

TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team continues preliminary round play today at the 2019 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship against Sweden at the Obihiro Forest Ice Arena in Obihiro, Japan. Puck drop is slated for 5 p.m. local time/3 a.m. ET. Tonight's game will be live streamed on IIHF.com. Live game updates will also be provided on Twitter @USAHockey using the hashtag #U18WWC.

TALKING POINTS

THE SERIES VS. SWEDEN

The U.S. holds a 10-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record against Sweden all-time in IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship play. The two teams last met on Jan. 13, 2018 in the gold medal game of the 2018 tournament, where the U.S. earned a 9-3 win and its fourth consecutive gold medal.

SEEKING FIVE STRAIGHT GOLDS

Team USA enters the tournament seeking its fifth consecutive gold medal at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, having won gold at the 2018 competition in Dmitrov, Russia, 2017 in Zlin & Prerov, Czech Republic, 2016 in St. Catharines, Ontario, and 2015 in Buffalo, New York. The U.S. also claimed gold at the 2011, 2009 and 2008 competitions.

REPEAT PERFORMERS

The roster features nine players that helped the U.S. earn gold at last year's IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship in Dmitrov, Russia, including **Hannah Bilka**, **Hadley Hartmetz**, **Katy Knoll**, **Abbey Murphy**, **Maggie Nicholson**, **Casey O'Brien**, **Dominique Petrie**, **Sydney Shearen** and **Makenna Webster**. Forward Webster led the team at last year's tournament with two game-winning goals and nine points. A two-time world champion having won gold at both the 2017 and 2018 Under-18 Women's World Championship tournaments, Petrie is the lone U.S. player in pursuit of her third straight gold medal.

GAME TWO RECAP

The aforementioned Murphy scored the game-winning goal and **Skylar Vetter** made 18 saves as Team USA defeated Canada, 3-2, in its second game of the 2019 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship.

"I think we played a strong, focused and intense game all the way through," said **Maura Crowell**, head coach of the 2019 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team. "To be down 2-0, then come back and score those two goals and get the go-ahead in the third really shows the character of the group we have. We'll enjoy this win tonight and look to continue improving against Sweden on Wednesday."

LEADERSHIP GROUP

Petrie is serving as team captain alongside alternate captain Knoll. Both players were part of the gold medal-winning 2018 squad, while Petrie also helped the 2017 U.S. team earn gold in Zlin and Prerov, Czech Republic. Crowell commented: "Both Dominique and Katy are valued members of our women's under-18 program. They have experience succeeding at the highest level and, most importantly, both of them are respected by their teammates and the staff."

COMING TOGETHER

The 23-player roster includes 12 forwards, eight defenders and three goaltenders that represent 15 different states. Minnesota leads the pack with five representatives, followed by New York (4) and Michigan (2). In addition, Alaska, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas each have one.

NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES

Fourteen members of Team USA will make their IIHF world championship debut this month, including four that will don a USA sweater for the first time in international competition. Those are **Hannah Hogenson**, **Kate Monihan**, **Mallory Uihlein** and **Audrey Wethington**.

BEHIND THE BENCH

Crowell, head coach of the University of Minnesota Duluth women's team, is serving as head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the first time after having served as associate coach in 2017-18 and assistant coach in 2015-16. In both previous seasons, Team USA has taken home gold medals from the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. Crowell has additional experience with USA Hockey, having also coached at a pair of USA Hockey Women's National Festivals, and during the 2018, 2017 and 2015 Under-18 Series against Canada. Joining her as assistant coaches will be **Josh Sciba**, head women's ice hockey coach at Union College, and **Brianna Decker**, member of the gold medal-winning 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team.

TEAM BUILDING

The 23-player roster for the 2019 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team was unveiled on December 14. The team held a pre-tournament camp from Dec. 28-Jan. 2 in Los Angeles in preparation for the tournament. Team USA flew to Japan on Jan. 2 and held four practices in Obihiro before opening the competition.

RECAPPING LAST YEAR

The U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team captured an unprecedented fourth consecutive gold medal at the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship in Dmitrov, Russia. Team USA earned the top seed from Group A after topping Sweden in overtime, 2-1, Russia 5-3 and Canada, 6-2. In the semifinal round, the U.S. rallied from a two-goal deficit in the final period to top Canada in a shootout, 4-3. In a rematch against Sweden for gold, Team USA scored six goals in the second period en route to a 9-3 victory. Gracie Ostertag was named Best Defenseman and Taylor Heise was named Best Forward. In addition, Heise and Webster were selected to the Tournament Media All-Star Team while Heise was also named Tournament MVP.

2019 IIHF U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship is in its 12th year after the inaugural tournament was held in Calgary in 2008. Subsequently, the event was held in Fussen, Germany, in 2009, Chicago in 2010, Stockholm, Sweden, in 2011, Zlin, Czech Republic, in 2012, Heinola, Finland, in 2013, Budapest, Hungary, in 2014, Buffalo, New York, in 2015, St. Catharines, Ontario, in 2016, Zlin & Prerov, Czech Republic in 2017, and Dmitrov, Russia, in 2018. The U.S. and Canada have met in the gold-medal game in 10 out of 11 of the previous competitions, but 2018 marked the first time a North American team met a non-North American team in the final when the U.S. defeated Sweden, 9-3, to claim the top prize.

The tournament features eight teams divided into two groups. Group A consists of the United States, Canada, Russia and Sweden, while Group B features the Czech Republic, Finland, Japan and Switzerland. After a round-robin series in each group, the four teams from Group A and the best two teams from Group B advance. The two top-seeded teams from Group A will receive a quarterfinal round bye thus moving automatically to the semifinals. The winner of each Semi-Final game will move onto the gold-medal game, while the losers will play in the bronze-medal game.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)/RESULT
SUN., JAN. 6	RUSSIA	W, 3-2
MON., JAN. 7	CANADA	W, 3-2
WEDS., JAN. 9	SWEDEN	3 A.M.
THURS., JAN. 10	QUARTERFINALS	TBD
SAT., JAN. 12	SEMIFINALS	TBD
SUN., JAN. 13	BRONZE-MEDAL GAME	12:30 A.M.
SUN., JAN. 13	GOLD-MEDAL GAME	3 A.M.

All U.S. games will be live streamed on IIHF.com

MEDIA INFORMATION

All Team USA players or staff will be available for interviews in designated mixed-zone areas following games. 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 Chris Krenn, who will be on-site with Team USA throughout the 2018 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship.

PHOTO REQUESTS

USA HOCKEY MEDIA
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Media interested in photos of Team USA throughout the tournament are encouraged to visit ImagesOnIce.net for tournament photos. Any other photography requests surrounding the 2019 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team players and staff should be directed to USA Hockey.

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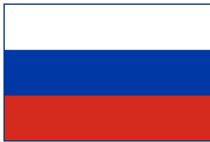


2019 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM OPPONENT BREAKDOWN

KEY TEAM USA U18WWC STATISTICS

PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES

RUSSIA - W, 3-2



Series vs. Russia: 11-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

Of Note: The U.S. holds a 82-8 scoring advantage all-time over Russia..

JAN. 6, 2019: USA 3, RUS 2: Sydney Shearen scored the game-winning goal and Hannah Bilka was named U.S. Player of the Game in Team USA's 3-2 victory over Russia in this year's preliminary round.

CANADA



Series vs. Canada: 7-4-3-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

Of Note: The U.S. has won eight of the last nine matchups vs. Canada.

JAN. 7, 2019: USA 3, CAN 2: Abbey Murphy scored two goals, including the game winner and was named U.S. Player of the Game in Team USA's 3-2 victory over Canada in this year's preliminary round.

SWEDEN



Series vs. Sweden: 10-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L)

Of Note: The U.S. earned a regulation and an overtime win over Sweden last year.

JAN. 13, 2018: USA 9, SWE 3: In last year's gold-medal game, four players recorded two goals apiece as the U.S. defeated Sweden, 9-3, to claim the gold medal at the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship.

PLAYOFF ROUND GAMES

QUARTERFINALS



U.S. All-Time in U18WWC Quarterfinals: 0-0 (W-L)

Of Note: The U.S. has never played in a quarterfinal contest in IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship history, having earned a bye to the semifinal round in all 11 of the previous competitions.

SEMIFINALS



U.S. All-Time in U18WWC Semifinals: 11-0 (W-L)

Of Note: Team USA and Canada met in the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship semifinals for the first time last year. The U.S. has won all 11 semifinal contests it has played at the competition, topping the Czech Republic six times, Sweden twice and Canada, Germany and Russia each once.

MEDAL GAMES



U.S. All-Time in U18WWC Gold Medal Games: 7-4 (W-L)

Of Note: The U.S. faced off against Sweden in last year's gold-medal game, marking the first time the tournament finale did not feature a USA-Canada match-up. In 2019, the U.S. is looking to become the first country to win five consecutive gold medals at the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship.



ALL-TIME MEDALS AT U18WWC

Year	Medal	Coach	Result	Opp.
2018	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 9-3	SWE
2017	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 3-1	CAN
2016	Gold	Joel Johnson	OTW, 3-2	CAN
2015	Gold	Joel Johnson	W, 3-2	CAN
2014	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	L, 1-5	CAN
2013	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	OTL, 1-2	CAN
2012	Silver	Heather Linstad	L, 0-3	CAN
2011	Gold	Jodi McKenna	W, 5-2	CAN
2010	Silver	Katie King	L, 4-5	CAN
2009	Gold	Mark Johnson	W, 3-2	CAN
2008	Gold	Michele Amidon	W, 5-2	CAN

PREVIOUS 10 U18WWCS

Year	Finish	Coach	Record*
2018	Gold	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0
2017	Gold	Joel Johnson	4-0-1-0
2016	Gold	Joel Johnson	4-1-0-0
2015	Gold	Joel Johnson	3-2-0-0
2014	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-0-1
2013	Silver	Jeff Kampersal	4-0-1-0
2012	Silver	Heather Linstad	4-0-0-1
2011	Gold	Jodi McKenna	5-0-0-0
2010	Silver	Katie King	4-0-1-0
2009	Gold	Mark Johnson	4-1-0-0
2008	Gold	Michele Amidon	5-0-0-0

*W-OTW-OTL-L

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. OPPONENT

Opponent	GP	Record*	GF	GA
Canada	16	7-4-3-2	47	35
Czech Republic	12	12-0-0-0	116	3
Finland	1	1-0-0-0	5	0
Germany	2	2-0-0-0	18	1
Hungary	1	1-0-0-0	7	0
Japan	2	2-0-0-0	18	2
Russia	11	11-0-0-0	82	8
Sweden	11	10-1-0-0	71	9
Switzerland	1	1-0-0-0	11	0
TOTAL	56	46-5-3-2	375	57

*W-OTW-OTL-L

ALL-TIME RECORD IN PLAYOFFS

Opponent	SF	GM
Canada	1-0	6-4
Czech Republic	6-0	N/A
Germany	1-0	N/A
Russia	1-0	N/A
Sweden	2-0	1-0
Total	11-0	7-4

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2019 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	S/C	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
GOALTENDERS (3)							
1	Skylar Vetter	5-8 (173)	155 (70)	05/14/2003	L	Lakeville, Minn.	Lakeville North High School (Minn.)
29	Hannah Hogenson	5-4 (163)	135 (61)	08/03/2001	L	Anchorage, Alaska	Alaska Oilers AAA
30	Natalie Ferenc	5-5 (165)	145 (66)	02/21/2001	L	Orchard Lake, Mich.	Little Caesars
DEFENSEMEN (8)							
2	Lauren Bernard	5-7 (170)	150 (68)	07/15/2001	L	Madison, Ohio	Selects Academy
3	Kate Monihan	5-4 (163)	125 (57)	08/18/2001	R	Moorestown, N.J.	The Lawrenceville School
4	Maggie Nicholson^	5-10 (178)	167 (76)	03/21/2002	L	Minnetonka, Minn.	Minnetonka High School (Minn.)
5	Caroline Harvey	5-6 (168)	140 (64)	10/14/2002	L	Pelham, N.H.	Selects Academy
6	Haley Winn	5-5 (165)	135 (61)	07/14/2003	R	Rochester, N.Y.	Selects Academy
7	Hadley Hartmetz^	5-5 (165)	135 (61)	03/25/2001	R	Phoenixville, Pa.	Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep
8	Mallory Uihlein	5-7 (170)	115 (52)	02/04/2001	R	Edina, Minn.	Edina High School (Minn.)
10	Maddy Samoskevich	5-4 (163)	150 (68)	11/15/2002	L	Sandy Hook, Conn.	Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep
FORWARDS (12)							
11	Dominique Petrie (C)^%	5-7 (170)	155 (70)	01/21/2001	R	Hermosa Beach, Calif.	Harvard University (ECAC)
12	Makenna Webster^	5-2 (157)	135 (61)	03/21/2002	R	St. Louis, Mo.	Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep
15	Katy Knoll (A)^	5-7 (170)	160 (72)	01/16/2001	R	Amherst, N.Y.	Toronto Jr. Aeros
16	Casey O'Brien^	5-3 (160)	135 (61)	08/27/2001	L	Milton, Mass.	Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep
18	Abbey Murphy^	5-4 (163)	135 (61)	04/14/2002	R	Evergreen Park, Ill.	Chicago Mission
20	Sydney Shearen^	5-4 (163)	132 (60)	08/02/2001	R	Hugo, Minn.	White Bear Lake Area High School (Minn.)
21	Kiara Zanon	5-5 (165)	147 (67)	08/22/2002	L	Rochester, N.Y.	Selects Academy
22	Clara Van Wieren	5-10 (178)	165 (75)	01/25/2002	L	Okemos, Mich.	HoneyBaked
23	Audrey Wethington	5-6 (168)	135 (61)	04/01/2002	R	Edina, Minn.	The Blake School (Minn.)
24	Hannah Bilka^	5-5 (165)	130 (59)	03/24/2001	L	Coppell, Texas	Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep
25	Lacey Eden	5-8 (173)	150 (68)	05/02/2002	R	Annapolis, Md.	Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep
27	Sydney Bard	5-4 (163)	135 (61)	01/15/2001	R	New Hartford, N.Y.	Toronto Jr. Aeros

^2018 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team Gold Medalist
 %2017 U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team Gold Medalist

2019 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

No	Name	RUS W, 3-2 1/6	CAN W, 3-2 1/7	SWE Prelims 1/9	TBD QF 1/10	TBD SF 1/12	TBD Medal 1/13	2019 U18WWC Total
1	Skylar Vetter	W, 60:00 19/21						1-0 (W-L) 2.00 GAA
2	Lauren Bernard	--						0-0 (0)
3	Kate Monihan	--						0-0 (0)
4	Maggie Nicholson	A*						0-1 (1)
5	Caroline Harvey	--						0-0 (0)
6	Haley Winn	A	A					0-2 (2)
7	Hadley Hartmetz	--						0-0 (0)
8	Mallory Uihlein	--						0-0 (0)
10	Maddy Samoskevich	--						0-0 (0)
11	Dominique Petrie	--	G					1-0 (1)
12	Makenna Webster	PA						1-1 (2)
15	Katy Knoll	--						0-0 (0)
16	Casey O'Brien	G	A*					1-1 (2)
18	Abbey Murphy	--	GG*					2-0 (2)
20	Sydney Shearen	G*						1-0 (1)
21	Kiara Zanon	--						0-0 (0)
22	Clara Van Wieren	--						0-0 (0)
23	Audrey Wethington	--						0-0 (0)
24	Hannah Bilka	A#						0-1 (1)
25	Lacey Eden	A*						0-1 (1)
27	Sydney Bard	--						0-0 (0)
29	Hannah Hogenson	DND	DND					0-0 (W-L)
30	Natalie Ferenc	DNP	DNP					0-0 (W-L)

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

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2019 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM COACHES

MAURA CROWELL, HEAD COACH

On May 16, 2018, USA Hockey announced that Maura Crowell (Mansfield, Mass.), head coach of the University of Minnesota Duluth women's ice hockey team, would serve as head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the 2018-19 season. Crowell is serving as head coach of the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the first time in her career, after having served as associate coach in 2017-18 and assistant coach



in 2015-16. In both previous seasons, Team USA has taken home gold medals from the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship. Crowell has additional experience with USA Hockey, having also coached at a pair of USA Hockey Women's National Festivals, and during the 2017 and 2015 Under-18 Series against Canada. Crowell completed her third season as head coach at the University of Minnesota Duluth in 2017-18. She led the Bulldogs back into the NCAA playoffs during the 2016-17 season, its first tournament appearance since 2011. For her efforts that season, Crowell was recognized as the USCHO Division I Women's Coach of the Year, CCM/AHCA Division I Women's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year and WCHA Coach of the Year. Prior to joining the Bulldogs, Crowell spent five years with Harvard University in various coaching capacities. Crowell joined the Crimson after a five-year stint as head coach of the women's ice hockey team at UMass Boston, where she was named the 2009-10 Eastern College Athletic Conference East Women's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. Crowell played collegiately at Colgate University.

BRIANNA DECKER, ASSISTANT COACH

Decker is making her debut as a member of the coaching staff for the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team, having recently helped the 2018 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team to a gold medal at the PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games in February. Decker has previous coaching experience with USA Hockey having served as a coach at various Central District camps since 2012 and during USA Hockey Girls Under-18 Select Player Development Camps. Additionally, Decker has served as an assistant coach with the Madison Capitals and at various other camps since graduating from the University of Wisconsin in 2014. A two-time Olympian (2018-gold, 2014-silver), five-time International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship gold medalist (2013-17, 2011) and two-time Bob Allen Women's Player of the Year Award recipient (2017, 2015), Decker will focus on player mentoring and development as coach while remaining an active player in the USA Hockey women's program.



JOSH SCIBA, ASSISTANT COACH

Sciba will be serving as assistant coach for the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team for the first time. He has been a coach annually at USA Hockey Under-18 Girls Player Development Camps for the past 10 years, and recently served as a coach during the 2017 USA Hockey Women's National Festival in Lake Placid, New York. Sciba is currently the head coach of the Union College women's hockey team, a position he has held since 2016. Under his guidance, the Dutchwoman hockey program has shown steady growth. He was named a top-three finalist for the ECAC Coach of the Year in 2017-18. Prior to joining the Union staff, Sciba served as an assistant women's hockey coach at Colgate University from 2012-2016. In his final season with the Raiders, Sciba helped the team to a program-best 22 wins. He also spent four years on the Niagara University women's hockey coaching staff, including three seasons as an assistant coach and one campaign as head coach. Sciba is a 2007 graduate of the University of Notre Dame where he spent four seasons (2003-07) as a member of the Fighting Irish men's program.



2019 U.S. UNDER-18 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM STAFF

GOALTENDING COACH:
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH:
ATHLETIC TRAINER:
TEAM PHYSICIAN:
TEAM DIETICIAN:
VIDEO COORDINATOR:

Alli Altmann
Bill DeLongis
Amanda Meyer
Jamie Schlueter
Carrie Aprik
Chris Demczuk

SCOUT:
EQUIPMENT MANAGER:
MANAGER, WOMEN'S HOCKEY:
ADM MANAGER, FEMALE HOCKEY:
COMMUNICATIONS:

Allison Coomey
Ian Kronberg
Marissa Halligan
Emily West
Chris Krenn

USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

U.S. INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Since 2010, no other nation has claimed more medals in Olympic, Paralympic and International Ice Hockey Federation play than the United States' 44. Additionally, Team USA's 26 collective gold medals also leads all nations. In total, the last eight years has seen the U.S. claim 26 gold medals, 12 silver medals and six bronze medals.

The 26 gold medals span seven events, including the Olympic Winter Games (2018 - Women), Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018), IIHF Women's World Championship (2011, 2013, 2015-17), IIHF World Junior Championship (2010, 2013, 2017), IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship (2010-15, 2017), IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship (2011, 2015-18) and IPC Para Hockey World Championship (2012, 2015).

U.S. CLAIMS SILVER AT WJC

The U.S. National Junior Team fell to Finland at the IIHF World Junior Championship on Saturday, 3-2, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Team USA's silver medal.

Sasha Chmelevski and Josh Norris scored and Cayden Primeau turned aside 28 shots in the loss.

Team USA's (5-0-1-1/W-OTW-OTL-L) silver-medal finish continues its unprecedented medal streak in tournament play after winning gold in 2017 and earning bronze-medal finishes in 2016 and 2018. The U.S. now has 12 medals in tournament play, including four gold medals (2004, 2010, 2013, 2017), two silver medals (1997, 2019) and six bronze medals (1986, 1992, 2007, 2011, 2016, 2018).

U.S. JUNIOR SELECT TEAM WINS 2018 WORLD JR A CHALLENGE

On Dec. 16, the U.S. Junior Select Team topped Russia, 2-0, to win the 2018 World Junior A Challenge in Bonnyville, Alberta. The win marks the fifth World Junior A Challenge title for the U.S. as it has now claimed the championship eight times (2008-10, 2012-14, 2016, 2018), finished second once (2017) and third three times (2007, 2011, 2015).

Anthony Noreen (Kearney, Neb.), head coach and general manager of the Tri-City Storm, served as head coach of the U.S. Junior Select Team and was joined by assistant coaches **Mark Abalan** (Sioux City, Iowa), **Shane Fukushima** (Waterloo, Iowa) and **David Wilkie** (Omaha, Neb.). All players on Team USA currently play in the United States Hockey League, the lone Tier I junior league in the U.S.

2019 U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Five American hockey legends including **Gordon "Red" Berenson**, **Natalie Darwitz**, the late **Leland "Hago" Harrington**, **David Poile** and **Paul Stewart** were formally enshrined into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame on Dec. 12 during a sold-out induction ceremony at the JW Marriott Nashville.

In addition to the induction of the Class of 2018, the late **Jim Johansson** was awarded the Lester Patrick Trophy, presented for outstanding service to hockey in the United States.

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

USA Hockey, in conjunction with Hockey Canada will renew one of the greatest rivalries in sports when the women's national teams from the U.S. and Canada clash in a three-game series Feb. 12-17, 2019.

Little Caesars Arena in Detroit will host the final game of the series as part of Hockey Week Across America on Sunday, Feb. 17, with opening faceoff set for 12 noon ET. The series will also feature games Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. ET in London, Ontario, and Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. ET in Toronto.

Tickets (ranging from \$15-\$55) went on sale earlier today and can be purchased at 313Presents.com, Ticketmaster.com and the Little Caesars Arena XFINITY box office located just off Woodward Avenue, adjacent to the Chevrolet Entry Northeast. To purchase tickets by phone, fans can call 800-745-3000.

28 AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN IIHF COMPETITION

USA Hockey announced that 28 American officials have been selected to serve as referees or linesmen for International Ice Hockey Federation events in 2018-19.

American officials will take part in 18 IIHF events this season, including the IIHF World Junior Championship, the IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championship, the IIHF Women's World Championship, and the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship. For a full list of American officials and their assignments, visit usahockey.com.

2019 HOCKEY WEEK ACROSS AMERICA

In 2019, USA Hockey's yearly nationwide initiative Hockey Weekend Across America – now in its 12th year – will expand to a week-long celebration and take place from Feb. 17-24, 2019. The daily themes will include daily salutes to players (Feb. 18), coaches (19), officials (20) and local rinks (21) followed by the traditional themed days of Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey Day (Feb. 22), Try Hockey Day (Feb. 23) and Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes (Feb. 24). For more information on the week-long celebration, visit 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 for other performances and events. Accompanying the facility is the USA Hockey Summer Drive-In, which has three large screens that show first-run double-features seven nights a week, as well as CJ's Brewing Company.

