



# Patrick Franziska

AGE

33

EU RANKING

6

NATION

GERMAN

PLAYING STYLE

OFFENSIVE

PLAYING HAND

RIGHT

CLUB

FC SAARBRÜCKEN TT

DATE OF BIRTH

11 JUNE 1992

HEIGHT

190 CM

PLACE OF BIRTH

BENSHEIM, GERMANY

GRIP STYLE

SHAKEHAND

COACH

WANG ZHI / JÖRG ROSSKOPF

WORLD RANKING

21

CLUBS AS THE ACTIVE PLAYER(S)

FC SAARBRÜCKEN TT

## MEDALS AND TITLES

### WTT Events

- 2024 Star Contender Goa Singles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2024 Star Contender Goa Doubles, Silver medal – second place
- 2024 Saudi Smash Singles, Silver medal – second place

### Olympic Games

- 2020 Tokyo Team, Silver medal – second place

### World Championships

- 2014 Tokyo Team, Silver medal – second place
- 2018 Halmstad Team, Silver medal – second place
- 2019 Budapest Mixed Doubles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2023 Durban Doubles, Bronze medal – third place

### European Games

- 2019 Minsk Team, Gold medal – first place
- 2019 Minsk Mixed Doubles, Gold medal – first place
- 2023 Kraków-Małopolska Team, Gold medal – first place

### European Championships

- 2013 Schwechat Team, Gold medal – first place
- 2016 Budapest Doubles, Gold medal – first place
- 2017 Luxembourg City Team, Gold medal – first place
- 2019 Nantes Team, Gold medal – first place
- 2021 Cluj-Napoca Team, Gold medal – first place
- 2014 Lisbon Team, Silver medal – second place
- 2015 Yekaterinburg Team, Silver medal – second place
- 2018 Alicante Singles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2018 Alicante Doubles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2018 Alicante Mixed Doubles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2024 Linz Mixed Doubles, Bronze medal – third place

### Europe Top-16 Cup

- 2021 Thessaloniki Singles, Gold medal – first place



- 2022 Montreux Singles, Bronze medal – third place

### **World Junior Championships**

- 2010 Bratislava Team, Bronze medal – third place
- 2010 Bratislava Doubles, Bronze medal – third place

### **European Youth Championships**

- 2010 Istanbul Singles, Gold medal – first place

## **PLAYING STYLE AND PERSONALITY**

Franziska is a right-handed shakehand attacker known for his athleticism, tactical intelligence, and balanced offensive game. He generates heavy forehand topspin and maintains a steady, reliable backhand – a modern all-round attacker capable of adapting his play across styles and opponents. Off the table, he's respected for his calm, thoughtful presence and strong leadership qualities. As captain of 1. FC Saarbrücken, he plays a central role in team dynamics and mentoring. His interviews and club features regularly highlight his experience, strategic mindset, and commitment to team success.

## **BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

2025

### **Career-High World Ranking**

- Reached a personal best world ranking of No. 8 in early 2025, confirming his status among the global elite. His consistent performances across WTT Champions events and a strong showing at the World Championships contributed to this peak.

### **Doha World Championships Comeback Run**

- Franziska's performance at the 2025 World Championships in Doha was marked by resilience and high-level play. He mounted a dramatic comeback against Cho Daeseong and followed it with a win over Liao Cheng-Ting, earning praise in official ITTF coverage as one of the tournament's "turning point" players.

### **WTT Champions (Macao)**

- Delivered a high-level performance at the WTT Champions Macao, reaching the quarterfinals after a strong run through the main draw. He was narrowly defeated by Hugo Calderano in a six-game battle, underlining his competitiveness at the highest WTT tier.



### **Contract Extension & Club Legacy (1. FC Saarbrücken)**

- In February 2025, Franziska extended his contract with 1. FC Saarbrücken through 2029. Later that year, the club's signing of Olympic champion Fan Zhendong – a move in which Franziska's leadership and chemistry played a role – reinforced his importance to the club and marked a new era for Saarbrücken.

2024

### **Victory over World No. 2 Fan Zhendong (Saudi Smash)**

- One of the standout wins of his career, Franziska defeated Fan Zhendong in May 2024 at the Saudi Smash. The result was a statement of his top-level potential and was widely covered by international media.

2018

### **Triple Bronze at the European Championships (Alicante)**

- Showcased his all-round skill by earning three bronze medals – in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles – at the 2018 European Championships. This confirmed his versatility across formats and his standing as a consistent podium contender.

2016

### **European Champion in Men's Doubles**

- Secured the men's doubles gold medal at the 2016 European Championships – a major step in establishing his international career, especially in doubles formats.

2010

### **Junior Breakthrough**

- Won the European Youth Championships in Junior Boys' Singles (gold) and secured two bronze medals at the World Junior Championships (men's team and men's doubles). These results made him one of Germany's most promising juniors.

2007

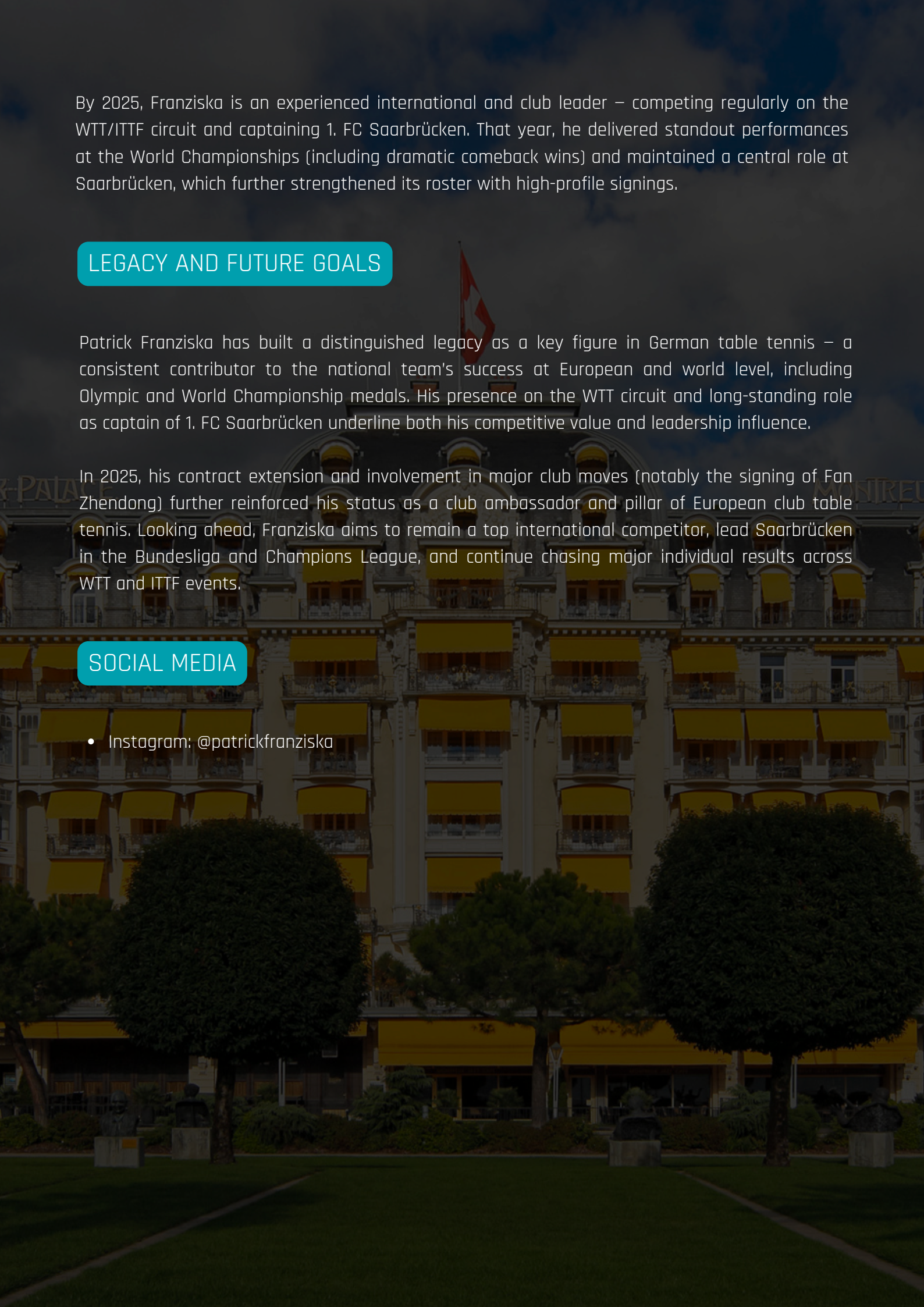
### **Cadet European Medal**

- Claimed silver in Cadet Boys' Singles at the 2007 European Youth Championships – his earliest international success and a clear signal of his future potential.

## **CAREER**

Patrick Franziska (born 1992) rose through Germany's elite junior system and has long been a key figure in both the national team and club competitions. A former youth champion, he went on to win multiple European team titles and medals at World Championships and Olympic Games.





By 2025, Franziska is an experienced international and club leader – competing regularly on the WTT/ITTF circuit and captaining 1. FC Saarbrücken. That year, he delivered standout performances at the World Championships (including dramatic comeback wins) and maintained a central role at Saarbrücken, which further strengthened its roster with high-profile signings.

## LEGACY AND FUTURE GOALS

Patrick Franziska has built a distinguished legacy as a key figure in German table tennis – a consistent contributor to the national team's success at European and world level, including Olympic and World Championship medals. His presence on the WTT circuit and long-standing role as captain of 1. FC Saarbrücken underline both his competitive value and leadership influence.

In 2025, his contract extension and involvement in major club moves (notably the signing of Fan Zhendong) further reinforced his status as a club ambassador and pillar of European club table tennis. Looking ahead, Franziska aims to remain a top international competitor, lead Saarbrücken in the Bundesliga and Champions League, and continue chasing major individual results across WTT and ITTF events.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Instagram: [@patrickfranziska](#)