



# 2018-19 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2018 PARA HOCKEY CUP | LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA | DECEMBER 2-8

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME #2 • USA (1-0-0-0) VS. SOUTH KOREA (0-0-0-1) • TUES., DEC. 3, 2018 • 7:00 P.M. ET • WESTERN FAIR SPORTS CENTRE

## TONIGHT'S GAME

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team meets South Korea in both team's second game of the 2018 Para Hockey Cup. Puck drop is set for 7 p.m. ET with a streaming link available on HockeyTV.com and period updates available on @usahockey on Twitter.

The 2018 Paralympic gold (U.S.) and bronze (South Korea) medalists both met Canada in their respective tournament-opening games. South Korea fell to the Canadians, 7-0, on Sunday night (Dec. 2) while the U.S. shut out the hosts, 3-0.

## TALKING POINTS

### THE SERIES VS. SOUTH KOREA

The U.S. and South Korea are meeting for the 14th time in Para Hockey Cup tournament history. The two teams have competed in eight consecutive Para Hockey Cups. A win tonight would maintain Team USA's pristine record (13-0-0-0/W-OTW-OTL-L) against South Korea.

The two teams last met in the final preliminary round game of the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games where the U.S. claimed an 8-0 victory over the Paralympic hosts. **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) tallied five points, **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) scored three times and **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.) registered his U.S. record 10th Paralympic shutout.

### LAST GAME: USA 3, CAN 0

In its tournament-opener last night, the U.S. blanked Canada, 3-0, as Farmer tallied a goal and an assist and **Kyle Zych** (South Hadley, Mass.) scored his first goal in his national team debut. Steve Cash made nine save to secure the shutout and **Rico Roman** (Portland, Ore.) scored Team USA's third goal. For the full game recap, visit [teamusa.usahockey.com/2018parahockeycup](http://teamusa.usahockey.com/2018parahockeycup).

### 20 IN 21

With its 3-0 win last night over Canada, the U.S. has now won 20 of its last 21 games in tournament play. Since its championship game loss to the Canadians in 2013, the U.S. has reeled off a 17-3-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that includes four tournament titles (2015, 2016 (Jan.), 2016 (Dec.), 2017).

### FIRST GOAL, FIRST WIN

Yesterday's game saw U.S. forward **Kyle Zych** (South Hadley, Mass.) score in his national team debut. Following the game, U.S. head coach **David Hoff** (Bottineau, N.D.) presented Zych with the scorer's goal puck while Hoff himself was honored by U.S. general manager **Dan Brennan** (Colorado Springs, Colo.) with the game puck for securing his first win as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team.

### INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Over the last four years, the United States has skated to a 43-4-1-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record in all competitions over the last four years that includes a Paralympic gold (2018), two world championship medals (gold - 2015; silver - 2017), four-straight Para Hockey Cups (2015, 2016 (Jan.), 2016 (Dec.), 2017), the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship and the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament.

Additionally, since 2009, Team USA has reached eight consecutive gold-medal game berths at the Paralympic and World Championship level. In those gold-medal game appearances, the U.S. has posted a 6-2 record while claiming three Paralympic gold medals (2010, 2014, 2018) and three world championship gold medals (2009, 2012, 2015). Its two losses came in world championship play (2013, 2017).

### 2019 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM ROSTER UNVEIL TOMORROW

Today, USA Hockey unveiled that it will announce the preliminary roster for the 2019 U.S. National Junior Team tomorrow that will compete in the 2019 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship in Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., from Dec. 25, 2018 - Jan. 5, 2019. The announcement will take place on on NHL Network's "NHL Now" during the 4-6 p.m. ET window.

## TOURNAMENT UPDATE

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
United States	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	3
Canada	2	1	0	0	1	7	3	3
South Korea	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	0

<b>GOALS</b>	3	McGregor	CAN	<b>WINS</b>	1	Cash	USA
<b>ASSISTS</b>	3	Dunn	CAN	<b>GAA</b>	0.00	Cash	USA
<b>POINTS</b>	4	McGregor	CAN	<b>SV%</b>	1.00	Cash	USA

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME (ET)
<b>MON., DEC. 3</b>	<b>CANADA</b> Western Fair Sports Centre	<b>W, 3-0</b> POG: Kyle Zych
<b>TUES., DEC. 4</b>	<b>SOUTH KOREA</b> Western Fair Sports Centre	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>THURS., DEC. 6</b>	<b>CANADA</b> Western Fair Sports Centre	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>FRI., DEC. 7</b>	<b>SOUTH KOREA</b> Western Fair Sports Centre	<b>12:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SAT., DEC. 8</b>	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP GAME</b> Western Fair Sports Centre	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>

*All games except the championship game will be streamed live on HockeyTV.com*

## TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS

TOURNAMENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
2018 Paralympics	USA	CAN	KOR	4-1-0-0
2018 Turin Para Hockey	USA	ITA	NOR	5-0-0-0
2017 (Dec.) WSHC	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2017 Sled Worlds	CAN	USA	KOR	6-0-0-1
2017 (Jan.) WSHC	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 IPC Pan-Pacific	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 WSHC	USA	CAN	RUS	4-0-1-0
2015 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2015 WSHC	USA	RUS	CAN	4-1-0-0
2014 Paralympics	USA	RUS	CAN	4-0-0-1
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>47-2-1-2</b>

## LEADING TEAM USA

**David Hoff** (Bottineau, N.D.), USA Hockey's Northern Plains District Coach-In-Chief and assistant coach of last year's gold medal-winning 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, is in his first season as head coach of the 2018-19 U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. This will be Hoff's third season with Team USA after making his debut in the 2016-17 season.

**Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), who has helped the U.S. capture the gold medal in the last three Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018), is serving as captain of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. In addition, two-time Paralympic gold medalists (2014, 2018) **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) and **Rico Roman** (Portland, Ore.) have been named alternate captains.

Pauls begins his 11th season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his second as team captain while Farmer is entering his seventh season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his second as an alternate captain. A Purple Heart recipient and U.S. Army Veteran, Roman is serving as an alternate captain for the first time as he begins his eighth season with Team USA.

## MEDIA INFORMATION

All Team USA players or staff will be available for interviews in designated mixed-zone areas following games and practices. Media availability on day-of-game skates will be limited. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

**MEDIA CONTACT:**  
973.723.5744  
All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Jon Gomez, who will be on-site with Team USA in London, Ontario.

**ONLINE MEDIA GUIDE** [TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/2018PARAHOCKEYCUP](http://TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/2018PARAHOCKEYCUP)  
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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### U.S. PARA HOCKEY CUP OVERVIEW

#### 2018 TOURNAMENT OPPONENTS

##### CANADA



##### LAST MEETING: USA 3, CAN 0

Declan Farmer (Tampa, Fla.) tallied a goal and an assist, Kyle Zych (South Hadley, Mass.) scored his first goal in his national team debut and Rico Roman (Portland, Ore.) also tallied a goal to lead the U.S. to a 3-0 shutout over the host, Canada. Steve Cash (Overland, Mo.) made nine save to secure his 32nd win in tournament history.

##### SOUTH KOREA



##### LAST MEETING: USA 8, KOR 0

The two teams met in the final preliminary round game of the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. The U.S. claimed an 8-0 victory over the Paralympic hosts as Brody Roybal (Northlake, Ill.) tallied five points, Farmer scored three times and Cash registered his U.S. record 10th Paralympic shutout.

#### U.S. TOURNAMENT HISTORY

YEAR	FINISH	RECORD	LOCATION
2017	First	5-0-0-0	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
2016 (Dec.)	First	4-1-0-0	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
2016 (Jan.)	First	3-1-1-0	Bridgewater, N.S.
2015	First	4-1-0-0	Leduc, Alta.
2013	Second	3-0-0-2	Toronto, Ont.
2012	First	4-0-0-1	Calgary, Alta.
2011 (Nov.)	Second	3-0-0-2	Calgary, Alta.
2011 (Apr.)	Third	3-0-0-2	London, Ont.
2009	First	2-1-0-2	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
2008	Third	2-0-0-2	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
2007	Third	2-0-0-2	Kelowna, B.C.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Six Titles</b>	<b>35-4-1-13</b>	

#### U.S. EVENT GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Year	Round	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA
12/3/18	Canada	2018	Preliminary	W				3	0
12/9/17	Canada	2017	Championship	W				3	2
12/7/17	Italy	2017	Semifinals	W				5	1
12/6/17	Canada	2017	Preliminary	W				5	2
12/4/17	Italy	2017	Preliminary	W				10	0
12/3/17	Korea	2017	Preliminary	W				8	0
12/10/16	Canada	2016 (Dec.)	Championship	W				5	2
12/8/16	Korea	2016 (Dec.)	Semifinals	W				8	1
12/7/16	Canada	2016 (Dec.)	Preliminary		OTW			2	1
12/5/16	Norway	2016 (Dec.)	Preliminary	W				8	0
12/4/16	Korea	2016 (Dec.)	Preliminary	W				4	0
1/23/16	Canada	2016 (Jan.)	Championship		OTW			3	2
1/21/16	Russia	2016 (Jan.)	Semifinal	W				2	1
1/20/16	Canada	2016 (Jan.)	Preliminary			OTL		2	3
1/18/16	Russia	2016 (Jan.)	Preliminary	W				6	2
1/17/16	Korea	2016 (Jan.)	Preliminary	W				8	1
2/7/15	Russia	2015	Championship		OTW			2	1
2/5/15	Korea	2015	Semifinal	W				8	0
2/4/15	Canada	2015	Preliminary	W				2	0
2/2/15	Korea	2015	Preliminary	W				8	1
2/1/15	Russia	2015	Preliminary	W				3	2
12/7/13	Canada	2013	Championship				L	1	3
12/5/13	Russia	2013	Semifinal	W				4	1
12/4/13	Canada	2013	Preliminary				L	1	4
12/2/13	Korea	2013	Preliminary	W				5	0
12/1/13	Russia	2013	Preliminary	W				2	1
12/8/12	Canada	2012	Championship	W				1	0
12/6/12	Norway	2012	Semifinal	W				4	1
12/5/12	Canada	2012	Preliminary				L	1	2
12/3/12	Japan	2012	Preliminary	W				8	0
12/2/12	Norway	2012	Preliminary	W				3	1
12/3/11	Canada	2011 (Nov.)	Championship				L	1	4
12/1/11	Norway	2011 (Nov.)	Semifinal	W				7	2
11/30/11	Canada	2011 (Nov.)	Preliminary				L	1	3
11/28/11	Japan	2011 (Nov.)	Preliminary	W				6	2
11/27/11	Norway	2011 (Nov.)	Preliminary	W				5	1
4/23/11	Japan	2011 (Apr.)	Third-Place	W				9	1
4/22/11	Norway	2011 (Apr.)	Semifinal				L	4	5
4/20/11	Norway	2011 (Apr.)	Preliminary	W				4	2
4/19/11	Japan	2011 (Apr.)	Preliminary	W				8	1
4/18/11	Canada	2011 (Apr.)	Preliminary				L	1	3
11/21/09	Canada	2009	Championship		OTW			3	2
11/19/09	Japan	2009	Round Robin	W				2	0
11/18/09	Norway	2009	Round Robin	W				3	0
11/17/09	Canada	2009	Round Robin				L	0	4
11/22/08	Japan	2008	Third-Place	W				9	0
11/20/08	Japan	2008	Round Robin	W				4	1
11/19/08	Norway	2008	Round Robin				L	2	3
11/18/08	Canada	2008	Round Robin				L	1	3
3/17/07	Germany	2007	Third-Place	W				5	0
3/16/07	Norway	2007	Round Robin				L	3	5
3/14/07	Germany	2007	Round Robin	W				6	2
3/13/07	Canada	2007	Round Robin				L	1	3
			<b>53 Games</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>82</b>

#### U.S. EVENT RECORDS

Top Three Per Category Entering 2018

STATISTIC	SINGLE TOURNAMENT RECORD	
	PLAYER	RECORD
Goals	Declan Farmer	8 (2016 Dec.)
	Declan Farmer	7 (2016 Jan.)
	Nikko Landeros	7 (2011 Apr.)
Assists	Declan Farmer	9 (2016 Dec.)
	Brody Roybal	8 (2016 Dec.)
	Kevin McKee	8 (2016 Jan.)
	Declan Farmer	17 (2016 Dec.)
Points	Declan Farmer	13 (2017)
	Brody Roybal	13 (2016 Dec.)
	Declan Farmer	13 (2016 Jan.)
GAA*	Bo Reichenbach	0.59 (2016 Dec.)
	Steve Cash	0.66 (2015)
	Jen Lee	0.67 (2017)
SV%*	Steve Cash	0.936 (2015)
	Jen Lee	0.923 (2017)
	Steve Cash	0.921 (2016 Dec.)

\*Minimum 75 minutes played

STATISTIC	CAREER TOURNAMENT RECORD	
	PLAYER	RECORD
Games Played	Josh Pauls	48
	Adam Page	48
	Nikko Landeros	44
Goals	Declan Farmer	28
	Kevin McKee	21
	Josh Pauls	20
Assists	Declan Farmer	34
	Kevin McKee	29
	Nikko Landeros	26
	Declan Farmer	62
Points	Declan Farmer	62
	Kevin McKee	50
	Josh Pauls	46
Wins	Steve Cash	31
	Jen Lee	4
	Bo Reichenbach	1
GAA	Jen Lee	0.24
	Bo Reichenbach	0.47
	Steve Cash	1.78
Shutouts	Steve Cash	10
	Jen Lee	2
	Bo Reichenbach	1
Mins Played	Steve Cash	2140
	Jen Lee	185
	Bo Reichenbach	99



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### 2017-18 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
<b>GOALTENDERS (2)</b>						
32	Jen Lee* <sup>^</sup>	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	07/26/1986	San Francisco, California	San Antonio Rampage
34	Steve Cash* <sup>^</sup> #	5-7 (170)	150 (68)	05/09/1989	Overland, Missouri	DASA St. Louis Blues
<b>DEFENSEMEN (5)</b>						
3	Ralph DeQuebec*	5-10 (178)	185 (84)	03/24/1983	San Pedro, California	Colorado Avalanche
7	Colin Gooley	5-10 (178)	180 (82)	09/17/1993	Baldwinsville, New York	Buffalo Sabres
8	Jack Wallace*	6-4 (193)	210 (95)	06/24/1998	Franklin Lakes, New Jersey	NJ Freeze
17	Chris Douglas	5-9 (175)	150 (68)	05/17/1990	Saint Cloud, Florida	Florida Bandits
27	Josh Pauls* <sup>^</sup> # (C)	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	12/31/1992	Green Brook, New Jersey	DASA St. Louis Blues
<b>FORWARDS (10)</b>						
4	Brody Roybal* <sup>^</sup>	3-1 (94)	120 (54)	05/25/1998	Northlake, Illinois	Chicago Blackhawks
9	Travis Dodson*	4-0 (122)	150 (68)	02/14/1985	Deming, New Mexico	Chicago Blackhawks
10	Josh Sweeney <sup>^</sup>	5-8 (173)	150 (68)	06/06/1987	Portland, Oregon	Portland Winterhawks
13	Luke McDermott*	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	09/01/1987	Westerlo, New York	Buffalo Sabres
15	Kyle Zych	5-9 (175)	165 (75)	12/09/1996	South Hadley, Massachusetts	Northeast Passage Wildcats
16	Declan Farmer* <sup>^</sup> (A)	6-0 (183)	135 (61)	11/05/1997	Tampa, Florida	Tampa Bay Lightning
22	Noah Grove*	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	05/01/1999	Frederick, Maryland	Boston Bruins
23	Rico Roman* <sup>^</sup> (A)	5-9 (175)	180 (82)	02/04/1981	Portland, Oregon	Colorado Avalanche
40	Josh Hargis	6-0 (183)	165 (75)	08/16/1989	Colorado Springs, Colorado	Colorado Avalanche
88	Kevin McKee* <sup>^</sup>	4-7 (140)	115 (52)	02/11/1990	Chicago, Illinois	Chicago Blackhawks

#### TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Dan Brennan (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	Athletic Trainer	Mike Cortese (Boynton Beach, Fla.)
Head Coach	David Hoff (Bottineau, N.D.)	Equipment Manager	Scott Aldrich (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Assistant Coach	Corey Gorder (Bottineau, N.D.)	Team Physician	Mike Uihlein (Grafton, Wis.)
		Communications	Jon Gomez (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

\*2018 Paralympic gold medalist

<sup>^</sup>2014 Paralympic gold medalist

#2010 Paralympic gold medalist

### 2018 U.S. PARA HOCKEY CUP GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET)	CANADA	SOUTH KOREA	CANADA	SOUTH KOREA	TITLE GAME	TOTALS
No Name	W, 3-0 12/03	7:00 P.M. 12/04	7:00 P.M. 12/06	12:00 P.M. 12/07	4:00 P.M. 12/08	2018 PHC
3	Ralph DeQuebec	--	--	--	--	0 PTS (0-0)
4	Brody Roybal	A*	--	--	--	1 PTS (0-1)
7	Colin Gooley	--	--	--	--	0 PTS (0-0)
8	Jack Wallace	A	--	--	--	1 PTS (0-1)
9	Travis Dodson	--	--	--	--	0 PTS (0-0)
10	Josh Sweeney	--	--	--	--	0 PTS (0-0)
13	Luke McDermott	--	--	--	--	0 PTS (0-0)
15	Kyle Zych	G #	--	--	--	1 PTS (1-0)
16	Declan Farmer	P/WA	--	--	--	2 PTS (1-1)
17	Chris Douglas	--	--	--	--	0 PTS (0-0)
22	Noah Grove	--	--	--	--	0 PTS (0-0)
23	Rico Roman	G	--	--	--	1 PTS (1-0)
27	Josh Pauls	--	--	--	--	0 PTS (0-0)
40	Josh Hargis	--	--	--	--	0 PTS (0-0)
88	Kevin McKee	--	--	--	--	0 PTS (0-0)
32	Jen Lee	DNP	--	--	--	0-0 (0.00)
34	Steve Cash	W, 9/9 (45:00)	--	--	--	1-0 (0.00)

#### Key:

G - goal	S - shorthanded goal	W - game-winning goal	DNP - did not play
A - assist	P* - penalty shot	A* - assist on game-winning goal	DND - did not dress
P - powerplay goal	U - unassisted goal	# - U.S. Player of the Game	

### 2018-19 U.S. ROSTER DETAILS

#### CAREER SKATER STATISTICS ENTERING 2018-19

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Ralph DeQuebec	D	15	1	5	6	4
4	Brody Roybal	F	64	54	59	113	34
7	Colin Gooley*	D	0	0	0	0	0
8	Jack Wallace	F/D	27	9	12	21	8
9	Travis Dodson	F	15	4	2	6	2
10	Josh Sweeney	F	64	12	21	33	4
13	Luke McDermott	F	48	5	17	22	22
15	Kyle Zych*	F	0	0	0	0	0
16	Declan Farmer	F	81	82	67	149	26
17	Chri Douglas	F/D	28	1	7	8	14
22	Noah Grove	F	26	5	13	18	0
23	Rico Roman	F/D	92	10	18	28	22
27	Josh Pauls	F/D	138	37	64	101	22
40	Josh Hargis*	F	0	0	0	0	0
88	Kevin McKee	F	104	38	61	99	35

\*Making their national team debuts this season

#### HOME STATES

California	2
Colorado	1
Florida	2
Illinois	2
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	1
Missouri	1
New Jersey	2
New Mexico	1
New York	2
Oregon	2

#### BIRTH YEARS

1981	1
1983	1
1985	1
1986	1
1987	2
1989	2
1990	2
1992	1
1993	1
1996	1
1997	1
1998	2
1999	1

#### CAREER GOALTENDER STATISTICS ENTERING 2018-19

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-OTW-OTL-L-T	GA	SVS	GAA	SV%
32	Jen Lee	21	534:42	8-0-0-0-0	6	52	0.51	0.897
34	Steve Cash	142	6006:07	91-15-7-32-1	177	1605	1.33	0.901

<b>Average Height:</b>	5'4"
<b>Average Weight:</b>	156
<b>Oldest Player:</b>	Rico Roman (37 years, 10 months)
<b>Youngest Player:</b>	Noah Grove (19 years, 7 months)
<b>Average Age:</b>	27 years, 9 months





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### OTHER U.S. TIDBITS

#### THIS AND THAT

Yesterday's game was **Josh Pauls'** 49th in tournament history, establishing a new U.S. record for most games by a U.S. player ... Additionally, **Declan Farmer** extended his goal (29), assist (35) and point (64) totals with a goal and an assist yesterday ... The U.S. enters the event as four-time defending champions having won the 2015, 2016 (Jan.), 2016 (Dec.) and 2017 events ... Seven players on Team USA hold military backgrounds from the U.S. Army and U.S. Marines, including three U.S. Army veterans in alternate captain **Rico Roman** (Portland, Ore.), **Jen Lee** (San Francisco, Calif.) and U.S. Army Ranger **Josh Hargis** (Colorado Springs, Colo.) and four U.S. Marines in **Ralph DeQuebec** (San Pedro, Calif.), **Travis Dodson** (Deming, N.M.) **Luke McDermott** (Westerlo, N.Y.) and **Josh Sweeney** (Portland, Ore.) ... **John Vanbiesbrouck**, USA Hockey's assistant executive director of hockey operations, visited Team USA on Friday (Nov. 30).

#### LAST SEASON: 15-1-0-0

Last season, Team USA skated to a 15-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that included an unprecedented third straight Paralympic gold medal and first-place finishes at both the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge and the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament. In the first-time ever Paralympic gold-medal game meeting between the U.S. and Canada, the U.S. came from behind to defeat Canada, 2-1, in overtime for its fourth overall Paralympic gold medal (2002, 2010, 2014, 2018).

### USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

#### 30 AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN IIHF COMPETITION

USA Hockey announced that that 30 American officials have been selected to serve as referees or linesmen for International Ice Hockey Federation events in 2018-19.

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).

#### 2019 HOCKEY WEEK ACROSS AMERICA

In 2019, USA Hockey's yearly nationwide initiative Hockey Weekend Across America – now in its 12th year – will expand to a week-long celebration and take place from Feb. 17-24, 2019. The daily themes will include daily salutes to players (Feb. 18), coaches (19), officials (20) and local rinks (21) followed by the traditional themed days of Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day (Feb. 22), Try Hockey Day (Feb. 23) and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes (Feb. 24). For more information on the week-long celebration, visit [HockeyWeekAcrossAmerica.com](http://HockeyWeekAcrossAmerica.com).

#### U.S.-CANADA THREE-GAME WOMEN'S SERIES

USA Hockey, in conjunction with Hockey Canada, recently announced that one of the greatest rivalries in sports will renew when the women's national teams from the U.S. and Canada clash in a three-game series Feb. 12-17, 2019.

Little Caesars Arena in Detroit will host the final game of the series as part of Hockey Week Across America on Sunday, Feb. 17, with opening faceoff set for 12 noon ET. The series will also feature games Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. ET in London, Ontario, and Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. ET in Toronto.

Tickets (ranging from \$15-\$55) went on sale earlier today and can be purchased at [313Presents.com](http://313Presents.com), [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) and the Little Caesars Arena XFINITY box office located just off Woodward Avenue, adjacent to the Chevrolet Entry Northeast. To purchase tickets by phone, fans can call 800-745-3000.

#### 2018 U.S. JUNIOR SELECT TEAM

On Friday, Nov. 16, USA Hockey named 21 players for the 2018 U.S. Junior Select Team (12 forwards, seven defensemen and two goaltenders) that will compete in the 2018 World Junior A Challenge from Dec. 9-16 in Bonnyville, Alberta. All players currently play in the United States Hockey League, the lone Tier I junior league in the U.S.

**Anthony Noren** (Kearney, Neb.), head coach and general manager of the Tri-City Storm, has been named head coach of the U.S. Junior Select Team and will be assistant coaches **Mark Abalan** (Sioux City, Iowa), **Shane Fukushima** (Waterloo, Iowa) and **David Wilkie** (Omaha, Neb.).

The U.S. will play an exhibition game against Canada East on Friday, Dec. 7, at 9 p.m. ET before opening the competition Sunday, Dec. 9, against Canada West at 9 p.m. ET.

#### 2019 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM

The U.S. National Junior Team will take part in the 2019 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship Dec. 26, 2018 – Jan. 5, 2019, in Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia. The U.S. enters the event having medaled in three-straight World Junior Championships for the first time in U.S. history after earning gold in 2017 and bronze in 2018 and 2016.

**John Vanbiesbrouck** (Detroit, Mich./USA Hockey), assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey, is serving as general manager while **Mike Hastings** (Crookston, Minn./Minnesota State), head coach of Minnesota State men's ice hockey team, has been tabbed head coach. He will be joined behind the U.S. bench by assistant coaches **David Lasselund** (Durham, N.H./Dartmouth College), **Steve Miller** (Columbus, Ohio/Ohio State University), **Scott Sandelin** (Hibbing, Minn./University of Minnesota Duluth) and **Jerry Keefe** (Saugus, Mass./Northeastern University).

The U.S. will convene in Everett, Wash., from Dec. 14-18 for its initial training camp. Team USA will play pre-tournament games against Russia on Dec. 20 in Kamloops, B.C., and against the Czech Republic on Dec. 22 in Langley, B.C.

#### USA HOCKEY'S NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Founded in 1996, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program began operations in Ann Arbor, Michigan, 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 teams, which 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, home of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, 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 included 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.