



2019 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME NOTES

2019 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | ESPOO, FINLAND | APRIL 4-14, 2019

QUARTERFINALS • USA (4-0-0-0) VS. JAPAN (2-0-0-2) • METRO AREENA • ESPOO, FINLAND • APRIL 11, 2019

TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. will face Japan today in the quarterfinal round for its fifth game of the 2019 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship. The game will take place at 12:30 p.m. local time/5:30 a.m. ET at Metro Areena in Espoo, Finland. Today's game will be broadcast live in the United States on NHL Network. Follow the updates on Twitter @USAHockey and join the conversation by using #WomensWorlds.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
THURS., APRIL 4	FINLAND <i>Preliminary Round</i>	W, 6-2
SAT., APRIL 6	CANADA <i>Preliminary Round</i>	W, 3-2
SUN., APRIL 7	SWITZERLAND <i>Preliminary Round</i>	W, 8-0
TUES., APRIL 9	RUSSIA <i>Preliminary Round</i>	W, 10-0
THURS., APRIL 11	JAPAN <i>Quarterfinal Round</i>	12:30 P.M./5:30 A.M. NHL Network
SAT., APRIL 13	TBD <i>Semifinal Round</i>	TBD NHL Network
SUN., APRIL 14	TBD <i>Medal Round</i>	TBD NHL Network

2019 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship is in its 19th year after the inaugural tournament was held in Ottawa in 1990. The U.S. Women's National Team has played Canada in the gold-medal game in all 18 of the previous events, capturing the tournament's top prize in each of the last four years and now a total of eight times (2005, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017), including seven of the last eight tournaments, and eight of the last 10.

The 2019 tournament includes competition among 10 women's national teams for the first time, as opposed to eight in previous years. The U.S. is competing in Group A alongside Canada, Finland, Russia and Switzerland. Group B includes the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Japan and Sweden.

After a single round-robin series in each group, the five teams in Group A and best three teams from Group B advance to the playoff round. Quarterfinals will be played between A1-B3, A2-B2, A3-B1 and A4-A5, with the winner of each moving on to the semifinals. The winner of each semifinal game will advance to the gold-medal game, while the losers will play one another for the bronze medal.

MEDIA ACCESS

Team USA players and head coach Bob Corkum will be available for interviews in designated mixed zone areas following games and non-gameday practices. Media availability on day-of-game morning skates will be limited and by request only. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

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PLAYOFF OUTLOOK

All quarterfinal match-ups are set to take place today (Thursday), with the U.S. kicking off the slate of games here in Espoo. Additional match-ups on the day include Russia taking on Switzerland, Canada facing Germany and the host nation Finland battling the Czech Republic. Should the U.S. advance to the semifinal round, it would face the winner of the Russia and Switzerland game based on the IIHF's playoff bracket. The two semifinals are set to take place on Saturday, April 13.

TALKING POINTS

LOOKING BACK AT THE PRELIMS

The U.S. won four games in a row in the preliminary round, marking its fourth-consecutive perfect run through the WWC prelims dating back to 2013. En route to the quarterfinals, the U.S. earned a 6-2 comeback victory over the host nation, Finland, a hard-fought 3-2 win over Canada, and shut-out victories over Switzerland and Russia, 8-0 and 10-0 respectively, to close out the preliminary round.

MILESTONES

It has been a full team effort to this stage, with every single U.S. skater reaching the score sheet after the first four games. That includes Melissa Samoskevich (Sandy Hook, Conn.), who scored her first WWC goal this past week, and Lee Stecklein (Roseville, Minn.), who scored her first IIHF goal in a USA sweater in her 43rd IIHF game as a member of the team dating back to her U18 days. Captain Kendall Coyne Schofield (Palos Heights, Ill.) leads the way for Team USA with seven points (four goals, three assists) and is tied with one other skater for the overall tournament lead in scoring.

SERIES VS. JAPAN

The U.S. has faced Japan four times in IIHF tournament play in its history, including Olympics, Women's Worlds and Under-18 Women's Worlds, coming away with four victories.

DATE	EVENT	RESULT
Feb. 12, 1998	Olympics	W, 10-0
April 4, 2009	WWC	W, 8-0
March 27, 2010	U18 WWC	W, 11-1
Jan. 2, 2011	U18 WWC	W, 7-1

In the 2009 WWC match-up, Hilary Knight (Sun Valley, Idaho) and Kacey Bellamy (Westfield, Mass.) laced up for Team USA. Knight scored a hat trick in the victory and the U.S. outshot its opponent 74-8. In addition, multiple members of Team USA were on the ice for the Under-18 Women's Worlds match-ups, including Alex Carpenter (North Reading, Mass.), Kendall Coyne Schofield (Palos Heights, Ill.), Shelly Picard (Taunton, Mass.), Emily Pfalzer (Buffalo, N.Y.) and Alex Rigsby (Delafield, Wis.) in 2010, and Hannah Brandt (Vadnais Heights, Minn.), Lee Stecklein (Roseville, Minn.) and Carpenter, Pfalzer and Picard again in 2011.

RECORD WATCH

In today's game, Knight will tie Jenny Potter and Angela Ruggiero for the most all-time games played at the WWC with 50. Her 10 tournament appearances also tie those two for the most ever, with Bellamy close behind with nine. Knight is also four goals away from tying Cammi Granato as the leading scorer for Team USA at the WWC, with Granato's record holding at 44. Brianna Decker (Dousman, Wis.) is also close to a milestone, standing just two assists away from tying Krissy Wendell and Jenny Potter for the all-time assists record in WWC play (record is 38). Coyne Schofield is also closing in on her 50th IIHF goal, with just two more needed to reach that benchmark.



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2019 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

KEY TEAM USA WWC STATISTICS

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

FINLAND



CANADA



SWITZERLAND



RUSSIA



Series vs. Finland: 15-0-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

APRIL 4, 2019: USA 6, FIN 2: Trailing 2-1 after two periods of play, the U.S. rattled off five unanswered goals in the final period to defeat Finland, 6-2. Coyne Schofield scored a game-high three points and was named U.S. player of the game.

Series vs. Canada: 10-4-5-8 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

APRIL 6, 2019: USA 3, CAN 2: In a battle of the special teams, the U.S. prevailed over Canada, 3-2, thank to goals from Kendall Coyne Schofield, Hilary Knight and Annie Pankowski.

Series vs. Switzerland: 7-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

APRIL 7, 2019: USA 8, SUI 0: Dani Cameranesi, Megan Keller and Amanda Kessel scored two goals apiece and 10 more Americans earned points as the U.S. triumphed over Switzerland, 8-0, in its third preliminary round game.

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

APRIL 9, 2019: USA 10, RUS 0: Kendall Coyne Schofield and Lee Stecklein each scored twice, and 15 more members of Team USA reached the score sheet as the U.S. downed Russia, 10-0, in its final prelim.

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT WWC

Year	Medal	Coach	Result	Opp.
2017	Gold	Robb Stauber	OTW, 3-2	CAN
2016	Gold	Ken Klee	OTW, 1-0	CAN
2015	Gold	Ken Klee	W, 7-5	CAN
2013	Gold	Katey Stone	W, 3-2	CAN
2012	Silver	Katey Stone	OTL, 5-4	CAN
2011	Gold	Katey Stone	OTW, 3-2	CAN
2009	Gold	Mark Johnson	W, 4-1	CAN
2008	Gold	Jackie Barto	W, 4-3	CAN
2007	Silver	Mark Johnson	L, 5-1	CAN
2005	Gold	Ben Smith	W, 1-0	CAN
2004	Silver	Ben Smith	L, 2-0	CAN
2001	Silver	Ben Smith	L, 3-2	CAN
2000	Silver	Ben Smith	OTL, 3-2	CAN
1999	Silver	Ben Smith	L, 3-1	CAN
1997	Silver	Ben Smith	OTL, 4-3	CAN
1994	Silver	Karen Kay	L, 6-3	CAN
1992	Silver	Russ McCurdy	L, 8-0	CAN
1990	Silver	Don MacLeod	L, 5-2	CAN

PREVIOUS 5 WWCs

Year	Finish	Coach	Record*
2017	Gold	Robb Stauber	4-1-0-0
2016	Gold	Ken Klee	4-1-0-0
2015	Gold	Ken Klee	5-0-0-0
2013	Gold	Katey Stone	4-0-1-0
2012	Silver	Katey Stone	4-0-0-1

*W-OTW-OTL-L

PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES

QF - JAPAN



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

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

SEMIFINALS



U.S. All-Time in WWC Semifinals: 13-1-1 (W-L-T)

Of Note: The U.S. has only fallen once in the semifinal round of the WWC and that was against Canada on April 10, 2009. Despite a 33-save effort by Molly Schaus, the U.S. was edged by its northern rival, 2-1. Because the U.S. had already earned a bid into the gold-medal game, the loss did not matter. Team USA would go on to claim gold against Canada two days later, winning 4-1.

MEDAL GAMES



U.S. All-Time in WWC Gold-Medal Games: 4-4-3-7 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

Of Note: The U.S. has faced Canada in the gold-medal game in all 18 previous WWC events, capturing the event's top prize the last four years and a total of eight times, including seven out of the last eight tournaments. Most recently, the U.S. defeated Canada in thrilling overtime fashion, 3-2, on April 7, 2017, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan.



ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record*	GF	GA
Canada	27	10-4-5-8	76	77
China	6	5-0-0-0-1	56	12
Finland	17	15-0-1-0-1	79	24
Germany	6	6-0-0-0	71	2
Japan	1	1-0-0-0	8	0
Kazakhstan	1	1-0-0-0	9	0
Norway	3	3-0-0-0	33	1
Russia	13	13-0-0-0	120	8
SKV	1	1-0-0-0	5	0
Sweden	8	8-0-0-0	66	12
Switzerland	7	7-0-0-0	70	5
TOTAL	90	70-4-6-8-2	593	141

*W-OTW-OTL-L-T

TOP U.S. GOAL SCORERS (ALL-TIME WWC)

Player	Goals	GP
Cammi Granato	44	43
Hilary Knight	36	45
Natalie Darwitz	29	40
Karyn Bye	27	30
Brianna Decker	24	30

MOST WWC APPEARANCES

Player	Tournaments
Hilary Knight	10*
Jenny Potter	10
Angela Ruggiero	10
Kacey Bellamy	9*
Julie Chu	9
Cammi Granato	9

*including the 2019 IIHF WWC (this year)

Statistics and records on this page reflect numbers entering the 2019 tournament unless otherwise indicated.



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2019 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
GOALTENDERS (3)							
31	Emma Polusny	5-9 (175)	164 (74)	3/16/99	L	Mound, Minn.	St. Cloud State University (WCHA)
33	Alex Rigsby	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	01/03/92	L	Delafield, Wis.	Calgary Inferno (CWHL)
35	Maddie Rooney	5-5 (165)	145 (66)	07/07/97	L	Andover, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)
DEFENSE (7)							
2	Lee Stecklein	6-0 (183)	170 (77)	04/23/94	L	Roseville, Minn.	Minnesota Whitecaps (NHL)
3	Cayla Barnes	5-2 (157)	138 (63)	01/07/99	R	Eastvale, Calif.	Boston College (HEA)
5	Megan Keller	5-11 (180)	165 (75)	05/01/96	L	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Boston College (HEA)
8	Emily Pfalzer	5-2 (157)	125 (57)	06/14/93	R	Buffalo, N.Y.	Buffalo Beauts (NHL)
9	Megan Bozek	5-8 (173)	176 (80)	03/27/91	R	Buffalo Grove, Ill.	Markham Thunder (CWHL)
22	Kacey Bellamy	5-7 (170)	145 (66)	04/22/87	L	Westfield, Mass.	Calgary Inferno (CWHL)
32	Shelly Picard	5-4 (163)	150 (68)	05/27/93	L	Taunton, Mass.	Metropolitan Riveters (NHL)
FORWARDS (13)							
14	Brianna Decker	5-4 (163)	148 (67)	05/13/91	R	Dousman, Wis.	Calgary Inferno (CWHL)
15	Sydney Brodt	5-6 (168)	140 (64)	05/03/98	R	North Oaks, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (WCHA)
16	Hayley Scamurra	5-8 (173)	161 (73)	12/14/94	L	Williamsville, N.Y.	Buffalo Beauts (NHL)
18	Jesse Compher	5-8 (173)	150 (68)	07/01/99	R	Northbrook, Ill.	Boston University (HEA)
20	Hannah Brandt	5-6 (168)	150 (68)	11/27/93	R	Vadnais Heights, Minn.	Minnesota Whitecaps (NHL)
21	Hilary Knight	5-11 (180)	172 (78)	07/12/89	R	Sun Valley, Idaho	Les Canadiennes de Montreal (CWHL)
24	Dani Cameranesi	5-5 (165)	155 (70)	06/30/95	L	Plymouth, Minn.	Buffalo Beauts (NHL)
25	Alex Carpenter	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	04/13/94	L	North Reading, Mass.	Kunlun Red Star (CWHL)
26	Kendall Coyne Schofield	5-2 (157)	125 (57)	05/25/92	L	Palos Heights, Ill.	Minnesota Whitecaps (NHL)
27	Annie Pankowski	5-9 (175)	165 (75)	11/04/94	R	Laguna Hills, Calif.	University of Wisconsin (WCHA)
28	Amanda Kessel	5-6 (168)	130 (59)	08/28/91	R	Madison, Wis.	Metropolitan Riveters (NHL)
39	Melissa Samoskevich	5-4 (163)	168 (76)	03/31/97	L	Sandy Hook, Conn.	Quinnipiac University (ECAC)

BY THE NUMBERS

TALLEST Stecklein (6ft. 0in.)
SHORTEST Barnes/Coyne/Pfalzer (5ft. 2 in.)

HEAVIEST Bozek (176 lbs)
LIGHTEST Coyne/Pfalzer (125 lbs)

SHOOT/CATCH Left: 12 Right: 11

YOUNGEST Compher (19)
OLDEST Bellamy (31)

HOME STATES (9)

Minnesota: 7 California: 2
 Illinois: 3 New York: 2
 Massachusetts: 3 Connecticut: 1
 Wisconsin: 3 Idaho: 1
 Michigan: 1

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS (2018-19 SEASON) (14)

NHL PLAYERS (8) **CWHL PLAYERS (6)**
 Minn. Whitecaps: 3 Calgary Inferno: 3
 Buffalo Beauts: 3 Kunlun Red Star: 1
 Metro. Riveters: 2 Markham Thunder: 1
 Mtl. Canadiennes: 1

COLLEGE PLAYERS (9)

WCHA PLAYERS (5) **WHEA PLAYERS (3)**
 Minnesota Duluth: 2 Boston College: 2
 Minnesota: 1 Boston University: 1
 Wisconsin: 1 **ECAC PLAYERS (1)**
 St. Cloud State: 1 Quinnipiac Univ.: 1

2019 IIHF WWC - U.S. SCORING BREAKDOWN

NO	NAME	POS.	FIN W, 6-2 4/4	CAN W, 3-2 4/6	SUI W, 8-0 4/7	RUS W, 10-0 4/9	QF JPN 4/11	SF TBD 4/13	TOTAL
2	Lee Stecklein	D	--	--	A	GG	--	--	2-1 (3)
3	Cayla Barnes	D	A	A*	A	G	--	--	1-3 (4)
5	Megan Keller	D	A	--	PP	A	--	--	2-2 (4)
8	Emily Pfalzer	D	--	--	AA	A	--	--	0-3 (3)
9	Megan Bozek	D	--	--	A	G	--	--	1-1 (2)
12	Kelly Pannek	F	--	--	A	A	--	--	0-2 (2)
14	Brianna Decker	F	G	--	A	AG	--	--	2-2 (4)
15	Sydney Brodt	F	--	--	--	A	--	--	0-1 (1)
16	Hayley Scamurra	F	--	--	--	A	--	--	0-1 (1)
18	Jesse Compher	F	DND	--	A	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
20	Hannah Brandt	F	A*	DND	DND	DND	--	--	0-1 (1)
21	Hilary Knight	F	WA	G	G	G	--	--	4-1 (5)
22	Kacey Bellamy	D	--	--	DND	A	--	--	0-1 (1)
24	Dani Cameranesi	F	--	A	GAG	--	--	--	2-2 (4)
25	Alex Carpenter	F	PA	--	GA	AA	--	--	2-4 (6)
26	Kendall Coyne Schofield	F	GAA	G	A	GP	--	--	4-3 (7)
27	Annie Pankowski	F	G	W	--	AAA	--	--	2-3 (5)
28	Amanda Kessel	F	A	--	GG	G	--	--	3-1 (4)
32	Shelly Picard	F	DND	--	--	A	--	--	0-1 (1)
39	Melissa Samoskevich	F	G	--	--	G	--	--	2-0 (2)
31	Emma Polusny	G	DND	DND	--	DND	--	--	(0-0 (W-L))
									0.00 GAA
33	Alex Rigsby	G	21/23 .913 SVS	31/33 .939 SVS	DND	12/12 1.00 SVS	--	--	(3-0 (W-L))
									1.33 GAA
35	Maddie Rooney	G	--	--	6/6 1.00 SVS	--	--	--	1-0 (W-L)
									0.00 GAA

KEY

G - GOAL

W - GAME-WINNING GOAL

U - UNASSISTED GOAL

P - POWER-PLAY GOAL

DND - DID NOT DRESS

A - ASSIST

P* - PENALTY SHOT GOAL

A* - ASSIST ON GWG

S - SHORTHANDED GOAL

W* - SHOOTOUT GWG



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2019 U.S. COACHING STAFF



BOB CORKUM, HEAD COACH

Bob Corkum is serving as head coach of the U.S. Women's National Team for the 2018-19 season.

Corkum's first international tournament as head coach with the U.S. Women's National Team was the 2018 Four Nations Cup in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where the U.S. women went undefeated en route to its fourth straight tournament title.

Previously, Corkum served as an assistant coach for the U.S. Under-22 Women's Select Team for the U-22 Series vs. Canada in Calgary in August and helped lead the U.S. to a three-game sweep.

Corkum's appointment to the U-22 select team staff marked his first coaching assignment for a U.S. team since leading the U.S. men into the 2013 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament in Slovakia, where the team finished second.

Corkum previously served as an assistant coach for the New York Islanders from 2014-2017. A 12-year NHL veteran, Corkum joined the Islanders organization in July 2013 after spending five seasons as an associate coach at his alma mater, the University of Maine. Corkum helped the Black Bears qualify for the NCAA Tournament in 2012.

Corkum's NHL career began with the Buffalo Sabres in 1990 after being selected by the Sabres in the 3rd round, 47th overall in 1986. The Salisbury, Mass., native also spent time with the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, Philadelphia Flyers, Phoenix Coyotes, Los Angeles Kings, New Jersey Devils and Atlanta Thrashers.

Prior to playing in the NHL, Corkum played four years at the University of Maine. As a senior in 1989, Corkum helped lead the Black Bears to a Hockey East Championship and a second-consecutive Frozen Four Appearance.

JOEL JOHNSON, ASSISTANT COACH

Johnson recently served as an assistant coach for the U.S. Women's National Team during the 2019 Rivalry Series and as it won four games in five days en route to its fourth consecutive tournament championship at the 2018 Four Nations Cup in November, marking his first appearance behind the bench for the team in international play. Previously, he led the U.S. Under-22 Women's Select Team to a three-game sweep at the Under-22 Series vs. Canada, serving as head coach alongside Corkum. Johnson also served as head coach for the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team from 2015-2018, helping the U.S. capture four consecutive gold medals at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, and in addition, has coached at numerous USA Hockey evaluation and training camps over the past five years. Now in his 14th season on the University of Minnesota coaching staff, Johnson has helped the Golden Gophers claim six national titles (2000, 2004, 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2016). He previously spent six seasons coaching at Bethel University from 2004-10, including three years as the men's hockey head coach.

BRIAN POTHIER, ASSISTANT COACH

Pothier receives his third coaching assignment with the U.S. Women's National Team after serving as an assistant coach during both the 2019 Rivalry Series and the 2018 Four Nations Cup. Pothier, alongside Corkum and Johnson, has served as a camp coach at the 2018 USA Hockey Women's Winter Training Camp in Plymouth, Mich., the U.S. Women's National Team Evaluation Camp in Biddeford, Maine, and the USA Hockey Women's National Festival in Lake Placid, N.Y. A former NHL defenseman and U.S. Men's National Team alumnus (2007 IIHF Men's World Championship), Pothier went undrafted in the NHL before signing with the Atlanta Thrashers in his senior year of college. He spent his first year in Orlando with Atlanta's farm team, the Orlando Solar Bears and went on to win both the Turner Cup and Rookie of the Year and American-born Rookie of the Year honors in 2000-2001. Pothier also spent time with the Ottawa Senators, Washington Capitals and Carolina Hurricanes organizations before retiring from hockey in 2012. Pothier now coaches all ages at Pothier Blueline Hockey in Rochester, Mass.

STEVE THOMPSON, GOALTENDING COACH

Thompson is also making his third appearance as a coach with the U.S. Women's National Team after having been a member of the staff at the 2019 Rivalry Series and 2018 Four Nations Cup. Recently, he served as goaltending coach during the 2018 USA Hockey Women's Winter Training Camp in Plymouth, Mich. He has spent two years with USA Hockey as the Pacific District Associate Coach-in-Chief/Goaltending. The founder and head instructor at Alaska Goaltending Academy, LLC, Thompson played two seasons with the USHL's Sioux City Musketeers before graduating from University of Alaska Nanooks and moving on to coach at University of Alaska Anchorage where he spent two seasons as the team's goaltending/strength and conditioning coach.

TEAM SUPPORT STAFF

TEAM LEADER:
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ATHLETIC TRAINER:
TEAM DOCTOR:

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STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH:
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