



# 2026 U.S. OLYMPIC MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES | MILAN, ITALY

Preliminary Round • USA (2-0-0-0) vs. Germany (1-0-0-1) • Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena • Milan, Italy • Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026

## TONIGHT'S GAME

The U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team faces Germany here tonight in its third and final preliminary round game at the XXV Olympic Winter Games. Team USA is the home team, will wear its white jersey and occupy the left bench from the player's perspective looking onto the ice). Tonight's game will be televised live on USA Network and streamed live on Peacock.

## TALKING POINTS

### USA VS. GERMANY

The U.S. and Germany meet for the 11th time in the Olympic Winter Games here tonight. The U.S. has won nine of the 10 meetings, including in the most recent match-up between the two teams at the 2022 Games in Beijing.

| Date          | Round             | Result |
|---------------|-------------------|--------|
| Feb. 7, 1932  | Round Robin       | W, 7-0 |
| Feb. 10, 1932 | Round Robin       | W, 8-0 |
| Feb. 6, 1936  | Round Robin       | W, 1-0 |
| Feb. 16, 1952 | Round Robin       | W, 8-2 |
| Jan. 31, 1956 | Medal Round       | W, 7-2 |
| Feb. 24, 1960 | Medal Round       | W, 9-1 |
| Feb. 11, 1992 | Pool Play         | W, 2-0 |
| Feb. 26, 1994 | 7th Place Game    | L, 3-4 |
| Feb. 20, 2002 | Quarterfinals     | W, 5-0 |
| Feb. 13, 2022 | Preliminary Round | W, 3-2 |

### OUT TO WIN THE GROUP

With a point of any kind tonight against Germany, Team USA will win Group C and advance directly to Wednesday's (Feb. 18) quarterfinals. If Germany wins tonight's game in regulation, the U.S. can still win the Group if 1) Latvia beats Denmark in regulation and 2) Germany wins by two or fewer goals ... Since this current Olympic format was established in 2010, the U.S. has won its group three times. Team USA rolled to an unbeaten 3-0 mark in 2022, with wins over China (8-0), Canada (4-2) and Germany (3-2) in preliminary round play. The U.S. went 2-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) in 2014 with regulation wins over Slovakia (7-1) and Slovenia (5-1), sandwiched by a 3-2 shootout victory over host Russia, which featured the shootout heroics of T.J. Oshie and goaltending of Jonathan Quick. In 2010, the U.S. was 3-0-0-0, earning regulation wins over Switzerland (3-1), Norway (6-1) and Canada (5-3) in preliminary round play.

### TIDBITS

The U.S. did not skate this morning. It had a team meeting early this afternoon at the Winter House to get set for tonight's contest ... Like after its opening game vs. Latvia, the U.S. arrived back to the Olympic Village following its contest vs. Denmark last night (or early this morning if you prefer) at 1:15 a.m. ... Team USA general manager Bill Guerin spent some time this afternoon talking hockey while walking through the Duomo area of Milan with the crew working on a documentary on the U.S.-Canada rivalry that will air after the Games ... With limited space in the Olympic Village, only the players and medical staff have accommodations in the Village. The coaching staff and other support staff are staying at an off-site hotel. That has meant that Team USA's coaches have traveled from their hotel to either the Village or Winter House to conduct some team meetings ... NBC mic'ed up Taryn Tkachuk during last night's USA-Denmark contest ... Team USA forward Brady Tkachuk is wearing a mic for NBC in tonight's contest.

### LAST TIME OUT

Team USA got points from 13 different players last night in a 6-3 victory over Denmark. The U.S. trailed 2-1 after the opening 20 minutes, but scored five goals in the final two periods, while outshooting the Danes by a 34-14 mark over the last 40 minutes. Jeremy Swayman picked up the win in goal for Team USA with 18 saves. Jack Eichel had a goal and an assist, registered a game-high seven shots on goals and won 12-of-21 faceoffs in a leading role for the U.S. Quinn Hughes played a game-high 23:06 and Team USA won 45 of 67 faceoff in the contest (.672). It was the first-ever meeting between the two nations in the Olympics.

### HELLEBUYCK BACK IN GOAL

Connor Hellebuyck, who backstopped the U.S. to a 5-1 win in its opening game of the Olympic tournament on Thursday (Feb. 12), is back in net tonight. He made 17 saves on 18 shots in his Olympic debut. The three-time Vezina Trophy winner (2020, 2024, 2025), who also won the Hart Trophy last season, played in three of Team USA's four games in last February's 4 Nations Face-Off and was 2-1 with a 1.59 goals against average and .932 save percentage.

### BALANCED ATTACKED

Eight different players have points in both U.S. games to date. The group includes Jack Eichel (1-3--4), Brock Nelson (2-1--3), Jack Hughes (1-2--3), Quinn Hughes (0-3--3), Matthew Tkachuk (0-3--3), Brady Tkachuk (2-0--2), Auston Matthews (1-1--2) and Vincent Trocheck (0-2--2).

### U.S. WOMEN TO FACE SWEDEN IN SEMIS TOMORROW

The U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team skated today at Milano Rho Arena and after practice, the team's equipment staff moved its operation to Milano Santagiulia Ice Arena where Team USA will play in the semifinals at 4:40 p.m. local/10:40 a.m. ET tomorrow against Sweden. NBC will carry the game live and all Olympic hockey games are streamed live by Peacock. The U.S. men's and women's lockerrooms are right next to each other at Santagiulia.



## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

| DATE   | OPPONENT   | TIME (LOCAL/ET)               |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>THURS., FEB. 12</b><br>Milano Santagiulia Arena | <b>LATVIA VS. USA</b><br>USA Network             | <b>W, 5-1</b>                 |
| <b>SAT., FEB. 14</b><br>Milano Santagiulia Arena   | <b>USA VS. DENMARK</b><br>USA Network            | <b>W, 6-3</b>                 |
| <b>SUN., FEB. 15</b><br>Milano Santagiulia Arena   | <b>USA VS. GERMANY</b><br>USA Network            | <b>9:10 P.M.</b><br>3:10 p.m. |
| <b>TUES., FEB. 17</b><br>Milano Santagiulia Arena  | <b>QUALIFICATION</b><br>USA Network              | <b>9:10 PM.</b><br>3:10 p.m.  |
| <b>WED., FEB. 18</b><br>Milano Santagiulia Arena   | <b>QUARTERFINALS</b><br>NBC                      | <b>9:10 P.M.</b><br>3:10 p.m. |
| <b>FRI., FEB. 20</b><br>Milano Santagiulia Arena   | <b>SEMIFINALS</b><br>NBC                         | <b>9:10 P.M.</b><br>3:10 p.m. |
| <b>SAT., FEB. 21</b><br>Milano Santagiulia Arena   | <b>BRONZE MEDAL GAME</b><br>NBC (if USA in game) | <b>8:10 P.M.</b><br>2:10 p.m. |
| <b>SUN., FEB. 22</b><br>Milano Santagiulia Arena   | <b>GOLD MEDAL GAME</b><br>NBC                    | <b>2:10 PM.</b><br>8:10 a.m.  |

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## AVERAGE AGE OF U.S. OLYMPIC TEAMS

The 2026 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team has an average age of 28.42 and is the fifth oldest on record. Brock Faber, born Aug. 22, 2002, is the youngest member of the squad and was one of four 19-year-olds on the 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Hockey Team. Brock Nelson, at 34, is the oldest.

|                     |              |              |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2006 – 31.30        | 1936 – 24.92 | 1994 – 22.35 |
| 2002 – 31.26        | 1964 – 24.71 | 1980 – 22.05 |
| 2018 – 29.96        | 1952 – 24.33 | 1976 – 22.00 |
| 1998 – 28.74        | 1932 – 24.07 | 1988 – 21.78 |
| <b>2026 – 28.42</b> | 1960 – 24.06 | 1984 – 21.45 |
| 1924 – 27.22        | 1968 – 23.74 |              |
| 2014 – 27.00        | 1956 – 23.72 |              |
| 2010 – 26.57        | 1992 – 23.30 |              |
| 1920 – 25.64        | 1972 – 23.06 |              |
| 2022 – 25.10        | 1948 – 22.71 |              |

## LEADERSHIP GROUP

Forward **Auston Matthews** (Scottsdale, Ariz.) is the captain of the 2026 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. He is in his 10th season playing for the Toronto Maple Leafs and is the most prolific goal scorer in the NHL since his arrival. Matthew Tkachuk, an alternate captain for the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers is serving as an alternate captain as is Charlie McAvoy, who is an alternate captain for the Boston Bruins. The leadership group is the same three players the U.S. utilized for last February's 4 Nations Face-Off.



## DID YOU KNOW -- JACK HUGHES

Did you know U.S. forward **Jack Hughes** played in all three major IIHF world championships in the 2018-19 season? Below is an entry from the USA Hockey game notes vault from May of 2019.

*Jack Hughes is the fourth player in IIHF history to play in the Under-18 Men's World Championship, World Junior Championship and Men's World Championship in the same season, joining Switzerland's Kevin Fiala and Vadim Karaga and Andrei Kostitsy from Belarus. Hughes is the youngest American to ever play for a U.S. team in the top-level men's world championship.*

*Youngest U.S. Players to Compete  
A Pool IIHF Men's World Championship*

| Name/Year             | Birthday       | Age             |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Jack Hughes, 2019     | May 14, 2001   | 17, 11.5 months |
| Phil Housley, 1982    | March 9, 1964  | 18, 1.5 months  |
| Dick Maley, 1934      | Dec. 10, 1915  | 18, 4.5 months  |
| Jack Eichel, 2015     | Oct. 28, 1996  | 18, 6 months    |
| Quinn Hughes, 2018    | Oct. 14, 1999  | 18, 6.5 months  |
| Phil Kessel, 2006     | Oct. 2, 1987   | 18, 7 months    |
| Auston Matthews, 2016 | Sept. 17, 1997 | 18, 7.5 months  |
| Oscar Mahle, 1958     | Aug. 22, 1939  | 18, 8.5 months  |
| Dylan Larkin, 2015    | July 30, 1996  | 18, 9 months    |
| Clayton Keller, 2017  | July 29, 1998  | 18, 9 months    |

\*age as of May 1 year of tournament year

## TIDBITS FROM PREVIOUS GAME NOTES

The U.S. had three full practices and a morning skate prior to its opening game ... Team USA includes just two players with Olympic experience in defenseman **Brock Faber** and **Jake Sanderson**, both who were part of the 2022 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team. Said Faber, "Its my second time, but it feels like the first." The 2022 Beijing Games were the "COVID" games and played in a "bubble" without friends and family ... **Ellen Hughes**, mother of Jack and Quinn Hughes, is the performance consultant for the U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team. Ellen played on the 1992 U.S. Women's National Team and has been working with the U.S. Women's National Team program since October 2023 ... **Pat Kelleher**, executive director of USA Hockey, arrived last Thursday (Feb. 5) and is here for the duration of the Games. His brother, Chris, is the director of player personnel for the U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team ... **Mike Trimboli** (Massena, N.Y.), president of USA Hockey, arrived today and will be here for the rest of the Games ... U.S. defenseman **Quinn Hughes** likes to read, but shares that he doesn't read on game days, calling it bad luck ... A good number of players had the chance to meet **Snoop Dogg** on Feb. 10 in the Olympic Village. Snoop is serving as the honorary coach for the entirety of Team USA and came to the U.S. athlete resource center to show support and provide some words on inspiration ... **Brij Singh**, who is serving as team leader of the U.S. Olympic Men's Hockey Team for the second straight Games, is believed to be the first Turban Sikh to be part of any Winter Games official team delegation ... Players have taken the opportunity to go to women's hockey, speed skating and figure skating while here in Milan.

## OPENING CEREMONIES; MEETING VICE PRESIDENT

**Charlie McAvoy**, **Jeremy Swayman**, **Jake Oettinger** and **Zach Werenski** flew over ahead of the rest of the team to attend the Opening Ceremonies. The trio left NYC the evening of Feb. 5 and arrived in Milan the morning of Feb. 6. The next day (Feb. 7), the four had a private audience with U.S. Vice President Vance and then went to the Starbucks Winter House to sit down to do enjoy lunch and do a few select interviews. The rest of Team USA arrived in Milan on Feb. 8.

## ALL-TIME IN OPENING GAMES

In its first game of an Olympic tournament, the U.S. is 12-0-2-8-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T), including a 5-1 win in its first game of these 2026 Olympic Winter Games. The U.S. has won five of its last seven Olympic-tournament opening games.

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| Feb. 12, 2026 -- USA 5, Latvia 1         |
| Feb. 10, 2022 -- USA 8, China 0          |
| Feb. 14, 2018 -- Slovenia 3, USA 2 (OT)  |
| Feb. 13, 2014 -- USA 7, Slovakia 1       |
| Feb. 16, 2010 -- USA 3, Switzerland 1    |
| Feb. 15, 2006 -- USA 3, Latvia 3 (OT)    |
| Feb. 15, 2002 -- USA 6, Finland 0        |
| Feb. 13, 1998 -- Sweden 4, USA 2         |
| Feb. 13, 1994 -- USA 4, France 4 (OT)    |
| Feb. 9, 1992 -- USA 6, Italy 3           |
| Feb. 13, 1988 -- USA 10, Austria 6       |
| Feb. 7, 1984 -- Canada 4, USA 2          |
| Feb. 12, 1980 -- USA 2, Sweden 2 (OT)    |
| Feb. 6, 1976 -- Soviet Union 6, USA 2    |
| Feb. 5, 1972 -- Sweden 5, USA 1          |
| Feb. 6, 1968 -- Czechoslovakia 5, USA 1  |
| Jan. 29, 1964 -- Soviet Union 5, USA 1   |
| Feb. 19, 1960 -- USA 7, Czechoslovakia 5 |
| Jan. 27, 1956 -- Czechoslovakia 4, USA 3 |
| Feb. 15, 1952 -- USA 3, Norway 2         |
| Jan. 30, 1948 -- Switzerland 5, USA 4    |
| Feb. 6, 1936 -- USA 1, Germany 0         |
| Feb. 4, 1932 -- Canada 2, USA 1 (OT)     |
| Jan. 20, 1924 -- USA 19, Belgium 0       |
| Apr. 24, 1920 -- USA 29, Switzerland 0   |

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## CHARLE MCAVOY WITH HIS FATHER-IN-LAW

U.S. defenseman **Charlie McAvoy** is married to Kiley Sullivan, the daughter of Team USA head coach Mike Sullivan. The two met while in school at Boston University and were married in August of 2023. They welcomed their first child, Rhys (pronounced Reece) in January 2025.



## TWO SETS OF BROTHERS

Team USA includes two sets of brothers – **Matthew** (Florida Panthers) and **Brady** (Ottawa Senators) **Tkachuk** and **Quinn** (Minnesota Wild) and **Jack** (New Jersey Devils) **Hughes**. The only other time a U.S. Olympic men's hockey team has had two sets of brothers was on the 1960 gold medal-winning squad (Squaw Valley) with Bill and Roger Christian and Bill and Bob Cleary.



## TEAM USA 2025-26 PLAYER STATS

Through Feb. 5 Games

### GOALTENDERS

| No | Name   | GP | W  | L  | OTL | GAA  | SV%  | SO |
|----|--|----|----|----|-----|------|------|----|
| 1  | <b>Jeremy Swayman</b><br><i>Boston Bruins (NHL)</i>    | 38 | 22 | 12 | 3   | 2.92 | .903 | 1  |
| 30 | <b>Jake Oettinger</b><br><i>Dallas Stars (NHL)</i>     | 37 | 23 | 10 | 4   | 2.73 | .897 | 2  |
| 37 | <b>Connor Hellebuyck</b><br><i>Winnipeg Jets (NHL)</i> | 36 | 13 | 16 | 7   | 2.79 | .900 | 0  |

### DEFENSEMEN

| No | Name   | GP | G  | A  | PTS | PIM |
|----|--|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 2  | <b>Jackson LaCombe</b><br><i>Anaheim Ducks (NHL)</i>       | 56 | 6  | 31 | 37  | 10  |
| 8  | <b>Zach Werenski</b><br><i>Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)</i> | 52 | 20 | 42 | 62  | 12  |
| 14 | <b>Brock Faber</b><br><i>Minnesota Wild (NHL)</i>          | 58 | 13 | 24 | 37  | 14  |
| 15 | <b>Noah Hanifin</b><br><i>Vegas Golden Knights (NHL)</i>   | 47 | 2  | 18 | 20  | 6   |
| 25 | <b>Charlie McAvoy</b><br><i>Boston Bruins (NHL)</i>        | 45 | 4  | 35 | 39  | 44  |
| 43 | <b>Quinn Hughes</b><br><i>Minnesota Wild (NHL)</i>         | 52 | 5  | 52 | 57  | 24  |
| 74 | <b>Jacob Slavin</b><br><i>Carolina Hurricanes (NHL)</i>    | 17 | 0  | 3  | 3   | 2   |
| 85 | <b>Jake Sanderson</b><br><i>Ottawa Senators (NHL)</i>      | 57 | 11 | 35 | 46  | 8   |

### FORWARDS

| No | Name   | GP | G  | A  | PTS | PIM |
|----|--|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 7  | <b>Brady Tkachuk</b><br><i>Ottawa Senators (NHL)</i>       | 37 | 14 | 23 | 37  | 34  |
| 9  | <b>Jack Eichel</b><br><i>Vegas Golden Knights (NHL)</i>    | 50 | 21 | 47 | 68  | 10  |
| 10 | <b>J.T. Miller</b><br><i>New York Rangers (NHL)</i>        | 48 | 14 | 22 | 36  | 16  |
| 12 | <b>Matt Boldy</b><br><i>Minnesota Wild (NHL)</i>           | 54 | 32 | 30 | 62  | 26  |
| 16 | <b>Vincent Trocheck</b><br><i>New York Rangers (NHL)</i>   | 43 | 12 | 24 | 36  | 30  |
| 19 | <b>Matthew Tkachuk</b><br><i>Florida Panthers (NHL)</i>    | 10 | 3  | 5  | 8   | 21  |
| 21 | <b>Dylan Larkin</b><br><i>Detroit Red Wings (NHL)</i>      | 58 | 26 | 25 | 51  | 36  |
| 29 | <b>Brock Nelson</b><br><i>Colorado Avalanche (NHL)</i>     | 55 | 29 | 20 | 49  | 22  |
| 34 | <b>Auston Matthews</b><br><i>Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL)</i> | 51 | 26 | 22 | 48  | 16  |
| 59 | <b>Jake Guentzel</b><br><i>Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL)</i>   | 55 | 26 | 34 | 60  | 33  |
| 72 | <b>Tage Thompson</b><br><i>Buffalo Sabres (NHL)</i>        | 57 | 30 | 29 | 59  | 27  |
| 81 | <b>Kyle Connor</b><br><i>Winnipeg Jets (NHL)</i>           | 56 | 25 | 39 | 64  | 12  |
| 86 | <b>Jack Hughes</b><br><i>New Jersey Devils (NHL)</i>       | 36 | 12 | 24 | 26  | 0   |
| 91 | <b>Clayton Keller</b><br><i>Utah Mammoth (NHL)</i>         | 57 | 17 | 37 | 54  | 16  |

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## 2026 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team Game-by-Game Scoring

| No | Name              | LAT (prelim.)     | DEN (prelim.)     | GER (prelim.) | TBD        | TBD        | TBD        | TBD        |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|    |                   | W, 5-1<br>2/12    | W, 6-3<br>2/14    | TBD<br>2/15   | TBD<br>TBD | TBD<br>TBD | TBD<br>TBD | TBD<br>TBD |
| 2  | Jackson LaCombe   | DND               | DND               | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 7  | Brady Tkachuk     | G                 | G                 | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 8  | Zach Werenski     | A                 | --                | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 9  | Jack Eichel       | AA                | UA                | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 10 | J.T. Miller       | --                | --                | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 12 | Matt Boldy        | --                | G                 | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 14 | Brock Faber       | --                | A*                | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 15 | Noah Hanifin      | --                | W                 | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 16 | Vincent Trocheck  | A*                | A*                | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 19 | Matthew Tkachuk   | AA                | A                 | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 21 | Dylan Larkin      | --                | --                | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 25 | Charlie McAvoy    | --                | --                | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 29 | Brock Nelson      | WG                | A                 | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 34 | Auston Matthews   | P                 | A                 | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 43 | Quinn Hughes      | AA                | A                 | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 59 | Jake Guetzel      | --                | G                 | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 72 | Tage Thompson     | P                 | --                | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 74 | Jacob Slavin      | --                | A                 | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 81 | Kyle Connor       | --                | --                | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 85 | Jake Sanderson    | --                | --                | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 86 | Jack Hughes       | A*A               | G                 | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 91 | Clayton Keller    | DND               | DND               | --            | --         | --         | --         | --         |
| 1  | Jeremy Swayman    | DNP               | W, 60:00<br>18/21 |               |            |            |            |            |
| 30 | Jake Oettinger    | DND               | DND               |               |            |            |            |            |
| 37 | Connor Hellebuyck | W, 60:00<br>18/21 | DND               |               |            |            |            |            |

**Key:** G-goal; S-shorthanded goal; E-empty net goal; U-unassisted goal; P-power play goal; W-game-winning goal; A-assist; asterisk-assist on game-winning goal; DND-did not dress; DNP-did not play; INJ-injured

|   |         |                                |         |
|---|---------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Overall Record.....                     | 2-0-0-0 | Leading After 2 Periods.....   | 2-0-0-0 |
| Wearing White .....                     | 1-0-0-0 | Trailing After 2 Periods ..... | 0-0-0-0 |
| Wearing Blue .....                      | 1-0-0-0 | Tied After 2 Periods.....      | 0-0-0-0 |
| Wearing Royal (third jersey).....       | 0-0-0-0 | OT Record .....                | 0-0-0-0 |
| Games Decided By One Goal or Less ..... | 0-0-0-0 | Shootout Record .....          | 0-0-0-0 |
| 2-Goal Games .....                      | 0-0-0-0 | Having 10-19 Shots.....        | 0-0-0-0 |
| 3-Goal Games .....                      | 1-0-0-0 | Having 20-29 Shots.....        | 0-0-0-0 |
| 4-Goal Games .....                      | 1-0-0-0 | Having 30-39 Shots.....        | 1-0-0-0 |
| Scoring 4 or More Goals .....           | 2-0-0-0 | Having 40-49 Shots.....        | 1-0-0-0 |
| Scoring 3 Goals.....                    | 0-0-0-0 | Having 50+ Shots.....          | 0-0-0-0 |
| Scoring 2 Goals.....                    | 0-0-0-0 | Allowing 0-9 Shots .....       | 0-0-0-0 |
| Scoring 1 Goal.....                     | 0-0-0-0 | Allowing 10-19 Shots .....     | 1-0-0-0 |
| Allowing 1 or Fewer .....               | 1-0-0-0 | Allowing 20-29 Shots .....     | 1-0-0-0 |
| Allowing 2 Goals.....                   | 0-0-0-0 | Allowing 30-39 Shots .....     | 0-0-0-0 |
| Allowing 3 Goals.....                   | 1-0-0-0 | Allowing 40-49 Shots .....     | 0-0-0-0 |
| Allowing 4 Goals.....                   | 0-0-0-0 | Allowing 50+ Shots .....       | 0-0-0-0 |
| Scoring a Power-Play Goal .....         | 1-0-0-0 | Outshooting Opponent.....      | 2-0-0-0 |
| Allowing a Power-Play Goal .....        | 0-0-0-0 | Outshot By Opponent .....      | 0-0-0-0 |
| Scoring First .....                     | 1-0-0-0 | Even Shots .....               | 0-0-0-0 |
| Opponent Scoring First .....            | 1-0-0-0 |                                |         |
| Leading After 1 Period.....             | 0-0-0-0 |                                |         |
| Trailing After 1 Period .....           | 1-0-0-0 |                                |         |
| Tied After 1 Period .....               | 1-0-0-0 |                                |         |

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## ELMO AND THE TKACHUKS

Matthew and Brady Tkachuk had a fun five-minute exchange with Elmo from Sesame Street yesterday in the Olympic Village. The piece can be found on Sesame Street social channels.



## BOSTON UNIVERSITY CONNECTION

Team USA's ties to Boston University are significant with five players and five staff having connectivity to the Terrier men's hockey program. Players Jack Eichel, Clayton Keller, Charlie McAvoy, Jake Oettinger and Brady Tkachuk all competed at BU, while staff members Mike Sullivan, David Quinn, John Hynes, Chris Drury and Chris Kelleher either played and/or coached at BU.

## VALENTINE'S DAY

The U.S. has played five games on Valentine's Day in the Olympics and has a 3-2 record.

| Year | Opponent       | Result    |
|------|----------------|-----------|
| 2026 | Denmark        | W, 6-3    |
| 2018 | Slovakia       | L, 2-3 OT |
| 1998 | Belarus        | W, 5-2    |
| 1980 | Czechoslovakia | W, 7-3    |
| 1976 | West Germany   | L, 1-4    |

## BROCK NELSON AND THE OLYMPICS

Brock Nelson is part of one of the most storied hockey families in the U.S. From Warroad, Minnesota, Nelson is the fifth member of his family to play for the U.S. in the Olympic Winter Games.

- His grandfather, **Bill Christian**, and great-uncle, **Roger Christian**, won gold at the 1960 Squaw Valley Olympics.
- His uncle, **Dave Christian**, was a standout on the "Miracle on Ice" team that earned gold at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics. Dave is here in Milan with his wife Lisa for the duration of the Games.
- His great-uncle, **Gordon Christian**, earned an Olympic silver medal as part of Team USA in the 1956 Games in Cortina, Italy.

## Business Enterprise

Bill and Roger Christian founded the Christian Brothers Hockey Company, which manufactured hockey sticks in 1964, before selling the company in 2002. In the mid-1980s, the company produced approximately 500,000 sticks annually and was known for manufacturing wooden sticks used by NHL legends like Bobby Hull and Bobby Orr.

Since this current Olympic format was established in 2010, the U.S. has won its group three times. Team USA rolled to an unbeaten 3-0 mark in 2022, with wins over China (8-0), Canada (4-2) and Germany (3-2) in preliminary round play. The U.S. went 2-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) in 2014 with regulation wins over Slovakia (7-1) and Slovenia (5-1) sandwiched by a 3-2 shootout victory over host Russia, which featured the shootout heroics of T.J. Oshie and goaltending of Jonathan Quick. In 2010, the U.S. was 3-0-0-0, earning regulation wins over Switzerland (3-1), Norway (6-1) and Canada (5-3) in preliminary round play.



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## 2026 U.S. OLYMPIC MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

### PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

#### LATVIA



**Series vs. Latvia:** 0-0-0-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

**Of Note:** Team USA will face Latvia for just the second time ever with the only other meeting a 3-3 tie in the 2006 Games.

**FEB. 15, 2006: USA 3, LAT 3:** The U.S. had a 42-25 shots on goal advantage but settled for a tie. Goals came from Brian Gionta, Craig Conroy and Jordan Leopold. John Grahame had 22 saves in goal for the U.S.

#### DENMARK



**Series vs. Denmark:** 0-0-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

**Of Note:** The U.S. will face Denmark in the Olympic Winter Games for the first time ever.

Denmark is making just its second-ever appearance in the Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Tournament after debuting in 2022 in Beijing, where it finished seventh.

#### GERMANY



**Series vs. Germany:** 9-0-0-1-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T)

**Of Note:** Team USA has outscored Germany 53-11 and has tallied five or more goals in six matchups.

**FEB. 13, 2022: USA 3, GER 2:** Drew Comness made 24 saves and Team USA got goals from Steven Kampfer, Matthew Knies and Nathan Smith to finish unbeaten in the preliminary round.

### MEDAL ROUND GAMES

#### QUARTERFINALS



**U.S. All-Time in Olympic Quarterfinals:** 4-5 (W-L)

**Of Note:** The U.S. is 3-3 in its last six quarterfinal matchups at the Olympic Winter Games.

**FEB. 16, 2022: SVK 3, USA 2 (SO):** The U.S. lost a heartbreaker in a shootout and finished the Olympic Tournament without a regulation loss. The U.S. got 34 saves from Strauss Mann with goals from Nick Abruzzese and Sam Hentges.

#### SEMIFINALS



**U.S. All-Time in Olympic Semifinals:** 2-2 (W-L)

**Of Note:** The U.S. has faced three different teams (Russia, Finland and Canada) in its last three semifinal appearances at the Olympic Winter Games.

**FEB. 21, 2014: CAN 1, USA 0:** Jonathan Quick stopped 36 of the 37 shots he faced but Team USA fell to Canada, 1-0, in the semifinals of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

#### MEDAL GAMES



**U.S. All-Time in Olympic Gold-Medal Games:** 0-2 (W-L)

**U.S. All-Time in Olympic Bronze-Medal Games:** 0-2 (W-L)

**Of Note:** Team USA has had the opportunity to play for a medal in three of the five Olympic Winter Games that included NHL players, including gold-medal game appearances in 2010 and 2002.

### OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES STANDINGS

|                | GP | W | OTW | OTL | L | GDF | GF:GA | PTS |
|----------------|----|---|-----|-----|---|-----|-------|-----|
| <b>Group A</b> |    |   |     |     |   |     |       |     |
| Canada         | 2  | 2 | 0   | 0   | 0 | +9  | 10:1  | 6   |
| Switzerland    | 2  | 1 | 0   | 0   | 1 | 0   | 5:5   | 3   |
| Czechia        | 2  | 1 | 0   | 0   | 1 | -2  | 6:8   | 3   |
| France         | 2  | 0 | 0   | 0   | 2 | -7  | 3:10  | 0   |
| <b>Group B</b> |    |   |     |     |   |     |       |     |
| Slovakia       | 3  | 2 | 0   | 0   | 1 | +2  | 10:8  | 6   |
| Finland        | 3  | 2 | 0   | 0   | 1 | +11 | 16:5  | 6   |
| Sweden         | 3  | 2 | 0   | 0   | 1 | +2  | 11:9  | 6   |
| Italy          | 3  | 0 | 0   | 0   | 2 | -4  | 4:8   | 0   |
| <b>Group C</b> |    |   |     |     |   |     |       |     |
| United States  | 2  | 2 | 0   | 0   | 0 | +7  | 11:4  | 6   |
| Latvia         | 2  | 1 | 0   | 0   | 1 | -3  | 5:8   | 3   |
| Germany        | 2  | 1 | 0   | 0   | 1 | +1  | 6:5   | 3   |
| Denmark        | 2  | 0 | 0   | 0   | 2 | -5  | 4:9   | 0   |

\*records starting play on Feb. 15

## KEY TEAM USA OLYMPIC HISTORY

### ALL-TIME MEDALS AT THE OLYMPICS

| Year | Medal  | Coach              |
|------|--------|--------------------|
| 2010 | Silver | Ron Wilson         |
| 2002 | Silver | Herb Brooks        |
| 1980 | Gold   | Herb Brooks        |
| 1972 | Silver | Murray Williamson  |
| 1960 | Gold   | Jack Riley         |
| 1956 | Silver | John Mariucci      |
| 1952 | Silver | John E. Pleban     |
| 1936 | Bronze | Albert Prettyman   |
| 1932 | Silver | Alred Winsor       |
| 1924 | Silver | William Haddock    |
| 1920 | Silver | Cornelius Fellowes |

### PREVIOUS 10 OLYMPICS

| Year | Finish | Coach            | Record* |
|------|--------|------------------|---------|
| 2022 | 5th    | David Quinn      | 3-1-0   |
| 2018 | 7th    | Tony Granato     | 2-3-0   |
| 2014 | 4th    | Dan Bylsma       | 4-2-0   |
| 2010 | Silver | Ron Wilson       | 5-1-0   |
| 2006 | 8th    | Peter Laviolette | 1-4-1   |
| 2002 | Silver | Herb Brooks      | 4-1-1   |
| 1998 | 6th    | Ron Wilson       | 1-3-0   |
| 1994 | 8th    | Tim Taylor       | 1-4-3   |
| 1992 | 4th    | Dave Peterson    | 5-2-1   |
| 1988 | 7th    | Dave Peterson    | 3-3-0   |

\*W-L-T

### ALL-TIME RECORD VS. 2026 OLYMPIC TEAMS

| Opponent       | GP | Record*      | GF  | GA  |
|----------------|----|--------------|-----|-----|
| Canada         | 19 | 4-0-2-10-3   | 43  | 66  |
| Czech Republic | 4  | 1-0-1-2-0    | 11  | 14  |
| Denmark        | 0  | 0-0-0-0-0    | 0   | 0   |
| Finland        | 13 | 7-0-0-4-2    | 47  | 33  |
| France         | 3  | 2-0-0-0-1    | 30  | 5   |
| Germany        | 10 | 9-0-0-1-0    | 53  | 11  |
| Italy          | 4  | 3-0-1-0-0    | 45  | 7   |
| Latvia         | 1  | 0-0-0-0-1    | 3   | 3   |
| Slovakia       | 6  | 3-0-1-1-1    | 20  | 11  |
| Sweden         | 15 | 6-0-0-7-2    | 68  | 44  |
| Switzerland    | 9  | 8-0-0-1-0    | 69  | 18  |
| TOTAL          | 84 | 43-0-5-26-10 | 389 | 212 |

\*W-OTW-OTL-L-T

### ALL-TIME RECORD IN THE MEDAL ROUND

| Opponent       | QF  | SF  | BMG | GMG |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Canada         | --  | 0-1 | --  | 0-2 |
| Czechoslovakia | --  | --  | 0-1 | --  |
| Czech Republic | 1-2 | --  | --  | --  |
| Finland        | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | --  |
| France         | 1-0 | --  | --  | --  |
| Germany        | 1-0 | --  | --  | --  |
| Russia         | --  | 1-1 | --  | --  |
| Slovakia       | 0-1 | --  | --  | --  |
| Switzerland    | 1-0 | --  | --  | --  |
| TOTAL          | 4-5 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 0-2 |

**Note:** The current eight-team cup-system medal round was introduced in the 1992 Olympic Winter Games. Prior to that, medals were awarded based on points accumulated during a round-robin series of games in the medal round.



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## 2026 OLYMPIC MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM ROSTER

| NO.                    | NAME              | HT (CM)    | WT (KG)   | BIRTHDATE  | S/C | HOMETOWN                | MOST RECENT TEAM            | COLLEGE (IF APPLICABLE)             |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>GOALTENDERS (3)</b> |                   |            |           |            |     |                         |                             |                                     |
| 1                      | Jeremy Swayman    | 6-3 (191)  | 195 (88)  | 11/24/1998 | L   | Anchorage, Alaska       | Boston Bruins (NHL)         | University of Maine (Hockey East)   |
| 30                     | Jake Oettinger    | 6-6 (198)  | 225 (102) | 12/18/1998 | L   | Lakeville, Minn.        | Dallas Stars (NHL)          | Boston University (Hockey East)     |
| 37                     | Connor Hellebuyck | 6-4 (193)  | 207 (95)  | 5/19/1993  | L   | Commerce, Mich.         | Winnipeg Jets (NHL)         | Univ. of Mass Lowell (Hockey East)  |
| <b>DEFENSEMEN (8)</b>  |                   |            |           |            |     |                         |                             |                                     |
| 2                      | Jackson LaCombe   | 6-2 (188)  | 205 (93)  | 1/9/2001   | L   | Eden Prairie, Minn.     | Anaheim Ducks (NHL)         | University of Minnesota (Big Ten)   |
| 8                      | Zach Werenski     | 6-2 (188)  | 214 (97)  | 7/19/1997  | L   | Grosse Pt. Woods, Mich. | Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL) | University of Michigan (Big Ten)    |
| 14                     | Brock Faber #     | 6-1 (185)  | 200 (91)  | 8/22/2002  | R   | Maple Grove, Minn.      | Minnesota Wild (NHL)        | University of Minnesota (Big Ten)   |
| 15                     | Noah Hanifin      | 6-3 (191)  | 206 (93)  | 1/25/1997  | L   | Norwood, Mass.          | Vegas Golden Knights (NHL)  | Boston College (Hockey East)        |
| 25                     | Charlie McAvoy    | 6-1 (185)  | 211 (96)  | 12/21/1997 | R   | Long Beach, N.Y.        | Boston Bruins (NHL)         | Boston University (Hockey East)     |
| 43                     | Quinn Hughes      | 5-10 (178) | 180 (82)  | 10/14/1999 | L   | Canton, Mich.           | Minnesota Wild (NHL)        | University of Michigan (Big Ten)    |
| 74                     | Jacob Slavin      | 6-3 (191)  | 207 (95)  | 5/1/1994   | L   | Erie, Colo.             | Carolina Hurricanes (NHL)   | Colorado College (NCHC)             |
| 85                     | Jake Sanderson #  | 6-2 (188)  | 202 (91)  | 7/8/2002   | L   | Whitefish, Mont.        | Ottawa Senators (NHL)       | University of North Dakota (NCHC)   |
| <b>FORWARDS (14)</b>   |                   |            |           |            |     |                         |                             |                                     |
| 7                      | Brady Tkachuk     | 6-4 (193)  | 226 (103) | 9/16/1999  | L   | St. Louis, Mo.          | Ottawa Senators (NHL)       | Boston University (Hockey East)     |
| 9                      | Jack Eichel       | 6-2 (188)  | 208 (94)  | 10/28/1996 | R   | North Chelmsford, Mass. | Vegas Golden Knights (NHL)  | Boston University (Hockey East)     |
| 10                     | J.T. Miller       | 6-1 (185)  | 211 (96)  | 3/14/1993  | L   | East Palestine, Ohio    | New York Rangers (NHL)      |                                     |
| 12                     | Matt Boldy        | 6-2 (188)  | 201 (91)  | 4/5/2001   | L   | Millis, Mass.           | Minnesota Wild (NHL)        | Boston College (Hockey East)        |
| 16                     | Vincent Trocheck  | 5-11 (180) | 187 (85)  | 7/11/1993  | R   | Pittsburgh, Pa.         | New York Rangers (NHL)      |                                     |
| 19                     | Matthew Tkachuk   | 6-2 (188)  | 202 (91)  | 12/11/1997 | L   | St. Louis, Mo.          | Florida Panthers (NHL)      |                                     |
| 21                     | Dylan Larkin      | 6-1 (185)  | 204 (92)  | 7/30/1996  | L   | Waterford, Mich.        | Detroit Red Wings (NHL)     | University of Michigan (Big Ten)    |
| 29                     | Brock Nelson      | 6-4 (193)  | 205 (93)  | 10/15/1991 | L   | Warroad, Minn.          | Colorado Avalanche (NHL)    | University of North Dakota (WCHA)   |
| 34                     | Auston Matthews   | 6-3 (191)  | 215 (98)  | 9/17/1997  | L   | Scottsdale, Ariz.       | Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL)   |                                     |
| 59                     | Jake Guentzel     | 5-11 (180) | 176 (80)  | 10/6/1994  | L   | Woodbury, Minn.         | Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL)   | University of Nebraska Omaha (NCHC) |
| 72                     | Tage Thompson     | 6-6 (198)  | 220 (100) | 10/30/1997 | R   | Orange, Conn.           | Buffalo Sabres (NHL)        | Univ. of Connecticut (Hockey East)  |
| 81                     | Kyle Connor       | 6-1 (185)  | 183 (83)  | 12/9/1996  | L   | Shelby Township, Mich.  | Winnipeg Jets (NHL)         | University of Michigan (Big Ten)    |
| 86                     | Jack Hughes       | 5-11 (180) | 175 (79)  | 5/14/2001  | L   | Canton, Mich.           | New Jersey Devils (NHL)     |                                     |
| 91                     | Clayton Keller    | 5-10 (178) | 175 (79)  | 7/29/1998  | L   | St. Louis Mo.           | Utah Mammoth (NHL)          | Boston University (Hockey East)     |

#2022 U.S. Olympic Team



Matthew Tkachuk with Olympic gold medal figure skater Brian Botiano at the Starbucks Winter House on Feb. 11.



Dylan Larkin with NBC's Kathryn Tappen at Milano Santigulia Ice Arena during the USA-Canada women's hockey game on Feb. 10.

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## ROSTER DETAILS

### TEAM USA OVERALL

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| <b>AVERAGE HEIGHT:</b>       | 6-2      |
| <b>AVERAGE WEIGHT:</b>       | 202 lbs. |
| <b>AVERAGE AGE:</b>          | 28.4     |
| <b>SHOOTS/CATCHES LEFT:</b>  | 19       |
| <b>SHOOTS/CATCHES RIGHT:</b> | 6        |

### HOME STATES OF TEAM USA

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>Michigan</b>      | 6 |
| <b>Minnesota</b>     | 5 |
| <b>Massachusetts</b> | 3 |
| <b>Missouri</b>      | 3 |
| <b>Alaska</b>        | 1 |
| <b>Arizona</b>       | 1 |
| <b>Colorado</b>      | 1 |
| <b>Connecticut</b>   | 1 |
| <b>Montana</b>       | 1 |
| <b>New York</b>      | 1 |
| <b>Ohio</b>          | 1 |
| <b>Pennsylvania</b>  | 1 |

### COLLEGE CONNECTION

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Boston University</b>          | 5 |
| <b>University of Michigan</b>     | 4 |
| <b>Boston College</b>             | 2 |
| <b>University of Minnesota</b>    | 2 |
| <b>University of North Dakota</b> | 2 |
| <b>Colorado College</b>           | 1 |
| <b>University of Connecticut</b>  | 1 |
| <b>University of Maine</b>        | 1 |
| <b>University of Mass-Lowell</b>  | 1 |
| <b>University of Neb-Omaha</b>    | 1 |

### 2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The U.S. is one of 12 teams competing at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

The tournament features 12 teams divided into three groups of four. Team USA is competing in Group C alongside Germany, Latvia and Denmark. Group A includes Canada, Czechia, Switzerland and France, while Group B features Finland, Sweden, Slovakia and Italy.

The teams will play round-robin within their group, with four teams earning byes to the quarterfinal round and eight teams playing qualification games to earn quarterfinal spots. The winners of the four quarterfinal contests advance to the semifinals, and the two semifinal winners will square off in the gold-medal game while the two semifinal losers will meet for bronze.



### MEDAL HAUL

The players on the U.S. roster have combined to earn 19 medals in IIHF World Championship events, including eight gold medals, three silver medals and eight bronze medals.

### GOLD MEDALISTS

Twenty different players from Team USA have won gold at an IIHF-sanctioned event.

- 2025 IIHF Men's World Championship** - Keller, LaCombe, Swayman, Thompson, Werenski
- 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Boldy, Faber, LaCombe, Sanderson
- 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Keller, McAvoy, Oettinger, Thompson
- 2013 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Miller, Trocheck
- 2017 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Q. Hughes, B. Tkachuk
- 2015 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Keller, Matthews, McAvoy, Oettinger, Thompson, M. Tkachuk
- 2014 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Connor, Eichel, Hanifin, Larkin, Matthews
- 2011 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Miller

### SILVER MEDALISTS

- 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship** - J. Hughes, Q. Hughes
- 2018 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - J. Hughes
- 2013 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Eichel

### BRONZE MEDALISTS

Seven different players on Team USA have earned a bronze medal at an IIHF-sanctioned event.

- 2021 IIHF Men's World Championship** - Oettinger, Thompson
- 2018 IIHF Men's World Championship** - Q. Hughes, Larkin, McAvoy, Thompson
- 2015 IIHF Men's World Championship** - Eichel, Hellebuyck, Larkin, Nelson
- 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Q. Hughes, Oettinger, Swayman, B. Tkachuk
- 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Matthews, McAvoy, M. Tkachuk, Werenski
- 2011 IIHF World Junior Championship** - Nelson
- 2019 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Boldy, J. Hughes
- 2016 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship** - Keller, Oettinger



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## WORTH READING

### NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INFLUENCE

USA Hockey's National Team Development Program is one of the most impactful initiatives ever launched by USA Hockey. The two-year residency program for the best 16 and 17-year-old men's players in the U.S., has roots with 17 of the 25 players on the 2026 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team (list below).

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Matt Boldy      | 2017-19 |
| Jack Eichel     | 2012-14 |
| Brock Faber     | 2018-20 |
| Noah Hanifin    | 2013-14 |
| Jack Hughes     | 2017-19 |
| Quinn Hughes    | 2015-17 |
| Clayton Keller  | 2014-16 |
| Dylan Larkin    | 2015-17 |
| Auston Matthews | 2012-14 |
| Charlie McAvoy  | 2013-15 |
| J.T. Miller     | 2013-15 |
| Jake Oettinger  | 2009-11 |
| Jake Sanderson  | 2015-17 |
| Tage Thompson   | 2014-15 |
| Brady Tkachuk   | 2015-17 |
| Matthew Tkachuk | 2013-15 |
| Zach Werenski   | 2018-20 |

### ABOUT THE NTDP

Founded in 1996, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program began operations in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and remained there until the summer of 2015, when it moved to its current home at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich. 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, contests versus USHL teams as well as competition in three international tournaments.

### 2026 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team has been training in Boulder, Colo., since the beginning of January in preparation for the Paralympic Winter Games, which are set for March 6-15 in Milan. The U.S. has won gold in the last four Paralympic Winter Games, an unprecedented feat.

### HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA

Hockey Week Across America will be held a week later than typical to take advantage of the visibility provided by the Olympic Winter Games. The week-long celebration and will feature a theme for each of the three days, including USA Day on Monday (March 2); Stick Salute Day on Tuesday (March 3), Hockey Is For Everyone Day (March 4), Volunteer Appreciation Day (March 5), Hockey Jersey Day (March 6), Try Hockey For Free Day (March 7) and Welcome To Hockey Day (March 8). Hockey Week Across America was started by USA Hockey in 2008 to engage the hockey community in celebrating the game at all levels and exposing the sport to new audiences.

### ALL-TIME OLYMPIC CAPTAINS

Below is a list of those that have worn the C for the U.S. men on the Olympic stage.

| Year | Player              | Hometown                   |
|------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 2026 | Auston Matthews     | Scottsdale, Ariz.          |
| 2022 | Andy Miele          | Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. |
| 2018 | Brian Gionta        | Rochester, N.Y.            |
| 2014 | Zach Parise         | Prior Lake, Minn.          |
| 2010 | Jamie Langenbrunner | Cloquet, Minn.             |
| 2006 | Chris Chelios       | Chicago, Ill.              |
| 2002 | Chris Chelios       | Chicago, Ill.              |
| 1998 | Chris Chelios       | Chicago, Ill.              |
| 1994 | Peter Laviolette    | Norwood, Mass.             |
| 1992 | Clark Donatelli     | Providence, R.I.           |
| 1988 | Brian Leetch        | Corpus Christi, Texas      |
| 1984 | Phil Verchota       | Duluth, Minn.              |
| 1980 | Mike Eruzione       | Winthrop, Mass.            |
| 1976 | John Taft           | Minneapolis, Minn.         |
| 1972 | Tim Sheehy          | International Falls, Minn. |
| 1968 | Lou Nanne           | Edina, Minn.               |
| 1964 | Herb Brooks         | St. Paul, Minn.            |
|      | Bill Reichart       | Rochester, Minn.           |
| 1960 | Jack Kirrane        | Brookline, Mass.           |
| 1956 | Gene Campbell       | Minneapolis, Minn.         |
| 1952 | Al Van              | Newport, Minn.             |
| 1948 | Goodwin Harding     | Brookline, Mass.           |
| 1936 | Jack Garrison       | West Newton, Mass.         |
| 1932 | John Chase          | Milton, Mass.              |
| 1924 | Irving Small        | Cambridge, Mass.           |
| 1920 | Joe McCormick       | Pittsburgh, Pa.            |

### NHL STATISTICALLY SPEAKING AT THE OLYMPIC BREAK

**Zach Werenski** is second in the NHL in points (62) and goals (20) among defensemen and leads American NHL defensemen in points (62).

**Quinn Hughes** leads all NHL defensemen in assists (52) and ranks fifth among all NHL skaters in that category.

**Quinn Hughes** leads all NHL players in time on ice (27:51), followed by **Werenski** (26:21), who ranks second.

**Matt Boldy** is tied for third in the NHL and first among Americans in goals (32).

**Jack Eichel** leads all American NHL players in points (68) and ranks 10th in the NHL in points.

**Dylan Larkin** ranks third in the NHL in face-offs won (623) and first among Americans. He is also third in the NHL in game-winning goals (7).

**J.T. Miller** ranks third in the NHL in face-off percentage (61.24).

**Brock Nelson** ranks third in the NHL and first among Americans in shooting percentage (23.2) scoring 29 goals on just 125 shots on goal.

**Tage Thompson** is tied for second in the NHL and tied for first among Americans in even-strength goals (25).

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## 2026 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team • Game-By-Game Review

### USA vs. Latvia • Preliminary Round • Game 1

February 12, 2026 — at Santaguila Ice Arena • Milan, Italy (11,288)

|                   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Latvia (h)        | 1 | 0 | 0 | — | 1 |
| United States (v) | 1 | 3 | 1 | — | 5 |

1st: USA-B. Tkachuk (M. Tkachuk, Werenski), 5:29  
LAT-Krstenbergs (Girgensons), 7:25  
2nd: USA-Nelson (J. Hughes, Trocheck), 10:38  
USA-Thompson (Eichel, Q. Hughes), 5x4 PPG, 17:35  
USA-Nelson (J. Hughes, M. Tkachuk), 19:48  
3rd: USA-Matthews (Eichel, Q. Hughes), 5x4 PPG, 12:35

**Penalties:** USA 4-8, LAT 4-8      **Power Plays:** USA 2-4, LAT 0-4

**Saves:** USA - Hellebuyck (8-2-7--17); 60:00  
LAT - Merzlikins (14-14-x--28); 40:00  
LAT - Silovs (x-x-5--5); 20:00

**Shots:** USA 15-17-6--38; LAT 9-2-7--18

**Notes:** The U.S. received goals from four different players, including Brock Nelson, who had two, on the way to victory in its Olympic opener. Quinn Hughes, Jack Hughes, Matthew Tkachuk and Jack Eichel each had two assists.

### USA vs. Denmark • Preliminary Round • Game 2

February 14, 2026 — at Santaguila Ice Arena • Milan, Italy (11,480)

|                   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States (h) | 1 | 3 | 2 | — | 6 |
| Denmark (v)       | 2 | 1 | 0 | — | 3 |

1st: DEN-Olesen (Moelgaard), 1:30  
USA-Boldy (Q. Hughes, Slavin), 3:35  
DEN-Jensen (Setkov), 11:16  
2nd: USA-B.Tkachuk (Eichel), 9:26  
USA-Eichel (M. Tkachuk), 10:23  
USA-Hanifin (Trocheck, Faber), 17:23  
DEN-Bruggisser (Ehlers, True), 19:57  
3rd: USA-Guentzel (Matthews), 7:24  
USA-J.Hughes (Nelson), 14:27

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

**Saves:** USA - Swayman (5-3-10--18); 60:00  
DEN - Sogaard (12-12-8--32); 51:07  
DEN - Dichow (x-x-9--9); 8:53

**Shots:** USA 13-15-19--47; DEN 7-4-10--21

**Notes:** The U.S. rallied from a 2-1 deficit after one to remain unbeaten in the Olympic tournament. A total of 13 different players contributed points in the win.