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FOUR STEEL PLAYERS SELECTED TO TEAM USA ROSTER FOR WORLD JUNIOR A CHALLENGE

Reid, Brisson, Farrell and Fontaine headline U.S. squad; Schroeder to serve as Athletic Trainer

GENEVA, ILLINOIS — Four players and one staff member from the Chicago Steel organization were selected to represent the United States at the 2019 World Junior A Challenge in December, USA Hockey announced Tuesday. Defenseman Luke Reid and forwards Brendan Brisson, Sean Farrell and Gunnarwolfe Fontaine will represent the Steel in the tournament set to take place in British Columbia, Canada.

Reid has picked up three helpers in 16 contests for the Steel thus far in his second season in the USHL. The 6-foot, 190-pound defenseman was rated as a 'B'-level prospect in NHL Central Scouting's most recent watch list on Nov. 11.

As of Nov. 19, Farrell leads the USHL in scoring with 23 points (7G, 16A) through 16 games played in his first season for the Steel. The Hopkinton, Mass., native paces Chicago with eight multi-point performances this year including three separate three-point games.

Brisson was named the USHL [Forward of the Week](#) on Tuesday after tallying two goals and two assists, all on the power play, over a pair of victories against the Sioux City Musketeers on Nov. 16 & 17. The University of Michigan commit holds the rookie scoring lead for the USHL with 18 points (8G, 10A) through 16 appearances this season.

Fontaine started the 2019-20 season by reaching the scoresheet in seven out of his first eight appearances. The forward, committed to Northeastern University, has tallied 14 points (8G, 6A) in 16 games for the Steel.

Steel athletic trainer Jim Schroeder was chosen to serve in the same capacity for Team USA during the WJAC, marking the second straight season he has earned that honor.

Steel GM Ryan Hardy recognized the players and staff with Steel ties selected to compete for Team USA.

"We're excited to watch Brendan, Gunnar, Luke, Sean and the rest of their teammates, including (former Steel) Josh Groll, represent the USHL and the United States while competing for a Gold Medal. Additionally, we're thrilled that once again Jim Schroeder has been invited to serve Team USA as Head Athletic Trainer," said Hardy.

The World Junior A Challenge is scheduled to begin play in British Columbia, Canada with Team USA competing in the preliminary round against Canada West on Dec. 7, Czech Republic

on Dec. 9, Canada East on Dec. 11 and Russia on Dec. 13, followed by the medal round. The Steel representatives are expected to miss regular season games Dec. 6, 7, 13 and 14.

Chicago takes the ice again this Fri., Nov. 22 in Madison, Wis., against the Capitols and return home on Sat., Nov. 23 to host Madison on "Hockey Is For Everyone" Night, an event celebrating all who play the sport. After the game, all fans are invited to participate in an Xfinity Skate with the Steel.

Chicago Steel games may be heard on Mixlr at <http://mixlr.com/chicago-steel/> (AUDIO) and video may be streamed on available devices through HockeyTV at www.hockeytv.com (VIDEO).

Chicago Steel Upcoming Home Games:

Sat., Nov. 23 vs. Madison Capitols 7:05 pm (Hockey is for Everyone, Xfinity Skate with the Steel)

Fri., Nov. 29 vs. Muskegon Lumberjacks 6:05 pm (Turtle Races presented by Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, Raising Cane's Kids Day)

Fri., Dec. 6 vs. Cedar Rapids RoughRiders 7:05 pm (Steel in Space)

For more information and to purchase Steel tickets, call 855-51-STEEL or visit ChicagoSteelHockeyTeam.com.

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