	L	Bristol, Pa.	Penn State University (Big Ten)	CHI ('17, 3rd rd., 90th ovr.)
21	Noah Cates	6-2 (188)	185 (84)	02/05/1999	L	Stillwater, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	PHI ('17, 5th rd., 137th ovr.)
8	Sasha Chmelevski	6-0 (183)	187 (85)	06/09/1999	R	Northville, Mich.	Ottawa 67's (OHL)	SJS ('17, 6th rd., 185th ovr.)
12	Logan Cockerill^	5-9 (175)	175 (79)	03/03/1999	L	Brighton, Mich.	Boston University (HEA)	NYI ('17, 7th rd., 201st ovr.)
19	Jack Drury	6-0 (183)	180 (81)	02/03/2000	L	Winnetka, III.	Harvard University (ECAC Hockey)	CAR ('18, 2nd rd., 42nd ovr.)
28	Joel Farabee^	6-1 (185)	170 (77)	02/25/2000	L	Cicero, N.Y.	Boston University (HEA)	PHI ('18, 1st rd., 14th ovr.)
6	Jack Hughes^	5-10 (178)	168 (76)	05/14/2001	L	Orlando, Fla.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	2019 Draft Eligible
9	Tyler Madden	5-11 (180)	150 (68)	11/09/1999	R	Hartford, Conn.	Northeastern University (HEA)	VAN ('18, 3rd rd., 68th ovr.)
14	Josh Norris*^ (A)	6-2 (188)	195 (88)	05/05/1999	L	Oxford, Mich.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	OTT (SJS '17, 1st rd., 19th ovr.)
16	Jay O'Brien	6-0 (193)	174 (79)	11/04/1999	R	Hingham, Mass.	Providence College (HEA)	PHI ('18, 1st rd., 19th ovr.)
11	Ryan Poehling*	6-2 (188)	185 (84)	01/03/1999	L	Lakeville, Minn.	St. Cloud State Unviersity (NCHC)	MTL ('17, 1st rd., 25th ovr.)
15	Jason Robertson	6-2 (188)	200 (90)	07/22/1999	L	Northville, Mich.	Niagara IceDogs (OHL)	DAL ('17, 2nd rd., 39th ovr.)
18	Oliver Wahlstrom^	6-1 (185)	207 (94)	06/13/2000	R	Quincy, Mass.	Boston College (HEA)	NYI ('18, 1st rd., 11th ovr.)

^{*2018} U.S. National Junior Team bronze medalist

- ROSTER DETAILS

HOME STATES (10)			AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT TIES+	BY THE NUBERS		
Minnesota		5	NCAA*	19	Average Height	6 ft 1in/185 cm
Michigan		4	USHL^	20	Tallest	Miller (6 ft 4 in/193 cm)
Connecticut		3	NTDP^	11		Samberg (6 ft 4 in/193 cm)
Florida		3	USAH Player Development Camps	19	;	Samuelsson (6 ft 4 in/193 cm)
Massachusetts		2	AAPG	18	Shortest	Cockerill (5 ft 9in/175)
New Jersey		2	⁺ Includes players who have skated in multiple leagues		Average Weight	
Illinois		1	^Includes two current players		Heaviest	Samberg (221 lbs/102 kg)
New York		1	*Includes one commit		Lightest	Madden (150 lbs/68 kg)
Pennsylvania		1			Average Age	19 yrs 2 mo
California		1			Oldest	Poehling (19 yrs 11 mo)
					Youngest	J. Hughes (17 yrs 7 mo)
					Shoot/Catch	Left: 17 Right: 6

SEASON STATISTICS

THROUGH DEC. 14

FORWARDS NO NAME 6 Jack Hughes U.S. Nat'l Under-18 Team (USHL)		-	A 38	
8 Sasha Chmelevski Ottawa 67's (OHL)	30	12	7	39
9 Tyler Madden Northeastern University (HEA)	14	6	9	15
11 Ryan Poehling St. Cloud State University (NCHC)	16	3	14	17
12 Logan Cockerill Boston University (HEA)	16	2	3	5
14 Josh Norris University of Michigan (Big Ten)	17	10	9	19
15 Jason Robertson Niagara/Kingston (OHL)	32	31	29	60
16 Jay O'Brien Providence College (HEA)	10	1	1	2
17 Evan Barratt Penn State University (Big Ten)	17	13	16	29
18 Oliver Wahlstrom Boston College (HEA)	14	4	1	5
19 Jack Drury Harvard University (ECAC Hockey)	11	4	8	12
21 Noah Cates University of Minn. Duluth (NCHC)	16	4	3	7
28 Joel Farabee Boston University (HEA)	16	4	7	11

THINOUGH DEC. 14							
DEFENSE NO NAME	GP	G	A	PTS	GOALTENDERS NO NAME	GP	١
2 Jack St. Ivany Yale University (ECAC Hockey)	12	2	6	8	1 Kyle Keyser Oshawa Generals (OHL)	24	1
4 Dylan Samberg University of Minn. Duluth (NCHC)	15	2	2	4	29 Spencer Knight U.S. Na'l Under-18 Team		1
7 Quinn Hughes University of Michigan (Big Ten)	17	3	17	20	89 Cayden Primeau Northeastern University (H		1
20 K'Andre Miller University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	18	4	13	17	, ,	,	
24 Mattias Samuelsson Western Michigan University (NCHC)	16	3	5	8			
25 Phil Kemp Yale University (ECAC Hockey)	11	1	1	2			
26 Mikey Anderson University of Minn. Duluth (NCHC)	16	3	4	7			

LEAGUER LEADERS

As of Dec. 14, five players ranked among the top of their respective leagues:

Evan Barratt, Forward: Penn State sophomore leads college hockey in points (29) and goals (13) through 17 games as a sophomore.

Quinn Hughes, Defense: Among college defensemen, Michigan sophomore leads the nation in assists (17) and is second in points (20).

K'Andre Miller, Defense: Wisconsin Badger paces all college freshmen defensemen in points (17) and assists (13), the latter of which is tied for the most among college freshmen skáters.

Jason Robertson, Forward: Niagara forward leads the OHL in points (60) while ranking second in goals (31) and fifth in assists (29) after being from Kingston.

Kyle Keyser, Goaltender: Oshawa netminder holds an OHL-best save percentage (.931), is second in goals-against-average (2.37) and is tied for fourth in league wins (16).



W-L-T GAA SV%

10-3-1 2.40 .918

.922

16-5-1

12-2-0 2.40

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2019 U.S. STAFF

POSITION General Manager	NAME John Vanbiesbrouck Detroit, Mich.
Player Personnel	Ben Smith Gloucester, Mass.
Player Personnel	Ryan Martin Novi, Mich.
Head Coach	Mike Hastings Crookston, Minn.
Assistant Coach	David Lassonde Durham, N.H.
Assistant Coach	Steve Miller Sun Prairie, Wis.
Assistant Coach	Scott Sandelin Hibbing, Minn.
Assistant Coach	Jerry Keefe Saugus, Mass.
Video Coach	Alex Dawes Utica, N.Y.
Team Leader	Marc Boxer Houghton, Mich.
Athletic Trainer	Matt Schmidt Arthur, Iowa
Athletic Trainer	Stan Wong Boca Raton, Fla.
Equipment Manager	Nick Meldrum Denver, Colo.
Equipment Manager	Jake Visser Ann Arbor, Mich.
Team Physician	Dr. Phil Johnson Horace, N.D.
Communications	Jon Gomez Whippany, N.J.

WINNING PEDIGREE -

All five members of the 2019 U.S. National Junior Team coaching staff hold winning pedigrees at the junior, collegiate and international level. Combined, the staff has contributed to four international championships, seven NCAA national titles, 32 conference championships (regular- and post-season) and two USHL titles.

Internationally, **Mike Hastings** guided the U.S. Junior Select Team to the 2000 Viking Cup while assistant coach **David Lassonde** has served on two championship-winning U.S. teams, including the gold medalwinning 2013 U.S. National Junior Team and 2017 U.S. Deaflympic Ice Hockey Team. Additionally, assistant coach **Steve Miller** helped the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team to a gold medal finish.

Last season, **Scott Sandelin** led the University of Minnesota Duluth to its second NCAA national championship in program history after guiding UMD to its first-ever title in 2011. He also won two titles with the University of North Dakota (1997, 2000). Meanwhile, Miller has been on three NCAA title-winning programs, including back-to-back seasons with the University of Denver (2004, 2005) and once with Providence College (2015).

- ABOUT THE STAFF

ABOUT VANBIESBROUCK

John Vanbiesbrouck is serving as general manager of the 2019 U.S. National Junior Team. The 2007 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee has previously represented the United States as a player on nine occasions, including one Olympic Winter Games (1998); two Canada Cups (1987, 1991), four men's world championships (1985, 1987, 1989, 1991) and two world junior championships (1982, 1983). The only member of the U.S. staff to have played in an IIHF World Junior Championship, Vanbiesbrouck ranks fifth all-time among U.S. goaltenders in games played (10), sits seventh in minutes played (480) and is tied for 10th in wins (4). He was coached by U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee Lou Vairo in both tournaments. A full-time employee of USA Hockey, Vanbiesbrouck began his duties as assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey on June 4, 2018. His responsibilities include oversight of all of USA Hockey's international efforts, including its men's, women's and sled programs as well as the National Junior Development Program. A 19-year NHL veteran, Vanbiesbrouck retired with 374 career wins, the most by a American-born goaltender in NHL history. His record was tied by current NHL goaltender Ryan Miller on Dec. 2, 2018.

ABOUT HASTINGS

Head coach of the Minnesota State men's ice hockey team, **Mike Hastings** is head coach of the 2019 U.S. National Junior Team. This will be his fifth time behind a U.S. bench and his first as head coach of a U.S. team in an IIHF event. An assistant coach on the 2005 U.S. National Junior Team, Hastings filled the same role on the 2003 U.S. National Junior Team alongside U.S. Hockey Hall of Famers **Lou Vairo** and the late **Jeff Sauer**. In six seasons with Minnesota State, Hastings entered the 2018-19 season having led the Mavericks to more wins than any other team in the nation behind a 151-72-19 record while also guiding the Mavericks to five WCHA titles (3 regular-season, 2 post-season) and four NCAA tournament appearances. He earned the Spencer Penrose Award as the top coach in college hockey in 2015 and is a two-time WCHA Coach of the Year while at Minnesota State.

STAFF'S WORLD JUNIOR TIES

The U.S. has a number of ties to former U.S. National Junior Teams. Four of Team USA's coaches -- Mike Hastings, Scott Sandelin, Steve Miller and David Lassonde -- have previously coached in an IIHF World Junior Championship and are all serving on their third U.S. National Junior Team. In 2005, Sandelin served as head coach alongside then assistant coach, Mike Hastings. Additionally, Ben Smith was an assistant coach on the first-ever medal-winning U.S. team when they captured the bronze medal in 1986. That year's roster included eventual U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame players in Brian Leetch, Mike Richter, Craig Janney and Scott Young as well as current New York Rangers head coach David Quinn.

Among the support staff, **Stan Wong**, **Jake Visser**, **Dr. Phil Johnson** and **Jon Gomez** all return in their respective roles. Wong, who was inducted into the PHATS/PHEM Hall of Fame in 2015 and has a plaque in the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, also served the same role with the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team alongside Johnson. The two have been a part of Team USA's last three gold medal-winning U.S. National Junior Teams (2010, 2013, 2017). Wong is one of two individuals to have been a part of all four gold medal-winning U.S. National Junior Team, with the other being the late USA Hockey executive, **Jim Johannson**.

HASTINGS, KEEFE REUNITE

Jerry Keefe, who is making his debut on a U.S. National Junior Team staff, was once coached by **Mike Hastings** with the Omaha Lancers in the United States Hockey League. A former Providence College player and current associate head coach at Northeastern University, Keefe was a two-time USHL All-Star under Coach Hastings and still ranks in the Lancers' all-time top 10 in scoring.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP COACHING EXPERIENCE

STAFF MEMBER	YEAR	POSITION	U.S. RECORD^	U.S. FINISH
Steve Miller	2018	Assistant Coach	4-1-0-2	Bronze
Steve Miller	2017	Assistant Coach	5-2-0-0	Gold
David Lassonde	2014	Assistant Coach	3-0-0-2	Fifth
David Lassonde	2013	Assistant Coach	5-0-0-2	Gold
Scott Sandelin	2012	Assistant Coach	3-0-0-3	Seventh
Scott Sandelin	2005	Head Coach	3-4-0	Fourth
Mike Hastings	2005	Assistant Coach	3-4-0	Fourth
Mike Hastings	2003	Assistant Coach	4-3-0	Fourth
Ben Smith	1987	Assistant Coach	4-3-0	Fourth
Ben Smith	1986	Assistant Coach	4-3-0	Bronze
Ben Smith	1985	Assistant Coach	2-5-0	Sixth

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