



# 2022-23 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2023 WORLD PARA ICE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP | MOOSE JAW EVENTS CENTRE | MOOSE JAW, SASK.

PRELIMINARY ROUND • USA (2-0-0-0) VS. CANADA (2-0-0-0) • WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023 • 9:00 P.M. ET • MOOSE JAW EVENTS CENTRE

## TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team takes on Canada in its final preliminary round game of the 2023 World Para Ice Hockey Championship today. Puck drop is set for 9:00 p.m. ET at the Moose Jaw Events Centre in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Both teams enter this game with 2-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) records in preliminary round play, with the winner clinching the top seed in Group A heading into quarterfinals. Team USA carries an undefeated 13-2-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record this season into the game.

Team USA entered the tournament with five Sled World Championships all-time and two consecutive titles.

## TALKING POINTS

### SEASON SUMMARY

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team entered the World Para Ice Hockey Championship with an unbeaten 11-2-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record on the 2022-23 season. The unbeaten streak includes first-place finishes at the International Para Hockey Cup in September in Ostrava, Czechia, as well as the Para Hockey Cup in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, in November.

Team USA, along with members of the Men's and Women's Sled Development Teams, participated in the Hanger LIVE Sled Classic in January in Dallas, Texas, and swept Canada in the Sled Series in March in Elmira, Ontario.

### MILESTONE MARKS FOR ROYBAL AND FARMER

In the preliminary round game against Czechia, **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) tallied a goal and an assist, giving him 250 career points, extending his U.S. National Sled Hockey Team Record.

In the second game of the 2023 Sled Series vs. Canada in Elmira, Ontario, in late March, forward **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) made U.S. National Sled Hockey History, becoming just the second player in team history to record 200 career points. Roybal's three goal, one assist performance in game two also made him just the second player ever with 100 career goals, as well as the second player to ever reach 100 assists for the team.

### SLED WORLDS DEBUTS

**Brandon Adam** (Silverthorne, Colo.), **Brett Bolton** (Rockledge, Fla.), **Malik Jones** (Aurora, Colo.), **Griffin LaMarre** (Haverhill, Mass.), **Ben Musselman** (Amelia, Ohio), and **Evan Nichols** (Haymarket, Va.) will be competing at the World Para Ice Hockey Championship for the first time in their careers.

For Adam, a member of the U.S. Men's Development Sled Hockey Team for the past year, the second preliminary round game against Korea marked his debut for the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team.

### HOFF NAMED 2022 PARALYMPIC COACH OF THE YEAR

**David Hoff** (Bottineau, N.D.), head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team, has been named the recipient of the 2022 Paralympic Coach of the Year by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. Established in 2004, the Paralympic Coach of the Year is presented to a coach of an elite-level club, collegiate or national-level team, or the coach of an elite athlete who competes at the highest level of their sport. Hoff has led the U.S. to an unprecedented 31-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record in his five year tenure as head coach.

### MILITARY BACKGROUNDS

Four players on Team USA hold military backgrounds from the U.S. Army and U.S. Marines, including two U.S. Army veterans, **Brandon Adam** (Silverthorne, Colo.) and **Jen Lee** (San Francisco, Calif.) and two U.S. Marines in **Travis Dodson** (Deming, N.M.), and **Josh Misiewicz** (La Grange, Ill.).

## BROADCAST DETAILS

All World Para Ice Hockey Championship games will be live streamed on the Paralympics YouTube channel and Facebook page.

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)/RESULTS
MON., MAY 29	CZECHIA	W, 7-1
TUES., MAY 30	KOREA	W, 9-0
WED., MAY 31	CANADA	9:00 P.M.
FRI., JUNE 2	QUARTERFINAL	5:00 P.M. /9:00 P.M.
SAT., JUNE 3	SEMIFINAL	5:00 P.M. /9:00 P.M.
SUN., JUNE 4	BRONZE/GOLD MEDAL GAME	5:00 P.M. /9:00 P.M.

## TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS

TOURNAMENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
2023 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	CZE	4-1-0-0
2022 IPH Cup	USA	CAN	IPH	5-0-0-0
2022 Paralympics	USA	CAN	CHN	4-0-0-0
2021 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RPC	4-0-0-1
2019 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2019 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	KOR	4-1-0-0
2018 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
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
TOTAL				78-4-1-1

## LEADING TEAM USA

**David Hoff** (Bottineau, N.D.) is in his fifth season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. In March of 2023, Hoff was named the 2022 Paralympic Coach of the Year by the USOPC. USA Hockey's Northern Plains District Coach-In-Chief, Hoff led the U.S. to an unprecedented fourth straight gold medal at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games. In his debut season as bench boss, Hoff coached Team USA to a 10-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, including an undefeated 4-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) mark at the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, Czech Republic. He added a second world championship gold medal to his resume after guiding Team USA to a top-of-the-podium finish at the 2021 IPC Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, its record fifth gold medal in world championship history. In his Paralympic debut in 2022, Hoff led Team USA to a perfect 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record and the gold medal.

**Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), who has helped the U.S. capture the gold medal in the last four Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018, 2022), is serving as captain of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. Pauls is in his 15th season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his sixth as team captain.

## 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.

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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Seamus Kelley, who will be on-site with Team USA in Elmira, Ont.



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### 2022-23 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
<b>GOALTENDERS (2)</b>						
29	Griffin LaMarre	5-10 (178)	165 (75)	11/10/1996	Haverhill, Mass.	Northeast Passage Wildcats
32	Jen Lee	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	07/26/1986	San Francisco, California	San Antonio Rampage
<b>DEFENSEMEN (4)</b>						
8	Jack Wallace	6-4 (193)	210 (95)	06/24/1998	Franklin Lakes, N.J.	Nashville Sled Preds
17	Chris Douglas	5-9 (175)	150 (68)	05/17/1990	Saint Cloud, Fla.	Florida Bandits
27	Josh Pauls	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	12/31/1992	Green Brook, N.J.	DASA St. Louis Blues
37	David Eustace	6-1 (185)	155 (70)	05/03/1999	Stoneham, Mass.	Northeast Passage Wildcats
<b>FORWARDS (11)</b>						
3	Brandon Adam	4-11 (150)	155 (70)	08/19/1985	Silverthorne, Colo.	Colorado Avalanche
4	Brody Roybal	3-1 (94)	120 (54)	05/25/1998	Northlake, Illinois	Nashville Sled Preds
9	Travis Dodson	4-0 (122)	150 (68)	02/14/1985	Deming, New Mexico	Nashville Sled Preds
10	Brett Bolton	5-7 (170)	154 (70)	04/08/2006	Rockledge, Fla.	Space Coast Blast
14	Ben Musselman	5-6 (168)	125 (57)	03/03/2001	Amelia, Ohio	Ohio United
16	Declan Farmer	6-0 (183)	135 (61)	11/05/1997	Tampa, Florida	Colorado Avalanche
18	Evan Nichols	5-7 (170)	130 (59)	07/29/2004	Haymarket, Va.	Pittsburgh Mighty Penguins
19	Malik Jones	5-7 (170)	162 (73)	12/06/2002	Aurora, Colo.	Colorado Avalanche
22	Noah Grove	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	05/01/1999	Frederick, Maryland	Boston Bruins
24	Josh Misiewicz	6-0 (183)	170 (77)	06/25/1988	La Grange, Ill.	Chicago Blackhawks
88	Kevin McKee	4-7 (140)	115 (52)	02/11/1990	Davenport, Iowa	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	Jake Visser (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Assistant Coach	Corey Gorder (Bottineau, N.D.)	Team Physician	Mike Uihlein (Grafton, Wis.)
		Communications	Seamus Kelley (Norwood, Mass.)
		Content	Brianna Rhone (Oklahoma City, Okla.)

### 2023 SLED WORLDS GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET)		CZECHIA W, 7-1 5/29	KOREA W, 9-0 5/30	CANADA 9:00PM 5/31	TOTALS 2023 SLED WORLDS
No	Name				
3	Brandon Adam	DND	--	--	--
4	Brody Roybal	G	DND	--	--
8	Jack Wallace	--	A	--	--
9	Travis Dodson	GG*G	GA	--	--
10	Brett Bolton	DND	--	--	--
14	Ben Musselman	--	DND	--	--
16	Declan Farmer	GA	G*GG	--	--
17	Chris Douglas	--	G	--	--
18	Evan Nichols	A	GA	--	--
19	Malik Jones	G	G	--	--
22	Noah Grove	G	AA	--	--
24	Josh Misiewicz	--	--	--	--
27	Josh Pauls	--	G	--	--
37	David Eustace	A	SAA	--	--
88	Kevin McKee	AA*A	A	--	--
29	Griffin LaMarre	--	W	--	--
32	Jen Lee	W	--	--	--

Key:

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

### 2022-23 U.S. ROSTER DETAILS

#### CAREER SKATER STATISTICS ENTERING 2023 SLED WORLDS

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Brandon Adam*	F	0	0	0	0	0
4	Brody Roybal	F	113	100	100	200	54
8	Jack Wallace	D	60	35	37	72	63
9	Travis Dodson	F	48	13	17	30	8
10	Brett Bolton*	F	13	2	2	4	2
14	Ben Musselman*	F	13	7	5	12	6
16	Declan Farmer	F	117	135	113	248	46
17	Chris Douglas	D	54	5	16	21	20
18	Evan Nichols	F	14	8	9	17	0
19	Malik Jones	F	14	9	4	13	0
22	Noah Grove	F	54	13	25	38	4
24	Josh Misiewicz	F	50	28	43	71	24
27	Josh Pauls	D	177	55	99	154	24
37	David Eustace	D	27	7	6	13	6
88	Kevin McKee	F	138	48	72	120	41

\*Made national team debuts this season

#### CAREER GOALTENDER STATISTICS ENTERING 2022-23

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-OTW-OTL-L-T	GA	SVS	GAA	SV%
29	Griffin LaMarre	6	210:00	5-0-0-0-0	5	20	1.07	0.800
32	Jen Lee	35	1058:42	19-0-0-1-0	10	96	0.43	0.905

<b>Average Height:</b>	5'6"
<b>Average Weight:</b>	146
<b>Oldest Player:</b>	Travis Dodson (38 years, 3 months)
<b>Youngest Player:</b>	Brett Bolton (17 years, 2 months)
<b>Average Age:</b>	28 years



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## TIDBITS



### INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

The defending Paralympic gold medalists and World Para Ice Hockey champions, Team USA has claimed five Paralympic Winter Games gold medals (2022, 2018, 2014, 2010, 2002) and five International Paralympic Committee Sled Hockey World Championship gold medals (2021, 2019, 2015, 2012, 2009) in addition to eight Para Hockey Cup titles (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 (Dec.), 2016 (Jan.), 2015, 2012, 2009), the 2022 International Para Hockey Cup, the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament and the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship title.

Since the 2014 Paralympics, the U.S. has skated to a 78-4-1-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record (entering the 2023 Sled World Championship) across all competitions. The U.S. has captured three Paralympic gold medals and three World Championship

## USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

### U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM WINS GOLD

The U.S. Women's National Team claimed gold at the 2023 IIHF Women's World Championship in Brampton, Ontario, with a 6-3 win over Canada to capture USA Hockey's first gold medal since 2019. The U.S. has now won 10 world championship gold medals (2023, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2008, 2005).

Captain **Hilary Knight** (Sun Valley, Idaho) was Team USA's Player of the Game in the gold-medal game with three goals, including the game-winner, and became the first player in Women's Worlds history to reach 100 points. **Aerin Frankel** (Chappaqua, N.Y.) made 24 saves en route to the victory.

The tournament took place from April 5-16, 2023 at the CAA Centre, with the U.S. competing in Group A alongside Canada, Czechia, Japan, and Switzerland, while Group B consisted of Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, and Sweden. Team USA finished with a 6-0-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record.

### TEAM USA CAPTURES GOLD AT U-18 MEN'S WORLDS

The U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team came back from a two-goal deficit to earn a 3-2 win over Sweden and capture the gold medal at the 2023 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

The 2023 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship took place April 20-30, 2023 in Basel and Porrentruy, Switzerland. The tournament venues included St. Jakob Arena and Raiffeisen Arena.

The U.S. competed in Group B alongside Finland, Latvia, Norway and Switzerland and went 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-L-OTL) in the preliminary round before defeating Czechia, 4-1, in the quarterfinals and Slovakia, 7-1, in the semifinals.

### MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REVIEW

The U.S. Men's National Team's run in the 2023 IIHF Men's World Championship came to an end earlier this week as the U.S. fell to Latvia in the bronze medal game at Nokia Arena in Tampere, Finland.

Following an unbeaten run through the preliminary and quarterfinal rounds, the U.S. suffered a heartbreaking semifinal loss to Germany in overtime, before falling to Latvia in OT in the bronze medal game.

The 2023 IIHF Men's World Championship took place May 12-28, in Tampere, Finland and Riga, Latvia.

### USA HOCKEY LEVEL 5 COACHES SYMPOSIUM

The 2023 USA Hockey Level 5 Coaching Symposium took place May 4-7 in Falmouth, Massachusetts, with more than 450 coaches from across the country joining together for learning, presentations, panels, and breakout sessions – all for the purpose of continuing education, and working towards their Level 5 coaching certification, the highest offered by USA Hockey.

### USA HOCKEY DISABLED FESTIVAL

The largest disabled event of its kind and one of USA Hockey's most significant events each season, the USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival brings together all six disabled hockey disciplines, now spanning two weekends. The inaugural Festival in 2005 included 24 teams and nearly 300 players. The mission of the Festival is to provide a fun and exciting weekend of hockey in a grand event as well as promote and grow disabled hockey throughout the country.

The 2023 Disabled Hockey Festival was held in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Centene Community Ice Center March 30-April 2 and April 13-16. Blind, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Special, Standing Amputee & Warrior Hockey were featured the first weekend and Sled Hockey took center stage on the second weekend with Sled National Championships in a variety of age and skill divisions.

### CHIPOTLE-USA HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A total of 22 champions were crowned from late March to mid-April at the 2023 Chipotle-USA Hockey Girls and Youth National Championships at eight different host sites across the country. Champions hail from 14 different states.

As part of USA Hockey Girls and Youth Nationals, some 6,080 players have competed for American hockey top honors at various host sites across the United States, culminating into national champions.

### 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.