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TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. will face Finland tonight in its opening game of the 2019 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship. The game will take place at 7:30 p.m. local time/12:30 p.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 Preliminary Round	7:30 P.M./12:30 P.M. NHL Network
SAT., APRIL 6	CANADA Preliminary Round	7:30 P.M./12:30 P.M. NHL Network
SUN., APRIL 7	SWITZERLAND Preliminary Round	7:30 P.M./12:30 P.M. NHL Network
TUES., APRIL 9	RUSSIA Preliminary Round	4 P.M./9 A.M. NHL Network
THURS., APRIL 11	TBD Quarterfinal Round	TBD NHL Network
SAT., APRIL 13	TBD Semifinal Round	TBD NHL Network
SUN., APRIL 14	TBD Medal Round	TBD NHL Network

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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 will include 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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-TALKING POINTS

USA VS FINLAND

The U.S. last met Finland in the 2018 Four Nations Cup opener on Nov. 6. The U.S. scored five unanswered goals in the second period and 11 players registered points to power the U.S. past Finland, 5-1. The win was the U.S.'s first of four in a row en route to the tournament title.

FAMILIAR FOES

The U.S. has met Finland at the IIHF WWC more times than any other team, except for Canada. In 15 meetings on the world stage since 1990, the U.S. has fallen once, that a 1-0 overtime loss in 2008, and tied once, 3-3, in 1997.

FINNISH TIES

A number of Team USA players have ties to Finland, highlighted by U.S. forward Melissa Samoskevich (Sandy Hook, Conn.) who has been teammates with Finland's Anna Kilponen at Quinnipiac University, and Megan Bozek (Buffalo Grove, III.) whose freshman year roommates at the University of Minnesota were Mira Jalosuo and Noora Raty. Lee Stecklein (Roseville, Minn.) and Hannah Brandt (Vadnais Heights, Minn.) also played with Jalosuo and Raty, while Amanda Kessel (Madison, Wis.) calls the two Finns two of her best friends with whom she runs a hockey school. Kacey Bellamy (Westfield, Mass.), Brianna Decker (Dousman, Wis.) and Alex Rigsby (Delafield, Wis.) play professionally with Venla Hovi this year in Calgary, while Kunlun Red Star player Alex Carpenter (North Reading, Mass.) also played with Raty in China. Peter Scamurra, former Washington Capitals player and father of Hayley (Williamsville, N.Y.) also spent time playing professionally in Finland.

- TEAM USA AT A GLANCE -

The U.S. roster for the 2019 IIHF WWC is made up of 23 players hailing from nine different states across the country. The roster contains 13 forwards, seven defense and three goaltenders.

RETURNING OLYMPIANS

The roster features 14 2018 Olympic champions, including Cayla Barnes (Eastvale, Calif.), Bellamy, Brandt, Dani Cameranesi (Plymouth, Minn.), Kendall Coyne Schofield (Palos Heights, Ill.), Decker, Megan Keller (Farmington Hills, Mich.), Kessel, Hilary Knight (Sun Valley, Idaho), Kelly Pannek (Plymouth, Minn.), Emily Pfalzer (Buffalo, N.Y.), Rigsby, Maddie Rooney (Andover, Minn.) and Stecklein. In addition, three more Olympians are represented, including 2014 Olympic silver medalists Bozek, Carpenter and Shelly Picard (Taunton, Mass.).

NEW TO THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE

While fourteen members of the U.S. team that claimed gold at the 2017 IIHF WWC in Plymouth, Mich., return to defend the title this year in Espoo, six players will make their IIHF WWC debut, including Barnank es, **Sydney Brodt** (North Oaks, Minn.), **Jesse Compher** (Northbrook, III.), **Emma Polusny** (Mound, Minn.), Samoskevich and Scamurra. All but two members of Team USA - Polusny and Scamurra - have experience representing the U.S. at an IIHF event, however, Polusny helped the U.S. win its fourth consecutive championship at the 2018 Four Nations Cup in November, and Scamurra recently made her U.S. debut during the 2019 Rivalry Series in February.

CAPTAIN AMERICA

Coyne Schofield is serving as captain of the U.S. team again after serving in that capacity during the 2019 Rivalry Series. She'll be joined by Bellamy and Knight as alternate captains. All total, the three skaters combine to have competed in 23 IIHF Women's World Championships, accounting for 19 gold medals and four silvers.

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

- PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES



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

Of Note: The U.S. has not lost to Finland at the WWC since 4/8/08.

NOV. 6, 2018: USA 5, FIN 1: When these teams last met, the U.S. scored five unanswered goals in the second period to defeat Finland, 5-1, in the opening game of the 2018 Four Nations Cup.

CANADA



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

Of Note: The U.S. has faced Canada more than any other team at the WWC.

FEB. 17, 2019: USA 0, CAN 2 (S0): After splitting the first two games of the Rivalry Series, the U.S. fell to Canada, 2-0, in the Rivalry Series finale in Detroit despite outshooting its opponents 38-17.

SWITZERLAND



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

Of Note: The U.S. owns a 70-5 scoring advantage over Switzerland at the WWC.

FEB. 10, 2014: USA 9, SUI 0: The last time the U.S. met Switzerland at an IIHF event was in the prelims of the 2014 Olympics when Team USA broke an Olympic record by scoring three goals in 55 seconds in the opening period.

RUSSIA



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

Of Note: The U.S. has met Russia in two out of the last three WWC tournament semifinals.

FEB. 13, 2018: USA 5, OAR 0: Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson set an Olympic record for fastest two goals scored by a single player as the U.S. defeated the Olympic Athletes from Russia, 5-0, in the 2018 Olympic prelims.

PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES

OUARTERFINALS



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



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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



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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.



KEY TEAM USA WWC STATISTICS

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

<u>Year</u>	Finish	<u>Coach</u>	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
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ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	<u>GP</u>	Record*	<u>GF</u>	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	*W-OTW-OTL-L-T								

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

<u>Goals</u>	<u>GP</u>
44	43
36	45
29	40
27	30
24	30
	Goals 44 36 29 27

MOST WWC APPEARANCES

<u>Player</u>	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)



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2019 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

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

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

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS (2018-19 SEASON) (14)

NWHL PLAYERS (8)
Minn.Whitecaps: 3
Buffalo Beauts: 3

Kunlun Red Star:

Metro. Riveters: 2

Calgary Inferno: 3 Kunlun Red Star: 1 Markham Thunder: 1 Mtl. Canadiennes: 1

COLLEGE PLAYERS (9)

WCHA PLAYERS (5)
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

			FIN 12:30 P.M. ET	CAN 12:30 P.M. ET	SUI 12:30 P.M. ET	RUS	QF TBD	SF TBD	
NO	NAME	POS.	4/4	4/6	4/7	4/9	4/11	4/13	TOTAL
2	Lee Stecklein	D							0-0 (0)
3	Cayla Barnes	D							0-0 (0)
5	Megan Keller	D							0-0 (0)
8	Emily Pfalzer	D							0-0 (0)
9	Megan Bozek	D							0-0 (0)
12	Kelly Pannek	F							0-0 (0)
14	Brianna Decker	F							0-0 (0)
15	Sydney Brodt	F							0-0 (0)
16	Hayley Scamurra	F							0-0 (0)
18	Jesse Compher	F							0-0 (0)
20	Hannah Brandt	F							0-0 (0)
21	Hilary Knight	F							0-0 (0)
22	Kacey Bellamy	D							0-0 (0)
24	Dani Cameranesi	F							0-0 (0)
25	Alex Carpenter	F							0-0 (0)
26	Kendall Coyne Schofield	F							0-0 (0)
27	Annie Pankowski	F							0-0 (0)
28	Amanda Kessel	F							0-0 (0)
32	Shelly Picard	F							0-0 (0)
39	Melissa Samoskevich	F							0-0 (0)
31	Emma Polusny	G							(0-0 (W-L)
									0.00 GAA
33	Alex Rigsby	G							(0-0 (W-L)
									0.00 GAA
35	Maddie Rooney	G							0-0 (W-L)
									0.00 GAA

KEY

G - GOAL

W - GAME-WINNING GOAL
U - UNASSISTED GOAL
P - POWER-PLAY GOAL
DNP - DID NOT PLAY

A - ASSIST

P* - PENALTY SHOT GOAL A* - ASSIST ON GWG S - SHORTHANDED GOAL

W* - SHOOTOUT GWG



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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 f ounder 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: SPORTS DIETICIAN: VIDEO COORDINATOR: ATHLETIC TRAINER: TEAM DOCTOR: Donna Guariglia Shelly Guzman Emily Engel Sheri Walters Ally Howe MASSAGE THERAPIST: STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH: ADM MANAGER, FEMALE HOCKEY: COMMUNICATIONS: EQUIPMENT MANAGER: Jennifer Chee Pete Friesen Emily West Andrea Mazzarelli Logan Fischer

