



2017-18 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2017 WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE | CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., CANADA | DECEMBER 3-9

ROUND ROBIN GAME #2 • USA (1-0-0-0) VS. ITALY (0-0-0-1) • MON., DEC. 4, 2017 • 12:00 P.M. LOCAL • MACLAUGHLIN ARENA (CAPACITY: 1,350)

TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team returns to action today against Italy in its second preliminary round game of the 2017 World Sled Hockey Challenge here in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Puck drop is set for 12:00 p.m. local time (11:00 a.m. ET) and will be streamed in the U.S. on HockeyTV.com with updates also available on Twitter @usahockey with the hashtag #WSHC.

THE SERIES VS. ITALY

The U.S. and Korea are meeting for the sixth time with the U.S. having claimed all five previous matchups.

Most recently, the two teams met at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship in Gangneung, South Korea, where Team USA topped Italy, 9-1. **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) scored three times and 11 other players tallied at least a point in the win.

GOSELIN'S THOUGHT

Reflecting on yesterday's 8-0 victory over Korea, head coach **Guy Gosselin** said, "This was a great team win to get the season started. I think we had contributions from everybody. There was a lot of nervous energy in the locker room but they went out made a pass, got a hit, took a shot, got into it right away and I think they played the full 45. We were able to dictate our style of play and we'll look for this team effort to carry over."

IN GOAL TODAY

Jen Lee (San Francisco, Calif.) is the likely starter for Team USA. Lee was a member of the gold medal-winning 2014 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. His contributions with Team USA include two medals in world championship play (gold: 2012; silver: 2013) and one World Sled Hockey Challenge title (2012). Prior to sled hockey, Lee was a sergeant in the United States Army.

NATIONAL TEAM MILESTONES

Yesterday's victory over Korea saw multiple U.S. players claim personal milestones. In his national team debut, **Travis Dodson** (Deming, N.M.) registered one assist while **Jack Wallace** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.), in his second season with Team USA, registered his first multi-goal game.

2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The 2018 Paralympic Winter Games will take place in PyeongChang, South Korea, from March 9-18, 2018. The U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, which is expected to be named on or around January 1, 2018, will represent the United States in sled hockey. Team USA will play in Group B alongside the Czech Republic, Japan and host South Korea. Group A will include Canada, Italy, Norway and Sweden.

The United States enters the Paralympic Winter Games as two-time defending Paralympic gold medalists. After going undefeated and unscored upon to claim the gold medal at the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, Team USA became the first nation to claim back-to-back Paralympic gold medals in sled hockey when it defeated Russia, 1-0, in the gold-medal game of the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

GOSELIN LEADING TEAM USA

Guy Gosselin (Grafton, Wis.), who led Team USA to a silver medal at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship in Gangneung, South Korea, is serving as head coach of the 2017-18 U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team. Gosselin previously served as an assistant coach for the gold-medal winning 2014 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team alongside head coach **Jeff Sauer** (Madison, Wis.), who passed away last February.

This is Gosselin's third stint with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. In addition to serving as head coach for Team USA in last year's world championship, Gosselin also worked alongside Sauer as an assistant coach from 2011-15. During his time with Team USA, Gosselin helped the U.S. claim gold medals at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, and the 2012 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Hamar, Norway, as well as a silver medal at the 2013 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Goyang City, South Korea.

A two-time U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team member (1988, 1992) and three-time U.S. Men's National Team member (1986, 1990, 1991), Gosselin is currently a regional manager of USA Hockey's American Development Model. Gosselin played professionally for parts of six seasons, including a stint with the NHL's Winnipeg Jets following the 1988 Olympic Winter Games. The University of Minnesota Duluth graduate played parts of five seasons (1982-87) with the Bulldogs' men's ice hockey team. A 2013 UMD Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, Gosselin helped lead UMD to back-to-back (1984, 1985) Western Collegiate Hockey Association championships and Frozen Four appearances.

LAST GAME

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team topped Korea, 8-0, behind two-goal performances from **Kevin McKee** (Chicago, Ill.) and **Jack Wallace** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) and an eight-save shutout effort by **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.). Wallace received player of the game honors as six U.S. players registered at least one goal. The win was Team USA's eighth straight in World Sled Hockey Challenge play, dating back to the 2016 (Jan.) WSHC.

TEAM USA WSHC SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME (Local/ET)
Sunday, December 3	Round Robin
vs. Korea	W, 8-0
U.S. Player of the Game	Jack Wallace
Monday, December 4	Round Robin
vs. Italy	12:00 p.m./11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 6	Round Robin
vs. Canada	6:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 7	Semifinal
TBD	2:00 p.m./1:00 p.m.
TBD	7:00 p.m./6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 9	Finals
Third Place Game	1:00 p.m./12:00 p.m.
Championship Game	5:00 p.m./4:00 p.m.

All games except the championship game will be streamed live on HockeyTV.com

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All media availability must be arranged through Jon Gomez. All team members, including head coach Guy Gosselin, will be available for post-practice interviews in the designated media area. Other media requests may be submitted through Jon Gomez. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room.

PAULS TO WEAR 'C'; LANDEROS, FARMER TABBED WITH 'A'S

Defenseman **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), a two-time Paralympic gold medalist at the 2010 and 2014 Paralympic Winter Games, is captain of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team for the first time after serving as an alternate captain for three seasons (2014-17). In addition, defenseman **Nikko Landeros** (Johnstown, Colo.) and forward **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) have been named alternate captains for the 2017-18 season. This is the fourth consecutive season Landeros will serve as an alternate captain and the first time Farmer will wear an 'A'.

U.S. NATIONAL SLED TEAM WINS 2017 TEAM USA AWARDS

On Nov. 29, the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team was named the Paralympic Team of the Year by the United States Olympic Committee after registering a 10-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that included an unprecedented third straight World Sled Hockey Challenge title last December and a silver medal at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship in Gangneung, South Korea. On hand to receive the award was last season's captain, **Andy Yohe** (Bettendorf, Iowa).

INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Prior to its silver medal at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship in Gangneung, South Korea, the U.S. had claimed titles in six straight major international events, including the 2016 (Dec.) World Sled Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, P.E.I.; 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship in Buffalo, New York; the 2016 (Jan.) 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; and the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. Since 2011, the U.S. has reached the championship game of every major international event.

2016 (DEC.) WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team won an unprecedented third-consecutive World Sled Hockey Challenge crown in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on December 10. Team USA earned a 4-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record over five games, including a 5-2 victory over Canada in the title game. Team USA outscored its opponents 27-4 over the five-game stretch. The victory saw the U.S. claim its sixth straight major international title, a streak that began at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.



U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES VS. ITALY

2017 WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE DETAILS

2017 WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

KOREA



DEC. 3: USA 8, KOREA 0

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team topped Korea, 8-0, behind two-goal performances from **Kevin McKee** (Chicago, Ill.) and **Jack Wallace** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) and an eight-save shutout effort by **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.). Wallace received player of the game honors.

ITALY



LAST MEETING

USA 9, ITA 1: In round robin play of the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship in Gangneung, South Korea, **Declan Farmer** scored his second hat trick in as many games and 11 other players tallied at least a point as the U.S. topped Italy, 9-1.

CANADA



LAST MEETING

USA 1, CAN 4: Nikko Landeros (Johnstown, Colo.) scored, but the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team lost to Canada, 4-1, to finish with a silver medal at the 2017 Para Sled Hockey World Championship in Gangneung, South Korea. It is the third silver medal in world championship play for Team USA.

SEMIFINAL



LAST MEETING

USA 8, KOR 1: Eight different players provided goals to lead Team USA to an 8-1 win over Korea in last year's 2016 (Dec.) World Sled Hockey Challenge. **Adam Page** netted the game-winner with 3:20 left in the opening period. **Paul Schaus** tallied two points (1-1) and was named U.S. Player of the Game.

CHAMPIONSHIP



LAST MEETING

Last Championship Appearance: The U.S. netted five goals in the second period to defeat Canada, 5-2, in the championship game at the 2016 (Dec.) World Sled Hockey Challenge at MacLauchlan Arena.
U.S. Championship Game Record: 4-2

2017 WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	PTS	GF	GA
United States	1	1	0	0	0	3	8	0
Canada	1	1	0	0	0	3	8	0
Korea	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
Italy	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8

2017 WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT LEADERS

SKATERS

Points	Goals	Assists
Declan Farmer, USA, 4	Brad Bowden, CAN, 3	Declan Farmer, USA, 3
Brad Bowden, CAN, 3	Kevin McKee, USA, 3	Billy Bridges, CAN, 2
Billy Bridges, CAN, 3	Jack Wallace, USA, 3	Adam Dixon, CAN, 2
Adam Dixon, CAN, 3	Jack Wallace, USA, 3	Brody Roybal, USA, 2
Kevin McKee, USA, 3	Multiple with one goal	Multiple with one

GOALTENDERS

Wins	Goals Against Avg.	Save Percentage
Steve Cash, USA, 1	Steve Cash, USA, 0.00	Steve Cash, USA, 1.00
Corbin Watson, CAN, 1	Corbin Watson, CAN, 0.00	Corbin Watson, CAN, 1.00

KEY TEAM USA WSHC STATISTICS

ALL-TIME WSHC FINISHES

Year	Finish	Record*
2016 (Dec.)	First	4-1-0-0
2016 (Jan.)	First	3-1-1-0
2015	First	4-1-0-0
2013	Second	3-0-0-2
2012	First	4-0-0-1
2011 (Nov.)	Second	3-0-0-2
2011 (April)	Third	3-0-0-2
2009	First	2-1-0-2
2008	Third	2-0-0-2
2007	Third	2-0-0-2

* (W-OTW-OTL-L)

ALL-TIME WSHC RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record [^]	GF	GA
Canada	16	3-3-1-9	26	39
Germany	2	2-0-0-0	11	2
Japan	7	7-0-0-0	46	5
Korea	7	7-0-0-0	49	3
Norway	10	7-0-0-3	43	20
Russia	6	5-1-0-0	19	8
TOTAL	48	31-4-1-12	195	78

[^] (W-OTW-OTL-L)

SINGLE WSHC U.S. RECORDS

Statistic	Player	Record (WSHC)
Goals	Declan Farmer	8 (2016 Dec.)
Assists	Declan Farmer	9 (2016 Dec.)
Points	Declan Farmer	17 (2016 Dec.)
GAA	Steve Cash	0.66 (2015)
SV%	Steve Cash	0.936 (2015)

CAREER WSHC U.S. RECORDS

Statistic	Player	Record
Games	Josh Pauls	44
	Adam Page	44
Goals	Declan Farmer	23
Assists	Declan Farmer	30
Points	Declan Farmer	53
Wins	Steve Cash	28
GAA	Bo Reichenbach	0.47
	Jen Lee	0.47
Shutouts	Steve Cash	10
Minutes	Steve Cash	2,003





U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES VS. ITALY

2017-18 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN	CURRENT TEAM
GOALTENDERS (2)						
32	Jen Lee*	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	07/26/1986	San Francisco, Calif.	Chicago Blackhawks
34	Steve Cash^*	5-7 (170)	150 (68)	05/09/1989	Overland, Mo.	DASA St. Louis Blues
DEFENSEMEN (5)						
3	Ralph DeQuebec	5-10 (178)	185 (84)	03/24/1983	San Pedro, Calif.	Colorado Avalanche
11	Tyler Carron^*	6-0 (183)	165 (75)	05/11/1989	Fort Collins, Colo.	Colorado Avalanche
15	Nikko Landeros^* (A)	6-1 (185)	185 (84)	04/28/1989	Johnstown, Colo.	Colorado Avalanche
25	Billy Hanning^	5-10 (178)	160 (73)	04/18/1985	Festus, Mo.	DASA St. Louis Blues
27	Josh Pauls^* (C)	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	12/31/1992	Green Brook, N.J.	DASA St. Louis Blues
FORWARDS (10)						
4	Brody Roybal^*	3-1 (94)	120 (54)	05/25/1998	Northlake, Ill.	Chicago Blackhawks
8	Jack Wallace	6-4 (193)	210 (95)	06/24/1998	Franklin Lakes, N.J.	NJ Freeze
9	Travis Dodson	4-0 (122)	150 (68)	02/14/1985	Deming, N.M.	Chicago Blackhawks
13	Luke McDermott^	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	09/01/1987	Westerlo, N.Y.	Buffalo Sabres
16	Declan Farmer^* (A)	6-0 (183)	135 (61)	11/05/1997	Tampa, Fla.	Tampa Bay Lightning
20	Adam Page^*	5-6 (167)	170 (77)	03/10/1992	Lancaster, N.Y.	Buffalo Sabres
22	Noah Grove	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	05/01/1999	Frederick, Md.	USA Warriors
23	Rico Roman*	5-9 (175)	180 (82)	02/04/1981	Portland, Ore.	Colorado Avalanche
24	Josh Misiewicz^	6-0 (183)	170 (77)	06/25/1988	La Grange, Ill.	Chicago Blackhawks
88	Kevin McKee^*	4-7 (140)	115 (52)	02/11/1990	Chicago, Ill.	Chicago Blackhawks

HOME STATES (10)

California	2
Colorado	2
Florida	1
Illinois	3
Maryland	1
Missouri	2
New Jersey	2
New Mexico	1
New York	2
Oregon	1

BIRTH YEARS

1981	1
1983	1
1985	2
1986	1
1987	1
1988	1
1990	1
1989	3
1992	2
1997	1
1998	2
1999	1

Average Height: 5'3"

Average Weight: 159

Oldest Player: Rico Roman (36 years, 9 months)

Youngest Player: Noah Grove (18 years, 7 months)

Average Age: 27 years, 6 months

TEAM STAFF

General Manager	Dan Brennan (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	Athletic Trainer	Mike Cortese (Boynton Beach, Fla.)
Head Coach	Guy Gosselin (Grafton, Wis.)	Equipment Manager	Scott Aldrich (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Assistant Coach	David Hoff (Bottineau, N.D.)	Team Physician	Mike Uihlein (Grafton, Wis.)
		Communications	Jon Gomez (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

^2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship gold medalist

*2014 Paralympic Winter Games gold medalist

2017-18 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

Local/ET No	Name	KOREA W, 8-0 12/03	ITALY 12 p.m./11 a.m. 12/04	CANADA 6 p.m./5 p.m. 12/06	SEMIFINAL TBD 12/07	FINALS TBD 12/09
3	Ralph DeQuebec	--				
4	Brody Roybal	AA				
8	Jack Wallace	GGA#				
9	Travis Dodson	A				
11	Tyler Carron	G				
13	Luke McDermott	A				
15	Nikko Landeros	--				
16	Declan Farmer	WAAA				
20	Adam Page	GA				
22	Noah Grove	--				
23	Rico Roman	--				
24	Josh Misiewicz	--				
25	Billy Hanning	G				
27	Josh Pauls	A*				
88	Kevin McKee	PGA				
32	Jen Lee	DNP				
34	Steve Cash	W (45:00) 8/8				

Key:

G-goal	P-powerplay goal	DND-did not dress
A-assist	S-shorthanded goal	DNP-did not play
W-game-winning goal	U-unassisted goal	# = Team USA's Player of the Game
A* - assist on game-winning goal		

TEAM USA 2017-18 STATISTICS

TEAM USA CAREER STATISTICS

Skaters							
NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Ralph DeQuebec+	D	1	0	0	0	0
4	Brody Roybal	F	1	0	2	2	2
8	Jack Wallace	F	1	2	1	3	2
9	Travis Dodson+	F	1	0	1	1	0
11	Tyler Carron	D	1	1	0	1	0
13	Luke McDermott	F	1	0	1	1	0
15	Nikko Landeros	D	1	0	0	0	0
16	Declan Farmer	F	1	1	3	4	0
20	Adam Page	F	1	1	1	2	0
22	Noah Grove	F	1	0	0	0	0
23	Rico Roman	F	1	0	0	0	0
24	Josh Misiewicz	F	1	0	0	0	27
25	Billy Hanning	D	1	1	0	1	0
27	Josh Pauls	D	1	0	1	1	0
88	Kevin McKee	F	1	2	1	3	0

Goaltender Statistics							
NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-L	GA	SV	GAA SV%
32	Jen Lee+	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA NA
34	Steve Cash	1	45:00	1-0	0	8	0.00 1.00

Skaters							
NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Ralph DeQuebec#	F	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4	Brody Roybal	F	48	29	39	68	38
8	Jack Wallace	F	11	3	2	5	9
9	Travis Dodson#	F	1	0	1	1	0
11	Tyler Carron	D	91	4	16	20	46
13	Luke McDermott	F	33	3	11	14	10
15	Nikko Landeros	D	112	3	42	75	6
16	Declan Farmer	F	65	59	53	112	22
20	Adam Page	F	142	44	34	77	72
22	Noah Grove	F	11	1	4	5	0
23	Rico Roman	F	77	6	16	22	20
24	Josh Misiewicz	F	18	5	7	12	4
25	Billy Hanning	D	35	2	6	8	8
27	Josh Pauls	D	122	36	40	86	22
88	Kevin McKee	F	88	32	48	80	33

Goaltender Statistics							
NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-L	GA	SV	GAA SV%
32	Jen Lee	7	174	3-0	1	18	0.26 .947
34	Steve Cash	17	6073	97-39	174	1513	1.29 .897

#Making national team debut this season



OTHER TEAM USA TIDBITS

NATIONAL TEAM DEBUTS

Defenseman **Ralph DeQuebec** (San Pedro, Calif.) and forward **Travis Dodson** (Deming, N.M.) are making their debut with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team in Sunday's matchup against Korea. Both players spent the 2016-17 season with the U.S. Development Sled Hockey Team. DeQuebec served as co-captain for the squad. Meanwhile, Dodson is seeking a return to the Paralympic Winter Games after participating in the biathlon event at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi.

FARMER RAKING IN POINTS

Over the last three World Sled Hockey Challenges, forward **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) has found himself atop the statistics leaders.

At the 2016 (Dec.) event, he tallied 17 points (8-9) after pacing all skaters at the 2015 (Jan.) event with 12 points (7-5). In 2015, Farmer became the first U.S. player to lead the tournament in scoring when he tallied nine points (3-6).

Currently, Farmer holds U.S. records in every skater statistic in the World Sled Hockey Challenge, which can be seen on page 2.

FIVE SEEKING PARALYMPIC SLED HOCKEY EXPERIENCE

Five players - **Ralph DeQuebec**, **Travis Dodson**, **Billy Hanning**, **Luke McDermott** and **Josh Misiewicz** - are seeking Paralympic sled hockey debuts. DeQuebec and Dodson are making their national debuts this season, while Hanning, McDermott and Misiewicz have been members of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team since the 2014-15 season.

2017 USA HOCKEY SLED CLASSIC, PRESENTED BY THE NHL

The eighth annual USA Hockey Sled Classic, presented by the NHL, took place in Plymouth, Minnesota from Nov. 16-19. The four-day event was hosted by the Minnesota Wild at the Plymouth Ice Center. The field included a record 28 teams associated with a record 20 NHL clubs.

The Chicago Blackhawks, led by national team players **Travis Dodson**, **Jen Lee**, **Kevin McKee**, **Josh Misiewicz** and **Brody Roybal**, won the Tier I title game by topping the Colorado Avalanche, 7-1. As Tier I champions, the Blackhawks received the inaugural O'Connor Courage Trophy as a symbol of the NHL's commitment to the sled hockey community.

USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

THE TIME IS NOW TOUR, PRESENTED BY TOYOTA

The U.S. Women's National Team will finish the Time Is Now Tour with one more U.S.-Canada game on Dec. 15th in San Jose, Calif. The game will be broadcast live on the NBC Sports Network. Last night, the two teams played in St. Paul, Minnesota, where X skated to a X-X victory.

BOSTON TO HOST 2017 U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

The 2017 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Celebration, which will feature the formal induction of the Class of 2017, will take place Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel. The U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2017 includes **Kevin Collins**, **Jack Parker**, **Ben Smith**, **Ron Wilson** and **Scott Young**. Also honored as part of the celebration will be Lester Patrick Trophy recipients **Peter Lindberg** and **Dave Ogrean**. To date there are 172 honored members. Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be obtained online at USHockeyHallofFame.com.

2018 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP - BUFFALO, N.Y.

The 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship will take place Dec. 26, 2017 - Jan. 5, 2018, at the KeyBank Center and HarborCenter in downtown Buffalo, New York. The U.S. National Junior Team will enter the tournament as the defending gold medalist.

The U.S. and Canada will make history when the two rivals battle outdoors on Dec. 29 in a preliminary round game. The outdoor game, one of 31 total in the 2018 World Juniors, will be staged at New Era Field in Orchard Park, New York, home of the NFL's Buffalo Bills.

Tickets are on sale now at buffaloworldjuniors.com.

2018 U.S. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM

The 2018 U.S. National Junior Team, which will have its preliminary roster named in the coming days, will once again see **Jim Johansson**, assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey, serve as its general manager for the ninth consecutive year.

Bob Motzko (St. Cloud, Minn./St. Cloud State University), who guided the U.S. National Junior Team to its fourth-ever gold medal at the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship in Montreal and Toronto, Canada, is returning as head coach for the 2018 U.S. National Junior Team. Motzko, who led the U.S. to a gold medal in his international head coaching debut, aims to lead the U.S. to back-to-back gold medal finishes for the first time ever. He will be joined by the entire 2017 U.S. coaching staff in assistant coaches **Greg Brown** (Scituate, Mass.), **Grant Potulny** (Grand Forks, N.D.), **Kris Mayotte** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) and **Steve Miller** (Littleton, Colo.).

Overall, the U.S. has captured 10 medals in IIHF World Junior Championship history, including four gold medals (2004, 2010, 2013, 2017), one silver medal (1997) and five bronze medals (1986, 1992, 2007, 2011, 2016).

2018 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

The 2018 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team will be looking for its fourth consecutive gold medal at the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship in Dmitrov, Russia, from Jan. 6-13, 2018.

The 23-player roster, which was announced on Friday (Dec. 1), features seven players that helped the U.S. earn gold last year in Zlin & Prerov, Czech Republic, including **Taylor Heise** (Lake City, Minn.), **Lizi Norton** (Orono, Minn.), **Gracie Ostertag** (Shakopee, Minn.), **Dominique Petrie** (Beverly Hills, Calif.), **Lindsay Reed** (New Vernon, N.J.), **Ally Simpson** (Frisco, Texas) and **Madeline Wethington** (Edina, Minn.). Twenty-one players also participated in the 2017 Under-18 Series vs. Canada last August in Lake Placid, New York.

Overall, the U.S. has captured gold six times (2008, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017) and silver on four occasions (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014).

2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The XXIII Olympic Winter Games will be held in PyeongChang, South Korea, from February 9-25, 2018. Both the Men's and Women's Olympic rosters will be unveiled on January 1, 2018.

Men: The 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team will compete from Feb. 14-25. Team USA's final 25-player roster will be comprised of college players, American Hockey Leaguers, and Americans playing professionally in Europe. **Jim Johansson**, assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey, is the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, while Ben Smith is director of player personnel. **Tony Granato** will serve as head coach and will be joined by assistant coaches **Keith Allain**, **Chris Chelios**, **Ron Rolston** and **Scott Young**. The U.S. Men's Olympic Team has won two gold medals (1960, 1980), eight silver medals (1920, 1924, 1932, 1952, 1956, 1972, 2002, 2010) and one bronze medal (1936) all-time in Olympic competition.

Women: The 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team will compete from Feb. 11-22. **Reagan Carey**, USA Hockey's director of women's hockey, is the general manager of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team, with **Robb Stauber** serving as head coach, **Bret Strot** filling the role of associate head coach and **Paul Mara** tabbed as an assistant coach. Since capturing gold in 1998, the U.S. has won three silver medals (2002, 2010, 2014) and one bronze medal (2006).

11TH HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA

The 11th annual Hockey Weekend Across America will be held March 2-4, 2018. Hockey Week Across America will feature a theme for each of the three days, including Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day on Friday (March 2); Try Hockey Day on Saturday (March 3) and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes Day on Sunday (March 4). Hockey Weekend Across America was created by USA Hockey in 2008 to engage the hockey community in celebrating the sport of hockey at all levels and exposing the sport to new audiences.