



# 2020 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME NOTES

2020 IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Semifinal Round • USA (2-0-0-1) vs. Russia (2-0-1-1) • Ice Rink Vlado Dzurilla • Jan. 1, 2020

## TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team takes on Russia in semifinal action today at the 2020 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship at the Ice Rink Vlado Dzurilla in Bratislava, Slovakia. Puck drop is slated for 4:30 p.m. local time/10:30 a.m. ET. The matchup will be streamed live on IIHF.com. Live game updates will also be provided on Twitter @USAHockey using the hashtag #U18WWC.

## TALKING POINTS

### THE SERIES VS. RUSSIA

The U.S. holds a 12-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record against Russia all-time in IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship play. The U.S. and Russia squared off Friday in the second contest of the tournament, defeating the Russians 1-0. **Ella Huber** (Northfield, Ill.) scored the go-ahead-goal and **Amanda Thiele** (Milford, Mich.) made 20 saves to earn a shutout in her U-18 National Team debut.

### RETURN OF THE MAK

Webster led all U.S. players at the 2019 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship with 6 points (3G-3A), good for second amongst all skaters in the tournament. Picking up where she left off, Webster has tallied a point in each of the last two games, including the game-winning assist on Ella Huber's goal against the Russians.

### STREAKING OUT

**Lacey Eden** (Annapolis, Md.) has recorded a point in every game of this year's tournament, including the lone goal in Team USA's 2-1 loss to Canada. The forward also tallied an assist on **Ella Huber's** game-winning goal against Russia, and the game-winning assist in the United States' 4-1 win over Finland. Eden's three points (1G-2A) currently leads the U.S. in scoring.

### TIME FOR TEN

**Abbey Murphy** is on the hunt for her 10th goal in Under-18 Women's World Championship play. In three tournament appearances (2018, 2019, 2020), Murphy has tallied nine goals and 12 points in 11 games, averaging over a point per contest. Murphy has scored a goal in four consecutive tournament games, dating back to last year's 7-1 semifinal win over Finland.

### SUPERIOR GOALTENDING

Team USA's goaltending has been dominant throughout the tournament. Netminders **Amanda Thiele** (Milford, Mich.) and **Skylar Vetter** (Lakeville, Minn.), entering today's semifinal with the top save percentage and lowest goals against clip. Vetter ranks among the top goaltenders in the tournament with a .937 save percentage and 1.52 goals against average.

### SEEKING 13TH STRAIGHT MEDAL

Team USA enters the tournament seeking its 13th consecutive medal at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. Since the tournament's inception in 2008, the U.S. has won seven gold medals, including four straight from 2015-2018, and five silver medals.

### REPEAT PERFORMERS

The roster features 10 players who helped the U.S. earn silver at last year's IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Obihiro, Japan, including three-time U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team members **Abbey Murphy** (Evergreen Park, Ill.), **Maggie Nicholson** and **Makenna Webster**, the team's leading scorer at last year's tournament. In addition, **Lacey Eden**, **Caroline Harvey** (Pelham, N.H.), **Clara Van Wieren** (Okemos, Mich.), **Skylar Vetter**, **Audrey Wethington** (Edina, Minn.), **Haley Winn** (Rochester, N.Y.) and **Kiara Zanon** (Fairport, N.Y.) return to the team for the second-straight season.

### NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Thirteen players are making their national team debuts, including forwards **Emma Gentry** (Alpena, Mich.) and **Kirsten Simms** (Plymouth, Mich.) and defenseman **Rachel Golnitz** (Wyoming, Minn.), who are representing the U.S. for the first time in their careers.

### BACK FROM LAKE PLACID

Nineteen players participated in the 2019 Under-18 Series vs. Canada last August in Lake Placid, New York, as members of the U.S. Under-18 Women's Select Team. Team USA took one of three games from Canada at the event. Danielle Burgen notched a team-high three goals and four points, while **Abbey Murphy** tallied a pair of goals. Goaltenders **Amanda Thiele** (Milford, Mich.) and **Skylar Vetter** combined for 56 saves in the series.

### CAPTAIN AMERICA

**Maggie Nicholson** is serving as team captain alongside alternate captains **Lacey Eden** and **Makenna Webster**. All three captains competed at the 2019 Under-18 Series against Canada in Lake Placid, New York last August.

### BEHIND THE BENCH

**Maura Crowell** (Mansfield, Mass.), head coach of the University of Minnesota Duluth women's ice hockey team, is the head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the second consecutive year after leading Team USA to a silver medal at the 2019 event. **Brianna Decker** (Dousman, Wis.), member of the U.S. Women's National Team that won gold at both the 2018 Olympic Winter Games and the 2019 IIHF Women's World Championship, and **Josh Sciba** (Westland, Mich), head coach for the Union College women's ice hockey team, are serving as assistant coaches for the second straight year, while **Meredith Roth** (Dubuque, Iowa), associate head women's ice hockey coach at the College of the Holy Cross is an assistant coach for the first year and **Alli Altmann** (Eagan, Minn.) is the team's goaltending coach for the third straight season.

## 2020 IIHF U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship is in its 13th year after the inaugural tournament was held in Calgary in 2008. Subsequently, the event was held in Fussen, Germany, in 2009, Chicago in 2010, Stockholm, Sweden, in 2011, Zlin, Czech Republic, in 2012, Heinola, Finland, in 2013, Budapest, Hungary, in 2014, Buffalo, New York, in 2015, St. Catharines, Ontario, in 2016, Zlin & Prerov, Czech Republic, in 2017, Dmitrov, Russia in 2018, and Obihiro, Japan in 2019. The U.S. and Canada have met in the gold-medal game in 11 previous competitions, with the U.S. having a 6-5 advantage in those contests.

The tournament features eight teams divided into two groups. Group A consists of the United States, Canada, Russia and Finland, while Group B features the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Sweden and Switzerland. The teams will play a round-robin within their groups, with top two teams in Group A earning a bye to the semifinals. The third and fourth-place teams in Group A will square off against the top two teams in Group B in the quarterfinals, and the third and fourth-place teams from Group B will face each other in the relegation round.

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
<b>THURS., DEC. 26</b> Bratislava, Slovakia	<b>FINLAND</b> Ice Rink Vlado Dzurilla	<b>W, 4-1</b>
<b>FRI., DEC. 27</b> Bratislava, Slovakia	<b>RUSSIA</b> Ice Rink Vlado Dzurilla	<b>W, 1-0</b>
<b>SUN., DEC. 29</b> Bratislava, Slovakia	<b>CANADA</b> Ice Rink Vlado Dzurilla	<b>L, 1-2</b>
<b>WED., JAN. 1</b> Bratislava, Slovakia	<b>RUSSIA</b> Ice Rink Vlado Dzurilla	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>
<b>THURS., JAN. 2</b> Bratislava, Slovakia	<b>BRONZE MEDAL GAME</b> Ice Rink Vlado Dzurilla	<b>6:30 A.M.</b>
<b>THURS., JAN. 2</b> Bratislava, Slovakia	<b>GOLD MEDAL GAME</b> Ice Rink Vlado Dzurilla	<b>2:30 P.M.</b>

All contests will be streamed live online at IIHF.com

## MEDIA INFORMATION

All Team USA players or staff will be available for interviews in designated mixed-zone areas in the rink following games. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

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MADDY.SCHACHTE@USAHOCKEY.ORG

All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Maddy Schachte, who will be on-site with Team USA throughout the 2020 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. In addition, media interested in photos of Team USA throughout the tournament are encouraged to visit ImagesOnIce.com for tournament photos.



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## 2020 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

### PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

#### FINLAND

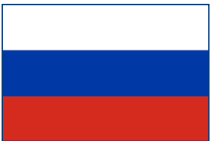


**Series vs. Finland:** 3-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**Of Note:** Team USA has outscored Finland 16-2 in the last three games.

**DEC. 26, 2019: USA 7, FIN 1:** Team USA and Finland last met yesterday in the 2020 Under-18 Women's World Championship opener. Eight skaters tallied points and the U.S. was 1-for-4 on the power play.

#### RUSSIA



**Series vs. Russia:** 12-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**Of Note:** The two teams face off in the prelims for the ninth straight year.

**DEC. 27, 2019: USA 1, RUS 0:** The U.S. and Russia squared off Friday in the second contest of the tournament. **Ella Huber** scored the go-ahead-goal and **Amanda Thiele** made 20 saves to earn a shutout in her U-18 National Team debut.

#### CANADA



**Series vs. Canada:** 7-4-4-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

**Of Note:** The U.S. has won four of the last six matchups vs. Canada.

**DEC. 29, 2019: CAN 2, USA 1:** In last year's gold medal game, the U.S. fell, 3-2, in overtime to Canada. **Makenna Webster** and **Abbey Murphy** each scored, and **Skylar Vetter** turned away 24 shots.

### PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES

#### QUARTERFINALS



**U.S. All-Time in U18WWC Quarterfinals:** 0-0 (W-L)

**Of Note:** The U.S. has never played in a quarterfinal contest in IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship history, having earned a BYE to the semifinal round in all 12 of the previous competitions.

#### SEMIFINALS



**U.S. All-Time in U18WWC Semifinals:** 12-0 (W-L)

**Of Note:** Team USA and Finland met in the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship semifinals for the first time last year. The U.S. has won all 12 semifinal contests it has played at the competition, topping the Czech Republic six times, Sweden twice and Canada, Finland, Germany and Russia each once.

#### MEDAL GAMES



**U.S. All-Time in U18WWC Gold Medal Games:** 7-5 (W-L)

**Of Note:** Team USA and Canada have faced off for gold in 11 of the 12 previous U18WWCs, with the U.S. holding a 6-5 advantage in those contests. Five of those 10 contests have gone into overtime (2019, 2016, 2013, 2010, 2008), with the U.S. winning two.

## KEY TEAM USA U18WWC STATISTICS

### ALL-TIME MEDALS AT U18WWC

Year	Medal	Coach	Result	Opp.
2019	Silver	Maura Crowell	OTL, 2-3	CAN
2018	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 9-3	SWE
2017	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 3-1	CAN
2016	Gold	Joel Johnson	OTW, 3-2	CAN
2015	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 3-2	CAN
2014	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	L, 1-5	CAN
2013	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	OTL, 1-2	CAN
2012	Silver	Heather Linstad	L, 0-3	CAN
2011	Gold	Jodi McKenna	W, 5-2	CAN
2010	Silver	Katie King	L, 4-5	CAN
2009	Gold	Mark Johnson	W, 3-2	CAN
2008	Gold	Michele Amidon	W, 5-2	CAN

### PREVIOUS 10 U18WWCS

Year	Finish	Coach	Record*
2019	Silver	Maura Crowell	4-0-1-0
2018	Gold	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0
2017	Gold	Joel Johnson	4-0-1-0
2016	Gold	Joel Johnson	4-1-0-0
2015	Gold	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0
2014	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-0-1
2013	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-1-0
2012	Silver	Heather Linstad	4-0-0-1
2011	Gold	Jodi McKenna	5-0-0-0
2010	Silver	Katie King	4-0-1-0

\*W-OTW-OTL-L

### ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record*	GF	GA
Canada	18	7-4-4-3	50	40
Czech Republic	12	12-0-0-0	116	3
Finland	3	3-0-0-0	16	2
Germany	2	2-0-0-0	18	1
Hungary	1	1-0-0-0	7	0
Japan	2	2-0-0-0	18	2
Russia	11	11-0-0-0	82	8
Sweden	12	9-0-0-0	73	8
Switzerland	1	1-0-0-0	11	0
TOTAL	60	49-5-4-2	386	61

\*W-OTW-OTL-L

### ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	SF	GM
Canada	1-0	6-5
Czech Republic	6-0	N/A
Germany	1-0	N/A
Russia	1-0	N/A
Sweden	2-0	1-0
Total	11-0	7-5



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### 2020 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
<b>GOALTENDERS (3)</b>							
1	Skyler Vetter#	5-8 (173)	155 (70)	05/14/03	L	Lakeville, Minn.	Lakeville North High School (Minn.)
29	Callie Shanahan	5-10 (178)	135 (61)	05/26/03	L	Commerce, Mich.	HoneyBaked (Mich.)
30	Amanda Thiele	5-11 (180)	155 (70)	07/30/02	L	Milford, Mich.	Belle Tire 19U (Mich.)
<b>DEFENSEMEN (8)</b>							
2	Mia Biotti	5-11 (180)	155 (70)	07/24/02	L	Cambridge, Mass.	Wizards U19 Major 1 (Mass.)
3	Brenna Fuhrman	5-7 (170)	127 (58)	05/28/03	L	Farmington, Minn.	Farmington High School (Minn.)
4	Maggie Nicholson*# (C)	5-10 (178)	167 (76)	03/21/02	L	Minnetonka, Minn.	Minnetonka High School (Minn.)
5	Caroline Harvey#	5-6 (168)	140 (64)	10/14/02	L	Pelham, N.H.	Selects Academy (N.Y.)
6	Haley Winn#	5-5 (165)	150 (68)	07/14/03	R	Rochester, N.Y.	Selects Academy (N.Y.)
7	Rachel Golnitz	5-8 (173)	140 (64)	09/06/02	R	Wyoming, Minn.	Forest Lake High School (Minn.)
8	Lyndie Lobdell	5-8 (173)	150 (68)	09/01/02	R	Aurora, Ill.	Chicago Mission
9	Rory Guilday	5-10 (178)	160 (73)	09/07/02	L	Chanhassen, Minn.	Minnetonka High School (Minn.)
<b>FORWARDS (12)</b>							
11	Kiara Zanon#	5-5 (165)	147 (67)	08/22/02	L	Fairport, N.Y.	Kingston Jr. Ice Wolves (Ont.)
12	Makenna Webster*# (A)	5-2 (157)	135 (61)	03/21/02	R	St. Louis, Mo.	Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep (Minn.)
13	Danielle Burgen	5-6 (168)	150 (68)	01/19/04	R	Lindstrom, Minn.	Chisago Lakes Wildcats (Minn.)
14	Emma Gentry	5-10 (178)	160 (73)	10/23/02	L	Alpena, Mich.	HoneyBaked 19U (Mich.)
15	Peyton Hemp	5-5 (165)	151 (68)	05/15/03	R	Andover, Minn.	Andover High School (Minn.)
16	Ella Huber	5-5 (165)	135 (61)	12/18/02	L	Northfield, Ill.	Chicago Mission
17	Kirsten Simms	5-5 (165)	130 (59)	08/31/04	R	Plymouth, Mich.	Selects Academy (N.Y.)
18	Abbey Murphy*#	5-4 (163)	135 (61)	04/14/02	R	Evergreen Park, Ill.	Chicago Mission
19	Kathryn Davis	5-3 (160)	120 (54)	01/09/02	L	Meridian, Idaho	Edina High School (Minn.)
23	Audrey Wethington#	5-6 (168)	135 (61)	04/01/02	R	Edina, Minn.	The Blake School (Minn.)
24	Clara Van Wieren#	5-10 (178)	165 (75)	01/25/02	L	Okemos, Mich.	Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep (Minn.)
25	Lacey Eden# (A)	5-8 (173)	150 (68)	05/02/02	R	Annapolis, Md.	Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep (Minn.)

\* Member of 2018 gold medal-winning U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team  
 # Member of 2019 silver medal-winning U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team

### 2020 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

NO	NAME	POS.	FIN W, 7-1 12/26	RUS W, 1-0 12/27	CAN L, 2-1 12/29	QF TBD 12/30	SF RUSSIA 01/01	MEDAL TBD 01/02	2020 U18WWC TOTAL
1	Skyler Vetter	G	1-0 1.00 GAA	DNP	0-1 2.00 GAA	--	--	--	1-0 (W-L) 1.00 GAA
2	Mia Biotti	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
3	Brenna Fuhrman	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
4	Maggie Nicholson	D	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
5	Caroline Harvey	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
6	Haley Winn	D	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
7	Rachel Golnitz	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
9	Rory Guilday	D	G	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
11	Kiara Zanon	F	A	--	A	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
12	Makenna Webster	F	--	A*	A	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
13	Danielle Burgen	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
14	Emma Gentry	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
15	Peyton Hemp	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
16	Ella Huber	F	--	G*	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
17	Kirsten Simms	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
18	Abbey Murphy	F	P	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
19	Kathryn Davis	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
23	Audrey Wethington	F	G	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
24	Clara Van Wieren	F	G*	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
25	Lacey Eden	F	A*A	A*	P	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
29	Callie Shanahan	G	DND	DND	DND	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA
30	Amanda Thiele	G	DNP	1-0 0.00	DNP	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA

G - goal  
 A - assist  
 P - powerplay goal  
 S - shorthanded goal  
 U - unassisted goal  
 G\* - game-winning goal  
 P\* - penalty shot goal  
 A\* - assist on game-winning goal  
 DNP - did not play  
 DND - did not dress

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## 2020 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team • Game-By-Game Review

### USA vs. Finland • Preliminary Round • Game 1

Dec. 26, 2019 — at Ice Rink Vlado Dzurilla • Bratislava, Slovakia (311)

United States (h)	1	2	1	—	4
Finland (v)	1	0	0	—	1

1st: USA-Murphy (Winn), 10:36  
FIN-Yrjanen (Sundelin, Rantala), 11:38  
2nd: USA-Van Wieren (Eden), 13:40  
USA-Wethington (Zanon, Nicholson), 19:59  
3rd: USA-Guilday (Eden), 00:37

Penalties: USA 6-12, FIN 8-16 Power Plays: USA 1-4, FIN 1-3  
Saves: USA-Vetter (2-4-3--9); 60:00  
FIN-Lahtinen (14-11-22--47); 60:00  
Shots: USA 15-13-23--51; FIN 3-4-3--10  
Officials: Refs-Darja Abrosimova, Vanessa Morin; Lines: Polina Danilova, Justine Todd

**Notes:** **Kiara Zanon** (Fairport, N.Y.) was named the U.S. Player of the Game ... Eight skaters tallied points in the victory, with **Lacey Eden's** (Annapolis, Md.) two-point effort (0-2--2) leading the way. ... Lacey Eden and **Abbey Murphy** (Evergreen Park, Ill.) each had seven shots on goal for Team USA, while **Makenna Webster** (St. Louis, Mo.) had six ... Team USA was 1-for-4 on the power play, while Finland was 1-for-3

### USA vs. Russia • Preliminary Round • Game 2

Dec. 27, 2019 — at Ice Rink Vlado Dzurilla • Bratislava, Slovakia (292)

United States (h)	0	0	1	—	1
Finland (v)	0	0	0	—	0

3rd: USA-Huber (Webster, Eden), 14:32

Penalties: USA 4-8, RUS 4-8 Power Plays: USA 0-2, RUS 0-2

Saves: USA-Thiele (6-8-6--20); 60:00  
RUS-Volkova (11-7-6--24); 60:00

Shots: USA 11-7-7--25; RUS 6-8-6--20

Officials: Refs- Henna Aberg, Gabriela Mala; Lines: Magdalena Cerhitova, Marina Dinant

**Notes:** **Ella Huber** (Northfield, Ill.) was named the U.S. Player of the Game ... **Huber, Makenna Webster** (St. Louis, Mo.), and **Audrey Wethington** (Edina, Minn) each had three shots on goal ... **Lacey Eden** (Annapolis, Md.) extended her point streak to two games with an assist on Huber's goal ... Team USA outshot Russia 25-20

### USA vs. Canada • Preliminary Round • Game 3

Dec. 30, 2019 — at Ice Rink Vlado Dzurilla • Bratislava, Slovakia (719)

Canada (h)	1	0	1	—	2
United States (v)	0	0	1	—	1

1st: CAN- Anne Cherkowski (Wheeler), :20  
3rd: CAN- Marianne Picard, 14:23  
3rd: USA-Eden (Webster, Zanon), 19:58

Penalties: USA 3-6, CAN 6-12  
Saves: USA-Vetter (10-11-15--38); 60:00  
CAN-Gascon (6-13-8-27); 60:00

Shots: USA 6-13-9--28; CAN 11-11-16--38  
Officials: Refs- Henna Aberg, Darja Abrosimova; Lines: Polina Danilova, Marine Dinant

**Notes:** **Lacey Eden** (Annapolis, Md.) scored a late third period goal and **Skylar Vetter** (Lakeville, Minn.) made 36 saves, but the U.S. fell 2-1 ... **Makenna Webster** (St. Louis, Mo.) who registered an assist and had a game-high five shots on goal, was named the U.S. Player of the Game ... The U.S. finished 1-for-6 on the power play, while Canada was 1-for-3 ... Canada outshot the U.S. by a 38-28 count ... Team USA has advanced to the semifinal round of the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship for the record 13th straight year.

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## 2020 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM STAFF

### MAURA CROWELL, HEAD COACH

Maura Crowell, head women's ice hockey coach at the University of Minnesota Duluth, is making her fourth appearance on staff of a U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team after leading Team USA to its 12th consecutive medal finish at last year's tournament in Obihiro, Japan as head coach. Crowell, who has coached at various USA Hockey development camps and festivals in recent years, was appointed head coach at Minnesota Duluth in 2015 after spending five years with Harvard University in various coaching capacities. Crowell joined the Crimson after a five-year stint as head coach of the women's ice hockey team at UMass Boston, where she was named the 2009-10 Eastern College Athletic Conference East Women's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. Crowell played collegiately at Colgate University.

### BRIANNA DECKER, ASSISTANT COACH

Decker, a member of the gold medal-winning 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team, will serve as an assistant coach for the 2019-20 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the second straight season. Decker made her debut as a member of the coaching staff for the U.S. Under-18 Women's Team at the 2018 Under-18 Series vs. Canada. She served in the same capacity at the 2019 Under-18 Series vs. Canada, and as Team USA claimed its 12th consecutive medal at the 2019 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Obihiro, Japan. Decker has previous coaching experience with USA Hockey having served as a coach at various Central District camps since 2012 and during USA Hockey Girls Under-18 Select Player Development Camps. She is a two-time Olympian (2018-gold, 2014-silver), six-time IIHF Women's World Championship gold medalist (2013-19, 2011) and two-time Bob Allen Women's Player of the Year.

### JOSH SCIBA, ASSISTANT COACH

Sciba is serving as an assistant coach for the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the second straight year. He made his debut at the 2018 Under-18 Series vs. Canada and also helped Team USA claim its 12th consecutive medal at the 2019 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Obihiro, Japan. He has been a coach annually at USA Hockey Under-18 Girls Player Development Camps for the past 10 years, and recently served as a coach during the 2018 and 2017 USA Hockey Women's National Festivals in Lake Placid, New York. Sciba is currently the head coach of the Union College women's hockey team, a position he has held since 2016.

### MEREDITH ROTH, ASSISTANT COACH

Meredith Roth is serving as an assistant coach for the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the first time. She most recently served as an assistant coach of the U18 Team at the 2019 Under-18 Series vs. Canada in Lake Placid, N.Y. Roth currently serves as the associate head women's ice hockey coach at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. She previously served as head coach of St. Norbert College's NCAA Division III women's ice hockey program for the last four years. She guided the Green Knights to an appearance in the NCHA Championship game in 2016. Prior to her time at St. Norbert, Roth had two stints as an assistant coach at Providence College, first from 2006-2010 and then again from 2012-2015. She helped lead the Friars to a Hockey East regular season championship in 2010.

**DIRECTOR, WNT PROGRAMS:** Katie Million  
**MANAGER, WOMEN'S HOCKEY:** Kristen Wright  
**HEAD COACH:** Maura Crowell  
**ASSISTANT COACH:** Brianna Decker  
**ASSISTANT COACH:** Josh Sciba  
**ASSISTANT COACH:** Meredith Roth  
**GOALTENDING COACH:** Alli Altmann  
**VIDEO COORDINATOR:** Josh Graser  
**STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH:** Bill DeLongis  
**ATHLETIC TRAINER:** Kim Moncel  
**EQUIPMENT MANAGER:** Nick Bryant  
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# 2020 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME NOTES

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## USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

### U.S. INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Since 2010, no other nation has claimed more medals in Olympic, Paralympic and International Ice Hockey Federation play than the 49 by the United States. Additionally, Team USA's 28 collective gold medals also leads all nations. In total, the last nine years has seen the U.S. claim 28 gold medals, 14 silver medals and seven bronze medals.

The 28 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, 2019), 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, 2019).

### 2019 U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Five American hockey legends including **Gary Bettman**, **Brian Gionta**, **Neal Henderson**, **Tim Thomas** and **Krissy Wendell** were formally enshrined into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame on Dec. 12 during a sold-out induction ceremony at the Marriott Marquis Washington D.C.

In addition to the induction of the Class of 2019, **Jack Blatherwick** was awarded the Lester Patrick Trophy, presented for outstanding service to hockey in the United States. **Alex Ovechkin** was awarded the Wayne Gretzky International Award, which pays tribute to the growth of hockey in the United States.

### 2019 U.S. JUNIOR SELECT TEAM

The U.S. Junior Select Team finished third in the 2019 World Junior A Challenge in Dawson Creek, British Columbia. The team was comprised of players competing in the United States Hockey League, the lone Tier I junior league in the U.S.

**Anthony Noreen** (Kearney, Neb.), head coach and general manager of the Tri-City Storm, served as head coach with assistant coaches **Mark Abalan** (Sioux City, Iowa), **Shane Fukushima** (Waterloo, Iowa) and **David Wilkie** (Omaha, Neb.).

The U.S. has finished first in six of the last ten tournaments (2010, 2012-14, 2016, 2018) and has occupied a top-three spot at the World Junior A Challenge every year since joining the tournament in 2007.

### RIVALRY SERIES

The women's national teams from the U.S. and Canada are competing in a five-game Rivalry Series in 2019-20. The U.S. is off to a 2-0-0 start after defeating Canada 4-1 in Hartford, Conn., on Dec. 14, and 2-1 in Moncton, N.B., on Dec. 17. **Alex Cavallini** and **Alex Carpenter** were named U.S. Player of the Game, respectively.

The final three games of the Series are set for Feb. 3 in Victoria, British Columbia; Feb. 5 in Vancouver; and Feb. 8 in Anaheim, California. Tickets for the game in Anaheim at Honda Center are currently on sale at [hondacenter.com](http://hondacenter.com), [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or the Honda Center box office. To purchase tickets by phone, fans can call 714-704-2500.

### USA HOCKEY'S AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL TURNS TEN

USA Hockey celebrates its 10th year of the American Development Model this season. The ADM is USA Hockey's nationwide player-development program for youth hockey associations. It's based on age-appropriate, age-specific competition and training for boys and girls, beginning with their first steps onto the ice and carrying them through age 18 and beyond. ADM places a heightened emphasis on skill development and long-term athlete development principles, providing a blueprint for the best possible youth hockey experience.

### 2020 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

On Nov. 1, USA Hockey announced the 23-player roster for its U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team that will compete for its fifth gold medal in six years at the 2020 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship Dec. 26-Jan. 2 in Bratislava, Slovakia. The roster features 10 players that helped the U.S. earn silver at last year's IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Obihiro, Japan.

**Maura Crowell** (Mansfield, Mass.), head women's ice hockey coach at the University of Minnesota Duluth, is serving as head coach of Team USA. She is joined by assistant coaches **Brianna Decker** (Dousman, Wis.), member of the gold medal-winning 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team, and **Josh Sciba** (Westland, Mich.), head women's ice hockey coach at Union College.

### 28 AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN IIHF COMPETITION

A total of 28 American officials have been selected to serve as referees or linesmen for International Ice Hockey Federation events and the Youth Olympic Games in 2019-20.

American officials will take part in 18 IIHF events this season, including the IIHF World Junior Championship, the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, the IIHF Women's World Championship, and the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. For a full list of American officials and their assignments, visit [usahockey.com](http://usahockey.com).

### 2020 HOCKEY WEEK ACROSS AMERICA

USA Hockey's yearly nationwide initiative Hockey Week Across America, now in its 13th year, will take place from Feb. 16-23, 2020. The festivities begin on Feb. 16 with NBC Sports Hockey Day in America. The daily themes will include salutes to players (Feb. 17), coaches (Feb. 18), officials (Feb. 19) and local rinks (Feb. 20) followed by the traditional themed days of Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day (Feb. 21), Try Hockey Day (Feb. 22) and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes (Feb. 23). For more information on the week-long celebration, visit [HockeyWeekAcrossAmerica.com](http://HockeyWeekAcrossAmerica.com).

### USA HOCKEY'S NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Founded in 1996, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program began operations in Ann Arbor, Mich., and remained there until the summer of 2015. The full-time program is composed of two squads, the U.S. National Under-18 Team and U.S. National Under-17 Team, who compete in the USHL as well as against international and collegiate competition.

The Under-17 Team competes in the United States Hockey League and also participates in three international events annually. The U.S. National Under-18 Team's schedule includes games against NCAA Division I and III opponents, USHL teams as well as competition in three international tournaments.

### USA HOCKEY ARENA

USA Hockey Arena is a two-sheet facility with regulation ice (85x200) in the main arena and Olympic-size ice (100x200) for the secondary sheet. Acquired by the USA Hockey Foundation on April 1, 2015, the facility has added 20,000 square feet to the property that includes a 9,800-square-foot workout facility, additional offices and a conference center. In total, the facility encompasses 170,000 square feet with the main rink providing 3,504 seats for hockey games and 4,500 seats for other performances and events. Accompanying the facility is the USA Hockey Summer Drive-In, which has three large screens that show first-run double-features seven nights a week, as well as CJ's Brewing Company.

