



Erik 'Eki' Tammenpää

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European Winner – #1 Seed at World Final

Erik Tammenpää, the reigning NHL Gaming World Champion, is heading back to Las Vegas to defend his title. Tammenpää, a Team Sampi player, plays under the gamertag EKI. The 20-year-old from Espoo, Finland, has had an impressive 2019 so far, winning several European tournaments, placing second in the Washington Capitals egames showcase and breezing through the Regionals with a 6-0 record.

A goalie by trade, EKI last played in 2017-18, skating in 18 games with Jr. B Suomi-Sarja of a Finnish youth league. Tammenpää credits his ice hockey experiences with preparing him for the pressure of esports – and says real-life goaltending is more nerve-wracking. He describes himself as a versatile gamer who can win a game 1-0 or outscore his opponents significantly when needed. His signature move in EA SPORTS™ NHL®19 is the saucer pass, and he lists the Toronto Maple Leafs as his favorite NHL team.

Tammenpää's childhood hockey idol was goaltender Miikka Kiprusoff and his favorite current player is Tuukka Rask of the Boston Bruins. If he had the chance, he would love to play NHL19 against Rask. EKI describes his most memorable hockey moment as the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, where Finland beat the hometown favorites, 3-1, in the quarterfinals.

EKI's World Final HUT roster can be found [here](#).

	GP	Record	GF	GA	+/-
Qualifying Record*	35	33-2	--	--	--
Regional Record	6	6-0	30	8	+22

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