



Jeni Shao

Nickname:

Nation:

Date of birth:

Height:

Place of birth:

Playing hand:

Style of play:


Coach:


Current world ranking (week 51 - 2024):

Current European ranking (December 2024):

Clubs as active player(s):

Jia

Chinese (before 2015) 

Portuguese (after 2015) 

24 January 1994

169 cm

Anshan, Liaoning, China

 left

Shakehand grip

Liang Lihua

53

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Senior Career Highlights

Medals and Titles

2019:

- November: Clinched the Women's Singles title at the ITTF Challenge Indonesia Open, defeating Thailand's Suthasini Sawettabut in a seven-game final.
- November: Secured the Women's Doubles title at the same tournament, partnering with Luo Xue.

The double title win at the Indonesia Open highlighted her continued prominence in international table tennis.

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2016:

- **August:** Represented Portugal in the Women's Singles event at the Rio de Janeiro Summer Olympics; advanced to the second round before losing to American Lily Zhang.
- **May:** Won the Women's Doubles at the ITTF World Tour Nigeria Open.

Her participation in the Rio Olympics was a significant milestone, representing Portugal on the world's biggest sporting stage.

2015:

- **May:** Achieved a double victory at the ITTF World Tour Nigeria Open, securing Gold in both Women's Singles and Women's Doubles events.

Winning Gold in both Singles and Doubles at the Nigeria Open marked her emergence as a formidable player on the ITTF World Tour.

Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

- **European Games:**
2023 Kraków–Małopolskie, Bronze medal – third place, Team
- **European Championships:**
2019 Nantes, Silver medal – second place, Teams
2021 Cluj-Napoca, Bronze medal – third place, Team
2023 Malmö, Bronze medal – third place, Team
- **Europe Top-16:**
2023 Montreux, Bronze medal – third place, Singles
- **Mediterranean Games:**
2022 Oran, Silver medal – second place, Singles

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Junior Career and Early Achievements

Medals and Titles

Specific details about Shao's junior career are limited in public records. However, her early move to Portugal at 16 to pursue professional opportunities indicates a promising talent from a young age.

2024: Detailed Overview and Achievements

Medals and Titles

- **December 13, 2024:**
Secured a victory against Maria Fazekas in the European Champions League Women, winning the match 3-0.
 - **November 17, 2024:**
Advanced in the European Champions League Women due to a walkover against Silvia Erdelyi De Souza.
 - **October 27, 2024:**
Achieved a 3-0 win over Maria Fazekas in the European Champions League Women.
 - **October 18, 2024:**
Secured a hard-fought victory against Mateja Jeger with a 4-3 scoreline in the European Championships Women.
 - **October 17, 2024:**
Dominated Ramona Maarit Betz with a 4-0 win in the European Championships Women.
 - **July 27, 2024:**
Triumphed over Sarah De Nutte with a 4-2 victory in the Women's Singles event at the 2024 Summer Olympics.
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Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

- **October 19, 2024:**
Faced Yuan Wan in the European Championships Women but was defeated with a 1-4 score.
- **October 6, 2024:**
Competed against Maria Xiao in the European Champions League Women, resulting in a 0-3 loss.

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- **September 28, 2024:**
Participated in the China Smash Women's Singles, where she was narrowly defeated by Britt Eerland with a 2-3 score.

- **September 9, 2024:**
Contested against Nayeong Kim in the WTT Champions Macao Women, ending with a 1-3 loss.

- **July 29, 2024:**
In the Women's Singles event at the 2024 Summer Olympics, she faced Sofia Polcanova and was defeated with a 2-4 score.

- **June 22, 2024:**
Competed in the WTT Contender Lagos Women against Yijie Ding, resulting in a 1-3 loss.

Biography and Career

Born in Anshan, China, Shao began her table tennis career in Beijing. In 2010, at 16, she moved to Portugal to join the Ala de Nun'Álvares de Gondomar club, despite language barriers. She registered with the Portugal Table Tennis Federation in April 2013 and became a Portuguese citizen in August 2015. Since then, she has represented Portugal in various international competitions, including the 2016 and 2020 Summer Olympics.

Early Life and Background

Shao was born on January 24, 1994, in Anshan, Liaoning Province, China. She began playing table tennis at a young age, developing her skills in Beijing before relocating to Portugal in 2010 to further her career.

Playing Style and Personality

Shao is a left-handed player known for her attacking style and shakehand grip. Her left-handed play is considered advantageous, allowing her to position strikes and backhands effectively, often catching opponents off-guard.

Legacy and Future Goals

As of December 2024, Shao remains a key figure in Portuguese table tennis, inspiring many with her journey from China to becoming a prominent international player. Her

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participation in multiple Olympic Games and international tournaments underscores her dedication and impact on the sport.

Conclusions

Jieni Shao's career reflects her resilience and adaptability, transitioning from China's competitive table tennis environment to representing Portugal on the global stage. Her achievements in international tournaments and consistent presence in major competitions highlight her as a significant contributor to the sport, with a legacy that continues to inspire upcoming players.

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