



# 2023-24 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2023 IPH CUP | OSTRAVAR ARENA | OSTRAVA, CZECHIA

SEMIFINAL ROUND GAME • USA (3-0-0-0) VS. CZECHIA (0-1-0-2) • SATURDAY, OCT. 7, 2023 • 12:00 P.M. ET • OSTRAVAR ARENA

## TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team will take on Czechia here today in the semifinals of the 2023 IPH Cup.

Puck drop is set for 12:00 p.m. ET at the Ostravar Arena in Ostrava, Czechia. The game will be streamed live [here](#).

Team USA enters the game as the top seed, finishing the preliminary round with a 3-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record. Czechia currently stands at 0-1-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L).

These two teams have faced off in 12 contests all-time, with the U.S. holding a record of 11-0-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L).

## TALKING POINTS

### LAST TIME OUT

The U.S. and Czechia last faced off on Thursday in the final preliminary round game of the IPH Cup, with Team USA skating to a 4-1 victory. Forward **David Eustace** (Stoneham, Mass.) was named player of the game, tallying one goal.

### NATIONAL TEAM DEBUTS

**Liam Cunningham** (River Falls, Wis.) and **Daniel Malloy** (Bowie, Md.) are both making their U.S. National Sled Team debuts at the IPH Cup. Both skated with the U.S. Men's Development Sled Team in 2022-23.

### PARA SPORT AWARDS

The gold medal-winning 2022 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, as well as alternate captain, **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.), took home awards at the 2023 IPC Para Sport Awards in Manama, Bahrain in September.

The IPC honored the U.S. Paralympic Hockey Sled Team with the Para Sport Best Team Award. At the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games in Beijing, China, the squad skated to a 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, outscoring its opponents 30-1 over four contests.

Farmer, who received the Para Sport Award for Best Male Winter Athlete, led all skaters in assists (11) and points (18) in Beijing, both of which are Paralympic records. The forward also tallied seven goals on his way to his third Paralympic gold medal. Farmer is the first sled hockey athlete to ever receive an individual Para Sport Award.

### WHO'S BACK?

Highlighting the group of returnees are **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.), **Travis Dodson** (Deming, N.M.), **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.), **Jack Wallace** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) and **Jen Lee** (San Francisco, Calif.).

Pauls, in his 16th season with the team and sixth as captain, is a four-time Paralympic gold medalist, as well as a six-time world champion. Alternate captain Farmer, the all-time leader in goals (144), assists (114) and points (258) for the U.S. National Sled Team, is in his 12th season. Fellow alternate captain Dodson enters his seventh campaign after setting career-best marks in goals (10), assists (10) and points (20) in 2022-23.

Roybal, a three-time Paralympic gold medalist and four-time world champion, returns for his 11th year after becoming just the second player in team history to reach 200 career points last season. He's joined by defenseman Wallace, who is returning for an eighth season after tallying a career-high 32 points (12g, 20a) in 2022-23. A three-time Paralympic gold medalist and three-time world champion, goaltender Lee is back for his 11th season between the pipes.

## BROADCAST DETAILS

All IPH Cup games will be live streamed [here](#) on the Czechia Para Hockey YouTube.

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)/RESULTS
MON., OCT. 2	TEAM IPH	W, 6-0
TUES., OCT. 3	CANADA	W, 6-1
THURS., OCT. 5	CZECHIA	W, 4-1
SAT., OCT. 7	CZECHIA	12:00 P.M.
SUN., OCT. 8	CHAMPIONSHIP/THIRD-PLACE	9:00 A.M./12:00 P.M.

## TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS

TOURNAMENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
2023 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	CZE	5-0-0-0
2023 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	CZE	4-1-0-0
2022 IPH Cup	USA	CAN	IPH	5-0-0-0
2022 Paralympics	USA	CAN	CHN	4-0-0-0
2021 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RPC	4-0-0-1
2019 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2019 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	KOR	4-1-0-0
2018 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2018 Paralympics	USA	CAN	KOR	4-1-0-0
2018 Turin Para Hockey	USA	ITA	NOR	5-0-0-0
2017 (Dec.) WSHC	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2017 Sled Worlds	CAN	USA	KOR	6-0-0-1
2017 (Jan.) WSHC	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 IPC Pan-Pacific	USA	CAN	KOR	5-0-0-0
2016 WSHC	USA	CAN	RUS	4-0-1-0
2015 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RUS	5-0-0-0
2015 WSHC	USA	RUS	CAN	4-1-0-0
2014 Paralympics	USA	RUS	CAN	4-0-0-1
TOTAL				83-4-1-1

## LEADING TEAM USA

**David Hoff** (Bottineau, N.D.) is in his sixth season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. In March of 2023, Hoff was named the 2022 Paralympic Coach of the Year by the USOPC. USA Hockey's Northern Plains District Coach-In-Chief, Hoff led the U.S. to an unprecedented fourth straight gold medal at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games. In his debut season as bench boss, Hoff coached Team USA to a 10-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, including an undefeated 4-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) mark at the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, Czech Republic. He added a second world championship gold medal to his resume after guiding Team USA to a top-of-the-podium finish at the 2021 IPC Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, its record fifth gold medal in world championship history. In his Paralympic debut in 2022, Hoff led Team USA to a perfect 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record and the gold medal. In 2023, Hoff led team USA to an unbeaten 16-2-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, capped off by winning his third world championship.

**Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), who has helped the U.S. capture the gold medal in the last four Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018, 2022), is serving as captain of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. Pauls is in his 16th season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his seventh as team captain.

## MEDIA INFORMATION

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

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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Seamus Kelley, who will be on-site with Team USA in Ostrava, Czechia



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## 2023-24 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
<b>GOALTENDERS (2)</b>						
29	Griffin LaMarre	5-10 (178)	165 (75)	11/10/1996	Haverhill, Mass.	Northeast Passage Wildcats
32	Jen Lee	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	07/26/1986	San Francisco, Calif.	San Antonio Rampage
<b>DEFENSEMEN (5)</b>						
8	Jack Wallace	6-4 (193)	210 (95)	06/24/1998	Franklin Lakes, N.J.	Nashville Sled Preds
17	Chris Douglas	5-9 (175)	150 (68)	05/17/1990	Saint Cloud, Fla.	Florida Banditses
25	Daniel Malloy	5-5 (165)	120 (54)	07/10/2001	Bowie, Md.	Northeast Passage Wildcats
27	Josh Pauls	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	12/31/1992	Green Brook, N.J.	DASA St. Louis Blues
37	David Eustace	6-1 (185)	155 (70)	05/03/1999	Stoneham, Mass.	Northeast Passage Wildcats
<b>FORWARDS (13)</b>						
4	Brody Roybal	3-1 (94)	120 (54)	05/25/1998	Northlake, Ill.	Nashville Sled Preds
9	Travis Dodson	4-0 (122)	150 (68)	02/14/1985	Deming, N.M.	Nashville Sled Preds
10	Brett Bolton	5-7 (170)	154 (70)	04/08/2006	Rockledge, Fla.	Space Coast Blast
13	Rob Easley	6-0 (183)	165 (75)	08/11/1986	Denver, Colo.	Colorado Avalanche
14	Ben Musselman	5-6 (168)	125 (57)	03/03/2001	Amelia, Ohio	Ohio United
15	Kyle Zych	5-9 (175)	165 (75)	12/09/1996	South Hadley, Mass.	Northeast Passage Wildcats
16	Declan Farmer	6-0 (183)	135 (61)	11/05/1997	Tampa, Florida	Colorado Avalanche
18	Evan Nichols	5-7 (170)	130 (59)	07/29/2004	Haymarket, Va.	Pittsburgh Mighty Penguins
19	Malik Jones	5-7 (170)	162 (73)	12/06/2002	Aurora, Colo.	Colorado Avalanche
22	Noah Grove	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	05/01/1999	Frederick, Md.	Boston Bruins
24	Josh Misiewicz	6-0 (183)	170 (77)	06/25/1988	La Grange, Ill.	Chicago Blackhawks
26	Liam Cunningham	5-11 (180)	160 (73)	03/05/2008	River Falls, Wis.	Minnesota Wild
88	Kevin McKee	4-7 (140)	115 (52)	02/11/1990	Davenport, Iowa	Chicago Blackhawks

### TEAM STAFF

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

## 2023 IPH CUP GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET)/RESULT		TEAM IPH	CANADA	CZECHIA	CZECHIA	TOTALS
No	Name	W, 6-0	W, 6-1	W, 4-1	12:00 P.M. ET	2023 IPH CUP
		10/2	10/3	10/5	10/7	
4	Brody Roybal	A	GGA	G	--	3 - 2 -- 5
8	Jack Wallace	G*GS	G	GA	--	5 - 1 -- 6
9	Travis Dodson	--	A	A	--	0 - 2 -- 2
10	Brett Bolton	--	A	--	--	0 - 1 -- 1
13	Rob Easley	A	--	--	--	0 - 1 -- 1
14	Ben Musselman	--	G	--	--	1 - 0 -- 1
16	Declan Farmer	GG	G*GAA	G*	--	5 - 2 -- 7
17	Chris Douglas	G	A	--	--	1 - 1 -- 2
18	Evan Nichols	--	--	A	--	0 - 1 -- 1
19	Malik Jones	--	A	A	--	0 - 2 -- 2
22	Noah Grove	A	A	A	--	0 - 3 -- 3
24	Josh Misiewicz	--	--	--	--	0 - 0 -- 0
25	Daniel Malloy	--	--	--	--	0 - 0 -- 0
26	Liam Cunningham	--	--	A	--	0 - 1 -- 1
27	Josh Pauls	--	AA	A	--	0 - 3 -- 3
37	David Eustace	A	--	G	--	1 - 1 -- 2
88	Kevin McKee	A*	--	--	--	0 - 1 -- 1
29	Griffin LaMarre	--	W	--	--	--
32	Jen Lee	W	--	W	--	--

Key: G - goal S - shorthanded goal G\* - game-winning goal W - Goaltender Win  
 A - assist P\* - penalty shot A\* - assist on game-winning goal DNP - did not play  
 # - U.S. Player of the Game DND - did not dress

## 2023-24 U.S. ROSTER DETAILS

### CAREER SKATER STATISTICS ENTERING 2023-24

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	HOME STATES	BIRTH YEARS
4	Brody Roybal	F	117	105	101	206	54	California	1985
8	Jack Wallace	D	65	37	43	80	65	Colorado	1986
9	Travis Dodson	F	53	18	18	36	8	Florida	1988
10	Brett Bolton	F	14	2	2	4	2	Illinois	1990
13	Rob Easley	F	10	3	5	8	0	Iowa	1992
14	Ben Musselman	F	14	7	7	14	8	Maryland	1996
15	Kyle Zych	F	24	4	6	10	4	Massachusetts	1997
16	Declan Farmer	F	125	144	114	258	52	New Jersey	1998
17	Chris Douglas	D	59	6	17	23	20	New Mexico	1999
18	Evan Nichols	F	19	9	13	22	0	Ohio	2001
19	Malik Jones	F	22	13	9	22	0	Virginia	2002
22	Noah Grove	F	59	14	30	44	4	Wisconsin	2004
24	Josh Misiewicz	F	55	29	46	75	28		2006
27	Josh Pauls	D	182	56	100	156	26		2008
37	David Eustace	D	32	9	11	20	10		
88	Kevin McKee	F	143	50	76	126	43		

\*Made national team debuts this season

### CAREER GOALTENDER STATISTICS ENTERING 2023-24

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-OTW-OTL-L-T	GA	SVS	GAA	SV%
29	Griffin LaMarre	8	270:00	6-0-0-0-0	6	29	.88	0.853
32	Jen Lee	44	1456:42	27-1-0-1-0	17	150	0.53	0.932

**Average Height:** 5'6"  
**Average Weight:** 146  
**Oldest Player:** Travis Dodson (38 years, 6 months)  
**Youngest Player:** Liam Cunningham (15 years, 5 months)  
**Average Age:** 27 years

