



Lea Rakovac

AGE	29
EU RANKING	21
NATION	CROATIAN
PLAYING STYLE	AGGRESSIVE ATTACKER
PLAYING HAND	RIGHT
CLUB	AQUAESTIL

DATE OF BIRTH

3 MARCH 1996

HEIGHT

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PLACE OF BIRTH

ZAGREB, CROATIA

GRIP STYLE

SHAKEHAND

COACH

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WORLD RANKING

56

CLUBS AS THE ACTIVE PLAYER(S)

AQUAESTIL

MEDALS AND TITLES

WTT feeder / international events

- 2025 Otočec II WTT Feeder Women's Doubles, Gold medal – first place (with Mateja Jeger)

European Youth / junior achievements

- 2014 Tours Europe Youth Top-10, Gold medal – first place, Junior girls' singles
- 2013 Ostrava European Youth Championships, Silver medal – second place, Junior girls' singles

PLAYING STYLE AND PERSONALITY

Rakovac plays an attacking game with a right-handed shakehand grip, combining tactical awareness with aggressive rallies. Her ability to disrupt higher-ranked opponents reflects her confident and well-prepared approach to matches. On court, she is known for her composure and strategic mindset. As Croatia's top-ranked female player in 2025, she plays a key leadership role within the national team, often setting the tone in team competitions.

BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2025

World Table Tennis Championships (Doha)

- Recorded one of her career's biggest singles upsets by defeating former world medalist Miu Hirano (JPN) before reaching the Round of 32, marking her strongest performance at a major global event.

WTT Star Contender (Muscato)

- Advanced to the quarterfinals with a standout upset win over 5th seed Jang Woojin, highlighting her breakthrough on the WTT senior circuit.

2024

World Tour / International Tournaments (General)

- Continued strong presence in WTT and international events; registered competitive wins that helped improve her world ranking during the 2024 season.



2014

Europe Youth Top-10 (Tours)

- Won the Junior Girls' gold medal, an early major continental success that confirmed her potential among Europe's top juniors.

CAREER

Born on 3 March 1996 in Zagreb, Lea Rakovac emerged as one of Europe's most promising juniors – winning the prestigious European Top 10 tournament and earning youth-level continental medals. After several years away from elite competition, she returned to the international scene around 2021 with renewed focus, competing for Croatian club Aquaestil and rejoining the national team setup. Her comeback culminated in a breakthrough 2025 season, highlighted by a career-best performance at the World Championships in Doha, where she upset world-class opponents and reestablished herself as Croatia's top-ranked female player.

LEGACY AND FUTURE GOALS

Lea Rakovac's 2025 resurgence marked a defining chapter in her career, elevating her status as Croatia's leading female table tennis player. Her upset victories over top-ranked opponents at the World Championships demonstrated not only her technical skill but also her resilience and determination after returning from a multi-year break. She now stands as a role model within the national team and a symbol of persistence on the international stage.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Instagram: @learakovac