



Felix Lebrun

Nickname:

Féfé

Nation:

French 

Date of birth:

12 September 2006

Height:

178 cm

Place of birth:

Montpellier, Occitanie, France

Playing hand:

right 

Grip Style:

Penholder grip, utilizing a reverse

penhold backhand

Playing Style:

Aggressive attacker, known for his

speed, agility, and ability to generate spin.

Coach:

Nathanael Molin (FRA)

Current world ranking (week 51 - 2024):

4

Current European ranking (December 2024):

1

Clubs as the active player(s):

Aliance Nîmes Montpellier Tennis de Table

Senior Career Highlights

2024:

Olympic Games, Paris (Bronze, Men's Singles): Félix Lebrun secured a bronze medal in men's singles at the 2024 Paris Olympics, becoming the youngest male player to medal in Olympic table tennis.

Olympic Games, Paris (Bronze, Men's Team): Félix played a significant role in France's bronze medal win in the men's team event at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

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WTT Star Contender, Goa (Champion): Félix claimed his first WTT Star Contender title in Goa, defeating Hugo Calderano 4-2 in the final.

WTT Champions, Montpellier (Champion): Félix triumphed over Tomokazu Harimoto with a 4-1 victory at the WTT Champions in Montpellier, further solidifying his status among the world's elite players.

European Championships, Linz (Gold, Men's Doubles): Partnering with his brother Alexis Lebrun, Félix secured the men's doubles title at the European Championships in Linz, showcasing their exceptional synergy.

2023:

European Games, Kraków (Gold, Men's Singles): Félix became the youngest-ever European Games champion in men's singles, defeating veteran Marcos Freitas of Portugal in a tense seven-game final.

WTT Contender, Antalya (Champion): Félix won his first senior international title at the WTT Contender in Antalya, defeating several higher-ranked players on his way to the trophy.

Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

2024:

Olympic Medal and Global Recognition: Félix Lebrun secured a bronze medal in men's singles at the 2024 Paris Olympics, becoming the youngest male Olympic medalist in table tennis.

Top 10 ITTF World Ranking: As of December 2024, Félix Lebrun is ranked No. 5 in the ITTF world rankings.

2023:

European Games Gold Medal: Félix's victory at the European Games in Kraków marked a significant milestone, showcasing his ability to excel under pressure against seasoned opponents.

WTT Contender Title in Antalya: This tournament signified Félix's emergence on the senior international stage. His performance against top-tier players highlighted his tactical prowess and heralded his professional breakthrough.

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Medals and Titles

- **Olympic Games:**

2024 Paris, Bronze medal – third place, Singles

2024 Paris, Bronze medal – third place, Team

- **World Championships:**

2024 Busan, Silver medal – second place, Team

- **European Games:**

2023 Kraków–Małopolskie, Gold medal – first place, Singles

2023 Kraków–Małopolskie, Bronze medal – third place, Team

- **European Championships:**

2024 Linz, Gold medal – first place, Doubles

2022 Munich, Bronze medal – third place, Doubles

2023 Malmö, Bronze medal – third place, Team

Junior Career and Early Achievements

Medals and Titles

2023:

- **WTT Youth Star Contender (Multiple Titles):**

Félix concluded his junior career by dominating the WTT Youth Star Contender events. His consistent victories across multiple tournaments reaffirmed his standing as one of the world's best junior players.

2022:

- **World Youth Championships, Tunis (Bronze, Boys' Singles):**

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Félix delivered a commendable performance, advancing to the **semi-finals** and earning a **bronze medal** in the boys' singles event. He faced formidable opponents, including China's **Lin Shidong**, who ultimately secured the gold.

2021:

- **WTT Youth Contender Series (Multiple Titles):**

Félix emerged as the standout performer in the WTT Youth Contender series, winning titles in Budapest, Havířov, and Metz. These victories helped him gain recognition as a future star.

- **European Youth Championships, Varazdin (Silver, Boys' Singles; Gold, Boys' Doubles):**

Félix partnered with his brother Alexis to claim gold in the doubles category, further establishing their dominance as a pair.

2020:

- **French National Youth Championships (Gold, Boys' Singles and Doubles):**

Félix showcased his superiority on the domestic front by securing multiple gold medals at the French National Youth Championships.

2019:

- **European Mini Championships, Schiltigheim (Gold, Boys' Singles):**

This tournament victory marked Félix's first major international success, signaling the arrival of a prodigious talent in European table tennis.

Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

2023:

- **Consistent Dominance in WTT Youth Events:**

Félix's victories in multiple WTT Youth Star Contender tournaments demonstrated his readiness to transition seamlessly into the senior circuit.

2022:



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- **World Youth Champion (Tunis):**

Félix earned a bronze medal in the Boys' Singles category at the 2022 ITTF World Youth Championships in Tunis.

2021:

- **Emerging Star in the WTT Youth Contender Series:**

Félix's dominance in multiple WTT Youth Contender events put him on the radar of the global table tennis community. His attacking style and maturity on the table impressed coaches and fans alike.

2019:

- **Victory at the European Mini Championships:**

This early success in Schiltigheim was a breakthrough moment that showcased Félix's potential. It was the first indication of his ability to perform under pressure on an international stage.

2024: Detailed Overview and Achievements

Medals and Titles

- **August 2024: Bronze Medal – Men's Singles, Paris Olympics**

Félix Lebrun made history at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games by winning the **bronze medal in the Men's Singles**.

At only **17 years old**, he became the **youngest table tennis player to medal in an Olympic singles event**, a record that highlights his extraordinary talent.

This achievement marked a significant milestone for France, showcasing the **nation's resurgence in table tennis** and solidifying Félix's position as one of the sport's rising stars.

- **March 2024: WTT Star Contender Goa – Champion**

Félix clinched the title at the **WTT Star Contender Goa**, securing his second major WTT title.

He defeated several top-tier opponents, showcasing his ability to compete against the world's best players.

This victory further boosted his confidence ahead of the Olympic season.

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- **June 2024: French National Championship – Runner-Up in Singles; Champion in Doubles**

Félix Lebrun participated in the **French National Table Tennis Championship** in June 2024 with remarkable performances:

- **Singles Competition:** Félix reached the **finals** of the singles category but was defeated by his older brother, **Alexis Lebrun**, who secured his third consecutive national singles title.
- **Doubles Competition:** Félix, partnering with Alexis, won the **doubles category**, showcasing their exceptional teamwork and synergy as a dominant pair in French table tennis.

While Félix did not win the singles championship, his success in the doubles category further solidified his reputation as one of France’s leading players.

Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

- **August 2024: Youngest Olympic Singles Medalist in History**

By winning the Olympic bronze in singles, Félix not only made French history but also became the **youngest singles medalist in Olympic table tennis history**. This performance underscored his immense talent and potential at a young age.

- **Rapid Rise in ITTF World Rankings**

Throughout 2024, Félix’s consistent performances in international tournaments catapulted him into the **top 10 of the ITTF world rankings**, making him one of the youngest players to achieve this feat.

His victories over top-ranked opponents, including players from China and Japan, earned him widespread recognition.

- **Contributing to France’s Table Tennis Renaissance**

Félix’s success has been instrumental in elevating France’s standing in global table tennis.

Alongside his brother Alexis, he has helped position France as a serious contender in international competitions, inspiring a new generation of players.

- **Key Performances at WTT Events**



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Félix consistently reached the latter stages of WTT Contender and Star Contender events in 2024, often upsetting higher-seeded players.

His tactical adaptability and mental toughness stood out in high-pressure matches.

Biography and Career

Félix Lebrun is a French professional table tennis player who has rapidly become one of the most promising young athletes in the sport. Born on September 12, 2006, in Montpellier, France, Félix's rise through the ranks of table tennis has been nothing short of spectacular. Known for his aggressive style of play and dynamic footwork, Félix is a penhold grip player who uses his attacking forehand and precise backhand to outmaneuver his opponents.

His career, still in its early stages, is already filled with major successes, including a bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics, and gold at the WTT Champions.

Early Life and Background

Félix was born and raised in Montpellier, France, where he was introduced to table tennis at a young age. His father, a former professional table tennis player, played a significant role in fostering his love for the sport. From an early age, Félix demonstrated exceptional skill, quickly advancing through local and national competitions. His early years in table tennis were marked by numerous victories in youth tournaments, where he began building a reputation as one of the most promising young talents in Europe.

Félix's development as a player was shaped by his supportive family, especially his father, and later by the influence of his older brother, Alexis Lebrun, who also plays at a high level. The Lebrun family's dedication to the sport played a crucial role in his rise, offering him the resources, guidance, and motivation to reach the highest levels of competition.

Playing Style and Personality

Félix Lebrun is known for his aggressive and dynamic playing style, characterized by fast, powerful rallies and precise shot-making. His **penhold grip** allows him to execute quick forehand attacks, and his footwork ensures that he remains mobile and versatile

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across the table. He has a reputation for executing sharp backhand flicks and counter-attacks, which are difficult for his opponents to defend against.

Off the table, Félix is calm, focused, and humble, displaying a maturity beyond his years. He is known for his disciplined work ethic and his unwavering focus on self-improvement. His personality is reflected in his on-court behavior, where he remains composed even under pressure, a trait that has helped him achieve rapid success.

Legacy and Future Goals

Félix Lebrun's legacy is already being shaped, despite his young age. By winning a bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics and establishing himself as one of the top 10 players in the world, he has laid the foundation for a future filled with continued success. His journey has been one of breaking records and setting new standards for young table tennis players.

Looking ahead, Félix's future goals include reaching the **ITTF World No. 1 ranking**, winning the **World Championships**, and claiming **Olympic gold** in future Games. His long-term ambitions also include refining his technique and maintaining his dominance in both singles and team events. His legacy will likely be defined by his role in inspiring future generations and elevating French table tennis to new heights.

Conclusions

Félix Lebrun is undoubtedly one of the most exciting young talents in the world of table tennis. With his remarkable achievements, including an Olympic bronze medal, multiple WTT victories, and a rapid rise in the ITTF rankings, Félix is set to become one of the sport's all-time greats. His aggressive playing style, combined with his disciplined approach and off-court humility, makes him a role model for young athletes everywhere.

As of the end of 2024, Félix is on the verge of achieving even greater success, with the potential to dominate the table tennis world for years to come. The future is undoubtedly bright for this young French star, who continues to break barriers and inspire the next generation of table tennis players.

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