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MARLBOROUGH, Mass. – The U.S. Paralympics Sled Hockey National Team lost to Canada 3-0 Monday night, giving the Americans two losses in the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships. The U.S. Team was led by Steve Cash (Overland, Mo.) who recorded 12 saves on the night.

Adam Dixon led the Canadian team with two goals while Billy Bridges added two assists. Canada now sits at 4-0 in the A-Pool standings.

Norway, who is tied with Canada atop the A-Pool, defeated Italy 6-1. With losses on Wednesday coming from Italy and the United States, the U.S. Team clinched a spot in this weekend's A-Pool bronze medal game. In addition, victories from Canada and Norway mean both teams are now set to meet in this weekend's A-Pool gold medal game. Norway received goals from six different players, with Helge Bjoernstad and Knut Helge Nordstoga leading the Norwegians with three points apiece.

In other A-Pool action, Japan defeated Germany 3-2 thanks to goals from Mamoru Yoshikawa, Naohiko Ishida and Satoru Sudo.

Wednesday was the final day of competition for the B-Pool, as both the gold and bronze medal games were held. Korea defeated Czech Republic 2-0 to stay undefeated throughout world championships play and claim the B-Pool gold medal. With the loss, Czech Republic took the silver.

The B-Pool bronze medal was decided after Estonia defeated Poland 8-2. Kaido Kalm's hat trick and Aleksander Jarlokov's four points led the way for the Estonians. Sylwester Flis scored the two goals for Poland.

With no games scheduled for Thursday, and only A-Pool action remaining, games will return on Friday. Starting the games off will be Japan and Italy, who will face off to see who will battle the United States in the A-Pool bronze-medal game. Meanwhile, Canada and Norway, who are tied atop the A-Pool standings, will meet as a prelude to their gold medal match later this weekend.

Schedule for Friday, April 4

- Japan vs. Italy, 12:00 p.m. (A-Pool)
- Germany vs. USA, 2:40 p.m. (A-Pool)
- Canada vs. Norway, 5:20 p.m. (A-Pool)

Video highlights from the IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships are available on www.paralympicsport.tv.

For more information on the IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships, or to line up an interview, please contact Brandon Hughes, U.S. Paralympics, at (719) 238-6350 or brandon.hughes@usoc.org.

About the International Paralympic Committee (IPC):

The IPC is the global governing body of the Paralympic Movement. It organizes the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games, and serves as the International Federation for nine sports, for which it supervises and co-ordinates the World Championships and other competitions. The IPC is committed to enabling Paralympic athletes to achieve sporting excellence and to developing sport opportunities for all persons with a disability from the beginner to elite level. In addition, the IPC aims to promote the Paralympic values, which include courage, determination, inspiration and equality.

About U.S. Paralympics:

U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, is dedicated to becoming the world leader in the Paralympic sports movement and to promoting excellence in the lives of persons with physical disabilities. Visit the U.S. Paralympics web site at www.usparalympics.org.

About Massachusetts Hockey:

As an affiliate of USA Hockey, Massachusetts Hockey is the nationally recognized organization responsible for the administration and development of ice hockey in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.