



# Kristian Karlsson

AGE

34

EU RANKING

19

NATION

SWEDISH

PLAYING STYLE

OFFENSIVE

PLAYING HAND

LEFT

CLUB

BV BORUSSIA 09 DORTMUND

DATE OF BIRTH

6 AUGUST 1991

HEIGHT

183 CM

PLACE OF BIRTH

TROLLHÄTTAN, SWEDEN

GRIP STYLE

SHAKEHAND

COACH

QI WENCHENG

WORLD RANKING

38

CLUBS AS THE ACTIVE PLAYER(S)

BV BORUSSIA 09 DORTMUND

## MEDALS AND TITLES

### Olympic Games

- 2024 Paris Team, Silver medal – second place

### World Championships

- 2021 Houston Doubles, Gold medal – first place
- 2018 Halmstad Team, Bronze medal – third place

### European Games

- 2019 Minsk Team, Silver medal – second place
- 2023 Kraków-Małopolska Team, Silver medal – second place
- European Championships
- 2022 Munich Doubles, Gold medal – first place
- 2023 Malmö Team, Gold medal – first place
- 2012 Herning Doubles, Silver medal – second place
- 2018 Alicante Doubles, Silver medal – second place
- 2014 Lisbon Team, Bronze medal – third place
- 2015 Yekaterinburg Doubles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2016 Budapest Doubles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2018 Alicante Singles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2019 Nantes Team, Bronze medal – third place
- 2022 Munich Singles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2024 Linz Doubles, Bronze medal – third place

### WTT Events

- 2025 Contender Skopje Mixed Doubles, Gold medal – first place
- 2025 Contender Tunis Mixed Doubles, Silver medal – second place
- 2025 Contender Tunis Singles, Bronze medal – third place

## PLAYING STYLE AND PERSONALITY

Karlsson is a left-handed, shakehand grip player known for his powerful forehand topspins and solid control in rallies. He combines fast footwork with a balanced offensive game and is especially



recognized for his doubles expertise. His tactical approach and mental resilience are often highlighted in match analysis. Off the table, he is respected for his professionalism, team orientation, and calm presence, making him a valued contributor in both national and club teams.

## BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2025

### **WTT Contender (Skopje)**

- Won the Mixed Doubles title – a key highlight on the WTT circuit.

### **WTT Star Contender (London)**

- Reached the quarterfinals in men's singles.

### **China Smash**

- Advanced to the last 16 in men's singles.

### **WTT Contender Tunis**

- Reached the semifinals.

### **WTT Star Contender (Muscato)**

- Made it to the round of 16.

### **World Championships (Doha)**

- Reached the round of 32.

2024

### **Olympic Games (Paris)**

- Silver medal in the Men's Team event, contributing to Sweden's run to the final.

### **World Team Championships (Busan)**

- Demonstrated leadership and experience, reinforcing his veteran role in the national squad.

2021

### **World Championships (Houston)**

- Captured the Men's Doubles gold medal alongside Mattias Falck – a career-defining title.

2007

### **Transitioned to Helsingborg to join BTK Rekord**

- Marking his transition into top-level competitive table tennis.



2006

### Swedish National Junior Championship

- Established himself as a leading young talent in Sweden.

## CAREER

Kristian Karlsson (born August 6, 1991, in Trollhättan, Sweden) began playing table tennis at the age of 8. At 16, he moved to Helsingborg to train with BTK Rekord, later joining Halmstad BTK in Sweden's top league. His club career includes successes with AS Pontoise-Cergy (France), Borussia Düsseldorf (Germany), and GV Hennebont. He won the men's doubles world title in 2021 with Mattias Falck and earned an Olympic team silver medal in Paris 2024. In 2025, he returned to the German league with TTC OE Bad Homburg before signing with Borussia Dortmund for the 2025/26 season. He remains an experienced and consistent competitor across WTT and ITTF events.

## LEGACY AND FUTURE GOALS

As of December 2025, Karlsson stands as one of Sweden's most respected international players of his generation. His legacy includes a World Championships gold in doubles, multiple European medals, and Olympic silver in the team event. He continues to play a key role in Sweden's national team, mentoring younger players and delivering results on the WTT circuit. Looking ahead, Karlsson aims to push for deeper runs in singles at major WTT tournaments, help Sweden maintain its position among the world's top teams, and contribute to Borussia Dortmund's success in domestic and European club competitions.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Instagram: @kristiank91