



# 2018 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S SELECT TEAM GAME NOTES

2018 HLINKA GRETZKY CUP | EDMONTON & RED DEER, ALBERTA | AUGUST 6-11, 2018

GAME TWO • USA (1-0-0-0) VS. FINLAND (0-0-1-0) • SERVUS ARENA • AUGUST 7, 2018

## TONIGHT'S GAME

Team USA is 3-1 (W-L) in its last four meetings with Finland at the Hlinka Tournament.

In 2017, the teams met in the fifth-place game with the U.S. winning 4-3 in overtime on a goal from **Ryder Donovan** (Duluth, Minn.).

In 2016, the game would require extra time again, this time in the preliminary round. Team USA skated to a 4-3 win with **Ryan Poehling** (Lakeville, Minn.) scoring the game-winner.

In 2015, Finland skated to a 5-1 win over the U.S. in the first game of pool play.

In 2014, the U.S. defeated Finland 9-4 behind a hat trick from Anaheim Ducks draft pick **Troy Terry** (Highlands Ranch, Colo.).

## TALKING POINTS

### NINE BACK FOR ANOTHER TOUR

Nine of the 20 skaters on the U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team competed in the 2017 Under-17 Five Nations Tournament with Team USA. **John Farinacci** (Chatham, N.J.), **Josh Groll** (San Diego, Calif.), **Arthur Kaliyev** (Delray Beach, Fla.), **Mike Koster** (Chaska, Minn.), **Robert Mastro Simone** (East Islip, N.Y.), **Mitchell Miller** (Sylvania, Ohio), **Josh Nodler** (Oak Park, Mich.), **Grant Silianoff** (Edina, Minn.) and **Cade Webber** (Meadville, Pa.) helped lead the U.S. squad to an undefeated 4-0-0 record and first place at the tournament.

Farinacci, captain of the U.S. team, recorded two goals and two assists in four Five Nations games while Silianoff led all U.S. skaters with seven points (4G, 3A). Team USA outscored its opponents 26-5 over the four contests played in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

### FAMILIAR FACES

Several members of the U.S. team have experience as teammates with numerous organizations across the country. **Luke Toporowski** (Bettendorf, Iowa) and **Dylan Davies** (Traverse City, Mich.) were teammates with the Chicago Mission organization while Miller, Nodler and **Michael Mancinelli** (Northville, Mich.) skated together with HoneyBaked Hockey Club.

**Sam Colangelo** (Stoneham, Mass.) and Webber joined forces in Boston with the Little Bruins while Farinacci and **Derek Mullahy** (Scituate, Mass.) spent time together at Dexter School in Brookline, Massachusetts.

Several skaters have also crossed paths at Shattuck-St. Mary's in Minnesota, including Farinacci, Mastro Simone, Mullahy, Silianoff and **Jackson LaCombe** (Chaska, Minn.).

LaCombe also spent time with goaltender **Dustin Wolf** (Tustin, Calif.) with the Los Angeles Jr. Kings.

### GETTING SILLY

Through one game, Silianoff paces all U.S. skaters and leads the tournament with four points (1G, 3A). The left winger led Shattuck St. Mary's Midget Prep team with 67 points (35G, 32A) last season. A University of Notre Dame commit, he plans to skate full-time with the USHL's Cedar Rapids RoughRiders next season.

### BACK IN NORTH AMERICA

The Hlinka Tournament hasn't been played on North American soil since 1996, when it was known as the Pacific Cup and hosted in Nelson and Castlgar, British Columbia, Canada. The U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team skated to a second-place finish at the event, paced by 10 points (4G, 6A) from **Erik Westrum** (Apple Valley, Minn.), who would go on to star at the University of Minnesota before playing in the NHL with the Phoenix Coyotes, Minnesota Wild and Toronto Maple Leafs. Westrum also helped the U.S. Men's National Team claim a bronze medal at the 2004 IIHF Men's World Championship, scoring the game-winning goal in a shootout against Slovakia.

Among the other members of the 1996 U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team was **Brian Gionta**, who served as captain of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, as well as future NHLers **Scott Gomez**, **John Pohl**, **Paul Mara** and **Mike Pandolfo**.

U.S. Olympian **Mark Kumpel** (Wakefield, Mass.) served on the 1996 team's coaching staff and he's serving as team leader for the 2018 U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team.

## THINGS TO KNOW

The U.S. will play in a fiercely competitive Pool B this week with Czechia, Russia and Finland.

Team USA competed in its first Hlinka Gretzky Cup pool game on Monday, a 6-0 victory over Czechia in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. Wolf recorded a 23-save shutout and added an assist while **Robert Mastro Simone** (East Islip, N.Y.) scored two goals, including the game-winner.

Over the years, a number of players who skated with Team USA at the Hlinka Tournament went on to establish prominent NHL and international careers. Among them are Stanley Cup champions Dustin Brown, John Carlson and Alec Martinez. For an expanded list, see page 2.

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE City	EVENT Venue	TIME (LOCAL)/RESULT (Eastern)
<b>SAT., AUGUST 4</b> Sylvan Lake	<b>SLOVAKIA (exh.)</b> Sylvan Lake NexSource Centre	<b>W, 10-4</b>
<b>MON., AUGUST 6</b> Red Deer	<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b> Servus Arena	<b>W, 6-0</b>
<b>TUES., AUGUST 7</b> Red Deer	<b>FINLAND</b> Servus Arena	<b>7:00 P.M.</b> <b>9:00 P.M.</b>
<b>WED., AUGUST 8</b> Red Deer	<b>RUSSIA</b> Servus Arena	<b>7:00 P.M.</b> <b>9:00 P.M.</b>
<b>FRI., AUGUST 10</b> Edmonton	<b>SEMIFINALS</b> Rogers Place	<b>TBD</b>
<b>SAT., AUGUST 11</b> Edmonton	<b>THIRD PLACE GAME</b> Rogers Place	<b>1:30 P.M.</b> <b>3:30 P.M.</b>
<b>SAT., AUGUST 11</b> Edmonton	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP GAME</b> Rogers Place	<b>6:00 P.M.</b> <b>8:00 P.M.</b>

All U.S. preliminary games will be streamed live on HockeyTV

## ALL-TIME FINISHES

Since the tournament was renamed the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament in 2006, the U.S. has claimed five top-three finishes, three of which have come in the last five years.

## TEAM USA TOP-THREE FINISHES SINCE 2006

YEAR	FINISH	RECORD
2017	Fifth	1-1-0-2
2016	<b>Second</b>	2-2-0-1
2015	Fifth	2-0-0-2
2014	<b>Third</b>	3-0-0-2
2013	<b>Second</b>	3-0-1-1
2012	Seventh	1-0-1-2
2011	Fifth	1-2-0-1
2010	<b>Second</b>	2-1-1-1
2009	Fourth	2-0-0-2
2008	Seventh	1-0-0-3
2007	Fifth	1-1-0-2
2006	<b>Second</b>	2-1-0-0

## MEDIA INFORMATION

Team USA players and head coach Cory Laylin will be available for interviews in designated mixed-zone areas following games. Media availability on day-of-game skates will be limited. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room.

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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Chris Krenn, who is on-site with the U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team here in Alberta.

### ONLINE GUIDE

**TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/2018HLINKA**

Team USA information, including player and staff bios, team schedule, news and team history is available online.



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## BY THE NUMBERS

Average Height	6ft. 0in.
Tallest	Webber (6-5/196 cm)
Shortest	Robertson (5-9/175 cm)
Average Weight	179.1 lbs
Heaviest	Paquette (200 lbs)
Lightest	Wolf (150 lbs)
Shoot/Catch	Left: 14 Right: 8

## HOME STATES (11)

Michigan	5
Minnesota	5
California	2
Massachusetts	2
Pennsylvania	2
Florida	1
Illinois	1
Iowa	1
New Jersey	1
New York	1
Ohio	1

## COLLEGE COMMITMENTS (17)

University of Minnesota	3
University of North Dakota	3
Boston University	2
Harvard University	2
Michigan State University	2
Colorado College	1
Northeastern University	1
Penn State University	1
University of Michigan	1
University of Notre Dame	1
Uncommitted	1

## TEAM USA TIDBITS

### USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

Each August, USA Hockey invites approximately 40 players to the World Junior Summer Showcase, which took place in 2018 in Kamloops, British Columbia, from July 28 - Aug. 4. The Summer Showcase serves as part of the process to select the U.S. National Junior Team that will compete at the International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship, which takes place each December.

The 2018 USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game, which features the top 40 American-born prospects eligible for the 2019 NHL Draft, will be hosted by the Minnesota Wild and Xcel Energy Center on Wednesday, September 19. The seventh annual contest, which will be staged in Minnesota for the very first time, is set for a 7 p.m. CT faceoff.

The 2018 USA Hockey Women's National Festival, which takes place Aug. 6-13, is a training session that will also be used to select two 22-player rosters for a pair of series against Canada that will be held simultaneously from Aug. 14-19 in Calgary, Alberta. The U.S. entries will feature an Under-18 Select Team and Under-22 Select Team.

### USA HOCKEY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

The 2018 U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team was chosen from players skating at USA Hockey's 2018 Boys Select 17 Player Development Camp in Amherst, New York. The USA Hockey National Player Development Camps for 15-year olds, 16-year olds, and 17-year olds provide the nation's top young players with age-appropriate on- and off-ice training and coaching from elite-level instructors, as well as the opportunity to compete against their peers from throughout the country.

Players earn invitations to the national camps through their performance at a series of state- and district-level camps held each season. The camps are designed so players return home afterward with the tool to further develop their skills over the course of the coming season and beyond. Since their launch in 1977, USA Hockey's National Player Development Camps have been a springboard for countless future Olympians and professional players.

## NOTABLE U.S. ALUMNI

PLAYER	YEAR PLAYED
Cam Atkinson	2006
Brock Boeser	2014
Dustin Brown	2001
Brandon Carlo	2013
John Carlson	2007
Charlie Coyle	2009
Brian Dumoulin	2008
Alex Galchenyuk	2011
Jake Gardiner	2007
Johnny Gaudreau	2010
Kevin Hayes	2009
Vinnie Hinostroza	2011
Alec Martinez	2004
Ryan McDonagh	2006
Matt Niskanen	2003
Kyle Okposo	2005
Max Pacioretty	2005
Zach Parise	2000
Brett Pesce	2011
Jacob Slavin	2011
Vincent Trocheck	2010
Keith Yandle	2003

## 2018 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S SELECT TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

NO	NAME	POS.	SVK W, 10-4 08/04	CZE W, 6-0 08/06	FIN TBD 08/07	RUS TBD 08/08	TBD TBD 05/10	TBD TBD 05/11	2018 HGC TOTAL
2	Dylan Davies	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
3	Mike Koster	D	G	A*	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
4	Mitchell Miller	D	A	A	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
5	Luke Reid	D	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
6	Michael Feenstra	D	G	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
7	Jackson LaCombe	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
8	Sam Colangelo	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
9	John Farinacci	F	GAA	A	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
10	Josh Groll	F	GGA	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
11	Arthur Kaliyev	F	GA	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
12	Aaron Huglen	F	--	G	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
14	Jackson Jutting	F	A	S	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
15	Tyler Paquette	F	G	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
16	Michael Mancinelli	F	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
17	Robert Mastro Simone	F	--	W/PG	--	--	--	--	2-0 (2)
18	Josh Nodler	F	AA	AA	--	--	--	--	0-2 (2)
19	Nicholas Robertson	F	GGAA	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
20	Grant Silianoff	F	GA	A*AAG	--	--	--	--	1-3 (4)
21	Cade Webber	D	--	A	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
22	Luke Toporowski	F	--	S	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
1	Derek Mullahy	G	29:00 9/11	DNP	--	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA
30	Dustin Wolf	G	W, 31:00 16/18	W, 60:00 A 23/23	--	--	--	--	1-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA

### Key:

G - goal	P* - penalty shot	A* - assist on GWG
A - assist	U - unassisted goal	P - powerplay goal
W - game-winning goal	^ - Exhibition Game	S - shorthanded goal
W* - shootout game-winning goal		DNP - Did Not Play

\*Exhibition game statistics do not count towards Hlinka Gretzky Cup totals

## TEAM USA STAT LEADERS

### SKATERS

GOALS	Mastro Simone (2)
ASSISTS	Silianoff (3)
POINTS	Silianoff (4)

### GOALTENDERS

GAA	Wolf (0.00)
SV%	Wolf (1,000%)
WINS	Wolf (1)

