





Patrick Franziska

Nickname:	Franz
Nation:	German 
Date of birth:	11 June 1992
Height:	190 cm
Place of birth:	Bensheim, Germany
Playing hand:	right 
Style of play:	Shakehand grip
Coach:	Jörg Roßkopf
Current world ranking (week 51 - 2024):	10
Current European ranking (December 2024):	11
Clubs as the active player(s):	1. FC Saarbrücken TT

Senior Career Highlights

2024:

- May: Secured the runner-up position at the inaugural Saudi Smash tournament, defeating world No. 2 Fan Zhendong before falling to world No. 1 Wang Chuqin in the final.
- March: Achieved third place in Men's Singles at the WTT Star Contender Goa and was the runner-up in Men's Doubles..

2023:

- June: Earned a bronze medal in Men's Doubles at the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships in Durban, partnering with Dimitrij Ovtcharov.

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- June: Secured the gold medal in the Men's Team at the European Games, alongside Timo Boll, Dang Qiu, and Dimitrij Ovtcharov, defeating Sweden in the final.
- March: Franziska won the Men's Doubles title at the WTT Contender Muscat in 2023.

2022:

- July: Finished as the runner-up in Men's Singles at the WTT Contender Tunis, losing to Anton Källberg in the final.
- February: Won the Men's Singles title at the WTT Feeder Düsseldorf II, defeating Ovidiu Ionescu in the final.

2021:

- September: Triumphed at the Europe Top 16 Cup, overcoming Marcos Freitas in the final.
- August: Secured a silver medal in the Men's Team at the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics, contributing significantly to Germany's performance.

Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

2018:

- Secured bronze medals in Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles at the European Championships demonstrating versatility across events.

2016:

- Crowned European Champion in Men's Doubles, marking a significant milestone in his doubles career.

Medals and Titles

- **Olympic Games:**

2020 Tokyo, Silver medal – second place, Team

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- **World Championships:**

2014 Tokyo, Silver medal – second place, Team

2018 Halmstad, Silver medal – second place, Team

2019 Budapest, Bronze medal – third place, Mixed doubles

2023 Durban, Bronze medal – third place, Doubles

- **European Games:**

2019 Minsk, Gold medal – first place, Team

2019 Minsk, Gold medal – first place, Mixed doubles

2023 Kraków–Małopolska, Gold medal – first place, Team

- **European Championships:**

2013 Schwechat, Gold medal – first place, Team

2016 Budapest, Gold medal – first place, Doubles

2017 Luxembourg City, Gold medal – first place, Team

2019 Nantes, Gold medal – first place, Team

2021 Cluj-Napoca, Gold medal – first place, Team

2014 Lisbon, Silver medal – second place, Team

2015 Yekaterinburg, Silver medal – second place, Team

2018 Alicante, Bronze medal – third place, Singles

2018 Alicante, Bronze medal – third place, Doubles

2018 Alicante, Bronze medal – third place, Mixed doubles

2024 Linz, Bronze medal – third place, Mixed doubles

- **Europe Top-16:**

2021 Thessaloniki, Gold medal – first place, Singles

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2022 Montreux, Bronze medal – third place, Singles

Junior Career and Early Achievements

Medals and Titles

2010

- July: Won the Junior Boys' Singles gold at the European Youth Championships, establishing himself as a rising star.
- December: Secured bronze medals in Men's Doubles and Men's Team at the World Junior Table Tennis Championships, highlighting his early international impact.

2009

- Clinched gold in Junior Boys' Singles at the Polish Junior Open and Tunisian Junior Open, showcasing dominance in the junior circuit.
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Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

2007

- Achieved a silver medal in Cadet Boys' Singles at the European Youth Championships, signaling his potential in the sport.
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2024: Detailed Overview and Achievements

Medals and Titles

- May: Runner-up at the Saudi Smash tournament.
 - March: Third place in Men's Singles at WTT Star Contender Goa; runner-up in Men's Doubles.
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Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

May: Defeated world No. 2 Fan Zhendong at the Saudi Smash, underscoring his elite status.

Biography and Career

Patrick Franziska's journey in table tennis began at age six. Initially involved in gymnastics (1994–1998) and football (1997–2004), he transitioned to table tennis in 1998, joining TSV Höchst in Odenwald. His early exposure to professionals like Elisabeth Grujic and Wolfgang Boll, father of Timo Boll, was instrumental in his development.

By 2000, he joined the state team, and in 2002, he was invited to the German Table Tennis Federation, where he honed his skills. Competing in the Oberliga (2005–2007) and Regional League (2007–2009) provided him with valuable experience, paving the way for his successful junior and senior careers.

Early Life and Background

Patrick Franziska was born on June 11, 1992, in Bensheim, Germany. His family encouraged him to participate in various sports from an early age. Initially drawn to gymnastics and football, he eventually discovered his passion for table tennis at the age of six. His father, Wolfgang Franziska, played an integral role in fostering his early interest, often accompanying him to matches and training sessions.

Growing up, Patrick balanced his education and training, excelling both academically and athletically. By the age of eight, he was training under experienced coaches at TSV Höchst in Odenwald. Notably, his exposure to the techniques and strategies of elite players like Timo Boll, whose father coached in the region, was a turning point in his development as a future champion.

Playing Style and Personality

Patrick Franziska is celebrated for his versatile and offensive playing style. As a right-handed player using the shakehand grip, his approach is characterized by powerful

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forehand loops, precise backhand shots, and strategic placement. His agility and ability to adapt mid-match have made him a formidable opponent against top-tier players.

Off the table, Franziska is known for his analytical mind, calm demeanor, and leadership qualities. These traits have made him a respected figure in team competitions, such as the European Championships and Olympic Games, where his performance has often been pivotal to Germany's success.

Patrick's humility and sportsmanship have earned him admiration from fans and peers alike. He is also actively involved in promoting table tennis among young players, often participating in coaching clinics and mentoring programs.

Legacy and Future Goals

Patrick Franziska has cemented his legacy as one of Germany's finest table tennis players, contributing significantly to his nation's dominance in European and world competitions. His achievements in both singles and doubles, alongside legendary teammates such as Timo Boll and Dimitrij Ovtcharov, have made him a cornerstone of Germany's table tennis team.

Looking ahead, Patrick has expressed a desire to continue competing at the highest level, aiming for further success in the World Championships, European Championships, and potentially the Paris 2028 Summer Olympics. Beyond his playing career, Franziska envisions a future in coaching and sports development, intending to use his experience to guide the next generation of players.

Conclusions

Patrick Franziska's journey in table tennis is a testament to hard work, resilience, and passion. From his early days in Bensheim to his current status as a global table tennis icon, he has consistently demonstrated excellence both on and off the table. With numerous titles and accolades to his name, Franziska's career serves as an inspiration for aspiring athletes worldwide. As of December 2024, his achievements reflect his unwavering dedication to the sport and his enduring impact on the global table tennis community.

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