



2018-19 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2019 PARA ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | OSTRAVA, CZECH REPUBLIC | APRIL 27-MAY 4, 2019

SEMIFINALS • USA (3-0-0-0) VS. CZECH REPUBLIC (4-0-0-0) • FRI., MAY 3 • 8:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME • OSTRAVAR ARENA (CAPACITY: 9,779)

TODAY'S GAME

The United States meets host Czech Republic in the semifinal round of the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship. Puck drop at Ostravar Arena is set for 8 p.m. local time (2 p.m. ET) and will be broadcast live in the U.S. on the Olympic Channel.

In Paralympic and World Championship play, this is just the fifth meeting between the U.S. and Czech Republic. A year ago, the two teams faced off in preliminary-round play at the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games -- a 10-0 win for Team USA. All-time, the U.S. is 3-0-1-0 and has outscored the Czechs, 17-2.

TALKING POINTS

TEAM USA IN SEMIFINAL PLAY

All-time, the U.S. is a perfect 5-0 in semifinal play at the world championship. Its last semifinal game in world championship play came on home ice in Buffalo, New York, where the U.S. defeated Norway, 6-0. Nine different U.S. players, including current U.S. players **Josh Sweeney** (1g, 1a), **Declan Farmer** (1g), **Brody Roybal** (1a) and **Luke McDermott** (1a) tallied a point as **Steve Cash** registered the shutout victory.

HOST TEAM BRINGS THE CROWD

The U.S. is excited of its semifinal opponent and the challenge it brings with an expected full crowd on Friday. Through four games, the host nation has averaged an attendance of 6,767 fans per game. Additionally, the tournament-opening (April 27) 10,173 spectators for the full day set a new single-day tournament record. That same day's Czech Republic vs. Japan tilt established a single-game record crowd of 7,224 spectators, which was then eclipsed on Tuesday (April 30) when the host nation's tilt against Italy brought in 7,700 fans.

2009 GOLD-MEDAL GAME IN OSTRAVA

In 2009, the world championship took place in Ostrava and saw the United States meet Norway in the gold-medal game. There, the back-and-forth affair came to a decisive end with 11 seconds to play in regulation when **Taylor Chace** passed the puck to **Andy Yohe** who tallied the game's only goal to give the United States its first-ever world championship title.

OFF-DAY IN PRAGUE

On Wednesday, Team USA took a three-hour train to visit Prague. Nicknamed "the City of a Hundred Spires," the players and staff dispersed throughout the city to explore Old Town Square, the medieval Astronomical Clock, Charles Bridge, Powder Gate and St. Vitus Cathedral.

U.S. PRELIMINARY ROUND RECAP

The U.S. skated with a perfect 3-0 record in Group A. It opened with a 3-1 victory over rival Canada on April 27 before blanking South Korea, 4-0, the following day to clinch Group A. With a semifinal berth secured, the U.S. closed group play with a 10-0 victory over Norway. Boxscores can be found on page 6.

Declan Farmer (4-3--7), **Chris Douglas** (1-3--4) and **Noah Grove** (3-0--3) have tallied a point in every game while **Steve Cash** (2-0) and **Jen Lee** (1-0) have shared goaltending duties.

U.S. AMONG TOURNAMENT'S BEST

Entering today, the U.S. sits among the top of the leaderboard in several statistical categories. Leading the way is Team USA's special teams, which has a perfect 100% penalty kill group while its powerplay percentage of 40.0% ranks second. Additionally, Team USA's 17 goals, .944 save percentage and 0.33 goals-against-average all rank second-best.

Among players, **Declan Farmer** leads the tournament in faceoff efficiency (71.4%), sits fourth in points with seven (4-3), third in goals (4) and is tied with teammate **Chris Douglas** for sixth in assists with three apiece. U.S. goaltender **Jen Lee** has a perfect 1.00 save percentage and 0.00 goals-against-average through 60 minutes of play while **Steve Cash** is third in both categories (.929 SV%; 0.60 GAA) through 75 minutes.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME (ET)/RESULT
SAT., APRIL 27	CANADA Ostravar Arena	W, 3-1 POG: Noah Grove
SUN., APRIL 28	SOUTH KOREA Ostravar Arena	W, 4-0 POG: Josh Pauls
TUES., APRIL 30	NORWAY Ostravar Arena	W, 10-0 POG: Luke McDermott
FRI., MAY 3	CZECH REPUBLIC (SEMIFINAL) Ostravar Arena	2:00 P.M.
SAT., MAY 4	BRONZE-MEDAL GAME Ostravar Arena	7:00 A.M.
SAT., MAY 4	GOLD-MEDAL GAME Ostravar Arena	10:30 A.M.

U.S. BROADCAST DETAILS

All U.S. games will be aired by Olympic Channel: Home of Team USA. In addition, all U.S. games, quarterfinals, semifinals and medal games will be streamed live on olympicchannel.com and the Olympic Channel mobile app while the gold-medal game will also be aired by NBCSN tape-delayed on May 4 at 5:30 p.m. ET.

TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS

TOURNAMENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
2018 Para Hockey Cup*	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2018 Paralympics	USA	CAN	KOR	4-1-0-0
2018 Turin Para Hockey*	USA	ITA	NOR	5-0-0-0
2017 (Dec.) WSHC*	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2017 Sled Worlds	CAN	USA	KOR	6-0-0-1
2017 (Jan.) WSHC*	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 IPC Pan-Pacific*	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 WSHC*	USA	CAN	RUS	4-0-1-0
2015 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2015 WSHC*	USA	RUS	CAN	4-1-0-0
2014 Paralympics	USA	RUS	CAN	4-0-0-1
TOTAL				52-2-1-2

*First place finishes, not gold medals

LEADING TEAM USA

David Hoff, USA Hockey's Northern Plains District Coach-In-Chief and assistant coach of last year's gold medal-winning 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, is in his first season as head coach of the 2018-19 U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. This will be Hoff's third season with Team USA after making his debut in the 2016-17 season.

Josh Pauls, who has helped the U.S. capture the gold medal in the last three Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018), is serving as captain of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. In addition, two-time Paralympic gold medalists (2014, 2018) **Declan Farmer** and **Rico Roman** have been named alternate captains.

Pauls begins his 11th season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his second as team captain while Farmer is entering his seventh season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his second as an alternate captain. A Purple Heart recipient and U.S. Army Veteran, Roman is serving as an alternate captain for the first time as he begins his eighth season with Team USA.

MEDIA INFORMATION

All Team USA players or staff will be available for interviews in designated mixed-zone areas following games and practices. Media availability on day-of-game skates will be limited. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room at any time.

MEDIA CONTACT:

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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Jon Gomez, who is on-site with Team USA in Ostrava.

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ONLINE MEDIA GUIDE

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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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2018-19 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
GOALTENDERS (2)						
32	Jen Lee* [^]	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	07/26/1986	San Francisco, California	San Antonio Rampage
34	Steve Cash* [^] #	5-7 (170)	150 (68)	05/09/1989	Overland, Missouri	DASA St. Louis Blues
DEFENSEMEN (5)						
3	Ralph DeQuebec*	5-10 (178)	185 (84)	03/24/1983	San Pedro, California	Colorado Avalanche
7	Colin Gooley	5-10 (178)	180 (82)	09/17/1993	Baldwinsville, New York	Buffalo Sabres
8	Jack Wallace*	6-4 (193)	210 (95)	06/24/1998	Franklin Lakes, New Jersey	NJ Freeze
17	Chris Douglas	5-9 (175)	150 (68)	05/17/1990	Saint Cloud, Florida	Florida Bandits
27	Josh Pauls* [^] # (C)	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	12/31/1992	Green Brook, New Jersey	DASA St. Louis Blues
FORWARDS (10)						
4	Brody Roybal* [^]	3-1 (94)	120 (54)	05/25/1998	Northlake, Illinois	Chicago Blackhawks
9	Travis Dodson*	4-0 (122)	150 (68)	02/14/1985	Deming, New Mexico	Chicago Blackhawks
10	Josh Sweeney [^]	5-8 (173)	150 (68)	06/06/1987	Portland, Oregon	Portland Winterhawks
13	Luke McDermott*	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	09/01/1987	Westerlo, New York	Buffalo Sabres
15	Kyle Zych	5-9 (175)	165 (75)	12/09/1996	South Hadley, Massachusetts	Northeast Passage Wildcats
16	Declan Farmer* [^] (A)	6-0 (183)	135 (61)	11/05/1997	Tampa, Florida	Tampa Bay Lightning
22	Noah Grove*	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	05/01/1999	Frederick, Maryland	Boston Bruins
23	Rico Roman* [^] (A)	5-9 (175)	180 (82)	02/04/1981	Portland, Oregon	Colorado Avalanche
40	Josh Hargis	6-0 (183)	165 (75)	08/16/1989	Colorado Springs, Colorado	Colorado Avalanche
88	Kevin McKee* [^]	4-7 (140)	115 (52)	02/11/1990	Chicago, Illinois	Chicago Blackhawks

TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Dan Brennan (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	Athletic Trainer	Mike Cortese (Boynton Beach, Fla.)
Head Coach	David Hoff (Bottineau, N.D.)	Equipment Manager	Joel Isaacson (Houghton, Mich.)
Assistant Coach	Corey Gorder (Bottineau, N.D.)	Team Physician	Mike Uihlein (Grafton, Wis.)
		Communications	Jon Gomez (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

*2018 Paralympic gold medalist

[^]2014 Paralympic gold medalist

#2010 Paralympic gold medalist

2018-19 GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME ET/RESULT	CAN	KOR	CAN	KOR	CAN	CAN	CAN	CAN	KOR	NOR	CZE (SF)	MG	TOTALS
No Name	W, 3-0	W, 9-0	W, 4-1	W, 8-0	W, 5-4	L, 3-4	W, 4-1	W, 3-1	W, 4-0	W, 10-0	8 P.M.	TBD	2018-19
3 Ralph DeQuebec	--	--	--	AA	A	--	--	--	--	AA			5 PTS (0-5)
4 Brody Roybal	A*	GA*	A	GA*AAA#	G	PA	AA	--	SA	GA			18 PTS (6-12)
7 Colin Gooley	--	--	--	A	--	--	--	--	DND	A			2 PTS (0-2)
8 Jack Wallace	A	--	--	--	G*/PGA#	P	--	--	P/G*	GA			8 PTS (5-3)
9 Travis Dodson	--	GA	--	P	--	--	--	--	--	--			3 PTS (1-2)
10 Josh Sweeney	--	--	--	A	AA*	--	--	--	DND	DND			3 PTS (0-3)
13 Luke McDermott	--	GG#	--	P	--	G	--	--	--	GAA#			7 PTS (5-2)
15 Kyle Zych	G#	GA	--	--	G	--	--	--	--	G			5 PTS (4-1)
16 Declan Farmer	P/G*A	GA	GS/G*#	G*GGGA	A	AA	GA*	SE	SA	GAA			23 PTS (13-10)
17 Chris Douglas	--	--	--	DND	DND	--	--	A*	A	U*A			4 PTS (1-3)
22 Noah Grove	--	U	A	A	A	--	--	G*#	G	G			7 PTS (4-3)
23 Rico Roman	G	GA	--	A	--	A	G	--	--	GGA			9 PTS (5-4)
27 Josh Pauls	--	AA	UA	A	G	--	PA*	--	A*AA#	G			12 PTS (4-8)
40 Josh Hargis	--	G*	--	--	--	--	G*	--	--	DND			2 PTS (2-0)
88 Kevin McKee	--	--	G	G	A*	--	--	DND	--	A			4 PTS (2-2)
32 Jen Lee	DNP	W (45:00)	DNP	W (45:00)	DNP	L (44:10)	DNP	DNP	W (45:00)	(15:00)			3-1 (0.93)
		4/4		1/1		6/10			3/3	1/1			
34 Steve Cash	W (45:00)	DNP	W (45:00)	DNP	W (45:00)	DNP	W (45:00)	W (45:00)	DNP	W (30:00)			6-0 (1.24)
	9/9		5/6		7/11		8/9	10/11		3/3			

Key:

G - goal
A - assist
P - powerplay goal

S - shorthanded goal
P* - penalty shot
U - unassisted goal

G* - game-winning goal
A* - assist on game-winning goal
E - empty-net goal

- U.S. Player of the Game
DNP - did not play
DND - did not dress

2018-19 U.S. ROSTER DETAILS

CAREER SKATER STATISTICS ENTERING 2018-19

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Ralph DeQuebec	D	15	1	5	6	4
4	Brody Roybal	F	64	54	59	113	34
7	Colin Gooley*	D	0	0	0	0	0
8	Jack Wallace	F/D	27	9	12	21	8
9	Travis Dodson	F	15	4	2	6	2
10	Josh Sweeney	F	64	12	21	33	4
13	Luke McDermott	F	48	5	17	22	22
15	Kyle Zych*	F	0	0	0	0	0
16	Declan Farmer	F	81	82	67	149	26
17	Chris Douglas	F/D	28	1	7	8	14
22	Noah Grove	F	26	5	13	18	0
23	Rico Roman	F/D	92	10	18	28	22
27	Josh Pauls	F/D	138	37	64	101	22
40	Josh Hargis*	F	0	0	0	0	0
88	Kevin McKee	F	104	38	61	99	35

*Making their national team debuts this season

CAREER GOALTENDER STATISTICS ENTERING 2018-19

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-OTW-OTL-L-T	GA	SVS	GAA	SV%
32	Jen Lee	21	534:42	8-0-0-0-0	6	52	0.51	0.897
34	Steve Cash	142	6006:07	91-15-7-32-1	177	1605	1.33	0.901

HOME STATES

California	2
Colorado	1
Florida	2
Illinois	2
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	1
Missouri	1
New Jersey	2
New Mexico	1
New York	2
Oregon	2

BIRTH YEARS

1981	1
1983	1
1985	1
1986	1
1987	2
1989	2
1990	2
1992	1
1993	1
1996	1
1997	1
1998	2
1999	1

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Average Height:	5'4"
Average Weight:	156 lbs.
Oldest Player:	Rico Roman (38 yrs, 3 mo.)
Youngest Player:	Noah Grove (20 yrs, 0 mo.)
Average Age:	28 yrs, 0 mo.

DISABILITY

Osteosarcoma:	3
Cash, Gooley, Grove	
Congenital Bilateral Amputee:	3
Farmer, Pauls, Roybal	
Congenital Regression Syndrome:	1
McKee	
Spinal Cord Injury:	1
Douglas	
Spina Bifida:	1
Zych	
Traumatic Amputee (Non-Military):	1
Wallace	
Traumatic Amputee (Military):	7
Army: Hargis (Ranger), Lee, Roman	
Marine: DeQuebec, Dodson, McDermott, Sweeney	



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U.S. PARA ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW

2019 GROUP A OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

CANADA



LAST MEETING: 2019 WORLDS - USA 3, CAN 1

Declan Farmer scored twice, **Steve Cash** made 10 saves and **Noah Grove** registered the game-winning goal to earn Player of the Game honors. The win marks Team USA's 32nd victory in 49 world championship games. Farmer's two goals push his U.S. tournament records to 24 goals and 34 points while the win was Cash' 25th across seven world championships.

SOUTH KOREA



LAST MEETING: 2019 WORLDS - USA 4, KOR 0

Captain **Josh Pauls** registered three assists and four different U.S. players scored to lead the United States past South Korea, 4-0, for its second win at the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship here at Ostravar Arena. **Jack Wallace**, **Brody Roybal**, **Declan Farmer** and **Noah Grove** all tallied in the win.

NORWAY

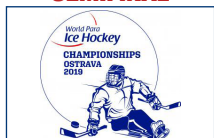


LAST MEETING: 2019 WORLDS - USA 10, NOR 0

Luke McDermott (Westerlo, N.Y.), **Rico Roman** (Portland, Ore.) and **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) each tallied three points to lead the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team past Norway, 10-0, to close preliminary round play. A total of nine different U.S. players scored and 14 different players tallied at least one point.

PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES

SEMIFINAL

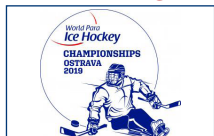


LAST APPEARANCE: 2015 SWC - USA 6, NOR 0

On home ice in Buffalo, New York, the U.S. defeated Norway, 6-0. Nine different U.S. players, including current U.S. players **Josh Sweeney** (1g, 1a), **Declan Farmer** (1g), **Brody Roybal** (1a) and **Luke McDermott** (1a) tallied a point in the win as **Steve Cash** registered the shutout victory.

All-time Semifinal Record: 5-0

FIFTH-PLACE

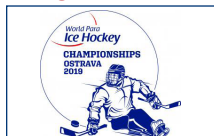


LAST APPEARANCE: 2000 SWC - USA 0, EST 4

The U.S. suffered a 4-0 defeat to Estonia to finish sixth in Salt Lake City, Utah. The United States hosted its first-ever IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in preparation for the 2002 Salt Lake City Paralympic Winter Games, where the U.S. would claim its first-ever Paralympic gold medal.

All-Time Fifth-Place Game Record: 0-1

BRONZE-MEDAL



LAST APPEARANCE: 2008 SWC - USA 3, JPN 1

On home ice in Marlborough, Massachusetts, the United States skated to a 3-1 victory to earn its second-ever medal in tournament play. **Jimmy Connelly** opened the scoring before **Alexi Salamone** tallied a pair of goals to help lead the U.S. to victory.

All-Time Bronze-Medal Game Record: 1-0

GOLD-MEDAL



LAST APPEARANCE: 2017 SWC - USA 1, CAN 4

The U.S. reached its fifth straight world championship gold-medal game but fell to Canada, 4-1, to earn the silver medal at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship in Gangneung, South Korea. The loss was Team USA's only defeat of the season.

All-Time Gold-Medal Game Record: 3-3

U.S. PLAYERS AT SLED WORLDS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALISTS

PLAYER	YEAR	MEDAL
Steve Cash	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
	2013	Silver
	2012	Gold
	2009	Gold
	2008	Bronze
Chris Douglas	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
Declan Farmer	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
	2013	Silver
Noah Grove	2017	Silver
Jen Lee	2017	Silver
	2013	Silver
	2012	Gold
Luke McDermott	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
Kevin McKee	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
	2013	Silver
	2012	Gold
Josh Pauls	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
	2013	Silver
	2012	Gold
	2009	Gold
Rico Roman	2017	Silver
	2013	Silver
	2012	Gold
Brody Roybal	2017	Silver
	2015	Gold
Josh Sweeney	2015	Gold
	2013	Silver
	2012	Gold
Jack Wallace	2017	Silver

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

PLAYER	YEAR	GP	G	A	PTS
Chris Douglas	2017	4	0	2	2
	2015	2	0	3	3
Declan Farmer	2017	7	12	6	18
	2015	5	6	1	7
	2013	5	4	4	8
Noah Grove	2017	4	2	2	4
Luke McDermott	2017	6	1	2	3
	2015	4	0	2	2
Kevin McKee	2017	7	1	9	10
	2015	5	1	2	3
	2013	5	2	4	4
	2012	5	0	2	2
Josh Pauls	2017	7	2	6	8
	2015	5	4	3	7
	2013	4	4	2	6
	2012	5	1	1	2
Rico Roman	2017	7	1	3	4
	2013	5	0	1	1
	2012	5	0	0	0
Brody Roybal	2017	7	8	6	14
	2015	5	2	7	9
Josh Sweeney	2015	5	3	3	6
	2013	5	1	2	3
	2012	5	0	0	0
	2017	6	1	1	2
Jack Wallace	2017	6	1	1	2

PLAYER	YEAR	W-L	GAA	SV%
Steve Cash	2017	5-1	1.13	0.93
	2015	5-0	0.27	0.97
	2013	4-1	0.56	0.94
	2012	4-1	0.72	0.92
	2009	4-1	0.77	0.94
	2008	4-2	1.50	0.90
Jen Lee	2013	0-0	0.00	1.00
	2012	0-0	0.93	0.80

2019 GROUPS

The 2019 tournament features a new format that places the top four teams in the world rankings forming Group A and the next four in Group B. The top two finishers from Group A will earn a quarterfinal bye to the semifinals. The third-place finisher in Group A will face the second-place finisher in Group B while the other quarterfinal game will place Group A's fourth-place team against Group B's top finisher.

GROUP A								GROUP B							
TEAM	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS	TEAM	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	PTS
United States	3	0	0	0	17	1	9	Czech Republic	3	0	0	0	18	1	9
Canada	2	0	0	1	19	5	6	Italy	2	0	0	1	9	5	6
South Korea	1	0	0	2	3	10	3	Sweden	0	1	0	2	3	11	2
Norway	0	0	0	3	4	27	0	Japan	0	0	1	2	2	15	1



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OTHER U.S. TIDBITS

SINGLE-SEASON, CAREER RECORDS KEEP RISING

Forward **Declan Farmer** has a point in every game this season and leads the team with 23 points (13-10) in 10 games. His 23 points currently rank seventh-most ever by a U.S. player in a single season. Farmer and **Brody Roybal** hold four of the top-five ever single-season performances. Last season, Roybal set a U.S. record of 48 points (26-22) while Farmer set the second-best ever performance with 41 points (24-17).

Kevin McKee this season became the fourth U.S. player ever to eclipse the 100-point mark in their career, currently sitting at 103 (40-63). Only Farmer (95-77--173), Roybal (59-70--129) and **Josh Pauls** (41-72--113) have more career points. Farmer's 95 goals, 77 assists and 173 points are all U.S. career-best marks.

Goaltender **Steve Cash** has played a U.S.-best 6,186 minutes and entered the 2018-19 season with a career goals-against-average mark of 1.33 and 0.901 save percentage. Meanwhile, **Jen Lee** has skated 669 minutes and came into this year's campaign with a 0.51 GAA and 0.897 SV%.

LOCKER ROOM VISITORS

The U.S. has received notable postgame locker room visits here at the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship.

Following Team USA's victory over Canada, the U.S. received a visit from **Stephen B. King**, U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic. King, who was confirmed by the Senate on October 5, 2017, hails from Madison, Wisconsin, where the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team has trained the last few years due to strong relationships developed by the late head coach and long-time Wisconsin Badger men's ice hockey coach, **Jeff Sauer**.

After its game against Norway, **Dominik Hasek**, an Olympic and Stanley Cup champion, visited Team USA. Hasek, a native of Pardubice, Czech Republic, is serving as a tournament ambassador for the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship.

TEAM USA IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

The U.S. has captured three gold medals in the events' nine-year history and enters the 2019 event seeking a sixth-straight berth in the gold-medal game. Additionally, this year's tournament will include a new format that is explained on page 3.

This is the second time the event will take place in Ostrava, which hosted the 2009 event and resulted in the U.S. capturing its first-ever world championship.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DEBUTS

A total of five players made their debuts in world championship play in Team USA's 3-1 tournament-opening win over Canada, including **Ralph DeQuebec**, **Travis Dodson**, **Colin Gooley**, **Josh Hargis** and **Kyle Zych**. DeQuebec and Dodson were part of Team USA's gold medal-winning Paralympic entry a year ago while Gooley, Hargis and Zych are in their first season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team.

JOURNEY TO OSTRAVA

Team USA's journey to Ostrava, Czech Republic, started on Monday, April 22, with players and staff convening in Newark, New Jersey. From there, the team boarded a plane on Tuesday, April 23, and traveled overnight to Vienna, Austria, where the U.S. players and staff boarded a bus for a 3-hour trip to Ostrava.

THIS AND THAT

The 2019 Toyota-USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival included the Adult Sled Hockey National Championship in which the Chicago Blackhawks Sled Hockey Program (**Travis Dodson**, **Kevin McKee**, **Brody Roybal**) defeated the Gaylord Wolfpack (**Declan Farmer**, **Jack Wallace**) in Wesley Chapel, Florida ... Earlier this month, U.S. goaltender **Jen Lee** took part in the Boston Marathon, finishing the race in just under five hours ... Lee is just one of seven players on Team USA who hold military backgrounds, including three U.S. Army veterans in alternate captain **Rico Roman**, Lee and U.S. Army Ranger **Josh Hargis** and four U.S. Marines in **Ralph DeQuebec**, **Travis Dodson**, **Luke McDermott** and **Josh Sweeney**.

USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

U.S. INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Entering the 2018-19 season, no other nation has claimed more medals in Olympic, Paralympic and International Ice Hockey Federation play than the United States' 44 since 2010. Additionally, Team USA's 26 collective gold medals also leads all nations. In total, the last eight years has seen the U.S. claim 26 gold medals, 12 silver medals and six bronze medals.

The 26 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), 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 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

The 2019 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship will be held in Kosice & Bratislava, Slovakia, from May 10-26, 2019. The U.S. will compete in Group A alongside Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain and Slovakia. The U.S. will open the competition against host Slovakia on Friday, May 10 at 2:15 p.m. ET.

Team USA enters the 2019 competition after earning bronze last May in Copenhagen, Denmark. The bronze-medal win gave the U.S. its third bronze medal (2013, 2015, 2018) and fourth top-four finish in the last six IIHF Men's World Championships, a feat the country has not accomplished since medaling in three of the five tournaments it competed in from 1939-1950.

To date, the U.S. has tabbed 20 players to its preliminary roster, headlined by captain **Patrick Kane** (Chicago Blackhawks). **Chris Drury** (New York Rangers) is the general manager of the 2019 U.S. Men's National Team while **Jeff Blashill** (Detroit Red Wings) has been tabbed to serve as head coach for the third straight year.

2019 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

The U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team earned a bronze medal at the recently competed 2019 IIHF Under-18 World Championship in Ornskoldsvik and Umea, Sweden.

The U.S. defeated Canada, 5-2, to earn its 16th straight medal in the event. That span has included six gold medals in the past 10 tournaments. Its most recent gold came in 2017, when it captured its tournament-record 10th gold.

2019 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

The U.S. Women's National Team captured its fifth consecutive gold medal at the International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship in 2019 with a thrilling shootout win over Finland in the gold-medal game.

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

The United States entered the 2019 IIHF Women's World Championship having won gold in the past four Women's World Championships (2013, 2015, 2016, 2017).

2020 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM

The United States recently named **Scott Sandelin** (Hibbing, Minn.) as head coach of the 2020 U.S. National Junior Team that will compete in the 2020 IIHF World Junior Championship in Ostrava and Trinec, Czech Republic. This is the fourth time Sandelin will serve on a U.S. National Junior Team and his second time doing so as head coach. On April 13, he led the University of Minnesota Duluth men's ice hockey team to its second consecutive NCAA national championship.

Additionally, **Steve Miller** (Sun Prairie, Wis./Ohio State University), **David Lassonde** (Durham, N.H./Dartmouth College), **Jerry Keefe** (Saugus, Mass./Northeastern University) and **Brett Larson** (Duluth, Minn./St. Cloud State University) will serve as assistant coaches for the United States in the Czech Republic.

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U.S. PARA ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

MEDALS: Seven

GOLD (3): 2015, 2012, 2009

SILVER (3): 2017, 2013, 2004

BRONZE (1): 2008

YEAR	HOST	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. HEAD COACH	U.S. RECORD	U.S. FINISH
2017	Gangneung, South Korea	Canada	United States	Korea	Guy Gosselin	6-0-0-1	Silver
2015	Buffalo, New York	United States	Canada	Russia	Jeff Sauer	5-0-0-0	Gold
2013	Goyang, South Korea	Canada	United States	Russia	Jeff Sauer	4-0-0-1	Silver
2012	Hamar, Norway	United States	Korea	Canada	Jeff Sauer	3-1-1-0	Gold
2009	Ostrava, Czech Republic	United States	Norway	Canada	Ray Maluta	3-1-0-1	Gold
2008	Marlborough, Massachusetts	Canada	Norway	United States	Ray Maluta	4-0-0-2	Bronze
2004	Ornskoldsvik, Sweden	Norway	United States	Sweden	Keith Blase	4-0-0-1	Silver
2000	Salt Lake City, Utah	Canada	Norway	Sweden	Rick Middleton	1-0-0-4	Sixth
1996	Nynashamn, Sweden	Sweden	Norway	Canada	Angelo Bianco	1-0-0-4	Fifth

U.S. TOURNAMENT GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

YEAR	DATE	OPPONENT	ROUND	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA
2017	April 20	Canada	Gold-Medal Game				L	1	4
2017	April 19	Korea	Preliminary Round	W				5	0
2017	April 18	Norway	Preliminary Round	W				6	0
2017	April 17	Canada	Preliminary Round	W				2	1
2017	April 15	Germany	Preliminary Round	W				9	0
2017	April 14	Italy	Preliminary Round	W				9	1
2017	April 13	Sweden	Preliminary Round	W				7	0
2015	May 3	Canada	Gold-Medal Game	W				3	0
2015	May 1	Norway	Semifinals	W				6	0
2015	April 29	Italy	Preliminary Round	W				7	0
2015	April 27	Germany	Preliminary Round	W				7	0
2015	April 26	Russia	Preliminary Round	W				6	1
2013	April 20	Canada	Gold-Medal Game				L	0	1
2013	April 18	Russia	Semifinals	W				2	1
2013	April 16	Czech Republic	Preliminary Round	W				3	0
2013	April 13	Norway	Preliminary Round	W				7	0
2013	April 12	Sweden	Preliminary Round	W				7	0
2012	April 1	Korea	Gold-Medal Game	W				5	1
2012	March 29	Canada	Semifinals	W				2	1
2012	March 28	Japan	Preliminary Round	W				5	0
2012	March 26	Czech Republic	Preliminary Round			OTL*		1	2
2012	March 25	Estonia	Preliminary Round		OTW*			2	1
2009	May 16	Norway	Gold-Medal Game	W				1	0
2009	May 14	Canada	Semifinals		OTW*			2	1
2009	May 12	Norway	Preliminary Round				L	1	2
2009	May 10	Korea	Preliminary Round	W				2	1
2009	May 9	Italy	Preliminary Round	W				3	0
2008	April 5	Japan	Bronze-Medal Game	W				3	1
2008	April 4	Germany	Preliminary Round	W				5	1
2008	April 2	Canada	Preliminary Round				L	0	3
2008	April 1	Norway	Preliminary Round				L	2	3
2008	March 30	Italy	Preliminary Round	W				4	0
2008	March 29	Japan	Preliminary Round	W				5	1
2004	April 24	Norway	Gold-Medal Game				L	1	2
2004	April 22	Sweden	Semifinals	W				2	0
2004	April 19	Canada	Preliminary Round	W				2	1
2004	April 18	Japan	Preliminary Round	W				4	3
2004	April 17	Great Britain	Preliminary Round	W				3	1
2000	NA	Estonia	Fifth-Place Game				L	0	4
2000	NA	Japan	Preliminary Round				L	2	3
2000	NA	Canada	Preliminary Round				L	0	3
2000	NA	Estonia	Preliminary Round	W				4	3
2000	NA	Sweden	Preliminary Round				L	3	4
1996	NA	Estonia	Round-Robin				L	1	5
1996	NA	Japan	Round-Robin	W				3	0
1996	NA	Norway	Round-Robin				L	0	11
1996	NA	Canada	Round-Robin				L	0	5
1996	NA	Sweden	Round-Robin				L	1	11
TOTAL				31	2	1	14	156	83

U.S. RECORD VS. OPPONENT

OPPONENT	GP	RECORD	GF	GA
Canada	11	5-1-0-5	15	21
Czech Republic	2	1-0-1-0	4	2
Estonia	4	1-1-0-2	7	13
Germany	3	3-0-0-0	21	1
Great Britain	1	1-0-0-0	3	1
Italy	4	4-0-0-0	21	1
Japan	6	5-0-0-1	22	8
Korea	4	4-0-0-0	17	2
Norway	9	5-0-0-4	34	18
Russia	2	2-0-0-0	8	2
Sweden	5	3-0-0-2	20	15
TOTAL	51	33-2-1-14	171	84

U.S. IN PLAYOFF ROUND

OPPONENT	SF	5TH	BMG	GMG	TOTAL
Canada	2-0	NA	NA	1-2	3-2
Estonia	NA	0-1	NA	NA	0-1
Japan	NA	NA	1-0	NA	1-0
Korea	NA	NA	NA	1-0	1-0
Norway	1-0	NA	NA	1-1	2-1
Russia	1-0	NA	NA	NA	1-0
Sweden	1-0	NA	NA	NA	1-0
TOTAL	5-0	0-1	1-0	3-3	9-4

U.S. EVENT RECORDS

Entering 2019 Tournament

SINGLE TOURNAMENT

STATISTIC	PLAYER	RECORD (YEAR)
Goals	Declan Farmer^	12 (2017)
Assists	Kevin McKee^	9 (2017)
Points	Declan Farmer^	17 (2017)
GAA*	Steve Cash^	0.27 (2015)
SV%*	Steve Cash^	.970 (2015)
Shutouts*	Steve Cash^	4 (2015)

*Minimum 75 minutes played

CAREER TOURNAMENT

STATISTIC	PLAYER	RECORD
Games Played	Adam Page	32
Goals	Declan Farmer^	22
Assists	Kevin McKee^	15
Points	Declan Farmer^	32
Wins	Steve Cash^	24
GAA	Steve Cash^	0.77
Shutouts	Steve Cash^	13
Mins Played	Steve Cash^	1258

^Current U.S. player



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2019 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOXSCORES

APRIL 30, 2019 UNITED STATES 10, NORWAY 0

Ostravar Arena • Ostrava, Czech Republic • 1,638 attendance

United States (h)	5	4	1	—	10
Norway (v)	0	0	0	—	0

- 1st:** USA-Douglas, Unassisted, 0:21
USA-Pauls, Unassisted, 4:23
USA-Wallace (Roybal, Gooley), 6:07
USA-Roman (McDermott, DeQuebec), 12:12
USA-Farmer, Unassisted, 13:47
- 2nd:** USA-Roman (McDermott, DeQuebec), 0:14
USA-Grove (Douglas, Farmer), 6:02
USA-Roybal (Wallace, McKee), 6:36
USA-McDermott (Roman), 6:58
- 3rd:** USA-Zych (Farmer), 5:32

Penalties: USA 1-2, NOR 1-2 **Power Plays:** USA 0-1, NOR 0-1

Saves: USA-Cash (3), 30:00
USA-Lee (1), 15:00
NOR-Haugen (11), 45:00

Shots: USA 10-9-2--21; NOR 0-3-1--4

Officials: Refs: Jacob Grumsen
Lines: Andreas Lunden, Matt Fergenbaum

Notes: A total of nine different U.S. players scored and 13 tallied at least one point in the win.

APRIL 28, 2019 UNITED STATES 4, SOUTH KOREA 0

Ostravar Arena • Ostrava, Czech Republic • 1,513 attendance

United States (h)	2	1	1	—	4
South Korea (v)	0	0	0	—	0

- 1st:** USA-Wallace (Pauls), 5x4 PPG, 3:30
USA-Roybal (Farmer), 4x5 Shorthanded, 11:27
- 2nd:** USA-Farmer (Pauls, Roybal), 4x5 Shorthanded, 6:05
- 3rd:** USA-Grove (Pauls, Douglas), 4:39

Penalties: USA 3-6, KOR 2-4 **Power Plays:** USA 1-2, KOR 0-3

Saves: USA-Lee (3), 45:00
KOR-Yu (18), 45:00

Shots: USA 6-9-7--22; KOR 2-0-1--3

Officials: Refs: Jacob Grumsen
Lines: Li Lintai, Andreas Lunden

Notes: Victory marked Jen Lee's first in world championship play while Declan Farmer tallied at least one point to extend his point streak to all nine of Team USA's games this season.

APRIL 27, 2019 CANADA 1, UNITED STATES 3

Ostravar Arena • Ostrava, Czech Republic • 2,149 attendance

Canada (h)	0	1	0	—	1
United States (v)	0	2	1	—	3

- 1st:** No scoring
- 2nd:** CAN-Westlake (Lavin), 1:59
USA-Farmer, 4x5 Shorthanded, 4:06
USA-Grove (Douglas), 6:11
- 3rd:** USA-Farmer, Empty Net Goal, 14:55

Penalties: CAN 2-4, USA 3-6 **Power Plays:** CAN 0-3, USA 0-2

Saves: CAN-Larocque (11), 44:00
USA-Cash (10), 45:00

Shots: CAN 4-6-1--14; USA 2-4-8--14

Officials: Refs: Owe Luthcke
Lines: Andreas Lunden, Leon Wesley

Notes: Rematch of the 2017 gold-medal game saw the U.S. come from behind for its 32nd victory in 49 world championship games.

2018-19 SEASON OVERVIEW

Team USA's 2018-19 campaign started last July, with the 17-player U.S. roster selected following tryouts. In December, the U.S. opened international play at the 2019 Para Hockey Cup in London, Ontario where it skated to a perfect 5-0 record to capture its fifth-straight title in the event. In March, the U.S. hosted Canada for a two-game series in Indian Trail, North Carolina, that resulted in the both teams each claiming one win.

Team USA's season leaders include forwards **Declan Farmer** and **Brody Roybal**, who respectively hold 16 (9g-7a) and 14 (4-10) points through seven games apiece this season. Farmer's nine goals leads all U.S. skaters as does Roybal's 10 assists. In goal, **Steve Cash** has a perfect 4-0 (W-L) record and carries a team-best 1.25 goals against average.

2018 PARA HOCKEY CUP GAME-BY-GAME

GAME 1: USA 3, CANADA 0

In its tournament-opener, the U.S. blanked Canada, 3-0, as Farmer tallied a goal and an assist and **Kyle Zych** scored his first goal in his national team debut. Goaltender **Steve Cash** made nine save to secure the shutout and **Rico Roman** scored Team USA's third goal in the win.

GAME 2: USA 9, SOUTH KOREA 0

Luke McDermott scored twice and eight other U.S. players registered at least one point as the U.S. defeated South Korea, 9-0, in its second game. **Jen Lee** earned the shutout in net while **Josh Hargis** became the second newcomer to score his first goal as a member of Team USA.

GAME 3: USA 4, CANADA 1

Declan Farmer netted two goals and **Josh Pauls** added a goal and an assist as Team USA edged Canada, 4-1, to maintain its perfect tournament start. **Kevin McKee** also scored as **Steve Cash** earned his second win.

GAME 4: USA 8, SOUTH KOREA 0

Brody Roybal and **Declan Farmer** each tallied five points and 10 other players collected at least one point to lead the 2018-19 U.S. National Sled Hockey Team past South Korea, 8-0, in its final preliminary round game. **Colin Gooley** registered an assist for his first point with Team USA.

GAME 5: USA 5, CANADA 4 (CHAMPIONSHIP)

A back-and-forth affair culminated in the United States capturing a thrilling 5-4 victory. **Jack Wallace** had two goals and an assist, **Josh Sweeney** added two helpers and **Steve Cash** turned aside seven shots in the victory.

2019 SLED SERIES GAME-BY-GAME

GAME 1: USA 3, CANADA 4

Brody Roybal registered a goal and an assist and five other players tallied a point but the U.S. fell to Canada, 4-3, in its first game of the 2019 Sled Series in Indian Trail, North Carolina. The loss was Team USA's first of the season.

GAME 2: USA 4, CANADA 1

Josh Pauls and **Declan Farmer** each posted a goal and an assist to lead the United States past Canada, 4-1, to close the 2019 Sled Series with its sixth victory of the season.

WINNING WAYS

Including its 10 games this season, the United States holds a 52-4-1-4 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record over the last four seasons. Those 52 wins include a Paralympic gold (2018), two world championship medals (gold - 2015, silver - 2017), five-straight Para Hockey Cups (2015, 2016 (Jan.), 2016 (Dec.), 2017, 2018), the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship and the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament. Additionally, since 2009, Team USA has reached eight consecutive gold-medal game berths at the Paralympic and World Championship level. In those appearances, the U.S. has posted a 6-2 record while claiming three Paralympic gold medals (2010, 2014, 2018) and three world championship gold medals (2009, 2012, 2015). Its two losses came in world championship play (2013, 2017).

