



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

2023 IPH CUP | OSTRAVAR ARENA | OSTRAVA, CZECHIA

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME • USA (4-0-0-0) VS. CANADA (2-0-0-2) • SUNDAY, OCT. 8, 2023 • 12:00 P.M. ET • OSTRAVAR ARENA

TODAY'S GAME

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team will take on Canada here today (Oct. 3) in the IPH Cup championship game, as Team USA looks to capture back-to-back IHP Cup titles after winning last year's inaugural tournament. Puck drop is set for 12:00 p.m. ET at Ostravar Arena.

The U.S. enters the game with an unbeaten 4-0-0-0 (W-OTW-OTL-L) record after beating Czechia 6-1 in the semifinals yesterday.

Canada beat Team IPH in its semifinal-round contest yesterday to move to 2-0-0-2 (W-OTW-OTL-L) heading into the title game.

The U.S. and Canada met in the preliminary round on Tuesday (Oct. 3), with the U.S. skating to a 6-1 victory. **Malik Jones** (Aurora, Colo.) was named U.S. Player of the Game. In last season's inaugural IPH Cup championship game, Team USA beat Canada 4-0 to claim the title.

TALKING POINTS

LAST TIME OUT

Declan Farmer (Tampa, Fla.) scored twice, including his 150th career tally, to help the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team to a 6-1 victory over Czechia in the IPH Cup semifinals at Ostravar Arena.

NATIONAL TEAM DEBUTS

Liam Cunningham (River Falls, Wis.) and **Daniel Malloy** (Bowie, Md.) are both making their U.S. National Sled Team debuts at the IPH Cup. Both skated with the U.S. Men's Development Sled Team in 2022-23.

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 returnees 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.).

Pauls, in his 16th season with the team and sixth as captain, is a four-time Paralympic gold medalist, as well as a six-time world champion. Alternate captain Farmer, the all-time leader in goals (144), assists (114) and points (258) for the U.S. National Sled Team, is in his 12th season. Fellow alternate captain Dodson enters his seventh campaign after setting career-best marks in goals (10), assists (10) and points (20) in 2022-23.

Roybal, a three-time Paralympic gold medalist and four-time world champion, returns for his 11th year after becoming just the second player in team history to reach 200 career points last season. He's joined by defenseman Wallace, who is returning for an eighth season after tallying a career-high 32 points (12g, 20a) in 2022-23. A three-time Paralympic gold medalist and three-time world champion, goaltender Lee is back for his 11th season between the pipes.

BROADCAST DETAILS

All IPH Cup games will be live streamed [here](#) on the Czechia Para Hockey YouTube.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME (ET)/RESULTS |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|
| MON., OCT. 2 | TEAM IPH | W, 6-0 |
| TUES., OCT. 3 | CANADA | W, 6-1 |
| THURS., OCT. 5 | CZECHIA | W, 4-1 |
| SAT., OCT. 7 | CZECHIA | W, 6-1 |
| SUN., OCT. 8 | CANADA | 12:00 P.M. |

TEAM USA SINCE 2014 PARALYMPICS

| TOURNAMENT | GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE | U.S. RECORD |
|------------------------|------|--------|--------|-------------|
| 2023 Sled Worlds | USA | CAN | CZE | 5-0-0-0 |
| 2023 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 | | | | 83-4-1-1 |

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 Ostrava, Czechia



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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 |
| 25 | Daniel Malloy | 5-5 (165) | 120 (54) | 07/10/2001 | Bowie, Md. | Northeast Passage Wildcats |
| 27 | Josh Pauls | 5-8 (173) | 135 (61) | 12/31/1992 | Green Brook, N.J. | DASA St. Louis Blues |
| 37 | David Eustace | 6-1 (185) | 155 (70) | 05/03/1999 | Stoneham, Mass. | Northeast Passage Wildcats |
| FORWARDS (13) | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 13 | Rob Easley | 6-0 (183) | 165 (75) | 08/11/1986 | Denver, Colo. | Colorado Avalanche |
| 14 | Ben Musselman | 5-6 (168) | 125 (57) | 03/03/2001 | Amelia, Ohio | Ohio United |
| 15 | Kyle Zych | 5-9 (175) | 165 (75) | 12/09/1996 | South Hadley, Mass. | Northeast Passage Wildcats |
| 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 |
| 22 | Noah Grove | 5-8 (173) | 135 (61) | 05/01/1999 | Frederick, Md. | Boston Bruins |
| 24 | Josh Misiewicz | 6-0 (183) | 170 (77) | 06/25/1988 | La Grange, Ill. | Chicago Blackhawks |
| 26 | Liam Cunningham | 5-11 (180) | 160 (73) | 03/05/2008 | River Falls, Wis. | Minnesota Wild |
| 88 | Kevin McKee | 4-7 (140) | 115 (52) | 02/11/1990 | Davenport, Iowa | Chicago Blackhawks |

TEAM STAFF

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| General Manager | Dan Brennan (Colorado Springs, Colo.) | Athletic Trainer | Mike Cortese (Boynton Beach, Fla.) |
| Head Coach | David Hoff (Bottineau, N.D.) | Equipment Manager | Nick Cortese (Boynton Beach, Fla.) |
| Assistant Coach | Corey Gorder (Bottineau, N.D.) | Team Physician | Mike Uihlein (Grafton, Wis.) |

2023 IPH CUP GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

| TIME (ET)/RESULT | TEAM IPH | CANADA | CZECHIA | CZECHIA | CANADA | TOTALS | |
|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| | | | | | | | W, 6-0 |
| No | Name | 10/2 | 10/3 | 10/5 | 10/7 | 10/8 | |
| 4 | Brody Roybal | A | GGA | G | AA | -- | 3 - 4 -- 7 |
| 8 | Jack Wallace | G*GS | G | GA | AA | -- | 5 - 3 -- 8 |
| 9 | Travis Dodson | -- | A | A | -- | -- | 0 - 2 -- 2 |
| 10 | Brett Bolton | -- | A | -- | -- | -- | 0 - 1 -- 1 |
| 13 | Rob Easley | A | -- | -- | A | -- | 0 - 2 -- 2 |
| 14 | Ben Musselman | -- | G | -- | -- | -- | 1 - 0 -- 1 |
| 15 | Kyle Zych | -- | -- | -- | A | -- | 0 - 1 -- 1 |
| 16 | Declan Farmer | GG | G*GAA | G* | GG* | -- | 7 - 2 -- 9 |
| 17 | Chris Douglas | G | A | -- | -- | -- | 1 - 1 -- 2 |
| 18 | Evan Nichols | -- | -- | A | GA | -- | 1 - 2 -- 3 |
| 19 | Malik Jones | -- | A | A | GA | -- | 1 - 3 -- 4 |
| 22 | Noah Grove | A | A | A | -- | -- | 0 - 3 -- 3 |
| 24 | Josh Misiewicz | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 - 0 -- 0 |
| 25 | Daniel Malloy | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 - 0 -- 0 |
| 26 | Liam Cunningham | -- | -- | A | -- | -- | 0 - 1 -- 1 |
| 27 | Josh Pauls | -- | AA | A | GA | -- | 1 - 4 -- 5 |
| 37 | David Eustace | A | -- | G | G | -- | 2 - 1 -- 3 |
| 88 | Kevin McKee | A* | -- | -- | -- | -- | 0 - 1 -- 1 |
| 29 | Griffin LaMarre | -- | W | -- | W | -- | -- |
| 32 | Jen Lee | W | -- | W | -- | -- | -- |

Key:

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| 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 |

2023-24 U.S. ROSTER DETAILS

CAREER SKATER STATISTICS ENTERING 2023-24

| NO. | PLAYER | POS. | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM |
|-----|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 4 | Brody Roybal | F | 117 | 105 | 101 | 206 | 54 |
| 8 | Jack Wallace | D | 65 | 37 | 43 | 80 | 65 |
| 9 | Travis Dodson | F | 53 | 18 | 18 | 36 | 8 |
| 10 | Brett Bolton | F | 14 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| 13 | Rob Easley | F | 10 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 0 |
| 14 | Ben Musselman | F | 14 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 8 |
| 15 | Kyle Zych | F | 24 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 4 |
| 16 | Declan Farmer | F | 125 | 144 | 114 | 258 | 52 |
| 17 | Chris Douglas | D | 59 | 6 | 17 | 23 | 20 |
| 18 | Evan Nichols | F | 19 | 9 | 13 | 22 | 0 |
| 19 | Malik Jones | F | 22 | 13 | 9 | 22 | 0 |
| 22 | Noah Grove | F | 59 | 14 | 30 | 44 | 4 |
| 24 | Josh Misiewicz | F | 55 | 29 | 46 | 75 | 28 |
| 27 | Josh Pauls | D | 182 | 56 | 100 | 156 | 26 |
| 37 | David Eustace | D | 32 | 9 | 11 | 20 | 10 |
| 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 |

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

