





## Benedikt Duda

<b>Nickname:</b>	-
<b>Nation:</b>	German 
<b>Date of birth:</b>	4 April 1994
<b>Height:</b>	188 cm
<b>Place of birth:</b>	Gummersbach, Germany
<b>Playing hand:</b>	 left
<b>Style of play:</b>	Offensive, Shakehand grip
<b>Coach:</b>	-
<b>Current world ranking (week 51 - 2024):</b>	15
<b>Current European ranking (December 2024):</b>	17
<b>Clubs as the active player(s):</b> (German Bundesliga)	TTC Schwalbe Bergneustadt

## Senior Career Highlights

### 2024:

- October: Achieved a significant milestone by reaching the finals of the European Table Tennis Championships in Linz, Austria. Duda's performance was marked by notable victories over top-seeded players, showcasing his skill and determination.

### 2021:

- National Champion: Clinched the German National Singles Championship, solidifying his status as one of Germany's top table tennis players.

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**2019:**

- European Games: Secured the gold medal in the Team Event at the European Games, contributing significantly to Germany's dominance in the sport.

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## Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

**2024:**

- European Championships: Demonstrated exceptional skill by defeating higher-ranked opponents, including a remarkable comeback against Felix Lebrun, overcoming a 1:3 set disadvantage to win 4:3, securing his place in the semifinals.

**2019:**

- European Games: Contributed to Germany's gold medal in the Team Event, reinforcing his position as a key player in team competitions.

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## Medals and Titles

- **World Championships:**

2022 Chengdu, China, Silver medal – second place, Team

- **European Championships:**

2019 Nantes, Gold medal – first place, Team

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

2023 Malmö, Silver medal – second place, Team

2024 Linz, Silver medal – second place, Singles

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## Junior Career and Early Achievements

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## Medals and Titles

2012:

- European Youth Championships: Secured a bronze medal in the Team Event, highlighting his potential in the sport.

2011:

- World Junior Championships: Reached the quarterfinals in Singles, demonstrating his growing prowess on the global stage.

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## Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

2011:

- World Junior Championships: His quarterfinal finish in Singles marked him as one of the promising talents in international table tennis.

2012:

- European Youth Championships: Contributed to Germany's bronze medal in the Team Event, showcasing his ability to perform under pressure.

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## 2024: Detailed Overview and Achievements

### Medals and Titles

- October: Reached the finals of the European Table Tennis Championships in Linz, Austria, marking a career milestone.

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### Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

October: Overcame a 1:3 set disadvantage to defeat Felix Lebrun 4:3 in the quarterfinals, showcasing resilience and tactical acumen.

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## Biography and Career

Born into a table tennis family, with his father Heinz Duda serving as the sports manager of TTC Schwalbe Bergneustadt, Benedikt began playing table tennis in 2003. He has been a consistent figure in the Bundesliga, representing TTC Schwalbe Bergneustadt since his early years.

Duda's career is decorated with multiple national and international titles, including two European Team Championships and nine German national titles—seven in doubles and two in singles.

## Early Life and Background

Growing up in Gummersbach, Germany, Duda was introduced to table tennis by his father and quickly developed a passion for the sport. His early involvement with TTC Schwalbe Bergneustadt provided a strong foundation for his development, allowing him to hone his skills and compete at higher levels from a young age.

## Playing Style and Personality

Duda is known for his left-handed, shakehand grip playing style, characterized by aggressive topspin attacks and quick footwork. His ability to adapt during matches and his mental resilience have been pivotal in his success. Off the table, Duda is recognized for his dedication to the sport and his role as a mentor to younger players, contributing to the development of table tennis in Germany. His professionalism and sportsmanship have earned him respect from peers and fans alike. Duda's ability to remain composed under pressure and his focus on continuous improvement are hallmarks of his personality, both on and off the court.

## Legacy and Future Goals

As of December 2024, Benedikt Duda stands as one of Germany's leading table tennis players, with a career marked by significant individual and team achievements. His contributions to Germany's success in international tournaments and his deep run in the European Championships in 2024 have solidified his legacy in the sport.

Looking forward, Duda aims to further establish himself as a global contender by breaking into the top 20 of the ITTF rankings and striving for medals in the World

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Championships and the Olympic Games. Additionally, he aspires to mentor the next generation of German table tennis players, ensuring the continued success of the sport in his country.

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## Conclusions

Benedikt Duda's journey from a young enthusiast in Gummersbach to an internationally acclaimed table tennis player exemplifies dedication, skill, and perseverance. With multiple national and international titles to his name, Duda has consistently proven himself as a key player for Germany. His performances in 2024, particularly at the European Championships, underscore his resilience and ability to compete at the highest levels.

As he continues to grow and evolve as a player, Duda's legacy in table tennis is poised to inspire future generations, not only in Germany but globally. His focus on achieving further milestones ensures that his contributions to the sport will endure for years to come.

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