

Matthew 'Top-Shelf-Cookie' Gutkoski

@TSCCookie U.S. Winner – #2 Seed at World Final

Matthew Gutkoski, otherwise known as Top-Shelf-Cookie, is a 21-year-old from Lewis Center, Ohio. According to his pre-tournament questionnaire, his gamertag was inspired by a goal call from ESPN broadcaster John Buccigross. Cookie, who placed third in last year's U.S. Regional Final, makes his World Final debut with high expectations after going 6-0 in this year's Regional tournament.

Gutkoski's favorite team to play with in EA SPORTS[™] NHL®19 is his hometown Columbus Blue Jackets, and he lists Nick Foligno and Josh Anderson of the Blue Jackets as his favorite NHL players. TSC's game style is equally balancing offense and defense, and his signature move is the behind-the-back one-handed deke. He's proud of all the support he has received from the City of Columbus since advancing to the Regionals in 2018. He also won the Blue Jackets 2019 LAN tournament and lost in the quarterfinal to Johnwaynee at the Red Wings Esports Face-Off.

Gutkoski was a four-sport athlete growing up, playing hockey, baseball, football and soccer. He currently is a marketing major at Ohio State University and during the summer, spends time working with Miami University's hockey school. Should he win the \$50,000 grand prize, he would put it toward paying his tuition/bills and going on vacation. He decided to opt out of a family trip to Mexico to attend the U.S. Regionals – which he won. Cookie's favorite hockey memory was scoring the winning goal in overtime against his high school's rival in front of a packed crowd.

Top-Shelf-Cookie's World Final HUT roster can be found here.

| | GP | Record | GF | GA | +/- |
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| Qualifying Record* | 36 | 30-6 | | | |
| Regional Record | 6 | 6-0 | 25 | 10 | +16 |

* Qualifying Record includes both Online Play for qualifying week only & Bracket Play In