

2020 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP | OSTRAVA & TRINEC, CZECH REPUBLIC | DEC. 26, 2019 - JAN. 5, 2020

PRELIMINARY GAME #3 · USA (1-0-0-1) VS. RUSSIA (1-0-0-1) · OSTRAVA, CZECH REPUBLIC · OSTRAVAR ARENA · DECEMBER 29, 2019

# **U.S. VERSUS RUSSIA**

The U.S and Russia have played one another close in recent history. The last game to be decided by more than two goals between the rivals was at the 2006 IIHF World Junior Championship, when Russia defeated the U.S. in a semifinal matchup 5-1. Since then, eight of the last 11 matchups have been quarterfinals, semifinals or medal games. The U.S. has had the recent advantage, winning its last four games against Russia, with three of the four games decided by one goal. USA led Russia 3-2 in the 1/2/18 matchup until **Joey Anderson** scored an empty-net goal with 42 seconds remaining to make it 4-2. After its last four victories over Russia, the U.S. has gone on to medal, including gold (2017), silver (2019) and bronze (2018).

TOURNAMENT	DATE	GAME	RESULT
2019	1/4/19	Semifinals	W, 2-1
2018	1/2/18	Quarterfinals	W, 4-2
2017	1/4/17	Semifinals	OTW*, 4-3
2017	12/29/16	Preliminary	W, 3-2

<sup>\*</sup>shootout win

# TALKING POINTS -

# **PRELIMINARY GAME 2 RECAP**

Six different goal scorers led the U.S. to a 6-3 victory over Germany, improving the U.S. record to 1-0-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) in 2020 IIHF World Junior Championship play. In total, 11 players were credited with points, including three with multi-point efforts. **Trevor Zegras**, named U.S. Player of the Game, dished out four primary assists, including a spin pass to **Curtis Hall** for the eventual game-winning goal late in the second period. Goaltender **Dustin Wolf** earned a win in his World Junior Championship debut, stopping 17 of 20 shots.

# **TOURNAMENT RECAP**

USA opened tournament play against rival Canada, in a thrilling back-and-forth battle that the Canadiens ultimately won 6-4. **Shane Pinto** led the U.S. offensively with two goals and an assist, including a late third period goal to tie the game at 4-4 in front of a sellout crowd. **Nick Robertson** scored a goal in the third period and assisted on Pinto's second of the night. Team USA's power play went three for five.

The U.S. looked to rebound against Germany the following night, and found an offensive push scoring four consecutive goals to win 6-3. Six different goal scorers found the back of the net for the Americans, while **Trevor Zegras** was credited with four primary assists.

# **TOURNAMENT LEADERS**

Forward **Shane Pinto** currently leads all 2020 IIHF World Junior Championship skaters in scoring with six points, and is currently tied for the lead in goals scored with three. Pinto's six points have come from back-to-back three-point performances. Forward **Trevor Zegras** leads all tournament skaters with five assists, after dishing out four primary assists, including one on **Curtis Hall's** eventual game-winner, in the 6-3 U.S. win over Germany.

# **LOOKING FOR 1,200**

The U.S. currently has 1,199 goals all-time in the IIHF World Junior Championship. Since 1977, when the IIHF first sponsored the World Junior Championship, the U.S. has gone on to win 141 of their 284 games, including 12 podium finishes. The U.S. won its first medal (bronze) in 1986, and its first gold medal in 2004. In the past 10 years, the U.S. has won three gold medals, tied with Finland for most at the World Junior Championship, and medaled in seven of the last 10 tournaments. **Dave Gandini** (Warren, Mich.) and **Mike MacDougal** (Port Huron, Mich.) led the U.S. National Junior Team in scoring at the 1977 World Junior Championship with seven points apiece. Goaltender **Mike Parker** (Rochester, N.Y.) started all seven games for the U.S.

# **TIDBITS**

The U.S. begins its second set of back-to-back preliminary games tonight, as they face Czech Republic tomorrow. USA holds an impressive record in second games of back-to-back sets in preliminary play, winning five of their last six (3-2-0-1/W-OTW-OTL-L) including their 6-3 win over Germany Friday night ... All five Group B teams feature 1-0-0-1 records; since the tournament re-formatted group play in 1996, no World Junior Championship group has featured a five-way tie after two games ... **Trevor Zegras** was credited with four primary assists in USA's 6-3 win over Germany. **Jason Robertson** dished out four primary assists against Kazakhstan (12/28/18) in preliminary play during the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship.

# **U.S. GAME SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
SUN., DEC. 22 Cesky Tesin, Czech Repu	SWEDEN* blic Cesky Tesin	W, 6-4
MON., DEC. 23 Havirov, Czech Republic	<b>GERMANY*</b> Havirov Arena	W, 7-1
<b>THUR., DEC. 26</b> Ostrava, Czech Republic	<b>CANADA</b> Ostravar Arena	L, 4-6
FRI., DEC. 27 Ostrava, Czech Republic	<b>GERMANY</b> Ostravar Arena	W, 6-3
SUN., DEC. 29 Ostrava, Czech Republic	<b>RUSSIA</b> Ostravar Arena	7:00 PM/1:00 PM
MON., DEC. 30 Ostrava, Czech Republic	CZECH REPUBLIC Ostravar Arena	7:00 PM/1:00 PM
THUR., JAN. 2 TBD	QUARTERFINALS TBD	TBD
<b>SAT., JAN. 4</b> Ostrava, Czech Republic	SEMIFINALS Ostravar Arena	TBD
SUN., JAN. 5 Ostrava, Czech Republic	BRONZE-MEDAL GAME Ostravar Arena	3:00 PM/9:00 AM
SUN., JAN. 5 Ostrava, Czech Republic		7:00 PM/1:00 PM

\*Pre-tournament game

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

# -TEAM USA AT THE WORLD JUNIORS

Entering the 2020 IIHF World Junior Championship, the U.S. holds an all-time event record of 140-9-6-116-11 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) and 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 U.S. has medaled in seven of the last ten years, including the last four years (gold - 2017; silver - 2019; bronze - 2018, 2016), the first time it has accomplished the feat in U.S. history. Additionally, Team USA's three gold medals since 2010 (2010, 2013, 2017) are tied with Finland for the most of any nation. In each of the last four IIHF World Junior Championships, a U.S. player has earned Media All-Star Team honors, including Ryan Poehling (2019), Casey Mittelstadt and Kieffer Bellows (2018), Clayton Keller and Charlie McAvoy (2017), and Auston Matthews and Zach Werenski (2016). Poehling (Forward), Mittelstadt (Forward) and Werenski (Defense) were also tabbed with Directorate Awards.

# **MEDIA INFORMATION**

All U.S. National Junior Team players, as well as head coach Scott Sandelin, will be available for interviews in designated media areas following practices and games. 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 Aaron Westendorf, who is on-site with Team USA throughout the event.

# NLINE MEDIA GUIDE TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/WORLDJUNIORS2020

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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# 2020 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM PRELIMINARY ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	CURRENT TEAM (LEAGUE)	NHL RIGHTS (NHL DRAFT)
<b>GOA</b> 30 31 32	LTENDERS (3) Spencer Knight* Isaiah Saville Dustin Wolf	6-3 (191) 6-1 (185) 6-0 (183)	194 (88) 181 (82) 161 (73)	04/19/2001 09/21/2000 04/16/2001	L R L	Darien, Conn. Anchorage, Alaska Gilroy, Calif.	Boston College (HEA) University of Nebraska Omaha (NCHC) Everett Silvertips (WHL)	FLA ('19, 1st rd., 13th overall) VGK ('19, 5th rd., 135th overall) CGY ('19, 7th rd., 214th overall)
DEF 21 2 6 19 24 7 4	ENSEMEN (7) Ty Emberson Jordan Harris Zac Jones K'Andre Miller* (A) Mattias Samuelsson* (C) Spencer Stastney Cam York	6-1 (185) 5-11 (180) 5-10 (178) 6-4 (193) 6-4 (193) 5-10 (178) 5-11 (180)	176 (80) 207 (94) 220 (100) 179 (81)	05/24/2000 07/07/2000 10/18/2000 01/21/2000 03/14/2000 01/04/2000 01/05/2001	R L L L L	Eau Claire, Wis. Haverhill, Mass. Glen Allen, Va. Minnetonka, Minn. Voorhees, N.J. Mequon, Wis. Anaheim Hills, Calif.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten) Northeastern University (HEA) University of Massachusetts Amherst (HEA) University of Wisconsin (Big Ten) Western Michigan University (NCHC) University of Notre Dame (Big Ten) University of Michigan (Big Ten)	ARI ('18, 3rd rd., 73rd overall) MTL ('18, 3rd rd., 71st overall) NYR ('19, 3rd rd., 68th overall) NYR ('18, 1st rd., 22nd overall) BUF ('18, 2nd rd., 32nd overall) NSH ('18, 5th rd., 131st overall) PHI ('19, 1st rd., 14th overall)
FOR 17 23 13 12 20 10 28 22 25 16 15 18	John Beecher Bobby Brink Cole Caufield Jack Drury* Parker Ford Curtis Hall Arthur Kaliyev Shane Pinto Jacob Pivonka Nick Robertson Alex Turcotte Oliver Wahlstrom* (A) Trevor Zegras	6-3 (191) 5-8 (173) 5-7 (170) 6-0 (183) 6-0 (183) 6-3 (191) 6-2 (188) 5-11 (180) 5-9 (175) 5-11 (180) 6-1 (185) 6-0 (183)	161 (73)	04/05/2001 07/08/2001 01/02/2001 02/03/2000 07/20/2000 04/26/2000 06/26/2001 11/12/2000 02/28/2000 09/11/2001 06/13/2000 03/20/2001	LRRLRRLRLLR.	Elmira, N.Y. Minnetonka, Minn. Stevens Point, Wis. Winnetka, III. Wakefield, R.I. Chagrin Falls, Ohio Staten Island, N.Y. Franklin Square, N.Y. Naperville, III. Northville, Mich. Chicago, III. Quincy, Mass. Bedford, N.Y.	University of Michigan (Big Ten) University of Denver (NCHC) University of Wisconsin (Big Ten) Harvard University (ECAC) Providence College (HEA) Yale University (ECAC) Hamilton Bulldogs (OHL) University of North Dakota (NCHC) University of Norte Dame (Big Ten) Peterborough Petes (OHL) University of Wisconsin (Big Ten) Bridgeport Sound Tigers (AHL) Boston University (HEA)	BOS ('19, 1st rd., 30th overall) PHI ('19, 2nd rd., 34th overall) MTL ('19, 1st rd., 15th overall) CAR ('18, 2nd rd., 42nd overall) 2020 NHL Draft Eligible BOS ('18, 4th rd., 119th overall) LAK ('19, 2nd rd., 33rd overall) OTT ('19, 2nd rd., 32nd overall) NYI ('18, 4th rd., 103rd overall) TOR ('19, 2nd rd., 53rd overall) LAK ('19, 1st rd., 5th overall) NYI ('18, 1st rd., 11th overall) ANA ('19, 1st rd., 9th overall)

<sup>\*2019</sup> U.S. National Junior Team silver medalist

# 2020 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET) No name	POS.	SWE^ W, 6-4 12/22	<b>GER^</b> W, 7-1 12/23	<b>CAN</b> L, 4-6 12/26	<b>GER</b> W, 6-3 12/27	RUS 1:00 P.M. 12/29	<b>CZE</b> 1:00 P.M. 12/30	<b>QF</b> TBD 01/02	SF TBD 01/04	MEDAL TBD 01/05	<b>2020</b> WJC TOTAL
<ol> <li>Jordan Harris</li> </ol>	D	DND			G						1-0 (1)
4 Cam York	D		Α								0-0 (0)
6 Zac Jones	D		Α	Α	G						1-1 (2)
7 Spencer Stastney	D	AA									0-0 (0)
9 Trevor Zegras	F		DND	Α	AAAA*						0-5 (5)
10 Curtis Hall	F	G			G*						1-0 (1)
12 Jack Drury	F	DND	G								0-0 (0)
13 Cole Caufield	F	G	PG*GP								0-0 (0)
15 Alex Turcotte	F		AA	Α							0-1 (1)
16 Nick Robertson	F	GP*A	GA	GA	Α						1-2 (3)
17 John Beecher	F	Α									0-0 (0)
18 Oliver Wahlstrom	F		G	A	AG						1-2 (3)
19 K'Andre Miller	D	G			Α						0-1 (1)
20 Parker Ford	F										0-0 (0)
21 Ty Emberson	D		AAA								0-0 (0)
22 Shane Pinto	F	GA*	A	PAP#	AGA						3-3 (6)
23 Bobby Brink	F	Α		Α	Р						1-1 (2)
24 Mattias Samuelsson	n D	DND	Α								0-0 (0)
25 Jacob Pivonka	F				Α						0-1 (1)
28 Arthur Kaliyev	F		Α	Р	Α						1-1 (2)
30 Spencer Knight	G	(30:15)	W (60:00)	L (59:24)	DNP						0-1 (W-L)
		/	/	26/31							5.05 GAA
31 Isaiah Saville	G	DND	DND	DND	DND						0-0 (W-L)
											0.00 GAÁ
32 Dustin Wolf	G	W (29:45)	DNP	DNP	W (60:00)						1-0 (W-L)
		/			17/20						3.00 GAA

# Key: For complete statistics, visit: https://www.iihf.com/en/events/2020/wm20

G - goal A - assist U - unassisted goal E - empty-net goal P\* - penalty shot goal

P - powerplay goal S - shorthanded goal Pe - penalty shot goal G\*/P\* - 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



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# **U.S. GAME SUMMARIES**

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# PRE-TOURNAMENT GAME 1 · USA VS. SWEDEN

December 22, 2019 - Cesky Tesin Arena - Cesky Tesin, Czech Republic

(N/A) 0

United States (v) 3 0 Sweden (h)

1st: SWE - Ginning (Hoglander, Fagemo), 6:44

SWE - Broberg (Gustafsson), 17:05 SWE - Henriksson (Soderstrom), 18:37

2nd: USA - Hall (Brink), 2:38

USA - Caufield (Beecher), 5:21 USA - Pinto (Stastney), 8:22 USA - Robertson (Stastney), 17:15 USA - Robertson (Pinto), PPG, 19:59

SWE - Holtz (Berggren, Pasic), PPG, 7:38 3rd:

USA - Miller (Robertson), ENG, 19:15

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

USA - Knight (N/A): 30:15 Shots: N/A Saves:

USA - Wolf (N/A); 29:45 SWE - Alnefelt (N/A); 58:05

Notes: Team USA rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the first period, behind a pair of Nick Robertson goals in the second period. U.S. goaltenders switched mid-game.

# PRE-TOURNAMENT GAME 2 · GERMANY VS. USA

December 23, 2019 - Gascontrol Arena - Havirov, Czech Republic

(N/A)

United States (h) 5 Germany (v) 0

USA - Caufield (Turcotte), PPG, 19:04 1st: 2nd: GER - Peterka (Schutz), 2:49 USA - Caufield (Emberson), 14:44 3rd:

USA - Robertson (Jones), 6:27 USA - Drury (Emberson, York), 8:05 USA - Wahlstrom (Robertson, Pinto), 12:14 USA - Caufield (Emberson, York), 13:53

USA - Caufield (Turcotte, Kaliyev), PPG, 19:00

Penalties: USA 9-18, GER 7-14 Power Play: USA 2-7, GER 0-9 USA - Knight (N/A); 60:00 Shots: N/A Saves:

GER - Hane (N/A); 60:00

Notes: Cole Caufield led Team USA in goals scored with four, while Ty Emberson had three assists in the game. Spencer Knight allowed just one goal in sixty minutes, helping the U.S. kill off nine Germany power plays.

# PRELIMINARY GAME 1 · USA VS. CANADA

December 26, 2019 - Ostravar Arena - Ostrava, Czech Republic

(8,693)

0 United States (v) 2 4 Canada (h) 0 3 3 6

USA - Pinto (Jones, Brink), PPG, 3:10 1st:

USA - Kaliyev (Zegras, Turcotte), PPG, 18:32

CAN - McMichael (Thomas), 3:31 2nd CAN - Hayton (Lafreniere), PPG, 6:34

CAN - Foote (Smith), PPG 13:03 CAN - Hayton (Lafreniere, Veleno), PPG, 10:47 3rd:

USA - Robertson (Wahlstrom, Pinto), 12:45 USA - Pinto (Robertson), PPG, 16:42

CAN - Lafreniere, 16:49

CAN - Dellandrea (Lafreniere), ENG, 18:50

Penalties: USA 5-10, CAN 5-10 Power Play: USA 3-5, CAN 3-5

USA - Knight (26/31); 59:24 Saves: Shots: Tied 32-32

CAN - Daws (28/32); 60:00

Notes: Shane Pinto led the U.S. offensively with two goals and an assist, including a late third period goal to tie the game at 4-4. Nick Robertson scored a goal in the third period and assisted on Pinto's second of the night. Team USA's power play went 3 for 5. Pinto was named U.S. Player of the Game.

# PRELIMINARY GAME 2 · USA VS. GERMANY

December 27, 2019 - Ostravar Arena - Ostrava, Czech Republic

(5,013)

2 United States (v) 6 2 0 3 Germany (h)

1st: GER - Peterka (Stutzle, Bokk), PPG, 2:32

USA - Harris (Zegras, Kaliyev), 7:04 USA - Jones (Zegras, Pinto), 18:37 GER - Peterka (Seider, Bokk), PPG, 2:53 GER - Bokk (Schutz, Reichel), 8:36 USA - Pinto (Zegras, Miller),14:16

USA - Hall (Zegras, Pivonka), 18:31

USA - Brink (Robertson, Wahlstrom), PPG, 7:18 3rd:

USA - Wahlstrom (Pinto), 10:51

Penalties: USA 6-12, GER 4-8 Power Play: USA 1-3, GER 2-5

USA - Wolf (17/20); 60:00 Shots: USA 29-20 Saves:

GER - Ancicka (23/29); 60:00

Notes: Six different goal scorers led the U.S. to a 6-3 victory over Germany, in total 11 players were credited with points. Trevor Zegras, named U.S. Player of the Game, dished out four primary assists, including a spin pass to Curtis Hall for the eventual game-winning goal late in the second period.



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# **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

# **PRELIMINARY REMATCHES**

quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively. The U.S. will faceoff against Russia on tonight (Dec. 29). They well then play Czech Republic in its second set of back-to-back games tomorrow (Dec. 30) prior to quarterfinal games.

Cayden Primeau stopped 18 of 19 shots as the U.S. defeated Czech Republic 3-1 in the 2019 quarterfinals. Josh Norris scored what proved to be the game-winning goal early in the second period.

The U.S. got off to a quick 2-0 lead before defeating Russia in the 2019 semifinals. Goaltender Cayden Primeau stopped 34 of 35 shots, while Oliver Wahlstrom and Sasha Chmelevski scored for

# **TEAM USA TOURNAMENT RANKINGS**

tournament, going a combined four for eight in its first two preliminary games. The American's defense has held strong, allowing the third fewest shots on goal (52) in tournament play. Currently, the U.S. (+1)

# **MEET THE CAPTAINS**

- (C) MATTIAS SAMUELSSON: One of five returnees from last year's silver-medal winning U.S. Junior National Team, Samuelsson is currently skating in his second season at Western Michigan University (NCHC) where he currently serves as an alternate captain. Samuelsson previously served as captain for Team USA at the 2018 Under-18 Men's World Championship where Team USA won a silver Alex Turcotte's father, Alfie Turcotte, skated for Team USA at the medal. A native of Voorhees, N.J., Samuelsson was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres in the second round, 32nd overall.
- (A) K'ANDRE MILLER: Miller is currently playing in his second season at the University of Wisconsin (Big Ten). Miller's international experience includes winning a silver medal at both the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship and the 2018 Under-18 Men's World Championship. A native of Minnetonka, Minn., Miller was drafted by the New York Rangers in the first round, 22nd overall.
- (A) OLIVER WAHLSTROM: Wahlstrom is currently playing in his Curtis Hall's father, Mike Hall, previously played at Bowling Green first professional season with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers (AHL). State University (CCHA) for four seasons, followed by a six-year Wahlstorm, who made his NHL debut earlier this season with the New York Islanders, is one of five returnees from last year's silvermedal winning U.S. Junior National Team. Wahlstrom also played twice in the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship, winning a **Oliver Wahlstrom's** father, Joakim Wahlstrom, played hockey at a gold medal at the 2016 Youth Olympic Games with Team USA. A professionally in the Swedish Elite League. native of Quincy, Mass., Wahlstrom was drafted by the New York Islanders in the first round, 11th overall.

# **RECORD FOUR STRAIGHT YEARS WITH A MEDAL**

The U.S. has medaled at the IIHF World Junior Championship in four consecutive years, the longest streak in U.S. history. Five players currently on the 2020 U.S. roster earned a silver medal at the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship in Vancouver, British Columbia.

# **CZECH ROOTS**

Jacob Pivonka would visit his Czech family during the summer when he was young. Jacob's father Michal skated for Czechoslovakia at the World Junior Championship in 1986, 1985 (silver) and 1984 (bronze), serving as captain in both 1986 and 1985.

### **HOCKEY BLOODLINES**

After winning the silver medal in the 2019 IIHF World Junior Mattias Samuelsson's father, Kjell Samuelsson, won a gold medal Championship, the U.S. will play Czech Republic and Russia with Sweden at the 1991 Men's World Championship and a Stanley in preliminary Group B matchups after facing them in the 2019 Cup with the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1992. Kjell was a 1984 sixth round draft pick of the New York Rangers and went on to play 14 years in the NHL with the New York Rangers, Philadelphia Flyers, Pittsburgh Penguins and Tampa Bay Lightning. Kjell is the Director of Player Development currently with the Philadelphia Flyers. Mattias' brother, Lukas Samuelsson, is a current teammate at Western Michigan University (NCHC).

Jack Drury's father, Ted Drury, skated on two U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Teams (1992, 1994) in addition to playing eight seasons in the NHL with the Ottawa Senators, Anaheim Ducks, Hartford Whalers and Calgary Flames. Jack's uncle, Chris Drury, skated on three U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Teams (2002, 2006, 2010), helping the United States earn two silver medals (2002, 2010). Chris also skated 14 years in the NHL with the New York Rangers, Buffalo Sabres and Colorado Avalanche. In 1996, he helped the Avalanche Heading into tonight's game, the U.S. is tied for first in total with the Stanley Cup and is the only player in history to win both goals scored (10). USA's power play (50%) also ranks tops in the Hobey Baker Award as the best college player and the Calder Memorial Trophy as best NHL rookie.

Jacob Pivonka's father, Michal Pivonka, skated for Czechoslovakia and Russia (+5) are the only two teams with positive goal differential at the World Junior Championship in 1986, 1985 (silver) and 1984 in Group B. in scoring en route to a silver medal in 1985. Michal's 26 points (15-11-26) in 21 games rank 4th all-time in Czechoslovakia and Czech Republic World Junior Championship history, while his 21 games played rank 2nd all-time. Michal was a third round pick of the Washington Capitals in 1984 and went on to play 13 seasons in the NHL, all with Washington.

> 1984 World Junior Championship scoring 11 points (2-9-11) in seven games. Alfie was a 1983 first round selection of the Montreal Canadiens and played seven years in the NHL.

> Nick Robertson's brother, Jason Robertson, played for Team USA at the 2019 World Junior Championship winning a silver medal. Jason finished T-2nd in team scoring with seven points (1-6-7). Jason is a Dallas Stars 2017 second round pick, and currently skates with the Texas Stars (AHL).

> professional career that included 18 games with the Providence Bruins (AHL).

gold medal in 2017 and silver in 2018. Additionally, Wahlstrom won the University of Maine for two seasons (1988-90) prior to playing

# A FIRST FOR NEW JERSEY AND VIRGINIA

Captain **Mattias Samuelsson** (Voorhees, N.J.) is the first New Jersey native to serve as captain for the U.S. National Junior Team. Defenseman Zac Jones (Glen Allen, Va.) is the first Virginia native to play for the U.S. National Junior Team.

# **NHL NETWORK TO TELEVISE LIVE ALL U.S. GAMES**

NHL Network, exclusive U.S. television home of the 2020 IIHF World Junior Championship, will televise all U.S. games of the tournament and 20 games in total. NHL Network's Stephen Nelson will call Team USA games with longtime NCAA hockey analyst Dave Starman and reporter Jill Savage. NHL Network's flagship studio show NHL Tonight will air regularly throughout the tournament.



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# **ROSTER DETAILS**

HOME STATES (13)			
New York	4		
Illinois	3		
Wisconsin	3		
California	2		
Massachusetts	2		
Minnesota	2		
Alaska	1		
Connecticut	1		
Michigan	1		
New Jersey	1		
Ohio	1		
Rhode Island	]		
Virginia	1		
AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT TIES+			
NCAA	20		
USHL	20		

# BIOSTEEL ALL-AMERICAN GAME †Includes players who have skated in multiple leagues

# **BY THE NUMBERS**

DI	I LE MOMBEUS
Average Height	6ft 0in (184 cm)
Tallest	Miller (6 ft 4in/193 cm)
	Samuelsson (6ft 4in/193 cm)
Shortest	Caufield (5ft 7in/170 cm)
<b>Average Weight</b>	185 lbs (84 kg)
Heaviest	Samuelsson (220 lbs/100 kg)
Lightest	Robertson (161 lbs/73 kg)
	Wolf (161 lbs/73 kg)
Average Age	19 yrs 2mo
Oldest	Stastney (19yrs 11mo)
Youngest	Robertson (18yrs 3mo)
Shoot/Catch	Left: 15 Right: 8

# **SEASON STATISTICS**

THROUGH DEC. 15

FORWARDS					DEFENSE			
NO NAME 9 Trevor Zegras	<b>GP</b> 16		<b>A</b> 12	<b>PTS</b> 17	NO NAME GP 2 Jordan Harris 18		<b>A</b> 10	<b>PT</b>
Boston University (Hockey East)  10 Curtis Hall Yale University (ECAC Hockey)	9	6	1	7	Northeastern (Hockey East)  4	4	5	9
12 Jack Drury* Harvard University (Hockey East)	10	4	6	10	6 Zac Jones 17 University of Massachusetts Amherst (He		9 Eas	12 st)
13 Cole Caufield University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	18	12	8	20	7 Spencer Stastney 18 University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)	2	6	8
15 Alex Turcotte University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	16	6	9	15	19 K'Andre Miller* 18 University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	6	5	1
16 Nick Robertson Peterborough Petes (OHL)	22	23	12	35		0	3	3
<b>17 John Beecher</b> University of Michigan (Big Ten)	16	5	4	9	<b>24 Mattias Samuelsson*</b> 12 Western Michigan University (NCHC)	1	3	4
18 Oliver Wahlstrom* Bridgeport Sound Tigers (AHL)	20	3	6	9	J. 1 1 7 ( 1 1 7 )			
20 Parker Ford Providence College (Hockey East)	17	6	8	14	GOALTENDERS			
22 Shane Pinto University of North Dakota (NCHC)	17	8	6	14	NO NAME GP W-L-T-OT	L GA	A	SV
23 Bobby Brink University of Denver (NCHC)	18	7	6	13	<b>30 Spencer Knight*</b> 15 11-4-0-0 Boston College (Hockey East)	1.7	3	.94
25 Jacob Pivonka University of Notre Dame (Big Ten)	17	4	4	8	<b>31 Isaiah Saville</b> 14 6-5-2-0 University of Nebraska Omaha (NCHC)	3.0	4	.88
28 Arthur Kaliyev Hamilton Bulldogs (OHL)	33	31	31	62	<b>32 Dustin Wolf</b> 24 17-6-0-1 Everett Silvertips (WHL)	1.9	1	.94

<sup>\*2019</sup> U.S. National Junior Team silver medalist

# **2020 U.S. STAFF**

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POSITION	NAME			
General Manager	John Vanbiesbrouck Detroit, Mich.			
Player Personnel	<b>Ben Smith</b> Gloucester, Mass.			
Player Personnel	<b>Ryan Martin</b> Novi, Mich.			
Head Coach	Scott Sandelin Hibbing, Minn			
Assistant Coach	<b>David Lassonde</b> Durham, N.H.			
Assistant Coach	<b>Steve Miller</b> Sun Prairie, Wis.			
Assistant Coach	<b>Brett Larson</b> St. Cloud, Minn.			
Assistant Coach	<b>Jerry Keefe</b> Saugus, Mass.			
Video Coach	<b>Nick Siergiej</b> South Bend, Ind.			
Team Leader	<b>Dan Brennan</b> Colorado Springs, Colo.			
Athletic Trainer	Dennis MacDonald Plymouth, Mich.			
Athletic Trainer	Stan Wong Boca Raton, Fla.			
Equipment Manager	Scott Aldrich Colorado Springs, Colo.			
Equipment Manager	<b>Chris Garner</b> Duluth, Minn.			
Team Physician	<b>Dr. Doug Weiss</b> Camp Lejeune, N.C.			
Media Officer	Aaron Westendorf Cincinnati, Ohio			
Digital Content	Kyle Huson			

Parker, Colo.

# — ABOUT THE STAFF –

# **ABOUT VANBIESBROUCK**

**John Vanbiesbrouck** is serving as general manager of the 2020 U.S. National Junior Team. He served in a similar role for the 2019 silver medal-winning U.S. National Junior Team. 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 SANDELIN**

Head coach of the University of Minnesota Duluth men's ice hockey team, **Scott Sandelin** is head coach of the 2020 U.S. National Junior Team. He returns to the U.S. National Junior Team bench for a fourth time, and his second as head coach. Sandelin, who coached the U.S. to a fourth-place finish on home ice in 2005 in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Thief River Falls, Minnesota, was an assistant coach on last year's silver medal-winning entry and fulfilled the same duties in 2012. Sandelin, who skated in the 1982 World Junior Championship, joins **Phil Housley** as the only two U.S. head coaching members to both coach and play in the World Junior Championship. Sandelin's time behind the Bulldogs bench has been highlighted by a trio of NCAA national championships, including back-to-back title wins the last two seasons (2017-18, 2018-19). Since taking the helm in 2000-01, his 21-6 record and .778 win percentage in NCAA Tournament play is the best of any active bench bosses.

# **COACHING STAFF'S WINNING PEDIGREE**

All five members of the 2020 U.S. National Junior Team coaching staff hold winning pedigrees at the collegiate and international level. Combined, the staff has coached 108 NCAA seasons while contributing to eight international medals, six NCAA national titles and 13 conference championships (post-season). Internationally, the five coaches have represented the U.S. a combined 16 times. **Scott Sandelin, David Lassonde, Steve Miller** and **Jerry Keefe** all served as assistants on last year's silver medal-winning 2019 U.S. National Junior Team. Lassonde was an assistant for the gold medal-winning 2013 U.S. National Junior Team. Additionally, Miller helped the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team to a gold medal finish. **Brett Larson** most recently served as head coach for the 2012 U.S. Junior Select Team that won the World Junior A Challenge.



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# -TEAM USA AMERICAN HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT TIES

**USA HOCKEY'S AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL**The American Development Model, now in its 10th 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. HOCKEY ORGANIZATIONS**

<b>PLAYER</b> John Beecher	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> Salisbury School	STATE CT
Bobby Brink	Minnetonka High	MN
Cole Caufield	Team Wisconsin Stevens Point High	WI WI
Jack Drury	Chicago Mission	IL
Ty Emberson	Team Wisconsin Eau Claire Memorial High	WI WI
Parker Ford	South Kent School	CT
Curtis Hall	Cleveland Barons	ОН
Jordan Harris	Kimball Union Academy Islanders Hockey Club	NH MA
Zac Jones	South Kent School Richmond Generals	CT VA
Arthur Kaliyev	Compuware Little Caesars	MI MI
Spencer Knight	Avon Old Farms Mid Fairfield Rangers	CT CT
K'Andre Miller	Minnetonka High	MN
Shane Pinto	South Kent School New York Aviators	CT NY
Jacob Pivonka	Chicago Mission	IL
Nick Robertson	Little Caesars	MI
Mattias Samuelsson	Northwood School Team Comcast	NY NJ
Isaiah Saville	Colorado Thunderbirds Anchorage North Stars West Anchorage High	CO AK AK
Spencer Stastney	Chicago Mission	IL
Alex Turcotte	Chicago Mission Chicago Young Americans Honeybaked	IL IL MI
Oliver Wahlstrom	Shattuck St. Mary's North Yarmouth Academy Middlesex Islanders New England Jr. Falcons	MN ME MA MA
Dustin Wolf	Los Angeles Jr. Kings	CA
Cam York	Shattuck St. Mary's	MN
Trevor Zegras	Avon Old Farms School	CT

Mid Fairfield Rangers

USA HOCKEY YOUTH NATIONALS

Jack Drury, Jacob Pivonka and Spencer Stastney skated together with Chicago Mission at the 2016 USA Hockey Youth Nationals. Arthur Kaliyev won the 2017 USA Hockey Youth Tier I U16 National Championship with Compuware. Oliver Wahlstrom skated in two LISA Hockey Youth Nationals (2015, 2016) with Nationals (2015 skated in two USA Hockey Youth Nationals (2015, 2016) with Shattuck St. Mary's.

# NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (12)

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)
John Beecher	Forward	2017-19
Cole Caufield	Forward	2017-19
Ty Emberson	Defense	2016-18
Spencer Knight	Goaltender	2017-19
K <sup>i</sup> Andre Miller	Defense	2016-18
Jacob Pivonka	Forward	2016-18
Mattias Samuelsson	Defense	2016-18
Spencer Stastney	Defense	2016-18
Alex Turcotte	Forward	2017-19
Oliver Wahlstrom	Forward	2016-18
Cam York	Defense	2017-19
Trevor Zegras	Forward	2017-19

# **BIOSTEEL ALL-AMERICAN GAME (19)**

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. This year's event will combine the All-American Prospects Game with the USHL/NHL Top Prospects Game, featuring rosters comprised of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program Under-18 Team and the best draft-eligible USHL players.

POSITION Forward Forward Defense Forward Defense Forward Goaltender Defense Forward Forward Forward Forward Defense Goaltender Defense Goaltender Defense Forward Forward Defense Forward Forward Defense Forward Forward	YEAR 2018 2018 2017 2017 2017 2017 2018 2018 2017 2018 2017 2018 2017 2018 2017 2018 2017	LOCATION Saint Paul, Minn. Saint Paul, Minn. Buffalo, N.Y. Buffalo, N.Y. Buffalo, N.Y. Buffalo, N.Y. Saint Paul, Minn. Saint Paul, Minn. Buffalo, N.Y.
Forward Forward Defense Forward	2018 2017 2018 2018	Buffalo, N.Y. Saint Paul, Minn. Saint Paul, Minn. Saint Paul, Minn.
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# **USHL/NHL TOP PROSPECTS GAME (5)**

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 this season, the USHL will send its top American prospects to the BioSteel All-American Game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich.

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	LOCATION
Jack Drury	Forward	2018	Kearney, Neb.
Curtis Hall	Forward	2018	Kearney, Neb.
Zac Jones	Defense	2019	Lincoln, Neb.
Shane Pinto	Forward	2019	Lincoln, Neb.
Isaiah Saville	Goaltender	2019	Lincoln, Neb.



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# OTHER ROSTER TIDBITS

# **U.S. JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUES (20)**

A total of 20 players have ties to USA Hockey-sanctioned junior hockey leagues, including the United States Hockey League (USHL), the only Tier I junior hockey league in the United States, and USA Hockey's Tier II North American Hockey League (NAHL).

PLAYER	LEAGUE	TEAM	YEAR(S)
Bobby Brink	USHL	Sioux City Musketeers	2017-19
Jack Drury	USHL	Waterloo Black Hawks	2016-18
Parker Ford	USHL	Sioux City Musketeers	2017-19
Curtis Hall	USHL	Youngstown Phantoms	2016-18
Jordan Harris	USHL	Youngstown Phantoms	2017-18
Zac Jones	USHL	Tri-City Storm	2018-19
Shane Pinto	USHL	Tri-City Storm	2018-19
		Lincoln Stars	2018-19
Isaiah Saville	USHL	Tri-City Storm	2018-19
	NAHL	Minnesota Magicians	2017-18
6 NTDP players	USHL	USA Hockey's NTDP	2016-18
6 NTDP players	USHL	USA Hockey's NTDP	2017-19

# **NHL RIGHTS (22)**

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

PLAYER	NHL RIGHTS	DRAFT YEAR	ROUND	OVERALL
Alex Turcotte	LAK	2019	1st	5th
Trevor Zegras	ANA	2019	1st	9th
Oliver Wahlstrom	NYI	2018	1st	11th
Spencer Knight	FLA	2019	1st	13th
Cam York	PHI	2019	1st	14th
Cole Caufield	MTL	2019	1st	15th
K'Andre Miller	NYR	2018	1st	22nd
John Beecher	BOS	2019	1st	22nd
Mattias Samuelsson	BUF	2018	2nd	32nd
Shane Pinto	OTT	2019	2nd	32nd
Arthur Kaliyev	LAK	2019	2nd	33rd
	PHI	2019	2nd	34th
Bobby Brink				
Jack Drury	CAR	2018	2nd	42nd
Nick Robertson	TOR	2019	2nd	53rd
Zac Jones	NYR	2019	3rd	68th
Jordan Harris	MTL	2018	3rd	71st
Ty Emberson	ARI	2018	3rd	73rd
Jacob Pivonka	NYI	2018	4th	103rd
Curtis Hall	BOS	2018	4th	119th
Spencer Stastney	NSH	2018	5th	131st
Isaiah Saville	VGK	2019	5th	135th
Dustin Wolf	CGY	2019	7th	214th

# **COLLEGE HOCKEY (20)**

A total of 20 players are currently playing or previously played college hockey.

SCHOOL University of Wisconsin Boston College University of Michigan University of Notre Dame Boston University Harvard University Northeastern University Providence College University of Denver University of Massachusetts Amherst University of North Dakota Western Michigan University Yale University	PLAYERS
CONFERENCE	PLAYERS
Big Ten	8

# **WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (5)**

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Jack Drury	Forward	2019	Silver
Spencer Knight	Goaltender	2019	Silver
K'Andre Miller	Defense	2019	Silver
Mattias Samuelsson	Defense	2019	Silver
Oliver Wahlstrom	Forward	2019	Silver

NOTE: Oliver Wahlstrom is the team's leading returning point-getter from 2019 World Junior Championship after recording 2-2–4 in seven games

# **UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (13)**

PLAYER John Beecher Bobby Brink Cole Caufield	<b>POSITION</b> Forward Forward Forward	<b>YEAR</b> 2019 2019 2019 2018	FINISH Bronze Bronze Bronze Silver
Ty Emberson Spencer Knight	Defense Goaltender	2018 2019 2018	Silver Bronze Silver
K'Andre Miller Jacob Pivonka Mattias Samuelsson Spencer Stastney Alex Turcotte	Defense Forward Defense Defense Forward	2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2019 2018	Silver Silver Silver Silver Bronze Silver
Oliver Wahlstrom	Forward	2018 2017	Silver Gold
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 (6)**

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Bobby Brink	Forward	2018	First
Parker Ford	Forward	2018	First
Curtis Hall	Forward	2017	Second
Zac Jones	Defense	2018	First
Shane Pinto	Forward	2018	First
Isaiah Saville	Goaltender	2018	First

NOTE: At the 2018 event, Bobby Brink led the team in points en route to winning tournament MVP honors while Isaiah Saville registered a 25-save shutout in the championship game.

# **HLINKA GRETZKY CUP (6)**

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Jack Drury	Forward	2017	Fifth
Curtis Hall	Forward	2017	Fifth
Arthur Kaliyev	Forward	2018	Fourth
Nick Robertson	Forward	2018	Fourth
Isaiah Saville	Goaltender	2017	Fifth
Dustin Wolf	Goaltender	2018	Fourth

# **FIVE NATIONS CUP (3)**

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Jack Drury	Forward	2016	First
Arthur Kaliyev	Forward	2017	First
Isaiah Saville	Goaltender	2016	First

NOTE: The U.S. had a combined 8-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record in tournament play over the two years. The 2017 Five Nations Cup was held in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

# **YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (4)**

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Ty Emberson	Defense	2016	Gold
Jácob Pivonka	Forward	2016	Gold
Mattias Samuelsson	Defense	2016	Gold
Oliver Wahlstrom	Forward	2016	Gold

NOTE: The 2016 U.S. team was captained by Mattias Samuelsson, while Jacob Pivonka led the team in goals scored.



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# U.S. OUTLOOK AT 2020 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Series vs. Canada: 8-3-3-30-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: Canada snapped a four-game losing streak to the U.S.

**RECAP:** Shane Pinto led the U.S. offensively with two goals and an assist, including a late third period goal to tie the game at 4-4. Nick Robertson scored a goal in the third period and assisted on Pinto's second of the night. Team USA's power play went 3 for 5. Pinto was named U.S. Player of the Game.

7:00 P.M. LOCAL

**GERMANY** 

**CANADA** 

FRI., DEC. 27 7:00 P.M. LOCAL W, 6-3

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Last QF:

The U.S.

**Semifinal Record:** 

Series vs. Germany: 10-0-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) Of Note: The U.S. has only faced Germany in preliminary rounds

RECAP: Six different goal scorers led the U.S. to a 6-3 victory over Germany, in total 11 players were credited with points. Trevor Zegras, named U.S. Player of the Game, dished out four primary assists, including a spin pass to **Curtis Hall** for the eventual game-winning goal late in the second period.

**RUSSIA** 

**SUN., DEC. 29** 7:00 P.M. LOCAL 1:00 P.M. ET

1:00 P.M. ET

Series vs. Russia: 8-1-0-12-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: The U.S. is on a four-game win streak at WJC versus Russia

LAST MEETING: JAN. 4, 2019 (USA 2, RUS 1): The U.S. got off to a quick 2-0 lead before defeating Russia in the 2019 semifinals. Goaltender Cayden Primeau stopped 34 of 35 shots, while Oliver Wahlstrom and Sasha Chmelevski

scored for the U.S.

Republic, 9-3. **Gold-Medal Games:** 

2-2-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

Total Gold Medals: 2-2-0-2 (W-O1W-O1L-L)
Last GMG: 4 ('04, '10, '13, '17)
Last GMG: L, 2-3 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 correct with 1:26 left in regulation to head to 2019. scored with 1:26 left in regulation to break a 2-2 tie and secure the victory.

**U.S. WJC PLAYOFF HISTORY** 

Quarterfinal Record: 11-0-0-7 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

outscored opponents, 17-5, in its last four quarterfinal games. Cayden Primeau stopped

Team USA has reached the semifinal of the

last four IIHF World Junior Championships, its

best stretch since earning six-straight semifinal

berths from 2003-08. 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

18 of 19 Czech shots in a 3-1 U.S. win.

W, 3-1 vs. Czech Republic (2019)

enters the 2020 event having

5-1-1-8 (W-OTW-OTL-L) W, 2-1 vs. Russia (2019)

**CZECH REPUBLIC** 



**MON., DEC. 30** 

7:00 P.M. LOCAL

Series vs. Czech Republic: 13-1-1-7-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) Of Note: The U.S. has outscored the Czech Republic 82-64 all-time

LAST MEETING: JAN. 2, 2019 (USA 3, CZE 1): Cayden Primeau stopped 18 of 19 shots as the U.S. defeated Czech Republic 3-1 in the 2019 quarterfinals. **Josh Norris** scored what proved to be the game-winning goal early in the second period.

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

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT								
Opponent	<u>GP</u>	W	<u>OTW</u>	OTL.	L	I	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>
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	23	13	1	1	7	1	82	64
Czechoslovakia	16	4	0	0	12	0	51	90
Denmark	3	3	0	0	0	0	24	4
Finland	34	13	3	0	17	1	132	149
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	21	8	1	0	12	0	52	71
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	284	141	9	6	117	11	1199	979

# ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

<b>Opponent</b>	QF	SF	BMG	GMG	<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	2-0	1-0	0-2	0-1	3-3
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	11-7	6-9	4-5	4-2	25-23

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

Ye	ar	Location	<b>Head Coach</b>	Record	<u>Medal</u>
20	)19	Vancouver, Canada	Mike Hastings	5-0-1-1	Silver
20	)18	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bob Motzko	4-1-0-2	Bronze
20	)17	Montreal/Toronto, Canada	Bob Motzko	5-2-0-0	Gold
20	)16	Helinski, Finland	Ron Wilson	5-0-0-2	Bronze
20	)13	Ufa, Russia	Phil Housley	5-0-0-2	Gold
20	)11	Buffalo/Niagara, N.Y.	Keith Allain	5-0-0-1	Bronze
20	010	Regina/Saskatoon, Canada	Dean Blais	5-1-1-0	Gold
20	007	Leksand/Mora, Sweden	Ron Rolston	3-1-2-1	Bronze
20	004	Helsinki/Hameenlinna, Finland	Mike Eaves	6-0-0*	Gold
19	997	Geneva/Morges, Switzerland	Jeff Jackson	4-1-1*	Silver
19	992	Fussen/Kaufbeuren, Germany	Walt Kyle	5-2-0*	Bronze
19	986	Hamilton, Canada	Dave Peterson	4-3-0*	Bronze
T	IATC	<u> </u>	4 Gold	2 Silver	6 Bronze

\*Win-Loss-Tie

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>	Record	<u>Finish</u>
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
2010	Regina/Saskatoon, Canada	Dean Blais	5-1-1-0	Gold
TOTAI	_	3 Gold	1 Silver	3 Bronze



# **2020 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM NOTES** PRELIMINARY GAME VS. RUSSIA • DECEMBER 29, 2019



				U.S.	RECORDS					
<b>GOALS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)</b>						SHUTOUTS (	SHUTOUTS (SINGLE TOURNAMENT)			
RANK 1 2	<b>PLAYER</b> Kieffer Bellows Jeremy Roenick	<b>YEAR</b> 2019 1989	<b>GP</b> 7 7	<b>G</b> 9 8	<b>RANK</b> 1	<b>PLAYER</b> Al Montoya Brian Boucher	<b>YEAR</b> 2004 1997	<b>GP</b> 6 6	<b>\$0</b> 2 2	
2 3	Colin White Auston Matthews Johnny Gaudreau Chris Borque Peter Ferraro	2017 2016 2013 2006 1993	7 7 7 7 7	7 7 7 7 7	3	Alex Nedeljkovic Thatcher Demko Brandon Halverson Anthony Stolarz John Gibson	2016 2015	6 4 1 1 7	1 1 1 1 1	
10	Scott Young Mark Green 20 different players	1987 1978	7 6	7 7 6		Jack Campbell Thomas McCollum Rick DiPietro Rick DiPietro	2010 2009 2001 2000	3 5 6 5	1 1 1 1	
	ASSISTS (SI	NGLE TOURN	AMENT)			Mike Heinke	1991	4	1	
RANK 1	PLAYER Doug Weight	<b>YEAR</b> 1991	<b>GP</b> 7	<b>A</b> 14		GO	ALS (CAREE	<b>?</b> )		
2	Derek Stepan Phil Kessel Pat Peake Mike Modano Alfie Turcotte Bobby Crawford	2010 2006 1993 1989 1984 1978	7 7 7 7 7 6	10 10 9 9 9	<b>RANK</b> 1 2 3	PLAYER Jeremy Roenick James van Riemsdy Kieffer Bellows Brian Gionta 7 different players	<b>YEAR(S)</b> 1988-89 k2007-09 2017-18 1998-99	<b>GP</b> 14 19 14 13	<b>G</b> 13 12 11 11	
8	Clayton Keller Kyle Palmieri	2017 2010	7	8 8		ASS	ISTS (CAREE	R)		
	Jordan Schroeder Kevin Shattenkirk Tom Pederson Jeremy Roenick	2009 2009 1989 1989	6 6 7 7	8 8 8	<b>RANK</b> 1 2 3	PLAYER Jordan Schroeder Doug Weight Kyle Palmieri	<b>YEAR(S)</b> 2008-10 1991 2010-11	<b>GP</b> 19 7 13	<b>A</b> 20 14 12	
	POINTS (SIN	IGLE TOURN	AMENT)		3	Phil Kessel Jeremy Roenick	2005-06 1988-89	14 14	12 12	
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# **USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS -**

# **U.S. INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS**

Since 2010, no other nation has claimed more medals in Olympic, Paralympic and International Ice Hockey Federation play than the 49 by the United States. Additionally, Team USA's 28 collective gold medals also leads all nations. In total, the last nine years has seen the U.S. claim 28 gold medals, 14 silver medals and seven bronze medals.

The 28 gold medals span seven events, including the Olympic Winter Games (2018 - Women), Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018), IIHF Women's World Championship (2011, 2013, 2015-17, 2019), IIHF World Junior Championship (2010, 2013, 2017), IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship (2010-15, 2017), IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship (2011, 2015-18) and IPC Para Hockey World Championship (2012, 2015, 2019).

### 2019 U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Five American hockey legends including **Gary Bettman, Brian Gionta, Neal Henderson, Tim Thomas** and **Krissy Wendell** were formally enshrined into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame on Dec. 12 during a sold-out induction ceremony at the Marriott Marquis Washington D.C.

In addition to the induction of the Class of 2019, **Jack Blatherwick** was awarded the Lester Patrick Trophy, presented for outstanding service to hockey in the United States. **Alex Ovechkin** was awarded the Wayne Gretzky International Award, which pays tribute to the growth of hockey in the United States.

### 2019 U.S. JUNIOR SELECT TEAM

The U.S. Junior Select Team finished third in the 2019 World Junior A Challenge in Dawson Creek, British Columbia. The team was comprised of players competing in the United States Hockey League, the lone Tier I junior league in the U.S.

Anthony Noreen (Kearney, Neb.), head coach and general manager of the Tri-City Storm, served as head coach with assistant coaches Mark Abalan (Sioux City, Iowa), Shane Fukishima (Waterloo, Iowa) and David Wilkie (Omaha, Neb.).

The U.S. has finished first in six of the last ten tournaments (2010, 2012-14, 2016, 2018) and has occupied a top-three spot at the World Junior A Challenge every year since joining the tournament in 2007.

# **RIVALRY SERIES**

The women's national teams from the U.S. and Canada are competing in a five-game Rivalry Series in 2019-20. The U.S. is off to a 2-0-0 start after defeating Canada 4-1 in Hartford, Conn., on Dec. 14, and 2-1 in Moncton, N.B., on Dec. 17. **Alex Cavallini** and **Alex Carpenter** were named U.S. Player of the Game, respectively.

The final three games of the Rivalry Series are set for Feb. 3 in Victoria, British Columbia; Feb. 5 in Vancouver; and Feb. 8 in Anaheim, California. Tickets for the game in Anaheim at Honda Center are currently on sale at hondacenter.com, Ticketmaster. com or the Honda Center box office. To purchase tickets by phone, fans can call 714-704-2500.

# **USA HOCKEY'S AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL TURNS TEN**

USA Hockey celebrates its 10th year of the American Development Model this season. The ADM is USA Hockey's nationwide player-development program for youth hockey associations. It's based on age-appropriate, age-specific competition and training for boys and girls, beginning with their first steps onto the ice and carrying them through age 18 and beyond. ADM places a heightened emphasis on skill development and long-term athlete development principles, providing a blueprint for the best possible youth hockey experience.

# 2020 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

On Nov. 1, USA Hockey announced the 23-player roster for its U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team that will compete for its fifth gold medal in six years at the 2020 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship Dec. 26-Jan. 2 in Bratislava, Slovakia. The roster features 10 players that helped the U.S. earn silver at last year's IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Obihiro, Japan.

Maura Crowell (Mansfield, Mass.), head women's ice hockey coach at the University of Minnesota Duluth, is serving as head coach of Team USA. She is joined by assistant coaches Brianna Decker (Dousman, Wis.), member of the gold medal-winning 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team, and Josh Sciba (Westland, Mich.), head women's ice hockey coach at Union College.

The team, currently playing in Bratislava, Slovakia, opened tournament play with back-to-back wins over Finland and Russia. U.S. and Canada play today (Dec. 29) at 6:30 a.m. ET.

### 28 AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN 11HF COMPETITION

A total of 28 American officials have been selected to serve as referees or linesmen for International Ice Hockey Federation events and the Youth Olympic Games in 2019-20.

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.

# **2020 HOCKEY WEEK ACROSS AMERICA**

USA Hockey's yearly nationwide initiative Hockey Week Across America, now in its 13th year, will take place from Feb. 16-23, 2020. The festivities begin on Feb. 16 with NBC Sports Hockey Day in America. The daily themes will include salutes to players (Feb. 17), coaches (Feb. 18), officials (Feb. 19) and local rinks (Feb. 20) followed by the traditional themed days of Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day (Feb. 21), Try Hockey Day (Feb. 22) and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes (Feb. 23). For more information on the week-long celebration, visit HockeyWeekAcrossAmerica.com.

# **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. 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.

