

TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. will play for its fourth consecutive Four Nations Cup championship today when it battles Canada, marking the two teams' second meeting at the 2018 Four Nations Cup. The game will take place at 9 p.m. (ET) at SaskTel Centre in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Tonight's game will be streamed live on NHL.com and rebroadcast tomorrow (Sunday) on NHL Network at 3 p.m. ET. Follow the updates on Twitter @USAHockey and join the conversation by using #FourNations. The two teams last met on Wednesday (Nov. 7) in the preliminary round and the U.S. came out on top of a hard-fought battle with a 2-1 win thanks to goals from **Hannah Brandt** (Vadnais Heights, Minn.) and the game-winner from **Sydney Brodt** (North Oaks, Minn.) with 1:38 remaining.

TALKING POINTS

WITH CHAMPIONSHIPS ON THE LINE

The U.S. and Canada have met in the championship of every major international tournament, including the Olympic Winter Games, International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship and Four Nations Cup championship games, dating back to the Sochi 2014 Olympics. The U.S. emerged victorious in seven out of nine of those meetings, and came up just short in overtime in the only two losses.

| YEAR | EVENT | FINISH | SCORE |
|------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| 2018 | Olympic Gold-Medal Game | W | 3-2, SO |
| 2017 | Four Nations Cup Final | W | 5-1 |
| 2017 | IIHF Women's Worlds GMG | W | 3-2, OT |
| 2016 | Four Nations Cup Final | W | 5-3 |
| 2016 | IIHF Women's Worlds GMG | W | 1-0, OT |
| 2015 | Four Nations Cup Final | W | 3-2, OT |
| 2015 | IIHF Women's Worlds GMG | W | 7-5 |
| 2014 | Four Nations Cup Final | L | 3-2, SO |
| 2014 | Olympic Gold-Medal Game | L | 3-2, OT |

THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE LAST TIME

The last time these two teams met with a championship on the line was in the gold-medal game of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games when the U.S. defeated its northern rival in a thrilling overtime shootout, 3-2. **Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson** (Grand Forks, N.D.) scored the game-winner in the sixth round of the shootout and **Maddie Rooney** (Andover, Minn.) stopped 29 shots and four of Canada's six shootout attempts to help the U.S. seal the victory. The win marked the U.S. women's second-ever Olympic gold medal after having won gold at the Nagano 1998 Olympics.

HEAD TO HEAD IN FOUR NATIONS FINALES

Tonight will mark the 21st time that the U.S. will meet Canada in the Four Nations Cup championship. The U.S. has won eight of those contests, including the last three (2015, 2016, 2017) by a collective score of 13-6. At the 2017 Four Nations Cup championship, **Hannah Brandt** (Vadnais Heights, Minn.) scored twice and was named U.S. Player of the Game in a 5-1 win over Canada. **Hilary Knight** (Sun Valley, Idaho), **Kendall Coyne Schofield** (Palos Heights, Ill.) and **Amanda Kessel** (Madison, Wis.) also contributed goals in the victory, and **Maddie Rooney** (Andover, Minn.) stopped 18 Canadian attempts to help the U.S. secure the victory in Tampa, Florida.

A TASTE OF THE RIVALRY

Five players on the U.S. roster are representing the U.S. Women's National Team for the first time in their career at this tournament and tonight will have the opportunity to compete for their first-ever senior level international tournament title. They are **Sydney Brodt** (North Oaks, Minn.), **Mikaela Gardner** (Plainfield, Ill.), **Caitrin Lonergan** (Roslindale, Mass.), **Emma Polusny** (Mound, Minn.) and **Melissa Samoskevich** (Sandy Hook, Conn.).

TOURNAMENT IN REVIEW

The U.S. enters the tournament final with a perfect 3-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) record and is looking to keep the streak alive tonight against Canada. First, the U.S. defeated Finland, 5-1, in its opening game of the tournament. Eleven members of Team USA contributed points in the victory, highlighted by **Sydney Brodt** (North Oaks, Minn.), **Dani Cameranesi** (Plymouth, Minn.), **Brianna Decker** (Dousman, Wis.) and **Hilary Knight** (Sun Valley, Idaho), who each registered two points apiece. Then, the U.S. came out on top of a hard-fought battle against Canada with a 2-1 win thanks to goals from **Hannah Brandt** (Vadnais Heights, Minn.) and the game-winner from Brodt with 1:38 remaining. In its third and final preliminary round game, the U.S. defeated Sweden, 5-1, with nine different members of Team USA recording points in the victory.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME (LOCAL/ET) |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| TUES., NOV. 6 | FINLAND SaskTel Centre | W, 5-1 |
| WED., NOV. 7 | CANADA SaskTel Centre | W, 2-1 |
| FRI., NOV. 9 | SWEDEN SaskTel Centre | W, 5-1 |
| SAT., NOV. 10 | CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SaskTel Centre | 8 P.M./9 P.M. |

FINISHES SINCE 2003

| YEAR | LOCATION | FINISH | RECORD |
|------|----------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 2017 | Tampa, Florida | First | 4-0-0-0 |
| 2016 | Vierumaki, Finland | First | 3-0-0-1 |
| 2015 | Sundsvall, Sweden | First | 3-1-0-0 |
| 2014 | Kamloops, British Columbia | Second | 2-0-1-1 |
| 2013 | Lake Placid, New York | Third | 2-0-0-2 |
| 2012 | Vantaa, Finland | First | 3-0-0-1 |
| 2011 | Nykoping, Sweden | First | 2-1-0-1 |
| 2010 | St. John's, Newfoundland | Second | 2-1-1-0 |
| 2009 | Vierumaki, Finland | Second | 3-0-0-1 |
| 2008 | Lake Placid, New York | First | 2-1-0-1 |
| 2007 | Leksand, Sweden | Second | 2-0-0-2 |
| 2006 | Kitchener, Ontario | Second | 2-0-0-2 |
| 2005 | Hameenlinna, Finland | Second | 2-0-0-2 |
| 2004 | Lake Placid, New York | Second | 2-0-0-1-1 |
| 2003 | Skovde, Sweden | First | 4-0-0-0 |

MEDIA INFORMATION

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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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Andrea Mazzarelli, who is on-site with the U.S. Women's National Team here in Saskatoon.



2018 FOUR NATIONS CUP GAME NOTES

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2018 TEAM USA FOUR NATIONS ROSTER

| NO. | NAME | HT (CM) | WT (KG) | BIRTHDATE | S/C | HOMETOWN | MOST RECENT TEAM |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| GOALTENDERS (3) | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Emma Polusny | 5-9 (175) | 164 (74) | 03/16/99 | 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 (8) | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Mikaela Gardner | 5-8 (173) | 160 (73) | 02/10/97 | L | Plainfield, Ill. | University of Wisconsin (WCHA) |
| 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) |
| 6 | Kali Flanagan | 5-5 (165) | 140 (64) | 09/19/95 | R | Hudson, N.H. | Boston College (HEA) |
| 8 | Emily Pfalzer | 5-2 (157) | 125 (57) | 06/14/93 | R | Buffalo, N.Y. | Buffalo Beauts (NWHL) |
| 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) |
| 23 | Sidney Morin | 5-5 (165) | 140 (64) | 06/06/95 | R | Minnnetonka, Minn. | Linköping HC (SDHL) |
| FORWARDS (12) | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Caitrin Lonergan | 5-7 (170) | 158 (72) | 09/10/97 | R | Roslindale, Mass. | Boston College (HEA) |
| 12 | Kelly Pannek | 5-8 (173) | 165 (75) | 12/29/95 | R | Plymouth, Minn. | University of Minnesota (WCHA) |
| 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) |
| 19 | Gigi Marvin | 5-8 (173) | 162 (73) | 03/07/87 | R | Warroad, Minn. | Boston Pride (NWHL) |
| 20 | Hannah Brandt | 5-6 (168) | 150 (68) | 11/27/93 | R | Vadnais Heights, Minn. | Minnesota Whitecaps (NWHL) |
| 21 | Hilary Knight | 5-11 (180) | 172 (78) | 07/12/89 | R | Sun Valley, Idaho | Montréal Canadiennes (CWHL) |
| 24 | Dani Cameranesi | 5-5 (165) | 155 (70) | 06/30/95 | L | Plymouth, Minn. | Buffalo Beauts (NWHL) |
| 26 | Kendall Coyne Schofield | 5-2 (157) | 125 (57) | 05/25/92 | L | Palos Heights, Ill. | Minnesota Whitecaps (NWHL) |
| 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 (NWHL) |
| 39 | Melissa Samoskevich | 5-4 (163) | 168 (76) | 03/31/97 | L | Sandy Hook, Conn. | Quinnipiac University (ECAC) |

BY THE NUMBERS

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| AVERAGE HEIGHT | 5ft. 6in. |
| TALLEST | Keller/Knight (5ft. 11in.) |
| SHORTEST | Barnes/Coyne-Schofield/ Pfalzer (5ft. 2 in.) |
| AVERAGE WEIGHT | 152 lbs |
| HEAVIEST | Bozek (176 lbs) |
| LIGHTEST | Coyne Schofield/ Pfalzer (125 lbs) |
| SHOOT/CATCH | Left: 9 Right: 14 |

HOME STATES (10)

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| MINNESOTA | 8 |
| ILLINOIS | 3 |
| WISCONSIN | 3 |
| CALIFORNIA | 2 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 2 |
| CONNECTICUT | 1 |
| IDAHO | 1 |
| MICHIGAN | 1 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 1 |
| NEW YORK | 1 |

TEAM USA ALL-TIME FOUR NATIONS STAT LEADERS

SKATERS

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| GAMES PLAYED | Julie Chu (47) |
| GOALS | Hilary Knight (30) |
| ASSISTS | Brianna Decker (23) |

GOALTENDERS

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| GAMES PLAYED | Jessie Vetter (21) |
| SV% (AT LEAST 3 GP) | Sara DeCosta (.955) |
| WINS | Jessie Vetter (15) |

2018 TEAM USA FOUR NATIONS SCORING BREAKDOWN

| NO | NAME | POS. | FIN 5-1, W 11/6 | CAN 2-1, W 11/7 | SWE 5-1, W 11/9 | CAN 9 P.M. ET 11/10 | 2018 FNC TOTAL |
|----|-------------------------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 | Mikaela Gardner | D | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0-0 (0) |
| 3 | Cayla Barnes | D | G | -- | -- | -- | 1-0 (1) |
| 5 | Megan Keller | D | A | -- | -- | -- | 0-1 (1) |
| 6 | Kali Flanagan | D | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0-0 (0) |
| 8 | Emily Pfalzer | D | A | -- | -- | -- | 0-1 (1) |
| 9 | Megan Bozek | D | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0-0 (0) |
| 11 | Caitrin Lonergan | F | A | -- | -- | -- | 0-1 (1) |
| 12 | Kelly Pannek | F | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0-0 (0) |
| 14 | Brianna Decker | F | GA | A* | P | -- | 2-2 (4) |
| 15 | Sydney Brodt | F | GA | W | G | -- | 3-1 (4) |
| 19 | Gigi Marvin | F | -- | -- | A | -- | 0-1 (1) |
| 20 | Hannah Brandt | F | A | G | GA | -- | 2-2 (4) |
| 21 | Hilary Knight | F | GA | A | A | -- | 1-3 (4) |
| 22 | Kacey Bellamy | D | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0-0 (0) |
| 23 | Sidney Morin | D | -- | -- | A | -- | 0-1 (1) |
| 24 | Dani Cameranesi | F | GA | A | G | -- | 2-2 (4) |
| 26 | Kendall Coyne Schofield | F | A | A* | A | -- | 0-3 (3) |
| 27 | Annie Pankowski | F | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0-0 (0) |
| 28 | Amanda Kessel | D | A | -- | -- | -- | 0-1 (1) |
| 39 | Melissa Samoskevich | F | -- | -- | S | -- | 1-0 (1) |
| 31 | Emma Polusny | G | DNP | DNP | 60:00 | -- | 1-0 (W-L) |
| | | | -- | -- | 19/20 | -- | 1.00 GAA |
| 33 | Alex Rigsby | G | 0:00 | W, 60:00 | DNP | -- | 1-0 (W-L) |
| | | | -- | 23/24 | -- | -- | 1.00 GAA |
| 35 | Maddie Rooney | G | W, 60:00 | 0:00 | 0:00 | -- | 1-0 (W-L) |
| | | | 9/10 | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 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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2018 FOUR NATIONS CUP U.S. TEAM STAFF



BOB CORKUM, HEAD COACH

Bob 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, who will serve as the U.S. Women's National Team head coach for the duration of the 2018-19 season, also 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. Among his accomplishments, he helped the Black Bears qualify for the NCAA tournament in 2012.

Corkum's NHL playing career began with the Buffalo Sabres in 1990 after being selected by the Sabres in the 3rd round (47th overall) in the 1986 NHL Draft. The Salisbury, Mass., native also spent time with the Anaheim Ducks, 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, he helped lead the Black Bears to a Hockey East championship and a second consecutive Frozen Four appearance.

JOEL JOHNSON, ASSISTANT COACH

Joel Johnson, who recently led the U.S. Under-22 Women's Select Team into the Under-22 Series vs. Canada as head coach alongside Corkum, will make his debut as assistant coach of the U.S. Women's National Team at the 2018 Four Nations Cup. Johnson served as head coach for the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team from 2014-2017, helping the U.S. capture four consecutive gold medals at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship.

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

Brian Pothier will be making his debut as a member of the coaching staff for the U.S. Women's National Team, having recently served as a camp coach at both the 2018 USA Hockey Women's National Festival in Lake Placid, N.Y., and the 2018 U.S. Women's National Team Evaluation Camp in Biddeford, Maine.

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.



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| HOCKEY OPERATIONS: | John Vanbiesbrouck |
| HEAD COACH: | Bob Corkum |
| ASSISTANT COACH: | Joel Johnson |
| ASSISTANT COACH: | Brian Pothier |
| GOALIE COACH: | Steve Thompson |
| STRENGTH & CONDITIONING: | Connor Lyons |
| ATHLETIC TRAINER: | Katie Homan |
| ATHLETIC TRAINER: | Sheri Walters |
| MASSAGE THERAPIST: | Jennifer Chee |
| DIETICIAN: | Shelly Guzman |
| TEAM DOCTOR: | Jamie Schlueter |
| VIDEO COORDINATOR: | Chris Demczuk |
| EQUIPMENT MANAGER: | Logan Fischer |
| PLAYER DEVELOPMENT: | Kristen Wright |
| COMMUNICATIONS: | Andrea Mazzarelli |

BOTTOM ROW (L-R): Alex Rigsby, Kendall Coyne, Dani Cameranesi, Amanda Kessel, Kelly Pannek, Hilary Knight, Gigi Marvin, Kacey Bellamy, Brianna Decker, Emily Pflazer, Maddie Rooney and Emma Polusny

MIDDLE ROW (L-R): Head coach Bob Corkum, Assistant Coach Joel Johnson, Cayla Barnes, Kali Flanagan, Hannah Brandt, Caitrin Lonergan, Annie Pankowski, Megan Keller, Megan Bozek, Mikaela Gardner, Sydney Brodt, Sidney Morin, Melissa Samoskevich, Assistant Coach Brian Pothier and Goalie Coach Steve Thompson

BACK ROW (L-R): Massage therapist Jennifer Chee, player development manager Kristen Wright, strength and conditioning coach Connor Lyons, sports dietician Shelly Guzman, team physician Jamie Schlueter, athletic trainer Katie Homan, equipment manager Logan Fischer, athletic trainer Sheri Walters and communications manager Andrea Mazzarelli

