



TEAM USA GAME NOTES

2010 Paralympic Winter Games • Vancouver, B.C.

USA (4-0-0-0) vs. Japan (3-0-0-1)

March 20, 2010 • 12:00 p.m. • Gold-Medal Game

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• **TODAY'S CONTEST** -- The 2010 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team will take on Japan this afternoon in the gold-medal game of the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games sled hockey tournament. The U.S. is participating in its fourth Paralympic Winter Games, having made its first appearance in Nagano, Japan, in 1998. Meanwhile, Japan is also skating in its fourth Paralympic Winter Games sled hockey tournament and has guaranteed itself its best finish ever, having finished fifth in all three of its previous appearances (1998, 2002, 2006). Both teams are very familiar with each other, having squared off seven times already in 2009-10, including four days ago in both teams' final preliminary-round game. Team USA has won all seven affairs, outscoring Japan, 29-2, in those outings. Team USA holds a slight 3-0-0-2 advantage in the two teams' five all-time Paralympic meetings, with the U.S. posting 3-0 wins over Japan in 2006 and 2002, and Japan topping Team USA twice by a score of 2-1 in 1998.

• **HOW THEY GOT HERE** -- The U.S. entered the Paralympic Winter Games as the tournament's top seed having captured the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championship last May in Ostrava, Czech Republic. In fact, the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team has won the last three IPC-sanctioned sled hockey tournaments, including the 2009 World Sledge Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, P.E.I., last November and the 2010 Japan Para Ice Sledge Hockey Championships in Nagano City, Japan, this past January. Meanwhile, Japan is ranked fourth at this year's Paralympic tournament, having lost its bronze-medal showdown with Canada at the IPC World Championship last spring.

• **THE STORY** -- Team USA and Japan will square off in the title game having emerged victorious from their respective semifinal match-ups last Thursday. The U.S. blanked Norway, 3-0, marking its fourth consecutive shutout of the tournament. Team USA has yet to allow a goal against, as goalie **Steve Cash** has turned aside all 28 shots faced in 165 minutes of action while backup **Mike Blabac** stopped one shot in one period of play against Japan last Tuesday. The U.S. is looking to become the first team ever to win its second Paralympic sled hockey gold medal, having captured the top prize in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2002. Other gold medal winners include Sweden (1994), Norway (1998) and Canada (2006). Meanwhile, Japan logged arguably the biggest upset ever in Paralympic sled hockey history, knocking off Canada, 3-1, for the first time in 12 outings. With the win, Japan guaranteed itself its first-ever medal in Paralympic sled hockey play.

• **PLAYERS TO WATCH** -- While the U.S. relies on a balanced attack and rolls its lines on a fairly even basis, keep an eye on these key contributors:

Taylor Lipsett, F -- One of the top scorers for the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team during the 2009-10 season, Lipsett found the back of the net in each of Team USA's first three games and leads the U.S. with four goals overall. The Mesquite, Texas, native is playing in his second Paralympic Winter Games, and brings a veteran presence despite his age (23). No one on Team USA knows better how to handle gold than Lipsett. He currently works within Bank of America's Private Wealth Management Division and would like to specialize in wealth management for athletes.

 Team USA Schedule 	
<u>Saturday, March 13</u>	
South Korea	W, 5-0
<u>Sunday, March 14</u>	
Czech Republic	W, 3-0
<u>Tuesday, March 16</u>	
Japan	W, 6-0
<u>Thursday, March 18</u>	
Norway (Semifinal)	W, 3-0
<u>Saturday, March 20</u>	
Japan (Gold-Medal Game)	12:00 p.m.

Alexi Salamone, F -- Team USA's leading scorer in Torino four years ago, he is currently leading the way once again with seven points (3-4) in four games. Salamone was born disabled in Briansk, Ukraine, 14 months after the nuclear plant meltdown in Chernobyl. His legs were amputated in Moscow at age four, and he was subsequently adopted by the Salamone family and brought to the United States.

Taylor Chace, D -- A defenseman who likes to jump up into the play, Chace leads Team USA's defensemen with five points (3-2) in three games. Chace, who joins Salamone in having logged a point in every game this tournament, outshot the entire Czech Republic team last Sunday, firing seven shots on goal in that game to the Czech Republic's six.

Steve Cash, G -- Arguably the sport's top goaltender, Cash was recently named the U.S. Olympic Committee's 2009 Paralympic SportsMan of the Year after posting a 0.77 goals-against average and .940 save percentage at the 2009 IPC World Championship last May. He's putting up even better numbers so far, as he has yet to allow a goal in 165 minutes of play.

Greg Shaw, F -- Despite his 3-0 size, Greg Shaw has come up big for Team USA thus far. Not normally relied on for his offensive contribution, Shaw has scored twice already including the game-winner against Norway on Thursday. His long reach frequently allows him to create turnovers on the forecheck.

Nikko Landeros, D -- Landeros is the only rookie on Team USA, having joined the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team this past July. After going through the entire 2009-10 season without a point, he has scored once and added two assists in four games. Landeros was struck by a car while changing a tire just three years ago at the age of 17.

Preliminary Round, Game 1 • USA vs. South Korea

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March 13, 2010

South Korea	0	0	0	--	0
United States	1	2	2	--	5

1st: USA-Chace (Shaw, Landeros), 3:45
 2nd: USA-Salomone (Howard), 4:45; 5x4 PPG
 USA-Lipsett (Salomone, Yohe), 14:34; 5x4 PPG
 3rd: USA-Lipsett (Unassisted), 8:32
 USA-Chace (Unassisted), 14:22

Penalties: KOR 5-10; USA 6-12 Power Plays: KOR 0-6; USA 2-5
 Shots: KOR 2-2-1--5; USA 10-6-5--21
 Saves: KOR-Choi (9-4-3--16); 45:00
 USA-Cash (2-2-1--5); 45:00

Preliminary Round, Game 2 • USA vs. Czech Republic

UBC Thunderbird Arena • Vancouver, B.C. (5,170)
March 14, 2010

United States	1	1	1	--	3
Czech Republic	0	0	0	--	0

1st: USA-Lipsett (Salomone, Chace), 7:53; 5x4 PPG
 2nd: USA-Salomone (Unassisted), 12:01
 3rd: USA-Connelly (Howard, Yohe), 3:44

Penalties: USA 6-12; CZE 3-6 Power Plays: USA 1-3; CZE 0-6
 Shots: USA 7-8-8--23; CZE 2-2-2--6
 Saves: USA-Cash (2-2-2--6); 45:00
 CZE-Vapenka (6-7-7--20); 45:00

Preliminary Round, Game 3 • USA vs. Japan

UBC Thunderbird Arena • Vancouver, B.C. (5,468)
March 16, 2010

Japan	0	0	0	--	0
United States	2	2	2	--	6

1st: USA-Page (Yohe, Jones), 1:05
 USA-Shaw (Lipsett), 12:01
 2nd: USA-Salomone (Yohe), 5:13; 5x4 PPG
 USA-Lipsett (Unassisted), 13:22
 3rd: USA-Howard (Chace), 4:10
 USA-Landeros (Unassisted), 8:54

Penalties: JPN 3-6; USA 4-8 Power Plays: JPN 0-4; USA 1-4
 Shots: JPN 4-1-1--6; USA 6-7-6--19
 Saves: JPN-Nagase (4-5-1--10); 34:10
 JPN-Fukushima (X-X-3--3); 10:50
 USA-Cash (4-1-X--5); 30:00
 USA-Blabac (X-X-1--1); 15:00

Semifinal Round, Game 4 • USA vs. Norway

UBC Thunderbird Arena • Vancouver, B.C. (5,204)
March 18, 2010

Norway	0	0	0	--	0
United States	0	2	1	--	3

1st: None
 2nd: USA-Shaw (Pauls), 8:48
 USA-Chace (Salomone), 10:35; 5x4 PPG
 3rd: USA-Howard (Salomone, Landeros), 11:59

Penalties: NOR 4-8; USA 2-4 Power Plays: NOR 0-2; USA 1-4
 Shots: NOR 5-3-4--12; USA 3-4-3--10
 Saves: NOR-Johansen (3-2-2--7); 45:00
 USA-Cash (5-3-4--12); 45:00

• **YOUNG GUNS** -- Despite Team USA's lineup being filled with nine Paralympic veterans, it is the youngest team in the tournament by far. With an average age of just under 24-years-old (23.8), Team USA is, on average, nearly seven years younger than the next closest team. In fact, **Joe Howard** (43), **Mike Blabac** (36) and captain **Andy Yohe** (31) are the only players on the roster over the age of 30. Team USA boasts three players under the age of 20, including 18-year-olds **Adam Page** and **Bubba Torres** and 17-year-old **Josh Pauls**.

Average Ages of Paralympic Sled Teams

United States	23.8	Norway	33.2
Canada	30.7	South Korea	33.7
Sweden	30.9	Italy	36.3
Czech Republic	31.9	Japan	36.9

• **SPEED RACERS** -- Recently, the members of the U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team were outfitted for brand new sled buckets designed by the Extreme Ice Center in Indian Trail, N.C. NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Joey Logano became involved in the project when his father, Tom - a partner at the Extreme Ice Center - tipped him off. The reigning Rookie of the Year driver used his status as a member of the Coca-Cola Family of Drivers to help fund the project, which all-told produced 20 new sleds for Team USA. The U.S. players also brought along their older sleds in case of malfunctions. Logano has been following the squad from the States and e-mailed the team to show his support earlier this week.

• **ROLL THEM OUT** -- Team USA prides itself on being one of the most balanced teams at these Paralympic Winter Games, making good use of all three forward lines and both defensive pairings. Team USA is the only team at these Paralympic Winter Games without a player averaging over 25 minutes of ice time per game. In addition, the U.S. has distributed ice time to its three forward lines evenly, as all but three forwards' ice time (**Josh Pauls**, 8:53; **Taylor Lipsett**, 12:55; **Brad Emmerson**, 16:04) falls between 14 and 16 minutes.

Teams' Average Ice Time Leaders (minimum 2 GP)

Marcus Holm (SWE)	43:37	Thomas Kvoch	32:13
Gianluigi Rosa (ITA)	37:31	Adam Dixon (CAN)	27:00
Eskil Hagen (NOR)	34:39	Jong-Kyung Lee (KOR)	25:27
Takayuki Endo (JPN)	33:34	Andy Yohe (USA)	24:34

• **OLYMPIC ENCOURAGEMENT** -- Several members of the 2010 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team that captured silver last month at the Olympic Winter Games have shown their support for their sled hockey counterparts with e-mails of encouragement. Among the supporters were captain Jamie Langenbrunner and Chris Drury; head coach Ron Wilson; and general manager Brian Burke.

• **LOOK WHO'S HERE** -- USA Hockey executive director **Dave Ogrea**n will be in attendance for this afternoon's game, along with USA Hockey's assistant executive director of hockey operations, **Jim Johannson**. Also in attendance are members of the U.S. National Junior Sled Hockey Team, which recently completed a three-game exhibition series against Sledge Team Ontario in nearby Burnaby, B.C.



GET TO KNOW TEAM USA

• **THE HEAD COACH** -- Team USA head coach **Ray Maluta** is coaching his first U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team after recently completing his second season as head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team. Maluta directed Team USA to its first-ever IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championship in Ostrava, Czech Republic, in 2009. Maluta's additional USA Hockey experience includes serving as the team leader of the U.S. Men's Under-18 Select Team at the 2007 Memorial of Ivan Hlinka Tournament in Piestany and Breclav, Czech Republic. He also serves as the general manager of The Sports Centre in Rochester, N.Y., where he has hosted several USA Hockey National Championships and Player Development Camps over the years. The 1974 NHL seventh-round draftee spent some time with the Boston Bruins and played five years (1975-80) in the AHL with the Rochester Americans before finishing his professional career in Europe with HC Salzburg in 1981. Maluta resides in Rochester, N.Y., with his wife, Sandy.

• **LINE THEM UP** -- Team USA's lines are known by the color of their practice jerseys that are always assigned to them.

The Red Line

Joe Howard, Alexi Salamone and Bubba Torres

The White Line

Taylor Lipsett, Josh Pauls and Greg Shaw

The Blue Line

Brad Emmerson, Tim Jones and Adam Page

• **GOING ON THE DEFENSIVE** -- Of Team USA's four defensemen, two only recently converted to the position after spending years as forwards. **Taylor Chace** and **Andy Yohe** made the transition to defense during the 2009-10 season at the suggestion of the U.S. coaching staff, who hoped the players' speed combined with their veteran hockey sense would bring another dimension to the team's back end.

• **TOURNAMENT TRENDS** -- The U.S. has scored a power-play goal in all four games at these Paralympics ... Team USA has held its opponents to less than 10 shots on goal three times, and has never allowed more than 12 shots on goal in any game ... The U.S. has taken a first period lead in all but one of its games thus far.

• **TEAM USA AND THE PARALYMPICS** -- Team USA brings Paralympic experience to Vancouver, as nine of its 15 players participated in the 2006 Paralympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy. **Joe Howard** is the lone U.S. player to have skated in multiple Paralympics (1998, 2002, 2006).

2006 Paralympians on Team USA

G Steve Cash	D Taylor Chace
D Jimmy Connelly	F Brad Emmerson
F Joe Howard	F Tim Jones
F Taylor Lipsett	F Alexi Salamone
D Andy Yohe	

• U.S. PARALYMPIC SLED TEAM BREAKDOWN:

Record when (W-OTW-OTL-L) --

Team USA scored first: 4-0-0-0
 Opponent scored first: 0-0-0-0
Team USA led after first: 3-0-0-0
 Opponent led after first: 0-0-0-0
 Tied after first: 1-0-0-0
 Team USA led after second: 4-0-0-0
 Opponent led after second: 0-0-0-0
 Tied after second: 0-0-0-0
 Team USA scored two goals or less: 0-0-0-0
 Team USA scored three goals: 2-0-0-0
 Team USA scored four goals or more: 2-0-0-0
 Opponent scored two goals or less: 4-0-0-0
 Opponent scored three goals: 0-0-0-0
 Opponent scored four goals or more: 0-0-0-0
 One-goal games: 0-0-0-0
 Two-goal games: 0-0-0-0
 Games decided by three or more: 4-0-0-0
 Outshot opponent: 3-0-0-0
 Opponent outshot Team USA: 1-0-0-0
 Shots Even: 0-0-0-0
 Team USA had less than 10 shots: 0-0-0-0
 Team USA had 10-14 shots: 1-0-0-0
 Team USA had 15-19 shots: 1-0-0-0
 Team USA had 20 shots or more: 2-0-0-0
Opponent had less than 10 shots: 3-0-0-0
Opponent had 10-14 shots: 1-0-0-0
 Opponent had 15-19 shots: 0-0-0-0
 Opponent had 20 shots or more: 0-0-0-0
Team USA scored a PPG: 4-0-0-0
 Team USA did not score a PPG: 0-0-0-0
 Opponent scored a PPG: 0-0-0-0
 Opponent did not score a PPG: 4-0-0-0

Tournament Progress

Preliminary-Round Standings

Group A

Team	W	OTW	OTL	L	PTS	GF	GA
United States	3	0	0	0	9	14	0
Japan	2	0	0	1	6	7	7
Czech Republic	1	0	0	2	3	5	7
South Korea	0	0	0	3	0	2	14

Group B

Team	W	OTW	OTL	L	PTS	GF	GA
Canada	3	0	0	0	9	19	1
Norway	1	1	0	1	5	4	7
Sweden	1	0	1	1	4	3	12
Italy	0	0	0	3	0	1	7

Relegation-Round Results

Czech Republic 3, Italy 2 South Korea 2, Sweden 1

Seventh-Place Game

Italy 4, Sweden 0

Fifth-Place Game

Czech Republic 2, South Korea 1

Semifinal Results

Japan 3, Canada 1 United States 3, Norway 0

Bronze-Medal Game

Norway 2, Canada 1

• **“BUFFALO NINE”** -- Leading up to the Paralympic Winter Games, several members of Team USA relocated to Buffalo, N.Y. to practice together. While several of the “Buffalo Nine,” including **Mike Blabac**, **Brad Emmerson**, **Adam Page**, **Alexi Salamone** and **Andy Yohe** lived in the Buffalo or Rochester area, others temporarily abandoned their home lives to train with their teammates. Among those who moved were **Steve Cash** (Overland, Mo.), **Taylor Chace** (Hampton Falls, N.H.), **Jimmy Connelly** (Galloway, N.J.) and **Nikko Landeros** (Berthoud, Colo.).

• **LUCK OF THE JAPANESE** -- U.S. head coach Ray Maluta carries with him a good luck charm he purchased at the Zenko-ji temple in Nagano City, Japan, last January during the 2010 Japan Para Ice Sledge Hockey Championships. He made the purchase to replace a similar charm he had bought the year before: the charms only bring one year of luck.

• **IN THE OTHER RINK** -- The U.S. took part in a team-building curling excursion to Hollyburn Country Club in West Vancouver last Tuesday. The team shed the “delivery sticks” used by Paralympic wheelchair curlers, breaking out the brushes and trying their hands at the able-bodied version of the sport. Video and photos from the outing can be found at USAHockey.com

• **ON THE SEA** -- Team USA took a ride on the B.C. Ferry to Victoria on Monday, March 8, to enjoy the sea air and beautiful scenery. While they did not get to explore Victoria itself, nor see any whales, the 90-minute trip still ranks as a highlight of many of the players’ Vancouver experience. Photos from the outing can be found at USAHockey.com.

• **FOR THE LOVE AND THE GAME** -- Four-time Paralympian **Joe Howard** proposed to his wife, Carol, following Team USA’s victory over Estonia at the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games. The U.S. went on to win gold in Salt Lake City. Carol is on hand at these Games as well, cheering on her husband of eight years.

• **ON A ROLL** -- Team USA goalie **Steve Cash** also tended net for the University of Missouri-St. Louis’ inline hockey team from 2007-09. He frequently needed to encourage teammates growing up to shoot harder. He plans on returning to UMSL next semester after taking a break to train for these Games.

• **CHACE-ING A DREAM** -- U.S. defenseman **Taylor Chace** attends the University of New Hampshire and frequently practices with players from the UNH men’s hockey team. He hopes to coach able-bodied hockey one day, and is a USA Hockey Level 3 Certified coach. Chace suffered a spinal cord injury while playing hockey with the Eastern Junior Hockey League’s New Hampshire Junior Monarchs at the age of 16. He still skates on his legs while coaching, but can no longer play the able-bodied version of the sport.

• **ALL IN THE FAMILY** -- U.S. forward **Tim Jones** is one of three adopted children, all of whom are disabled. Tim’s mom, a single mother, is a nurse just outside of Philadelphia. He has one older sister and a younger brother, both of whom he frequently needs to look after while his mom is at work.

• **EveryBODY Skates** -- On Jan. 29, **Tim Jones** and **Josh Pauls** were on hand at the NHL Powered by Reebok store in downtown New York City to help support EveryBODY Skates New Jersey, a program designed to promote awareness and access to disabled hockey players across the state of New Jersey. The program visited 54 different rinks in the state in 54 hours, all starting with the kickoff event in NYC that included other guests like NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly and ESPN’s E.J. Hradek.

• **PROUD PAPA** -- U.S. captain **Andy Yohe** and his wife, Katie, are expecting their first child - a baby girl - in early June. They do not yet have a name picked out.

• **USA HOCKEY HAPPENINGS** -- Even after the Olympic Winter Games, there is plenty going on at USA Hockey. Below is a list of events currently on USA Hockey’s radar.

IIHF WORLD WOMEN’S UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP
Woodridge, Ill., will play host to the 2010 International Ice Hockey Federation World Women’s Under-18 Championship March 27-April 3. Team USA will look to capture its third straight gold medal at the event.

USA HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Beginning March 26 and extending through May, USA Hockey National Championships will be held in 16 different sites across the country. National Champions will be crowned at all levels including Youth, Girls, Junior, Women and Adult.

PATTY KAZMAIER MEMORIAL AWARD
An award of The USA Hockey Foundation, the Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award annually recognizes the most outstanding player in NCAA Division I women’s ice hockey. This year’s winner will be announced on March 20 in Minneapolis.

U.S. JUNIOR SLED HOCKEY TEAM EXHIBITIONS
On the heels of its Western Sled Hockey League championship, the U.S. National Junior Sled Hockey Team will take part in a three-game exhibition series against Sledge Team Ontario March 18-20 in nearby Burnaby, B.C.





2010 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team

Name	Ht (cm)	Wt (kg)	Birthdate	Hometown	Club Team
GOALTENDERS (2)					
27 Mike Blabac	5-10 (178)	160 (73)	1/18/74	Buffalo, N.Y.	Buffalo Sabres Sled Hockey
34 Steve Cash	5-5 (165)	125 (57)	5/9/89	Overland, Mo.	DASA Blues Sled Hockey
DEFENSEMEN (4)					
19 Taylor Chace	6-1 (185)	195 (88)	5/9/86	Hampton Falls, N.H.	Northeast Passage/UNH Wildcats
4 Jimmy Connelly	5-3 (160)	150 (68)	10/27/89	Galloway, N.J.	Pennsylvania Center-Pedes
15 Nikko Landeros	5-9 (175)	190 (86)	4/28/89	Berthoud, Colo.	Colorado Avalanche Sled Hockey
9 Andy Yohe	5-10 (178)	175 (79)	7/21/78	Bettendorf, Iowa	RIC Blackhawks Sled Hockey
FORWARDS (9)					
5 Brad Emmerson	5-11 (180)	160 (73)	12/16/85	Amherst, N.Y.	Buffalo Sabres Sled Hockey
23 Joe Howard	5-9 (175)	140 (64)	5/22/66	Kingston, Mass.	Northeast Passage/UNH Wildcats
3 Tim Jones	5-7 (170)	148 (67)	12/16/87	Mt. Ephraim, N.J.	Pennsylvania Center-Pedes
7 Taylor Lipsett	5-5 (165)	150 (68)	1/20/87	Mesquite, Texas	Dallas Ice Hawks Sled Hockey
20 Adam Page	5-4 (162)	135 (61)	3/10/92	Lancaster, N.Y.	Buffalo Sabres Sled Hockey
14 Josh Pauls	5-5 (165)	135 (61)	12/31/92	South Plainfield, N.J.	New York Rangers Sled Hockey
21 Alexi Salamone	5-5 (165)	135 (61)	6/17/87	Grand Island, N.Y.	Buffalo Sabres Sled Hockey
8 Greg Shaw	3-0 (91)	80 (36)	2/28/90	Park City, Utah	NAC Golden Eagles Sled Hockey
25 Bubba Torres	5-6 (168)	120 (54)	10/31/91	Riverside, N.J.	Pennsylvania Center-Pedes

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FORWARD

25 TORRES, BUBBA
 5-6, 120 10/31/91
 Riverside, N.J.
 Pennsylvania Center-Pedes
 2009-10: (20GP, 3-5--8)
 PWG: (4GP, 0-0--0)

One of Team USA's fastest skaters

CENTER

23 HOWARD, JOE
 5-9, 140 5/22/66
 Kingston, Mass.
 Northeast Passage/UNH Wildcats
 2009-10: (20GP, 7-10--17)
 PWG: (4GP, 2-2--4)

Points in each of Team USA's first four games

FORWARD

21 SALAMONE, ALEXI
 5-5, 135 6/17/87
 Grand Island, N.Y.
 Buffalo Sabres Sled Hockey
 2009-10: (19GP, 10-10--20)
 PWG: (4GP, 3-4--7)

Team's leading scorer of tournament, season

FORWARD

3 JONES, TIM
 5-7, 148 12/16/87
 Mt. Ephraim, N.J.
 Pennsylvania Center-Pedes
 2009-10: (20GP, 3-4--7)
 PWG: (4GP, 0-1--1)

Top defensive forward

CENTER

5 EMMERSON, BRAD
 5-11, 160 12/16/85
 Amherst, N.Y.
 Buffalo Sabres Sled Hockey
 2009-10: (20GP, 2-2--4)
 PWG: (4GP, 0-0--0)

Leads U.S. forwards in average ice time (16:02)

FORWARD

20 PAGE, ADAM
 5-4, 135 3/10/92
 Lancaster, N.Y.
 Buffalo Sabres Sled Hockey
 2009-10: (20GP, 6-1--7)
 PWG: (4GP, 1-0--1)

Recently celebrated his 18th birthday

FORWARD

14 PAULS, JOSH
 5-5, 135 12/31/92
 South Plainfield, N.J.
 New York Rangers Sled Hockey
 2009-10: (15GP, 0-1--1)
 PWG: (4GP, 0-1--1)

Youngest member of Team USA (17)

CENTER

8 SHAW, GREG
 3-0, 80 2/28/90
 Park City, Utah
 NAC Golden Eagles
 2009-10: (20GP, 3-2--5)
 PWG: (4GP, 2-1--3)

Scored GWG vs. Norway Thursday

FORWARD

7 LIPSETT, TAYLOR
 5-5, 150 1/20/87
 Mesquite, Texas
 Dallas Ice Hawks Sled Hockey
 2009-10: (20GP, 9-5--14)
 PWG: (4GP, 4-1--5)

Scored in each of Team USA's first three games

DEFENSE

19 CHACE, TAYLOR
 6-1, 195 12/16/85
 Hampton Falls, N.H.
 Northeast Passage/UNH Wildcats
 2009-10: (20GP, 8-8--16)
 PWG: (4GP, 3-2--5)

Points in all four Team USA games

DEFENSE

15 LANDEROS, NIKKO
 5-9, 190 4/28/89
 Berthoud, Colo.
 Colorado Avalanche Sled Hockey
 2009-10: (20GP, 1-2--3)
 PWG: (4GP, 1-2--3)

Scored first career goal Thursday vs. Japan

GOALTENDERS

34 CASH, STEVE
 5-5, 125 5/9/89
 Overland, Mo.
 DASA Blues Sled Hockey
 2009-10: (19GP, 12-3-1-3, 0.84, .925)
 PWG: (4GP, 4-0-0-0, 0.00, 1.000)

No goals allowed in 165 minutes of action

DEFENSE

4 CONNELLY, JIMMY
 5-3, 150 10/27/89
 Galloway, N.J.
 Pennsylvania Center-Pedes
 2009-10: (20GP, 1-2--3)
 PWG: (4GP, 1-0--1)

Scored first goal of 2009-10 Sunday vs. CZE

DEFENSE

9 YOHE, ANDY
 5-10, 175 7/21/78
 Bettendorf, Iowa
 RIC Blackhawks Sled Hockey
 2009-10: (18GP, 3-8--11)
 PWG: (4GP, 0-4--4)

Assists in first three Team USA games

GOALTENDERS

27 BLABAC, MIKE
 5-10, 160 1/18/74
 Buffalo, N.Y.
 Buffalo Sabres Sled Hockey
 2009-10: (2GP, 1-0-0-0, 1.00, .857)
 PWG: (1GP, 0-0-0-0, 0.00, 1.000)

Played final period vs. Japan Tuesday



Team USA Paralympic Stats



Skaters

Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Salamone, Alexi	4	3	4	7	6
Chace, Taylor	4	3	2	5	6
Lipsett, Taylor	4	4	1	5	4
Howard, Joe	4	2	2	4	4
Yohe, Andy	4	0	4	4	2
Landeros, Nikko	4	1	2	3	2
Shaw, Greg	4	2	1	3	0
Connelly, Jimmy	4	1	0	1	0
Jones, Tim	4	0	1	1	4
Page, Adam	4	1	0	1	2
Pauls, Josh	4	0	1	1	0
Emmerson, Brad	4	0	0	0	0
Torres, Bubba	4	0	0	0	0

Goalies

Name	GP	REC	GAA	SV%	SO
Cash, Steve	4	4-0-0-0	0.00	1.000	3
Blabac, Mike	1	0-0-0-0	0.00	1.00	0



Head Coach: Ray Maluta
Assistant Coach: Bill Corbo, Jr.
General Manager: J.J. O'Connor
Director of Player Personnel: Dan Brennan
Equipment Manager: Bill Sandberg
Team Trainer: Brian Brewster
Team Doctor: Dr. Peter Donaldson
Media Contact: Alex Clark

Pronunciation Guide	
Mike BlabacBLAY-back
Taylor ChaceCHASE
Bill Corbo, Jr.CORE-bo
Ray Malutamah-LOO-tuh
Nikko LanderosNEE-koh LAN-dare-ohs
Taylor LipsettLIP-set
Alexi Salamonesal-uh-MOAN-ee
Bubba TorresTORE-ez
Andy YoheYO-ee