





Elizabeta Samara

Nickname:	Beti
Nation:	Romanian 
Date of birth:	15 April 1989
Height:	171 cm
Place of birth:	Constanța, Romania
Playing hand:	 left
Style of play:	Shakehand grip
Coach:	Vladislav Cvetkovic
Current world ranking (week 51 - 2024):	48
Current European ranking (December 2024):	5
Clubs as the active player(s):	Panathinaikos

Senior Career Highlights

2024:

- Paris 2024 Olympic Games:

Women's Singles:

Round of 64: Samara secured a victory against Solomiya Brateyko of Ukraine, advancing to the Round of 32.

Round of 32: Samara won against Cheng I-Ching with a 4-2 scoreline.

2023:

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- **Bronze Medal – Women's Singles at the European Games (Kraków, Poland)**

Samara secured a bronze medal in the women's singles event at the 2023 European Games, demonstrating her consistent performance at the continental level.

Gold Medal - Women's Team at the European Games (Kraków, Poland):

Samara led the Romanian team to victory, exemplifying her ability to deliver under pressure in team events.

2022:

- **Participation – European Championships**

Samara competed in the European Championships, contributing to Romania's presence in the tournament.

2021:

- **Gold Medal – European Team Championships (Cluj-Napoca, Romania)**

Samara was instrumental in Romania's victory, securing the gold medal in the team event on home soil.

2015:

- **Claimed the European Championships title in 2015:**

Samara secured the Women's Singles title at the 2015 European Championships in Ekaterinburg, Russia. This victory was a significant milestone in her career.

- **Secured multiple ITTF World Tour titles:**

Notably, she won the Women's Singles title at the **2015 Qatar Open**, marking her dominance in international competitions during that period.

- **Achieved a career-high world ranking of No. 13 in 2015:**

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Following her European Championship victory and consistent performances on the ITTF World Tour, Samara reached her peak ranking in 2015, cementing her status as one of the world's top players.

2012:

- **Bronze Medal – Women's Singles at the ITTF World Cup (Huangshi, China)**

Samara's performance earned her a bronze medal, marking her presence on the global stage.

Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

- **2024 – Paris Olympic Games:**

Advanced to the Round of 32 in Women's Singles, showcasing resilience in high-stakes matches.

- **2023 – European Games:**

Secured a bronze medal in Women's Singles and led Romania to gold in the Women's Team event, highlighting her leadership and versatility.

- **2021 – European Team Championships:**

Key contributor to Romania's gold medal victory on home soil.

- **2015 – European Championships and ITTF World Tour Success:**

Crowned European Champion in Women's Singles and won multiple ITTF titles, including the Qatar Open, reaching a career-high ranking of World No. 13.

- **2012 – ITTF World Cup:**

Earned a bronze medal in Women's Singles, marking her as a global contender.

Medals and Titles

- **World Cup:**

2012 Huangshi, Silver medal – second place, Singles

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- **European Games:**

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

2019 Minsk, Silver medal – second place, Team

2023 Kraków–Małopolska, Bronze medal – third place, Singles

- **European Championships:**

2009 Stuttgart, Gold medal – first place, Doubles

2011 Istanbul, Gold medal – first place, Mixed Doubles

2012 Herning, Gold medal – first place, Doubles

2012 Buzău, Gold medal – first place, Mixed Doubles

2015 Yekaterinburg, Gold medal – first place, Singles

2017 Luxembourg City, Gold medal – first place, Team

2019 Nantes, Gold medal – first place, Team

2010 Ostrava, Silver medal – second place, Team

2011 Gdansk-Sopot, Silver medal – second place, Doubles

2011 Gdansk-Sopot, Silver medal – second place, Team

2013 Schwechat, Silver medal – second place, Team

2015 Yekaterinburg, Silver medal – second place, Doubles

2015 Yekaterinburg, Silver medal – second place, Team

2021 Cluj-Napoca, Silver medal – second place, Team

2022 Munich, Silver medal – second place, Doubles

2023 Malmö, Silver medal – second place, Team

2008 St. Petersburg, Bronze medal – third place, Team

2009 Subotica, Bronze medal – third place, Mixed Doubles

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2010 Ostrava, Bronze medal – third place, Doubles

2016 Budapest, Bronze medal – third place, Singles

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2020 Warsaw, Bronze medal – third place, Singles

- **Europe Top-16:**

2018 Montreux, Bronze medal – third place, Singles

Junior Career and Early Achievements

Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

Medals and Titles

- 2007 European Youth Championships – Junior Girls Singles Champion, Junior Girls Doubles Champion & Junior Mixed Doubles Champion
- 2007 French Junior Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Champion
- 2007 Spanish Youth Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Champion
- 2007 Doha Junior Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Champion
- 2007 Swedish Junior Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Champion
- 2007 Bahrain Junior Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Champion
- 2007 Tunisia Junior Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Champion
- 2007 Polish Youth Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Silver Medalist
- 2006 World Junior Circuit Finals- Junior Girls Singles Silver Medalist
- 2006 European Youth Championships – Junior Girls Singles Silver Medalist, Junior Girls Doubles Silver Medalist & Junior Mixed Doubles Silver Medalist
- 2006 Spanish Youth Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Champion
- 2006 UAE Junior Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Silver Medalist
- 2006 Algerian Junior Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Champion
- 2006 Swedish Junior Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Silver Medalist

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- 2005 World Junior Circuit Finals – Junior Girls Singles Champion
- 2005 European Youth Championships – Junior Girls Singles Silver Medalist, Junior Girls Doubles Champion
- 2005 Swedish Junior Open, World Junior Circuit – Junior Girls Singles Champion
- 2004 European Youth Championships – Cadet Girls Doubles Champion
- 2003 European Youth Championships – Cadet Girls Doubles Champion
- 2002 European Youth Championships – Cadet Girls Doubles Silver Medalist

2024-2023: Detailed Overview and Achievements

Medals and Titles

- **Paris 2024 Olympic Games:**

Women's Singles:

Round of 64: Samara secured a victory against Solomiya Brateyko of Ukraine, advancing to the Round of 32.

Round of 32: Samara won against Cheng I-Ching with a 4-2 scoreline, advancing to the Round of 16.

- **WTT Champions Frankfurt 2024:**

Round of 32: Samara delivered a remarkable comeback, overturning a 0-2 deficit to win 3-2 against Germany's Xiaona Shan, saving five match points in the process.

Round of 16: Her journey concluded in this round, where she faced a formidable opponent.

- **WTT Champions Montpellier 2024:**

Women's Singles: Samara competed against top-tier players, showcasing her skills and resilience.

- **ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals Busan 2024:**

Women's Team Event: Representing Romania, Samara contributed to the team's performance, including a victory over Sweden's Linda Bergström.

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- **2023 Women's Singles at the European Games (Kraków, Poland)**

Bronze Medal: Samara's performance in the 2023 European Games earned her a bronze medal, reinforcing her status as a top competitor in European table tennis.

- **Women's Team at the European Games (Kraków, Poland):**

Gold Medal: Samara led the Romanian team to victory, exemplifying her ability to deliver under pressure in team events.

Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

- **2023 European Games (Kraków, Poland):**

Securing the bronze medal in a highly competitive environment demonstrated Samara's enduring skill and competitiveness on the European stage.

Biography and Career

Elizabeta Samara began her table tennis journey in Constanța, Romania, showing early promise in junior competitions. Her transition to senior-level play was marked by significant achievements, including multiple European titles and consistent representation of Romania in international tournaments. Samara's career is distinguished by her versatility in singles, doubles, and team events, as well as her participation in five Summer Olympic Games.

Early Life and Background

Born and raised in Constanța, Samara was introduced to table tennis at a young age. Her dedication and natural aptitude for the sport led to early successes in junior competitions, setting the foundation for a prolific career in table tennis.

Playing Style and Personality

Samara is known for her aggressive playing style, which is characterized by powerful forehand loops and strategic placement. Her adaptability and mental toughness have been key factors in her success. Off the table, she is recognized for her sportsmanship and commitment to promoting table tennis in Romania.

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Legacy and Future Goals

As of December 2024, Elizabeta Samara's legacy in table tennis is marked by her numerous European titles and her role in elevating Romania's status in the sport. Looking ahead, she aims to continue competing at the highest level, with aspirations for further success in international competitions and contributing to the development of future generations of players. Elizabeta Samara has represented Romania in five Summer Olympic Games, from Beijing 2008 to Paris 2024.

Conclusion

Elizabeta Samara's career is a testament to her skill, determination, and passion for table tennis. Her achievements have not only brought her acclaim but have also significantly contributed to Romania's prominence in the international table tennis community.

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