

2021 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP | EDMONTON, ALBERTA | DEC. 25, 2020 - JAN. 5, 2021

GOLD MEDAL GAME • USA (5-0-0-1) VS. CANADA (6-0-0-0) • EDMONTON, ALBERTA • ROGERS PLACE • JANUARY 5, 2021

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#### **U.S. IN GOLD MEDAL GAMES**

The U.S. has advanced to the gold medal game six times since 1996, when the current tournament format was introduced. The U.S. holds a 3-1 advantage over Canada in gold-medal games, including its most recent matchup in 2017 that ended in a shootout. Every U.S. gold-medal game has been decided by two goals or less, including two overtime/shootout wins over Canada. With tonight's game, the U.S. has now medaled in five of the last six years.

TOURNAMENT	OPPONENT	RESULT	U.S. POG
2019	Finland	L, 2-3	Sasha Chmelevski
2017	Canada	OTW, 5-4	Charlie McAvoy
2013	Sweden	W, 3-1	Rocco Grimaldi
2010	Canada	OTW, 6-5	Derek Stepan
2004	Canada	W, 4-3	n/a
1997	Canada	L, 0-2	n/a

## -TALKING POINTS

#### **U.S. VERSUS CANADA**

The U.S. holds the advantage over Canada since 2016, with a 2-2-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, including the 2017 tournament in which the American squad defeated Canada in a gold-medal shootout. Troy Terry played hero for the U.S. squad scoring the shootout-winner for the second consecutive night, while Tyler Parsons stood tall in the American net.

TOURNAMENT	GAME	DATE	RESULT
2020	Preliminary	12/26/19	L, 4-6
2018	Preliminary	12/29/17	OTW, 4-3
2017	Gold-medal	1/5/17	OTW, 5-4
2017	Preliminary	12/31/16	W, 3-1
2016	Preliminary	12/26/15	W, 4-2

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## USA VS CANADA - TALE OF THE TAPE

USA	CANADA
5-0-0-1	6-0-0-0
34 (2nd)	41 (1st)
10 (2nd)	4 (1st)
42.86% (1st)	33.33 <sup>°</sup> % (3rd)
76.92% (3rd)	76.47 (4th)
237 (1st) (	219 (3rd)
137 (3rd)	124 (1st)
Zegras (6-10-16)	Cozens (8-8-16)
Boldy (5-2-7)	McMichael (4-4-8)
Farinacci (5-2-7)	Krebs (3-5-8)
Kaliyev (3-4-7)	Pelletier (3-4-7)
Turcotte (2-5-7)	Byfield (2-5-7)
Knight `	Levi `
(4-1, 1.98, .922)	(6-0, 0.53, .975)
	5-0-0-1 34 (2nd) 10 (2nd) 42.86% (1st) 76.92% (3rd) 237 (1st) 137 (3rd) Zegras (6-10—16) Boldy (5-2—7) Farinacci (5-2—7) Kaliyev (3-4—7) Turcotte (2-5—7) Knight

## **TEAM USA RANKINGS**

1st - Shots on Goal (237) 1st - Power Play (42.86%) 1st - Power Play Goals (9) T-1st - Shutouts (3) 2nd - GAA (1.67)

2nd - GAA (1.67) 2nd - PIM (40:00)

2nd - Scoring Efficiency (14.35%)

3rd - Shots Allowed (137) 3rd - Penalty Kill (76.92%)

#### **BIRTHDAYS TODAY**

Three players have celebrated their birthdays while playing in the bubble:

Dec. 26 - Sam Colangelo (scored 1 goal on birthday) Jan. 2 - Cole Caufield (scored 1 goal on birthday)

Jan. 5 - Cam York (birthday is today)

Equipment manager **Nate LaPoint** is also celebrating his birthday today, alongside USA captain **Cam York**.

#### **CHASING HISTORY**

**Trevor Zegras** is chasing down multiple high marks in the U.S. record books, full U.S. records on page 11:

Assists (Career) - currently 2nd, 19 assists Points (Career) - currently T-2nd, 25 points

Points (Single Tournament) - currently T-2nd, 16 points Assists (Single Tournament) - currently T-2nd, 10 assists Goals (Single Tournament) - currently T-10, 6 goals

**Spencer Knight** is also chasing down multiple USA records, full U.S. records on page 11:

Shutouts (Single Tournament) - currently T-1st, 2 shutouts Shutouts (Career) - currently T-1st, 2 shutouts GAA (Single Tournament) - currently 1.98 GAA

#### **U.S. GAME SCHEDULE**

DAIE	OPPONENT	TIME (LUGAL/ET)
TUES., DEC. 22 Edmonton, Alberta	FINLAND* Rogers Place	W, 3-2
<b>FRI., DEC. 25</b> Edmonton, Alberta	<b>RUSSIA</b> Rogers Place	L, 3-5
SAT., DEC. 26 Edmonton, Alberta	<b>AUSTRIA</b> Rogers Place	W, 11-0
TUES., DEC. 29 Edmonton, Alberta	CZECH REPUBLIC Rogers Place	W, 7-0
<b>THUR., DEC. 31</b> Edmonton, Alberta	<b>SWEDEN</b> Rogers Place	W, 4-0
SAT., JAN. 2 Edmonton, Alberta	SLOVAKIA (QF) Rogers Place	W, 5-2
MON., JAN. 4 Edmonton, Alberta	FINLAND (SF) Rogers Place	W, 4-3
<b>TUES., JAN. 5</b> Edmonton, Alberta	GOLD-MEDAL GAME Rogers Place	7:30 PM/9:30 PM

\*Pre-tournament game

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

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## TEAM USA AT THE WORLD JUNIORS

Entering the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship, the United States holds a 142-10-6-118-11 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) all-time record in world junior championship play. Most recently, Team USA finished sixth at the 2020 IIHF World Junior Championship in Ostrava and Trinec, Czech Republic, after earning a silver in 2019 at Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia. To date, Team USA has earned 12 podium finishes, including four gold medals (2004, 2010, 2013, 2017), two silver medals (1997, 2019) and six bronze medals (1986, 1992, 2007, 2011, 2016, 2018). The United States has medaled in six of the last 10 years, including a four year streak from 2016-19 that set a new U.S. record. The United States celebrated a successful decade from 2010-2020, collecting seven medals in 10 years. The three gold medals (2010, 2013, 2017) were only matched by Finland. The United States has featured four tournament Most Valuable Players, Zach Parise (2004), John Gibson (2013), Casey Mittelstadt (2018) and Ryan Poehling (2019).

#### MEDIA INFORMATION

All U.S. National Junior Team players, as well as head coach Nate Leaman, will be available for interviews in designated media Zooms following practices and games. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

## MEDIA CONTACT: 512.422.7752 AARON.WESTENDORF@USAHOCKEY.ORG

All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Aaron Westendorf, who is on-site with Team USA throughout the event.

## ONLINE MEDIA GUIDE TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/WORLDJUNIORS2021

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



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## **ADDITIONAL NOTES** -

#### **FACEOFFS**

Two American centers have a 50% or better faceoff percentage, with **John Farinacci** leading the U.S. team through six games (minimum 50 faceoffs taken):

59.74% - John Farinacci 53.64% - Alex Turcotte 47.83% - Matthew Beniers

#### **VIRTUAL FANS**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there will be no fans in attendance at this year's World Junior Championship. However, there will still be fans cheering on teams, albeit virtually, this year. Team USA has invited USA Hockey members, including friends and family, to join the gold-medal game fan section. Matthew Boldy's father, Todd, will be rooting on Team USA. Matthew's sister, Mara, will also be joining the fan section. Bobby Brink's cousin, Robert Astrup, is joining from Minnesota. John Farinacci's brother, Anthony Farinacci Jr., is hoping for a big win against Canada. Matthew Beniers' grandmother, Catherine, is watching her grandson play in his first gold-medal game. Athur Kaliyev's old teammate in New York, Lleyton Soares, is watching from New Jersey. Josephine Charette plays girls hockey and wants Team USA to bring home a big win. Paul Mastrony is an Air Force veteran and has watched Team USA every year at World Juniors since it first aired on NHL Network. Daniel Mostek plays for HoneyBaked in Michigan, and is a youth goaltender.

#### **OUTSHOOTING OPPONENTS**

Prior to last night's semifinal game, the U.S. has outshot every opponent in tournament play. The U.S. has outshot opponents in 13 of 18 periods through six games.

#### **WINNING GROUP PLAY**

Since the group play format began in the World Junior Championship in 1996, the United States has won its group on five occasions. Those results are listed below:

RESULT
Gold
Bronze
Fourth
Gold
Silver

#### **YOUTH CONNECTION**

Some players on the U.S. National Junior Team have notable youth hockey connections dating back more than 10 years. Linemates **Trevor Zegras** and **Arthur Kaliyev** played together in New York at about 10-years old, often facing **Spencer Knight** in games. **Brendan Brisson** and **Dustin Wolf** were teammates on the LA Jr. Kings, and would face the Anaheim Ducks frequently that featured **Ryan Johnson** and **Cam York**. Forward **Bobby Brink** and defenseman **Drew Helleson** grew up playing hockey together in Minnesota.

#### **RETURN TO EDMONTON**

Five players on the U.S. National Junior Team competed in the Hlinka Gretzky Cup in 2018, hosted inside Rogers Place in Edmonton and Red Deer, Alberta. The team's captain, **John Farinacci**, has scored in three of four preliminary games heading into tonight. Farinacci also leads the U.S. with a 63.27% faceoff win percentage. The U.S. Hlinka team went on to finish 4th in the tournament after a semifinal loss to Canada.

#### **IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD**

The U.S. set a new IIHF World Junior Championship record for longest team shutout streak at 218:53, which was snapped by Slovakia in quarterfinals. Goaltenders Spencer Knight and Dustin Wolf combined for the effort, stopping 68 consecutive shots over the course of five games.

#### WHERE HAVE THEY BEEN TRAINING?

Not all leagues have been able to begin their seasons, meaning some of Team USA's players have not played a game since last season. Below is a list of those players and where they've been training.

Sam Colangelo: has been training with Northeastern University
Arthur Kaliyev: trained with Los Angeles Kings
Alex Turgette: trained at USA Healey Arene with Cole Coufield

**Alex Turcotte:** trained at USA Hockey Arena with **Cole Caufield** and **Cam York**, in addition to training with Los Angeles Kings, and briefly trained in Germany with Eisbären Berlin

**Dustin Wolf:** trained in Stockton, Calif. with Flames organization, and traveled to Michigan early to train at USA Hockey Arena **Trevor Zegras:** trained with the Anaheim Ducks

# GONE CAMPING OCTOBER CAMP

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, USA Hockey was unable to host its annual World Junior Summer Showcase, that would normally play host to games between the United States, Canada, Finland and Sweden. The United States did hold a National Junior Evaluation Camp in Plymouth, Mich. at USA Hockey Arena from Oct. 8-13 that included 42 players. The camp, featuring three days of intrasquad competition, allowed general manager **John Vanbiesbrouck** and his staff to review the talent pool of American players born in 2001 or later.

#### **DECEMBER CAMP**

USA Hockey invited 29 players back to Plymouth, Mich., on Dec. 6, for a week-long camp in preparation for the World Junior Championship.

#### **TEAM USA ON ZOOM**

During the four-day isolation quarantine, Team USA spent time on Zoom with notable U.S. National Junior Team alumni Patrick Kane (2007), Charlie McAvoy (2016, 2017) and Dylan Larkin (2015). Kane, who won a bronze medal in 2007, was named to the World Juniors All-Star Team. McAvoy, who won a gold and bronze medal, was named to the 2017 World Juniors All-Star Team. Larkin was tied for the tournament's lead in goals scored in 2015 with five goals in five games. Tampa Bay Lightning assistant coach Derek LaLonde also spoke to Team USA early in the isolation quarantine period, with emphasis on best tips for staying sharp in the bubble and how Tampa Bay overcame adversity to win the Stanley Cup.

#### **FAMILY TRADITION**

Three Team USA players have fathers who previously played on U.S. National Junior Teams:

Bobby Brink - Andy Brink (1994) Ryan Johnson - Craig Johnson (1991) Alex Turcotte - Alfie Turcotte (1984)

Craig Johnson played in four IIHF Men's World Championships (1993, 1996, 1999 and 2003), and served as an alternate captain in 2003. Johnson won a bronze medal in 1996, and also played on the Team USA Winter Olympic Team in 1994. Alfie Turcotte played in the 1986 IIHF Men's World Championship for USA Hockey.

#### **SURFING USA**

California natives Brendan Brisson, Ryan Johnson, Dustin Wolf and Cam York have been featured as a shining examples of the growth of hockey in the United States. Both Jackson LaCombe and Drew Helleson spent time playing youth hockey in California growing up. Despite the long list of youth players from California, and the even longer list of California prospects drafted by the Anaheim Ducks and Los Angeles Kings, there are only two players that regularly surf on the west coast: Brisson and York. It's still unclear who the better surfer is between the two.



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## **ADDITIONAL NOTES** -

#### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The 2017 gold medal-winning team has many notable alumni that have made their NHL debuts:

Anaheim Ducks - Troy Terry Arizona Coyotes - Clayton Keller Boston Bruins - Troy Terry Dallas Stars - Jake Oettinger\* Edmonton Oilers - Caleb Jones Ottawa Senators - Colin White Minnesota Wild - Jordan Greenway Minnesota Wild - Luke Kunin (currently NSH)

New Jersey Devils - Joey Anderson (currently TOR)

New York Islanders - Kieffer Bellows New York Rangers - Adam Fox New York Rangers - Ryan Lindgren

St. Louis Blues - Tage Thompson (currently BUF)

Winnipeg Jets - Jack Roslovic

\*has not played in a regular season NHL game, made debut in Stanley Cup Playoffs

#### **MEET THE CAPTAINS**

(C) CAM YORK: One of eight returners from last year's National Junior Team, York is currently a sophomore at the University of Michigan (Big Ten). This is York's first time serving as a captain for Team USA, after playing in both the 2018 and 2019 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championships, where he earned a silver and bronze medal. In the 2019 tournament, York set tournament records for all-time tournament points by a defenseman (17) and all-time tournament assists by a defenseman (13). York is the lone returner from the 2020 IIHF World Junior Championship on the blue line for the Americans. The defenseman was teammates with Caufield and Turcotte from 2017-19 at the U.S. National Team Development Program. A native of Anaheim, Calif., York was drafted by the Philadelphia Flyers in the first round, 14th overall.

(A) COLE CAUFIELD: Caufield is competing in his fourth IIHF event, after previously collecting a silver and bronze medal at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship in 2018 and 2019. Additionally, the forward played for Team USA in the 2020 World Juniors. Caufield led the 2019 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship with 14 goals scored, tying Alex Ovechkin's individual tournament record, where he served as an alternate captain in 2019. The Stevens Points, Wis. native is currently playing in his second season for the University of Wisconsin (Big Ten), after being selected by the Montreal Canadiens in the first round of the 2019 NHL Draft, 15th overall.

(A) ALEX TURCOTTE: Turcotte is playing in his second IIHF World Junior Championship, after competing internationally in two IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championships, including in 2019 where he served as an alternate captain. The Chicago, III. forward most recently played at the University of Wisconsin (Big Ten) during the 2019-20 season prior to signing his entry-level contract with the Los Angeles Kings. Turcotte was selected by the Kings in the first round, fifth overall.

#### **QUARANTINE QUICK SHIFTS**

Forward Matthew Beniers hosted a three-part Zoom series during the four-day isolation period. 2019-20 U.S. National Team Development Program teammates Landon Slaggert and Brock Faber were asked rapid fire questions in Episode 1, Trevor Zegras and Patrick Moynihan hopped on for Episode 2, and Episode 3 was co-hosted by Zegras with guests Matthew Boldy and Cole Caufield. All three episodes are available on USA Hockey's YouTube channel. Beniers' mother, Christine, performed on Broadway and encouraged Matthew to get involved in music as well as plays. Beniers' teammates voted him "Most Likely to Host a TV Show" which helped him land the role as host for Quarantine Quick Shifts.

#### **DOWN THE ROAD**

Jake Sanderson's grandparents live in Edmonton, Alberta. This year's World Juniors was going to be the first time in over two years seeing their grandson play in-person. Instead, they'll be cheering on Jake and Team USA from the comfort of their home this year.

#### **RECORD SETTERS**

The U.S. National Junior Team features three record-setting NTDP players: a forward, defenseman and goaltender. Cole Caufield set the NTDP goal-scoring records for single season (72) in 2018-19 and career goals scored (126), 2017-19. Previous record holders were Auston Matthews (55) and Phil Kessel (104). Caufield is third all-time at the NTDP with 180 career points. At the 2019 Under-18 Men's World Championship, Caufield tied Alex Ovechkin's tournament record for most goals in single tournament (14). Cam York owns the NTDP record for points by a defenseman in a single season (65 in 2018-19) and is second all-time at the NTDP in career points by a defensemen (103), 2017-19. Additionally, York set all-time marks at the Under-18 Men's World Championship including career points by a defenseman (17) and career assists by a defenseman (13). Spencer Knight set the NTDP record for most wins in a career by a goaltender (59) from 2017-19, and was T-1st for most wins in a single season (32) after his 2018-19 campaign.

#### **GOALIE VIRTUAL SUITE WITH USA HOCKEY**

USA Hockey hosted a pre-game virtual suite prior to the New Year's Eve matchup against Sweden with notable American goaltenders: Ben Bishop, Brian Boucher, Steve Cash, Alex Cavallini, Jim Craig, Lefty Curran, Thatcher Demko, Pam Dreyer, Robert Esche, Jimmy Howard, Steve Janaszak, Jack McCartan, Ryan Miller, Jake Oettinger, Cayden Primeau, Mike Richter, Maddie Rooney, Cory Schneider and Joe Woll. The discussion was led by ADM goaltending manager Steve Thompson and long-time volunteer Ron DeGregorio, who still laces them up as a goaltender today after more than 40 years of service at USA Hockey. USA Hockey staff members Jim Smith, Pat Kelleher, Tami Tranter and Katie Million were also in attendance.

#### **SEEING STARS**

The now infamous star-studded shirts were a Christmas gift from head coach Nate Neaman to all of the team staff and players. Players can be seen wearing the shirts under their Nike 80's inspired puffy jackets while walking into Rogers Place. Leaman also treated coaches prior to the tournament to matching red and blue shirts. If there is any puzzlement from fashion police or fans, USA Hockey can confirm that the shirts are loved by players and staff.

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## **U.S. GAME SUMMARIES** -

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#### PRE-TOURNAMENT GAME $1 \cdot USA VS$ . FINLAND

December 22, 2020 - Rogers Place - Edmonton, Canada (Attendance: 0)

United States 0 Finland

FIN - Pärssinen (Niemelä, Fagemo), PPG, 1:26 1st: USA - Kaliyev (Boldy, Zegras), PPG, 19:54 2nd: USA - Caufield (Zegras, LaCombe), 1:04

USA - Caufield (Sanderson), 1:39 FIN - Niemelä (Pärssinen, Lambert), PPG, 8:23

3rd: No Scoring

Penalties: USA 4-16, FIN 6-12 Power Play: USA 1-5, FIN 2-2

USA - Knight (7/9); 30:15 Shots: USA 45-16 Saves:

USA - Wolf (7/7); 29:45 FIN - Piiroinen (26/29); 40:00 FIN - Taponen (16/16); 20:00

Notes: Cole Caufield tallied two goals on the same shift, less than two minutes into the second period to put the U.S. ahead, 3-1. Spencer Knight and Dustin Wolf combined time in net for Team USA's one and only pre-tournament matchup. Zegras was credited with two assists. USA outshot Finland 45-16, and scored twice at even strength. Caufield was named Player of the Game for the United States.

#### PRELIMINARY GAME 1 · USA VS. RUSSIA

December 25, 2020 - Rogers Place - Edmonton, Canada (Attendance: 0)

United States 0 2 Russia

1st: RUS - Ponomaryov (Knyazev, Kirsanov), 8:07

USA - York (Caufield, Boldy), 14:01 RUS - Bardakov (Groshev), 3:12 2nd:

RUS - Caufield (Sanderson), 11:08

RUS - Safonov, 12:15

3rd: USA - Farinacci (Helleson, Brink), 9:57 USA - Zegras (York), 17:42, PPG with EA

RUS - Chinakhov (Amirov, Khusnutdinov), 19:39, ENG

Penalties: USA 1-2, RUS 4-8 Power Play: USA 1-4, RUS 0-1

USA - Knight (8/12); 32:15 Shots: USA 26-24 Saves:

USA - Wolf (11/11); 26:35

RUS - Askarov (23/26), 60:00

Notes: Cam York scored to make the game 1-1 after the first period. However, Russia pushed in the second, taking a 4-1 lead into the third. Dustin Wolf came into the game 12 minutes into the middle frame, as the U.S. attack began to build momentum. Penalties: USA 2-4, CZE 7-24 John Farinacci put the Americans on the board before Trevor Zegras made the game 4-3 with his first career IIHF goal, assisted by York. In the games' final minute, the United States attempted to score a tying goal, but it was Russia who found the back of an empty net. Russia ended a five-game losing streak to the Americans.

## PRELIMINARY GAME 2 · USA VS. AUSTRIA

December 26, 2020 - Rogers Place - Edmonton, Canada (Attendance: 0)

United States 6 O Austria 0

USA - Helleson (Turcotte, Zegras), 15:31 1st: 2nd: USA - Zegras (Turcotte, Kaliyev), 4:35 USA - Farinacci (Johnson, Berrard), 5:03 USA - Brisson (Sanderson), 8:05, PPG USA - Zegras (Turcotte), 11:59 USA - Boldy (Beniers, Faber), 14:15 USA - Boldy (Kaliyev, York), 18:24, PPG

USA - Berard (Farinacci), 2:25 3rd:

USA - Brisson (Kleven, Moynihan), 3:07 USA - Boldy (Zegras, Moynihan), 5:52 USA - Colangelo (Faber, Berard), 9:45

Penalties: USA 2-4, AUT 3-29 Power Play: USA 2-3, AUT 0-2

USA - Wolf (10/10), 60:00 Saves: Shots: USA 73-10

> AUT - Wraneschitz (58/68), 49:12 AUT - Brandner (4/5), 10:48

Notes: 16 different players picked up a point, with seven different goal scorers in the 11-0 victory. Matthew Boldy scored a hat trick, while Trevor Zegras led all players with four points. Dustin Wolf recorded the shutout, stopping all 10 Austrian shots. The U.S. outshot Austria 73-10. Sam Colangelo scored a goal, his first career IIHF goal with Team USA, on his birthday. Alex Turcotte dished out three assists, Brett Berard picked up three points including a goal, Brendan Brisson scored two goals, and Brock Faber, Arthur Kaliyev and Patrick Moynihan all picked up two assists. John Farinacci also picked up two points including his second goal of the tournament.

#### PRELIMINARY GAME 3 · USA VS. CZECH REPUBLIC

December 29, 2020 - Rogers Place - Edmonton, Canada (Attendance: 0)

**United States** O 3 Czech Republic Λ n n

1st: No Scoring

USA - Brink (Berard), 5:33 2nd:

USA - Zegras (Thrun), 13:30

USA - Brink (Beniers, Johnson), 15:56

3rd: USA - Zegras (Faber, York), 6:03 USA - Kaliyev (York, Zegras), 8:18, PPG

USA - Caufield (Zegras, York), 10:22, PPG

USA - Boldy (Zegras, Caufield), 11:22, PPG

Power Play: USA 3-5, CZE 0-2

USA - Knight (22/22), 60:00 Shots: USA 32-22 Saves:

> CZE - Parik (23/30), 51:22 CZE - Malik (2/2), 8:38

Notes: Bobby Brink started an offensive surge for Team USA, as Trevor Zegras went on to score two goals and three assists to lead the American offensive attack. Spencer Knight stopped all 22 shots he faced, giving the United States back-toback shutouts in preliminary play. Brink's two goals, both in the second period, were scored in the front of the net helping the U.S. take a 3-0 lead. Cam York tallied three assists, as Team USA outshot the Czech Republic 33-22. With the three assists, Zegras is now T-2nd in all-time career assists in USA World Juniors history.



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## PRELIMINARY GAME 4 · USA VS. SWEDEN

December 31, 2020 - Rogers Place - Edmonton, Canada (Attendance: 0)

United States 2 0 0 Sweden 0

USA - Helleson (Farinacci, Brink), 1:09 1st:

USA - Zegras (Faber), 3:58

2nd: USA - Johnson (Zegras, Turcotte), 2:00 USA - Turcotte (Kaliyev, Zegras), 3:55

3rd: No Scorina

Penalties: USA 1-2, SWE 2-4 Power Play: USA 0-2, SWE 0-1

USA - Knight (27/27), 60:00 **Shots: USA 33-27** Saves:

SWE - Alnefelt (16/20), 23:55 SWE - Wallstedt (17/17), 36:05

Notes: Behind a 27-save performance from Spencer Knight and a goal and two assists from Trevor Zegras, the U.S. earned a 4-0 victory over Sweden in its final preliminary round game of the 2021 World Junior Championship, earning the first-place seed in Group B. It was the third straight shutout for Team USA. Drew Helleson and Zegras scored guickly in the first period to give the U.S. a 2-0 advantage. Zegras added two more assists to complete a three-point night. Through the preliminary round, Zegras leads the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship with 13 points (6-7-13). Knight became the first U.S. goaltender ever to record back-to-back shutouts in the World Junior Championship.

## SEMIFINAL GAME • USA VS. FINLAND

January 4, 2021 - Rogers Place - Edmonton, Canada (Attendance: 0)

United States 2 0 2 3 Finland

USA - Turcotte (Kaliyev, Faber), 12:39 1st:

FIN - Simontaival (Puutio, Heinola), 14:06, PPG

2nd: USA - Farinacci (LaCombe), 15:53

USA - Boldy (Zegras, Caufield), 17:00, PPG FIN - Simontaival (Puutio, Helenius), 11:38 3rd: FIN - Hirvonen (Lundell, Heinola), 16:17, PPG

USA - Kaliyev (Turcotte, Sanderson), 18:44

Penalties: USA 5-10, SVK 1-4 Power Play: USA 1-2, FIN 2-5

Saves: USA - Knight (33/36), 60:00 **Shots:** FIN 36-26 FIN - Piiroinen (22/26), 59:04

Notes: Arthur Kalivey scored the game-winner with 1:16 left in regulation to lift the U.S. National Junior Team to a hard fought 4-3 victory over Finland. Team USA got on the board first at 12:39 when Alex Turcotte dug the puck out from between his skates at the side of the net and beat Kari Piiroinen after Kaliyev's shot from the slot deflected off him. John Farinacci beat Finland on a breakaway on the blocker side at 15:53 to give the U.S. the lead. The play started off a an up-ice pass by Jackson LaCombe from just inside the U.S. defensive blueline. Kaliyev, with the gamewinning goal and an assist, was named the U.S. Player of the Game. Spencer Knight stopped 33 of 36 shots, and was crucial on the U.S. penalty kill efforts.

#### **QUARTERFINAL GAME · USA VS. SLOVAKIA**

January 2, 2021 - Rogers Place - Edmonton, Canada (Attendance: 0)

United States 2 2 Slovakia 0

1st: USA - Kaliyev (Boldy, Zegras), 10:44, PPG USA - Farinacci (Johnson, Berard), 11:55 2nd: USA - Caufield (Zegras), 16:53, PPG (5x3) SVK - Kaslik (Nemec, Kolenic), 18:32

SVK - Sojka (Knazko), 9:50, PPG USA - Farinacci (Brink), 15:46 USA - Beniers (Brink), 18:36, ENG

Penalties: USA 4-18, SVK 5-10 Power Play: USA 2-4, SVK 1-3

Saves: USA - Knight (16/18), 60:00 Shots: USA 43-18

SVK - Latkoczy (38/42), 59:53

Notes: The U.S. National Junior Team, behind two goals from John Farinacci earned a 5-2 victory over Slovakia in quarterfinal play of the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship. Trevor Zegras collected two assists to maintain his tournament-best ranking in points and assists. Spencer Knight stopped 16 of 18 shots for his third consecutive win. The Slovakia goal scored late in the second period snapped a U.S. team shutout streak of 218:53, which set a new IIHF World Junior Championship record. Dustin Wolf and Knight combined in net for the streak, spanning five games.



3rd:

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#### 2021 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM PRELIMINARY ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	CURRENT TEAM (LEAGUE)	NHL RIGHTS (NHL DRAFT)
GOA	LTENDERS (3)							
30	Spencer Knight*	6-3 (191)	194 (88)	04/19/2001	L	Darien, Conn.	Boston College (HEA)	FLA ('19, 1st rd., 13th overall)
29	Logan Stein	6-2 (185)	210 (95)	04/26/2001	L	Suwanee, Ga.	Ferris State University (WCHA)	2021 NHL Draft Eligible
32	Dustin Wolf*	6-0 (183)	161 (73)	04/16/2001	L	Gilroy, Calif.	Everett Silvertips (WHL)	CGY ('19, 7th rd., 214th overall)
DEF	ENSEMEN (9)							
11	Brock Faber	6-0 (182)	193 (88)	08/22/2002	R	Maple Grove, Minn.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	LAK ('20, 2nd rd., 45th overall)
2	Drew Helleson	6-2 (187)	191 (87)	03/26/2001	R	Farmington, Minn.	Boston College (HEA)	COL ('19, 2nd rd., 47th overall)
23	Ryan Johnson	6-1 (184)	175 (79)	07/24/2001	L	Irvine, Calif.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	BUF ('19, 1st rd., 31st overall)
7	Tyler Kleven	6-4 (193)	201 (91)	01/10/2002	L	Fargo, N.D.	University of North Dakota (NCHC)	OTT ('20, 2nd rd., 44th overall)
5	Jackson LaCombe	6-2 (187)	190 (86)	01/09/2001	L	Eden Prairie, Minn.	University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	ANA ('19 2nd rd., 39th overall)
8	Jake Sanderson	6-2 (187)	186 (84)	07/08/2002	L	Whitefish, Mont.	University of North Dakota (NCHC)	OTT ('20, 1st rd., 5th overall)
17	Hunter Skinner	6-2 (187)	187 (84)	04/29/2001	R	Pinckney, Mich.	London Knights (OHL)	NYR ('19, 4th rd., 112th overall)
3	Henry Thrun	6-2 (187)	195 (88)	03/12/2001	Ļ	Southborough, Mass.	Dubuque Fighting Saints (USHL)+	ANA ('19, 4th rd., 101st overall)
4	Cam York*	5-11 (180)	174 (79)	01/05/2001	L	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	PHI ('19, 1st rd., 14th overall)
FOR	WARDS (13)							
10	Matthew Beniers	6-1 (184)	168 (76)	11/05/2002	L	Hingham, Mass.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	2021 NHL Draft Eligible
21	Brett Berard	5-9 (175)	152 (69)	09/09/2002	L	East Greenwich, R.I.	Providence College (HEA)	NYR ('20 5th rd., 134th overall)
12	Matthew Boldy	6-2 (187)	194 (88)	04/05/2001	L	Millis, Mass.	Boston College (HEA)	MIN ('19, 1st rd., 12th overall)
24	Bobby Brink*	5-8 (173)	165 (75)	07/08/2001	R	Minnetonka, Minn.	University of Denver (NCHC)	PHI ('19, 2nd rd., 34th overall)
18	Brendan Brisson	5-11 (180)	٠,	10/22/2001	L	Manhattan Beach, Calif.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	VGK ('20 1st rd., 29th overall)
13	Cole Caufield*	5-8 (173)	170 (77)	01/02/2001	R	Stevens Point, Wis.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	MTL ('19, 1st rd., 15th overall)
22	Sam Colangelo	6-2 (187)	205 (93)	12/26/2001	R	Stoneham, Mass.	Northeastern University (HEA)	ANA ('20, 2nd rd., 36th overall)
25	John Farinacci	6-0 (182)	185 (84)	02/14/2001	R	Red Bank, N.J.	Muskegon Lumberjacks (USHL)+	ARI ('19, 3rd rd., 76th overall)
28	Arthur Kaliyev*	6-2 (187)	190 (86)	06/26/2001	L	Staten Island, N.Y.	Hamilton Bulldogs (OHL)	LAK ('19, 2nd rd., 33rd overall)
19	Patrick Moynihan	5-11 (180)	٠,	01/23/2001	R	Millis, Mass.	Providence College (HEA)	NJD ('19, 6th rd., 158th overall)
26	Landon Slaggert	6-0 (182)	182 (83)	06/25/2002	L	South Bend, Ind.	University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)	CHI ('20, 3rd rd., 79th overall)
15	Alex Turcotte*	5-11 (180)		02/26/2001	L	Chicago, III.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten) 2019-20^	LAK ('19, 1st rd., 5th overall)
9	Trevor Zegras*	6-0 (182)	174 (79)	03/20/2001	L	Bedford, N.Y.	Boston University (HEA) 2019-20^	ANA ('19, 1st rd., 9th overall)

<sup>\*2020</sup> U.S. National Junior Team member

## 2021 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET) NO NAME	POS.	FIN^ W, 3-2 12/22	RUS L, 3-5 12/25	<b>AUT</b> W, 11-0 12/26	<b>CZE</b> W, 7-0 12/29	<b>SWE</b> W, 4-0 12/31	<b>SVK (QF)</b> W, 5-2 1/2	FIN (SF) 9:30 PM 1/4	CAN (GMG) 9:30 PM 1/5	<b>2021</b> WJC TOTAL
2 Drew Helleson	D		Α	G*		G*				2-1 (3)
3 Henry Thrun	D				Α					0-1 (1)
4 Cam York	D		GA	Α	AAA					1-5 (6)
5 Jackson LaCombe	D	A		DND				Α		0-1 (1)
7 Tyler Kleven	D		DND	Α	DND		DND	DND		0-1 (1)
8 Jake Sanderson	D	A*		Α				A*		0-2 (2)
9 Trevor Zegras	F	AA	Р	AGGA	GGAAA	GAA	AA*	Α		6-10 (16)
10 Matthew Beniers	F			A	A		E			1-2 (3)
11 Brock Faber	D			AA	Α	Α		Α		0-5 (5)
12 Matthew Boldy	F	A	A	GPG	G		A	Р		5-2 (7)
13 Cole Caufield	F	GG*	Α		GA		P*	Α		2-3 (5)
15 Alex Turcotte	F			A*AA		AG		GA*		2-5 (7)
17 Hunter Skinner	D		DND	DND	DND	DND		DND		0-0 (0)
18 Brendan Brisson	F			PG						2-0 (2)
19 Patrick Moynihan	F			AA		DND	DND			0-2 (2)
21 Brett Berard	F			AGA	A*		A			1-4 (5)
22 Sam Colangelo	F			G						1-0 (1)
23 Ryan Johnson	D			A	A	G	A			1-3 (4)
24 Bobby Brink	F		Α		G*G	Α	AA			2-4 (6)
25 John Farinacci	F		G	GA		A*	GG	G		5-2 (7)
26 Landon Slaggert	F									0-0 (0)
28 Arthur Kaliyev	F	Р		AA	G	Α	Р	AG*		3-4 (7)
29 Logan Stein	G	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND		0-0 (W-L)
		/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	n/a GAA
30 Spencer Knight	G	W (34:58)	L (32:15)	DNP	W (60:00)	W (60:00)	W (60:00)	W (60:00)		4-1 (W-L)
		7/9	8/12	/	22/22	27/27	16/18	33/36	/	1.98 GAÁ
32 Dustin Wolf	G	(25:02)	(26:35)	W (60:00)	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		1-0 (W-L)
		7/7	11/11	10/10	/	/	/	/	/	0.00 GAA

Key: For complete statistics, visit: https://www.iihf.com/en/events/2021/wm20

G - goal A - assist U - unassisted goal

E - empty-net goal P - power play goal

S - shorthanded goal Pe - penalty shot goal G/P/S/Pe\* - game-winning goal A\* - assist on game-winning goal # - U.S. Player of the Game

W/L - goaltender win/loss DNP - did not play DND - did not dress ^ - exhibition game



<sup>^</sup> Signed NHL contract, has not played for professional team in 2020-21

<sup>+</sup> Due to cancellation of Harvard season, currently playing in USHL

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#### **ROSTER DETAILS**

<b>HOME STATES (14)</b>
Massachusetts
California
Minnesota
New York
Connecticut
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Michigan
Montana
North Dakota
New Jersey
Rhode Island
Wisconsin
<b>AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT TIES+</b>

NCAA	22
USHL	22
NTDP	15
BIOSTEEL ALL-AMERICAN GAME	20
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Includes players who have skated in multiple leagues

Average Height

#### BY THE NUMBERS 6ft ()in (183 cm)

Average Height	OIL OIL (100 CIT)
Tallest	Kleven (6 ft 4in/193 cm)
Shortest	Caufield (5ft 8in/173 cm)
Average Weight	183 lbs (83 kg)
Heaviest	Stein (210 lbs/95 kg
Lightest	Berard (152 lbs/69 kg)

19 yrs 4mo Average Age Caufield (19yrs 11mo) Oldest Youngest Beniers (18yrs 1mo) Left: 17 Right: 8

Shoot/Catch

Shoot/Catch	Leit: 17 Right: 8
2021 U.	S. STAFF
POSITION General Manager	NAME John Vanbiesbrouck Detroit, Mich.
Player Personnel	<b>Ryan Martin</b> Novi, Mich.
Head Coach	Nate Leaman East Greenwich, R.I.
Assistant Coach	<b>Ted Donato</b> Scituate, Mass.
Assistant Coach	<b>Kris Mayotte</b> Pittsburgh, Pa.
Assistant Coach	<b>Steve Miller</b> Sun Prairie, Wis.
Video Coach	Theresa Feaster Providence, R.I.
Hockey Operations	Marc Boxer Colorado Springs, Colo.
Team Physician	<b>Dr. Phil Johnson</b> Fargo, N.D.
Athletic Trainer	<b>Jason Hodges</b> Plymouth, Mich.
Athletic Trainer	<b>Stan Wong</b> Boca Raton, Fla.
Equipment Manager	Scott Aldrich Hancock, Mich.
Equipment Manager	<b>Nate LaPoint</b> Eau Claire, Wisc.
Media Officer	<b>Aaron Westendorf</b> Divide, Colo.
Digital Content	<b>Kyle Huson</b> Colorado Springs, Colo.

## **SEASON STATISTICS**

THROUGH DEC. 6

FORWARDS					DEFENSE				
NO NAME 9 Trevor Zegras	<b>GP</b>	<b>G</b> 0	<b>A</b> 0	PTS 0	NO NAME 2 Drew Helleson	GP 4	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b> 2	<b>PTS</b> 3
5 Horoi Zogius	Ü	Ü	Ü	O	Boston College (Hockey East)	7	•	_	O
<b>10 Matthew Beniers</b> University of Michigan (Big Ten)	8	3	3	6	3 Henry Thrun Dubuque Fighting Saints (USHL)	2	0	0	0
<b>12 Matthew Boldy</b> Boston College (Hockey East)	4	3	5	8	<b>4 Cam York</b> University of Michigan (Big Ten)	8	2	3	5
<b>13 Cole Caufield</b> University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	10	6	6	12	5 Jackson LaCombe University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	6	0	2	2
15 Alex Turcotte	0	0	0	0	7 Tyler Kleven University of North Dakota (NCHC)	3	1	0	1
<b>18 Brendan Brisson</b> University of Michigan (Big Ten)	8	2	5	7	8 Jake Sanderson University of North Dakota (NCHC)	3	1	2	3
<b>19 Patrick Moynihan</b> Providence College (Hockey East)	2	0	0	0	11 Brock Faber University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	6	1	0	1
<b>21 Brett Berard</b> Providence College (Hockey East)	2	0	0	0	17 Hunter Skinner	0	0	0	0
22 Sam Colangelo	0	0	0	0	<b>23 Ryan Johnson</b> University of Minnesota (Big Ten)	6	0	4	4
<b>24 Bobby Brink</b> University of Denver (NCHC)	3	0	3	3	GOALTENDERS				
<b>25 John Farinacci</b> Muskegon Lumberjacks (USHL)	6	4	4	8	NO NAME GP W-L-1				SV%
26 Landon Slaggert University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)	6	1	2	3	<b>29 Logan Stein</b> 0 0-0-Ferris State University (WCHA)		0.0		
28 Arthur Kaliyev	0	0	0	0	<b>30 Spencer Knight</b> 4 4-0-Boston College (Hockey East)	0-0	1.5	50	.955
					<b>32 Dustin Wolf</b> 0 0-0-Everett Silvertips (WHL)	-0-0	0.0	00	

#### **ABOUT THE STAFF**

#### **ABOUT VANBIESBROUCK**

John Vanbiesbrouck is serving as general manager of the 2021 U.S. National Junior Team, marking his third straight season serving in the capacity including the 2019 silver-medal U.S. squad. 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). 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.

#### **ABOUT LEAMAN**

Learnan has been a part of two previous U.S. National Junior Team coaching staffs, including as an assistant coach for the bronze medal-winning 2007 squad that competed in Leksand and Mora, Sweden. He also served as an assistant coach for the 2009 team that played in Ottawa, Ontario. Leaman made his USA Hockey coaching debut as an assistant coach in 2005 at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship, where the U.S. won gold in Ceske Budejorke and Plzen, Czech Republic. The 2020-21 campaign is Leaman's ninth as head coach at Providence College, where his Friars have advanced to the Frozen Four on two occasions in the last five years. During his tenure at Providence, Leaman has coached 26 NHL Draft picks in addition to six undrafted players currently under NHL contract. He has also coached three players selected to play for the U.S. National Junior Team: Jon Gillies (2014, 2013), Erik Foley (2017), and Parker Ford (2020). Gillies and Foley were both part of gold-medal winning teams. Prior to Providence, Leaman spent eight seasons (2003-11) at the helm of the Union College men's ice hockey team.

## **BEST OF THE BEST**

Assistant coaches Ted Donato, Kris Mayotte and Steve Miller have an extensive NCAA resume, combining for more than 58 years of Division I coaching experience. The assistants have a combined nine international appearances with USA Hockey, including the 2017 gold-medal team in which Mayotte and Miller served as assistant coaches. Donato, making his USA Hockey coaching debut, was a member of Team USA in the 1992 Olympic Winter Games in Albertville, France. In addition, Donato played in three IIHF Men's World Championships, serving as captain in 1997 and also representing the U.S. at the event in 1999 and 2002. Ted's son Ryan Donato played on the bronze medal-winning 2016 U.S. National Junior Team, as well as the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. Mayotte, Miller and Theresa Feaster all served on head coach Nate Leaman's staff when Providence won the 2015 NCAA championship.



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#### TEAM USA AMERICAN HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT TIES

USA HOCKEY'S AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL
The American Development Model, now in its 11th season, is USA Hockey's nationwide player development program for youth hockey associations. It's based on age-appropriate, agespecific competition and training for boys and girls, beginning with their first steps onto the ice and carrying them through age 18 and beyond. The ADM places a heightened emphasis on skill development and long-term athlete development principles, providing a blueprint for the best possible youth hockey

At the younger age levels, it looks like fun and constant motion in small spaces. The ADM encourages station-based practices, small-area games and cross-ice competition to deliver more repetitions, more puck touches and more skill development per hour of ice time. It provides the most efficient, most engaging development path for children, keeping them both in the game and on a path toward their full potential.

#### **U.S. PLAYERS AND THEIR YOUTH HOCKEY CONNECTIONS**

<b>PLAYER</b> Matthew Beniers	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> Cape Cod Whalers Milton Academy	STATE MA MA
Brett Berard	Cape Cod Whalers Bishop Hendricken	MA RI
Matthew Boldy	Cape Cod Whalers	MA
Bobby Brink	Minnetonka High	MN
Brendan Brisson	Shattuck St. Mary's Los Angeles Jr. Kings	MN CA
Cole Caufield	Team Wisconsin AAA Stevens Point High	WI WI
Sam Colangelo	Neponset Valley River Rats AAA Lawrence Academy	MA MA
Brock Faber	Minnesota Blades AAA	MN
John Farinacci	Dexter Southfield School Shattuck St. Mary's	MA MN
Drew Helleson	Shattuck St. Mary's	MN
Ryan Johnson	Anaheim Jr. Ducks	CA
Arthur Kaliyev	Compuware Little Caesars	MI MI
Tyler Kleven	Minnesota North Stars AAA Fargo Davies High	MN ND
Spencer Knight	Mid Fairfield Rangers Avon Old Farms School	CT CT
Jackson LaCombe	Shattuck St. Mary's Minnesota Penguins	MN MN
Patrick Moynihan	Neponset Valley River Rats AAA Noble & Greenough School	MA MA
Jake Sanderson	Whitefish Glacier Avalanche	MT
Hunter Skinner	Honeybaked Belle Tire	MI MI
Landon Slaggert	Chicago Mission	IL
Logan Stein	Oakland Jr. Grizzlies TPH Thunder	MI TN
Henry Thrun	Neponset Valley River Rats AAA	MA
Alex Turcotte	Chicago Mission Chicago Young Americans	IL IL
Dustin Wolf	Los Angeles Jr. Kings	CA
Cam York	Shattuck St. Mary's	MN
Trevor Zegras	Mid Fairfield Rangers Avon Old Farms School	CT CT

## **NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (15)**

Based at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich., USA Hockey's National Team Development Program includes the U.S. National Under-17 and Under-18 Teams that compete in the United States Hockey League and against NCAA Division I and international opponents.

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR(S)
Matthew Beniers	Forward	2018-20
Brett Berard	Forward	2018-20
Matthew Boldy	Forward	2017-19
Cole Caufield	Forward	2017-19
Brock Faber	Defense	2018-20
Drew Helleson	Defense	2017-19
Tyler Kleven	Defense	2018-20
Spencer Knight	Goaltender	2017-19
Patrick Moynihan	Forward	2017-19
Jake Sanderson	Defense	2018-20
Landon Slaggert	Forward	2018-20
Henry Thrun	Defense	2017-19
Alex Turcotte	Forward	2017-19
Cam York	Defense	2017-19
Trevor Zegras	Forward	2017-19

#### **BIOSTEEL ALL-AMERICAN GAME (20)**

The BioSteel All-American Game, formerly known as the USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game, is an annual event that provides the best U.S. players eligible for next year's NHL Draft the opportunity to showcase their skills on a national stage.

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	LOCATION
Matthew Beniers	Forward	2020	Plymouth, Mich.
Brett Berard	Forward <sub>.</sub>	2020	Plymouth, Mich.
Matthew Boldy*	Forward	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
Brendan Brisson	Forward	2020	Plymouth, Mich.
Cole Caufield	Forward	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
Sam Colangelo	Forward	2020	Plymouth, Mich.
Brock Faber	Defense	2020	Plymouth, Mich.
John Farinacci	Forward	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
Drew Helleson	Defense	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
Arthur Kaliyev	Forward	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
Tyler Kleven	Defense	2020	Plymouth, Mich.
Spencer Knight	Goaltender	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
Jake Sanderson*	Defense	2020	Plymouth, Mich.
Landon Slaggert	Forward	2020	Plymouth, Mich.
Logan Stein	Goaltender	2020	Plymouth, Mich.
Henry Thrun	Defense	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
Alex Turcotte	Forward	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
Dustin Wolf	Goaltender	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
Cam York	Defense	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
Trevor Zegras	Forward	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.

<sup>\*</sup>named game MVP

USHL/NHL TOP PROSPECTS GAME (3)
The USHL/NHL Top Prospects Game was an annual event hosted by the USHL that provided its best players eligible for next year's NHL Draft the opportunity to showcase their skills on a national stage. Beginning last season, the USHL sends its top American prospects to the BioSteel All-American Game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich.

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	LOCATION
Ryan Johnson	Defense	2019	Lincoln, Neb.
Hunter Skinner	Defense	2019	Lincoln, Neb.
Logan Stein	Goaltender	2019	Lincoln, Neb.



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#### OTHER ROSTER TIDBITS

#### **UNITED STATES HOCKEY LEAGUE (22)**

A total of 22 players have ties to the United States Hockey League (USHL), the only Tier I junior hockey league in the United States.

PLAYER Bobby Brink Brendan Brisson  Sam Colangelo John Farinacci Ryan Johnson Hunter Skinner  Logan Stein Henry Thrun 9 NTDP players 6 NTDP players	LEAGUE USHL USHL USHL USHL USHL USHL USHL USHL	TEAM Sioux City Musketeers Chicago Steel Green Bay Gamblers Chicago Steel Muskegon Lumberjacks Sioux Falls Stampede Lincoln Stars Muskegon Lumberjacks Waterloo Black Hawks Dubuque Fighting Saints USA Hockey's NTDP USA Hockey's NTDP	YEAR(S) 2017-19 2019-20 2018-19 2018-22 2020-21 2018-19 2017-19 2018-20 2020-21 2017-19
6 NTDP players	USHL	USA HOCKEY'S NTDP	2016-20

NOTE: Sam Colangelo and Brendan Brisson were part of the 2020 Anderson Cup, awarded to the regular season champions of the USHL, Chicago Steel. Ryan Johnson won the league's title with the Sioux Falls Stampede in 2019, collecting the Clark Cup against the Chicago Steel.

#### **NHL RIGHTS (23)**

Twenty-two players have been drafted by an NHL team.

PLAYER	NHL RIGHTS	DRAFT YEAR	ROUND	OVERALL
Alex Turcotte	LAK	2019	1st	5th
Jake Sanderson	OTT	2020	1st	5th
Trevor Zegras	ANA	2019	1st	9th
Matthew Boldy	MIN	2019	1st	12th
Spencer Knight	FLA	2019	1st	13th
Cam York	PHI	2019	1st	14th
Cole Caufield	MTL	2019	1st	15th
Brendan Brisson	VGK	2020	1st	29th
Ryan Johnson	BUF	2019	1st	31st
Arthur Kaliyev	LAK	2019	2nd	33rd
Bobby Brink	PHI	2019	2nd	34th
Sam Ćolangelo	ANA	2020	2nd	36th
Jackson LaCombe	ANA	2019	2nd	39th
Tyler Kleven	OTT	2020	2nd	44th
Brock Faber	LAK	2020	2nd	45th
Drew Helleson	COL	2019	2nd	47th
John Farinacci	ARI	2019	3rd	76th
Landon Slaggert	CHI	2020	3rd	79th
Henry Thrun	ANA	2019	4th	101st
Hunter Skinner	NYR	2019	4th	112th
Brett Berard	NYR	2020	5th	134th
Patrick Moynihan	NJD	2019	6th	158th
Dustin Wolf	CGY	2019	7th	214th

#### **COLLEGE HOCKEY (22)**

A total of 22 players are currently playing or previously played college hockey in the United States.

SCHOOL Boston College University of Michigan University of Minnesota Harvard University Providence College University of North Dakota University of Wisconsin Boston University Ferris State University Northeastern University University of Denver University of Notre Dame	PLAYERS 3 3 3 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1
CONFERENCE Big Ten Hockey East NCHC ECAC WCHA	PLAYERS 9 7 3 2 1

#### **IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (8)**

PLAYER Bobby Brink Cole Caufield Arthur Kaliyev Spencer Knight	<b>POSITION</b> Forward Forward Forward Goaltender	YEAR 2020 2020 2020 2019	FINISH 6th 6th Silver
Alex Turcotte Dustin Wolf Cam York Trevor Zegras	Forward Goaltender Defense Forward	2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020	6th 6th 6th 6th 6th

#### **IIHF UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (11)**

PLAYER Matthew Beniers Matthew Boldy Bobby Brink Cole Caufield	POSITION Forward Forward Forward Forward	<b>YEAR</b> 2019 2019 2019 2019 2018	FINISH Bronze Bronze Bronze Bronze Silver
Drew Helleson Spencer Knight	Defense Goaltender	2019 2019 2018	Bronze Bronze Silver
Patrick Moynihan Henry Thrun Alex Turcotte	Forward Defense Forward	2019 2019 2019 2019 2018	Bronze Bronze Bronze Silver
Cam York	Defense	2019 2018	Bronze Silver
Trevor Zegras	Forward	2019	Bronze

NOTE: Cam York set tournament records for all-time tournament points by a defenseman (17) and all-time tournament assists by a defenseman (13). York was named to the tournament all-star team. Cole Caufield led the 2019 tournament in goals scored (14), tying Alex Ovechkin's individual tournament record.

#### **WORLD JUNIOR A CHALLENGE (5)**

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Bobby Brink	Forward	2018	First
Brendan Brisson	Forward	2019	Third
Sam Colangelo	Forward	2019	Third
Ryan Johnson	Defense	2018	First
Lógan Stein	Goaltender	2019	Third

NOTE: At the 2018 event, Bobby Brink led the team in points en route to winning tournament MVP honors.

#### **HLINKA GRETZKY CUP (5)**

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Sam Colangelo	Forward	2018	Fourth
John Farinacci	Forward	2018	Fourth
Arthur Kaliyev	Forward	2018	Fourth
Jackson LáCombe	Defense	2018	Fourth
Dustin Wolf	Goaltender	2018	Fourth

NOTE: John Farinacci served as team captain at the 2018 Hlinka Gretzky Cup.

## **USA HOCKEY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS (24)**

PLAYER Matthew Beniers Brett Berard Matthew Boldy Bobby Brink Brendan Brisson Cole Caufield Sam Colangelo Brock Faber John Farinacci Drew Helleson Ryan Johnson Arthur Kaliyev Tyler Kleven Spencer Knight Jackson LaCombe Patrick Moynihan Hunter Skinner Landon Slaggert Logan Stein Henry Thruin	POSITION Forward Forward Forward Forward Forward Forward Forward Defense	PDC \$15 \$15 \$15 \$16, \$17 \$16, \$15 \$15, \$16, \$17 \$15, \$16, \$17 \$15, \$16, \$17 \$15, \$16, \$17 \$15, \$15, \$15 \$17 \$15, \$16, \$17 \$15, \$15, \$15
Landon Slaggert	Defense Forward	S17 S15



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## -U.S. OUTLOOK AT 2021 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

#### **2020 U.S. GROUP B OPPONENTS**

Series vs. Russia: 9-1-0-13-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

L. 3-5

**RUSSIA** 

Of Note: Trevor Zegras scored PPG to make game 4-3, prior to Russia ENG RECAP: Cam York scored a goal and assist en route to being named U.S. Player of the Game. **Trevor Zegras** scored a power play goal, his first career IIHF goal, to make the game 4-3 in the final minutes. However, Russia scored

7:30 P.M. LOCAL

an empty-net goal to make the final 5-3.

**U.S. WJC PLAYOFF HISTORY** 

Quarterfinal Record: 11-0-0-8 (W-OTW-OTL-L) Last QF: L, 1-0 vs. Finland (2020) The U.S. had its four-game win streak snapped in quarterfinal play last year against Finland. Despite out-shooting Finland 30-29, the U.S. lost 1-0 on a power play goal, with **Spencer Knight** stopping 28 of 29 shots.

**Semifinal Record:** 5-1-1-8 (W-OTW-OTL-L) W, 2-1 vs. Russia (2019) Last SF: Team USA has reached the semifinal in four of the last five IIHF World Junior Championships, its best stretch since earning six-straight semifinal berths from 2003-08. In its last semifinal, Cayden Primeau stopped 34 of 35 Russian shots in a 2-1 U.S. win while Oliver Wahlstrom scored one goal.

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 United States has won four of its last five bronze-medal game meetings. In 2018, Trent Frederic netted four goals and Kieffer Bellows scored as the U.S. topped the Czech Republic, 9-3.

**Gold-Medal Games:** 2-2-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) Total Gold Medals:
Last GMG:

Ly-3 vs. Finland (2019)

Since 2010, the U.S. and Finland have combined for six gold medals at the IIHF World Junior Championship, including three by the U.S. (2010, 2013, 2017). In 2019, Finland scored with 1:26 left in regulation to break a 2-2

**AUSTRIA** 

**SAT., DEC. 26** 

FRI., DEC. 25

7:30 P.M. LOCAL

W, 11-0



Series vs. Austria: 3-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) Of Note: 16 different players scored points, as Dustin Wolf earned the shutout. **RECAP:** 16 different players picked up a point, with seven different goal scorers in the 11-0 victory. **Matthew Boldy** scored a hat trick, while **Trevor Zegras** led all players with four points. **Dustin Wolf** recorded the shutout, stopping all 10 Austrian shots. The U.S. outshot Austria 73-10.

**CZECH REPUBLIC** 

**TUES., DEC. 29** 

**NOON LOCAL** 

Series vs. Czech Republic: 13-2-1-7-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

W, 7-0



Of Note: Trevor Zegras scored five points, Spencer Knight earned the shutout. RECAP: Bobby Brink started an offensive surge for Team USA, as Trevor Zegras went on to score two goals and three assists to lead the American offensive attack. Spencer Knight stopped all 22 shots he faced. Cam York

tallied three assists.

THUR., DEC. 31

7:30 P.M. LOCAL W. 4-0



Series vs. Sweden: 14-1-1-16-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: Spencer Knight stopped all 27 SWE shots for his 2nd shutout

RECAP: Behind a 27-save performance from Spencer Knight and a goal and two assists from **Trevor Zegras**, the U.S. earned a 4-0 victory over Sweden in its final preliminary round game of the 2021 World Junior Championship, earning the first-place seed in Group B.

## U.S. WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY AT A GLANCE

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT								
Opponent	<u>GP</u>	W	<u>0TW</u>	<u>OTL</u>	L	Ţ	<u>GF</u>	GA
Austria	2	<u>W</u> 2	0	0	0	0	15	2
Belarus	4	3	0	0	0	0	23	11
Canada	47	8	3	3	30	3	135	191
Czech Republic	24	13	2	1	7	1	86	67
Czechoslovakia	16	4	0	0	12	0	51	90
Denmark	3	3	0	0	0	0	24	4
Finland	35	13	3	0	18	1	132	150
Germany	12	11	0	1	0	0	71	17
West Germany	13	10	0	0	3	0	80	45
Japan	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	2
Kazakhstan	5	5	0	0	0	0	42	6
Latvia	3	3	0	0	0	0	30	4
Norway	6	5	0	0	1	0	62	17
Poland	5	3	0	0	1	0	29	12
Russia	22	9	1	0	12	0	55	72
Soviet Union	12	1	0	0	11	0	32	76
Slovakia	18	13	0	0	4	1	77	40
Switzerland	23	21	0	0	0	2	131	45
Sweden	34	14	1	1	16	2	114	126
Switzerland	23	21	0	0	0	2	131	45
<u>Ukraine</u>	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	7_
TOTAL	287	142	10	6	118	11	1206	981

ALL-TIME	RECORD IN	<b>PLAYOFFS</b>
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Opponent	QF	SF	<b>BMG</b>	<u>GMG</u>	<u>Total</u>
Canada	0-1	1-4	0-1	3-1	5-7
Czech Republic	5-1	1-1	1-1	NA	7-3
Finland	2-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	3-4
Russia	1-3	2-3	0-1	NA	3-7
Slovakia	0-1	NA	NA	NA	0-1
Sweden	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-0	7-2
Switzerland	1-0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	11-8	6-9	4-5	4-2	25-24

## **ALL-TIME MEDALS AT WORLD JUNIORS**

tie and secure the victory.

<u>Year</u>	Location	<b>Head Coach</b>	Record	Medal
2019	Vancouver, Canada	Mike Hastings	5-0-1-1	Silver
2018	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bob Motzko	4-1-0-2	Bronze
2017	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Bob Motzko	5-2-0-0	Gold
2016	Helinski, Finland	Ron Wilson	5-0-0-2	Bronze
2013	Ufa, Russia	Phil Housley	5-0-0-2	Gold
2011	Buffalo/Niagara, N.Y.	Keith Allain	5-0-0-1	Bronze
2010	Regina/Saskatoon, Canada	Dean Blais	5-1-1-0	Gold
2007	Leksand/Mora, Sweden	Ron Rolston	3-1-2-1	Bronze
2004	Helsinki/Hameenlinna, Finland	Mike Eaves	6-0-0*	Gold
1997	Geneva/Morges, Switzerland	Jeff Jackson	4-1-1*	Silver
1992	Fussen/Kaufbeuren, Germany	Walt Kyle	5-2-0*	Bronze
1986	Hamilton, Canada	Dave Peterson	4-3-0*	Bronze
TOTAL	_	4 Gold	2 Silver	6 Bronze
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Win-Loss-Tie

## **U.S. IN PREVIOUS 10 WORLD JUNIORS**

<b>Year</b>	Location	<b>Head Coach</b>	Record	<b>Finish</b>
2020	Ostrava/Trinec, Czech Republic	Scott Sandelin	2-1-0-2	Sixth
2019	Vancouver, Canada	Mike Hastings	5-0-1-1	Silver
2018	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bob Motzko	4-1-0-2	Bronze
2017	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Bob Motzko	5-2-0-0	Gold
2016	Helinski, Finland	Ron Wilson	5-0-0-2	Bronze
2015	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Mark Osiecki	2-1-0-2	Fifth
2014	Malmo, Sweden	Don Lucia	3-0-0-2	Fifth
2013	Ufa, Russia	Phil Housley	5-0-0-2	Gold
2012	Calgary, Edmonton, Canada	Dean Blais	4-0-3-0	Seventh
2011	Buffalo/Niagara, N.Y.	Keith Allain	5-0-0-1	Bronze
TOTAL	L	2 Gold	1 Silver	3 Bronze



# **2021 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM NOTES** GOLD MEDAL GAME VS. CANADA • JANUARY 5, 2021



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GOALS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)					SHUTOUTS (SINGLE TOUR)			(NAWIENI)	
RANK 1	PLAYER Kieffer Bellows	<b>YEAR</b> 2018	<b>GP</b> 7	G	RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	<u>GP</u>	SO .
2	Jeremy Roenick	1989	7	9 8 7	1	Spencer Knight Al Montoya	<b>2021</b> 2004	<b>5</b> 6	<b>2</b> 2 2
3	Colin White	2017	7 7	7		Brian Boucher	1997	6	2
	Auston Matthews	2016	7	7	4	Dustin Wolf	2021	1	ī
	Johnny Gaudreau	2013	7 7	7		Joseph Woll	2018	5	1
	Chris Borque	2006	7	7		Alex Nedeljkovic	2016	6	1
	Peter Ferraro Scott Young	1993 1987	7 7	7 7		Thatcher Demko Brandon Halverson	2015 2015	4 1	1
	Mark Green	1978	6	7		Anthony Stolarz	2013	1	i
10	21 different players		•	6		John Gibson	2013	7	i
	ACCICTO (CI	NCI E TOUDN	AMENT\			Jack Campbell	2010	3	1
	_	INGLE TOURN	•			Thomas McCollum Rick DiPietro	2009 2001	5 6	1 1
RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	A		Rick DiPietro	2000	5	1
1 <b>2</b>	Doug Weight Trevor Zegras	1991 <b>2021</b>	7 <b>6</b>	14 <b>10</b>		Mike Heinke	1991	4	1
2	Derek Stepan	2010	7	10		GO	ALS (CAREEF	5)	
	Phil Kessel	2006	7	10		uo	ALO (OAIILLI	•/	
5	Trevor Zegras	2020	4	9	RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	G
	Pat Peake	1993	<u>†</u>	9	1	Jeremy Roenick	1988-89	14	13
	Mike Modano	1989	7	9	2	James van Riemsdy		19	12
	Alfie Turcotte Bobby Crawford	1984 1978	7 6	9	3	Kieffer Bellows Brian Gionta	2017-18 1998-99	14 13	11 11
10	6 different players	1970	O	9	5	7 different players	1996-99	13	10
	POINTS (SI	NGLE TOURN	AMENT)			ASS	SISTS (CAREE	R)	
RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	PTS	RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	A
1	Doug Weight	1991	7	19	1	Jordan Schroeder	2008-10	19	20
2	Trevor Zegras	2021	6	16	2	Trevor Zegras	2020-21	11	19
	Jeremy Roenick	1989	7	16	3	Doug Weight	1991	7	14
4	Mike Modano Derek Stepan	1989 2010	7 7	15 14	4	Kyle Palmieri	2010-11	13	12
5 6	Pat Peake	1993	7	13		Phil Kessel Jeremy Roenick	2005-06 1988-89	14 14	12 12
O	Bobby Crawford	1978	6	13		deferring Moerrick	1900-09	14	12
8	Jerry D'Amigo	2010	7	12		P0	INTS (CAREEI	R)	
	Ted Drury	1991	8	12			•	•	
	Trent Klatt	1991	8	12	RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	PTS
	Mark Green	1978	6	12	1 <b>2</b>	Jordan Schroeder	2008-10 <b>2020-21</b>	19 <b>11</b>	27 <b>25</b>
	WINS (SIN	<b>GLE TOURNA</b>	MENT)		2	Trevor Zegras Jeremy Roenick	1988-89	14	<b>25</b> 25
			,		4	James van Riemsdy		19	22
RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	GP	W	5	Brian Rolston	1991-93	21	20
1	Al Montoya	2004	6	6		Mike Modano	1988-89	14	20
2	Tyler Parsons John Gibson	2017 2013	5 7	5 5 5 5		W	INS (CAREER	١	
	Jack Campbell	2013	6	5		VV	INS (UANEEN	)	
	Rick DiPietro	2001	6	5	RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GP	WINS
	Mike Dunham	1992	6	5	1	Jack Campbell	2010-12	14	10
7	Cayden Primeau	2019	5 6	4	2	Al Montoya	2004-05	12	9
	Alex Nedeljkovic	2016		4	3	Rick DiPietro	2000-01	11	7
	Mike Lee Jeremy Smith	2010 2008	5	4 4	4	Brian Boucher	1996-97	10	6
	Jeff Frazee	2007	5	4		Mike Dunham	1991-92	9	6
	Rob Geopfert	2003	6 5 7 7	4		N	IIN (CAREER)		
	Jason Bacashihua	2002		4		•	(07		
	Brian Boucher	1997	6	4	RANK	PLAYER	YEAR(S)	MIN	
	Paul Joswiak	1978	6	4	1	Alan Perry	1984-86	968:40	
					2 3	Jack Campbell Al Montoya	2010-12 2004-05	816:46 753:15	
	GAA (SIN	<b>GLE TOURNA</b> I	VIENT)		4	Rick DiPietro	2004-05	658:40	
	•		•		5	Brian Boucher	1996-97	577:00	
RANK 1	PLAYER Al Montoya	<b>YEAR</b> 2004	MIN 360	<b>GAA</b> 1.17		ешт	TOUTS (CARE	FR)	
	Rick DiPietro	2004	359	1.17		2110	IUUIS (UARE	ER)	
2	John Gibson	2013	398	1.36	RANK	PLAYER	YEAR	SO	
4	Brian Boucher	1997	357	1.51	1	Spencer Knight	2020-21	2	
	Cayden Primeau	2019	298	1.61		Rick DiPietro	2000-01	2	
5 6 7	Alex Nedeljkovic	2016	325	1.66		Al Montoya	2004-05	2	
	Jean-Marc Pelletier	1998	180	1.67	-	Brian Boucher	1996-97	2	
8 9	Jack Campbell Jeff Frazee	2011 2007	353 313	1.70 1.72	5	11 different player	S	1	
10	Thatcher Demko	2015	241	1.74			VALUAD: = -:	AVED	
	ım 180 minutes played					MUST	VALUABLE PL	AYEK	
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					John Gi		Goaltende	r	2018
					Zach Pa		Forward	•	2004
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#### **USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS-**

#### **2021 HOCKEY WEEK ACROSS AMERICA**

USA Hockey's yearly nationwide initiative Hockey Week Across America, now in its 14th year, will take place from Feb. 15-21, 2021. The daily themes will include salutes to players (Feb. 15), coaches (Feb. 16), officials (Feb. 17) and local rinks (Feb. 18) followed by the traditional themed days of Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day (Feb. 19), Try Hockey Day (Feb. 20) and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes (Feb. 21). For more information on the week-long celebration, visit HockeyWeekAcrossAmerica. com.

#### 2020 U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Dean Blais, Tony Granato, Jenny Potter and Jerry York were enshrined into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame as the Class of 2020. Blais (International Falls, Minn.) cut a wide trail of lofty accomplishments through every level of the game. He is one of America's most accomplished coaches, with his 40year career behind the bench highlighted by leading teams to signature moments at the high school, junior and collegiate levels as well as on the international stage. Granato (Downers Grove, III.) not only had an exceptional playing career, but since his playing days has continued to make positive contributions to hockey as a coach at the NHL, collegiate and international levels. Following his college career, Granato spent the 1987-88 season with the U.S. Men's National Team and ultimately represented the U.S. in the 1988 Olympic Winter Games, one of seven times he donned the red, white and blue as a player on the international stage. Potter (Edina, Minn.), a 14-time medalist on the international stage whose U.S. Women's National Team career spanned 15 seasons, is one of the most decorated players in the history of women's ice hockey in the United States. Highlighting her career were four appearances in the Olympic Winter Games, including helping Team USA to a gold medal at the 1998 Games in Nagano, Japan. She is one of only three U.S. women's players to compete in four Olympics. York (Watertown, Mass.) continues today to leave an impact on American hockey that will positively affect the game for generations to come. He enters his 27th season as head coach of the Boston College men's ice hockey program in 2020-21, and has guided the Eagles to four NCAA championships (2001, 2008, 2010, 2012), four national runnerup finishes, and 12 NCAA Frozen Four appearances. He is the NCAA's all-time leader in NCAA Tournament wins. In addition, York's teams have seized 11 Hockey East regular-season titles and nine Hockey East Tournament titles. Over the course of his BC coaching career, York has guided his teams to winning records in 22 of 26 seasons to date, including in 22 of the past 23 campaigns. He has coached two Hobey Baker Award winners and 18 NHL first round draft picks.

#### MEMBERSHIP RELIEF FUND

The USA Hockey Foundation has launched a new initiative-the Membership Relief Fund--to assist families who are facing financial hardship by covering the cost of their child's USA Hockey membership for the 2020-21 season. The goal of this campaign is to help at least 5,000 youth players back to the ice. USA Hockey is still currently accepting grant applications and donations. For more information, visit USAHockeyFoundation. com.

#### **RAISE THE FLAG AUCTION**

The USA Hockey Foundation has organized an online effort with a goal of \$100,000 to raise proceeds to support USA Hockey's efforts in preparation for the upcoming 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Current items include suite seats for a Minnesota Wild game with GM Bill Guerin, a 1980 U.S. Olympics Men's Ice Hockey "Miracle" canvas painting, and more! For more information, visit USAHockeyFoundation.com.

#### COVID PREVENTION

USA Hockey continues to work with medical experts, local governments and hockey organizations to focus on COVID-19 risk mitigation throughout the hockey community. Leaders continue to emphasize the importance of parents, coaches, volunteers and players working together in order to combat the spread of COVID-19. Everyone can do their part by following four easy steps: follow state and local health guidelines, wash your hands with soap and water frequently, sanitize equipment after each use and wearing a mask properly over your nose and mouth. For more information visit USAHockey.com/playersafety.

#### **YOUTH NATIONALS**

For the first time since 1938, USA Hockey was forced to cancel USA Hockey National Championships in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, USA Hockey continues to plan for the 2021 Youth National Championships, presented by Chipotle. Notable championship alumni include U.S. National Junior Team forward Arthur Kaliyev, Cammi Granato, Phil and Amanda Kessel, Kendall Coyne Schofield, Joe Pavelski, Troy Terry, and many more. Youth Tier I age groups include 14U, 15O, 16U and 18U, in addition to Youth Tier II and High School. Many players on this year's roster have competed in district and national championships previously in their careers.

#### PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

USA Hockey continues to utilize Player Development Camps in order to evaluate top talent across the nation. District camps allow for a diverse representation, coast to coast, of hockey players around the country. 24 of the 25 players on this year's U.S. National Junior Team attended at least one USA Hockey Player Development camp, with many playing in the Select-15 camp. Many top players from the S-15 camp go on to play for the U.S. National Team Development Program. Select camps also assist USA Hockey staff to evaluate national talent for international competition, including the Hlinka Gretzky Memorial Cup. Five players on this year's National Junior Team previously played in the 2018 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, which was hosted at Rogers Place in Edmonton, Alberta, and Red Deer, Alberta.

#### **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.

