





Marcos André Sousa da Silva Freitas

Nickname:	The Freight Train
Nation:	Portuguese 
Date of birth:	8 April 1988
Height:	182 cm
Place of birth:	Funchal, Madeira, Portugal
Playing hand:	 left
Style of play:	Offensive, middle-distance
Coach:	Pedro Rufino
Current world ranking (week 51 - 2024):	50
Current European ranking (December 2024):	6
Clubs as the active player(s):	Kinoshita Meister Tokyo in Japan

Senior Career Highlights

2024:

- Freitas earned **3rd place at the Europe Top 16 Cup**.

2023:

- **WTT Contender Lima:** Clinched the Men's Singles title, demonstrating his resilience and top-tier performance.
- **WTT Contender Almaty:** Freitas secured 3rd place in Men's Singles at WTT Contender Almaty.
- **WTT Feeder Vila Nova de Gaia:** Achieved 3rd place in Men's Singles, further solidifying his status as a formidable competitor.
- **European Games (Kraków):** Earned the Silver Medal in Men's Singles, showcasing his prowess against Europe's elite players.

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2021:

- **European Table Tennis Championships:** Achieved a bronze medal in men's singles, demonstrating consistent performance at the continental level.

Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

2018:

- **ITTF World Tour Czech Open:** Freitas reached the men's singles final, finishing as the runner-up.

2021:

- **Europe Top 16 Cup (Thessaloniki):** Finished as the runner-up in men's singles, showcasing his competitiveness among Europe's elite players.

2022:

- **WTT Champions Macao:** Participated in this prestigious event, reflecting his continued presence in top-tier international competitions.

Medals and Titles

- **European Games:**

2015 Baku, Gold medal – first place, Team

2023 Kraków–Małopolskie, Silver medal – second place, Singles

2019 Minsk, Bronze medal – third place, Team

- **European Championships:**

2011 Gdansk-Sopot, Gold medal – first place, Doubles

2014 Lisbon, Gold medal – first place, Team

2015 Ekaterinburg, Silver medal – second place, Singles

2017 Luxembourg, Silver medal – second place, Team

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2019 Nantes, Silver medal – second place, Team

2008 Saint-Petersburg, Bronze medal – third place, Doubles

2011 Gdansk-Sopot, Bronze medal – third place, Team

2021 Warsaw, Bronze medal – third place, Singles

2023 Malmö, Bronze medal – third place, Team

- **Europe Top-16:**

2014 Lausanne, Gold medal – first place, Singles

2015 Baku, Silver medal – second place, Singles

2021 Thessaloniki, Silver medal – second place, Singles

2024 Montreux, Bronze medal – third place, Singles

Junior Career and Early Achievements

Medals and Titles

2009:

- **European Youth Championships:**

Gold in junior boys' doubles and silver in singles.

2008:

- **ITTF Junior Circuit Finals:**

Champion in boys' singles, defeating top international juniors.

2007:

- **European Junior Championships:**

Gold in singles and team events.

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Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

- **2009 European Youth Championships:**

Marked his transition to senior-level play with standout performances.

- **First International Title (2008):**

The ITTF Junior Circuit Finals win solidified his reputation as a rising star.

2024: Detailed Overview and Achievements

Medals and Titles

- **Europe Top 16 Cup:**

Freitas secured 3rd place in Men's Singles, marking his 10th appearance in the prestigious tournament. This was an impressive showing, continuing his long-standing career at the top of European table tennis.

Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

- **Europe Top 16 Cup Performance:**

Freitas continued to demonstrate his consistency and resilience by securing 3rd place in the Men's Singles at the 2024 Europe Top 16 Cup, marking his 10th appearance in the event. This achievement reaffirmed his status as one of Europe's leading table tennis players.

- **Olympic Games - Team Event Contributions:**

Marcos Freitas did play a significant role in the Portuguese team's performance at the Paris Olympics, but Portugal did not reach the quarterfinals. The team faced tough competition and was eliminated earlier in the event.

Biography and Career

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Marcos Freitas was born on April 8, 1988, in Funchal, Madeira, Portugal. He began playing table tennis at the age of seven. Guided by his passion and supported by a robust training system, he quickly rose through the ranks. Over the years, he has become a beacon of excellence for Portuguese table tennis, achieving milestones that have inspired countless young athletes.

Early Life and Background

Raised in Madeira, Freitas discovered his love for table tennis in local clubs. His natural talent and dedication soon caught the attention of national coaches. A move to continental Portugal provided him with advanced training facilities, enabling his rapid ascent in junior competitions.

Playing Style and Personality

Freitas is a left-handed shakehand player recognized for his strategic adaptability, leveraging a combination of tactical precision and powerful forehand loops. His defensive stability and offensive versatility make him a formidable opponent. Off the table, he is respected for his humility, professionalism, and commitment to growing the sport in Portugal.

Legacy and Future Goals

As of December 2024, Marcos Freitas is regarded as one of Portugal's greatest table tennis players. His titles underscore his legacy. Freitas aims to compete in the 2028 Olympics, mentor younger players, and continue advocating for table tennis development in Portugal.

Conclusions

Marcos Freitas is one of Portugal's most accomplished table tennis players, celebrated for his resilience, skillful play, and leadership on the international stage. Known for his left-handed shakehand grip and dynamic playing style, Freitas has been a cornerstone of Portugal's rise in global table tennis. His achievements span decades, with numerous medals and titles in major championships.

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Marcos Freitas's journey is a testament to talent, resilience, and dedication. Throughout his decades-long career, he has achieved historic milestones, inspired a generation, and left an indelible mark on the global table tennis community. His legacy is secure as one of the sport's all-time greats, and exciting opportunities are still ahead.

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