

U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2016 IPC Sled Hockey Pan-Pacific Championship

USA (1-0-0-0) vs. Canada (1-0-0-0) Preliminary Round Game #2

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TONIGHT'S GAME

The United States takes on Canada at HARBORCENTER (capacity: 1,800) in its second preliminary round game here tonight at the 2016 IPC Sled Hockey Pan-Pacific Championship. The game will be streamed live on Paralympic.org/Buffalo-2016.

USA VS. CANADA

The U.S. and Canada meet for the third time this season with both previous meetings needing extra time to decide a winner.

On Jan. 20, the U.S. fell to Canada in a shootout, 3-2, in the preliminary round of the 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge. In a rematch in the championship game, the U.S. topped Canada, 3-2, in overtime.

For more information on the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team's series vs. Canada, visit page 4.

LAST GAME: USA 8, Team Pan-Pacific 0

Declan Farmer tallied four points and **Bo Reichenbach** stopped all five shots he faced as the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team blanked Team Pan-Pacific, 8-0, to open tournament play. Five different player scored in the victory and Farmer was named the U.S. Player of the Game. For a complete game recap and video, visit teamusa.usahockey.com.

PAGE LEADS U.S. RECORD CHASERS

Last night, U.S. forward **Adam Page** scored his 35th and 36th career goals to tie him with former national team member, **Taylor Lipsett**, for most career goals. Additionally, forward **Declan Farmer** ranks tied for second all-time with 34 career goals.

Farmer is also two goals away from tying the single-season goals record, 11, currently held by Lipsett and **Alexi Salamone**. Also, **Kevin McKee** needs four assists to set the new single-season assists record, currently held by line-mate **Brody Roybal** who tallied 13 last season.

YOUNGSTERS LEADING THE CHARGE

Declan Farmer's four points last night pushed his team-leading point total to 17 (9-8) through six games this season. His nine goals also lead the team and his eight assists are tied for second. Farmer's line-mate, **Kevin McKee**, notched a pair of assists yesterday for his team-leading 10 assists through six games.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 29 Preliminary Round vs. Team Pan-Pacific W. 8-0 Wednesday, March 30 Preliminary Round vs. Canada 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 1 **Preliminary Round** vs. Korea 7:0₀ p.m. Saturday, Apr2 Third Place/Championship TBD 1:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.

All times Eastern. All games will be streamed live on Paralympic.org/Buffal

ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

Four teams are competing in the first-ever IPC Sled Hockey Pan-Pacific Championship: Canada, Korea, Team Pan-Pacific and the United States. Team Pan-Pacific is comprised of players from Canada, Japan and the United States. Tournament play includes a round-robin preliminary round in which the top two teams will advance to a winner-take-all championship game on Saturday, April 2.

CAPTAIN AMERICA

Josh Sweeney is serving as captain for the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team for the second consecutive season. Also returning are alternate captains **Nikko Landeros** and **Josh Pauls**. A year ago, the trio led Team USA to an undefeated season and a gold medal on home ice at the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York.

LEADING THE WAY

Jeff Sauer, former men's ice hockey head coach at the University of Wisconsin and 2014 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, is in his fifth season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team, Last season, Sauer led Team USA to an undefeated 12-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that culminated with a gold medal at the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship here in Buffalo, New York. Since taking the helm in 2011, Sauer has guided Team USA to a 45-4-2-11 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that includes reaching the championship game of every major international competition and titles in six major international events, including the 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia; the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York: the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alberta; the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia: the 2012 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Calgary, Alberta; and the 2012 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Hamar, Norway.





2016 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

		PAN-PACIFIC 7pm ET	CANADA 7pm ET	KOREA 7pm ET	TBD TBD
No	Name	3/29	3/30	4/1	4/2
4	Brody Roybal	GGA			
5	Billy Hanning				
6	Luke McDermott	Α			
11	Tyler Carron				
13	Josh Sweeney (C)	P/WA			
14	Dan McCoy				
15	Nikko Landeros (A)	U			
16	Declan Farmer `´	GGAA#			
<u>17</u>	Chris Douglas				
19	Kevin McKee	AA			
20	Adam Page	GG			
<u>23</u>	Rico Roman				
24	Josh Misiewicz				
27	Josh Pauls (A)	A*A			
28	Paul Schaus (
1	Bo Reichenbach	W (45:00) 5/5			
34	Steve Cash	DNP			

= Team USA's Player of the Game

Key: G-goal; S-shorthanded goal; P-powerplay goal; U-unassisted goal; W-game-winning goal; A-assist; asterik-assist on game-winning goal; DND-did not dress; DNP-did not play

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	Team USA	<u>a Iourr</u>	<u>iame</u>	ent S	<u>stati</u>	<u>STICS</u>		
NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	Α	PTS	PIM	NO
4	Brody Roybal	F	1	2	1	3	0	4
5	Billy Hanning	D	1	0	0	0	0	5
6	Luke McDermo	tt F	1	0	1	1	0	6
11	Tyler Carron	D	1	0	0	0	0	11
13	Josh Sweeney	F	1	1	1	2	0	13
14	Dan McCoy	F	1	0	0	0	0	14
15	Nikko Landeros	s D	1	1	0	1	2	15
16	Declan Farmer	F	1	2	2	4	0	16
17	Chris Douglas	F	1	0	0	0	0	17
19	Kevin McKee	F	1	0	2	2	0	19
20	Adam Page	F	1	2	0	2	0	20
23	Rico Roman	D	1	0	0	0	0	23
24	Josh Misiewicz	F	1	0	0	0	0	24
27	Josh Pauls	D	1	0	2	2	0	27
28	Paul Schaus	F	1	0	0	0	0	28
	Overall Te	eam Go	alte	nde	r Re	cord		
NO.	NAME (SP MIN	W-L	GA	SV	GAA	SV%	NC
1	Bo Reichenbach 1	45:00	1-0	0	5	0.00	1.00	1
34	Steve Cash C	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	34

	2015-16 Te	<u>am</u>	USA	Sea	son	Sta	tistic	<u>s</u>
NO.	PLAYER		POS.	GP	G	Α	PTS	PIM
4	Brody Roybal		F	6	6	8	14	2
5	Billy Hanning		D	6	0	2	2	2
6	Luke McDerm	ott	F	6	0	1	1	0
11	Tyler Carron		D	6	1	0	1	0
13	Josh Sweeney	/	F	6	1	2	3	0
14	Dan McCoy		F	6	1	1	2	0
15	Nikko Landero	s	D	6	2	2	4	4
16	Declan Farme	r	F	6	9	8	17	0
17	Chris Douglas		F	6	0	0	0	0
19	Kevin McKee		F	6	2	10	12	0
20	Adam Page		F	6	2	1	3	2
23	Rico Roman		D	6	0	0	0	0
24	Josh Misiewicz	Z	F	1	0	0	0	0
27	Josh Pauls		D	6	3	7	10	2
28	Paul Schaus		F	6	1	0	1	6
Overall Team Goaltender Record								
NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-L	GA	SV	GAA	SV%
1	Bo Reichenbach	3	67:04	1-0	0	9	0	1.00
34	Steve Cash	5	215:27	4-1	8	46	1.67	.852





SEEKING FIFTH STRAIGHT INT'L TITLE

A victory this week would give the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team its fifth straight international tournament title. Team USA, which aims to reach its 10th straight international championship game, has claimed the 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, in January; the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York; the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alberta; and the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

TEAM USA IN LAST 10 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Year	Tournament	Finish
2016	World Sled Hockey Challenge	First
2015	IPC Sled Hockey World Championship	Gold
2015	World Sled Hockey Challenge	First
2014	Paralympic Winter Games	Gold
2013	World Sled Hockey Challenge	Second
2013	IPC Sled Hockey World Championship	Silver
2012	World Sled Hockey Challenge	First
2012	IPC Sled Hockey World Championship	Gold
2011	World Sled Hockey Challenge (Nov.)	Second
2011	World Sled Hockey Challenge (Apr.)	Third

2016 WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team opened the 2016 campaign by claiming the 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. After outscoring opponents 16-6 in preliminary round play, the U.S. defeated Russia, 2-1, the semifinals and went on to face Canada in the championship game where **Josh Pauls** scored the championship-clinching goal for the second consecutive year. The title gave Team USA back-to-back titles in the event for the first time and third overall title in the last four tries. Forward **Declan Farmer** finished as the tournament leader in goals (7) and points (13) while **Kevin McKee** led all skaters in assists (8).



COACH SERTICH JOINS TEAM USA

Mike Sertich, who coached at the University of Minnesota-Duluth (1982-2000) and Michigan Tech University (2000-03), joined the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team here in Buffalo yesterday (March 29). A longtime friend and coaching rival of Team USA head coach Jeff Sauer, Sertich will be with the team throughout the tournament providing additional support to the Team USA coaching staff.

TEAM USA VISITS SABRES LOCKERROOM

On Monday (March 28), the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team received a tour of the Buffalo Sabres' locker room at First Niagara Center. This is the second consecutive year a professional sports team in Buffalo has hosted Team USA after the Buffalo Bills welcomed the team to a spring practice last April.

COACH PAULS

Last week, U.S. National Sled Hockey Team alternate captain **Josh Pauls** was a guest camp coach at USA Hockey's National Team Development Program Evaluation Camp at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan. The camp, which helps select the 2016-17 U.S. National Under-17 Team, included 48 of the top American hockey players born in 2000.

PAGE VISITS KNOXVILLE'S NEW PROGRAM

Buffalo native and Team USA member **Adam Page** visited Knoxville, Tennessee, on March 19 to take part in a free sled hockey clinic with the Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association (KAHA). KAHA has been chosen as one of ten programs across the country to receive a \$25,000 grant as part of Labatt USA's "Pass It Forward" initiative to help create new sled hockey programs across the country.

RECAPPING LAST SEASON

The 2014-15 campaign saw Team USA go undefeated (12-1-0-0/W-OTW-OTL-L) and end the season as world champions on home ice. After defeating Russia, 2-1, in overtime to win the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alberta, the U.S. outscored its opponents 29-1 while going a perfect 5-0 to claim the gold medal at the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship. The U.S. finished both tournaments as leaders in goals per game, goals against per game, power play percentage and shutouts. In 13 games, Team USA scored 59 goals, allowed just six goals and set 12 team records to finish the season undefeated for the second time in team history. **Declan Farmer** paced all skaters in goals (10) and points (21) and goaltender Steve Cash finished with a career-best 0.45 goals against average and .950 save percentage.





TEAM USA RESULTS VS. CANADA Since 2010-11 Season

Date	Event	Round	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA
10/14/10	2010 Toronto Series	Game 1			OTL		1	2
10/15/10	2010 Toronto Series	Game 2		OTW			2	1
10/16/10	2010 Toronto Series	Game 3			OTL		0	1
11/11/10	Three Nation Exhibition Series	Round Robin				L	0	2
3/11/11	2011 Japan Para Ice Sledge Hockey Championships	Round Robin				L	1	2
4/18/11	2011 (Apr.) World Sled Hockey Challenge	Preliminary				L	1	3
11/30/11	2011 (Nov.) World Sled Hockey Challenge	Preliminary				L	1	3
12/3/11	2011 (Nov.) World Sled Hockey Challenge	Championship Game				L	1	4
2/23/12	2012 Amherst Series	Game 1		OTW			3	2
2/24/12	2012 Amherst Series	Game 2				L	1	3
2/25/12	2012 Amherst Series	Game 3				L	1	5
3/29/12	2012 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships	Semifinals	W				2	1
12/5/12	2012 World Sled Hockey Challenge	Preliminary				L	1	2
12/8/12	2012 World Sled Hockey Challenge	Championship Game	W				1	0
2/14/13	2013 Rockland Series	Game 1	W				2	0
2/15/13	2013 Rockland Series	Game 2				L	0	2
2/16/13	2013 Rockland Series	Game 3	W				2	1
4/20/13	2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships	Gold Medal Game				L	0	1
12/4/13	2013 World Sled Hockey Challenge	Preliminary				L	1	4
12/7/13	2013 World Sled Hockey Challenge	Championship Game				L	1	3
1/9/14	2014 Charlotte Series	Game 1				L	1	4
1/10/14	2014 Charlotte Series	Game 2	W				2	1
1/11/14	2014 Charlotte Series	Game 3	W				3	1
3/13/14	2014 Paralympic Winter Games	Semifinals	W				3	0
2/4/15	2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge	Preliminary	W				2 2	0
3/26/15	2015 Charlotte Series	Game 1	W				2	0
3/27/15	2015 Charlotte Series	Game 2	W				3	1
3/28/15	2015 Charlotte Series	Game 3	W				2	0
5/3/15	2015 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships	Gold Medal Game	W				3	0
1/21/16	2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge	Preliminary			OTL		2	3
1/23/16	2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge	Championship Game		OTW			3	2_
TOTALS			12	3	3	13	48	54

LABATT USA'S PASS IT FORWARD INITIATIVE

On November 5, 2015, USA Hockey unveiled the 10 sled hockey programs that will equally share \$250,000 in grants provided by Labatt USA through its Pass it Forward initiative. The funding will assist five newly created programs this year and five other previously established USA Hockey sled programs. Each of the 10 programs will receive \$25,000 to be used for items such as sleds, stick, ice time and uniforms.

Of the 10 programs selected by USA Hockey, five are new for this season. U.S. National Sled Hockey Team captain **Josh Sweeney** is leading the creation of the Winterhawks Sled Hockey Program in Portland, Oregon, while U.S. National Sled Hockey



team members Steve Cash, Billy Hanning and Josh Pauls are members of the DASA St. Louis Blues organization in St. Louis, Missouri. Additionally, Team USA doctor, Mike Uihlein, is overseeing the newly created program in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

GRANT WINNING PROGRAMS

Boston Shamrocks Sled Hockey (Boston, Mass.)
Eagle Mount-Great Falls (Great Falls, Mont.)
DASA St. Louis Blues (St. Louis, Mo.)
Hero Sports (Sioux Falls, S.D.)
Palm Beach Tiger Sharks Sled Hockey (Lake Worth, Fla.)
Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association (Knoxville, Tenn.)
Rochester Sled Hockey (Rochester, Minn.)
Rochester Sled Hockey Organization (Rochester, N.Y.)
Winterhawks Sled Hockey (Portland, Ore.)
WASA Lightning Sled Hockey Team (Milwaukee, Wis.)







NUMERICAL ROSTER

13 Josh Sweeney Forward 14 Dan McCoy Forward 15 Nikko Landeros Defense 16 Declan Farmer Forward 17 Chris Douglas Forward 19 Kevin McKee Forward 20 Adam Page Forward 23 Rico Roman Defense 24 Josh Misiewicz Forward 27 Josh Pauls Defense 28 Paul Schaus Forward	
28 Paul Schaus Forward 34 Steve Cash Goaltende	r

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Home States	•		Birth Year	
Illinois	3	1988		3
New York	3	1989		3
Colorado	2	1987		2
Florida	2	1990		2
Missouri	2	1992		2
Arizona	1	1981		1
Montana	1	1985		1
New Jersey	1	1994		1
Oregon	1	1997		1
Pennsylvania	1	1998		1

Average Age: 25 years, 11 months

Average Height: 5'6" Average Weight: 154 lbs.

Oldest Player: Rico Roman (2/4/81) Youngest Player: Brody Roybal (5/25/98)

TEAM FIRST

Members of Team USA are already teammates on club teams with Buffalo Sabres (Adam Page, Paul Schaus), Colorado Avalanche (Tyler Carron, Nikko Landeros, Bo Reichenbach), DASA St. Louis Blues (Steve Cash, Billy Hanning, Josh Pauls), RIC Blackhawks (Kevin McKee, Brody Roybal) and San Antonio Rampage (Luke McDermott, Rico Roman).

SIX PURPLE HEARTS

Six members of Team USA are Purple Heart recipients. Last year, former Marines Luke McDermott, Josh Misiewicz, Paul Schaus and Josh Sweeney helped Team USA to an undefeated season and the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship. Retired Army staff sergeant Rico Roman is back with the national team after helping Team USA claim gold at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. Additionally, former Navy Seal Bo Reichenbach spent last season as an alternate captain for the U.S. Developmental Sled Hockey Team before being named to his first U.S. National Sled Hockey Team.

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USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

2016 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The U.S. Women's National Team is taking part in the International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship in Kamloops, British Columbia March 28-April 4. All games will be televised on NHL Network. Team USA has captured gold at five of the last six world championships (2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015). For more information and a complete schedule, visit teamusa.usahockey.com.

2016 IIHF U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Grand Forks, North Dakota, is set to host the 2016 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship from April 14-24, 2016. The 10-team event, which features the top players in the world under the age of 18, will be staged at Ralph Engelstad Arena (main venue) and Icon Sports Center (secondary venue). For more information, visit grandforks2016.com.

12TH ANNUAL DISABLED HOCKEY FESTIVAL

The 12th Annual USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival will take place at the Hockeyland Ice Arena in Fraser, Michigan, from April 7-10. The mission of the Festival is to provide a fun and exciting weekend of hockey in a grand event as well as promote and grow disabled hockey throughout the country. Bragging rights will be on the line as Team USA members will take part with their respective clubs. For more information, visit usahockey.com/2016DisabledHockeyFestival.