



# 2019-20 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2020 SLED SERIES | WOOLWICH MEMORIAL CENTRE | ELMIRA, ONTARIO, CANADA | FEBRUARY 11-16

TWO-GAME SERIES • USA (5-0-0-0) VS. CANADA (2-0-1-2) • THURSDAY, FEB. 13, 2020 • 12:00 P.M. ET • WOOLWICH MEMORIAL CENTRE

## TODAY'S GAME

The 2020 Sled Series between the U.S. and Canada opens today at the Woolwich Memorial Centre in Elmira, Ontario. Puck drop is slated for 12:00 p.m. ET.

The two teams, which will meet again Saturday at 7:00 p.m. ET, are facing off for the third time this season. Last December, the U.S. posted two wins against Canada en route to winning its sixth-straight Para Hockey Cup.

## TALKING POINTS

### THE SERIES

In its last 10 Series-specific games, the U.S. holds a record of 7-0-0-3 (W-OTW-OTL-L). All-time, the U.S. trails Canada, 13-4-5-26 (W-OTW-OTL-L) in 46 series-specific meetings.

Since the 2014-15 season, the two teams have met 26 times, with the U.S. posting a 18-3-1-4 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record. A year ago, the two teams met in the gold-medal game of the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship where Declan Farmer (Tampa, Fla.) scored with 3:26 to play in regulation to send the game into overtime. **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) scored the game-winning goal 5:08 into overtime to give Team USA its eighth gold medal in World Championship history.

### THE 100 CLUB

**Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) became the first player in sled national team history to score 100 career goals for Team USA. Farmer eclipsed that milestone after his two-goal performance against Russia on Sunday (Dec. 1) in Team USA's 2019 Para Hockey Cup debut.

### TEAM USA PARALYMPIC TEAM OF THE YEAR

The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee named the 2018-19 U.S. National Sled Hockey Team, which claimed gold at the 2019 World Para Hockey Championship, the Paralympic Team of the Year on Nov. 19. The honor was accepted by **Rico Roman** (Portland, Ore.) and **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) at the Team USA Awards show in Los Angeles on Nov. 19, 2019.

### SIX-TIME PARA HOCKEY CUP CHAMPS

Last December, the U.S. captured its sixth-straight Para Hockey Cup after boasting a perfect 5-0-0-0 tournament record for the third-straight season. Team USA now owns a tournament-record eight titles after winning the championship in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 (Dec.), 2016 (Jan.), 2015, 2012 and 2009.

### 2020 DISABLED HOCKEY FESTIVAL

The largest disabled event of its kind and one of USA Hockey's most significant events each season, the USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival provides a fun and exciting experience spanning over two weekends, while also promoting and growing Disabled Hockey throughout the country.

The event, which takes place in a different part of the country each year, brings together all six Disabled Hockey disciplines, which includes Blind Hockey, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Hockey, Sled Hockey, Special Hockey, Standing/Amputee Hockey and Warrior Hockey.

The 16th annual Toyota - USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival will take place March 26-29, 2020 and April 2-5, 2020 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Hockey Sticks Together Foundation is proud to be the host of the 2020 Disabled Hockey Festival and welcomes all six disciplines to Pittsburgh. Games will be played at three rinks: UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex, RMU Island Sports Center, and Baierl Ice Complex.

## 2019 PARA HOCKEY CUP RECAP

The 2019 Para Hockey Cup took place at the Paradise Double Ice Complex in Paradise, Newfoundland, from Dec. 1-7. Entering the tournament as five-time defending champions, the U.S. skated to a perfect 5-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record for the third-straight year that included two victories over Canada (4-1, 2-1), two wins against Czech Republic (8-0, 8-0) and one win over Russia (3-0). The U.S. defeated Canada 2-1 in the championship game to secure its sixth-straight Para Hockey Cup title and eighth in 13 years.

## TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)/RESULTS
TUES., FEB. 11	PRACTICE	8 P.M.
WED., FEB. 12	PRACTICE	2:30 P.M.
THURS., FEB. 13	GAME VS. CANADA	12 P.M.
FRI., FEB. 14	PRACTICE	10:30 A.M.
SAT., FEB. 15	GAME VS. CANADA	7 P.M.

All games except the championship game will be streamed live on Hockey Canada

## TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS

TOURNAMENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
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				61-3-1-2

## LEADING TEAM USA

**David Hoff** (Bottineau, N.D.), USA Hockey's Northern Plains District Coach-In-Chief and assistant coach of the gold medal-winning 2018 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, enters his second season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. In his first season as head coach, Hoff helped the U.S. National Sled Team bring home the team's four-ever gold medal at the 2019 World Para Hockey Championships. This will be Hoff's fourth season with Team USA after making his debut in the 2016-17 season.

**Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), who has helped the U.S. capture the gold medal in the last three Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018), is serving as captain of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. In addition, two-time Paralympic gold medalists (2014, 2018) **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) and **Rico Roman** (Portland, Ore.) have been named alternate captains.

Pauls begins his 12th season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his third as team captain while Farmer is entering his eighth season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his third as an alternate captain. A Purple Heart recipient and U.S. Army Veteran, Roman is serving as an alternate captain for the second time as he begins his ninth season with Team USA.

## 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 Jennifer Greene, who will be on-site with Team USA in Paradise, N.L.



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### 2019-20 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
<b>GOALTENDERS (2)</b>						
32	Jen Lee* <sup>^</sup>	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	07/26/1986	San Francisco, California	San Antonio Rampage
34	Steve Cash* <sup>^</sup> #	5-7 (170)	150 (68)	05/09/1989	Overland, Missouri	DASA St. Louis Blues
<b>DEFENSEMEN (6)</b>						
3	Ralph DeQuebec*	5-10 (178)	185 (84)	03/24/1983	San Pedro, California	Colorado Avalanche
7	Colin Gooley	5-10 (178)	180 (82)	09/17/1993	Baldwinsville, New York	Buffalo Sabres
8	Jack Wallace*	6-4 (193)	210 (95)	06/24/1998	Franklin Lakes, New Jersey	NJ Freeze
17	Chris Douglas	5-9 (175)	150 (68)	05/17/1990	Saint Cloud, Florida	Florida Bandits
27	Josh Pauls* <sup>^</sup> # (C)	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	12/31/1992	Green Brook, New Jersey	DASA St. Louis Blues
37	David Eustace	6-1 (185)	155 (70)	05/03/1999	Stoneham, Massachusetts	Northeast Passage Wildcats
<b>FORWARDS (9)</b>						
4	Brody Roybal* <sup>^</sup>	3-1 (94)	120 (54)	05/25/1998	Northlake, Illinois	Nashville Sled Preds
9	Travis Dodson*	4-0 (122)	150 (68)	02/14/1985	Deming, New Mexico	Nashville Sled Preds
11	Joey Woodke	6-0 (183)	160 (73)	07/12/1989	Nashville, Tennessee	Nashville Sled Preds
13	Luke McDermott*	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	09/01/1987	Westerlo, New York	Buffalo Sabres
16	Declan Farmer* <sup>^</sup> (A)	6-0 (183)	135 (61)	11/05/1997	Tampa, Florida	Tampa Bay Lightning
22	Noah Grove*	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	05/01/1999	Frederick, Maryland	Boston Bruins
23	Rico Roman* <sup>^</sup> (A)	5-9 (175)	180 (82)	02/04/1981	Portland, Oregon	Colorado Avalanche
40	Josh Hargis	6-0 (183)	165 (75)	08/16/1989	Colorado Springs, Colorado	Nashville Sled Preds
88	Kevin McKee* <sup>^</sup>	4-7 (140)	115 (52)	02/11/1990	Chicago, Illinois	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	Joel Isaacson (Hough, Mich.)
Assistant Coach	Corey Gorder (Bottineau, N.D.)	Team Physician	Mike Uihlein (Grafton, Wis.)
		Communications	Jen Greene (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

\*2018 Paralympic gold medalist

<sup>^</sup>2014 Paralympic gold medalist

#2010 Paralympic gold medalist

### 2019 U.S. PARA HOCKEY CUP GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TIME (ET)	No	Name	RUS	CZE	CAN	CZE	CAN	CAN	CAN	TOTALS
			W, 3-0	W, 8-0	W, 4-1	W, 8-0	W, 2-1	12 P.M.	7 P.M.	
			12/01/19	12/02/19	12/04/19	12/05/19	12/07/19	2/13/20	2/15/20	2019-20
	3	Ralph DeQuebec	A	A	--	A	--			3 PTS (0-3)
	4	Brody Roybal	G* <sup>^</sup> A#	GA	A	AAG	AA*			10 PTS (3-7)
	7	Colin Gooley	--	--	--	--	--			--
	8	Jack Wallace	--	G	DND	AAG	--			6 PTS (4-2)
	9	Travis Dodson	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND			--
	11	Joey Woodke	--	A	--	--	--			1 PT (0-1)
	13	Luke McDermott	--	A	--	--	--			1 PT (0-1)
	16	Declan Farmer	GG	AA	G* <sup>^</sup> G	GA	G#			9 PTS (6-3)
	17	Chris Douglas	--	A	--	--	--			1 PT (0-1)
	22	Noah Grove	A	--	AAA	G* <sup>^</sup> AA	A			8 PTS (1-7)
	23	Rico Roman	--	A	G#	U	--			3 PTS (2-1)
	27	Josh Pauls	--	G* <sup>^</sup> PAA#	--	--	--			4 PTS (2-2)
	37	David Eustace	--	G	--	--	--			1 PT (1-0)
	40	Josh Hargis	--	--	--	G	G*			2 PTS (2-0)
	88	Kevin McKee	--	G	GA	GGA#	--			6 PTS (4-2)
	32	Jen Lee	DNP	W, 5-5 (45:00)	DNP	W, 6-6 (45:00), A	DNP			2-0 (0.00)
	34	Steve Cash	W, 9-9 (45:00)	DNP	W, 10-11, (45:00)	DNP	W, 6-7 (45:00)			3-0 (0.67)

#### Key:

G - goal	S - shorthanded goal	G* - game-winning goal	DNP - did not play
A - assist	P* - penalty shot	A* - assist on game-winning goal	DND - did not dress
P - powerplay goal	U - unassisted goal	# - U.S. Player of the Game	

### 2019-20 U.S. ROSTER DETAILS

#### CAREER SKATER STATISTICS ENTERING 2019-20

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
3	Ralph DeQuebec	D	27	1	10	11	24
4	Brody Roybal	F	76	67	73	140	50
7	Colin Gooley	D	10	0	2	2	0
8	Jack Wallace	F/D	39	19	15	34	24
9	Travis Dodson	F	27	6	4	10	6
11	Joseph Woodke*	F	0	0	0	0	0
13	Luke McDermott	F	60	11	19	30	24
16	Declan Farmer	F	93	98	81	179	42
17	Chri Douglas	F/D	37	2	12	14	14
22	Noah Grove	F	38	9	16	25	2
23	Rico Roman	F/D	104	15	23	38	26
27	Josh Pauls	F/D	150	43	73	116	22
37	David Eustace*	D	0	0	0	0	0
40	Josh Hargis	F	11	2	0	2	2
88	Kevin McKee	F	115	40	64	104	37

\*Making their national team debuts this season

#### HOME STATES

STATE	PLAYERS	BIRTH YEARS
California	2	1981
Colorado	1	1983
Florida	2	1985
Illinois	2	1986
Maryland	1	1987
Massachusetts	1	1989
Missouri	1	1990
New Jersey	2	1992
New Mexico	1	1993
New York	2	1997
Oregon	1	1998
Tennessee	1	1999

#### CAREER GOALTENDER STATISTICS ENTERING 2019-20

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-OTW-OTL-L-T	GA	SVS	GAA	SV%
32	Jen Lee	26	728:42	12-0-0-1-0	10	67	0.62	0.870
34	Steve Cash	142	6851:07	97-16-7-32-1	188	1661	1.23	0.898

<b>Average Height:</b>	5'7"
<b>Average Weight:</b>	157
<b>Oldest Player:</b>	Rico Roman (38 years, 10 months)
<b>Youngest Player:</b>	David Eustace (20 years, 7 months)
<b>Average Age:</b>	28 years





### OTHER U.S. TIDBITS

#### INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Over the last six years, the United States has skated to a 61-3-1-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record in all competitions, including a Paralympic gold (2018), three world championship medals (gold - 2015, 2019; silver - 2017), sixth-straight Para Hockey Cups (2015, 2016 (Jan.), 2016 (Dec.), 2017, 2018, 2019), the 2016 IPC Pan-Pacific Championship and the 2018 Turin Para Ice Hockey International Tournament.

Additionally, since 2009, Team USA has reached nine consecutive gold-medal game berths at the Paralympic and World Championship level. In those gold-medal game appearances, the U.S. has posted a 6-1-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record while claiming three Paralympic gold medals (2010, 2014, 2018) and four world championship gold medals (2009, 2012, 2015, 2019).

### 2019 PARA HOCKEY CUP GAME-BY-GAME

#### GAME 1: USA 3, RUSSIA 0

Team USA opened the 2019 Para Hockey Cup with a 3-0 win against Russia. **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) scored twice, including his 100th Team USA goal, and **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) added a goal and an assist, to give the U.S. its first win of the season.

#### GAME 2: USA 8, CZECH REPUBLIC 0

A hat trick from **Jack Wallace** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) and four points from **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) led the U.S. National Sled Team to defeat the Czech Republic, 8-0, in Game 2 of the preliminary round of the 2019 Canadian Tire Para Hockey Cup. Five different members of Team USA recorded goals against the Czech Republic and 11 players tallied at least one point in the 8-0 victory.

#### GAME 3: USA 4, CANADA 1

**Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) scored twice and **Noah Grove** (Frederick, Md.) had three assists to help the U.S. to a 4-1 victory over Canada tonight in the third and final preliminary round game. **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.) made 10 saves in the U.S. net to pick up the win.

#### SEMIFINAL: USA 8, CZECH REPUBLIC 0

Three points apiece from **Noah Grove** (Frederick, Md.), **Kevin McKee** (Chicago, Ill.), **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) and **Jack Wallace** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) helped the U.S. defeat the Czech Republic, 8-0, to advance to its ninth-straight championship appearance at the Para Hockey Cup.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP: USA 2, CANADA 1

Goals from **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) and **Josh Hargis** (Colorado Springs, Colo.) helped the U.S. defeat Canada 2-1 to capture its sixth straight Para Hockey Cup title. Team USA finished with a perfect 5-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record for the third straight year at the Para Hockey Cup.

### USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

#### U.S.-CANADA THREE-GAME WOMEN'S SERIES

The women's national teams from the U.S. and Canada are competing in a five-game Rivalry Series in 2019-20. The U.S. captured the Rivalry Series crown, winning four of the five games played. Team USA got off to a 2-0-0 start after defeating Canada 4-1 in Hartford, Conn., on Dec. 14, and 2-1 in Moncton, N.B., on Dec. 17. The U.S. suffered its first loss of the Rivalry Series in overtime of Feb. 3 in Victoria, B.C., but closed out the series with back-to-back victories on Feb. 5 in Vancouver, B.C. and on Feb. 8 in Anaheim, California. In Game 5 of the series in Anaheim, California, the two teams played in front 13,320 fans, which set a record for the most-attended women's national hockey team game ever played on U.S. soil. The previous record was 10,158, which was established on Jan. 6, 2002, when the U.S. faced Canada at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. **Alex Cavallini**, **Alex Carpenter**, **Hilary Knight**, **Katie Burt** and **Megan Bozek** all earned U.S. Player of the Game accolades.

#### 2019 U.S. JUNIOR SELECT TEAM

The U.S. Junior Select Team finished third in the 2019 World Junior A Challenge in Dawson Creek, British Columbia. The team was comprised of players competing in the United States Hockey League, the lone Tier I junior league in the U.S. **Anthony Noreen** (Kearney, Neb.), head coach and general manager of the Tri-City Storm, served as head coach with assistant coaches **Mark Abalan** (Sioux City, Iowa), **Shane Fukushima** (Waterloo, Iowa) and **David Wilkie** (Omaha, Neb.).

The U.S. has finished first in six of the last ten tournaments (2010, 2012-14, 2016, 2018) and has occupied a top-three spot at the World Junior A Challenge every year since joining the tournament in 2007.

#### 2020 HOCKEY WEEK ACROSS AMERICA

USA Hockey's yearly nationwide initiative Hockey Week Across America, now in its 13th year, will take place from Feb. 16-23, 2020. The festivities begin on Feb. 16 with NBC Sports Hockey Day in America.

The daily themes will include salutes to players (Feb. 17), coaches (Feb. 18), officials (Feb. 19) and local rinks (Feb. 20) followed by the traditional themed days of Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day (Feb. 21), Try Hockey Day (Feb. 22) and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes (Feb. 23). For more information on the week-long celebration, visit [HockeyWeekAcrossAmerica.com](http://HockeyWeekAcrossAmerica.com).

#### USA HOCKEY'S NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Founded in 1996, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program began operations in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and remained there until the summer of 2015. 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, USHL teams as well as competition in three international tournaments.

#### USA HOCKEY ARENA

USA Hockey Arena, home of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, is a two-sheet facility with regulation ice (85x200) in the main arena and Olympic-size ice (100x200) for the secondary sheet. Acquired by the USA Hockey Foundation on April 1, 2015, the facility has added 20,000 square feet to the property that included a 9,800-square-foot workout facility, additional offices and a conference center.

In total, the facility encompasses 170,000 square feet with the main rink providing 3,504 seats for hockey games and 4,500 seats

