



2018 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S SELECT TEAM GAME NOTES

2018 HLINKA GRETZKY CUP | EDMONTON & RED DEER, ALBERTA | AUGUST 6-11, 2018

GAME THREE • USA (2-0-0-0) VS. RUSSIA (2-0-0-0) • SERVUS ARENA • AUGUST 8, 2018

TONIGHT'S GAME

Team USA is 3-1 (W-L) in its last four meetings with Russia at the Hlinka Tournament.

The teams last met in the 2016 semifinals when the U.S. won 4-3 in overtime. **Michael Pastujov** (Bradenton, Fla.), now at the University of Michigan, scored the game-winning goal for Team USA in overtime.

In 2014, the U.S. skated to a 7-4 preliminary-round win over the Russians highlighted by a hat trick from **Brock Boeser** (Burnsville, Minn.), who went on to be named a finalist for the NHL's Calder Trophy and earn NHL All-Star Game MVP honors in 2017-18, becoming the first rookie to do so since Mario Lemieux.

Since 2006, Russia has finished in the top three seven times.

TALKING POINTS

NINE BACK FOR ANOTHER TOUR

The U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team has three skaters with three points and two with four through two games at the 2018 Hlinka Gretzky Cup.

Jackson Jutting (Savage, Minn.) (2G, 1A), **Robert Mastrosimone** (East Islip, N.Y.) (2G, 1A) and **Josh Nodler** (Oak Park, Mich.) (0G, 3A) have all recorded three points over the first two games of the tournament.

Meanwhile, **Grant Silianoff** (Edina, Minn.) (1G, 3A) and **Luke Toporowski** (Bettendorf, Iowa) (3G, 1A) have each recorded four points through the team's first two games. The four points are tied for both the team and tournament lead.

FAMILIAR FACES

Several members of the U.S. team have experience as teammates with numerous youth hockey organizations across the country. Toporowski and **Dylan Davies** (Traverse City, Mich.) were teammates with the Chicago Mission organization while Nodler, **Michael Mancinelli** (Northville, Mich.) and **Mitchell Miller** (Sylvania, Ohio) skated together with HoneyBaked Hockey Club in Suburban Detroit.

Sam Colangelo (Stoneham, Mass.) and **Cade Webber** (Meadville, Pa.) joined forces in Boston with the Little Bruins while **John Farinacci** (Chatham, N.J.) and **Derek Mullahy** (Scituate, Mass.) spent time together at Dexter School in Brookline, Massachusetts.

Several skaters have also crossed paths at Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep School in Minnesota, including Farinacci, Mastrosimone, Mullahy, Silianoff and **Jackson LaCombe** (Chaska, Minn.).

LaCombe also spent time with goaltender **Dustin Wolf** (Tustin, Calif.) with the Los Angeles Jr. Kings, a USA Hockey Model Association.

HOPING FOR HLINKA HISTORY

The last time Team USA won all three of its preliminary-round games was 2006, when the tournament was renamed in honor of the late Ivan Hlinka. Coincidentally, the U.S. skated in a pool with Czechia, Finland and Russia during the 2006 tournament, as is the case again this year.

In 2006, Team USA collected two regulation wins along with one overtime victory in pool play.

BACK IN NORTH AMERICA

The Hlinka Tournament hasn't been played on North American soil since 1996, when it was known as the Pacific Cup and hosted in Nelson and Castlegar, British Columbia, Canada. The U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team skated to a second-place finish at the event, paced by 10 points (4G, 6A) from **Erik Westrum** (Apple Valley, Minn.), who would go on to star at the University of Minnesota before playing in the NHL with the Phoenix Coyotes, Minnesota Wild and Toronto Maple Leafs. Westrum also helped the U.S. Men's National Team claim a bronze medal at the 2004 IIHF Men's World Championship, scoring the game-winning goal in a shootout against Slovakia.

Among the other members of the 1996 U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team was **Brian Gionta**, who served as captain of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, as well as future NHLers **Scott Gomez**, **John Pohl**, **Paul Mara** and **Mike Pandolfo**.

U.S. Olympian **Mark Kumpel** (Wakefield, Mass.) served on the 1996 team's coaching staff and he's serving as team leader for the 2018 U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team.

THINGS TO KNOW

The U.S. will conclude preliminary-round play tonight against Russia.

Team USA won its second game in as many nights on Tuesday, a 6-2 victory over Finland in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. The U.S. scored a shorthanded goal for the second consecutive contest and outshot Finland 39-31. **Arthur Kaliyev** (Delray Beach, Fla.) scored the game-winner. Toporowski recorded three points and Wolf made 29 saves for his second win of the tournament.

Over the years, a number of players who skated with Team USA at the Hlinka Tournament went on to establish prominent NHL and international careers. Among them are Stanley Cup champions Dustin Brown, John Carlson and Alec Martinez. For an expanded list, see page 2.

TEAM USA SCHEDULE

DATE City	EVENT Venue	TIME (LOCAL)/RESULT (Eastern)
SAT., AUGUST 4 Sylvan Lake	SLOVAKIA (exh.) Sylvan Lake NexSource Centre	W, 10-4
MON., AUGUST 6 Red Deer	CZECH REPUBLIC Servus Arena	W, 6-0
TUES., AUGUST 7 Red Deer	FINLAND Servus Arena	W, 6-2
WED., AUGUST 8 Red Deer	RUSSIA Servus Arena	7:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M.
FRI., AUGUST 10 Edmonton	SEMIFINALS Rogers Place	TBD
SAT., AUGUST 11 Edmonton	THIRD PLACE GAME Rogers Place	1:30 P.M. 3:30 P.M.
SAT., AUGUST 11 Edmonton	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Rogers Place	6:00 P.M. 8:00 P.M.

All U.S. preliminary games will be streamed live on HockeyTV

ALL-TIME FINISHES

Since the tournament was renamed the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament in 2006, the U.S. has claimed five top-three finishes, three of which have come in the last five years.

TEAM USA TOP-THREE FINISHES SINCE 2006

YEAR	FINISH	RECORD
2017	Fifth	1-1-0-2
2016	Second	2-2-0-1
2015	Fifth	2-0-0-2
2014	Third	3-0-0-2
2013	Second	3-0-1-1
2012	Seventh	1-0-1-2
2011	Fifth	1-2-0-1
2010	Second	2-1-1-1
2009	Fourth	2-0-0-2
2008	Seventh	1-0-0-3
2007	Fifth	1-1-0-2
2006	Second	2-1-0-0

MEDIA INFORMATION

Team USA players and head coach Cory Laylin will be available for interviews in designated mixed-zone areas following games. Media availability on day-of-game skates will be limited. Members of the media are not allowed in the U.S. dressing room.

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All media availability with U.S. team members must be arranged through Chris Krenn, who is on-site with the U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team here in Alberta.

ONLINE GUIDE **TEAMUSA.USAHOCKEY.COM/2018HLINKA**
Team USA information, including player and staff bios, team schedule, news and team history is available online.



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BY THE NUMBERS

Average Height	6ft. 0in.
Tallest	Webber (6-5/196 cm)
Shortest	Robertson (5-9/175 cm)
Average Weight	179.1 lbs
Heaviest	Paquette (200 lbs)
Lightest	Wolf (150 lbs)
Shoot/Catch	Left: 14 Right: 8

HOME STATES (11)

Michigan	5
Minnesota	5
California	2
Massachusetts	2
Pennsylvania	2
Florida	1
Illinois	1
Iowa	1
New Jersey	1
New York	1
Ohio	1

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS (17)

University of Minnesota	3
University of North Dakota	3
Boston University	2
Harvard University	2
Michigan State University	2
Colorado College	1
Northeastern University	1
Penn State University	1
University of Michigan	1
University of Notre Dame	1
Uncommitted	1

TEAM USA TIDBITS

USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS

Each August, USA Hockey invites approximately 40 players to the World Junior Summer Showcase, which took place in 2018 in Kamloops, British Columbia, from July 28 - Aug. 4. The Summer Showcase serves as part of the process to select the U.S. National Junior Team that will compete at the International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship, which takes place each December.

The 2018 USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game, which features the top 40 American-born prospects eligible for the 2019 NHL Draft, will be hosted by the Minnesota Wild and Xcel Energy Center on Wednesday, September 19. The seventh annual contest, which will be staged in Minnesota for the very first time, is set for a 7 p.m. CT faceoff.

The 2018 USA Hockey Women's National Festival, which takes place Aug. 6-13, is a training session that will also be used to select two 22-player rosters for a pair of series against Canada that will be held simultaneously from Aug. 14-19 in Calgary, Alberta. The U.S. entries will feature an Under-18 Select Team and Under-22 Select Team.

USA HOCKEY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

The 2018 U.S. Under-18 Men's Select Team was chosen from players skating at USA Hockey's 2018 Boys Select 17 Player Development Camp in Amherst, New York. The USA Hockey National Player Development Camps for 15-year olds, 16-year olds, and 17-year olds provide the nation's top young players with age-appropriate on- and off-ice training and coaching from elite-level instructors, as well as the opportunity to compete against their peers from throughout the country.

Players earn invitations to the national camps through their performance at a series of state- and district-level camps held each season. The camps are designed so players return home afterward with the tool to further develop their skills over the course of the coming season and beyond. Since their launch in 1977, USA Hockey's National Player Development Camps have been a springboard for countless future Olympians and professional players.

NOTABLE U.S. ALUMNI

PLAYER	YEAR PLAYED
Cam Atkinson	2006
Brock Boeser	2014
Dustin Brown	2001
Brandon Carlo	2013
John Carlson	2007
Charlie Coyle	2009
Brian Dumoulin	2008
Alex Galchenyuk	2011
Jake Gardiner	2007
Johnny Gaudreau	2010
Kevin Hayes	2009
Vinnie Hinostroza	2011
Alec Martinez	2004
Ryan McDonagh	2006
Matt Niskanen	2003
Kyle Okposo	2005
Max Pacioretty	2005
Zach Parise	2000
Brett Pesce	2011
Jacob Slavin	2011
Vincent Trocheck	2010
Keith Yandle	2003

2018 U.S. UNDER-18 MEN'S SELECT TEAM GAME-BY-GAME SCORING

NO	NAME	POS.	SVK W, 10-4 08/04	CZE W, 6-0 08/06	FIN W, 6-2 08/07	RUS TBD 08/08	TBD TBD 08/10	TBD TBD 08/11	2018 HGC TOTAL
2	Dylan Davies	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
3	Mike Koster	D	G	A*	--	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
4	Mitchell Miller	D	A	A	A	--	--	--	0-2 (2)
5	Luke Reid	D	A	--	A	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
6	Michael Feenstra	D	G	--	A	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
7	Jackson LaCombe	D	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
8	Sam Colangelo	F	--	--	G	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
9	John Farinacci	F	GAA	A	G	--	--	--	1-1 (2)
10	Josh Groll	F	GGA	--	A	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
11	Arthur Kaliyev	F	GA	--	W	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
12	Aaron Huglen	F	--	G	--	--	--	--	1-0 (1)
14	Jackson Jutting	F	A	S	AG	--	--	--	2-1 (3)
15	Tyler Paquette	F	G	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
16	Michael Mancinelli	F	A	--	--	--	--	--	0-0 (0)
17	Robert Mastro Simone	F	--	W/PG	A	--	--	--	2-1 (3)
18	Josh Nodler	F	AA	AA	A	--	--	--	0-3 (3)
19	Nicholas Robertson	F	GGAA	--	A	--	--	--	0-1 (1)
20	Grant Silianoff	F	GA	A* AAG	--	--	--	--	1-3 (4)
21	Cade Webber	D	--	A	A	--	--	--	0-2 (2)
22	Luke Toporowski	F	--	S	GAS	--	--	--	3-1 (4)
1	Derek Mullahy	G	29:00 9/11	DNP	DNP	--	--	--	0-0 (W-L) 0.00 GAA
30	Dustin Wolf	G	W, 31:00 16/18	W, 60:00 A 23/23	W, 60:00 29/31	--	--	--	2-0 (W-L) 1.00 GAA

TEAM USA STAT LEADERS

SKATERS

GOALS	Toporowski (3)
ASSISTS	Nodler, Silianoff (3)
POINTS	Silianoff, Toporowski (4)

GOALTENDERS

GAA	Wolf (1.00)
SV%	Wolf (.963%)
WINS	Wolf (2)

Key:

G - goal	P* - penalty shot	A* - assist on GWG
A - assist	U - unassisted goal	P - powerplay goal
W - game-winning goal	^ - Exhibition Game	S - shorthanded goal
W* - shootout game-winning goal		DNP - Did Not Play
*Exhibition game statistics do not count towards Hlinka Gretzky Cup totals		

