



Dang Qiu

AGE

29

EU RANKING

7

NATION

GERMAN

PLAYING STYLE

PENHOLDER STYLE

PLAYING HAND

RIGHT

CLUB

BORUSSIA DÜSSELDORF

DATE OF BIRTH

29 OCTOBER 1996

HEIGHT

180 CM

PLACE OF BIRTH

NÜRTINGEN, GERMANY

GRIP STYLE

PENHOLDER

COACH

DANNY HEISTER / JÖRG ROSSKOPF

WORLD RANKING

9

CLUBS AS THE ACTIVE PLAYER(S)

BORUSSIA DÜSSELDORF

MEDALS AND TITLES

WTT Events

- 2025 Star Contender London Singles, Gold medal – first place
- 2025 Champions Frankfurt Singles, Silver medal – second place
- 2024 Champions Macao Singles, Silver medal – second place

National Championships

- 2024 German National Championships Singles, Gold medal – first place
- 2023 German National Championships Singles, Gold medal – first place
- 2022 German National Championships Singles, Gold medal – first place

World Championships

- 2022 Chengdu Team, Silver medal – second place

European Championships

- 2022 Munich Singles, Gold medal – first place
- 2021 Cluj-Napoca Team, Gold medal – first place
- 2020 Warsaw Mixed doubles, Gold medal – first place

European Games

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

Europe Top-16

- 2023 Montreux Singles, Silver medal – second place

European Under-21 Championships

- 2017 Sochi Singles, Silver medal – second place

European Youth Championships

- 2014 Riva del Garda Team, Silver medal – second place
- 2014 Riva del Garda Doubles, Silver medal – second place
- 2013 Ostrava Doubles, Bronze medal – third place

European Cadet Championships

- 2011 Kazan Doubles, Gold medal – first place
- 2011 Kazan Team, Gold medal – first place
- 2010 Istanbul Singles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2010 Istanbul Team, Bronze medal – third place

German Cadet Championships

- 2011 Singles, Gold medal – first place
- 2011 Doubles, Gold medal – first place

PLAYING STYLE AND PERSONALITY

Dang Qiu is a modern penhold player – a rarity among top Europeans – known for his aggressive, two-sided attack. His style features a powerful forehand, reverse-penhold backhand, and fast close-to-table exchanges, often built around serve variation and third-ball control. He is tactically sharp, with excellent footwork and timing. On court, Qiu is confident and composed under pressure, often praised for his adaptability in tight matches. Off the table, he is seen as disciplined, humble, and focused – qualities that make him a respected figure both in the Borussia Düsseldorf team and across the international circuit.

BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2025

WTT Star Contender (London)

- Qiu captured his maiden Star Contender title in London, defeating top-tier opponents including Tomokazu Harimoto in the final. The win marked a major 2025 breakthrough and one of the biggest individual titles of his career.

WTT Champions (Frankfurt)

- A strong run at home led Qiu to the final in Frankfurt, reinforcing his upward momentum and confirming his place among the most consistent WTT competitors in 2025.

WTT Champions (Montpellier)

- His semifinal appearance in Montpellier added to a pattern of deep runs throughout the 2025 season. Notable wins included a victory over Oh Junsung.

ITTF World Championships Finals Doha

- Qiu's 2025 campaign included an appearance at the World Championships in Doha. Despite an earlier-than-expected exit, the event remained a key milestone in his competitive calendar.



2024

WTT Champions (Macao)

- Qiu delivered one of his most impressive WTT Champions performances, advancing to the final and defeating multiple top-10 players along the way. His strategic adaptability and mental resilience were praised in post-event coverage.

German National Championships

- He won his third consecutive national title, underlining his domestic dominance and consistent high-level form.

2023

Europe Top-16

- At Montreux, Qiu reached the final of the Europe Top-16, affirming his elite status in European singles competition.

European Games Kraków-Małopolska

- He claimed gold in both the team and mixed doubles events, securing Olympic qualification and adding to his growing multi-format success.

WTT Series Podiums

- Bronze medals in mixed doubles (Muscat, Düsseldorf III) and a semifinal finish in men's singles at WTT Contender Lima further showcased his 2023 consistency.

2022

European Champion

- Qiu became the first German-born penhold player to win the men's singles title at the European Championships, a defining moment in his career.

WTT Contender (Lima)

- He won both men's singles and mixed doubles, a standout performance that pushed him into the world's top 10.

German National Champion

- Qiu secured both national titles, continuing his strong domestic form.

2017

European Under-21 Championships

- A silver medal at this event highlighted his transition from junior to senior competition.

2010-2014

Youth & Cadet Success

From early bronze medals at the 2010 European Cadet Championships to gold in doubles and team events in 2011, and a silver in team/doubles at the 2014 European Youth Championships, Qiu's junior career laid a strong foundation. These results confirmed his long-term potential and readiness for senior success.

CAREER

Dang Qiu (born October 29, 1996, in Nürtingen, Germany) is Germany's leading modern-penhold player. He rose through the German youth system and transitioned into top-tier Bundesliga competition, eventually becoming a mainstay for Borussia Düsseldorf. His breakthrough came with the men's singles title at the 2022 European Championships – a historic feat for a European penholder.

By 2025, Qiu had consolidated his position on the international circuit, winning the WTT Star Contender London and delivering strong performances across the WTT Champions series. A regular figure in both Bundesliga and Champions League play, he remains a core part of Germany's national team and a rare penhold presence at the highest global level.

LEGACY AND FUTURE GOALS

Dang Qiu has carved out a unique legacy as one of Europe's most successful modern penhold players. His 2022 European Championship win and breakthrough WTT title in 2025 have elevated both his personal profile and the visibility of penhold play outside Asia. As a consistent member of Germany's national team and a central figure at Borussia Düsseldorf, Qiu represents a blend of innovation and reliability on the international stage.

Looking ahead, he aims to maintain a top-10 world ranking, contend for major WTT and ITTF titles, and help lead Düsseldorf to further domestic and European club success. His ongoing development and leadership point to an ambitious trajectory through to at least 2027.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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