

TONIGHT'S GAME

The U.S. (5-0-1-0) meets Finland (4-0-0-2) tonight in the gold-medal game of the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship. The two teams, which met last Monday (4-1, USA) are meeting in the gold-medal game for the first time in tournament history. Tonight's game, which will be televised live on NHL Network, is set for 5 p.m. local time (8 p.m. ET) here at Rogers Arena.

All-time, Team USA is 13-3-0-16-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) against Finland in tournament play. This is just the third-ever medal-game meeting and first time the two teams are skating against one another in a gold-medal game. In their previous two medal-game meetings in tournament play, Finland won both bronze-medal games (2003, 2006). Including all playoff round games, the U.S. holds a 3-0-0-2 record. The two teams met on New Year's Eve last Monday where the U.S. skated to a 4-1 victory.

TALKING POINTS

USA VS. FINLAND • TALE OF THE TAPE

CATEGORY	USA	FINLAND
Record	5-0-1-0	4-0-0-2
Goals For/Avg.	23/3.83	20/3.33
Goals Against/Avg.	11/1.83	9/1.5
Power Play	.318 (7-22)	.182 (4-22)
Penalty Killing	.923 (12-13)	.773 (17-22)
Shots For Gm/Avg.	236/39.3	217/36.2
Shots Against Gm./Avg.	142/23.7	152/25.3
Top Scorers	Poehling (5-3--8) Robertson (1-6--7) Four with 5 points	Heponiemi (3-5--8) Talvitie (4-3--7) Ylonen (2-3--5)
Top Goalie	Primeau (4-0, 1.25, .947)	Luukkonen (3-2, 1.76, .933)

TEAM USA IN GOLD-MEDAL GAMES

Tonight marks the sixth gold-medal game appearance for the United States and the third time doing so on Canadian soil. All-time, the U.S. holds a 2-2-0-1 record in gold medal games with its last appearance being just two years ago when the U.S. came back from two two-goal deficits to edge Canada, 5-4, in an overtime shootout.

After falling to Canada, 2-0, in the 1997 gold-medal game, the U.S. has reeled off four gold-medal game victories, topping Canada three times (2004, 4-3 W; 2010, 6-5 OTW; 2017, 5-4 SOW) and Sweden once (2013, 3-1).

SAME FINAL, DIFFERENT TOURNAMENT

For this particular age group, a U.S.-Finland gold-medal game is becoming the norm as the last two IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship gold-medal games have seen a U.S.-Finland final. In 2017, nine U.S. players were part of Team USA's 4-2 gold-medal win while six U.S. players helped the U.S. return to the gold-medal game last year where it fell by a 3-2 count. In fact, since 2014, the U.S. (2014, 2015, 2017) and Finland (2016, 2018) are the only two nations to win an IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship.

GOLD-MEDAL GAME WINNING RECORDS

Both teams enter tonight's championship tilt with winning records in IIHF World Junior Championship gold-medal games. The U.S. holds a 2-2-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record in five appearances while Finland is 0-3-0-1 in four gold-medal games. Finland also captured a gold-medal in 1987 when the tournament was in a round-robin format.

LAST GAME: USA 2, RUS 1 (SF)

Yesterday, **Cayden Primeau** (Voorhees, N.J./Northeastern University) made 34 saves as **Oliver Wahlstrom** (Quincy, Mass./Boston College) and **Sasha Chmelevski** (Northville, Mich./Ottawa 67's) scored to help the U.S. National Junior Team advance to the gold-medal game of the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship with a 2-1 semifinal victory over Russia. Boxscore on page 2.

THINGS WORTH MENTIONING

Penn State University linemates Evan Barratt (USA) and Aarne Talvitie (FIN) are the first-ever Nittany Lions to skate in an IIHF World Junior Championship ... Mikey Anderson, Ryan Poehling and Jason Robertson were tabbed Team USA's top players of the tournament ... Team USA's 14 players who entered the tournament with previous IIHF experience have never not medaled in IIHF play ... Since 2010, no other nation has won more gold medals in tournament play than Team USA's three (2010, 2013, 2017) while the U.S. (2013, 2017), Finland (2014, 2016) and Canada (2015, 2018) are the only teams to win gold since 2013 ... The U.S. has guaranteed a medal for the fourth consecutive year, an unprecedented medal streak for Team USA in tournament play (gold - 2017, bronze - 2016, 2018) ... Series vs. Finland, Team USA's gold-medal game results, see page 3.

U.S. GAME SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME (ET)
THURS., DEC. 20 Kamloops, B.C.	RUSSIA* Sandman Centre	W, 3-2
SAT., DEC. 22 Langley, B.C.	CZECH REPUBLIC* Langley Events Centre	W, 6-2
WED., DEC. 26 Victoria, B.C.	SLOVAKIA Save-On-Foods Memorial Center	W, 2-1 POG: Barratt
FRI., DEC. 28 Victoria, B.C.	KAZAKHSTAN Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre	W, 8-2 POG: Robertson
SAT., DEC. 29 Victoria, B.C.	SWEDEN Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre	OTL, 4-5 POG: Poehling
MON., DEC. 31 Victoria, B.C.	FINLAND Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre	W, 4-1 POG: Madden
WED., JAN. 2 Victoria, B.C.	CZECH REPUBLIC (QF) Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre	W, 3-1 POG: Cates
FRI., JAN. 4 Vancouver, B.C.	RUSSIA (SF) Rogers Arena	W, 2-1 POG: Primeau
SAT., JAN. 5 Vancouver, B.C.	FINLAND (GOLD-MEDAL GAME) Rogers Arena	8:00 P.M.

*Pre-tournament game All U.S. tournament games will be televised live on NHL Network

TEAM USA AT THE WORLD JUNIORS

Entering the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship, the U.S. holds an all-time event record of 135-9-5-115-11 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T) and has earned 11 podium finishes, including four gold medals (2004, 2010, 2013, 2017), one silver medal (1997) and six bronze medals (1986, 1992, 2007, 2011, 2016, 2018).

The U.S. has medaled in six of the last nine years, including the last three years (gold - 2017; 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 the most of any nation.

In each of the last three IIHF World Junior Championships, the U.S. has had two players earn Media All-Star Team honors, including **Casey Mittelstadt** and **Kieffer Bellows** (2018), **Clayton Keller** and **Charlie McAvoy** (2017) and **Auston Matthews** and **Zach Werenski** (2016). Additionally, a year ago Mittelstadt earned the Directorate Award as Best Forward and while Werenski was tabbed Best Defenseman honors in 2016.

MEDIA INFORMATION

All U.S. National Junior Team players and staff, including head coach Mike Hastings, will be available for interviews in designated media areas following practices. 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 Jon Gomez, who is on-site with Team USA throughout the event.

ONLINE MEDIA GUIDE

TEAMUSAUSAHOCKEY.COM/WORLDJUNIORS2019

Team USA information, including bios, team schedule, news and team history are available at the official website of USA Hockey's national teams.

2019 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM NOTES

GOLD-MEDAL GAME • USA VS. FINLAND • JANUARY 5, 2019



U.S. BOXSCORES

JAN. 4, 2019 UNITED STATES 2, RUSSIA 1

Rogers Arena • Vancouver, B.C. • 14,355 attendance

Russia (h)	0	1	0	—	1
United States (v)	1	1	0	—	2

1st: USA-Wahlstrom (Cockerill, Samberg), 14:29
2nd: USA-Chmelevski (Hughes J., Anderson), 5x4 PPG, 4:20
 RUS-Denisenko (unassisted), 13:36
3rd: No scoring

Penalties: RUS 7-14, USA 5-10 Power Plays: RUS 0-3, USA 1-3

Saves: RUS-Nurek (5-13-7--25), 59:17
 USA-Primeau (8-11-15--34) 60:00

Shots: RUS 8-12-15--35; USA 6-14-7--27

Officials: Refs: Jeff Ingram, Mikael Sjoqvist
 Lines: Michael Harrington, Lauri Nikulainen

Notes: Cayden Primeau earned U.S. Player of the Game honors as the United States captured its fourth-straight victory over Russia in tournament play to advance to its fourth gold medal game since 2010.

JAN. 2, 2019 UNITED STATES 3, CZECH REPUBLIC 1

Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre • Victoria, B.C. • 6,263 attendance

United States (h)	1	1	1	—	3
Czech Republic (v)	0	0	1	—	1

1st: USA-Cates (Hughes J.), 12:12
2nd: USA-Norris (Robertson), 6:10
3rd: CZE-Kaut (Necas, Jenik), 5x4 PPG, 11:29
 USA-Chmelevski (Anderson), 19:21

Penalties: USA 1-2, CZE 3-6 Power Plays: USA 0-3, CZE 1-1

Saves: USA-Primeau (6-5-7--18)
 CZE-Dostal (12-12-14--38)

Shots: USA 13-13-15--41; CZE 6-5-8--19

Officials: Refs: Tobias Bjork, Jonathan Alarie
 Lines: Dmitri Shishlo, Dmitri Golyak

Notes: Six different U.S. players registered a point as the U.S. captured its fourth-straight quarterfinal win in tournament play.

DEC. 31, 2018 UNITED STATES 4, FINLAND 1

Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre • Victoria, B.C. • 6,556 attendance

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

1st: USA-Robertson (Farabee), 19:51
2nd: USA-Madden (Norris), 11:40
 USA-Poehling (Kemp), 16:42
3rd: USA-Madden (Norris, Robertson), 2:02
 FIN-Ylonen (Vaakanainen, Talvitie), 13:16

Penalties: USA 3-6, FIN 5-10 Power Plays: USA 1-5, FIN 0-3

Saves: USA-Primeau (7-11-9--27)
 FIN-Luukkonen (7-10-18--35)

Shots: USA 8-12-19--39; FIN 7-11-10--28

Officials: Refs: Tobias Bjork, Jonathan Alarie
 Lines: Daniel Hynek, Dmitri Golyak

Notes: Five different U.S. players tallied a point as Madden earned U.S. Player of the Game honors.

DEC. 29, 2018 SWEDEN 5, UNITED STATES 4 (OT)

Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre • Victoria, B.C. • 6,602 attendance

Sweden (h)	1	2	1	1	5
United States (v)	0	0	4	0	4

1st: SWE-Westerlund (Fagemo, Elvenes), 4:47
2nd: SWE-Hugg (Bemstrom, Broberg), 9:21
 SWE-Bemstrom (Gustafsson), 12:39
3rd: SWE-Brannstrom (Gustafsson, Westerlund), 2:33
 USA-Anderson (Chmelevski, Poehling), 5x4 PPG, 9:34
 USA-Poehling (Wahlstrom, Chmelevski), 5x4 PPG, 13:25
 USA-Poehling (Wahlstrom, Hughes Q.), 6x5, 19:23
 USA-Poehling (Farabee), 6x5, 19:36
Overtime: SWE-Boqvist (Elvenes), 3:51

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

Saves: SWE-Ersson (4-8-11-2--25), 63:51
 USA-Keyser (6-10-12-0--28), 61:53

Shots: SWE 7-12-13-1--33; USA 4-8-15-2--29

Officials: Refs: Jeff Ingram, Yevgeni Romasko
 Lines: Maxime Chaput, Balazs Kovacs

Notes: The U.S. scored four goals - including a natural hat trick from Poehling - in the last 10:26 of regulation to force overtime. Poehling was involved in all four goals and was tabbed U.S. Player of the Game.

DEC. 28, 2018 KAZAKHSTAN 2, UNITED STATES 8

Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre • Victoria, B.C. • 6,185 attendance

Kazakhstan (h)	1	0	1	—	2
United States (v)	4	3	1	—	8

1st: USA-Wahlstrom (Poehling), 1:37
 KAZ-Buyalski (Orekhov), 1:55
 USA-Farabee (Robertson, Hughes Q.), 5x4 PPG, 5:13
 USA-Farabee (Robertson, Norris), 8:53
 USA-Farabee (Robertson), 12:05
2nd: USA-Chmelevski (Poehling, Anderson), 5x4 PPG, 5:46
 USA-Poehling, Shorthanded, 10:50
 USA-Madden (Miller), 12:11
3rd: USA-Norris (Robertson), 0:23
 KAZ-Mitenkov (Orekhov, Gatiyatov), 9:56

Penalties: KAZ 7-14, USA 5-10 Power Plays: KAZ 0-5, USA 2-7

Saves: KAZ-Nurek (33), 35:59
 KAZ-Yeremeyev (25), 24:01
 USA-Primeau (5-3-3--11) 60:00

Shots: KAZ 6-2-6--14; USA 21-25-20--66

Officials: Refs: Jonathan Alarie, Daniel Prazak
 Lines: Daniel Hynek, Dmitri Shishlo

Notes: Joel Farabee's natural hat trick came in a span of 6 minutes and 52 seconds while Jason Robertson earned U.S. Player of the Game.

DEC. 26, 2018 UNITED STATES 2, SLOVAKIA 1

Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre • Victoria, B.C. • 6,208 attendance

United States (h)	0	0	2	—	2
Slovakia (v)	0	1	0	—	1

1st: No scoring
2nd: SVK-Korencik (Liska), 17:17
3rd: USA-Anderson (Hughes J.), 5x4 PPG, 1:10
 USA-Barratt (Madden, Samberg), 5:42

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

Saves: USA-Keyser (7-4-2--13), 60:00
 SVK-Hlavaj (7-12-13--32), 60:00

Shots: USA 7-12-15--34; SVK 7-5-2--14

Officials: Refs: Jeff Ingram, Mikael Sjoqvist
 Lines: Maxime Chaput, Dmitri Shishlo

Notes: Evan Barratt was named the U.S. Player of the Game and became the first-ever Penn State University player to skate in an IIHF World Junior Championship. The win gave the U.S. its 12th-straight tournament-opening win in IIHF World Junior Championship play.

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U.S. ALL-TIME GOLD-MEDAL GAMES

TOURNAMENT	WJC HOST	OPPONENT	W	L	GF	GA
2017 WJC	Canada	Canada	SOW		5	4
2013 WJC	Russia	Sweden	W		3	1
2010 WJC	Canada	Canada	OTW		6	5
2004 WJC	Finland	Canada	W		4	3
1997 WJC	Switzerland	Canada		L	0	2
			2-2-0-1		32	40

SERIES VS. FINLAND

DATE	ROUND	W	OTW	OTL	L	T	GF	GA
01/04/2018	Preliminary-Round	W					4	1
12/31/2017	Preliminary-Round	W					5	4
12/26/2014	Preliminary-Round		OTW				2	1
12/28/2011	Preliminary-Round				L		1	4
12/26/2010	Preliminary-Round		OTW				3	2
01/02/2010	Quarterfinals	W					6	2
12/31/2007	Preliminary-Round	W					5	3
01/02/2007	Quarterfinals	W					6	3
01/05/2006	Bronze-Medal				L		2	4
12/28/2005	Preliminary-Round	W					6	5
01/03/2004	Semifinals	W					2	1
01/05/2003	Bronze-Medal				L		2	3
12/29/1999	Preliminary-Round				L		1	3
12/26/1998	Preliminary-Round				L		3	6
01/04/1996	Fifth-Place Game		OTW				8	7
12/31/1995	Preliminary-Round	W					5	4
12/30/1994	Round-Robin				L		5	7
12/26/1993	Round-Robin				L		2	5
01/04/1993	Round-Robin	W					5	3
12/26/1991	Round-Robin	W					5	1
12/29/1990	Round-Robin	W					6	3
01/04/1990	Round-Robin				L		3	6
12/26/1988	Round-Robin					T	5	5
01/01/1988	Round-Robin				L		6	8
12/26/1986	Round-Robin				L		1	4
12/30/1985	Round-Robin				L		5	7
12/25/1984	Round-Robin				L		4	7
12/31/1983	Round-Robin				L		2	7
12/30/1982	Round-Robin	W					4	2
01/02/1982	Round-Robin				L		4	8
12/27/1980	Preliminary-Round				L		1	8
12/31/1977	Relegation-Round	W					8	6
12/22/1976	Round-Robin				L		3	6
TOTALS	43 Meetings	13	3	0	16	1	130	146

U.S. VS. FINLAND IN MEDAL GAMES

Since 2003, the two teams have met in just eight medal games in IIHF play across the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship, IIHF World Junior Championship, IIHF Men's World Championship and Olympic play. In that span, the U.S. holds a 2-2-0-4 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record against the Finns.

TOURNAMENT	MEDAL GAME	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA
2018 MU18	Gold-Medal*				L	2	3
2017 MU18	Gold-Medal^	W				4	2
2015 MU18	Gold-Medal		OTW			2	1
2014 OWG	Bronze-Medal				L	0	5
2013 MWC	Bronze-Medal		SOW			3	2
2006 MU18	Gold-Medal	W				3	1
2006 WJC	Bronze-Medal				L	2	4
2003 WJC	Bronze-Medal				L	2	3

*Mattias Samuelsson served as captain of Team USA while Jack Hughes went on to earn Tournament MVP honors

^Joel Farabee netted two goals, Josh Norris added a goal and an assist and Logan Cockerill and Quinn Hughes tallied assists. In net for Finland was Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen

OTHER TIDBITS

TEAM USA'S BEST PLAYERS

Following its win yesterday, captain **Mikey Anderson** (Roseville, Minn./University of Minnesota Duluth) and forwards **Ryan Poehling** (Lakeville, Minn./St. Cloud State University) and **Jason Robertson** (Northville, Mich./Niagara IceDogs) were tabbed Team USA's Best Players of the tournament. For Anderson and Poehling, the journey to this point of their career started with playing youth hockey in their respective Minnesota towns. Meanwhile, Robertson spent his youth hockey career between California and Michigan.

TOP PROSPECTS REMINISCENT OF 2016

For the second time in four IIHF World Junior Championships, the U.S. and Finland have two of the projected top five NHL Draft-eligible players as **Jack Hughes** (Orlando, Fla./U.S. Nat'l U18 Team) and **Kaapo Kakko** are rated among the best draft-eligible players in this year's class by NHL Central Scouting. In 2016, it was Team USA's **Auston Matthews** (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and Finland's **Patrik Laine**, who each helped their teams medal as the U.S. who bronze while Finland captured gold on home ice. At the 2016 NHL Draft, Matthews became the seventh American-born player selected first overall while Laine was taken second.

SPECIAL TEAMS SUCCESS

The U.S. holds the tournament's top powerplay unit (.318%) and best penalty kill unit (.923%). Since 2015, the gold medal-winning team in tournament play has held the most efficient powerplay unit. Additionally, in 2013 and 2014, the tournament's best penalty kill unit belonged to the eventual gold medalist.

U.S. PACING THE TOURNAMENT

Ryan Poehling leads the tournament in scoring with eight points while his five goals is second among all skaters. **Jason Robertson** shares the tournament-lead in assists (6) and is tied eighth in points with seven. **Sasha Chmelevski** ranks third in faceoff percentage with 68.75% while alternate captain **Josh Norris** (Oxford, Mich./University of Michigan) is eighth with 60.78%. Additionally, **Mikey Anderson** and his five points (2-3) is third among blueliners while **Cayden Primeau** is tied for second in goals against average (1.25) and fourth in save percentage (.947) among starting goaltenders.

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMERS

A number of players continue to excel on the international stage while skating for U.S. national and select teams. Three players continue to perform at or above a point-per-game ratio while two goaltenders also hold notable international efforts.

SKATERS

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT	GP	G	A	PTS
Sasha Chmelevski	2019 IIHF World Juniors	6	3	2	5
	2016 Hlinka	5	5	5	10
	TOTALS	11	8	7	15
Joel Farabee	2019 IIHF World Juniors	6	3	2	5
	2018 IIHF U18 Men's Worlds	7	4	4	8
	2017 IIHF U18 Men's Worlds	7	3	3	6
	TOTALS	20	10	9	19
Jack Hughes	2019 IIHF World Juniors	3	0	3	3
	2018 IIHF U18 Men's Worlds	7	5	7	12
	TOTALS	10	5	10	15

GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT	GP	W-L	GAA	SV%
Spencer Knight	2019 IIHF World Juniors	0	NA	NA	NA
	2018 IIHF U18 Men's Worlds	5	4-1	2.42	.900
	TOTALS	5	4-1	2.42	.900
Cayden Primeau	2019 IIHF World Juniors	4	4-0	1.25	.947
	2017 IIHF U18 Men's Worlds	0	NA	NA	NA
	2016 World Jr A Challenge	3	3-0	0.75	.966
	2016 Hlinka	3	3-0	2.59	.854
	TOTALS	10	10-0	1.66	.925



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2019 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET)		RUS [^]	CZE [^]	SVK	KAZ	SWE	FIN	CZE (QF)	RUS (SF)	FIN (GMG)	2019	
NO	NAME	POS.	W, 3-2 12/20	W, 6-2 12/22	W, 2-1 12/26	W, 8-2 12/28	OTL, 4-5 12/29	W, 4-1 12/31	W, 3-1 01/02	W, 2-1 01/04	8 P.M. 01/05	WJC TOTAL
2	Jack St. Ivany	D	A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
4	Dylan Samberg	D	DND	A	A*	--	--	--	A	--	--	0-2 (2)
6	Jack Hughes	F	G*	A	A	DND	DND	DND	A	A*	--	0-3 (3)
7	Quinn Hughes (A)	D	DND	AA	--	A	A	--	--	--	--	0-2 (2)
8	Sasha Chmelevsi	F	--	GA*	--	P	AA	--	E	P/G*	--	3-2 (5)
9	Tyler Madden	F	--	--	A*	G	--	G*P#	--	--	--	3-1 (4)
11	Ryan Poehling	F	DND	A	--	S/UAA	PGGA#	G	--	--	--	5-3 (8)
12	Logan Cockerill	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	A	--	--	0-1 (1)
14	Josh Norris (A)	F	DND	PA	--	GA*	--	A*A	G*	--	--	2-3 (5)
15	Jason Robertson	F	G	A	--	AA*AA#	--	GA	A*	--	--	1-6 (7)
16	Jay O'Brien	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
17	Evan Barratt	F	A	DND	G*#	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
18	Oliver Wahlstrom	F	PA*	GG	--	G	AA	--	G	--	--	2-2 (4)
19	Jack Drury	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
20	K'Andre Miller	D	--	DND	--	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
21	Noah Cates	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	G#	--	--	1-0 (1)
24	Mattias Samuelsson	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
25	Phil Kemp	D	A	G*	--	--	--	A	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
26	Mikey Anderson (C)	D	DND	--	P	A	P	--	A	A*	--	2-3 (5)
28	Joel Farabee	F	AA*	A	--	PG*G	A	A	--	--	--	3-2 (5)
1	Kyle Keyser	G	DND	W (60:00) 19/21	W (60:00) 13/14	DND	L (61:53) 24/29	DND	DNP	DNP	--	1-1 (W-L) 2.95 GAA
29	Spencer Knight	G	(30:09) 7/9	DNP	DND	DNP	DND	DNP	DND	DND	--	0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA
30	Cayden Primeau	G	W (29:08) 8/8	DND	DNP	W (60:00) 11/13	DNP	W (60:00) 27/28	W (60:00) 18/19	W (60:00) # 34/35	--	4-0 (W-L) 1.25 GAA

[^]pre-tournament game

Key: For complete statistics, visit: <https://www.iihf.com/en/events/2019/wm20>

G - goal
A - assist
U - unassisted goal
E - empty-net goal

P - powerplay goal
S - shorthanded goal
P* - penalty shot goal
G* - game-winning goal

A* - assist on game-winning goal
W - goaltender win
L - goaltender loss
- U.S. Player of the Game

DNP - did not play
DND - did not dress

U.S. OUTLOOK AT 2019 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

2018 U.S. GROUP B OPPONENTS



SLOVAKIA

WED., DEC. 26

3:30 P.M. LOCAL

W, 2-1

Series vs. Slovakia: 13-0-0-4-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: Last year's loss was Team USA's fourth in 17 meetings vs. Slovakia.

RECAP: Mikey Anderson and Evan Barratt each scored third period goals and Kyle Keyser made 13 saves, including a penalty shot save with 6:45 left in regulation, to lead the U.S. National Junior Team past Slovakia, 2-1, for its 12th straight tournament-opening win.



KAZAKHSTAN

FRI., DEC. 28

7:30 P.M. LOCAL

W, 8-2

Series vs. Kazakhstan: 5-0-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: This was just the fifth-ever WJC meeting between the two nations.

RECAP: Joel Farabee scored a natural hat trick over a span of 6 minutes and 52 seconds in the first period, Jason Robertson had four points and the U.S. defeated Kazakhstan, 8-2. A total of 10 different U.S. players registered at least one point while Robertson earned U.S. Player of the Game honors.



SWEDEN

SAT., DEC. 29

7:30 P.M. LOCAL

OTL, 4-5

Series vs. Sweden: 14-1-0-17-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: Sweden has claimed 46-straight preliminary round wins dating to 2011.

RECAP: The U.S. scored four unanswered goals - including a natural hat trick by Ryan Poehling - over the last 10:26 of regulation to force overtime, but was unable to complete the comeback as the U.S. fell to Sweden, 5-4. Poehling, who also had an assist, was tabbed U.S. Player of the Game.



FINLAND

MON., DEC. 31

7:30 P.M. LOCAL

W, 4-1

U.S. vs. Finland: 12-3-0-16-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

Of Note: The two teams have accounted for four of last six WJC gold medals.

RECAP: Tyler Madden scored twice while Jason Robertson and Ryan Poehling each added tallies to lead the U.S. past Finland, 4-1. Cayden Primeau turned aside 27 of 28 shots for his second tournament win as the U.S. secured the second seed in Group B.

U.S. WJC PLAYOFF HISTORY

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

Last QF: W, 3-1 vs. Czech Republic (2019)
The United States claimed its fourth-straight quarterfinal win with a 3-1 victory over the Czech Republic. The last time the U.S. won four-straight quarterfinals was 2003-2007 (U.S. earned quarterfinal bye in 2004).

Semifinal Record: 5-1-1-8 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

Last SF: W, 2-1 vs. Russia (2019)
Yesterday, the U.S. topped Russia, 2-1, for its fourth-straight victory over the Russians and its sixth-ever semifinal win in tournament play. Oliver Wahlstrom opened the scoring, Sasha Chmelevski added the eventual game-winner and Cayden Primeau made 34 saves.

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 2018 bronze medalists, the United States has claimed four of its last five bronze-medal game meetings. Last year, Trent Frederic netted four goals and Kieffer Bellows scored as the U.S. topped the Czech Republic, 9-3.

Gold-Medal Games: 2-2-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

Total Gold Medals: 4 ('04, '10, '13, '17)
Last GMG: SOW, 5-4 vs. Canada (2017)
Since 2010, no other nation has won more gold medals at the IIHF World Junior Championship than Team USA's three (2010, 2013, 2017). In 2017, the U.S. rallied from a pair of two-goal deficits to force overtime and a shootout where Troy Terry scored the lone goal and Tyler Parsons stopped all five shooters to win, 5-4.



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2019 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM FINAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	CURRENT TEAM (LEAGUE)	NHL RIGHTS
GOALTENDERS (3)								
1	Kyle Keyser	6-2 (188)	180 (81)	03/08/1999	L	Coral Springs, Fla.	Oshawa Generals (OHL)	BOS (Free Agent, Signed)
29	Spencer Knight [^]	6-3 (191)	197 (89)	04/19/2001	L	Darien, Conn.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	2019 Draft Eligible
30	Cayden Primeau	6-3 (191)	200 (90)	08/11/1999	L	Voorhees, N.J.	Northeastern University (HEA)	MTL ('17, 7th rd., 199th ovr.)
DEFENSEMEN (7)								
26	Mikey Anderson* (C)	6-0 (183)	190 (86)	05/25/1999	L	Roseville, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	LAK ('17, 4th rd., 103rd ovr.)
7	Quinn Hughes* [^] (A)	5-10 (178)	175 (79)	10/14/1999	L	Orlando, Fla.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	VAN ('18, 1st rd., 7th ovr.)
25	Phil Kemp [^]	6-3 (191)	210 (95)	02/12/1999	R	Greenwich, Conn.	Yale University (ECAC Hockey)	EDM ('17, 7th rd., 208th ovr.)
20	K'Andre Miller [^]	6-4 (193)	205 (94)	01/21/2000	L	Saint Paul, Minn.	University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)	NYR ('18, 1st rd., 22nd ovr.)
4	Dylan Samberg*	6-4 (193)	225 (102)	01/24/1999	L	Hermantown, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	WPG ('17, 2nd rd., 43rd ovr.)
24	Mattias Samuelsson [^]	6-4 (193)	221 (100)	03/14/2000	L	Voorhees, N.J.	Western Michigan University (NCHC)	BUF ('18, 2nd rd., 32nd ovr.)
2	Jack St. Ivany	6-2 (188)	195 (88)	07/22/1999	R	Manhattan Beach, Calif.	Yale University (ECAC Hockey)	PHI ('18, 4th rd., 112th ovr.)
FORWARDS (13)								
17	Evan Barratt [^]	5-11 (180)	190 (86)	02/18/1999	L	Bristol, Pa.	Penn State University (Big Ten)	CHI ('17, 3rd rd., 90th ovr.)
21	Noah Cates	6-2 (188)	185 (84)	02/05/1999	L	Stillwater, Minn.	University of Minnesota Duluth (NCHC)	PHI ('17, 5th rd., 137th ovr.)
8	Sasha Chmelevski	6-0 (183)	187 (85)	06/09/1999	R	Northville, Mich.	Ottawa 67's (OHL)	SJS ('17, 6th rd., 185th ovr.)
12	Logan Cockerill [^]	5-9 (175)	175 (79)	03/03/1999	L	Brighton, Mich.	Boston University (HEA)	NYI ('17, 7th rd., 201st ovr.)
19	Jack Drury	6-0 (183)	180 (81)	02/03/2000	L	Winnetka, Ill.	Harvard University (ECAC Hockey)	CAR ('18, 2nd rd., 42nd ovr.)
28	Joel Farabee [^]	6-1 (185)	170 (77)	02/25/2000	L	Cicero, N.Y.	Boston University (HEA)	PHI ('18, 1st rd., 14th ovr.)
6	Jack Hughes [^]	5-10 (178)	168 (76)	05/14/2001	L	Orlando, Fla.	U.S. National Under-18 Team (USHL)	2019 Draft Eligible
9	Tyler Madden	5-11 (180)	150 (68)	11/09/1999	R	Hartford, Conn.	Northeastern University (HEA)	VAN ('18, 3rd rd., 68th ovr.)
14	Josh Norris* [^] (A)	6-2 (188)	195 (88)	05/05/1999	L	Oxford, Mich.	University of Michigan (Big Ten)	OTT (SJS '17, 1st rd., 19th ovr.)
16	Jay O'Brien	6-0 (193)	174 (79)	11/04/1999	R	Hingham, Mass.	Providence College (HEA)	PHI ('18, 1st rd., 19th ovr.)
11	Ryan Poehling*	6-2 (188)	185 (84)	01/03/1999	L	Lakeville, Minn.	St. Cloud State University (NCHC)	MTL ('17, 1st rd., 25th ovr.)
15	Jason Robertson	6-2 (188)	200 (90)	07/22/1999	L	Northville, Mich.	Niagara IceDogs (OHL)	DAL ('17, 2nd rd., 39th ovr.)
18	Oliver Wahlstrom [^]	6-1 (185)	207 (94)	06/13/2000	R	Quincy, Mass.	Boston College (HEA)	NYI ('18, 1st rd., 11th ovr.)

*2018 U.S. National Junior Team bronze medalist

[^]Product of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program

ROSTER DETAILS

HOME STATES (10)	AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT TIES ⁺	AVERAGE HEIGHT	BY THE NUMBERS
Minnesota	5 NCAA*	6 ft 1in/185 cm	
Michigan	4 USHL [^]	Tallest	Miller (6 ft 4 in/193 cm)
Connecticut	3 NTDP [^]		Samberg (6 ft 4 in/193 cm)
Florida	3 USAH Player Development Camps		Samuelsson (6 ft 4 in/193 cm)
Massachusetts	2 AAPG	Shortest	Cockerill (5 ft 9in/175)
New Jersey	2	Average Weight	189 lbs/86 kg
Illinois	1	Heaviest	Samberg (221 lbs/102 kg)
New York	1	Lightest	Madden (150 lbs/68 kg)
Pennsylvania	1	Average Age	19 yrs 2 mo
California	1	Oldest	Poehling (19 yrs 11 mo)
		Youngest	J. Hughes (17 yrs 7 mo)
		Shoot/Catch	Left: 17 Right: 6

SEASON STATISTICS

THROUGH DEC. 14

FORWARDS				DEFENSE				GOALTENDERS					
NO	NAME	GP	G A PTS	NO	NAME	GP	G A PTS	NO	NAME	GP	W-L-T	GAA	SV%
6	Jack Hughes	25	10 38 48	2	Jack St. Ivany	12	2 6 8	1	Kyle Keyser	24	16-5-1	2.37	.931
	U.S. Nat'l Under-18 Team (USHL)				Yale University (ECAC Hockey)				Oshawa Generals (OHL)				
8	Sasha Chmelevski	30	12 7 39	4	Dylan Samberg	15	2 2 4	29	Spencer Knight	16	12-2-0	2.40	.922
	Ottawa 67's (OHL)				University of Minn. Duluth (NCHC)				U.S. Nat'l Under-18 Team (USHL)				
9	Tyler Madden	14	6 9 15	7	Quinn Hughes	17	3 17 20	89	Cayden Primeau	14	10-3-1	2.40	.918
	Northeastern University (HEA)				University of Michigan (Big Ten)				Northeastern University (HEA)				
11	Ryan Poehling	16	3 14 17	20	K'Andre Miller	18	4 13 17						
	St. Cloud State University (NCHC)				University of Wisconsin (Big Ten)								
12	Logan Cockerill	16	2 3 5	24	Mattias Samuelsson	16	3 5 8						
	Boston University (HEA)				Western Michigan University (NCHC)								
14	Josh Norris	17	10 9 19	25	Phil Kemp	11	1 1 2						
	University of Michigan (Big Ten)				Yale University (ECAC Hockey)								
15	Jason Robertson	32	31 29 60	26	Mikey Anderson	16	3 4 7						
	Niagara/Kingston (OHL)				University of Minn. Duluth (NCHC)								
16	Jay O'Brien	10	1 1 2										
	Providence College (HEA)												
17	Evan Barratt	17	13 16 29										
	Penn State University (Big Ten)												
18	Oliver Wahlstrom	14	4 1 5										
	Boston College (HEA)												
19	Jack Drury	11	4 8 12										
	Harvard University (ECAC Hockey)												
21	Noah Cates	16	4 3 7										
	University of Minn. Duluth (NCHC)												
28	Joel Farabee	16	4 7 11										
	Boston University (HEA)												

LEAGUER LEADERS

As of Dec. 14, five players ranked among the top of their respective leagues:

- Evan Barratt**, Forward: Penn State sophomore leads college hockey in points (29) and goals (13) through 17 games as a sophomore.
- Quinn Hughes**, Defense: Among college defensemen, Michigan sophomore leads the nation in assists (17) and is second in points (20).
- K'Andre Miller**, Defense: Wisconsin Badger paces all college freshmen defensemen in points (17) and assists (13), the latter of which is tied for the most among college freshmen skaters.
- Jason Robertson**, Forward: Niagara forward leads the OHL in points (60) while ranking second in goals (31) and fifth in assists (29) after being from Kingston.
- Kyle Keyser**, Goaltender: Oshawa netminder holds an OHL-best save percentage (.931), is second in goals-against-average (2.37) and is tied for fourth in league wins (16).



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2019 U.S. STAFF

POSITION	NAME
General Manager	John Vanbiesbrouck Detroit, Mich.
Player Personnel	Ben Smith Gloucester, Mass.
Player Personnel	Ryan Martin Novi, Mich.
Head Coach	Mike Hastings Crookston, Minn.
Assistant Coach	David Lassonde Durham, N.H.
Assistant Coach	Steve Miller Sun Prairie, Wis.
Assistant Coach	Scott Sandelin Hibbing, Minn.
Assistant Coach	Jerry Keefe Saugus, Mass.
Video Coach	Alex Dawes Utica, N.Y.
Team Leader	Marc Boxer Houghton, Mich.
Athletic Trainer	Matt Schmidt Arthur, Iowa
Athletic Trainer	Stan Wong Boca Raton, Fla.
Equipment Manager	Nick Meldrum Denver, Colo.
Equipment Manager	Jake Visser Ann Arbor, Mich.
Team Physician	Dr. Phil Johnson Horace, N.D.
Communications	Jon Gomez Whippany, N.J.

WINNING PEDIGREE

All five members of the 2019 U.S. National Junior Team coaching staff hold winning pedigrees at the junior, collegiate and international level. Combined, the staff has contributed to four international championships, seven NCAA national titles, 32 conference championships (regular- and post-season) and two USHL titles.

Internationally, **Mike Hastings** guided the U.S. Junior Select Team to the 2000 Viking Cup while assistant coach **David Lassonde** has served on two championship-winning U.S. teams, including the gold medal-winning 2013 U.S. National Junior Team and 2017 U.S. Deaflympic Ice Hockey Team. Additionally, assistant coach **Steve Miller** helped the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team to a gold medal finish.

Last season, **Scott Sandelin** led the University of Minnesota Duluth to its second NCAA national championship in program history after guiding UMD to its first-ever title in 2011. He also won two titles with the University of North Dakota (1997, 2000). Meanwhile, Miller has been on three NCAA title-winning programs, including back-to-back seasons with the University of Denver (2004, 2005) and once with Providence College (2015).

ABOUT THE STAFF

ABOUT VANBIESBROUCK

John Vanbiesbrouck is serving as general manager of the 2019 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). The only member of the U.S. staff to have played in an IIHF World Junior Championship, Vanbiesbrouck ranks fifth all-time among U.S. goaltenders in games played (10), sits seventh in minutes played (480) and is tied for 10th in wins (4). He was coached by U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee **Lou Vairo** in both tournaments. 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. A 19-year NHL veteran, Vanbiesbrouck retired with 374 career wins, the most by an American-born goaltender in NHL history. His record was tied by current NHL goaltender Ryan Miller on Dec. 2, 2018.

ABOUT HASTINGS

Head coach of the Minnesota State men's ice hockey team, **Mike Hastings** is head coach of the 2019 U.S. National Junior Team. This will be his fifth time behind a U.S. bench and his first as head coach of a U.S. team in an IIHF event. An assistant coach on the 2005 U.S. National Junior Team, Hastings filled the same role on the 2003 U.S. National Junior Team alongside U.S. Hockey Hall of Famers **Lou Vairo** and the late **Jeff Sauer**. In six seasons with Minnesota State, Hastings entered the 2018-19 season having led the Mavericks to more wins than any other team in the nation behind a 151-72-19 record while also guiding the Mavericks to five WCHA titles (3 regular-season, 2 post-season) and four NCAA tournament appearances. He earned the Spencer Penrose Award as the top coach in college hockey in 2015 and is a two-time WCHA Coach of the Year while at Minnesota State.

STAFF'S WORLD JUNIOR TIES

The U.S. has a number of ties to former U.S. National Junior Teams. Four of Team USA's coaches -- **Mike Hastings**, **Scott Sandelin**, **Steve Miller** and **David Lassonde** -- have previously coached in an IIHF World Junior Championship and are all serving on their third U.S. National Junior Team. In 2005, Sandelin served as head coach alongside then assistant coach, Mike Hastings. Additionally, Ben Smith was an assistant coach on the first-ever medal-winning U.S. team when they captured the bronze medal in 1986. That year's roster included eventual U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame players in **Brian Leetch**, **Mike Richter**, **Craig Janney** and **Scott Young** as well as current New York Rangers head coach **David Quinn**.

Among the support staff, **Stan Wong**, **Jake Visser**, **Dr. Phil Johnson** and **Jon Gomez** all return in their respective roles. Wong, who was inducted into the PHATS/PHEM Hall of Fame in 2015 and has a plaque in the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, also served the same role with the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team alongside Johnson. The two have been a part of Team USA's last three gold medal-winning U.S. National Junior Teams (2010, 2013, 2017). Wong is one of two individuals to have been a part of all four gold medal-winning U.S. National Junior Team, with the other being the late USA Hockey executive, **Jim Johansson**.

HASTINGS, KEEFE REUNITE

Jerry Keefe, who is making his debut on a U.S. National Junior Team staff, was once coached by **Mike Hastings** with the Omaha Lancers in the United States Hockey League. A former Providence College player and current associate head coach at Northeastern University, Keefe was a two-time USHL All-Star under Coach Hastings and still ranks in the Lancers' all-time top 10 in scoring.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP COACHING EXPERIENCE

STAFF MEMBER	YEAR	POSITION	U.S. RECORD [^]	U.S. FINISH
Steve Miller	2018	Assistant Coach	4-1-0-2	Bronze
Steve Miller	2017	Assistant Coach	5-2-0-0	Gold
David Lassonde	2014	Assistant Coach	3-0-0-2	Fifth
David Lassonde	2013	Assistant Coach	5-0-0-2	Gold
Scott Sandelin	2012	Assistant Coach	3-0-0-3	Seventh
Scott Sandelin	2005	Head Coach	3-4-0	Fourth
Mike Hastings	2005	Assistant Coach	3-4-0	Fourth
Mike Hastings	2003	Assistant Coach	4-3-0	Fourth
Ben Smith	1987	Assistant Coach	4-3-0	Fourth
Ben Smith	1986	Assistant Coach	4-3-0	Bronze
Ben Smith	1985	Assistant Coach	2-5-0	Sixth

W-OTW-OTL-L
W-L-T



TIDBITS FROM PAST GAME NOTES

THIS AND THAT

Team USA's semifinal victory was its fourth-straight win over Russia in tournament play, tying its longest win streak against the Russians. The U.S. has also now won three-straight playoff round games against the Russians previously never winning (0-7) ... Team USA has won four-straight quarterfinals in tournament play for just the second time in U.S. history (2003, 2005, 2006, 2007) ... Team USA's 3-1 quarterfinal win over the Czech Republic was its ninth victory over the Czechs in its last 10 playoff round meetings across IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship, IIHF World Junior Championship, IIHF Men's World Championship and Olympic play ... The U.S. has closed preliminary round play on New Year's Eve in 14-straight IIHF World Junior Championships, registering a 7-1-1-5 (W-OTW-OTL-L) over the span after its 4-1 victory over Finland this year ... According to the IIHF Record Book, Team USA's four-goal comeback with 10:26 in regulation against Sweden is the latest comeback bid in tournament history. In 1990, Finland led 4-0 at 14:55 of the second period before the Soviet Union scored five goals to take a 5-4 lead until Finland rallied for a 5-5 final ... U.S. assistant coach **David Lassonde** (Durham, N.H./Dartmouth College) once coached Ellen Hughes, mother of Quinn and Jack, at the University of New Hampshire where she is a member of the school's Hall of Fame.

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

Yesterday, the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team arrived in Obihiro, Japan, for 2019 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. The U.S. enters the tournament as the four-time defending champion. For more see USA Hockey Happenings.

OVERTIME SETBACK

Prior to its overtime loss to Sweden, the U.S. had won six-straight overtime games in tournament play, two of which came in gold-medal games against Canada (2010, 2017). Its last overtime loss came on Dec. 31, 2010, when it fell to Canada, 5-4, in a preliminary round shootout. Below are Team USA's last eight overtime games.

TOURNAMENT	ROUND	OPPONENT	W-L	FINAL
2019 WJC	Preliminary	Sweden	OTL	4-5
2018 WJC	Preliminary*	Canada	SOW	4-3
2017 WJC	Gold-Medal Game	Canada	SOW	5-4
2017 WJC	Semifinal	Russia	SOW	4-3
2015 WJC	Preliminary	Finland	SOW	2-1
2011 WJC	Preliminary	Finland	OTW	3-2
2010 WJC	Gold-Medal Game	Canada	OTW	6-5
2010 WJC	Preliminary	Canada	OTL	4-5

CALIFORNIA TIES FOR ROBERTSON, CHMELEVSKI, BARNES

Forwards **Jason Robertson** and **Sasha Chmelevski**, who skated together on youth hockey teams in both California and Michigan, combined for five points (1-4) in Team USA's 8-2 win over Kazakhstan. Perhaps just as impressive as their development taking them from youth hockey teammates to teammates on the U.S. National Junior Team is that one of their fellow youth hockey teammates is none other than **Cayla Barnes** (Eastvale, Calif./Boston College), who last year helped the 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team capture its first gold medal in women's ice hockey in 20 years. A sophomore at Boston College, Barnes also helped the U.S. win three IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship gold medals from 2015-17. At the 2016 and 2017 event, Barnes earned the Directorate Award as Best Defenseman.

HOW WE GOT HERE

The journey towards the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship began on Dec. 14, when the U.S. convened in Everett, Wash., for training camp. With a preliminary roster of 29 players, the U.S. held four skates from Dec. 15-17 in Everett before moving to Kamloops, B.C., where training continued from Dec. 18-21 and included a 3-2 pre-tournament victory over Russia. On Dec. 21, the team relocated to Langley, B.C., where the U.S. edged the Czech Republic by a 6-2 count. On Dec. 23, the final U.S. roster was named and the team departed for Victoria, B.C., via ferry.

SANDELIN'S BULLDOGS CLIP HASTINGS' MAVERICKS FOR RECORD

U.S. head coach **Mike Hastings** (Crookston, Minn.) and assistant coach **Scott Sandelin** (Hibbing, Minn.) watched their respective college teams faceoff from afar as the Minnesota State Mavericks took on the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs at the Desert Hockey Classic Tournament in Glendale, Ariz. on Dec. 28. The tilt went to extra time where Sandelin's Bulldogs edged Hastings' Mavericks, 4-3. The win pushed Sandelin's Bulldogs coaching record to 351-303-86 in 18-plus seasons as the UMD bench boss while his predecessor, Mike Sertich rolled up a 350-328-44 record in 722 games.

IIHF MEDALIST EXPERIENCE

In total, 14 players on Team USA have skated in a combined four IIHF event, all of which have seen the U.S. earn a medal. One player skated on the bronze medal-winning 2018 U.S. Men's National Team, six were on the silver medal-winning 2018 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team, five played on the bronze medal-winning 2018 U.S. National Junior Team and nine were gold medalists with the 2017 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team.

FIRST-EVER WORLD JUNIOR NITTANY LIONS

Evan Barratt (Bristol, Pa.), Team USA's player of the game in its tournament-opening win, and his college linemate, Finland's Aaren Talvitie, are the first-ever Penn State Nittany Lions to skate in an IIHF World Junior Championship. A product of USA Hockey National Team Development Program (2015-17), Barratt won an IIHF gold medal with the 2017 U.S. Under-18 Men's National Team. Another Penn State connection for Team USA lies in its video coach, **Alex Dawes** (Utica, N.Y.), who is the Director of Hockey Operations for Penn State's men's ice hockey team. This is the second time Dawes is serving on a U.S. staff after fulfilling the same duty for the gold medal-winning 2016 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team. The U.S. met Finland on New Year's Eve, a 4-1 final in favor of Team USA and could meet once again on Saturday depending on each team's respective semifinal.

AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT TIES

In total, 19 players have skated in at least one USA Hockey Player Development Camp, 14 have played in a USA Hockey Youth National Championship, 20 have ties to USA Hockey-sanctioned junior hockey leagues and 11 are products of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program.

U.S. LEADERSHIP GROUP

On Dec. 24, Coach Hastings named Team USA's captains, tabbing **Mikey Anderson** (Roseville, Minn.) captain and **Quinn Hughes** (Orlando, Fla.) and **Josh Norris** (Oxford, Mich.) as alternates. The trio -- all college sophomores -- are three of the five returnees from last year's bronze medal-winning U.S. National Junior Team on home ice in Buffalo, N.Y. The other two returnees, **Ryan Poehling** (Lakeville, Minn.) and **Dylan Samberg** (Hermantown, Minn.) solidify Team USA's five-player leadership core.

"We've made it clear to the five returnees and to the team itself that these five will all be critical in leading this team, whether there's a letter or not," said Coach Hastings. "These five are a tight group that also touch different aspects of our team and we're excited to have that type of leadership core here."

IT RUNS IN THE ANDERSON FAMILY

A year after becoming the third-ever brother duo to skate for the same U.S. National Junior Team, **Mikey Anderson** and his brother, **Joey**, have become the first brothers to both captain a U.S. National Junior Team. A year ago, Joey captained Mikey and Team USA to a bronze medal after skating on the gold medal-winning U.S. squad in 2017. The Andersons -- along with U.S. defenseman **Dylan Samberg** -- were part of the University of Minnesota Duluth's NCAA national championship last April. The trio were coached U.S. assistant coach, **Scott Sandelin**, who has led the Bulldogs to two NCAA titles (2011, 2018).

TIDBITS FROM PAST GAME NOTES

U.S. NOTABLE FAMILY TIES

A combined eight players have family ties to two Olympic silver medalists, four IIHF gold medalists, three Stanley Cup winners and five NCAA national champions.

At the Olympic stage, **Jack Drury's** uncle, Chris, helped the United States earn two Olympic silver medals (2002, 2010) while **Josh Norris' dad**, Dwayne, was part of Canada's silver medal-winning effort at the 1994 Olympic Winter Games.

Four players have ties to IIHF gold medalists, including **Mikey Anderson, Josh Norris, Cayden Primeau** and **Mattias Samuelsson**. Joey, who captained Mikey and the U.S. to a bronze medal at last year's IIHF World Junior Championship, was on the gold medal-winning U.S. team in 2017. Josh's father, Dwayne, scored the golden goal to help Canada capture the 1990 IIHF World Junior Championship. Additionally, Mattias' father, Kjell, was a defenseman for Sweden's gold medal-winning team at the 1991 IIHF Men's World Championship while Cayden's father, Keith, helped Canada win a gold medal six years later at the 1997 IIHF Men's World Championship.

At the NHL level, **Jack Drury, Tyler Madden** and **Mattias Samuelsson** all have a relative who has captured a Stanley Cup. Jack's uncle, Chris, was part of the Colorado Avalanche's 2001 squad that bested the New Jersey Devils, which included John Madden, Tyler's dad. John and the Devils, who won the Stanley Cup the year prior, captured the Cup again in 2003 before Madden went on to win the trophy a third time as a member of the Chicago Blackhawks in 2010. In 1991-92, a mid-season trade saw Mattias' father, Kjell, become part of the eventual Stanley Cup champion-winning Pittsburgh Penguins.

A total of five players on Team USA have a family member who has captured an NCAA National Championship, including four in men's ice hockey and one in women's lacrosse. Last April, **Mikey Anderson** and his brother, Joey, helped U.S. assistant coach Scott Sandelin's University of Minnesota Duluth win the 2018 NCAA National Championship. In 2001, Marty Hughes, uncle to both **Jack** and **Quinn Hughes**, helped Boston College win the NCAA title. Additionally, **Jack Drury's** mother, Elizabeth Berkery Drury, helped Harvard University capture the 1990 NCAA National Championship in lacrosse while Jack's uncle, Chris, was part of Boston University's NCAA National Championship hockey team in 1995. A year later, **Tyler Madden's** father, John, helped the University of Michigan capture the 1996 title.

TEAM CHEMISTRY

Several members of Team USA are teammates in the regular season, including Boston University's **Logan Cockerill** and **Joel Farabee**; Northeastern University's **Tyler Madden** and **Cayden Primeau**; University of Michigan's **Quinn Hughes** and **Josh Norris**; University of Minnesota Duluth's **Mikey Anderson, Noah Cates** and **Dylan Samberg**; and U.S. National Under-18 Team's **Jack Hughes** and **Spencer Knight**.

1996 U.S. WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY CONNECTIONS

Three players on Team USA were at one point coached by prominent U.S. hockey stars who helped the U.S. claim the inaugural 1996 World Cup of Hockey event. **Evan Barratt** and **Mattias Samuelsson** played their youth hockey for Team Comcast, which was coached by 2010 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, **Derian Hatcher**, the first American-born captain to win the Stanley Cup (1999). Meanwhile, **Jay O'Brien** has twice played for a team coached by **Tony Amonte**, a member of the 2009 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Class, first with the Cape Cod Whalers and then again at Thayer Academy.

Amonte made his NHL debut in the 1990-91 Stanley Cup Playoffs with the New York Rangers and skated his first three NHL seasons (1991-94) alongside current U.S. general manager **John Vanbiesbrouck**.

HUGHES BROTHERS JOIN ANDERSONS, FERRAROS, BROTENS

The U.S. again has another brother duo skating on the same U.S. National Junior Team as Quinn and **Jack Hughes** (Orlando, Fla./U.S. Nat'l Under-18) will skate together in a tournament for the first time. **Neal** and **Aaron Broten** were the first to accomplish the feat in 1979, just one year before Neal went on to be a part of the 'Miracle on Ice' 1980 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. **Peter** and **Chris Ferraro** were the second brothers to skate a U.S. National Junior Team when they did so in 1992 and 1993. A year ago, Mikey Anderson skated alongside his brother, Joey, who served as team captain.

Leading all U.S. players with international experience, Quinn has earned three IIHF medals for the U.S., including one gold medal (2017 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship) and two bronze medals (2018 IIHF World Junior Championship, 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship). Jack helped the U.S. earn a silver medal at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship where he earned the Directorate Award as the top forward and a spot on the Media All-Star Team after leading the tournament with 12 points (5-7) in seven games.

RECAP: 2018 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship took place Dec. 26, 2017 - Jan. 5, 2018, at the KeyBank Center and HarborCenter in Buffalo, New York. The U.S. National Junior Team went 4-1-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) and earned a bronze medal on home ice to give the United States a World Junior Championship medal in three-straight years for the first time ever.

This was the sixth World Junior Championship to be played in the United States and the second time Buffalo served as host (2011). The U.S. and Canada made history on Dec. 29, 2017, when the two teams played its preliminary round game outdoors at New Era Field, home of the NFL's Buffalo Bills, in front of a record crowd of 44,592 fans. The first-ever IIHF outdoor game saw the U.S. come from behind for a 4-3 shootout win.

WASHINGTON HOCKEY'S TIES TO TEAM USA

On Dec. 4, the NHL Board of Governors voted unanimously to approve the expansion application from the NHL Seattle group to bring the yet-to-be named team into the League for the start of the 2021-22 season. Current NHL players and former U.S. national team members to hail from the state include **T.J. Oshie, Tyler Johnson, Derek Ryan** and **Kailer Yamamoto**. Last June, 2014 U.S. Olympian and Everett, Wash., native **T.J. Oshie** became the second-ever Washington-born player to win the Stanley Cup.

Johnson, Ryan and Yamamoto have all skated for the United States in international competition, helping Team USA earn three medals (gold, two bronze) in IIHF play. In 2010, Johnson helped the U.S. National Junior Team capture its second-ever gold medal in a thrilling 5-4 overtime game in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Additionally, last May, Ryan skated alongside current U.S. defenseman **Quinn Hughes** on the bronze medal-winning U.S. Men's National Team while Yamamoto played alongside Hughes and four other U.S. returnees (**Mikey Anderson, Josh Norris, Ryan Poehling, Dylan Samberg**) on the bronze medal-winning U.S. National Junior Team.



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TEAM USA AMERICAN HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT TIES

USA HOCKEY'S AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL

The American Development Model 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. The ADM places a heightened emphasis on skill development and long-term athlete development principles, providing a blueprint for the best possible youth hockey experience.

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.

The ADM consists of seven stages, including: **Active Start** (Ages 0-6), **FUNDamentals** (Ages 6-8 Female, 6-9 Male), **Learn to Train** (Ages 8-11 Female, 9-12 Male), **Train to Train** (Ages 11-15 Female, Ages 12-16 Male), **Learn to Compete** (Ages 15-18 Female, Ages 12-16 Male), **Train to Compete** (Ages 15-18 Female, Ages 16-18 Male) and **Train to Win** (Ages 19+ Female, Ages 19+ Male).

U.S. YOUTH HOCKEY ORGANIZATIONS

ORGANIZATION	STATE	PLAYER(S)
Anaheim Wildcats	CA	Sasha Chmelevski
Arcadia Youth Hockey	CA	Jason Robertson
Belle Tire	MI	Sasha Chmelevski, Logan Cockerill
Victory Honda	MI	Kyle Keyser
Cape Cod Whalers	MA	Kyle Keyser
Chicago Jr. Blackhawks	IL	Jay O'Brien
Chicago Mission	IL	Jack Drury
Chicago Young Americans	IL	Jack Drury
Connecticut Wolfpack	CT	Tyler Madden
Darien Youth	CT	Phil Kemp
Detroit Honeybaked	MI	Spencer Knight
Detroit Compuware	MI	Sasha Chmelevski
		Jason Robertson
Detroit Kings	MI	Jason Robertson
Florida Alliance	FL	Kyle Keyser
Florida Jr. Panthers	FL	Kyle Keyser
Flyers Youth AA	PA	Mattias Samuelsson
Greenwich Skating Club	CT	Phil Kemp
Hermantown Youth	MN	Dylan Samberg
Hopkins Youth Hockey	MN	K'Andre Miller
LA Selects	CA	Jason Robertson
Lakeville North	MN	Ryan Poehling
Little Caesars	MI	Sasha Chmelevski, Logan Cockerill
		Kyle Keyser, Jason Robertson
Los Angeles Jr. Kings	CA	Jack St. Ivany
Mercer Chiefs	PA	Evan Barratt
Mid Fairfield Blues	CT	Phil Kemp
Mid Fairfield Jr. Rangers	CT	Spencer Knight
Mid Fairfield Yankees	CT	Phil Kemp
Middlesex Islanders	MA	Oliver Wahlstrom
Minnetonka Youth Hockey	MN	K'Andre Miller
Nashua Panthers	NH	Oliver Wahlstrom
New England Jr. Falcons	MA	Oliver Wahlstrom
New Jersey Avalanche	NJ	Tyler Madden
New Jersey Colonials	NJ	Tyler Madden
Oakland Jr. Grizzlies	MI	Logan Cockerill, Josh Norris
Philadelphia Little Flyers	PA	Mattias Samuelsson
Roseville Youth Hockey	MN	Mikey Anderson
Selects Academy	NY	Joel Farabee
Shattuck St. Mary's	MN	Oliver Wahlstrom
South Shore Kings	MA	Jay O'Brien
Stillwater Area	MN	Noah Cates
Syracuse Nationals	NY	Joel Farabee
Team Comcast	PA	Evan Barratt, Cayden Primeau
		Mattias Samuelsson
Troy Sting	MI	Josh Norris
Yale Bulldogs	CT	Tyler Madden

USA HOCKEY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS (19)

USA Hockey Player Development Camps are held annually every June and July to provide week-long sessions for many of the best young hockey players in the United States.

PLAYER	DISTRICT	PLAYER DEV. CAMPS
Mikey Anderson	Minnesota	15U, 16U, 17U
Evan Barratt	Atlantic	15U
Noah Cates	Minnesota	17U
Sasha Chmelevski	Michigan	15U, 16U, 17U
Logan Cockerill	Michigan	15U
Jack Drury	Central	15U, 16U, 17U
Joel Farabee	Central	15U
Phil Kemp	New England	15U
Kyle Keyser	Southeastern	15U, 16U, 17U
Spencer Knight	New England	15U
K'Andre Miller	Minnesota	15U
Josh Norris	Michigan	15U
Jay O'Brien	Massachusetts	15U, 16U
Ryan Poehling	Minnesota	15U, 17U
Cayden Primeau	Atlantic	15U, 16U, 17U
Dylan Samberg	Minnesota	17U
Mattias Samuelsson	Atlantic	15U
Jack St. Ivany	Pacific	15U, 16U, 17U
Oliver Wahlstrom	Massachusetts	15U

USA HOCKEY YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (14)

USA Hockey annually crowns the nation's best in youth hockey with its youth national championships, a tradition that dates back to 1949. In total, four youth hockey organizations have former teammates now skating together again for the United States, including Belle Tire's (14U) **Sasha Chmelevski** and **Kyle Keyser**; Detroit Compuware's (12U) Chmelevski and **Jason Robertson**; Oakland Junior Grizzlies (14U) **Logan Cockerill** and **Josh Norris**; and Team Comcast's (14U) **Evan Barratt** and **Mattias Samuelsson**.

Others to play in at least one USA Hockey Youth Nationals throughout their youth hockey careers include **Jack Drury** (Chicago Mission), **Joel Farabee** (Syracuse Nationals), **Phil Kemp** (Midfairfield Blues/Yankees), **Spencer Knight** (Mid Fairfield Jr. Rangers), **Tyler Madden** (Yale Bulldogs), **Jack St. Ivany** (LA Jr. Kings) and **Oliver Wahlstrom** (Shattuck St. Mary's).

NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (11)

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)
Evan Barratt	Forward	2015-17
Logan Cockerill	Forward	2015-17
Joel Farabee	Forward	2016-18
Jack Hughes*	Forward	2017-19
Quinn Hughes	Defense	2015-17
Phil Kemp	Defense	2015-17
Spencer Knight*	Goaltender	2017-19
K'Andre Miller	Defense	2016-18
Josh Norris	Forward	2015-17
Mattias Samuelsson	Defense	2016-18
Oliver Wahlstrom	Forward	2016-18

*Current NTDP player



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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. That includes the United States Hockey League (USHL), the only Tier I junior hockey league in the United States, and USA Hockey's Tier III Eastern Hockey League (EHL) as well as USA Hockey's National Team Development Program (11) which competes in the USHL.

PLAYER	LEAGUE	TEAM	YEAR(S)
Mikey Anderson	USHL	Waterloo Blackhawks	2015-17
Noah Cates	USHL	Omaha Lancers	2017-18
Jack Drury	USHL	Waterloo Blackhawks	2016-18
Tyler Madden	USHL	Central Illinois Flying Aces	2017-18
		Tri-City Storm	2017-18
Jay O'Brien	USHL	Youngstown Phantoms	2016-18
Ryan Poehling	USHL	Lincoln Stars	2015-16
Cayden Primeau	USHL	Lincoln Stars	2016-17
	EHL	Philadelphia Revolution	2015-16
Dylan Samberg	USHL	Waterloo Blackhawks	2016-17
Jack St. Ivany	USHL	Sioux Falls Stampede	2016-18

ALL-AMERICAN PROSPECTS GAMES (18)

The 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.

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	LOCATION
Mikey Anderson	Defense	2016	Philadelphia, Pa.
Evan Barratt	Forward	2016	Philadelphia, Pa.
Logan Cockerill	Forward	2018	Philadelphia, Pa.
Sasha Chmelevski	Forward	2016	Philadelphia, Pa.
Jack Drury	Forward	2017	Buffalo, N.Y.
Joel Farabee	Forward	2017	Buffalo, N.Y.
Jack Hughes	Forward	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
Quinn Hughes	Defense	2017	Buffalo, N.Y.
Phil Kemp	Defense	2017	Buffalo, N.Y.
Spencer Knight	Goaltender	2018	Saint Paul, Minn.
K'Andre Miller	Defense	2017	Buffalo, N.Y.
Josh Norris	Forward	2016	Philadelphia, Pa.
Jay O'Brien	Forward	2017	Buffalo, N.Y.
Ryan Poehling	Forward	2016	Philadelphia, Pa.
Cayden Primeau	Goaltender	2016	Philadelphia, Pa.
Jason Robertson	Forward	2016	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mattias Samuelsson	Defense	2017	Buffalo, N.Y.
Oliver Wahlstrom	Forward	2017	Buffalo, N.Y.

NHL RIGHTS (21)

Twenty-one players have been drafted or signed by an NHL team while four are eligible for the 2019 NHL Draft.

PLAYER	NHL RIGHTS	DRAFT YEAR	ROUND	OVERALL
Quinn Hughes	VAN	2018	First	7th
Oliver Wahlstrom	NYI	2018	First	11th
Joel Farabee	PHI	2018	First	14th
Josh Norris*	OTT	2017	First	19th
Jay O'Brien	PHI	2018	First	19th
Ryan Poehling	MTL	2017	First	22nd
K'Andre Miller	NYR	2018	First	22nd
Mattias Samuelsson	BUF	2018	Second	32nd
Jason Robertson	DAL	2017	Second	39th
Jack Drury	CAR	2018	Second	42nd
Dylan Samberg	WPG	2017	Second	43rd
Tyler Madden	VAN	2018	Third	68th
Evan Barratt	CHI	2017	Third	90th
Jack St. Ivany	PHI	2018	Fourth	112th
Mikey Anderson	LAK	2017	Fourth	103rd
Noah Cates	PHI	2017	Fifth	137th
Sasha Chmelevski	SJS	2017	Sixth	185th
Cayden Primeau	MTL	2017	Seventh	199th
Logan Cockerill	NYI	2017	Seventh	201st
Phil Kemp	EDM	2017	Seventh	208th
Kyle Keyser^	BOS	2017	NA	NA

*Originally drafted by San Jose before rights traded to Ottawa in August 2018

^Signed as a free agent in October 2017

MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (1)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Quinn Hughes	Defense	2018	Bronze

NOTE: The youngest member of the 2018 U.S. Men's National Team, Quinn Hughes joined Auston Matthews (2016) and Jack Eichel (2015) as the third U.S. player in the last four years to skate in an IIHF Men's World Championship prior to being selected in that year's NHL Draft.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (5)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Mikey Anderson	Defense	2018	Bronze
Quinn Hughes	Defense	2018	Bronze
Josh Norris	Forward	2018	Bronze
Ryan Poehling	Forward	2018	Bronze
Dylan Samberg	Defense	2018	Bronze

NOTE: A year ago, Mikey and Joey Anderson became the third-ever brother duo to skate on the same U.S. National Junior Team and first since 1992-93. The five returnees registered a combined 14 points (2-12) in seven games with Samberg leading the returnees with four points (1-3).

UNDER-18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (13)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Evan Barratt	Forward	2017	Gold
Logan Cockerill	Forward	2017	Gold
Joel Farabee	Forward	2018	Silver
	Forward	2017	Gold
Jack Hughes	Forward	2018	Silver
Quinn Hughes	Defense	2017	Gold
Phil Kemp	Defense	2017	Gold
Spencer Knight	Goaltender	2018	Silver
K'Andre Miller	Defense	2018	Silver
Josh Norris	Forward	2017	Gold
Ryan Poehling	Forward	2017	Gold
Cayden Primeau	Goaltender	2017	Gold
Mattias Samuelsson ^(c)	Defense	2018	Silver
Oliver Wahlstrom	Forward	2018	Silver
	Forward	2017	Gold

NOTE: As an underage player, Jack Hughes led the 2018 event with 12 points (5-7) in seven games to earn Tournament MVP honors, the Directorate Award for Best Forward and a spot on the Media All-Star Team.

WORLD JUNIOR A CHALLENGE (5)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Mikey Anderson	Defense	2016	First
Jack Drury	Forward	2017	Second
Tyler Madden	Forward	2017	Second
Cayden Primeau	Goaltender	2016	First
Jack St. Ivany	Defense	2017	Second

NOTE: At the 2017 event, Tyler Madden tied for the U.S. lead in points with four (3-1) in five games while Cayden Primeau registered a 14-save shutout in the 2016 championship game.

HLINKA GRETZKY CUP (5)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Mikey Anderson	Defense	2016	Second
Sasha Chmelevski	Forward	2016	Second
Jack Drury	Forward	2017	Fifth
Ryan Poehling	Forward	2016	Second
Cayden Primeau	Goaltender	2016	Second

NOTE: Both of Team USA's leading scorers at the 2016 and 2017 tournaments are among the 29-player preliminary roster. In 2016, Sasha Chmelevski posted 10 points (5-5) in five games while Jack Drury tallied five points (2-3) in 2017.

FIVE NATIONS CUP (3)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Jack Drury	Forward	2016	First
Sasha Chmelevski	Forward	2015	First
Cayden Primeau	Goaltender	2015	First

NOTE: Combined, the five players to skate for the U.S. Under-17 Select Team in an Under-17 Five Nations Tournament helped the U.S. earn an overall 7-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record in tournament play over the two years.

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (2)

PLAYER	POSITION	YEAR	FINISH
Mattias Samuelsson ^(c)	Defense	2016	Gold
Oliver Wahlstrom	Forward	2016	Gold

NOTE: The trio combined for eight points (3-5) en route to helping the U.S. capture its first-ever gold medal at the Youth Olympic Games.



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U.S. WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY AT A GLANCE

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	T	GF	GA
Austria	2	2	0	0	0	0	15	2
Belarus	4	3	0	0	0	0	23	11
Canada	46	8	3	3	29	3	131	185
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	33	13	3	0	16	1	130	146
Germany	11	10	0	1	0	0	65	14
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
Sweden	33	14	1	0	17	2	110	121
Switzerland	23	21	0	0	0	2	131	45
Ukraine	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	7
TOTAL	281	140	9	5	116	11	1187	967

ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	QF	SF	BMG	GMG	Total
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	NA	3-2
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	7-1
Switzerland	1-0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	11-7	6-9	4-5	4-1	23-21

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT WORLD JUNIORS

Year	Location	Head Coach	Record	Medal
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
2013	Ufa, Russia	Phil Housley	5-0-0-2	Gold
2011	Buffalo/Niagara, N.Y.	Keith Allain	5-0-0-1	Bronze
2010	Regina/Saskatoon, Canada	Dean Blais	5-1-1-0	Gold
2007	Leksand/Mora, Sweden	Ron Rolston	3-1-2-1	Bronze
2004	Helsinki/Hameenlinna, Finland	Mike Eaves	6-0-0*	Gold
1997	Geneva/Morges, Switzerland	Jeff Jackson	4-1-1*	Silver
1992	Fussen/Kaufbeuren, Germany	Walt Kyle	5-2-0*	Bronze
1986	Hamilton, Canada	Dave Peterson	4-3-0*	Bronze
TOTAL		4 Gold	1 Silver	Six Bronze

*Win-Loss-Tie

U.S. IN PREVIOUS 10 WORLD JUNIORS

Year	Location	Head Coach	Record	Finish
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	Malmö, 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
2009	Ottawa, Canada	Ron Rolston	3-1-0-2	Fifth
TOTAL		3 Gold		Three Bronze

U.S. TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Single Tournament Records

STATISTIC	PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR
Goals	Kieffer Bellows	9	2018
Assists	Doug Weight	14	1991
Points	Doug Weight	19	1991
Wins	Al Montoya	6	2004
Goals Against^	Jean-March Pelletier	5	1998
Goals Against Avg.^	Al Montoya	1.17	2004
Saves^	Al Montoya	207	2005
Save Percentage^	John Gibson	.955	2013
Shutouts^	Al Montoya	2	2004
	Brian Boucher	2	1997

Career Tournament Records

STATISTIC	PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR
Goals	Jeremy Roenick	13	1988-98
Assists	Jordan Schroeder	19	2008-10
Points	Jordan Schroeder	27	2008-10
Wins	Jack Campbell	10	2010-12
Goals Against^	Jean-March Pelletier	5	1998
Goals Against Avg.^	Rick DiPietro	1.55	2000-01
Save Percentage^	Alex Nedeljkovic	.943	2015-16
Shutouts^	Rick DiPietro	2	2000-01
	Al Montoya	2	2004-05
	Brian Boucher	2	1997
Games Played	Alan Perry	18	1984-86
Minutes Played	Alan Perry	968	1984-86

^Minimum 180 minutes played

TOURNAMENT ALL-STAR TEAM

YEAR	PLAYER	POSITION
2018	Casey Mittelstadt	Forward
	Kieffer Bellows	Forward
	Clayton Keller	Forward
	Charlie McAvoy	Defense
2017	Auston Matthews*	Forward
	Zach Werenski*	Defense
	John Gibson*	Goaltender
2016	Johnny Gaudreau*	Forward
	Jake McCabe*	Defense
	Jacob Trouba*	Defense
	Jack Campbell*	Goaltender
2013	John Carlson*	Defense
	Derek Stepan*	Forward
	James van Riemsdyk*	Forward
	Patrick Kane*	Forward
2008	Erik Johnson*	Defense
	Jack Johnson*	Defense
	Ryan Suter*	Defense
2007	Al Montoya*	Goaltender
	Zach Parise*	Forward
	Rick DiPietro	Goaltender
	Brian Gionta*	Forward
2006	Brian Boucher	Goaltender
	Mike York	Forward
	Mike Dunham	Goaltender
2005	Peter Ferraro	Forward
	Scott Lachance	Defense
	Jeremy Roenick	Forward
2004	Scott Young	Forward
	Brian Leetch	Defense
	1999	
1997		
1992		
1991		
1989		
1987		

DIRECTORATE AWARD

YEAR	PLAYER	POSITION
2018	Casey Mittelstadt*	Best Forward
2016	Zach Werenski*	Best Defenseman
2013	John Gibson*	Best Goaltender
	Jacob Trouba*	Best Defenseman
2011	Jack Campbell	Best Goaltender
2007	Erik Johnson*	Best Defenseman
2004	Al Montoya*	Best Goaltender
	Zach Parise*	Best Forward
2000	Rick DiPietro	Best Goaltender
1997	Joseph Corvo	Best Defenseman
1992	Mike Dunham	Best Goaltender
1984	Alan Perry	Best Goaltender

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

YEAR	PLAYER	POSITION
2018	Casey Mittelstadt*	Forward
2013	John Gibson*	Goaltender
2004	Zach Parise*	Forward

*Currently playing professional hockey (NHL, AHL, etc.)



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 United States' 44. 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).

U.S. JUNIOR SELECT TEAM WINS 2018 WORLD JR A CHALLENGE

On Dec. 16, the U.S. Junior Select Team topped Russia, 2-0, to win the 2018 World Junior A Challenge in Bonnyville, Alberta. The win marks the fifth World Junior A Challenge title for the U.S. as it has now claimed the championship eight times (2008-10, 2012-14, 2016, 2018), finished second once (2017) and third three times (2007, 2011, 2015).

Anthony Noreen (Kearney, Neb.), head coach and general manager of the Tri-City Storm, served as head coach of the U.S. Junior Select Team and was joined by assistant coaches **Mark Abalan** (Sioux City, Iowa), **Shane Fukushima** (Waterloo, Iowa) and **David Wilkie** (Omaha, Neb.). All players on Team USA currently play in the United States Hockey League, the lone Tier I junior league in the U.S.

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

On Dec. 14, USA Hockey announced the 23-player roster for its U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team that will compete for its fifth consecutive gold medal at the 2019 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship Jan. 6-13 in Obihiro, Japan. The roster features nine players that helped the U.S. earn gold at last year's IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Dmitrov, Russia. A camp will be held in Los Angeles Dec. 28-Jan. 2 before the team departs to 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 behind the bench 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.

2019 U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Five American hockey legends including **Gordon "Red" Berenson**, **Natalie Darwitz**, the late **Leland "Hago" Harrington**, **David Poile** and **Paul Stewart** were formally enshrined into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame on Dec. 12 during a sold-out induction ceremony at the JW Marriott Nashville.

In addition to the induction of the Class of 2018, the late **Jim Johannson** was awarded the Lester Patrick Trophy, presented for outstanding service to hockey in the United States.

U.S.-CANADA THREE-GAME WOMEN'S SERIES

USA Hockey, in conjunction with Hockey Canada will renew one of the greatest rivalries in sports when the women's national teams from the U.S. and Canada clash in a three-game series Feb. 12-17, 2019.

Little Caesars Arena in Detroit will host the final game of the series as part of Hockey Week Across America on Sunday, Feb. 17, with opening faceoff set for 12 noon ET. The series will also feature games Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. ET in London, Ontario, and Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. ET in Toronto.

Tickets (ranging from \$15-\$55) went on sale earlier today and can be purchased at 313Presents.com, Ticketmaster.com and the Little Caesars Arena XFINITY box office located just off Woodward Avenue, adjacent to the Chevrolet Entry Northeast. To purchase tickets by phone, fans can call 800-745-3000.

28 AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN IIHF COMPETITION

USA Hockey announced that 28 American officials have been selected to serve as referees or linesmen for International Ice Hockey Federation events in 2018-19.

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.

2019 HOCKEY WEEK ACROSS AMERICA

In 2019, USA Hockey's yearly nationwide initiative Hockey Weekend Across America – now in its 12th year – will expand to a week-long celebration and take place from Feb. 17-24, 2019. The daily themes will include daily salutes to players (Feb. 18), coaches (19), officials (20) and local rinks (21) followed by the traditional themed days of Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day (Feb. 22), Try Hockey Day (Feb. 23) and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes (Feb. 24). 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, Michigan, 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 teams, which 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, home of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, 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 included 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.