



MEDIA & TEAM GUIDE

NO. 26 USA

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ABOUT USA FIELD HOCKEY

USA Field Hockey is the National Governing Body for the sport of field hockey in the United States and is based out of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The United States Field Hockey Association (USFHA) was founded in 1922 by Constance Applebee to govern women's field hockey in the United States. Six years later in 1928, the Field Hockey Association of America (FHAA) was founded to govern men's field hockey in the United States. In April 1993, the USFHA and FHAA merged to form the United States Field Hockey Association. Later that year, the name was changed to just USA Field Hockey.

The mission of USA Field Hockey is to:

- **Grow the Game** by promoting and continuing to develop the sport for future generations to enjoy.
- **Serve and Inspire Membership** by helping them achieve their field hockey ambition and creating value for continued membership.
- **Succeed Internationally** with competitive success and enhanced performance programming.
- Be an **Effective Sport Leader** by allocating its resources efficiently to Grow the Game, Serve Members and Succeed Internationally.

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QUICK FACTS

Team Name: U.S. Men's National Team

Nickname: United Wolves

Head Coach: Allan Law (appointed September 2024)

Assistant Coaches: Brendan Creed (appointed May 2025)
Pat Cota (appointed September 2024)

Team Manager: Krista Page

Captions: Ajai Dhadwal, Aki Kaeppeler, Alberto Montilla

Training Location: Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

AGE

The average age of the team is 27. The youngest athlete is Sekayi Charasika (20), with the oldest being Pat Harris (41).

HOMETOWNS

Of the rostered athletes, seven are from California and seven are dual citizens.

CAPS

The average number of international caps is 44. The most capped athlete is Pat Harris (179), and the least capped are André de la Porte (0) and Gary Johal (0).

OTHER

- USMNT has never competed in the FIH Hockey Nations Cup. They played in the 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 and finished fourth.
- Ajai Dhadwal ([Rutgers](#)) and Pat Harris ([Princeton](#)) are both college coaches. Michael Mendoza coaches at [Charlotte Latin School](#).
- Hensor Motta has 14 international caps for Puerto Rico.



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USMNT BACKGROUND

On April 16, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) publicly announced the withdraw of the men's Wales team. With that, the FIH invited the No. 26 U.S. Men's National Team to fill the slot.



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2026 FIH HOCKEY WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

From March 1 to 7, the USMNT were set to compete in the 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier in Ismailia, Egypt. The team played two matches, both losses to Egypt and Japan, before withdrawing from the event due to the U.S. Department of State's official advisory.



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2025 NATIONS CUP 2

From February 17 to 23, 2025, the then No. 25 USMNT played in the 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 in Muscat, Oman. This event is part of the progression pathway into Nations Cup and then the FIH Hockey Pro League.

In their opening game, they topped No. 19 Austria (1-0). Next they shutout hosts No. 28 Oman (4-0), before falling in a close contest to No. 21 Scotland (2-3). In the semifinals, No. 17 Egypt produced a tense battle in which USA was defeated (2-4). In the bronze medal match against No. 24 Poland, regulation concluded 2-2 and USA lost in the shootout (1-3), just missing out on a medal.

LOS ANGELES 2028 OLYMPIC GAMES

In December 2025, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved the qualification system for both the men's and women's field hockey events for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

The IOC confirmed that the host nation would qualify for LA28, securing both the U.S. Men's and Women's National Teams spots.

COACHES & STAFF



ALLAN LAW

Head Coach

Law was named the head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team in September 2024. A seasoned coach with more than 20 years of experience, he excels in player development and program creation. His first head coaching role came in 2010 when he led the Scotland U-16 Boys team. From 2013 to 2021, Law was the assistant coach at Syracuse University. He had a stint as the assistant coach of the U.S. Men's National Indoor Team, and was the assistant coach of the U-16 USWNT from 2019 to 2021.

He led USA to a fourth place finish at the 2025 Nations Cup 2 and second place finish at the 2025 Pan American Cup.



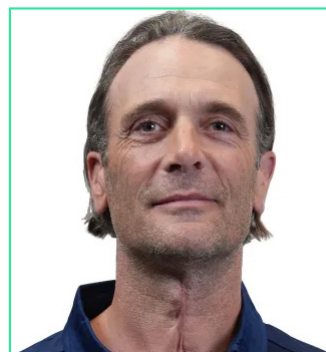
BRENDAN CREED

Assistant Coach



PAT COTA

Team Manager



CRAIG PARNHAM

High Performance Director



KRISTA PAGE

Stand-In Manager



MARK EGNER

Video Analyst



ZACH FOURNIER

Athletic Trainer

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

Nazia Rashid, Remote Manager

NATIONS CUP ROSTER

U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

#	Name	Position	Caps	Age	Hometown	Club/Centralized
2	Sekayi Charasika	F	12	20	Louisville, Kentucky	Centralized
5	Pat Harris	M	179	41	Moorpark , California	Centralized
6	Wyatt Katz	F	14	22	Santa Rosa Valley, California	Centralized
8	Jatin Sharma	M	17	24	South San Francisco, California	Centralized
10	Alberto Montilla (C)	F	41	28	Allen, Texas	Centralized
11	Marius Leser	F	21	23	Mannheim, Germany	Mannheimer HC
12	Ajai Dhadwal (C)	M	146	32	Agoura Hill, California	Centralized
14	Aki Kaeppler (C)	D	103	31	New York City, New York	HC Klein Zwitserland
15	Kei Kaeppler	F	54	29	Stuttgart, Germany	Wimbledon HC
17	Christian DeAngelis	M	65	27	Doylestown, Pennsylvania	Centralized
21	Henzor Motta	M	7	26	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Centralized
22	Johnny Orozco	D	107	33	Ventura, California	Centralized
23	Kai Kokolakis	M	29	31	Melbourne, Florida	HC Wien
25	Allard André de la Porte	GK	0	23	Bloemendaal, Netherlands	HC Bloemendaal
28	Gary Johal	D	0	21	Phoenix, AZ	Centralized
29	Emil Collins	GK	4	24	Christchurch, New Zealand	Marist Hockey
30	Michael Mendoza	D	16	23	Monument, Colorado	Centralized
31	Liam Hawley	D	15	24	Ventura, California	Centralized
33	Jack Heldens	M	27	28	Hamburg, Germany	Der Club an der Alster
36	Doug Allison	D	2	29	Westlake Village, California	Centralized

Reserves

3	Michael Barminski	D	110	33	Ventura, California	Centralized
37	Rory Bleeker	F	1	19	Leiden, Netherlands	Centralized

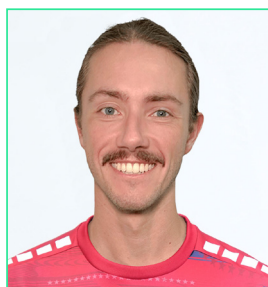
Allan Law | Head Coach
 Brendan Creed | Assistant Coach
 Pat Cota | Team Manager
 Craig Parnham | High Performance Director

Krista Page | Stand-In Manager
 Nazia Rashid | Remote Manager
 Mark Egner | Video Analyst
 Zach Fournier | Athletic Trainer

*caps as of May 11, 2026

NATIONS CUP ROSTER

U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM



DOUG ALLISON

Westlake Village, CA
#36 | Defense
2 Caps



**ALLARD ANDRÉ DE
LA PORTE**

Bloemendaal, NED
#25 | Goalkeeper



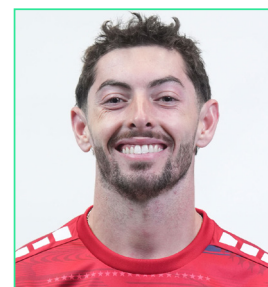
SEKAYI CHARASIKA

Louisville, KY
#2 | Forward
12 Caps



EMIL COLLINS

Christchurch, NZL
#29 | Goalkeeper
4 Caps



CHRISTIAN DEANGELIS

Doylestown, PA
#17 | Midfield
65 Caps



AJAI DHADWAL

Agoura Hills, CA
#12 | Defense
146 Caps



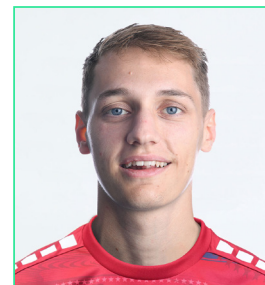
PAT HARRIS

Moorpark, CA
#5 | Midfield
179 Caps



LIAM HAWLEY

Ventura, CA
#31 | Defense
15 Caps



JACK HELDENS

Hamburg, GER
#33 | Midfield
27 Caps



GARY JOHAL

Phoenix, AZ
#28 | Defense



AKI KAEPPER

New York City, NY
#14 | Defense
103 Caps



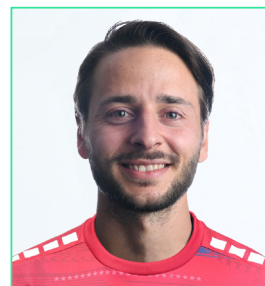
KEI KAEPPER

Stuttgart, GER
#15 | Forward
54 Caps



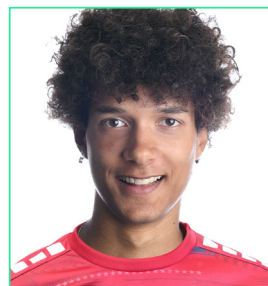
WYATT KATZ

Santa Rosa Valley, CA
#6 | Forward
14 Caps



KIA KOKOLAKIS

Melbourne, FL
#23 | Forward
29 Caps



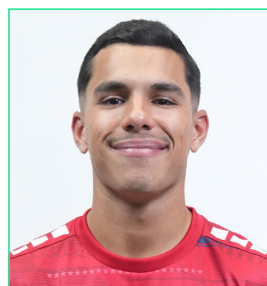
MARIUS LESER

Mannheim, GER
#11 | Midfield
21 Caps



MICHAEL MENDOZA

Monument, CO
#30 | Defense
16 Caps



ALBERTO MONTILLA

Allen, TX
#10 | Forward
41 Caps



HENZOR MOTTA

San Juan, PUR
#21 | Midfield
7 Caps



JONATHAN OROZCO

Ventura, CA
#22 | Defense
107 Caps

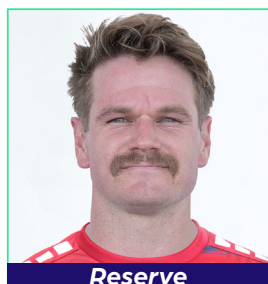


JATIN SHARMA

South San Francisco, CA
#8 | Midfield
17 Caps

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U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ALTERNATES



Reserve

MICHAEL BARMINSKI

Ventura, CA
#3 | Defense
110 Caps



Reserve

RORY BLEEKER

Leiden, NED
#37 | Forward
1 Cap



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HOME STATE

Arizona: Gary Johal

California: Doug Allison, Michael Barminski*, Ajai Dhadwal, Pat Harris, Liam Hawley, Wyatt Katz, Johnny Orozco, Jatin Sharma

Colorado: Michael Mendoza

Florida: Kia Kokolakis

Kentucky: Sekayi Charasika

Pennsylvania: Christian DeAngelis

Texas: Alberto Montilla

HOME COUNTRY

Germany: Jack Heldens, Aki Kaeppler, Kei Kaeppler, Marius Leser

Great Britain: Mohan Gandhi

Netherlands: Rory Bleeker*, Allard André de la Porte

New Zealand: Emil Collins

Puerto Rico: Henzor Motta

CAPS

0	Allard André de la Porte	21	Marius Leser
0	Gary Johal	27	Jack Heldens
1	Rory Bleeker*	41	Alberto Montilla
2	Doug Allison	54	Kei Kaeppler
4	Emil Collins	65	Christian DeAngelis
7	Henzor Motta	103	Aki Kaeppler
12	Sekayi Charasika	107	Johnny Orozco
14	Wyatt Katz	110	Michael Barminski*
16	Michael Mendoza	146	Ajai Dhadwal
17	Jatin Sharma	179	Pat Harris

SOCIAL HANDLES

Name	Instagram	TikTok
Doug Allison	dougy_fr3sh	
Allard André de la Porte	allardadlp	
Michael Barminski*	mikeybarminski	mikebarminski
Rory Bleeker*	rory.bleeker	roryleeker
Sekayi Charasika	_sekayicharasika	sekayi.charasika3
Emil Collins	thecollins	
Christian DeAngelis	christian_deangelis	christian_deangelis
Pat Harris	patharris5	
Liam Hawley	liam6hawley	
Jack Heldens	jackheldens	heldens33
Gary Johal	gary_johal_15	
Aki Kaeppler	aki_kaeppler	akaeppler
Kei Kaeppler	keikaeppler	
Wyatt Katz	wyatt_a_katz	wyattkatz
Kai Kokolakis	kaikokolakis	
Marius Leser	ml_mars	
Michael Mendoza	michael.a.mendoza	iammichaelmendoza
Alberto Montilla	amontilla24	
Henzor Motta	henzor_motta	henzormahlimotta
Johnny Orozco	yohnnyyoo	
Jatin Sharma	jtsharma30	

PRONUNCIATIONS

Ajai - "UH-jay"

Aki - "AH-key"

Allard - "AH-lar"

Bleeker - "BLEE-kur", rhyming with speaker

Charasika - "chuh-RAH-sih-kah"

DeAngelis

Dhadwal - "THUD-wall"

Hawley - "HAW-lee"

Jatin - "JAH-tin"

Johal - "JOE-hull", rhyming with goal

Kaeppler - "KEP-eh-ler"

Kai - "KYE", rhyming with sky or eye

Kei - "kay"

Kokolakis - "koh-koh-LAH-kiss"

Leser - "LESS-zer"

Marius - "MAHR-ee-uhs"

Montilla - "mon-TEE-yah"

Orozco - "oh-ROHS-koh"

Sekayi - "seh-KYE"

AGES

19	Rory Bleeker*	23	Emil Collins	27	Christian DeAngelis	31	Aki Kaeppler
20	Sekayi Charasika	23	Marius Leser	28	Jack Heldens	32	Ajai Dhadwal
21	Gary Johal	23	Michael Mendoza	28	Kei Kaeppler	33	Johnny Orozco
22	Wyatt Katz	24	Liam Hawley	28	Alberto Montilla	33	Michael Barminski*
23	Allard André de la Porte	26	Henzor Motta	29	Doug Allison	41	Pat Harris

DOUG ALLISON

#36 | WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA

DEFENSE | CAPS: 2

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DATE OF BIRTH: October 24, 1996

AGE: 29

HIGH SCHOOL: Oaks Christian School

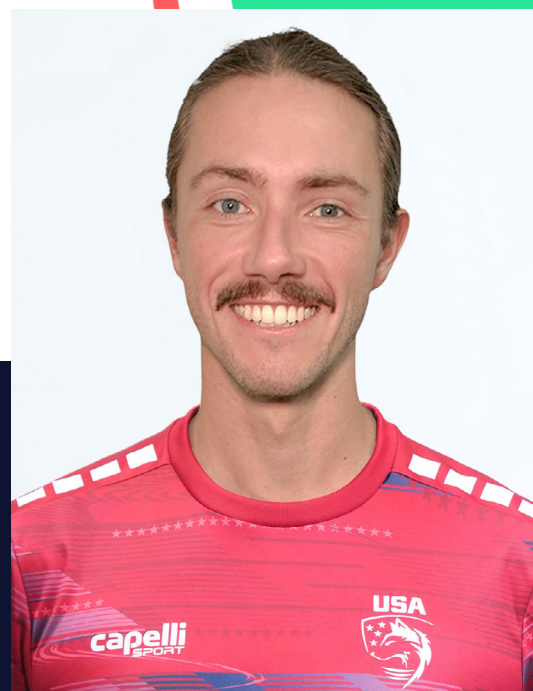
CLUB: Bulldogs FHC, Glebe District Hockey Club

COLLEGE: University of New South Wales (2019)

JOINED USMNT: June 2024

PERSONAL: Son of Kevin & Terry
Has a sister, Lindsay

FUN FACT: dad used to play semi-professional ice hockey; can speak mandarian



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 4th - 2016 Junior Pan American Championship (Toronto, Canada)
- 4th - 2014 Pan American Youth Championship (San Juan, Puerto Rico)
- 5th - 2025 Nkosi Cup (indoor) (Cape Town, South Africa)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)

TEAMS

USMNT: 2024, 2025, 2026

Development USMNT: 2015

U-21 USMNT: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

ACCOLADES

- 2026: 4 Nations Tournament (Valencia, Spain), Recorded first cap on March 1 against Egypt
- 2019: With UNSW Hockey Club, named Complete Hockey Player of the Year
- 2017, 2018 & 2019: With UNSW Hockey Club, Sydney Hockey Premier League Champions (2nd Div)



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ALLARD ANDRÉ DE LA PORTE

#25 | BLOEMENDAAL, NED

GOALKEEPER | CAPS: 0

 allardadlp

DATE OF BIRTH: June 5, 2003

AGE: 23

HIGH SCHOOL: Kennemer Lyceum

CLUB: Hockey Club Bloemendaal

COLLEGE: Universiteit van Amsterdam

JOINED USMNT: October 2025

PERSONAL: Son of Neill & Elisabeth
Has two siblings, Pieter & Victoria

FUN FACT: enjoys cooking



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 6th - 2026 Rohrmax Cup (Vienna, Austria)

TEAMS

USMNT: 2026

Indoor: 2026

ACCOLADES

- 2x Euro Hockey League Winner
- 2x Tulp Hoofdklasse



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SEKAYI CHARASIKA

#2 | LOUISVILLE, KY

FORWARD | CAPS: 12

Instagram: @sekayicharasika

TikTok: sekayi.charasika3

DATE OF BIRTH: March 22, 2006

AGE: 20

HIGH SCHOOL: Kentucky Country Day School

CLUB: Bulldogs FHC, Glebe District Hockey Club

COLLEGE: University of North Carolina at Charlotte

JOINED USMNT: September 2022

PERSONAL: Son of Amy & Jamey Elliott, & Pai Charasika

Has three siblings, Nashe Charasika, Lanie & Riley Elliott

FUN FACT: mom was a high school coach; played field hockey left handed until he was 12



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- 4th - 2026 Junior Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman)
- 4th - 2024 Junior Pan American Championship (Surrey, Canada)
- 4th - 2023 Junior Pan American Championship (St. Michael, Barbados)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)
- 13th - 2024 FIH Hockey5s World Cup (Muscat, Oman)

ACCOLADES

- 2026 Junior Pan American Cup: Player of the Match on April 6 against Brazil, Male Player of the Tournament
- 2026: 4 Nations Tournament (Valencia, Spain)
- 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2, Player of the Match on February 18 against Oman, Best Junior Player of the Tournament
- 2025: Recorded first cap on February 17 against Austria



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EMIL COLLINS

#29 | CHRISTCHURCH, NZL

GOALKEEPER | CAPS: 3

 thecollinss

DATE OF BIRTH: June 14, 2002

AGE: 23

HIGH SCHOOL: Burnside High School

CLUB: Marist Hockey Club

COLLEGE: University of Canterbury (2023)

JOINED USMNT: June 2024

PERSONAL: Son of Michael & Allison
Has a brother, Sam

FUN FACT: golf handicap is 5.4



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- 4th - 2023 Junior Pan American Championship (St. Michael, Barbados)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)
- 11th - 2023 FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) (New Zealand)(Reserve)

TEAMS

USMNT: 2024, 2025

U-21 USMNT: 2023

ACCOLADES

- 2026: 4 Nations Tournament (Valencia, Spain)
- 2025: Recorded first cap on July 25 against Uruguay



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CHRISTIAN DEANGELIS

#17 | DOYLESTOWN, PA

MIDFIELD | CAPS: 65

 christian_deangelis

 christian_deangelis

DATE OF BIRTH: February 13, 1999

AGE: 27

HIGH SCHOOL: Central Bucks High School

CLUB: Bulldogs FHC, Glebe District Hockey Club

COLLEGE: Old Dominion University,
Durham University (UK)

JOINED USMNT: 2018

PERSONAL: Son of David & Christa
Has two sisters, Brianna and Anya Maria

FUN FACT: he is ordained



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2018 Hockey Series Open (Salamanca, Mexico)
- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Silver - 2021 Indoor Pan American Cup (Spring City, Pa.)
- Bronze - 2023 Nkosi Cup (Cape Town, South Africa)
- Bronze - 2024 Indoor Pan American Cup (Calgary, Canada)
- Bronze - 2021 Junior Pan American Championship (Santiago, Chile)
- Bronze - 2019 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman)
- 4th - 2023 Pan American Games (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2022 Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2019 Hockey Series Final (Bhubaneswar, India)
- 4th - 2016 Junior Pan American Championship (Toronto, Canada)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)



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AJAI DHADWAL

CAPTAIN

#12 | AGOURA HILLS, CA

MIDFIELD | CAPS: 146

DATE OF BIRTH: August 13, 1993

AGE: 32

HIGH SCHOOL: Viewpoint School

COLLEGE: Johns Hopkins University

JOINED USMNT: 2009

PERSONAL: Son of Jang & Gurvinder
Sibling is Azizull

FUN FACT: has been playing on the national team more than half his life



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2023 Hockey5s Pan American Cup (Kingston, Jamaica)
- Gold - 2018 Hockey Series Open (Salamanca, Mexico)
- Gold - 2016 World League Round 1 (Salamanca, Mexico)
- Gold - 2012 World League Round 1 (Chula Vista, Calif.)
- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Silver - 2021 Indoor Pan American Cup (Spring City, Pa.)
- Silver - 2019 3 Nations Invitational (Benalmadena, Spain)
- Bronze - 2024 Indoor Pan American Cup (Calgary, Canada)
- Bronze - 2019 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru)
- Bronze - 2017 Pan American Cup (Lancaster, Pa.)
- Bronze - 2017 World League Round 2 (Tacarigua, Trinidad & Tobago)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman)
- 4th - 2023 Pan American Games (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2022 Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2019 Hockey Series Final (Bhubaneswar, India)



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PAT HARRIS

#5 | MOORPARK, CA

MIDFIELD | CAPS: 179

 patharris5

DATE OF BIRTH: March 13, 1985

AGE: 41

HIGH SCHOOL: Moorpark High School

COLLEGE: California University of Pennsylvania

JOINED USMNT: 2000

PERSONAL: Son of Dave & Elaine
Has a brother, Sean

ACCOLADES

2017, 2019, 2022, 2023 Pan American Elite Team
2021 Pan American Indoor Elite Team
2021 Indoor Pan American Cup Top Scorer of the
Tournament Award
2019 3 Nations Invitational Player of the Tournament
Award
2012 World League Round 1 Top Goal Scorer of the
Tournament Award
2011 Champions Challenge II Player of the
Tournament Award
2008 Indoor Pan American Cup Top Scorer of the
Tournament Award



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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2023 Rohrmax Cup (Indoor) (Vienna, Austria)
- Gold - 2012 World League Round 1 (Chula Vista, Calif.)
- Gold - 2008 Indoor Pan American Cup (San Juan, Argentina)
- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Silver - 2021 Indoor Pan American Cup (Spring City, Pa.)
- Silver - 2019 3 Nations Invitational (Benalmadena, Spain)
- Silver - 2010 Indoor Pan American Cup (Barquisimeto, Venezuela)
- Silver - 2009 Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
- Silver - 2005 Indoor Pan American Cup (Kitchener, Canada)
- Silver - 2002 Indoor Pan American Cup (Rockville, Md.)
- Bronze - 2023 Nkosi Cup (Cape Town, South Africa)
- Bronze - 2019 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru)
- Bronze - 2017 Pan American Cup (Lancaster, Pa.)
- Bronze - 2017 World League Round 2 (Tacarigua, Trinidad & Tobago)



LIAM HAWLEY

#31 | VENTURA, CA
DEFENSE | CAPS: 15

 [liam6hawley](#)

DATE OF BIRTH: September 5, 2001

AGE: 24

HIGH SCHOOL: Ventura High School

CLUB: Ventura Roadrunners

COLLEGE: University of Connecticut

JOINED USMNT: May 2026

PERSONAL: Son of Matthew & Dana
Has two brothers, James & Jack

FUN FACT: was born deaf, got surgery at 1-year-old to fix it, but after COVID he now cannot smell



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2023 Hockey5s Pan American Cup (Kingston, Jamaica)
- Gold - 2018 FIH Hockey Series Open (Salamanca, Mexico)
- Bronze - 2021 Junior Pan American Championship (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2026 Big Apple International Indoor Championship (Spring City, Pa.)

TEAMS

USMNT: 2022, 2023, 2026

A-Team: 2025

Hockey5s: 2023

Indoor: 2026

U-21 USMNT: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2020

U-18 USMNT: 2017

ACCOLADES

- 2026: 4 Nations Tournament (Valencia, Spain)
- 2022: 4 Nations Invitational (Glasgow, Scotland)
- 2020: Series against South Africa (Durban, South Africa)
- 2019: 3 Nations Invitational (Benalmadena Spain)



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JACK HELDENS

#33 | HAMBURG, GER

MIDFIELD | CAPS: 27

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🎵 heldens33

DATE OF BIRTH: August 27, 1997

AGE: 28

HIGH SCHOOL: KDie Gelehrtenschule des Johanneums

CLUB: Der Club an der Alster

COLLEGE: University of Applied Sciences Wedel (2021)

JOINED USMNT: July 2021

PERSONAL: Son of Joachim & Michelle
Siblings are Ann-Charlotte, Sydney Heldens & Bennett

FUN FACT: mom is a model; played against Jonathan Klages and Kei Kaeppler in German championships U-14, U-16, and U-18



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2023 Rohrmax Cup (Indoor) (Vienna, Austria)
- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman), Player of the Match on February 17 against Austria
- 4th - 2023 Pan American Games (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2023 FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup (Pretoria, South Africa)
- 4th - 2022 Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)

ACCOLADES

- 2026: 4 Nations Tournament (Valencia, Spain)
- 2021: Recorded first cap on December 19 against Canada



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GARY JOHAL

#28 | PHOENIX, AZ

DEFENSE | CAPS: 0

 liam6hawley

DATE OF BIRTH: November 9, 2004

AGE: 21

HIGH SCHOOL: Sandra Day O'Connor High School

CLUB: Phoenix Hockey Club

COLLEGE: Arizona State University

JOINED USMNT: May 2026

PERSONAL: Son of Shamsher & Gurdeep
Has two older sisters

FUN FACT: hiked the Grand Canyon



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 4th - 2023 Junior Pan American Championship (St. Michael, Barbados)
- 15th - 2021 Junior World Cup (Bhubaneswar India)

TEAMS

USMNT: 2026

A-Team: 2025

U-21 USMNT: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

U-16 USMNT: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

ACCOLADES

- 2023: Five Rivers Tournament (Glendale, Ariz.), Tour to Prague, Czech Republic
- 2024: Tour to Den Hague, Holland



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AKI KAEPPeler

CAPTAIN

#14 | NEW YORK CITY, NY

DEFENSE | CAPS: 103

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DATE OF BIRTH: July 10, 1994

AGE: 31

HIGH SCHOOL: Karlsgymnasium Stuttgart

CLUB: HC Klein Zwisserland

COLLEGE: TU Darmstadt (Technical University)

JOINED USMNT: 2012

PERSONAL: Son of Joachim and Maki
Has a brother, Kei

ACCOLADES

2017, 2019, 2022, 2023 Pan American Elite Team
2021 Pan American Indoor Elite Team
2023 FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup Player of the Match against Argentina on February 8 & against Namibia on February 10



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2023 Rohrmax Cup (Indoor) (Vienna, Austria)
- Gold - 2018 Hockey Series Open (Salamanca, Mexico)
- Gold - 2012 World League Round 1 (Chula Vista, Calif.), Player of the Tournament Award
- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Silver - 2021 Indoor Pan American Cup (Spring City, Pa.)
- Silver - 2019 3 Nations Invitational
- Bronze - 2023 Nkosi Cup (Indoor) (Cape Town, South Africa)
- Bronze - 2019 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru)
- Bronze - 2017 Pan American Cup (Lancaster, Pa.)
- Bronze - 2017 World League Round 2 (Tacarigua, Trinidad & Tobago)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman)
- 4th - 2023 Pan American Games (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2023 FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup (Pretoria, South Africa)
- 4th - 2022 Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2019 Hockey Series Final (Bhubaneswar, India)



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KEI KAEPPeler

#15 | STUTTGART, GER

MIDFIELD | CAPS: 54

 keikaeppler

DATE OF BIRTH: June 17, 1997

AGE: 28

HIGH SCHOOL: Karlsgymnasium Stuttgart

CLUB: Wimbledon Hockey Club

COLLEGE: University of Mannheim, University College London

JOINED USMNT: September 2018

PERSONAL: Son of Joachim and Maki
Has a brother, Aki

FUN FACT: youngest (but best) architect in the family; grandparents sold art to the Museum of Modern Art



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2023 Rohrmax Cup (Indoor) (Vienna, Austria)
- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Silver - 2019 3 Nations Invitational (Benalmadena, Spain)
- Bronze - 2024 Indoor Pan American Cup (Calgary, Canada)
- Bronze - 2019 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman)
- 4th - 2023 Pan American Games (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2023 FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup (Pretoria, South Africa)
- 4th - 2022 Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2019 Hockey Series Final (Bhubaneswar, India)

ACCOLADES

- 2018: Recorded first cap on July 3 against Spain



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WYATT KATZ

#6 | SANTA ROSA VALLEY, CA

FORWARD | CAPS: 14

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DATE OF BIRTH: September 23, 2003

AGE: 22

HIGH SCHOOL: Westlake High School

CLUB: Bulldogs FHC, RoadrunnersHC

COLLEGE: HU University of Applied Sciences
Utrecht

JOINED USMNT: September 2022

PERSONAL: Son of Mitch & Eva
Has two siblings, Corey & Jackson

FUN FACT: can hang ten when surfing



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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Bronze - 2021 Junior Pan American Championship (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman)
- 4th - 2024 Junior Pan American Championship (Surrey, Canada)
- 4th - 2023 Junior Pan American Championship (St. Michael, Barbados)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)

TEAMS

USMNT: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

U-21 USMNT: 2019, 2021, 2022

U-18 USMNT: 2020

U-15/16 USMNT: 2017, 2018

ACCOLADES

- 2026: 4 Nations Tournament (Valencia, Spain)
- 2022: Recorded first cap on June 30 against Ireland



KAI KOKOLAKIS

#23 | MELBOURNE, FL

FORWARD | CAPS: 29

 **kaikokolakis**

DATE OF BIRTH: July 19, 1994

AGE: 31

HIGH SCHOOL: Gutenberg School Wiesbaden

CLUB: HC Wein

COLLEGE: MCI Innsbruck

JOINED USMNT: 2016

PERSONAL: Son of George Kokolakis & Ute Neugebauer
Has four siblings, Carsten, Naiya, Danae & Georgios

FUN FACT: is a highly competitive settler of Catan



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2023 Rohrmax Cup (Indoor) (Vienna, Austria)
- Gold - 2016 World League Round 1 (Salamanca, Mexico)
- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Bronze - 2024 Indoor Pan American Cup (Calgary, Canada)
- 4th - 2023 Pan American Games (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2023 FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup (Pretoria, South Africa)
- 4th - 2022 Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)

ACCOLADES

- 2026: 4 Nations Tournament (Valencia, Spain)
- 2024: Series against Chile (Santiago, Chile)
- 2023: 4-Nations Tournament (Prague, Czech Republic), 3-Nations Tournament (Hangzhou, China)



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MARIUS LESER

#11 | MANNHEIM, GER

FORWARD | CAPS: 21

 ml_mars

DATE OF BIRTH: August 29, 2002

AGE: 23

HIGH SCHOOL: Ludwig-Frank-Gymnasium

CLUB: Mannheimer Hockey Club

COLLEGE: University of Mannheim

JOINED USMNT: September 2022

PERSONAL: Son of Edgar & Crystal
Has a brother, Noah

FUN FACT: falls asleep on every team bus ride



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2023 Rohrmax Cup (Indoor) (Vienna, Austria)
- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman)
- 4th - 2023 Pan American Games (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2023 FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup (Pretoria, South Africa)

ACCOLADES

- 2025: Rohrmax Cup (indoor) (Vienna, Austria)
- 2023: 3-Nations Tournament (Pisa, Italy), 4-Nations Tournament (Prague, Czech Republic), 3-Nations Tournament (Hangzhou, China), FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup (Pretoria, South Africa)
- Player of the Match against Czech Republic on February 5
- 2022: 4-Nations Tournament (Glasgow, Scotland), Recorded first cap on June 29 against Scotland



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MICHAEL MENDOZA

#30 | MONUMENT, CO

DEFENSE | CAPS: 16

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DATE OF BIRTH: June 28, 2002

AGE: 23

HIGH SCHOOL: Palmer Ridge High School

CLUB: Club Lewy

COLLEGE: Stanford University

JOINED USMNT: September 2022

PERSONAL: Son of Richard & Tracy
Has seven siblings, Noah, Makaila, Selah, Nathan,
Chloe, Justin & Marissa

FUN FACT: studied math at Stanford University



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Bronze - 2021 Junior Pan American Championship (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman)
- 4th - 2023 Junior Pan American Championship (St. Michael, Barbados)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)

TEAMS

USMNT: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
U-21 USMNT: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
U-18/19 USMNT: 2017, 2018
U-16 USMNT: 2017

ACCOLADES

- 2026: 4 Nations Tournament (Valencia, Spain)
- 2021: U-22 Young Men's National Championship Player of the Tournament
- 2020: Recorded first cap on February 8 against South Africa



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ALBERTO MONTILLA

CAPTAIN

#10 | ALLEN, TX

FORWARD | CAPS: 41

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DATE OF BIRTH: January 24, 1998

AGE: 28

HIGH SCHOOL: Allen High School

CLUB: Bulldogs FHC

COLLEGE: University of California, San Diego

JOINED USMNT: 2019

PERSONAL: Son of Alberto & Alejandra
Has a brother, Alejandro

FUN FACT: cofounder of a space telecommunications company, Spatiam Corporation



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Bronze - 2019 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru)
- Bronze - 2018 Junior Nations Invitational Tournament (New Haven, Conn.)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman)
- 4th - 2022 Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2019 Hockey Series Final (Bhubaneswar, India)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)

TEAMS

USMNT: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 2024, 2025, 2026

U-20/21 USMNT: 2016, 2018

U-19 USMNT: 2017

ACCOLADES

- 2026: 4 Nations Tournament (Valencia, Spain)
- 2019: Recorded first cap on May 24 against Ireland



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HENZOR MOTTA

#21 | SAN JUAN, PUR

MIDFIELD | CAPS: 7

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DATE OF BIRTH: May 10, 2000

AGE: 25

HIGH SCHOOL: Escuela Especializada Central de Artes Visuales

CLUB: Loughborough Club

COLLEGE: Universidad de Puerto Rico Recinto de Rio Piedras (2024)

JOINED USMNT: September 2021

PERSONAL: Son of Hector Motta Rios & Luz Ortiz Maldonado

Has a two siblings, Hector Motta Ortiz & Valerie Motta Varona

FUN FACT: is an artisanal cermist



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2023 Hockey5s Pan American Cup (Kingston, Jamaica)
- Bronze - 2021 Junior Pan American Championship (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)

ACCOLADES

- 2026: 4 Nations Tournament (Valencia, Spain)
- 2025: Recorded first cap on February 17 against Austria

Represented Puerto Rico at the U-18 Hockey5s (7), U-21 Outdoor (11), Senior Hockey5s (5) and Senior Outdoor (14) levels.



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JOHNNY OROZCO

#22 | VENTURA, CA

DEFENSE | CAPS: 107

 yohnnyoo

DATE OF BIRTH: February 18, 1993

AGE: 33

HIGH SCHOOL: Buena High School

CLUB: Bulldogs FHC

COLLEGE: Ventura Community College, DeVry University

JOINED USMNT: 2011

PERSONAL: Son of Arturo & Mary
Has a sister, Jenny

FUN FACT: first generation Mexican American and bilingual in Spanish



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2018 Hockey Series Open (Salamanca, Mexico)
- Gold - 2016 World League Round 1 (Salamanca, Mexico)
- Silver - 2019 3 Nations Invitational (Benalmadena, Spain)
- Bronze - 2019 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru)
- Bronze - 2017 Pan American Cup (Lancaster, Pa.)
- Bronze - 2017 World League Round 2 (Tacarigua, Trinidad & Tobago)
- 4th - 2022 Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2019 Hockey Series Final (Bhubaneswar, India)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)

ACCOLADES

- 2026: 4 Nations Tournament (Valencia, Spain)



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JATIN SHARMA

#8 | SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA

MIDFIELD | CAPS: 17

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DATE OF BIRTH: August 29, 2001

AGE: 24

HIGH SCHOOL: Junipero Serra High School

CLUB: X FHC

COLLEGE: University of California, Santa Cruz

JOINED USMNT: December 2021

PERSONAL: Son of Balram Kumar & Neelam Sharma

Has a sister, Nitasha Sharma



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2023 Hockey5s Pan American Cup (Kingston, Jamaica)
- Silver - 2025 Pan American Cup (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Bronze - 2021 Junior Pan American Championship (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2022 Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
- 15th - 2021 FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup (Bhubaneswar, India)

TEAMS

USMNT: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 2024, 2025, 2026

U-20/21 USMNT: 2019, 2020, 2021

U-19 USMNT: 2017, 2018

ACCOLADES

- 2023: 4 Nations Tournament (Prague, Czechia Republic), 3 Nations Tournament (Hangzhou, China)
- 2021: Europe Tour (Frankfurt, Germany & Antwerp, Belgium)
- 2019: Recorded first cap on February 8 against South Africa



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MICHAEL BARMINSKI

RESERVE

#13 | VENTURA, CA

DEFENSE | CAPS: 110

 **mikeybarminski**

DATE OF BIRTH: February 11, 1993

AGE: 33

HIGH SCHOOL: Buena High School (2011)

CLUB: Bulldogs FHC

COLLEGE: University of California, San Diego

JOINED USMNT: 2010

PERSONAL: Son of Mike & Joan

Has a sister, Elizabeth

FUN FACT: trains wolf dogs



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold - 2023 Hockey5s Pan American Cup (Kingston, Jamaica)
- Gold - 2018 Hockey Series Open (Salamanca, Mexico)
- Gold - 2016 World League Round 1 (Salamanca, Mexico)
- Gold - 2012 World League Round 1 (Chula Vista, Calif.)
- Silver - 2019 3 Nations Invitational (Benalmadena, Spain)
- Bronze - 2019 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru)
- Bronze - 2017 Pan American Cup (Lancaster, Pa.)
- Bronze - 2017 World League Round 2 (Tacarigua, Trinidad & Tobago)
- 4th - 2025 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 (Muscat, Oman)
- 4th - 2023 Pan American Games (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2022 Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
- 4th - 2019 Hockey Series Final (Bhubaneswar, India)
- 4th - 2013: Pan American Cup (Brampton, Ontario)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)



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RORY BLEEKER

RESERVE

#37 | LEIDEN, NED

FORWARD | CAPS: 1

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DATE OF BIRTH: October 20, 2006

AGE: 19

HIGH SCHOOL: Bonaventura Lyceum

CLUB: Klein Zwitserland

COLLEGE: University of North Carolina at Charlotte

JOINED USMNT: 2026

PERSONAL: Son of Freek Bleeker & Debi Hart

FUN FACT: play the marimba



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 4th - 2025 Junior Pan American Games (Asunción, Paraguay)
- 4th - 2024 Junior Pan American Championship (Surrey, Canada)
- 4th - 2023 Junior Pan American Championship (St. Michael, Barbados)
- 8th - 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (Ismailia, Egypt)

TEAMS

Senior A: 2026

U-21 USMNT: 2023

U-18 USMNT: 2021, 2022

ACCOLADES

- 2026: Recorded first cap on March 2 against Japan



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NATIONS CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent
Thursday, June 11	10:45 AM	Ireland
Saturday, June 13	11:00 AM	South Africa
Tuesday, June 16	10:45 AM	France
Friday, June 19		Semifinals
Saturday, June 20		Final

Pool A

No. 11 New Zealand
 No. 14 Malaysia
 No. 15 Japan
 No. 17 Scotland
 No. 20 Korea

Pool B

No. 9 Ireland
 No. 10 France
 No. 13 South Africa
 No. 26 USA



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FRANCE

World Ranking: 10

Nickname: Les Bleus

Head Coach: John-John Dohmen

Nations Cup Appearances: 2024/25 – 3rd Place

Roster:

3	Mattéo Desgoullions	16	François Goyet (C)
4	Brieu Delemazure	18	Eliot Curty
6	Corentin Sellier	21	Etienne Tynevez
8	Xavier Esmenjaud	22	Aristide Michaelis
9	Mathis Clément	22	Victor Charlet
11	Noé Jouin	23	Marius Clément (GK)
12	Gaspard Xavier	24	Amaury Bellenger
13	Benjamin Marqué	28	Timothée Clément
14	Malo Martinache	31	Corentin Saunier (GK)
15	Gaspard Denis	95	Louis Haertelmeyer

About the team: France enters with a determined focus on reclaiming their place among the elite, following podium finishes in the previous two editions of the competition. In the 2024-25 Nations Cup held in Malaysia, France demonstrated their tactical depth, navigating a difficult group stage to reach the semifinals. While they narrowly missed out on the final, a decisive victory in the third-place play-off secured them the bronze medal and confirmed their status as one of the most consistent performers in the competition.

At the FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers in Santiago in March 2026, France faced a grueling schedule. Despite a loss against Scotland putting them on backfoot early, France finished strong, qualifying for the semifinals, where they defeated Poland to secure World Cup Qualification. While a loss in the final against Ireland meant they settled for a silver medal, it was target achieved for France. The closely contested matches in the qualifiers also served as a vital learning experience for a squad that is increasingly comfortable competing with the world's top-ranked nations.

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IRELAND

World Ranking: 9

Nickname: The Green Machine

Head Coach: Mark Tumilty

Roster:

9	Matthew Nelson	33	Evan Jennings
10	Daragh Walsh	36	Sam Hyland
15	Kyle Marshall (C)	39	Fergus Gibson
19	Peter McKibbin	40	Ben Johnson
20	Jeremy Duncan	41	Benjamin Ryder
21	James Milliken (GK)	43	Luke Roleston (GK)
24	Benjamin Walker	45	Nicholas Page
26	Peter Brown	46	Gregory Williams
28	Ben Nelson	47	Adam McAllister
29	Lee Cole	49	Alistair Empey

About the team: Ireland, known as the Green Machine, arrives with a clear mission to reclaim their spot among the world's top tier following a challenging stint in the FIH Hockey Pro League. After competing against the world's elite throughout the 2023-24 and 2024-25 season, Ireland enters the tournament as one of the heavy favorites for promotion.

In the 2024-25 Pro League, Ireland faced a grueling schedule against the top nine nations in the world. Despite a difficult campaign that ultimately resulted in relegation, the Green Machine secured several noteworthy results.

Following the Pro League season, Ireland carried their momentum into the FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers in Santiago in March 2026. The Green Machine delivered a masterclass in tournament hockey, remaining undefeated throughout the competition. They secured their ticket to the 2026 World Cup in style, defeating France 2-1 in a tense final to claim the gold medal. This triumph highlighted the clinical form of Lee Cole and Matthew Nelson, further boosting the team's confidence ahead of their South African campaign.

As of May 2026, Ireland holds the 9th position in the FIH Men's World Rankings, making them the top-seeded team in the tournament.

 Irish Hockey Association

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JAPAN

World Ranking: 15

Nickname: The Samurais

Head Coach: Yoshihiro Anai

Nations Cup Appearances: 2024/25 – 7th Place

Roster:

1 Koji Yamasaki	14 Raiki Fujishima (C)
2 Shota Yamada	16 Hiro Saito
5 Seren Tanaka	18 Tsubasa Tanaka
6 Naru Kimura	19 Ryoma Ooka
7 Jun Watanbe	21 Kazuki Nakai
8 Taiki Takade	22 Kaito Tanaka
9 Kosei Kawab	23 Yusuke Kawamura
11 Kazumasa Matsumoto	29 Takumi Kitagawa (GK)
12 Yuma Nagai	30 Takshi Yoshikawa (GK)
13 Manabu Yamashita	38 Hyota Yamada

About the team: Japan arrives at the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup as a side in the midst of a powerful resurgence. Following a landmark period that saw them secure their first-ever Sultan Azlan Shah Cup title in 2024 and a hard-fought bronze medal at the 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers in Egypt, the Samurais have proven they belong among the world's elite.

Japan enters this tournament with high confidence after successfully securing their ticket to the 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup. While their previous Nations Cup campaign in Malaysia saw them finish 7th after a hard-fought 2-1 victory over South Africa in the final classification match, the team has used that experience to sharpen their competitive edge. Their qualifying campaign in Ismailia showcased a team capable of high-octane offense, punctuated by a thrilling 5-4 victory over Malaysia to seal their world stage return. This blend of tactical flexibility and collective belief has seen them climb to 15th in the world rankings, making them one of the most dangerous and tactically astute sides in the competition.

 Hockey National Team

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KOREA

World Ranking: 20

Head Coach: Taeseok Min

Nations Cup Appearances: 2024/25 – 4th Place

Roster:

1	Jaehyeon Kim (GK)	18	Yoonho Kong
3	Junesong Jeong	19	Dain Son
6	Jihun Yang (C)	22	Changmin Lee
7	Jaewon Sim	23	Hyeogjin Kim
8	Jinkang Rim	24	Soung Min Bae
10	Yong Blok Kim	25	Jonghyun Jang
12	Gangsan Lee	28	Hyeonhong Kim
15	Dohyun Lim	33	GhuHeyong Cho
16	Moon Eutaek (GK)	49	Chankyu Choi
17	Seyong Oh	77	Cheoleon Park

About the team: Korea arrives as the proud powerhouse of Asian hockey looking to reclaim their peak form. Their historic Olympic silver in Sydney 2000 and two fourth-place finishes at the World Cup underscore a program with a deep-rooted winning culture and a tradition of succeeding on the world's most pressurized stages.

While Korea has navigated a challenging period of rebuilding, their performance at the 2024/25 Nations Cup in Malaysia signaled a significant step forward. The team fought their way to a fourth-place finish, narrowly missing out on the podium after a dramatic 3–3 draw against France that was ultimately decided by a penalty shootout. Despite a difficult campaign at the 2026 World Cup Qualifiers in Santiago, Chile, where they missed out on qualification for the upcoming global showpiece, tKorea remain a tactically astute opponent capable of controlling the tempo of any match.

Blending veteran composure with a resilient defensive organization, Korea enters the 2026 Nations Cup determined to reaffirm their status among the international elite.

MALAYSIA

World Ranking: 14

Nickname: Speedy Tiger

Head Coach: Brendon Carolan

Nations Cup Appearances: 2024/25 – 5th Place

Roster:

1 Syed Cholan	18 Faiz Jali
5 Addy Jazmi Jamlus	20 Ashran Hamsani
6 Marhan Jalil (C)	21 Hafizuddin Othman (GK)
7 Fitri Saari	22 Norsyafiq Sumantri
8 Syarman Mat	23 Abu Kamal Azrai
10 Faizal Saari	24 Aiman Rozemi
11 Akhimullah Anuar	26 Muhajir Abdu Rauf
12 Adam Johari	30 Faris Harizan
15 Shello Silverius	31 Azimuddin Kamaruddin
16 Zaimi Mat Deris (GK)	35 Andywalfian Jeffrynus

About the team: Malaysia, known as the “Speedy Tigers,” arrives as one of the most dynamic and unpredictable sides in international hockey. Characterized by their blistering speed, technical flair, and high-energy pressing, the Tigers have spent the last several years cementing their status as a major power in Asia while consistently challenging the global elite.

The Speedy Tigers enter this campaign with a point to prove after a bittersweet 2025. During the Nations Cup on home soil in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia finished 5th, concluding their run with a dominant victory to satisfy the home crowd but narrowly missing the semi-final spots. However, they carried that hunger into the 2026 World Cup Qualifiers in Egypt. In a heart-pounding qualification trail, Malaysia reached the final stages, only to narrowly miss out on a podium spot.

Currently ranked 13th in the world, Malaysia remains a formidable force with a roster that perfectly balances seasoned veterans and clinical finishers like Abu Kamal Azrai and Faizal Saari. With their recent history of high-scoring encounters and a resilient defensive mindset, the Speedy Tigers are determined to harness their speed and tactical growth in Cape Town. Their goal is clear: to reclaim a place on the podium and finally secure the elusive promotion to the FIH Hockey Pro League.

 Malaysian Hockey Confederation

NEW ZEALAND

World Ranking: 11

Nickname: The Black Sticks

Head Coach: Greg Nicol

Nations Cup Appearances: 2024/25 - 1st Place

Roster:

1	Dominic Dixon (GK)	23	Dylan Thomas
2	Scott Boyde	30	Finn Ward
4	Dane Lett	32	George Baker
8	Charlie Morrison	33	Jonty Elmes
12	Sam Lane (C)	34	Malachi Buschl
16	Aidan Sarikaya	35	Ryan Parr
17	Nic Woods	37	Isaac Houlbrooke
18	Brad Read	38	Benjamin Culhane
19	Joseph Morrison	40	Matthew Ruetsch (GK)
21	Kane Russell	41	Tim Neild

About the team: New Zealand, known as the Black Sticks, arrives with a formidable reputation as the defending champions, seeking to retain their title and secure a permanent return to the FIH Hockey Pro League.

At the 2024–25 FIH Hockey Nations Cup held in Malaysia, New Zealand successfully defended their crown in spectacular fashion. After navigating a challenging group stage, they demonstrated clinical efficiency in the knockout rounds to finish 1st, proving their consistency as the leading force in the Nations Cup circuit.

The Black Sticks have maintained a high level of competition following their appearance at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. While their Olympic journey concluded in the group stages despite hard-fought matches against the world's elite, the experience served as a catalyst for growth. In early 2026, they further prepared for the current season with a competitive Summer Series against Japan, showcasing a blend of veteran leadership and integrated youth talent.

As of May 2026, New Zealand hold the 11th position in the FIH Men's World Rankings, making them the top-seeded team in Pool A for the tournament in Cape Town. Facing opponents including Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and Scotland in the pool stage, the Black Sticks are focused on clinching another gold medal at the Hartleyvale Stadium to finalize their ascent back into the top tier of international hockey.

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SCOTLAND

World Ranking: 17

Head Coach: Neil Allan

Roster:

1	Thomas Alexander (GK)	15	Keir Robb
3	Andrew McAllister	18	Oliver Wilson
4	Jamie Croll	19	Iain McFadden
6	Ali Douglas	21	David Nairn
7	Jamie Golden	22	Calum Douglas (GK)
8	Robert Field (C)	23	Jedd Campbell
9	Andrew McConnell	24	Alex Wilson
12	Thomas Austin	26	Jacob Tweedie
13	Struan Walker	27	Euan Gilmour
14	Cameron Golden	34	Alasdair Richmond

About the team: Scotland arrives following a historic period of growth and silverware. Currently ranked 17th in the FIH World Rankings as of May 2026, the team has successfully transitioned from the inaugural Nations Cup 2 winners to serious contenders for a spot in the FIH Hockey Pro League. With a string of impressive results over the past year, Scotland aims to capitalize on their recent upward trajectory and challenge the world's top-tier nations in Cape Town.

In the 2024-25 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 held in Muscat, Oman, Scotland was the class of the field. They captured the inaugural title with a series of high-intensity performances, demonstrating the physicality and clinical finishing that have become their trademark. This victory earned them promotion to the primary Nations Cup, marking a significant milestone in their ambition to reach the global elite.

As of May 2026, Scotland's rise to 17th in the world rankings places them in a competitive position in Pool A for the upcoming tournament at Hartleyvale Stadium. Blending the expertise of Great Britain international Struan Walker, captain Robert Field, along with a new generation of talent, the Blue Sticks enter the South African campaign with the belief and organization required to target the podium and continue their march toward the top tier of international hockey.

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SOUTH AFRICA

World Ranking: 13

Head Coach: Devon van der Merwe

Nations Cup Appearances: 2024/25 – 4th Place

Roster:

2	Mustaphaa Cassiem	13	Tevin Petersen
3	Andrew Hobson	15	Carlon Mentoer
4	Calvin Davis	17	Brendan Du Toit (GK)
5	Senzwesihle Ngubane	20	Luke Wynford
6	Jamie Seale	21	Ayakha Mthalane
7	Dayaan Cassiem (C)	23	Nicholas Spooner
8	Nduduzo Lembethe	27	Niel Raath
9	Jared Cass	29	Samkelo Mvimbi
10	Hans Neethling	30	Cullin de Jager (GK)
11	Tevin Kok	47	Kenton Melville

About the team: South Africa are the hosts, eager to leverage home advantage at the Hartleyvale Stadium. Following a highly competitive 2024–25 season, South Africa are looking to recapture the gold medal they first won in 2022 and secure promotion to the FIH Hockey Pro League in front of their home fans.

In the 2024–25 FIH Hockey Nations Cup, South Africa endured their poorest run of form in the competition's history. Narrow losses to France and Korea, along with an entertaining draw against Wales, saw South Africa miss out on the semifinals for the first time. Defeats to Malaysia and Japan in the crossovers, capped a torrid tournament for South Africa, as they finished the competition in last place.

However, South Africa's recent continental dominance remains unmatched; they captured their ninth consecutive title at the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations, comfortably defeating Egypt in the final. This victory ensured their direct qualification for the 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup, allowing the team to focus on tactical refinement during the early months of 2026.

Their 9th-place finish at the Paris 2024 Olympics—their best result since 1996—further underlines the upward trajectory of the squad under the leadership of captain Dayaan Cassiem.

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UNITED STATES

World Ranking: 26

Nickname: United Wolves

Head Coach: Allan Law

Roster:

2	Sekayi Charasika	21	Henzor Motta
5	Pat Harris	22	Johnny Orozco
6	Wyatt Katz	23	Kai Kokolakis
8	Jatin Sharma	25	Allard André de la Porte (GK)
10	Alberto Montilla (C)	28	Gary Johal
11	Marius Leser	29	Emil Collins (GK)
12	Ajai Dhadwal (C)	30	Michael Mendoza
14	Aki Kaeppler (C)	31	Liam Hawley
15	Kei Kaeppler	33	Jack Heldens
17	Christian DeAngelis	36	Doug Allison

About the team: USA, known as the United Wolves, arrives as a program on the rise, following a season that proved they can compete with established international powers. Currently ranked 26th in the FIH World Rankings as of May 2026, the United Wolves are using the tournament as a critical building block toward the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games cycle.

In the 2024–25 FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2, the USA signaled their intent with a breakout performance. They navigated a competitive field to reach the knockout stages, ultimately finishing in 4th place. Their ability to push higher-ranked opponents to the brink in Oman demonstrated a new level of tactical maturity and resilience, earning them a place in the primary Nations Cup for the 2025–26 season.

The team's momentum was further solidified in the Americas, where they captured a silver medal at the 2025 Pan American Cup. A series of disciplined defensive displays led them to the final, and while they eventually fell to Argentina, the result secured their spot in the FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers.

The USA will rely on the leadership of seasoned veterans and a core of dynamic young players developed through the centralized training program in the lead up to the home Olympic Games in LA28.

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