



2026 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME NOTES

2026 IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | MEMBERTOU AND SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA | JAN. 18, 2026

USA (5-0-0-0) VS. CANADA (5-0-0-0) • CENTRE 200 • GOLD MEDAL GAME • 7:30 P.M. AT

TODAY'S GAME

IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLDS • CENTRE 200



7:30 p.m. AT

NHL Network

Blue Jerseys

Kenzie Lalonde, Cheryl Pounder

LAST TIME OUT

Behind a record-breaking night for **Jane Daley** (Medfield, Mass.), the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team advanced to the gold medal game of the 2026 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship following a 9-1 win over Sweden in the semifinals. With the win, the U.S. advances to the gold medal game.

QUICK SHOTS

TODAY'S MATCH UP

Today's game is the gold medal game of the 2026 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship and the final game of the tournament. The U.S. enters the game with a perfect 5-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record after topping Sweden, 9-1, in the semifinals on Saturday.

IN THE GOLD MEDAL GAME

The U.S. holds a 9-7 record in gold medal games at this tournament, having won the top prize in 2024, 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2011, 2009 and 2008. With a win today, it would be the 10th Under-18 Women's World Championship title in program history.

MAKING THE GOLD MEDAL GAME

Team USA has skated in the gold medal game of the Under-18 Women's World Championship 17 of the 18 years this tournament has been staged. The lone year they did not make the gold medal game was in 2023, when they won bronze.

ALL TIME AGAINST CANADA

Tonight's game marks the 24th all-time meeting between Canada and the U.S. at this tournament, with Team USA holding a 8-5-4-6 (W-OTW-OTL-L) advantage in all-time meetings.

AGAINST CANADA IN THE GOLD MEDAL GAME

The U.S. and Canada have met 14 previous time in the gold medal game, with the all time record an even 7-7. The teams most recently met in the 2025 gold medal game, with Canada winning 3-0.

LAST TIME AGAINST CANADA

The two teams last met on Jan. 12, 2025 in the gold medal game of the 2025 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Vantaa, Finland. Despite a hard-fought game, Team USA came home with silver, falling 3-0 to Canada.

LAST TIME WINNING GOLD

Team USA last took home gold at the 2024 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Zug, Switzerland, defeating Czechia, 5-1. **Maggie Averill** and **Haley Box** were both members of that team.

U.S. NAMES TOP THREE PLAYERS OF TOURNAMENT

Following Saturday's semifinal game against Sweden, **Jane Daley**, **Kylie Amelkovich** and **Maggie Averill** were named the U.S.' three best players of the tournament.

DALEY BREAKS SINGLE-TOURNAMENT GOAL RECORD

Forward **Jane Daley's** second period goal in Saturday's 9-1 victory over Sweden marked her 12th of the tournament, setting a new IIHF single-tournament record for goals, previously held by fellow American Haley Skarupa, who had 11 goals in 2012.

TEAM USA AT A GLANCE

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

The 2026 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team features 26 players - 14 forwards, eight defenders and three goaltenders, and returns 10 players from the 2025 team that took home silver at U18 Women's Worlds.

LEADERSHIP CORE NAMED

Defender **Maggie Averill** (Wayland, Mass.) has been named the captain of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the 2026 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. Forwards **Kylie Amelkovich** (Glen Ellyn, Ill.) and **Maddy Kimbrel** (Mound, Minn.) will serve as alternate captains.

BEHIND THE BENCH

Courtney Kennedy is the head coach of the 2026 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team. **Chris Bailey**, **Greg 'Boom' May** and **Shelly Picard** are the assistant coaches, while **Mackenzie Bruch** is the goaltending coach.

2026 IIHF UNDER-18 WWC SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (LOCAL/ET)
WED., JAN. 7 <i>Pre-Tournament Game</i>	CZECHIA <i>RBC Centre</i>	W, 4-2
SAT., JAN. 10 <i>Preliminary Round</i>	SLOVAKIA <i>Sport and Wellness Centre</i>	W, 13-0 <i>POG: Maggie Averill</i>
SUN., JAN. 11 <i>Preliminary Round</i>	CZECHIA <i>Sport and Wellness Centre</i>	W, 9-1 <i>POG: Jane Daley</i>
TUES., JAN. 13 <i>Preliminary Round</i>	FINLAND <i>Sport and Wellness Centre</i>	W, 14-0 <i>POG: Alaina Gnetz</i>
THURS., JAN. 15 <i>Quarterfinals</i>	HUNGARY <i>Centre 200</i>	W, 9-0 <i>POG: Emily Pohl</i>
SAT., JAN. 17 <i>Semifinal</i>	SWEDEN <i>Centre 200</i>	W, 9-1 <i>POG: Annabelle Lovell</i>
SUN., JAN. 18 <i>Gold Medal Game</i>	CANADA <i>Centre 200</i>	7:30 P.M./6:30 P.M. <i>NHL Network</i>

2026 IIHF UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U.S. U18 Women's World Championship Team is one of eight teams competing at the International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship from January 10-18, 2026 in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

The tournament features eight teams divided in two groups of four. Team USA is competing in Group B alongside, host Finland, Czechia and Slovakia. Group A includes Canada, Hungary, Sweden and Switzerland. Each group will play a single round-robin series before the playoff round.

All eight teams advance to the playoff rounds, with the teams being seeded in four quarterfinal games. The winners of the quarterfinals move to the semifinals. The two semifinal winners will play in the gold medal game, while the two semifinal losers will play for bronze.

MEDIA ACCESS

Team USA players and head coach Courtney Kennedy will be available for interviews in the mixed zone following games and non-gameday practices. The locker room is closed. All interviews must be coordinated through Melissa Katz of USA Hockey.

Information, including team bios, schedule, news and team history is available online at teamusa.usahockey.com.

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2026 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM (LEAGUE)
GOALTENDERS (3)							
30	Morgan Stickney	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	01/18/08	L	Manhattan Beach, Calif.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
31	Bianca Birrittieri	5-7 (170)	138 (63)	03/25/08	L	Flower Mound, Texas	Pittsburgh Penguins Elite
35	Cecilia Wielenberg	5-9 (175)	135 (61)	03/6/09	L	Downers Grove, Ill.	Team Illinois
DEFENSE (8)							
2	Maggie Averill	5-11 (180)	187 (85)	09/9/08	R	Wayland, Mass.	Assabet Valley
3	Mia Miller	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	04/3/08	R	Dundas, Minn.	Northfield High School
4	Ava Decourcey	5-7 (170)	140 (64)	07/24/08	R	Rockland, Mass.	Assabet Valley
5	Kateryna Sander	5-8 (173)	160 (73)	03/4/08	L	Chanhassen, Minn.	Holy Family Catholic
6	Sloane Hartmetz	5-3 (160)	122 (55)	02/8/08	R	Phoenixville, Pa.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
9	Chyna Taylor	5-6 (168)	130 (59)	07/10/09	L	Louisville, Ky.	Lovell Academy
28	Taylee Manion	5-4 (163)	136 (62)	11/12/09	R	Hermantown, Minn.	Proctor/Hermantown High School
37	Addison McLay	5-4 (163)	125 (57)	06/9/08	L	Hastings, Minn.	Hill-Murray School
FORWARDS (14)							
7	Emily Pohl	5-7 (170)	145 (66)	06/7/08	L	Woodbury, Minn.	Hill-Murray School
10	Jane Daley	5-5 (165)	127 (58)	03/21/09	L	Medfield, Mass.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
11	Kylie Amelkovich	5-8 (173)	155 (70)	04/29/08	L	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	Shattuck-St. Mary's
14	Talla Hansen	5-5 (165)	140 (64)	11/22/08	R	Wayzata, Minn.	Benilde-St. Margaret's
17	Maddy Kimbrel	5-4 (163)	125 (57)	05/5/08	R	Mound, Minn.	Holy Family Catholic
18	Lily Bromley	5-6 (168)	170 (77)	02/2/09	L	Carlisle, Mass.	Noble & Greenough
20	Alaina Gnetz	5-5 (165)	135 (61)	01/25/08	L	Woodbury, Minn.	Woodbury High School
22	Christina Scalese	5-3 (160)	130 (59)	01/17/08	R	West Boylston, Mass.	Assabet Valley
24	Catherine McCool	5-6 (168)	145 (66)	10/2/09	L	Boston, Mass.	Boch Blazers
25	Annabelle Lovell	5-3 (160)	110 (50)	02/25/09	R	Hingham, Mass.	Lovell Academy
27	Haley Box	5-4 (163)	140 (64)	03/10/08	R	Cheyenne, Wyo.	Etobicoke Dolphins
29	Lindsay Stepnowski	5-6 (168)	143 (65)	01/28/08	L	South Glastonbury, Ct.	Loomis Chaffee School
38	Bailey Rupp	5-8 (173)	155 (70)	08/22/08	L	Bemidji, Minn.	Bemidji High School
78	Jillian McLaughlin	5-6 (168)	140 (64)	03/2/08	L	Oceanside, Calif.	Rink Hockey Academy

BY THE NUMBERS

TALLEST Averill (5ft. 11 in.)
SHORTEST Lovell/Scalese/Hartmetz (5ft. 3 in.)

SHOOT/CATCH Left: 15 Right: 10

YOUNGEST Manion (16)
OLDEST Stickney (17)

HOME STATES (9)

California	2
Connecticut	1
Illinois	2
Kentucky	1
Massachusetts	5
Minnesota	11
Pennsylvania	1
Texas	1
Wyoming	1

YOUTH PROGRAMS (16)

Assabet Valley	3
Bemidji High School	1
Benilde-St. Margaret's	1
Boch Blazers	1
Etobicoke Dolphins	1
Hill-Murray School	2
Holy Family Catholic	2
Loomis Chaffee School	1
Lovell Academy	2
Northfield High School	1
Pittsburgh Penguins Elite	1
Proctor/Hermantown High School	1
Rink Hockey Academy	1
Shattuck-St. Mary's	4
Team Illinois	1
Woodbury High School	1

ROSTER (25)

Amelkovich, Kylie
 Averill, Maggie
 Birrittieri, Bianca
 Box, Haley
 Bromley, Lily
 Daley, Jane
 Decourcey, Ava
 Gnetz, Alaina
 Hansen, Talla
 Hartmetz, Sloane
 Kimbrel, Madelyn
 Manion, Taylee
 McCool, Catherine
 McLaughlin, Jillian
 McLay, Addison
 Miller, Mia
 Lovell, Annabelle
 Pohl, Emily
 Rupp, Bailey
 Sander, Kateryna
 Scalese, Christina
 Stepnowski, Lindsay
 Stickney, Morgan
 Taylor, Chyna
 Wielenberg, Cecilia

COACHING STAFF

Kennedy, Courtney
 Bailey, Chris
 May, Greg
 Picard, Shelly
 Bruch, Mackenzie

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

KAI-lee ah-MEL-koh-vich
 MAHG-ee AY-ver-ill
 bee-AHN-kuh beer-ih-TEER-ee
 HAY-lee BOX
 LIL-ee BROM-lee
 JAYN DAY-lee
 AY-vuh duh-KOR-see
 uh-LAY-nuh guh-NETS
 TAL-uh HAN-suhn
 SLOHN HART-metz
 MAD-uh-lin KIM-brel
 TAY-lee MAN-yuhn
 KATH-er-in muh-KOOL
 JIL-ee-uhn muh-KLOK-lin
 AD-uh-suhn muh-KLAY
 MEE-uh MIL-er
 AN-uh-bel LUV-ul
 EM-uh-lee POHL
 BAY-lee ROOP
 kah-teh-REE-nuh SAN-der
 kris-TEE-nuh skuh-LEESE
 LINZ-ee step-NOW-skee
 MOR-guhn STIK-nee
 CHAI-nuh TAY-lur
 suh-SIL-yuh WEE-len-berg

KORT-nee KEN-uh-dee
 KRIS BAY-lee
 GREG MAY
 SHEL-ee PEH-kard
 muh-KEN-zee BRUCK



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2026 U.S. U18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

NO	NAME	POS.	SVK W, 13-0 1/10	CZE W, 9-1 1/11	FIN W, 14-0 1/13	HUN W, 9-0 1/15	SWE W, 9-1 1/17	CAN 7:30 PM AT 1/18	U18WWC TOTAL
2	Maggie Averill	D	AGGG	AG	AAA	A*	GA*PA		6-8 (14)
3	Mia Miller	D	A	A	DND	A	--		0-3 (3)
4	Ava Decourcey	D	DND	DND	A	DND	DND		0-1 (1)
5	Kateryna Sander	D	AA	--	--	A	--		0-3 (3)
6	Sloane Hartmetz	D	--	A	P	A	AA		1-4 (5)
7	Emily Pohl	F	A	AA	WAAA	GGA	PAGA		5-9 (14)
9	Chyna Taylor	D	AAA	AA	AAAA	--	A		0-10 (10)
10	Jane Daley	F	PGAG	SWAAG	PAGG	WG	PA		12-5 (17)
11	Kylie Amelkovich	F	A*AAAAA	AGA	PA	A*	AA		2-12 (14)
14	Talla Hansen	F	GGA	P	A*AP	AP	A*AG		6-6 (12)
17	Maddy Kimbrel	F	W	A	--	--	G		2-1 (3)
18	Lily Bromley	F	--	--	G	DND	DND		1-0 (1)
20	Alaina Gnetz	F	--	G	GAGA	GG	--		5-2 (7)
22	Christina Scalsese	F	AGPA	--	--	--	A		2-3 (5)
24	Catherine McCool	F	--	A	DND	A	--		0-2 (2)
25	Annabelle Lovell	F	G	--	GAGA	--	--		3-2 (5)
27	Haley Box	F	--	--	AAA	AA	--		0-5 (5)
28	Taylee Manion	D	A	AA	--	--	--		0-3 (3)
29	Lindsay Stepnowski	F	AG	G	GA	G	AG		5-3 (8)
37	Addison McLay	D	A	--	A	--	--		0-2 (2)
38	Bailey Rupp	F	DND	--	GA	--	--		1-1 (2)
78	Jillian McLaughlin	F	A	G	--	G	G		3-1 (4)
30	Morgan Stickney	G	5/5 1.00 SV%	--	7/7 1.00 SV%	--	--		2-0 0.00 GAA
31	Bianca Birrittieri	G	--	A 15/16 .937 SV%	--	8/8 1.00 SV%	16/17 .941 SV%		3-0 0-1 (1) 0.67 GAA
35	Cecilia Wielenberg	G	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND		0-0 0.00 GAA

KEY

G - GOAL
A* - ASSIST ON GWG

A - ASSIST
P - POWER-PLAY GOAL

W - GAME-WINNING GOAL
S - SHORTHANDED GOAL

P* - PENALTY SHOT GOAL
DND - DID NOT DRESS

U - UNASSISTED GOAL
W* - SHOOTOUT GWG

TEAM USA WHEN...

OVERALL RECORD	5-0-0-0	SCORING FIRST OPPONENT SCORING FIRST	5-0-0-0 0-0-0-0
WEARING WHITE	0-0-0-0	LEADING AFTER 1 PERIOD	5-0-0-0
WEARING BLUE	5-0-0-0	TRAILING AFTER 1 PERIOD	0-0-0-0
WEARING ROYAL BLUE	0-0-0-0	TIED AFTER 1 PERIOD	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY ONE GOAL	0-0-0-0	LEADING AFTER 2 PERIODS	5-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 2 GOALS	0-0-0-0	TRAILING AFTER 2 PERIODS	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 3 GOALS	0-0-0-0	TIED AFTER 2 PERIODS	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 4 GOALS	0-0-0-0	OT RECORD	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 5 GOALS	0-0-0-0	SHOOTOUT RECORD	0-0-0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY 6+ GOALS	5-0-0-0	HAVING 10-19 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 5+ GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 20-29 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 4 GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 30-39 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING 3 GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 40-49 SHOTS	1-0-0-0
SCORING 2 GOALS	0-0-0-0	HAVING 50+ SHOTS	4-0-0-0
SCORING 1 GOAL	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 0-9 SHOTS	3-0-0-0
ALLOWING 1 OR FEWER	5-0-0-0	ALLOWING 10-19 SHOTS	2-0-0-0
ALLOWING 2 GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 20-29 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 3 GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 30-39 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 4 GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 40-49 SHOTS	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING 5+ GOALS	0-0-0-0	ALLOWING 50+ SHOTS	0-0-0-0
SCORING A POWER-PLAY GOAL	5-0-0-0	OUTSHOOTING OPPONENT	5-0-0-0
ALLOWING A POWER-PLAY GOAL	2-0-0-0	OUTSHOT BY OPPONENT	0-0-0-0
SCORING A SHORTHANDED GOAL	1-0-0-0		
ALLOWING A SHORTHANDED GOAL	0-0-0-0		



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ALL-TIME AGAINST CANADA

DATE	ROUND	LOCATION	RESULT
Jan. 12, 2025	GMG	Vantaa	L, 3-0
Jan. 11, 2023	Prelims	Ostersund	L, 3-1
June 13, 2022	GMG	Madison	L, 3-2
June 9, 2022	GMG	Madison	L, 7-0
Jan. 2, 2020	GMG	Bratislava	OTW, 2-1
Dec. 29, 2019	Prelims	Bratislava	L, 2-1
Jan. 13, 2019	GMG	Obihiro	OTL, 3-2
Jan. 7, 2019	Prelims	Obihiro	W, 3-2
Jan. 12, 2018	Semis	Dmitrov	OTW, 4-3
Jan. 9, 2019	Prelims	Dmitrov	W, 6-2
Jan. 14, 2017	GMG	Zlín	W, 3-1
Jan. 10, 2017	Prelims	Zlín	OTL, 1-0
Jan. 15, 2016	GMG	St. Catharines	OTW, 3-2
Jan. 11, 2016	Prelims	St. Catharines	W, 4-1
Jan. 12, 2015	GMG	Buffalo	W, 3-2
Jan. 5, 2015	Prelims	Buffalo	OTW, 2-1
Mar. 29, 2014	GMG	Budapest	L, 5-1
Jan. 5, 2013	GMG	Vierumaki	OTL, 2-1
Jan. 7, 2012	GMG	Zlín	L, 3-0
Jan. 11, 2011	GMG	Stockholm	W, 5-2
April 3, 2010	GMG	Woodridge	OTL, 5-4
Jan. 10, 2009	GMG	Fussen	OTW, 3-2
Jan. 12, 2008	GMG	Calgary	W, 5-2

TEAM USA U18WWC STATISTICS

ALL-TIME MEDALS AT U18WWC

Year	Medal	Coach	Result	Opp.
2025	Silver	Liz Keady Norton	L, 0-3	CAN
2024	Gold	Liz Keady Norton	W, 5-1	CZE
2023	Bronze	Katie Lachapelle	W, 5-0	FIN
2022	Silver	Katie Lachapelle	L, 2-3	CAN
2020	Gold	Maura Crowell	OTW, 2-1	CAN
2019	Silver	Maura Crowell	OTL, 2-3	CAN
2018	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 9-3	SWE
2017	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 3-1	CAN
2016	Gold	Joel Johnson	OTW, 3-2	CAN
2015	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 3-2	CAN
2014	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	L, 1-5	CAN
2013	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	OTL, 1-2	CAN
2012	Silver	Heather Linstad	L, 0-3	CAN
2011	Gold	Jodi McKenna	W, 5-2	CAN
2010	Silver	Katie King	L, 4-5	CAN
2009	Gold	Mark Johnson	W, 3-2	CAN
2008	Gold	Michele Amidon	W, 5-2	CAN

2026 UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM - STATISTICAL LEADERS

POINTS

RK	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS
1.	Daley	5	12	5	17
3.	Averill	5	6	8	14
	Pohl	5	5	9	14
	Amelkovich	5	2	12	14
8.	Hansen	5	6	6	12

GOALS

RK	NAME	GP	G
1.	Daley	5	12
6.	Averill	5	6
	Hansen	5	6
9.	Gnetz	5	5
	Pohl	5	5
	Stepnowski	5	5

ASSISTS

RK	NAME	GP	A
1.	Amelkovich	5	12
2.	Taylor	5	10
3.	Pohl	5	9
5.	Averill	5	8
8.	Hansen	5	7
10.	Box	5	5
	Daley	5	5

SV %

RK	NAME	GAA	%
1.	Stickney	0.00	1.00
3.	Birritteri	0.67	.951

ALL-TIME RECORD AT U18WWCs

Year	Finish	Coach	Record*
2025	Silver	Liz Keady Norton	5-0-0-1
2024	Gold	Liz Keady Norton	6-0-0-0
2023	Bronze	Katie Lachapelle	3-0-0-2
2022	Silver	Katie Lachapelle	4-0-0-1
2020	Gold	Maura Crowell	3-1-0-1
2019	Silver	Maura Crowell	4-0-1-0
2018	Gold	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0
2017	Gold	Joel Johnson	4-0-1-0
2016	Gold	Joel Johnson	4-1-0-0
2015	Gold	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0
2014	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-0-1
2013	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-1-0
2012	Silver	Heather Linstad	4-0-0-1
2011	Gold	Jodi McKenna	5-0-0-0
2010	Silver	Katie King	4-0-1-0
2009	Gold	Mark Johnson	4-1-0-0
2008	Gold	Michele Amidon	5-0-0-0

*W-OTW-OTL-L

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record*	GF	GA
Canada	23	8-5-4-6	62	50
Czech Republic	14	14-0-0-0	130	5
Finland	9	9-0-0-0	57	5
Germany	3	3-0-0-0	22	1
Hungary	2	2-0-0-0	16	0
Japan	3	3-0-0-0	24	2
Russia	13	13-0-0-0	86	8
Slovakia	3	3-0-0-0-0	29	2
Sweden	20	18-1-0-1	107	18
Switzerland	2	2-0-0-0	19	1
TOTAL	92	75-6-4-7	553	92

*W-OTW-OTL-L

UNDER-18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - TEAM USA RECORD BOOK

CAREER POINTS

RK	NAME	YRS	PTS
1.	Kendall Coyne	2008-10	33
2.	Amanda Kessel	2008-09	30
T3.	Alex Carpenter	2010-12	28
	Haley Skarupa	2010-12	28

CAREER GOALS

RK	NAME	YRS	G
1.	Kendall Coyne	2008-10	22
2.	Alex Carpenter	2010-12	18
3.	Haley Skarupa	2010-12	17

CAREER ASSISTS

RK	NAME	YRS	A
1.	Amanda Kessel	2008-09	20
2.	Amanda Pelkey	2009-11	16

CAREER WINS

RK	NAME	YRS	W
1.	Morgan Stickney	2025-26	7
T2..	Kaitlin Burt	2014-15	6
	Laila Hemp	2023-24	6

SINGLE TOURNAMENT POINTS

RK	NAME	YRS	PTS
1.	Amanda Kessel	2009	19
2.	Jane Daley	2026	17
3.	Kendall Coyne	2009	15
4.	Averill, Pohl, Amelkovich	2026	14

SINGLE TOURNAMENT GOALS

RK	NAME	YRS	G
1.	Jane Daley	2026	12
2.	Haley Skarupa	2012	11
3.	Kendall Coyne	2010	10
4.	Three Tied At		8

SINGLE TOURNAMENT ASSISTS

RK	NAME	YRS	PTS
1.	Amanda Kessel	2009	13
2.	Kylie Amelkovich	2026	12
3.	Chyna Taylor	2026	10
4.	Katherine Schipper	2013	8

ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	QF	SF	BM	GM
Canada	N/A	1-0	N/A	7-7
Czech Republic	N/A	6-0	N/A	1-0
Finland	N/A	2-0	1-0	N/A
Germany	1-0	1-0	N/A	N/A
Hungary	1-0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Russia	N/A	2-0	N/A	N/A
Slovakia	1-0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sweden	N/A	5-1	N/A	1-0
Total	3-0	17-1	1-0	9-7



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COURTNEY KENNEDY, HEAD COACH

Kennedy assumes the head coaching role after serving as an assistant coach for the 2025 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team that took home silver.

She is no stranger to international hockey after serving as an assistant coach for the 2022 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team that captured silver in Beijing and also as an assistant coach with the 2021 U.S. Women's National Team and for three U.S. Under-18 Women's National Teams (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018).

Kennedy recently finished her first season as the skills coach of the PWHL's Boston Fleet. She spent 17 seasons as part of Boston College women's ice hockey coaching staff, including as associate head coach from 2012 until her departure in 2024.

As a player, Kennedy helped Team USA to a silver medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and bronze at the 2006 Games. She also was a member of the 2005 U.S. Women's National Team that took home the country's first-ever gold medal at the IIHF Women's World Championship.

The Woburn, Mass., native was a two-time All-American at the University of Minnesota, leading the Gophers to a national title in 2000.

ASSISTANT COACHES

CHRIS BAILEY, ASSISTANT COACH

Bailey is in her first season on the international stage as an assistant coach for the 2026 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team.

She is a two-time Olympian, helping the U.S. to its first-ever Olympic gold medal in 1998, along with a silver medal in 2002. In addition, Bailey is a five-time women's worlds medalist, with silver medals in 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

She has experience in the coaching ranks with Providence College, where she skated for four seasons (1990-94). While at Providence, she helped lead the team to three consecutive ECAC championships (1992, 1993, 1994) and was named ECAC Rookie of the Year in 1991, and an All-ECAC honoree in 1992 and 1994.

SHELLY PICARD, ASSISTANT COACH

Picard, who was an intern coach for Team USA at the 2025 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, will serve as an assistant coach for the 2026 team.

She is in her third season overall, but first season back, as assistant coach for Princeton University after spending a few seasons in the same role for the Long Island University women's ice hockey team. Prior to LIU, Picard spent two seasons behind the bench as an assistant coach for the Princeton University women's ice hockey team.

On the ice, Picard helped Team USA to a silver medal at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, and skated at five IIHF Women's World Championships, winning gold four times (2019, 2016, 2015, 2013) and silver once (2012).

GREG 'BOOM' MAY, ASSISTANT COACH

May is making his debut on the international stage as an assistant coach for the 2026 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team.

He spent the last three seasons as associate head coach for the University of Minnesota women's hockey team after serving for two seasons as the head coach of the Augsburg University men's hockey team and two years as the director of operations for the University of Minnesota men's hockey team.

May played collegiately at Augsburg and was a MIAC all-conference honoree.

MACKENZIE BRUCH, GOALTENDING COACH

Bruch resumes her role as goaltending coach for the 2026 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team after serving in the same capacity in 2025. She also held the role for the U.S. Collegiate Women's Select Team in both 2023 and 2022.

Bruch is in her second season as an assistant coach for the Minnesota State University women's ice hockey program. Before the Mavericks, she served as a volunteer goaltending coach for Yale University.

A former Bemidji State University goalie, Bruch graduated from BSU in 2017 and returned for the 2017-18 season as the director of hockey and video operations for the women's ice hockey program.

TEAM SUPPORT STAFF

GENERAL MANAGER:

Katie Million

GENERAL MANAGER:

Kristen Sagaert

OPERATIONS MANAGER:

Doug Ferry

VIDEO COACH:

Bryce Aldrich

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING:

Jess Burlingame

TEAM PHYSICIAN:

Dr. Jill Moschelli

ATHLETIC TRAINER:

Kevin Lennon

SPORTS DIETITIAN:

Amanda Feldman

EQUIPMENT AND LOGISTICS MANAGER:

Jeff Mobley

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER:

Melissa Katz

CONTENT COORDINATOR:

Charles Crowell V



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USA vs. Slovakia • Preliminary Round • Game One

United States	5	3	5	—	13
Slovakia	0	0	0	—	0

1st: USA: Kimbrel (Amelkovich), 00:35
USA: Daley (Amelkovich, Scalese), PPG, 2:31
USA: Daley (Miller, Averill), 7:32
USA: Lovell (McLaughlin, Manion), 8:44
USA: Hansen (Daley, Stepnowski), 14:22

2nd: USA: Scalese (Sander), 26:41
USA: Averill (Sander, Amelkovich), 33:39
USA: Averill (Amelkovich), 37:53

3rd: USA: Hansen (Taylor, Pohl), 41:45
USA: Scalese (Amelkovich, Taylor), PPG, 45:00
USA: Averill (Scalese), 46:16
USA: Daley (Amelkovich, Taylor), 55:41
USA: Stepnowski (McLay, Hansen), 56:34

Penalties: USA 4-8, SVK 3-6 Power Plays: USA 2-3, SVK 0-4

Saves: USA - Stickney (2-2-1--5): 60:00
SVK - Tomeckova (18----18): 20:00
Sumegova (--29-19--48): 40:00

Shots: USA 23-28-24--75; SVK 2-2-1--5
Officials: Refs - Jessica Chartrand, Kamila Smetkova
Linespersons - Jennifer Berezowski, Martina Volkanova

Notes: Maggie Averill was named the U.S. Player of the Game ... **Morgan Stickney** made five saves in net. The victory marked her fourth career IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship shutout, a new all-time IIHF tournament record ... **Kylie Amelkovich** recorded six assists, setting a new IIHF single-game record for assists at the tournament and tying the single-game points record.

USA vs. Finland • Preliminary Round • Game Three

United States	6	3	5	—	14
Finland	0	0	0	—	0

1st: USA: Pohl (Hansen), 7:16
USA: Lovell (Averill), 7:28
USA: Gnetz (Box, Decourcey), 14:45
USA: Hartmetz (Pohl, Averill), PPG, 17:57
USA: Rupp (Gnetz, Box), 18:08
USA: Daley (Taylor, Lovell), PPG, 19:37

2nd: USA: Stepnowski (Pohl, Hansen), 21:38
USA: Lovell (Daley, Taylor), 29:30
USA: Hansen (Pohl, Stepnowski), PPG, 35:12

3rd: USA: Gnetz (Box, Taylor), 48:39
USA: Amelkovich (Lovell, Taylor), PPG, 50:54
USA: Bromley (Gnetz, Rupp), 51:08
USA: Daley (McLay, Amelkovich), 52:17
USA: Daley (Averill), 55:19

Penalties: USA 3-6, FIN 5-10 Power Plays: USA 4-5, FIN 0-3

Saves: USA - Stickney (4-3-0--7): 60:00
FIN - Ikonen (19----19): 20:00
Pesola (--19-27--46): 40:00

Shots: USA 25-19-27--71; FIN 4-3-0--7
Officials: Refs - Reetta-Kaisa Lusi, Martina Volkanova
Linespersons - Erika Greenen, Anina Schmuepach

Notes: Alaina Gnetz was named the U.S. Player of the Game ... **Morgan Stickney** made seven saves in net. The victory marked her seventh career win, the most for an American goalie in tournament history ... **Jane Daley** recorded her third-straight hat trick.

USA vs. Czechia • Preliminary Round • Game Two

United States	4	4	1	—	9
Czechia	0	0	0	—	0

1st: USA: Daley (Taylor, Amelkovich), SH, 12:06
USA: Daley (unassisted), 16:30
USA: Amelkovich (Taylor, Daley), 17:03
USA: Hansen (Pohl, Averill), PPG, 18:18
USA: Averill (Kimbrel, Daley), 20:22

2nd: CZE: Paroubkova (Pankova), PPG, 21:27
USA: Stepnowski (Pohl, Birrittieri), 23:04
USA: McLaughlin (Manion, Miller), 26:03
USA: Gnetz (McCool, Hartmetz), 38:28

3rd: USA: Daley (Amelkovich, Manion), 45:29

Penalties: USA 4-8, CZE 6-12 Power Plays: USA 1-6, CZE 1-4

Saves: USA - Birrittieri (4-6-5--15): 60:00
CZE - Chmelarova (8----8): 20:00
Ortova (--20-16--36): 40:00

Shots: USA 12-24-17--53; CZE 4-7-5--16
Officials: Refs - Jennifer Berezowski, Reica Staiger
Linespersons - Helina Anttila, Kamila Smetkova

Notes: Jane Daley was named the U.S. Player of the Game ... **Bianca Birrittieri** made 15 saves in net. It marked her first career Under-18 Women's World Championship win ... **Jane Daley** recorded a hat trick, her second consecutive.

USA vs. Hungary • Quarterfinal Round • Game Four

United States	6	3	0	—	9
Hungary	0	0	0	—	0

1st: USA: Daley (Amelkovich, Averill), 5:36
USA: McLaughlin, 6:36
USA: Pohl (Miller), 11:32
USA: Gnetz (Box, Sander), 13:28
USA: Gnetz (McCool, Box), 13:39
USA: Pohl (Hansen), 14:57

2nd: USA: Stepnowski, 21:24
USA: Daley, 28:12
USA: Hansen (Pohl, Hartmetz), PPG, 35:09

3rd: No Scoring

Penalties: USA 6-12, HUN 2-4 Power Plays: USA 1-2, HUN 0-6

Saves: USA - Birrittieri (3-2-3--8): 60:00
HUN - Csordas (19-14-14--47): 60:00

Shots: USA 25-17-14--56; HUN 3-2-3--8
Officials: Refs - Anna Kuroda, Reica Staiger, Anna Hammar
Linespersons - Helina Anttila, Kamila Smetkova

Notes: Emily Pohl was named the U.S. Player of the Game ... **Jane Daley** recorded two goals, to bring her total for the tournament to 11, tying the IIHF single-tournament record ... **Bianca Birrittieri** recorded eight saves in her first career shutout.

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USA vs. Sweden • Semifinal Round • Game Five

United States	2	5	2	—	9
Sweden	0	0	1	—	1

1st: USA: Averill, 3:56
USA: Pohl (Hansen, Averill), PPG, 14:51
2nd: USA: McLaughlin (Hartmetz, Scalese), 26:59
USA: Daley (Taylor, Amelkovich), PPG, 28:05
USA: Averill (Hartmetz, Pohl), PPG, 31:18
USA: Pohl (Hansen, Stepnowski), 33:38
USA: Kimbrel (Amelkovich, Daley), 39:16
3rd: SWE: Grillfors (Westerlind, Akerlund), PPG, 43:03
USA: Hansen (Averill), 44:25
USA: Stepnowski (Pohl), 53:52

Penalties: USA 3-6, SWE 6-35 Power Plays: USA 3-5, SWE 1-2

Saves: USA - Birritteri (7-3-6--16): 60:00

SWE - Engelin (12-13--25): 40:00

Holmberg (---7--7): 20:00

Shots: USA 14-18-9--41; SWE 7-3-7--17

Officials: Refs - Anna Hammar, Sydney Harris

Linespersons - Lara Fischer, Erika Greenen

Notes: **Annabelle Lovell** was named the U.S. Player of the Game ...
Jane Daley, **Kylie Amelkovich** and **Maggie Averill** were named Team USA's three best players of the tournament ... **Jane Daley's** second period goal was her 12th of the tournament, setting a new IIHF single-tournament record for goals, breaking Haley Skarupa's record of 11 set in 2012.

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PLAYER STATISTICS BY TEAM

As of SAT 17 JAN 2026
Including Game 18

USA - United States

Playing Statistics

No.	Name	Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-	GWG	PPG	SHG	SOG	SG%	TM	M/G	TSh	AT/S
2	AVERILL Margaret	D	5	6	8	14	2	+18	0	1	0	26	23.08	102:37	20:31	110	0:55
3	MILLER Mia	D	4	0	3	3	0	+6	0	0	0	3	0.00	39:19	9:49	42	0:56
4	DECOURCEY Ava	D	1	0	1	1	0	+1	0	0	0	3	0.00	9:39	9:39	12	0:48
5	SANDER Kateryna	D	5	0	3	3	4	+13	0	0	0	5	0.00	67:33	13:30	85	0:47
6	HARTMETZ Sloane	D	5	1	4	5	6	+6	0	1	0	20	5.00	90:20	18:04	99	0:54
7	POHL Emily	F	5	5	9	14	0	+13	2	1	0	13	38.46	64:22	12:52	76	0:50
9	TAYLOR Chyna	D	5	0	10	10	0	+17	0	0	0	11	0.00	102:14	20:26	104	0:58
10	DALEY Jane	F	5	12	5	17	2	+17	2	3	1	33	36.36	83:38	16:43	98	0:51
11	AMELKOVICH Kylie	F	5	2	12	14	4	+16	0	1	0	14	14.29	87:09	17:25	98	0:53
14	HANSEN Talla	F	5	6	6	12	0	+12	0	3	0	16	37.50	65:18	13:03	74	0:52
17	KIMBREL Madelyn	F	5	2	1	3	0	+12	1	0	0	24	8.33	77:43	15:32	92	0:50
18	BROMLEY Lily	F	3	1	0	1	0	+4	0	0	0	2	50.00	17:11	5:43	21	0:49
20	GNETZ Alaina	F	5	5	2	7	2	+7	0	0	0	22	22.73	71:58	14:23	77	0:56
22	SCALESE Christina	F	5	2	3	5	2	+9	0	1	0	13	15.38	77:35	15:31	94	0:49
24	McCOOL Catherine	F	4	0	2	2	2	+3	0	0	0	12	0.00	45:46	11:26	51	0:53
25	LOVELL Annabelle	F	5	3	2	5	8	+9	0	0	0	14	21.43	78:57	15:47	93	0:50
27	BOX Haley	F	5	0	5	5	2	+4	0	0	0	8	0.00	43:29	8:41	53	0:49
28	MANION Taylee	D	5	0	3	3	0	+18	0	0	0	13	0.00	92:57	18:35	98	0:56
29	STEPNOWSKI Lindsay	F	5	5	3	8	4	+13	0	0	0	20	25.00	64:31	12:54	72	0:53
30	STICKNEY Morgan	GK	5	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00				
31	BIRRIERTIERI Bianca	GK	5	0	1	1	0		0	0	0	0	0.00				
35	WIELENBERG Cecilia	GK	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00				
37	McLAY Addison	D	5	0	2	2	0	+6	0	0	0	9	0.00	84:25	16:53	93	0:54
38	RUPP Bailey	F	3	1	1	2	0	+2	0	0	0	6	16.67	26:00	8:40	28	0:55
78	McLAUGHLIN Jillian	F	5	3	1	4	0	+8	0	0	0	9	33.33	69:27	13:53	80	0:52

Goalkeeping Statistics

No.	Name	GPT	GKD	GPI	MIP	MIP%	GA	SVS	SOG	SVS%	GAA	SO	W	L
30	STICKNEY Morgan	5	5	2	120:00	40.00	0	12	12	100.00	0.00	2	2	0
31	BIRRIERTIERI Bianca	5	5	3	180:00	60.00	2	39	41	95.12	0.67	1	3	0
35	WIELENBERG Cecilia	5	0	0	0:00	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0	0	0

Legend:

+/- Plus/minus net	A Assists	AT/S Average time per shift
D Defender	F Forward	G Goals
GA Goals against	GAA Goals against as average per 60 minutes	GK Goalkeeper
GKD Goalkeeper dressed	GP Number of games played	GPI Games played in
GPT Number of games played by team	GWG Game winning goals	L Number of games lost
MIP Minutes and seconds played	MIP% MIP as percentage	M/G Minutes per game
No. Jersey number	PIM Penalties in minutes	Pos. Position on team
PPG Power play goals	PTS Points	SG% Percentage of goals from total shots
SHG Shorthanded goals	SO Shutouts	SOG Shots on goal
SVS Saves	SVS% SVS as percentage of total SOG	TM Total minutes played
TSh Total shifts played	W Number of games won	