



2023-24 U.S. NATIONAL SLED HOCKEY TEAM GAME NOTES

2023 PARA HOCKEY CUP | QPLEX | QUISPAMIS, N.B.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME • USA (4-0-0-0) VS. CANADA (3-0-0-1) • SATURDAY, DEC. 9, 2023 • 6:00 P.M. ET • QPLEX

TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team will face off against Canada here today in the Para Hockey Cup title game. Puck drop is set for 6 p.m. ET at the Qplex. The game will be televised in the U.S. tomorrow (Dec. 10) on NHL Network at 11 a.m. ET.

Team USA enters this game unbeaten with a 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record after beating Czechia 6-0 in the semifinals yesterday (Dec. 8). The U.S. had goals from six different players, and **Griffin LaMarre** (Haverhill, Mass.) recorded a shutout.

The U.S. is seeking its 10th Para Hockey Cup title all-time, and eighth-consecutive championship in this tournament. Team USA and Canada have faced off in 10 Para Hockey Cup finals since the inaugural event in 2007, with the U.S. winning eight of those contests. At the 2022 Para Hockey Cup in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Team USA skated to a 5-1 win over Canada in the title game.

These two teams have played 114 contests all-time across all competitions, with the U.S. holding a record of 45-12-7-48-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L-T).

TALKING POINTS

TOP SCORERS

Declan Farmer's (Tampa, Fla.) 14 points (7g, 7a) are the most for any player in the tournament through four games. **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.) follows closely behind with 11 points (4g, 7a), ranking second among all players.

RIVALRY REMATCH

These two teams faced off in the preliminary round on Wednesday (Dec. 6), where the U.S. skated to a 5-0 win. Declan Farmer (Tampa, Fla.) had four tallies and Jen Lee (San Francisco, Calif.) picked up his second shutout of the tournament in goal.

IPH CUP CHAMPS

Team USA captured its second-consecutive IPH Cup title in October in Ostrava, Czechia, skating to a 5-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record.

PARA SPORT AWARDS

The gold medal-winning 2022 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, as well as alternate captain, **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.), took home awards at the 2023 IPC Para Sport Awards in Manama, Bahrain in September.

The IPC honored the U.S. Paralympic Hockey Sled Team with the Para Sport Best Team Award. At the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games in Beijing, China, the squad skated to a 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, outscoring its opponents 30-1 over four contests.

Farmer, who received the Para Sport Award for Best Male Winter Athlete, led all skaters in assists (11) and points (18) in Beijing, both of which are Paralympic records. The forward also tallied seven goals on his way to his third Paralympic gold medal. Farmer is the first sled hockey athlete to ever receive an individual Para Sport Award.

WHO'S BACK?

Highlighting the group of returning players in 2022-23 are **Josh Pauls** (Green Brook, N.J.), **Declan Farmer** (Tampa, Fla.), **Travis Dodson** (Deming, N.M.), **Brody Roybal** (Northlake, Ill.), **Jack Wallace** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) and **Jen Lee** (San Francisco, Calif.).

BROADCAST DETAILS

The championship game will be televised live in Canada on TSN. The U.S. broadcast will be on NHL Network on Sunday (Dec. 10) at 11 a.m. ET.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)/RESULTS
SUN., DEC. 3	CZECHIA	W, 3-0
MON., DEC. 4	CHINA	W, 11-1
WED., DEC. 6	CANADA	W, 5-0
FRI., DEC. 8	CZECHIA	W, 6-0
SAT., DEC. 9	CANADA	6 P.M.

TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS

TOURNAMENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	U.S. RECORD
2023 IPH Cup	USA	CAN	CZE	5-0-0-0
2023 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	CZE	5-0-0-0
2022 Para Hockey Cup	USA	CAN	CZE	4-1-0-0
2022 IPH Cup	USA	CAN	IPH	5-0-0-0
2022 Paralympics	USA	CAN	CHN	4-0-0-0
2021 Sled Worlds	USA	CAN	RPC	4-0-0-1
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				88-4-1-3

LEADING TEAM USA

David Hoff (Bottineau, N.D.) is in his sixth season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. In March of 2023, Hoff was named the 2022 Paralympic Coach of the Year by the USOPC. USA Hockey's Northern Plains District Coach-In-Chief, Hoff led the U.S. to an unprecedented fourth straight gold medal at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games. In his debut season as bench boss, Hoff coached Team USA to a 10-1-0-1 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, including an undefeated 4-1-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) mark at the 2019 Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, Czech Republic. He added a second world championship gold medal to his resume after guiding Team USA to a top-of-the-podium finish at the 2021 IPC Para Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, its record fifth gold medal in world championship history. In his Paralympic debut in 2022, Hoff led Team USA to a perfect 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record and the gold medal. In 2023, Hoff led team USA to an unbeaten 16-2-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record, capped off by winning his third world championship.

Josh Pauls (Green Brook, N.J.), who has helped the U.S. capture the gold medal in the last four Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018, 2022), is serving as captain of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. Pauls is in his 16th season with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team and his seventh as team captain.

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 Seamus Kelley, who will be on-site with Team USA in Quispamsis, N.B.



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NO.	NAME	HT (CM)	WT (KG)	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN	MOST RECENT TEAM
GOALTENDERS (2)						
29	Griffin LaMarre	5-10 (178)	165 (75)	11/10/1996	Haverhill, Mass.	Northeast Passage Wildcats
32	Jen Lee	6-2 (188)	190 (86)	07/26/1986	San Francisco, Calif.	San Antonio Rampage
DEFENSEMEN (5)						
8	Jack Wallace	6-4 (193)	210 (95)	06/24/1998	Franklin Lakes, N.J.	Nashville Sled Preds
17	Chris Douglas	5-9 (175)	150 (68)	05/17/1990	Saint Cloud, Fla.	Florida Banditses
23	Liam Cunningham	5-11 (180)	160 (73)	03/05/2008	River Falls, Wis.	Minnesota Wild
27	Josh Pauls	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	12/31/1992	Green Brook, N.J.	DASA St. Louis Blues
22	Noah Grove	5-8 (173)	135 (61)	05/01/1999	Frederick, Md.	Boston Bruins
FORWARDS (10)						
4	Brody Roybal	3-1 (94)	120 (54)	05/25/1998	Northlake, Ill.	Nashville Sled Preds
9	Travis Dodson	4-0 (122)	150 (68)	02/14/1985	Deming, N.M.	Nashville Sled Preds
10	Brett Bolton	5-7 (170)	154 (70)	04/08/2006	Rockledge, Fla.	Space Coast Blast
14	Ben Musselman	5-6 (168)	125 (57)	03/03/2001	Amelia, Ohio	Ohio United
16	Declan Farmer	6-0 (183)	135 (61)	11/05/1997	Tampa, Florida	Colorado Avalanche
18	Evan Nichols	5-7 (170)	130 (59)	07/29/2004	Haymarket, Va.	Pittsburgh Mighty Penguins
19	Malik Jones	5-7 (170)	162 (73)	12/06/2002	Aurora, Colo.	Colorado Avalanche
24	Josh Misiewicz	6-0 (183)	170 (77)	06/25/1988	La Grange, Ill.	Chicago Blackhawks
37	David Eustace	6-1 (185)	155 (70)	05/03/1999	Stoneham, Mass.	Northeast Passage Wildcats
88	Kevin McKee	4-7 (140)	115 (52)	02/11/1990	Davenport, Iowa	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	Tim Leroy (Columbus, Ohio)
Assistant Coach	Corey Gorder (Bottineau, N.D.)	Team Physician	Mike Uihlein (Grafton, Wis.)
		Communications	Seamus Kelley (Norwood, Mass.)

2023 PHC GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

TOTALS		CZECHIA	CHINA	CANADA	CZECHIA	CANADA	2023 PHC
TIME (ET)/RESULT		W,3-0	W, 11-1	W, 5-0	2 P.M.	6 P.M.	
No	Name	12/3	12/4	12/6	12/8	12/9	
4	Brody Roybal	G*A	GAAA	A	GAA	--	
8	Jack Wallace	A	GAAA	GA	--	--	
9	Travis Dodson	--	GA	--	--	--	
10	Brett Bolton	--	GG	--	--	--	
14	Ben Musselman	--	DNP	--	--	--	
16	Declan Farmer	GA	GAAA	GGGG	GAAA	--	
17	Chris Douglas	G	--	--	--	--	
18	Evan Nichols	--	--	--	G	--	
19	Malik Jones	--	DNP	--	--	--	
22	Noah Grove	--	DNP	--	--	--	
23	Liam Cunningham	--	G	--	--	--	
24	Josh Misiewicz	A*	GGAA	AA	GAA	--	
27	Josh Pauls	A	--	A	GA	--	
37	David Eustace	--	DNP	--	--	--	
88	Kevin McKee	--	G	A	GA	--	
29	Griffin LaMarre	--	W	--	--	--	
32	Jen Lee	WA	--	W	--	--	

Key: G - goal S - shorthanded goal G* - game-winning goal W - Goaltender Win
 A - assist P* - penalty shot A* - assist on game-winning goal DNP - did not play
 # - U.S. Player of the Game DND - did not dress

2023-24 U.S. ROSTER DETAILS

CAREER SKATER STATISTICS ENTERING 2023-24

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	HOME STATES	BIRTH YEARS
4	Brody Roybal	F	117	105	101	206	54	California	1985
8	Jack Wallace	D	65	37	43	80	65	Colorado	1986
9	Travis Dodson	F	53	18	18	36	8	Florida	1988
10	Brett Bolton	F	14	2	2	4	2	Illinois	1990
14	Ben Musselman	F	14	7	7	14	8	Iowa	1992
16	Declan Farmer	F	125	144	114	258	52	Maryland	1996
17	Chris Douglas	D	59	6	17	23	20	Massachusetts	1997
18	Evan Nichols	F	19	9	13	22	0	New Jersey	1998
19	Malik Jones	F	22	13	9	22	0	New Mexico	1999
22	Noah Grove	D	59	14	30	44	4	Ohio	2001
23	Liam Cunningham	D	0	0	0	0	0	Virginia	2002
24	Josh Misiewicz	F	55	29	46	75	28	Wisconsin	2004
27	Josh Pauls	D	182	56	100	156	26		2006
37	David Eustace	F	32	9	11	20	10		2008
88	Kevin McKee	F	143	50	76	126	43		

*Made national team debuts this season

CAREER GOALTENDER STATISTICS ENTERING 2023-24

NO.	NAME	GP	MIN	W-OTW-OTL-L-T	GA	SVS	GAA	SV%
29	Griffin LaMarre	8	270:00	6-0-0-0-0	6	29	.88	0.853
32	Jen Lee	44	1456:42	27-1-0-1-0	17	150	0.53	0.932

Average Height: 5'6"
 Average Weight: 146
 Oldest Player: Travis Dodson (38 years, 7 months)
 Youngest Player: Liam Cunningham (15 years, 6 months)
 Average Age: 27 years

