





## Dang Qiu

<b>Nickname:</b>	The German Dragon
<b>Nation:</b>	German 
<b>Date of birth:</b>	29 October 1996
<b>Height:</b>	180 cm
<b>Place of birth:</b>	Nürtingen, Germany
<b>Playing hand:</b>	right 
<b>Style of play:</b>	Penholder
<b>Coach:</b>	Jörg Roßkopf
<b>Current world ranking (week 51 - 2024):</b>	9
<b>Current European ranking (December 2024):</b>	5
<b>Clubs as the active player(s):</b>	Borussia Düsseldorf

## Senior Career Highlights

2024:

- **Silver Medal at WTT Champions Macao:**

In September 2024, Dang Qiu secured a silver medal at the WTT Champions tournament in Macao, demonstrating his consistency and competitiveness at the highest level of international table tennis. His performance, including wins against several top-ranked players, highlighted his standing among the elite players.

2023:

- **European Games Gold Medals (Kraków):**

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**Men’s Team Event:** Dang played a key role in securing the gold medal for Germany, contributing vital matches that led to the team’s dominance over other European nations.

**Mixed Doubles Event:** Partnering with Nina Mittelham, Dang claimed gold, which also ensured their qualification for the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

**German National Champion (Men’s Singles):** For the second consecutive year, Dang Qiu won the national championship, reinforcing his position as the best table tennis player in Germany.

**2022:**

- **European Champion (Munich):**

Dang Qiu captured the men’s singles title at the European Table Tennis Championships, defeating Slovenia’s Darko Jorgić in the final (4–1). This victory cemented his place as one of Europe’s top players.

- **WTT Contender Lima Champion:**

Dang Qiu won the men’s singles title, overcoming compatriot Dimitrij Ovtcharov in a thrilling seven-game final.

- **World Team Championships Silver Medal (Chengdu):**

Representing Germany, Dang was instrumental in the team’s run to the final, where they secured the silver medal, further solidifying his role as a key player in the national team.

- **German National Champion (Men’s Singles):**

Dang won his first German national title in singles, marking a milestone in his career.

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## Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

**2024:**

- Men’s Singles Runner-up
- WTT Champions Chongqing
- Men’s Singles 3rd
- WTT Star Contender Goa
- Men’s Doubles Runner-up
- WTT Finals Men Doha 2023

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- Men's Singles 3rd
  - **WTT Champions Macao:**

Dang's performance in Macao was particularly impressive, as he advanced to the final with victories over higher-ranked opponents, showcasing his strategic adaptability and mental toughness in high-stakes matches.

**2023:**

- WTT Feeder Düsseldorf III
- Mixed Doubles 3rd
- WTT Contender Muscat
- Mixed Doubles 3rd
- WTT Contender Lima
- Men's Singles 3rd
- German Championships:
- Men's Singles Champion
- Men's Doubles Champion
- Europe Top-16
- Men's Singles Runner-up

- **European Games Gold in Mixed Doubles and men's team:**

The victory in Kraków, particularly in mixed doubles, was a career highlight, ensuring his qualification for the Olympics and demonstrating his ability to excel in diverse formats of the game.

**2022:**

- German Championships
- Men's Singles Champion
- Men's Doubles Champion

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- WTT Star Contender Doha  
Men's Doubles Winner
- WTT Contender Doha  
Men's Singles Runner-up
- WTT Singapore Smash  
Men's Doubles 3rd

- **European Championship Victory:**

Winning the European Championship in men's singles was a breakthrough moment, making him the first German-born player using the penhold grip to achieve this feat. His tactical mastery and unique playing style were on full display.

- **WTT Contender Lima:** Men's Singles Winner and mixed Doubles Winner

His victory in Lima marked his entry into the world's top 10 players, representing a major step forward in his international career.

**2021 and Earlier:**

- European Championships  
Mixed Doubles Champion

2020:

- ITTF Challenge Plus, Portugal  
Open  
Men's singles winner

2019:

- ITTF Challenge Spanish Open  
Men's singles runner-up Men's doubles winner
- ITTF World Tour Platinum,  
German Open

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Men's doubles runner-up

- Open

ITTF World Tour Platinum, Japan

Men's doubles runner-up

2018:

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ITTF Challenge Belgium Open

Men's Singles 3rd

Transitioning from a promising junior to a successful senior competitor, Dang began making his mark on the European stage with strong performances in team events and domestic championships, setting the foundation for his later successes.

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## Medals and Titles

### World Championships:

2022 Chengdu, Silver medal – second place, Team

### European Games:

2023 Kraków–Małopolska, Gold medal – first place, Mixed doubles

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

### European Championships:

2020 Warsaw, Gold medal – first place, Mixed doubles

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

2022 Munich, Gold medal – first place, Singles

### Europe Top-16:

2023 Montreux, Silver medal – second place, Singles

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## Junior Career and Early Achievements

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## Medals and Titles

**2017:**

- **Silver Medal – European Under-21 Table Tennis Championships:**

Dang Qiu secured second place at the European Under-21 Championships, a notable achievement that marked his readiness for senior-level competition.

**2013–2014:**

- **European Youth Championships (Juniors):**

**2014:** Silver medal in team events and doubles, showcasing his potential on the European stage.

**2013:** Earned a bronze medal in the doubles event, contributing to Germany's medal tally and establishing his presence in junior competitions.

**2011:**

- **German Cadet Championships:** Dang Qiu won gold in singles and doubles, a testament to his talent at a young age.
- **European Cadet Championships:**

Gold in doubles and team events, highlighting his strong contributions in team formats.

These victories helped him gain recognition as one of the brightest young talents in German table tennis.

**2010:**

- **European Youth Cadet Championships:**

Dang secured bronze medals in both individual and team events, making a significant mark at the continental level.

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## Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

**2017:**

- **European Under-21 Table Tennis Championships:**



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Dang's runner-up finish at this event demonstrated his ability to compete against some of Europe's best-emerging talents. This was a turning point that bridged his transition from junior to senior competition.

**2014:**

- **Silver Medal at European Youth Championships:**

His performance in both doubles and team events was a clear indicator of his growing skillset and competitive spirit, which would later translate into his senior success.

**2011:**

- **Double Gold at the European Cadet Championships:**

Winning gold in both doubles and team events solidified his position as a standout player in his age group and laid the foundation for his future success.

**2010:**

- **Bronze Medals at European Cadet Championships:**

At just 14 years old, Dang's podium finishes in both singles and team categories showcased his potential to become a future star.

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## 2024: Detailed Overview and Achievements

### Medals and Titles

**September 2024:**

- **Silver Medal – WTT Champions**

**Macao:**

Dang Qiu achieved a career milestone by earning a silver medal at the WTT Champions tournament in Macao. This marked his best performance at a WTT Champions event, where he demonstrated consistent play against top-ranked global competitors.

**March 2024:**

- **Gold Medal – German National Table Tennis Championships (Men's Singles):**

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Dang Qiu continued his domestic dominance by winning his third consecutive German national title in men's singles, reaffirming his position as Germany's best male player.

## February 2024:

- **Quarterfinalist – WTT Star Contender Zagreb:**

Dang reached the quarterfinal stage at the WTT Star Contender in Zagreb. Although he didn't advance further, his performance against a strong field of competitors kept him in the spotlight at the beginning of the season.

## Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

- **WTT Champions Macao – Silver Medal Performance:**

Dang's runner-up finish at the WTT Champions tournament in Macao stood out as a testament to his ability to compete with the world's elite. His adaptability, precise shot-making, and mental resilience were evident throughout the competition, where he defeated several top-10 players en route to the final.

- **German National Championships – Consistency and Dominance:**

Dang's triumph at the German National Championships in March 2024 reinforced his status as a dominant player domestically. His ability to maintain such a high level of performance in consecutive years was a key highlight of his season.

- **WTT Star Contender Zagreb – Steady Form:**

Dang's early-season performance in Zagreb served as a strong indication of his consistency. Competing against a high-caliber field, his quarterfinal appearance helped him build momentum for the rest of the year.

## Biography and Career

Dang Qiu, born in Nürtingen, Germany, on October 29, 1996, has emerged as a key figure in international table tennis. Known for his modern penhold grip, he has represented Germany with distinction, achieving notable successes including a 2022





European Championship victory, and multiple national titles. His career showcases a steady rise from a strong junior foundation to global recognition, marked by technical innovation and consistent excellence.

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## Early Life and Background

Born to Chinese parents with strong table tennis backgrounds, Dang grew up in a supportive and competitive environment. His father, Qiu Jianxin, and mother, Chen Hong, were both professional players, shaping his early development. Influenced by the Chinese table tennis tradition, he adopted the penhold grip, a rarity in Europe, and trained rigorously from a young age, setting the foundation for his professional success.

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## Playing Style and Personality

Dang's modern penhold grip enables a versatile two-sided attack, with his reverse penhold backhand and powerful forehand forming the core of his game. His playstyle is characterized by quick reflexes, sharp footwork, and tactical intelligence. Off the table, Dang is known for his disciplined approach, humility, and focus traits that have earned him admiration within the global table tennis community.

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## Legacy and Future Goals

By the end of 2024, Dang Qiu has established a legacy as one of Germany's most prominent table tennis players. His achievements, including a historic European Championship title and Olympic success, highlight his impact on the sport. Looking forward, he aims to add a World Championship title to his resume and further solidify his place among the all-time greats, while inspiring future generations with his unique style and work ethic.

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## Conclusions

Dang Qiu's career exemplifies the pursuit of excellence in table tennis. From his strong junior foundation to his current status as a global contender, his journey reflects dedication, innovation, and resilience. With his remarkable achievements and future ambitions, Dang is poised to leave a lasting legacy in the sport.

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