



Team USA Game Notes

World Cup of Hockey 2016

Team USA (visitor) vs. Team Europe (home) • Preliminary Round Game 1
Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016 • Air Canada Centre • Toronto

Team USA Schedule (all times are ET)

Friday, Sept. 9 - Pre-Tournament (Columbus, Ohio)

Canada vs. USA (ESPNU) W, 4-2

Saturday, Sept. 10 - Pre-Tournament (Ottawa, Ont.)

USA vs. Canada (ESPN3) L, 2-5

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Pre-Tournament (Washington, D.C.)

Finland vs. USA (ESPN) W, 3-2

Saturday, Sept. 17 - Group A

USA vs. Team Europe (ESPN2) 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20 - Group A

Canada vs. USA (ESPN) 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 22 - Group A

USA vs. Czech Republic (ESPN2) 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24 - Semifinal #1

TBD (ESPN2) 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 25 - Semifinal #2

TBD (ESPN) 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 - Final Game #1

TBD (ESPN) 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29 - Final Game #2

TBD (ESPN2) 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1 - Final Game #3 (if necessary)

TBD (ESPN2) 7:00 p.m.

All World Cup of Hockey games will be televised live on the ESPN family of networks in the U.S. and also streamed live by ESPN.

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• TODAY'S GAME

Team USA faces Team Europe here today in the opening game of the World Cup of Hockey 2016. The U.S. went 2-1 in its three pre-tournament games. Team USA is 8-0-1-3 (w-otw-otl-l) all-time in two previous World Cups.

• LINEUP TODAY

Jonathan Quick will start in goal today for the U.S., with **Ben Bishop** also dressing. **Kyle Palmieri**, **Dustin Byfuglien**, and **Cory Schneider** will not dress. Quick started two of Team USA's three pre-tournament games. He made 32 saves on 33 shots in two periods of action in a 4-2 win over Canada on Sept. 9 in Columbus where he was named the #1 star. He played the entire game on Tuesday (Sept. 13) in Washington, D.C., and made 30 saves on 32 shots in a 3-2 victory over Finland. Quick played in five of Team USA's six games at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games and was 3-2-0 with a 2.17 goals against average and .923 save percentage.

BITS AND PIECES

Team USA is the visiting team today and will wear its white jerseys ... Today marks Day 14 of Team USA's World Cup journey that began on Sept. 4 in Columbus ... The U.S. did not have a pre-game skate today ... Forward **Derek Stepan** is the lone U.S. player to record at least one point in each of Team USA's three pre-tournament games. He led the team in its three pre-tournament games with four points (2-2) ... Defenseman and alternate captain **Ryan Suter** has played in 70 games (11 previous tournaments) in a Team USA uniform, the most of any rostered player. Defenseman **Jack Johnson** is right on Suter's heels, having played in 69 games in a Team USA uniform in 10 previous events. Four other members of Team USA have played in 40 or more games in a U.S. uniform, including **Erik Johnson** (49), **Zach Parise** (44), **Ryan Kesler** (40), and **James van Riemsdyk** (40) ... Team USA includes seven players who were full-time members of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program (Jack Johnson, Erik Johnson, Patrick Kane, Ryan Kesler, Kyle Palmieri, Ryan Suter, James van Riemsdyk) ... Players on Team USA were the first introduced at the opening night festivities at the Pepsi World Cup of Hockey Premiere Party last night at Scotiabank World Cup of Hockey Fan Village. Forward Justin Abdelkader led Team USA down the red carpet and up on stage. Following introductions, the players departed for an Italian team meal ... Last year's NHL season featured four Americans among the top eight point getters in the league (Kane, Pavelski, Gaudreau, Wheeler) in the regular season. In no other NHL season has there been that many Americans among the top eight scorers in the league ... USA Hockey executives **Ron DeGregorio** (co-chair of the board), **Jim Smith** (president), **Gavin Regan** (vice president) and **Dave Ogrean** (executive director) are here for today's game ... **Megan Bozek** and **Emily Pfalzer**, both members of the U.S. Women's National Team, are here for today's game. USA Hockey is the host federation for the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship which will be staged in March 31-April 7 at USA Hockey Arena in the Detroit suburb of Plymouth.

LAST TIME OUT

Team USA earned a 3-2 win over pesky Finland on Tuesday (Sept. 13) at Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. in its final pre-tournament game. Below are a few statistical highlights.

Ryan McDonagh (23:26) was among four players that saw 20 minutes or more of ice time. Others were John Carlson (22:54), Matt Niskanen (22:26), and Ryan Suter (22:07) ... Team USA won the faceoff battle, winning 57% of the draws. Ryan Kesler led the way winning 10-of-16 faceoffs (63%), while Derek Stepan was 8-for-13 (62%) and Joe Pavelski 9-of-16 (56%) ... David Backes led all players in the game with five hits, while Erik Johnson topped all players in the contest with four blocked shots ... James van Riemsdyk led Team USA with four shots on goal, while Matt Niskanen and Ryan Kesler were next with three shots a piece.

• LEADERSHIP TEAM

Joe Pavelski is the captain of Team USA with **Patrick Kane** and **Ryan Suter** serving as alternate captains. In addition, **David Backes**, **Ryan Kesler**, **Ryan McDonagh** and **Zach Parise** are part of Team USA's overall seven-man leadership group.

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• QUANTICO VISIT ON SEPT. 12

Team USA visited Quantico in Virginia on Sept. 12 where it met and ate lunch with a contingent of U.S. Marines. Following, the scene shifted to a shooting range where players and staff received a safety briefing before having a chance to fire a number of weapons regularly used by the Marines. The day also included a briefing and team photo on the stairway leading up to the entrance of the Pentagon and a somber visit to the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial.

• AVERAGE AGE

The 2016 U.S. World Cup of Hockey team has an average age of 28.9. Below is the average age of previous Team USA World Cup and Canada Cup squads.

2016 (World Cup)	28.9
2004 (World Cup)	30.9
1996 (World Cup)	27.6
1991 (Canada Cup)	26.2
1987 (Canada Cup)	24.9
1984 (Canada Cup)	23.5
1981 (Canada Cup)	25.4
1976 (Canada Cup)	24.8

• THE WEEK IN COLUMBUS

Players and staff of Team USA arrived throughout the day in Columbus on Sunday (Sept. 4). The team gathered for a private reception that evening. Daily practices began Monday (Sept. 5). Players, coaches and staff had official World Cup headshots taken Monday; met daily with media, including two days of sit down interviews with television rights holders; and had a team photo taken Thursday. In addition, on Wednesday, **Ryan Kesler** filmed interviews with four of his Team USA teammates (Dustin Byfuglien, Jack Johnson, Derek Stepan, Cory Schneider) for special World Cup editions of his *Between Two Zambonis* internet show, which will air on ESPN for the World Cup.

• BACK FROM SOCHI

The U.S. returns 14 players from the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Hockey team that competed in the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, including Jonathan Quick, John Carlson, Ryan McDonagh, Ryan Suter, David Backes, Patrick Kane, Ryan Kesler, T.J. Oshie, Max Pacioretty, Zach Parise, Joe Pavelski, Derek Stepan, James van Riemsdyk, and Blake Wheeler.

• BITS AND PIECES FROM PREVIOUS GAME NOTES

U.S. Head Coach **John Tortorella** met Washington Wizards Head Coach **Scott Brooks** on Sept. 12 at Verizon Center. Brooks took in Team USA's practice ... USA Hockey will host the 5th annual CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game on Sept. 22 at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. The event features 40 of the top American-born players eligible for this June's NHL Draft ... Nationwide Arena in Columbus has a special place in the hearts of a number of Team USA players as it was the location where they were drafted into the NHL in June of 2007. **Patrick Kane** was the #1 pick that year (Chicago Blackhawks), while **James van Riemsdyk** was the #2 choice (Philadelphia Flyers), **Ryan McDonagh** was picked 12th (Montreal Canadiens) and **Max Pacioretty** was chosen 22nd (Montreal Canadiens). It was the first time ever American-born players went 1-2 in an NHL Draft.

• MANAGEMENT TEAM

The 2016 U.S. World Cup of Hockey Team is under the direction of General Manager Dean Lombardi, Assistant General Manager Paul Holmgren, Senior Advisor Brian Burke, and Director of Hockey Operations Jim Johansson.

• TEAM USA COACHING STAFF

John Tortorella is serving as head coach of the U.S. World Cup of Hockey team. Tortorella was an assistant coach for the 2010 U.S. Olympic Men's Hockey team that earned a silver medal, the head coach of the 2008 U.S. Men's National Team and also an associate coach with the 2005 U.S. Men's National Team. **Jack Capuano**, **Scott Gordon**, **Phil Housley**, **John Hynes** and **Mike Sullivan** are all serving as assistant coaches.

• LONE ROOKIE

Dustin Byfuglien is the only member of the U.S. who has not previously represented Team USA in international competition.

Roster Breakdown

Average age: 28.9 years
Average height: 6-2
Average weight: 211
Oldest: David Backes, 32 yrs., 4 months
Youngest: Kyle Palmieri, 25 yrs. 7 months

HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

Alaska	1
Colorado	1
Connecticut	2
Massachusetts	2
Michigan	3
Minnesota	9
New Jersey	1
New York	2
Wisconsin	2

MOST RECENT TEAM

NHL (23)

Anaheim Ducks	1
Boston Bruins	1
Chicago Blackhawks	1
Colorado Avalanche	1
Columbus Blue Jackets	2
Detroit Red Wings	1
Los Angeles Kings	1
Minnesota Wild	2
Montreal Canadiens	1
New Jersey Devils	2
New York Rangers	2
San Jose Sharks	1
Tampa Bay Lightning	1
Toronto Maple Leafs	1
Washington Capitals	3
Winnipeg Jets	2

COLLEGE CONNECTION (19)

Boston College	1
Michigan State University	1
Minnesota State	1
Ohio State University	1
University of Maine	1
University of Massachusetts	1
University of Michigan	2
University of Minnesota	2
University of Minnesota Duluth	1
University of New Hampshire	1
University of North Dakota	2
University of Notre Dame	1
University of Wisconsin	4



TEAM USA 2015-16 NHL PLAYER STATS

GOALTENDERS

No	Name	GP	W	L	OTL	GAA	SV%	SO
30	Ben Bishop <i>Tampa Bay Lightning</i>	61	35	21	4	2.06	.926	6
32	Jonathan Quick <i>Los Angeles Kings</i>	68	40	23	5	2.22	.918	5
35	Cory Schneider <i>New Jersey Devils</i>	58	27	25	6	2.15	.924	4

DEFENSEMEN

No	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2	Matt Niskanen <i>Washington Capitals</i>	82	5	27	32	38
3	Jack Johnson <i>Columbus Blue Jackets</i>	60	6	8	14	25
4	John Carlson <i>Washington Capitals</i>	56	8	31	39	14
6	Erik Johnson <i>Colorado Avalanche</i>	73	11	16	27	50
20	Ryan Suter <i>Minnesota Wild</i>	82	8	43	51	30
27	Ryan McDonagh <i>New York Rangers</i>	73	9	25	34	22
33	Dustin Byfuglien <i>Winnipeg Jets</i>	81	19	34	53	119

FORWARDS

No	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
8	Joe Pavelski <i>San Jose Sharks</i>	82	38	40	78	30
9	Zach Parise <i>Minnesota Wild</i>	70	25	28	53	36
16	James van Riemsdyk <i>Toronto Maple Leafs</i>	40	14	15	29	6
17	Ryan Kesler <i>Anaheim Ducks</i>	79	21	32	53	78
19	Brandon Dubinsky <i>Columbus Blue Jackets</i>	75	17	31	48	71
21	Derek Stepan <i>New York Rangers</i>	72	22	31	53	20
23	Kyle Palmieri <i>New Jersey Devils</i>	82	30	27	57	39
26	Blake Wheeler <i>Winnipeg Jets</i>	82	26	52	78	49
42	David Backes <i>Boston Bruins</i>	79	21	24	45	83
67	Max Pacioretty <i>Montreal Canadiens</i>	82	30	34	64	34
74	T.J. Oshie <i>Washington Capitals</i>	80	26	25	51	34
88	Patrick Kane <i>Chicago Blackhawks</i>	82	46	60	106	30
89	Justin Abdelkader <i>Detroit Red Wings</i>	82	19	23	42	120

• PREVIOUS IIHF EXPERIENCE

Twenty-two out of the 23 players on the U.S. roster have experience playing in the International Ice Hockey Foundation Men's World Championship, 17 players have participated in at least one IIHF World Junior Championship and 10 have participated in at least one IIHF U-18 Men's World Championship. Below is a list with total games played with Team USA heading into the 2016 World Cup of Hockey.

Ryan Suter - 70 games played
 Jack Johnson - 69 games played
 Erik Johnson - 49 games played
 Zach Parise - 44 games played
 Ryan Kesler - 40 games played
 James van Riemsdyk - 40 games played
 David Backes - 34 games played
 Patrick Kane - 33 games played
 TJ Oshie - 32 games played
 Kyle Palmieri - 27 games played
 Ryan McDonagh - 26 games played
 Justin Abdelkader - 22 games played
 Blake Wheeler - 20 games played
 Max Pacioretty - 19 games played
 Joe Pavelski - 17 games played
 Matt Niskanen - 16 games played
 Derek Stepan - 15 games played
 John Carlson - 13 games played
 Cory Schneider - 13 games played
 Brandon Dubinsky - 10 games played
 Ben Bishop - 6 games played
 Jonathan Quick - 5 games played

• GOLDEN MOMENTS

A total of 22 players combine for 14 gold medals in previous IIHF tournaments for Team USA. **Ryan Kesler, Erik Johnson, Zach Parise** and **Ryan Suter** lead the way with two each. Below is a list of gold medals won by each player heading into the 2016 World Cup of Hockey.

John Carlson - 2010 World Juniors
 Erik Johnson - 2005 & 2006 U18 Worlds
 Jack Johnson - 2005 U18 Worlds
 Ryan Suter - 2002 U18 Worlds/2004 World Juniors
 Patrick Kane - 2006 U18 Worlds
 Ryan Kesler - 2002 U18 Worlds/2004 World Juniors
 Kyle Palmieri - 2010 World Juniors
 Zach Parise - 2002 U18 Worlds/2004 World Juniors
 Derek Stepan - 2010 World Juniors
 James van Riemsdyk - 2006 U18 Worlds

2016 U.S. World Cup of Hockey Team Game-by-Game Scoring

No	Name	CAN (ex.) (W, 4-2) 9/9	CAN (ex.) (L, 5-2) 9/10	FIN (ex.) (W, 3-2) 9/13	EUR 9/17	CAN 9/20	CZE 9/22
2	Matt Niskanen	--	DND	--			
3	Jack Johnson	A*	--	--			
4	John Carlson	--	P	A*			
6	Erik Johnson	DND	--	--			
8	Joe Pavelski	WA	--	--			
9	Zach Parise	G	--	--			
16	James van Riemsdyk	DND	--	--			
17	Ryan Kesler	--	--	GA			
19	Brandon Dubinsky	--	--	DND			
20	Ryan Suter	A	--	--			
21	Derek Stepan	E(U)A	A	W			
23	Kyle Palmieri	--	--	DND			
26	Blake Wheeler	--	--	A			
27	Ryan McDonagh	--	G	A			
33	Dustin Byfuglien	--	--	--			
42	David Backes	--	DND	--			
67	Max Pacioretty	--	--	A			
74	TJ Oshie	--	--	G			
88	Patrick Kane	GA*	A	--			
89	Justin Abdelkader	--	--	--			
30	Ben Bishop	ND (20:00) 9/10	ND (20:00) 13/14	DNP			
32	Jonathan Quick	W (40:00) 32/33	DND	W (60:00) 30/32			
35	Cory Schneider	DND	L (40:00) 20/24	DND			

Key: G-goal; S-shorthanded goal; E-empty net goal; U-unassisted goal; P-power play goal; W-game-winning goal; A-assist; asterisk-assist on game-winning goal; DND-did not dress; DNP-did not play



2016 U.S. World Cup of Hockey Team • Game-By-Game Review

Canada vs. USA • Pre-Tournament

Sept. 9, 2016—at Nationwide Arena • Columbus, Ohio (17,791)

Canada (v)	0	1	1	—	2
United States (h)	2	1	1	—	4

1st: USA - Parise (Suter, Stepan), 16:56
USA - Kane (Pavelski), 18:01
2nd: CAN - Bergeron (Crosby, Marchand), 13:24
USA - Pavelski (J.Johnson, Kane), 15:54
3rd: CAN - Doughty (Getzlaf, Muzzin), 5:21
USA - Stepan (unassisted), ENG, 18:39

Penalties: USA 5-21, CAN 5-10 **Power Plays:** USA 0-4, CAN 0-3

Saves: USA-Quick (15-17-x--32); 40:00
USA-Bishop (x-x-9--9); 20:00
CAN-Price (15-5-1--21); 59:20

Shots: USA 17-6-2--25; CAN 15-18-10--43**Officials:** Refs-Dan O'Rourke, Kelly Sutherland; Lines-Derek Amell, Shane Heyer

Notes: Before a near capacity crowd in an energized Nationwide Arena, Team USA used two goals in the last five minutes of the opening period to help propel it to a 4-2 win over Canada in the first of three pre-tournament games for both teams in advance of the World Cup of Hockey 2016. The game was the culmination of Team USA's six-day camp in Columbus. Jonathan Quick was the #1 star of the game. He played the the first two periods and stopped 32 Canada shots.

Finland vs. USA • Pre-Tournament

Sept. 13, 2016—at Verizon Center • Washington, D.C. (15,653)

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

1st: USA - Oshie (Kesler, McDonagh), 1:08
2nd: USA - Kesler (Wheeler, Pacioretty), 3:37
USA - Stepan (Carlson), 5:34
3rd: FIN - Laine (Vatanen, Barkov), 5x4 PPG, 11:22
FIN - Jokinen (Ristolainen), 15:27

Penalties: USA 5-10, FIN 2-4 **Power Plays:** USA 0-2, FIN 1-5

Saves: USA-Quick (11-7-12--30); 60:00
FIN-Rinne (13-6-7--26); 57:58

Shots: USA 14-8-7--29; FIN 11-7-14--32**Officials:** Refs-Chris Lee, Dan O'Rourke; Lines-Shane Heyer, Pierre Racicot

Notes: Team USA jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two periods with goals by T.J. Oshie, Ryan Kesler and Derek Stepan. Finland rallied with two goals late in the third period, but the U.S. killed off a late penalty to seal the victory. Jonathan Quick finished with 30 saves to earn the win in the final pre-tournament game for both teams in advance of the World Cup of Hockey 2016.

USA vs. Canada • Pre-Tournament

Sept., 10, 2016—at Canadian Tire Centre • Ottawa, Canada (18,687)

United States (v)	1	1	0	—	2
Canada (h)	3	1	1	—	5

1st: CAN - Couture (Thornton, Perry), 5x4 PPG, 11:14
CAN - Tavares (Stamkos, Doughty), 5x4 PPG, 13:25
CAN - Bouwmeester (Getzlaf, Perry), 15:38
USA - McDonagh (Stepan), 16:35
2nd: USA - Carlson (Kane) 5x3 PP, :38
CAN - Duchene (Seguin, Doughty), 12:11
3rd: CAN - Tavares (Stamkos, Toews), 5x4 PPG, 8:01

Penalties: USA 14-28, CAN 12-24 **Power Plays:** USA 1-5, CAN 3-8

Saves: USA-Schneider (13-7-x--20); 39:46
USA-Bishop (x-x-13--13); 20:00
CAN-Holtby (9-2-x--11); 29:30
CAN-Crawford (x-4-6--10); 29:45

Shots: USA 10-7-6--23; CAN 16-8-14--38**Officials:** Refs-Wes McCauley, Chris Lee; Lines-Brian Murphy, Jonny Murray

Notes: The U.S. closed a 3-0 deficit to 3-2, but could get no closer. Defensemen Ryan McDonagh and John Carlson accounted to Team USA's goals. Cory Schneider and Ben Bishop combined to make 33 saves for Team USA.