

U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2016 IPC Sled Hockey Pan-Pacific Championship

USA (2-0-0-1) vs. Canada (3-0-0-0) Championship Game

Saturday, April 2, 2016 • 5:00 p.m. ET • Buffalo, New York • HARBORCENTER

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TONIGHT'S GAME

Team USA takes on Canada at HARBORCENTER (capacity: 1,800) in the championship game of the 2016 IPC Sled Hockey Pan-Pacific Championship. The two teams met on Wednesday (March 30), where Canada edged the U.S., 2-1. This is the 10th straight tournament in which the United States has reached the championship game. Tonight's game will be streamed live on Paralympic.org/Buffalo-2016.

USA VS. CANADA

This is the third consecutive international tournament and 10th time overall in which the championship game will feature the U.S. and Canada. The U.S. trails Canada in championship game matchups, 2-2-1-4 (W-OTW-OTL-L), but has claimed the last two meetings.

Last January, the United States defeated Canada, 3-2, on an overtime goal by Josh Pauls to secure the 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge title. On May 3, 2015, the two teams met in the gold-medal game of the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship here at HARBORCENTER in Buffalo, New York, where Team USA blanked Canada, 3-0.

Team USA vs. Canada All-Time In Championship Game Meetings

| Tournament | Result |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge | OTW, 3-2 |
| 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship | W, 3-0 |
| 2013 World Sled Hockey Challenge | L, 1-3 |
| 2013 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship | L, 0-1 |
| 2012 World Sled Hockey Challenge | W, 1-0 |
| 2011 World Sled Hockey Challenge (Nov.) | L, 1-4 |
| 2009 World Sled Hockey Challenge | OTW, 3-2 |
| 2009 Hockey Canada Cup | OTL, 1-2 |
| 2009 Japan Four Nations Tournament | L. 0-5 |



TEAM USA SCHEDULE

| Tuesday, March 29 | Preliminary Round |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| vs. Team Pan-Pacific | W, 8-0 |
| Wednesday, March 30 | Preliminary Round |
| vs. Canada | L, 1-2 |
| Friday, April 1 | Preliminary Round |
| vs. Korea | W, 8-0 |
| Saturday, Apr2 | Championship |
| vs. Canada | 5:00 p.m. |
| All times Eastern All games will be streamed li | ve on Paralymnic ora/Ruffalo-2016 |

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TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

| TEAM | GP | W | OTW | OTL | L | PTS | GF | GΑ |
|-------------|----|---|-----|-----|---|-----|----|----|
| Canada | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 2 |
| USA | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 17 | 2 |
| Korea | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 13 |
| Pan Pacific | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 15 |
| | | | | | | | | |

TOURNAMENT LEADERS

Several U.S. players lead the tournament in statistical categories.

Declan Farmer (Tampa, Fla.) and **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) are tied for first among all tournament skaters with six points. Pauls ranks first with five assists while Farmer's four goals are tied for first with teammate **Adam Page** (Lancaster, N.Y.).

Additionally, Team USA leads all teams with goals for (17) and shares the lead for fewest goals allowed (2). The U.S. is also the only team to record two shutouts.

APRIL 1: USA 8, KOREA 0

Adam Page (Lancaster, N.Y.) and Paul Schaus (Buffalo, N.Y.) combined for five points, including three goals and two assists, to pace Team USA to an 8-0 victory over Korea in its final preliminary round game of the tournament. Page was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

MARCH 30: USA 1, CANADA 2

Steve Cash (Overland, Mo.) made 14 saves and **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) scored a power-play goal but the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team fell to Canada, 2-1, Wednesday (March 30) night. Cash was named the U.S. Player of the Game.

MARCH 29: USA 8, TEAM PAN-PACIFIC 0

Declan Farmer (Tampa, Fla.) tallied four points and **Bo Reichenbach** (Billings, Mont.) stopped all five shots he faced as the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team blanked Team Pan-Pacific, 8-0, to open tournament play. Five different players scored in the victory and Farmer was named the U.S. Player of the Game.





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

| | | PAN-PACIFIC W, 8-0 | CANADA L, 1-2 | KOREA W, 8-0 | CANADA 5 p.m. ET |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| No | Name | 3/29 | 3/30 | 4/1 | 4/2 |
| 4 | Brody Roybal | GGA | | G | |
| 5 | Billy Hanning | | | | |
| 6 | Luke McDermott | Α | | UAA | |
| 1 | Tyler Carron | | | Α | |
| 13 | Josh Sweeney (C) | P/WA | | Α | |
| <u>14</u> | Dan McCoy | | | | |
| 15 | Nikko Landeros (A) | U | | P/W | |
| 16 | Declan Farmer | GGAA# | Р | U | |
| <u>17</u> | Chris Douglas | | | | |
| 19 | Kevin McKee | AA | Α | | |
| 20 | Adam Page | GG | | GGA# | |
| 23 | Rico Roman | | | | |
| 24 | Josh Misiewicz | | | Α | |
| 27 | Josh Pauls (A) | A*A | Α | PA*A | |
| 28 | Paul Schaus (| | | GA | |
| 1 | Bo Reichenbach | W (45:00) 5/5 | DNP | ND (26:02) 3/3 | |
| 34 | Steve Cash | DNP | L (45:00) 14/16# | W (18:58) 0/0 | |

= Team USA's Player of the Game

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

| | Team USA Tournament Statistics | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------|----|----|------|------|--|--|
| NO. | PLAYER | POS | . GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | | |
| 4 | Brody Roybal | F | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | | |
| 5 | Billy Hanning | D | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | |
| 6 | Luke McDermo | tt F | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | | |
| 11 | Tyler Carron | D | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | |
| 13 | Josh Sweeney | F | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | | |
| 14 | Dan McCoy | F | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 15 | Nikko Landeros | D | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | | |
| 16 | Declan Farmer | F | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | | |
| 17 | Chris Douglas | F | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 19 | Kevin McKee | F | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | | |
| 20 | Adam Page | F | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | | |
| 23 | Rico Roman | D | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 24 | Josh Misiewicz | F | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | |
| 27 | Josh Pauls | D | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 | | |
| 28 | Paul Schaus | F | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Overall Team Goaltender Record | | | | | | | | | |
| NO. | NAME (| SP MIN | W-L | GA | SV | GAA | SV% | | |
| 1 | Bo Reichenbach 2 | 71:02 | 2 1-0 | 0 | 8 | 0.00 | 1.00 | | |
| 34 | Steve Cash 2 | 63:58 | 3 1-1 | 2 | 14 | 1.43 | .875 | | |

| 2015-16 Team USA Season Statistics | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----|--------|--------------|-------------|-----|------|------|
| NO. | PLAYER | | POS. | GP | G | Α | PTS | PIM |
| 4 | Brody Roybal | | F | 8 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 2 |
| 5 | Billy Hanning | | D | 8 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 6 | Luke McDerme | ott | F | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| 11 | Tyler Carron | | D | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 13 | Josh Sweeney | , | F | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| 14 | Dan McCoy | | F | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 15 | Nikko Landero | s | D | 8 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| 16 | Declan Farme | r | F | 8 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 2 |
| 17 | Chris Douglas | | F | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 19 | Kevin McKee | | F | 8 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 2 |
| 20 | Adam Page | | F | 8 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| 23 | Rico Roman | | D | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | Josh Misiewicz | Z | F | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 27 | Josh Pauls | | D | 8 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 2 |
| 28 | Paul Schaus | | F | 8 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | Overall T | ea | m Go | <u>alter</u> | <u>ider</u> | Rec | ord | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| NO. | NAME | GP | MIN | W-L | GA | SV | GAA | SV% |
| 1 | Bo Reichenbach | 4 | 93:06 | 1-0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 1.00 |
| 34 | Steve Cash | 7 | 279:25 | 5-2 | 10 | 60 | 1.73 | .875 |





U.S. RECORD CHASERS

Last night (April 1), **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) scored his 11th goal of the season, tying him with former national team members **Taylor Lipsett** (Mesquite, Texas) and **Alexi Salamone** (Buffalo, N.Y.) for most goals by a U.S. player in a single season. Additionally, **Adam Page's** (Lancaster, N.Y.) two goals last night gave him 38 in his career, surpassing Lipsett for most goals by a U.S. player since 2007. Farmer is tied with Lipsett for second all-time with 36.

Meanwhile, **Kevin McKee** (Chicago, III.) needs three assists to set the new single-season assists record, currently held by line-mate **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, III.) who tallied 13 last season. Also, Farmer is three points away from eclipsing the single-season point record of 21 points, which he set last season to tie Salamone.

TEAM USA TIDBITS TO KNOW

Including last season's 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship, Team USA forward **Adam Page** (Lancaster, N.Y.) has now tallied 16 points (9-5) in Team USA's last eight games at HARBORCENTER in Buffalo, New York, the most of any player ... **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.) has tallied a point in every game this season and leads the U.S. with 19 (11-8) points through eight games this season. His 11 goals also lead the team ... **Kevin McKee** (Chicago, Ill.) leads the team with 11 assists through eight games ... **Bo Reichenbach** (Billings, Mont.) has yet to allow a goal this season in over 90 minutes of play.

ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

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





CAPTAIN AMERICA

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

LEADING THE WAY

Jeff Sauer (Madison, Wis.), former men's ice hockey head coach at the University of Wisconsin and 2014 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, is in his fifth season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. Last season, Sauer led Team USA to an undefeated 12-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that culminated with a gold medal at the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship here in Buffalo, New York. Since taking the helm in 2011, Sauer has guided Team USA to a 46-4-2-12 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record that includes reaching the championship game of every major international competition and titles in six major international events, including the 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia; the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York; the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alberta; the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia; the 2012 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Calgary, Alberta; and the 2012 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Hamar, Norway.

SEEKING FIFTH STRAIGHT INT'L TITLE

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





TEAM USA RESULTS VS. CANADA Since 2010-11 Season

| Date | Event | Round | W | OTW | OTL | 1 | GF | GA |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------|------|-----|------------|----|----|
| 10/14/10 | 2010 Toronto Series | Game 1 | - ** | 0111 | OTL | | 1 | 2 |
| 10/15/10 | 2010 Toronto Series | Game 2 | | OTW | OIL | | 2 | 1 |
| 10/16/10 | 2010 Toronto Series | Game 3 | | 0111 | OTL | | 0 | 1 |
| 11/11/10 | Three Nation Exhibition Series | Round Robin | | | 012 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 3/11/11 | 2011 Japan Para Ice Sledge Hockey Championships | Round Robin | | | | ī | 1 | 2 |
| 4/18/11 | 2011 (Apr.) World Sled Hockey Challenge | Preliminary | | | | ī | 1 | 3 |
| 11/30/11 | 2011 (Nov.) World Sled Hockey Challenge | Preliminary | | | | ī | 1 | 3 |
| 12/3/11 | 2011 (Nov.) World Sled Hockey Challenge | Championship Game | | | | Ē | 1 | 4 |
| 2/23/12 | 2012 Amherst Series | Game 1 | | OTW | | | 3 | 2 |
| 2/24/12 | 2012 Amherst Series | Game 2 | | | | L | 1 | 3 |
| 2/25/12 | 2012 Amherst Series | Game 3 | | | | Ĺ | 1 | 5 |
| 3/29/12 | 2012 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships | Semifinals | W | | | | 2 | 1 |
| 12/5/12 | 2012 World Sled Hockey Challenge | Preliminary | | | | L | 1 | 2 |
| 12/8/12 | 2012 World Sled Hockey Challenge | Championship Game | W | | | | 1 | 0 |
| 2/14/13 | 2013 Rockland Series | Game 1 | W | | | | 2 | 0 |
| 2/15/13 | 2013 Rockland Series | Game 2 | | | | L | 0 | 2 |
| 2/16/13 | 2013 Rockland Series | Game 3 | W | | | | 2 | 1 |
| 4/20/13 | 2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships | Gold Medal Game | | | | L | 0 | 1 |
| 12/4/13 | 2013 World Sled Hockey Challenge | Preliminary | | | | L | 1 | 4 |
| 12/7/13 | 2013 World Sled Hockey Challenge | Championship Game | | | | L | 1 | 3 |
| 1/9/14 | 2014 Charlotte Series | Game 1 | | | | L | 1 | 4 |
| 1/10/14 | 2014 Charlotte Series | Game 2 | W | | | | 2 | 1 |
| 1/11/14 | 2014 Charlotte Series | Game 3 | W | | | | 3 | 1 |
| 3/13/14 | 2014 Paralympic Winter Games | Semifinals | W | | | | 3 | 0 |
| 2/4/15 | 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge | Preliminary | W | | | | 2 | 0 |
| 3/26/15 | 2015 Charlotte Series | Game 1 | W | | | | 2 | 0 |
| 3/27/15 | 2015 Charlotte Series | Game 2 | W | | | | 3 | 1 |
| 3/28/15 | 2015 Charlotte Series | Game 3 | W | | | | 2 | 0 |
| 5/3/15 | 2015 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships | Gold Medal Game | W | | | | 3 | 0 |
| 1/21/16 | 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge | Preliminary | | | OTL | | 2 | 3 |
| 1/23/16 | 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge | Championship Game | | OTW | | | 3 | 2 |
| 3/30/16 | 2016 IPC Sled Hockey Pan-Pacific Championship | Preliminary | 4.0 | | _ | _ <u>L</u> | 1 | 2 |
| TOTALS | | | 12 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 49 | 56 |

LABATT USA'S PASS IT FORWARD INITIATIVE

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

Of the 10 programs selected by USA Hockey, five are new for this season. U.S. National Sled Hockey Team captain **Josh Sweeney** (Portland, Ore.) is leading the creation of the Winterhawks Sled Hockey Program in Portland, Oregon, while U.S. National Sled Hockey team members **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.), **Billy Hanning** (Festus, Mo.) and **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) are members of the DASA St. Louis Blues organization in St. Louis, Missouri. Additionally, Team USA doctor, **Mike Uihlein** (Grafton, Wis.), is overseeing the newly created program in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

GRANT WINNING PROGRAMS

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







NUMERICAL ROSTER

| No. 1 4 5 6 11 13 14 15 16 17 19 20 23 24 27 28 | Name Bo Reichenbach Brody Roybal Billy Hanning Luke McDermott Tyler Carron Josh Sweeney Dan McCoy Nikko Landeros Declan Farmer Chris Douglas Kevin McKee Adam Page Rico Roman Josh Misiewicz Josh Pauls Paul Schaus | Position Goaltender Forward Defense Forward Defense Forward Forward Defense Forward Forward Forward Forward Forward Forward Forward Forward Defense Forward Defense Forward |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 28 34 | Paul Schaus Steve Cash | Forward Goaltender |
| | | 2.22.1011401 |

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

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

Average Age: 25 years, 11 months

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

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

TEAM USA IN LAST 10 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

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

2016 WORLD SLED HOCKEY CHALLENGE

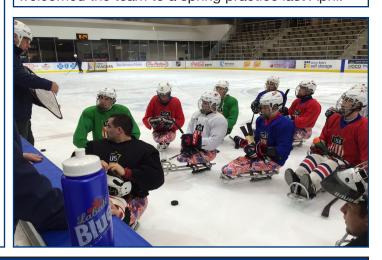
The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team opened the 2016 campaign by claiming the 2016 World Sled Hockey Challenge in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. After outscoring opponents 16-6 in preliminary round play, the U.S. defeated Russia, 2-1, the semifinals and went on to face Canada in the championship game where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

COACH SERTICH JOINS TEAM USA

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

TEAM USA VISITS SABRES LOCKERROOM

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







COACH PAULS

Last week, U.S. National Sled Hockey Team alternate captain **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.) was a guest camp coach at USA Hockey's National



Team Development Evaluation Program Camp at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Michigan. camp, The which helps select the 2016-17 U.S. National Under-17 Team, included 48 of the top American hockey players born in 2000.

PAGE VISITS KNOXVILLE'S NEW PROGRAM

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

TEAM FIRST

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

SIX PURPLE HEARTS

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

RECAPPING LAST SEASON

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

USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

2016 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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

2016 IIHF U18 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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

12TH ANNUAL DISABLED HOCKEY FESTIVAL

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