

## **MEDIA NOTES**

### **WTT CONTENDER DOHA 2021**

#### **OVERVIEW**

CITY: Doha, QATAR

SITE: Lusail Sports Arena

DATES: 3 – 6 March 2021

TABLE BRAND: Double Fish

BALL BRAND: DHS

FLOOR BRAND: Gerflor

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PRIZE MONEY: USD 200,000

Welcome to World Table Tennis (WTT). This is the first edition of WTT Contender Doha and is also the first official event of the WTT era. Players competing in WTT Contender Doha 2021 will be vying for a total prize purse of USD 200,000. The event will be played in the Lusail Sports Arena. Opened in 2014, the multi-purpose hall has hosted several major sporting events and will be transformed into the brand new WTT arena, set to showcase the sport as never seen before. The WTT Contender Series has been designed to provide the perfect setting for some of the world's leading stars to be challenged by the best up-and-coming athletes in table tennis.

#### **EVENT - FAST FACTS**

- The WTT Contender Series features the Play Down Restriction (PDR) rule, which limits the maximum number of top 20 players allowed to compete in the events.
- At WTT Contender Doha 2021, the Play Down Restriction is increased due to COVID-19 and that it has been almost 12 months since international competition has been available to all players.
- The Play Down Top 20 Restriction was increased from 2 to 4 for WTT Contender Doha
- The mixed doubles main draw was increased from 8 to 16 pairs to provide players the opportunity to earn rankings points in a bid to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics.
- The draw structure has also been revamped to make the competitions fairer, more exciting and more competitive.

- WTT may elect to nominate a player to participate in the event - this player is known as a WTT Nomination and entered into the entry list as a wildcard.
  - Men's Singles: Mattias FALCK
  - Women's Singles: FENG Tianwei
- Wild Cards are determined 7 days prior to event
  - Men's Singles: Dimitrij OVTCHAROV, Liam PITCHFORD, Simon GAUZY
  - Women's Singles: Kasumi ISHIKAWA, Miu HIRANO, Adriana DIAZ
  - Men's Doubles: Mohammed ABDULWAHHAB/Ahmed ALWALAQI
  - Women's Doubles: Maha FARAMARZI/Ala MOHAMED & ALI Maha/ALI Maryam
- Key changes to the Draw include:
  - More players automatically entered into event instead of having to play qualifying
  - Ranking Points earned for playing both Qualifying + Main Draw

#### **KEY DATES / TIMES**

03 March 2021, 10:00 @ Lusail Sports Arena – Main Draw Day 1

04 March 2021, 10:00 @ Lusail Sports Arena – Main Draw Day 2

05 March 2021, 10:00 @ Lusail Sports Arena – Quarter-finals & Semi-finals

06 March 2021, 10:00 @ Lusail Sports Arena – Finals

#### **EVENT DISCIPLINES**

As a WTT Contender event, 5 different discipline will be contested:

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

#### **PLAYING SYSTEM**

The event matches will be conducted in a knockout format.

Main Draw:

The main draw for the 2021 WTT Contender Doha will involve the following:

- 32-Draw Men's Singles
- 32-Draw Women's Singles
- 16-Draw Men's Doubles
- 16-Draw Women's Doubles
- 16-Draw Mixed Doubles

**MATCH FORMAT / SCORING**

The event will be played in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions.

Singles

Main Draw to Quarterfinals:

- Best of 5 games/11 points
- Winner need to win by 2 for all games

Semi-finals and Final

- Best of 7 games/11 points
- Winner need to win by 2 for all games

Doubles

All Matches:

- Best of 5 games/11 points
- Winner need to win by 2 for all games

**TOP SEEDS**

Men's Singles: Tomokazu HARIMOTO (JPN)

Women's Singles: Mima ITO (JPN)

Men's Doubles: LEE Sangsu & CHO Daeseong (KOR)

Women's Doubles: Kasumi ISHIKAWA & Miu HIRANO (JPN)

Mixed Doubles: CHENG I-Ching & LIN Yun-Ju (TPE)

## PLAYERS – FAST FACTS

Youngest men's singles player: Tomokazu HARIMOTO (JPN) (17)

Oldest men's singles player: Robert GARDOS (AUT) (42)

Youngest women's singles player: Miyuu KIHARA (JPN) (16)

Oldest women's singles player: SHAN Xiaona (CHN) (38)

## EVENT SCHEDULE

03 MARCH		DAY ONE	
		SESSION 1	
Starting At: 10:00		Women's Singles – ROUND OF 32	
followed by		Men's Singles – ROUND OF 32	
followed by		Women's Singles – ROUND OF 32	
followed by		Men's Singles – ROUND OF 32	
		SESSION 2	
Not before 14:00		Women's Singles – ROUND OF 32	
followed by		Women's Singles – ROUND OF 32	
followed by		Men's Singles – ROUND OF 32	
followed by		Men's Singles – ROUND OF 32	
		SESSION 3	
Not before 18:00		Women's Doubles – ROUND OF 16	
followed by		Women's Doubles – ROUND OF 16	
followed by		Men's Doubles – ROUND OF 16	
followed by		Men's Doubles – ROUND OF 16	
		End of Day	

04 MARCH		DAY TWO	
		SESSION 1	
Starting At: 10:00		Women's Singles – ROUND OF 16	
followed by		Women's Singles – ROUND OF 16	
followed by		Women's Singles – ROUND OF 16	
followed by		Women's Singles – ROUND OF 16	
		SESSION 2	
Not before 14:00		Men's Singles – ROUND OF 16	
followed by		Men's Singles – ROUND OF 16	
followed by		Men's Singles – ROUND OF 16	

followed by	<b>Men's Singles – ROUND OF 16</b>
	<b>SESSION 3</b>
Not before 18:00	<b>Mixed Doubles – ROUND OF 16</b>
followed by	<b>Mixed Doubles – ROUND OF 16</b>
followed by	<b>Mixed Doubles – ROUND OF 16</b>
followed by	<b>Mixed Doubles – ROUND OF 16</b>
	<b>End of Day</b>

<b>05 MARCH</b>	<b>DAY THREE</b>
	<b>SESSION 1</b>
Starting At: 10:00	<b>Mixed Doubles – QUARTERFINAL</b>
	<b>SESSION 2</b>
Not before 14:00	<b>Women's Singles – QUARTERFINALS</b>
followed by	<b>Men's Singles – QUARTERFINALS</b>
followed by	<b>Women's Singles – QUARTERFINALS</b>
followed by	<b>Men's Singles – QUARTERFINALS</b>
	<b>SESSION 3</b>
Not before 18:00	<b>Women's Singles – SEMIFINALS</b>
followed by	<b>Women's Singles – SEMIFINALS</b>
followed by	<b>Men's Singles – SEMIFINALS</b>
followed by	<b>Men's Singles – SEMIFINALS</b>
	<b>End of Day</b>

<b>06 MARCH</b>	<b>DAY FOUR</b>
	<b>SESSION 1</b>
Starting At: 10:00	<b>Women's Doubles – FINAL</b>
followed by	<b>Men's Doubles – FINAL</b>
followed by	<b>Mixed Doubles – FINAL</b>
	<b>SESSION 2</b>
14:00	<b>Women's Singles – FINAL</b>
14:50	<b>Men's Singles – FINAL</b>
	<b>End of Day</b>

**PRIZE MONEY & WR POINTS**

Total Prize Purse: US\$200,000 / US\$ 97,000 per gender (+ US\$ 6,000 XD)

Distribution by Event

Singles: US\$ 76,000  
 Singles Qualification: US\$ 9,400  
 Doubles: US\$ 12,000  
 Mixed: US\$ 6,000

Distribution - Singles

Winner: US\$ 15,000  
 Finalist: US\$ 9,000  
 Semis: US\$ 5,000  
 Quarters: US\$ 3,200  
 R-16: US\$ 1,600  
 R-32: US\$ 1,000

Distribution - Doubles

Winner: US\$ 2,000  
 Finalist: US\$ 1,400  
 Semis: US\$ 1,000  
 Quarters: US\$ 750  
 R-16: US\$ 450

Distribution – Mixed Doubles

Winner: US\$ 1,200  
 Finalist: US\$ 800  
 Semis: US\$ 540  
 Quarters: US\$ 280  
 R-16: US\$ 225

<b>Singles</b>	<b>Prize Money (USD\$)</b>	<b>WR Points</b>
Winner	15,000	400
Finalist	9,000	280

Semis	5,000	140
Quarters	3,200	70
R-16	1,600	35
R-32	1,000	4

<b>Doubles</b>	<b>Prize Money (USD\$)</b>	<b>WR Points</b>
Winner	2,000	400
Finalist	1,400	280
Semis	1,000	140
Quarters	750	70
R-16	450	4

<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	<b>Prize Money (USD\$)</b>	<b>WR Points</b>
Winner	1,200	400
Finalist	800	280
Semis	540	140
Quarters	280	4
R-16	225	-

**MAIN DRAW - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BREAKDOWN**
**(36 National Associations in total)**
**ARGENTINA (3)**

CIFUENTES Horacio, ALTO Gaston, ARGUELLES Camila

**AUSTRIA (3)**

GARDOS Robert, HABESOHN Daniel, LEVENKO Andreas

**BELGIUM (2)**

ALLEGRO Martin, LAMBIET Florent

**BRAZIL (4)**

 CALDERANO Hugo, TAKAHASHI Bruna, TSUBOI Gustavo,  
 ISHIY Vitor

**CANADA (2)**

ZHANG Mo, WANG Eugene

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<b>CHINESE TAIPEI (6)</b>	LIN Yun-Ju, CHUANG Chih-Yuan, CHENG I-CHING, CHEN Szu-Yu, CHEN Chien-An, CHENG Hsien-Tzu
<b>CROATIA (1)</b>	PUCAR Tomislav
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC (2)</b>	MATELOVA Hana, SIRUCEK Pavel
<b>DENMARK (1)</b>	GROTH Jonathan
<b>EGYPT (2)</b>	MESHREF Dina, ASSAR Omar
<b>ENGLAND (2)</b>	PITCHFORD Liam, DRINKHALL Paul
<b>FRANCE (4)</b>	LEBESSON Emmanuel, GAUZY Simon, YUAN Jia Nan, LOEUILLETTE Stephanie
<b>GERMANY (5)</b>	DUDA Benedikt, OVTCHAROV Dimitrij, MITTELHAM Nina, SHAN Xiaona, Qiu Dang
<b>HUNGARY (3)</b>	SZUDI Adam, ECSEKI Nandor, PERGEL Szandra
<b>INDIA (3)</b>	ACHANTA Sharath Kamal, GNANASEKARAN Sathiyam, MUKHERJEE Sutirtha
<b>IRAN (2)</b>	ALAMIYAN Noshad, ALAMIAN Nima
<b>ITALY (5)</b>	STOYANOV Niagol, PICCOLIN Giorgia, PICCOLIN Jordy, LAURENTI Jamilla, BOBOCICA Mihai
<b>JAPAN (10)</b>	HARIMOTO Tomokazu, UDA Yukiya, ITO Mima, HAYATA Hina, ISHIKAWA Kasumi, HIRANO Miu, KIHARA Miyuu, YOKOI Sakura, ODO Satsuki, MORIZONO Masataka
<b>KOREA (10)</b>	LEE Sangsu, AN Jaehyun, JEON Jihee, SUH Hyowon, CHO Daeseong, YANG Haeun, LEE Zion, CHOI Hyojoo
<b>MONACO (1)</b>	YANG Xiaoxin, SHIN Yubin
<b>NETHERLANDS (1)</b>	EERLAAND Britt
<b>NIGERIA (1)</b>	ARUNA Quadri
<b>PORTUGAL (4)</b>	FREITAS Marcos, MONTEIRO João, APOLONIA Tiago, GERALDO Joao
<b>PUERTO RICO (2)</b>	DIAZ Adriana, DIAZ Melanie
<b>QATAR (6)</b>	ABDULWAHHAB Mohammed, ALAWLAQI Ahmed, MOHAMED Aia, ALI Maryam, FARAMARZI Maha, ALI Maha
<b>ROMANIA (4)</b>	IONESCU Ovidiu, SZOCS Bernadette, SAMARA Elizabeta, MONTEIRO DODEAN Daniela
<b>RUSSIA (6)</b>	MIKHAILOVA Polina, SHIBAEV Alexander, TAILAKOVA Mariia, SIDORENKO Vladimir, NOSKOVA Yana, VOROBIEVA Olga
<b>SINGAPORE (4)</b>	FENG Tianwei, LIN Ye, YU Mengyu, ZENG Jian
<b>SLOVENIA (1)</b>	JORGIC Darko
<b>SERBIA (2)</b>	KARAKASEVIC Aleksandar, LUPULESKU Izabela
<b>SLOVAKIA (3)</b>	WANG Yang, PISTEJ Lubomir, BALAZOVA Barbora
<b>SPAIN (2)</b>	ROBLES Alvaro, XIAO Maria
<b>SWEDEN (2)</b>	KARLSSON Kristian, FALCK Mattias
<b>THAILAND (2)</b>	SAWETTABUT Suthasini, PARANANG Orawan
<b>UKRAINE (2)</b>	PESOTSKA Margaryta, GAPONOVA Ganna
<b>USA (1)</b>	ZHANG Lily

### Men's Singles Draw

Seed	Name	Assoc	WR	Highest WR	Years Pro	Playing hand	Grip	Style	Age	Events Won	2020 Matches/Wins	Career Matches	Career Wins	Career Win %
#1	HARIMOTO Tomokazu	JPN	5	#3 (2019/1)	6	R	Shakehand	Attacker	17	5	12/8	142	95	66.9
#2	CALDERANO Hugo	BRA	6	#6 (2020/12)	10	R	Shakehand	Attacker	24	2	7/3	159	95	59.75
#3	LIN Yun-Ju	TPE	7	#6 (2020/3)	6	L	Shakehand	Attacker	19	3	6/3	133	96	72.18
WTT NOM	FALCK Mattias	SWE	8	#7 (2019/8)	14	R	Shakehand	Attacker	29	0	7/3	246	145	58.94
WC	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	GER	12	#1 (2018/2)	17	R	Shakehand	Attacker	32	12	11/7	425	291	68.47
WC	PITCHFORD Liam	ENG	15	#12 (2019/8)	13	R	Shakehand	Attacker	27	0	13/9	182	111	60.99
WC	GAUZY Simon	FRA	20	#8 (2018/3)	12	R	Shakehand	Attacker	26	0	10/6	215	130	60.47
#8	ARUNA Quadri	NGR	20	#18 (2020/3)	14	R	Shakehand	Attacker	32	3	7/3	179	113	63.13
#9	LEE Sangsu	KOR	22	#6 (2019/4)	13	R	Shakehand	Attacker	30	2	1/0	256	156	60.94
#10	GARDOS Robert	AUT	24	#18 (2015/3)	20	R	Shakehand	Attacker	42	0	17/11	362	214	59.12
#11	FREITAS Marcos	POR	25	#7 (2015/11)	17	L	Shakehand	Attacker	32	1	10/7	288	184	63.89
#12	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE	26	#3 (2003/12)	20	R	Shakehand	Attacker	39	5	16/11	595	392	65.88
#13	KARLSSON Kristian	SWE	29	#17 (2018/3)	14	L	Shakehand	Attacker	29	0	5/3	219	125	57.08
#14	GROTH Jonathan	DEN	30	#15 (2018/11)	13	L	Shakehand	Attacker	28	0	5/2	225	131	58.22
#15	JORGIC Darko	SLO	31	#31 (2020/12)	7	R	Shakehand	Attacker	22	0	13/8	145	90	62.07
#16	ACHANTA Sharath Kamal	IND	32	#30 (2019/1)	19	R	Shakehand	Attacker	38	2	7/6	246	149	60.57
#17	PUCAR Tomislav	CRO	33	#30 (2020/3)	9	R	Shakehand	Attacker	25	0	6/1	167	100	59.88
#18	WANG Yang	SVK	34	#32 (2020/3)	9	R	Shakehand	Defender	26	0	14/9	153	97	63.4
#19	UDA Yukiya	JPN	35	#35 (2020/12)	5	L	Shakehand	Attacker	19	0	18/14	117	79	67.52
#20	TSUBOI Gustavo	BRA	36	#28 (2019/11)	19	L	Shakehand	Attacker	35	0	4/0	269	146	54.28
#21	GNANASEKARAN Sathiyar	IND	37	#24 (2019/7)	12	R	Shakehand	Attacker	28	2	4/2	185	110	59.46
#22	DUDA Benedikt	GER	38	#35 (2018/7)	9	L	Shakehand	Attacker	26	0	20/16	230	151	65.65
#23	AN Jaehyun	KOR	39	#35 (2020/2)	8	R	Shakehand	Attacker	21	0	4/3	76	48	63.16
#24	LEBESSON Emmanuel	FRA	40	#20 (2017/9)	17	L	Shakehand	Attacker	32	1	9/6	287	167	58.19
#25	LEVENKO Andreas	AUT	144	#99 (2018/11)	8	R	Shakehand	Attacker	22	0	11/7	109	54	49.54

#26	SIRUCEK Pavel	CZE	51	#44 (2020/3)	13	R	Shakehand	Attacker	28	0	9/6	169	102	60.36
#27	BOBOCICA Mihai	ITA	125	#55 (2015/1)	19	R	Shakehand	Attacker	34	0	11/7	272	156	57.35
#28	MORIZONO Masataka	JPN	48	#21 (2015/8)	10	L	Shakehand	Attacker	25	1	6/3	202	133	65.84
#29	ALAMIYAN Noshad	IRI	73	#40 (2012/12)	12	L	Shakehand	Attacker	29	1	6/4	132	83	62.88
#30	HABESOHN Daniel	AUT	44	#27 (2019/8)	19	R	Shakehand	Attacker	34	1	3/0	318	181	56.92
#31	CHO Daeseong	KOR	141	#122 (2020/1)	7	L	Shakehand	Attacker	18	0	2/1	63	35	55.56
#32	GERALDO Joao	POR	93	#58 (2016/8)	8	L	Shakehand	Attacker	25	0	12/8	144	83	57.64

### Women's Singles Draw

Seed	Name	Assoc	WR	Highest WR	Years Pro	Playing hand	Grip	Style	Age	Events Won	2020 Matches/Wins	Career Matches	Career Wins	Career Win %
#1	ITO Mima	JPN	3	#2 (2020/11)	9	R	Shakehand	Attacker	20	9	20/16	278	188	67.63
#2	CHENG I-Ching	TPE	8	#5 (2017/3)	16	R	Shakehand	Attacker	29	2	10/6	308	170	55.19
WC	ISHIKAWA Kasumi	JPN	9	#3 (2019/1)	15	L	Shakehand	Attacker	28	13	17/12	432	290	67.13
WC	HIRANO Miu	JPN	11	#5 (2017/11)	9	R	Shakehand	Attacker	20	2	6/3	232	142	61.21
WTT NOM	FENG Tianwei	SGP	12	#2 (2011/8)	14	R	Shakehand	Attacker	34	14	6/2	435	293	67.36
#6	JEON Jihee	KOR	15	#11 (2016/9)	10	L	Shakehand	Attacker	28	4	4/1	254	162	63.78
WC	DIAZ Adriana	PUR	18	#18 (2020/12)	6	R	Shakehand	Attacker	20	0	8/3	97	54	55.67
#8	SUH Hyowon	KOR	21	#8 (2015/1)	19	R	Shakehand	Defender	33	3	8/5	288	179	62.15
#9	CHEN Szu-Yu	TPE	25	#10 (2018/3)	13	R	Shakehand	Attacker	27	0	10/6	209	119	56.94
#10	SZOCS Bernadette	ROU	26	#14 (2019/8)	12	R	Shakehand	Attacker	25	1	8/2	131	71	54.2
#11	EERLAND Britt	NED	27	#27 (2020/12)	11	R	Shakehand	Attacker	27	0	12/7	155	84	54.19
#12	HAYATA Hina	JPN	29	#11 (2018/1)	7	L	Shakehand	Attacker	20	7	3/3	203	141	69.46
#13	ZHANG Lily	USA	30	#26 (2020/1)	12	R	Shakehand	Attacker	24	0	10/5	81	42	51.85
#14	PESOTSKA Margaryta	UKR	32	#32 (2020/12)	15	R	Shakehand	Attacker	29	0	11/7	143	85	59.44
#15	SAMARA Elizabeta	ROU	34	#13 (2014/9)	17	L	Shakehand	Attacker	31	3	6/3	305	190	62.3
#16	MESHREF Dina	EGY	35	#31 (2020/2)	12	L	Shakehand	Attacker	26	1	4/0	121	56	46.28
#17	ZHANG Mo	CAN	38	#19 (2018/12)	16	R	Shakehand	Attacker	32	0	4/0	142	66	46.48

#18	MITTELHAM Nina	GER	39	#38 (2019/8)	9	R	Shakehand	Attacker	24	0	10/6	118	72	61.02
#19	SAWETTABUT Suthasini	THA	41	#28 (2019/4)	12	R	Shakehand	Attacker	26	0	9/6	127	70	55.12
#20	SHAN Xiaona	GER	43	#12 (2017/3)	15	R	Penhold	Attacker	38	1	22/17	190	121	63.68
#21	YANG Xiaoxin	MON	44	#42 (2017/3)	14	R	Shakehand	Attacker	33	2	23/17	144	101	70.14
#22	MIKHAILOVA Polina	RUS	46	#34 (2016/6)	16	R	Shakehand	Defender	34	2	9/6	279	165	59.14
#23	TAKAHASHI Bruna	BRA	47	#45 (2020/2)	7	R	Shakehand	Attacker	20	0	6/3	81	44	54.32
#24	KIHARA Miyuu	JPN	49	#49 (2020/12)	5	R	Shakehand	Attacker	16	1	5/3	99	63	63.64
#25	YU Mengyu	SGP	50	#9 (2010/3)	15	R	Shakehand	Attacker	31	1	6/4	348	204	58.62
#26	SHIN Yubin	KOR	94	#79 (2019/10)	6	R	Shakehand	Attacker	16	0	1/0	75	38	50.67
#27	CHENG Hsien-Tzu	TPE	57	#43 (2018/4)	11	R	Shakehand	Attacker	27	0	9/8	183	100	54.64
#28	YANG Haeun	KOR	81	#11 (2016/2)	12	R	Shakehand	Attacker	27	1	0/0	262	161	61.45
#29	YUAN Jia Nan	FRA	101	#101 (2020/12)	2	R	Shakehand	Attacker	35	0	11/6	31	18	58.06
#30	TAILAKOVA Mariia	RUS	123	#84 (2019/6)	8	R	Shakehand	Attacker	19	0	6/3	84	43	51.19
#31	GAPONOVA Ganna	UKR	69	#56 (2019/9)	15	R	Shakehand	Defender	35	0	4/1	134	72	53.73
#32	ZENG Jian	SGP	73	#17 (2017/7)	6	R	Shakehand	Attacker	24	0	14/10	140	83	59.29

### Men's Doubles Draw

Seed	Name 1	Assoc 1	Name 2	Assoc 2	WR	Years Together	Events Won	Career Matches	Career Wins	Career Win %
#1	LEE Sangsu	KOR	CHO Daeseong	KOR	38	2	1	4	4	100
#2	QIU Dang	GER	DUDA Benedikt	GER	7	5	0	35	18	51.43
#3	CHEN Chien-An	TPE	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE	8	9	1	78	42	53.85
#4	GARDOS Robert	AUT	HABESOHN Daniel	AUT	9	16	0	119	65	54.62
#5	IONESCU Ovidiu	ROU	ROBLES Alvaro	ESP	10	3	0	26	17	65.38
#6	ECSEKI Nandor	HUN	SZUDI Adam	HUN	12	8	1	73	43	58.9
#7	LAMBIET Florent	BEL	ALLEGRO Martin	BEL	13	8	0	92	41	44.57
#8	ALTO Gaston	ARG	CIFUENTES Horacio	ARG	18	4	1	16	11	68.75
#9	GNANASEKARAN Sathiyam	IND	ACHANTA Sharath Kamal	IND	23	6	0	43	23	53.49
#10	ALAMIYAN Noshad	IRI	ALAMIAN Nima	IRI	20	11	2	65	38	58.46

#11	KARLSSON Kristian	SWE	FALCK Mattias	SWE	24	12	1	118	69	58.47
#12	APOLONIA Tiago	POR	MONTEIRO Joao	POR	25	16	1	102	71	69.61
#13	KARAKASEVIC Aleksandar	SRB	PISTEJ Lubomir	SVK	26	2	1	14	9	64.29
#14	TSUBOI Gustavo	BRA	ISHIY Vitor	BRA	79	2	0	5	2	40
#15	DRINKHALL Paul	ENG	PITCHFORD Liam	ENG	31	10	0	52	34	65.38
WC	ABDULWAHHAB Mohammed	QAT	ALAWLAQI Ahmed	QAT						

### Women's Doubles Draw

Seed	Name 1	Assoc 1	Name 2	Assoc 2	WR	Years Together	Events Won	Career Matches	Career Wins	Career Win %
#1	ISHIKAWA Kasumi	JPN	HIRANO Miu	JPN	2	4	1	34	24	70.59
#2	YANG Haeun	KOR	JEON Jihee	KOR	3	8	10	129	93	72.09
#3	CHEN Szu-Yu	TPE	CHENG Hsien-Tzu	TPE	6	11	0	67	32	47.76
#4	HAYATA Hina	JPN	KIHARA Miyuu	JPN		0	0	0	0	0
#5	BALAZOVA Barbora	SVK	MATELOVA Hana	CZE	11	8	0	95	45	47.37
#6	YU Mengyu	SGP	LIN Ye	SGP	13	6	0	33	18	54.55
#7	SAWETTABUT Suthasini	THA	PARANANG Orawan	THA	14	4	1	38	25	65.79
#8	DIAZ Melanie	PUR	DIAZ Adriana	PUR	19	6	0	40	12	30
#9	LEE Zion	KOR	CHOI Hyojoo	KOR	94	6	0	10	4	40
#10	SHAN Xiaona	GER	MITTELHAM Nina	GER	54	2	0	9	5	55.56
#11	NOSKOVA Yana	RUS	VOROBEOVA Olga	RUS	27	8	0	17	8	47.06
#12	ODO Satsuki	JPN	YOKOI Sakura	JPN		0	0	0	0	0
#13	MONTEIRO DODEAN Daniela	ROU	SAMARA Elizabeta	ROU	51	17	1	119	64	53.78
#14	LOEUILLETTE Stephanie	FRA	YUAN Jia Nan	FRA	41	2	1	16	10	62.5
WC	MOHAMED Aia	QAT	FARAMARZI Maha	QAT						
WC	ALI Maha	QAT	ALI Maryam	QAT						

**Mixed Doubles Draw**

Seed	Name 1	Assoc 1	Gender 1	Name 2	Assoc 2	Gender 2	World Ranking	Years Together	Events Won	Career Matches	Career Wins	Career Win %
#1	CHENG I-Ching	TPE	W	LIN Yun-Ju	TPE	M	4	2	3	36	26	72.22
#2	BALAZOVA Barbora	SVK	W	PISTEJ Lubomir	SVK	M	6	8	1	50	24	48
#3	LEE Sangsu	KOR	M	JEON Jihee	KOR	W	8	3	1	29	16	55.17
#4	IONESCU Ovidiu	ROU	M	SZOCS Bernadette	ROU	W	13	10	0	46	27	58.7
#5	PERGEL Szandra	HUN	W	SZUDI Adam	HUN	M	14	3	0	33	16	48.48
#6	LEBESSON Emmanuel	FRA	M	YUAN Jia Nan	FRA	W	15	2	1	19	13	68.42
#7	KARAKASEVIC Aleksandar	SRB	M	LUPULESKU Izabela	SRB	W	16	3	0	37	20	54.05
#8	ROBLES Alvaro	ESP	M	XIAO Maria	ESP	W	17	2	0	19	12	63.16
#9	STOYANOV Niagol	ITA	M	PICCOLIN Giorgia	ITA	W	32	3	0	20	7	35
#10	ARGUELLES Camila	ARG	W	CIFUENTES Horacio	ARG	M	37	2	0	6	3	50
#11	MIKHAILOVA Polina	RUS	W	SHIBAEV Alexander	RUS	M	50	2	0	14	8	57.14
#12	ASSAR Omar	EGY	M	MESHREF Dina	EGY	W	83	10	0	16	6	37.5
#13	GNANASEKARAN Sathiyar	IND	M	MUKHERJEE Sutirtha	IND	W		0	0	0	0	0
#14	ZHANG Mo	CAN	W	WANG Eugene	CAN	M	127	2	0	2	1	50
#15	TAILAKOVA Mariia	RUS	W	SIDORENKO Vladimir	RUS	M	178	2	0	9	5	55.56
#16	PICCOLIN Jordy	ITA	M	LAURENTI Jamila	ITA	W		0	0	0	0	0

**MEN'S SINGLES****Tomokazu HARIMOTO:**

- The Japanese star has defied the odds and forced the world to take notice since becoming the youngest ever World Tour winner at the age of 14, at the 2017 Czech Open, and the youngest World Tour Grand Finals champion aged 15.
- Tomokazu is the real deal and will continue to impress in years to come. Born to former table tennis professionals, Tomokazu started playing at the age of two and by 12, he was already breaking records on the international scene. Beating players several years his senior, his talents were obvious from the start.
- Part of the new generation of stars in Japan, Tomokazu is quickly becoming the focal point of attention every time he takes to the table.

**Hugo CALDERANO:**

- Growing up in Rio de Janeiro, Hugo showed an early talent for tennis and volleyball, but decided that table tennis was his true calling for a professional career.
- He moved abroad at a young age to continue his development and has since grown into the sport's biggest star from the region.
- Hugo is the first-ever Pan American player to earn his place in the top 10 of the World Rankings list.
- He has won multiple medals on the Pan American stage and further afield with a World Tour silver medal to his name at the 2018 Qatar Open.
- His popularity and status in Brazil were rubber stamped when voted 2019 Brazilian Athlete of the Fans.

**LIN Yun-Ju:**

- Rising to prominence in 2019, Lin has endeared himself to fans across the globe with his quiet and somewhat shy personality.
- Beneath it all is the heart of a mighty warrior waiting to strike down anyone standing in his way.
- Regarded by many in Chinese Taipei as the next big thing, Lin has already made his presence known on the elite stage with victories over some of the biggest names in table tennis.
- The young left-handed superstar collected his first World Tour singles title aged just 18, before going on to strike bronze on his Men's World Cup debut.

**Mattias FALCK:**

- A towering presence, Mattias is known for his powerful strokes flat off the racket, often leaving his opponents short of solutions.
- Following in the footsteps of table tennis icons such as Mikael Appelgren, Jan-Ove Waldner and Jörgen Persson, Mattias has big shoes to fill and is starting to deliver the results.

- A major force on the continental stage, Mattias truly announced himself to the world with his sensational display at the 2019 ITTF World Championships in Budapest, where he became the first Swede to reach the men's singles final since 1997!

**Dimitrij OVTCHAROV:**

- "Dima", as he is affectionately known by the table tennis community, knows what it is like to sit atop the world.
- With his trademark backhand and iconic serve, the German has the ability to take down the best in the business. An Olympic bronze medallist at the London 2012 Olympic Games, Dima's career hit new heights in 2017 when he won four World Tour Titles, the Men's World Cup, the Europe Top 16 Cup and became world no. 1 in early 2018.
- As one of the leading lights of the German men's national team, Dima continues to compete at the highest level and is always in the mix for glory.

**Liam PITCHFORD:**

- Brave, fierce, formidable, Liam Pitchford has emerged as one of the most dangerous opponents on the world stage.
- Chesterfield born and bred, Liam has helped to propel English table tennis back to the top tiers of the sport. A force to be reckoned with both at national and international level, he has plenty of silverware to back up his credentials. Included in England's iconic medal-winning outings at the 2016 World Team Championships and at the Team World Cup in 2018 and 2019, Liam also boasts an impressive Commonwealth Games tally.

**Simon GAUZY:**

- His natural athleticism paired with immense technical ability make him an unpredictable and dangerous opponent for anyone.
- Having come close to claiming gold on multiple occasions, most notably when he finished as runner-up at the 2016 European Championships and 2017 Australian Open, Simon's biggest career win came when he eliminated Xu Xin at the 2019 World Championships, a victory he sealed in trademark style.

**Quadri ARUNA:**

- Crowned Male Table Tennis Star of 2014, Quadri's crowning moment came at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.
- The man from Oyo overcame all odds and was the standout story at the event, defeating established players such as Chuang Chih-Yuan and Timo Boll to smash his way into the quarterfinals.
- Still Africa's highest-ranked player, Quadri is a celebrity back home and a trailblazer for aspiring young African players looking to make their mark in the sport.

**LEE Sangsu:**

- Lee Sangsu's career high point came in 2017 when he finished on the podium at the World Championships in both the singles and doubles event.
- A cornerstone of the Korea Republic men's national team, Lee has helped lead the nation to great success, securing bronze at the 2016 and 2018 World Championships as well as the 2018 Team World Cup.
- In 2019, he managed to inspire them to a silver medal finish, threatening to cause a massive upset by winning the doubles match in the finals against China with long-time partner Jeoung Youngsik.

**Robert GARDOS:**

- Born in Budapest, Hungary, Robert burst onto the scene at a young age with two gold medals at the 1993 European Youth Championships.
- Renowned as one of the most dedicated and hard-working players on the international stage, Robert has won multiple medals on the continental stage, including gold at the 2012 European Championships.
- He played his part in Austria's title win at the 2015 European Team Championships.
- Robert is also a three-time Olympian and was involved in Austria's impressive men's team campaign at Beijing 2008, finishing fourth.

**Marcos FREITAS:**

- Marcos Freitas is the poster boy of the Portuguese team over the last decade and one of Europe's premium competitors, famously winning the 2014 European Team Championships on home soil against the German powerhouse. Freitas is nicknamed "The Freight Train", a simple wordplay on his last name but one that aptly describes him as a player. Hitting heavy forehands to put pressure on his opponent, the Portuguese is a match for anyone on his day.

**CHUANG Chih-Yuan:**

- Chuang Chih-Yuan is a veteran of over 20 years on the professional scene, debuting in 2000 at the World Championships.
- 2002 was a breakout year for Chuang, reaching the top-10 for the first time in his career off the back of three World Tour finals. Although he failed to claim gold in any of the three, it would prove to be a dress rehearsal as he stormed to the World Tour Grand Finals title by the year's end.
- Chuang has gone on to win four World Tour titles and at the 2013 World Championships, he paired with Chen Chien-An to topple China's Hao Shuai and Ma Lin in the men's doubles event.

**Kristian KARLSSON**

- Carrying on the proud tradition of Swedish table tennis is Kristian Karlsson, who was key to his nation's exploits on home soil at the 2018 World Championships in Halmstad.

Kristian helped the Swedish men's team to a bronze medal in front of a jubilant home crowd, ending a 19-year podium drought.

- Honing his skills in Trollhättan, Sweden, until he turned 16, Kristian's ability quickly caught the eyes of the table tennis community, picking up his first senior medal at the 2012 European Championships in men's doubles.

#### **Jonathan GROTH**

- Succeeding the legendary Michael Maze as the alpha of Danish table tennis, Jonathan Groth's journey started when he was eight years old.
- Having had a taste of the Olympic Games at Rio 2016, Jonathan booked his place for Tokyo by securing a silver medal at the 2019 European Games.

#### **Darko JORGIC**

- Prolific as a junior, winning multiple titles, Darko has worked himself up the ranks and is ready to make his mark in the senior game.
- Biding his time and honing his skills, Darko's potential was clear to all and it manifested in a big way when Darko strode through the competition at the 2020 Europe Top-16 Cup and narrowly missed out on gold to the legendary Timo Boll in the final. A first Men's World Cup experience beckoned where he once again exceeded expectations by making the main draw and threatened to upset Ma Long in the round of 16.

#### **Sharath Kamal ACHANTA**

- The first Indian table tennis player to become a nine-time senior national champion, Sharath Kamal Achanta has had a glittering career.
- The man from Chennai has celebrated four gold medals at the Commonwealth Games: men's singles in 2006, men's team events in 2006 and 2018 and men's doubles in 2010.
- A recipient of the Arjuna Award for Outstanding Performance in Sports and Games in 2004, Sharath is heralded as an all-time great in his home country. His individual achievements include winning the 2010 World Tour Egypt Open and the 2020 Challenge Plus Oman Open.

#### **Tomislav PUCAR**

- A European U21 champion in 2017, he is looking to make the Balkan nation a dominant force on the international stage.
- With his impressive achievements on the junior stage, expectations are rising for Tomislav to realise his potential at senior level.
- He has already shown glimpses of brilliance in 2019 when he knocked out several higher-ranked opponents and came in third at the 2019 European Games, earning him a spot at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

**WANG Yang**

- Wang Yang is a master when it comes to the art of defence. His fine technique has helped him beat numerous stars over the years.
- For the naturalised Slovakian, expectations are high to rise up the ranks and establish himself as one of the best defenders in the current game.

**Yukiya UDA**

- His career got off the ground with gold at the 2016 Junior Circuit and Cadet Open, aged only 15 at the time.
- A junior mixed doubles world champion in 2019, Yukiya also tasted success in the men's doubles, winning the Challenge Croatia Open and placing second at the Portugal and Bulgarian Opens in 2019.

**Gustavo TSUBOI**

- Gustavo played a major role in helping his country assert its presence across the Americas, landing silverware at many a prestigious event, including the Pan American Games, Pan American Cup and Pan American Championships.
- A significant force back home, Gustavo also regularly attends many of the biggest events on the international table tennis circuit.
- Present at the Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Olympic Games, he also had the honour of representing his host nation at Rio 2016.

**Sathiyar GNANASEKARAN**

- Sathiyar Gnanasekaran is the first-ever Indian athlete to have won an international title on a European ground, doing so at the 2016 World Tour Belgium Open followed by the 2017 Challenge Spanish Open.
- More success followed for Sathiyar as he led the Indian national team to gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and a first-ever Asian Games bronze medal in 2018, ending the nation's 60 years' medal drought.
- As a recipient of India's Arjuna Award for Outstanding Performance in Sports and Games in 2018, Sathiyar looks set to continue inspiring his fellow countrymen to excel at the sport of table tennis.

**Benedikt DUDA**

- Hailing from a table tennis family, Benedikt Duda burst onto the scene as German youth champion in 2007 and gained further national recognition for achieving the German doubles titles in 2015, 2018 and 2019.
- A European champion with the men's national team in 2019, Benedikt won the men's doubles title at the 2020 World Tour Hungarian Open alongside Patrick Franziska.

**AN Jaehyun**

- An Jaehyun made waves in the global table tennis scene when – while ranked 159th in the world – he reached the semi-finals of the 2019 World Championships and attained the bronze medal.
- His scintillating form saw him soar to his current ranking and with his lightning-quick footwork, speedy attacks and early timing of the ball, it will be of no surprise to see him go from strength to strength in years to come.

**Emmanuel LEBESSON**

- A European champion, Emmanuel Lebeson scored a major career success in 2016 by defeating fellow Frenchman Simon Gauzy in the final to take the continental crown.
- Emmanuel has achieved the majority of his medals as part of the French national team, securing bronze at the European Championships in 2010, 2015, 2017 and 2019.
- Looking to continue his individual success, he won the men's singles title at the 2019 Challenge Belarus Open.

**WOMEN'S SINGLES****Mima ITO:**

- Mima burst onto the international scene at just 13 years of age when she, together with compatriot Miu Hirano, became the youngest ever champions at a World Tour event, winning women's doubles at the 2014 German Open.
- The pair followed that up with gold at the 2014 World Tour Grand Finals in Thailand.
- Mima's early success saw her recognised with the 2015 Breakthrough Star Award and at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, she helped Japan to a bronze medal in the women's team event.
- On a personal level, she has won six senior women's singles titles on the World Tour, underlining her status as one of the very best female athletes of the current era.

**CHENG I-Ching:**

- Leading by example, Cheng has played a significant role in cementing Chinese Taipei as a major force on the global stage and she has the trophy haul to back it up.
- An integral part of Chinese Taipei's bronze medal finish at the 2016 World Team Championships, arguably her finest moment came at the highly prestigious 2016 Women's World Cup, where she was runner-up in Philadelphia.
- Cheng is also a former Olympic quarter-finalist and holds a World Championships mixed doubles silver medal to her name.

**Kasumi ISHIKAWA:**

- The top Japanese women's player for many years, until the rise of Mima Ito, Kasumi has an impressive trophy haul to her name.

- Her 10 women's singles titles on the World Tour include success at the 2014 World Tour Grand Finals in Thailand.
- She has also enjoyed fruitful women's doubles partnerships with both Ito and Miu Hirano.
- Kasumi has carried Japanese hopes at many a major team event, playing in the nation's silver and bronze medal-winning campaigns at the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Games respectively.
- A mainstay in the national setup for over a decade, Kasumi has also witnessed multiple runners-up finishes at the World Team Championships and Team World Cup events.

**Miu HIRANO:**

- A record-breaking feat arrived at just 13 years of age when she, together with compatriot Mima Ito, became the youngest-ever champions at a World Tour event, winning women's doubles at the 2014 German Open.
- The pair followed that up with gold at the 2014 World Tour Grand Finals in Thailand.
- Miu's crowning moment came in 2016 when she stunned China's elite to clinch the Women's World Cup in USA. A year later, she tasted women's singles gold at the Asian Championships in China.

**FENG Tianwei:**

- Now in her 30s, she remains one of the biggest threats to the top Chinese and Japanese stars of the game.
- A two-time Commonwealth Games singles champion, Feng also boasts three Olympic medals to her name.
- Her crowning moment came at the 2010 World Team Championships in Moscow as she led Singapore to its first-ever gold in table tennis with a stunning victory over favourites China.
- Finishing 2010 on a high, Feng went on to secure women's singles gold at the prestigious Grand Finals in Seoul to confirm her iconic status.

**JEON Jihee:**

- Born in Langfang, China, the early years of Jeon's rise to stardom came with the support of her father who passed down important fundamentals of the sport.
- Moving to Korea Republic aged 16, Jeon is now considered a key part in the country's plans to reach the summit of international table tennis.
- A podium finisher at some of the sport's most prestigious events, including the Asian Games and the Grand Finals, Jeon also collected a historic bronze medal as part of the Unified Korea team at the 2018 World Team Championships in Halmstad, Sweden.

**Adriana DIAZ:**

- Table Tennis runs in the Diaz family. Her sister Melanie is a professional player and her father Bladimir is a decorated coach in the sport. This support has offered Adriana a great springboard towards her rapid rise up the global standings.
- From a Pan American outlook, she has won it all and was the first female table tennis player to represent Puerto Rico on the Olympic stage in 2016.
- She also made history at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, playing a significant role in guiding the island to its first gold medal successes in the event's history.
- In 2020, Adriana's outstanding achievements saw her voted "Athlete of the Decade" in Puerto Rico.

**SUH Hyowon:**

- Championing the art of defence, the Korean delights crowds wherever she goes with her incredible ability to return whatever comes her way.
- Part of the historic Unified Korea team which struck bronze at the 2018 World Team Championships, Suh added another medal of the same colour to her collection with Korea Republic at the 2019 Team World Cup.
- Suh has also enjoyed success on the ITTF World Tour and is a former Women's World Cup quarter-finalist.

**CHEN Szu-Yu:**

- A prominent junior player in her early days, Chen reached the final stages of several World Tours and won the 2014 U21 China Open.
- The breakthrough year saw her triumph at the U21 World Tour Grand Finals in Thailand as well. Despite relatively few successes on the singles front since she turned professional, Chen reached the round of 16 at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.
- She was part of the Chinese Taipei women's team to take bronze at the 2016 World Team Championships in Malaysia.

**Bernadette SZOCS:**

- Earning her first senior gold medal at the 2017 Challenge Brazil Open, Bernadette's international exposure skyrocketed one year later.
- She stunned fans with her odd-defying title victory at the 2018 Europe Top 16 Cup and has since established herself as a household name in the professional game.
- A great team player, Bernadette has proven a valuable asset to her country's table tennis efforts, playing a crucial role in Romania's gold medal finishes at the European Team Championships.

**Britt EERLAND:**

- A bubbly, yet competitive, personality, Britt Eerland proudly flies the flag for Dutch table tennis, and she is one of Europe's top-performing women's players in recent times.

- A regular fixture at World Tour and Challenge events, Britt's silver medal finish at the 2020 Europe Top 16 Cup was the closest she has come to glory at an international senior event.
- She has represented her native Netherlands at World Team Championships and at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

**Hina HAYATA:**

- Hina is the most successful player in the history of the Challenge Series with six titles, starting at the 2017 Spanish Open before a mesmeric 2019 in which she took gold in Portugal, Oman, Serbia, Paraguay and Belarus.
- On her day, Hina can beat the world's best. She defeated both Mima Ito and Kasumi Ishikawa en route to her victory at the 2020 All Japan Table Tennis Championships.
- Deadly in the doubles, she won bronze alongside Mima Ito at the 2017 World Championships in Germany, before the pair took silver in 2019 in Hungary.

**ZHANG Lily:**

- Lily's sporting origins are somewhat different with her table tennis journey beginning in a humble laundry room at Stanford University, California, where a table was located.
- From the laundromat to the international arena, Lily is a five-time US national champion and has represented her country on the biggest stages, including the World Table Tennis Championships and the Olympic Games.
- The American stunned fans across the globe at the 2019 Women's World Cup in Chengdu, defying all the odds to become the first player from the Land of Stars and Stripes to reach the semi-finals in the history of the event! Lily later won the 2019 Breakthrough Star award for her awesome performances.

**Margaryta PESOTSKA:**

- A tough, seasoned competitor, Margaryta Pesotska has made her mark on the European stage for more than a decade.
- Ukraine's shining star has stepped onto the podium four times at the European Championships. In the women's singles, she claimed silver in 2009 in Germany and in 2018 in Spain, with a bronze medal finish in 2011 in Poland. Meanwhile, in the women's team event, she guided Ukraine to bronze in 2015 in Russia.
- Margaryta is a two-time Olympian and has taken part in the 2008 Beijing and London 2012 events.

**Elizabeta SAMARA:**

- Having enjoyed great success on the junior circuit in the earlier days of her career, Elizabeta has lived up to expectations to earn her place in the Romanian senior team, playing a crucial role in her nation's gold medal finishes at the European Team Championships in 2017 and 2019.

- Elizabeta rose to prominence after she became the first non-Asian player to reach the final of the Women's World Cup in 2012. The Constanta-born star moved on to claim three World Tour titles (2013 Brazil Open, 2014 Czech Open, 2015 Qatar Open) and became European champion in 2015.
- She is equally strong in a partnership, claiming several women's doubles and mixed doubles titles in Europe.

**Dina MESHREF:**

- Coming from a strong table tennis family background where both her parents were national champions and siblings all accomplished players in Egypt, Dina Meshref is a natural-born winner in the sport.
- Dubbed the "African Table Tennis Queen", Dina has indeed lived up to the name, sweeping titles across the continent. After winning her first African Cup title in 2011, she claimed seven consecutive titles between 2014-2020.
- In 2020, Dina chose to start competing with the hijab, the Muslim headdress, in hope to inspire more Muslim girls into sports.

**ZHANG Mo:**

- Originally from Shijiazhuang, China, Zhang Mo has been a considerable force on the Pan American scene for well over a decade following her move to Canada.
- The three-time Olympian first made a name for herself finishing runner-up at the 2006 North American Table Tennis Championships at the age of 15. Zhang moved on to secure more silverware for Canada at several prestigious events in the Americas including the Pan American Games and the Pan-American Cup, as well as representing Canada on the international circuit.
- A commanding force back at home, Zhang has also led the Canadian team to glory on several occasions on the continental stage.

**Nina MITTELHAM:**

- Young and fearless! Nina Mittelham burst onto the scene when she took triple crowns at the 2013 European Youth Championships in singles, doubles and mixed doubles categories.
- With her achievements on the junior circuit, Nina rose up the ranks to become a valuable member of the German team, contributing to the team's success at the 2019 European Team Championships and European Games.
- The two-time German national champion has also excelled in a pair, winning the 2018 European Championships women's doubles title together with compatriot Kristin Lang.

**Suthasini SAWETTABUT:**

- Born in Ranong, Thailand, Suthasini Sawettabut started playing table tennis at the age of six.

- Her international exposure skyrocketed after she shocked three-time Olympic medallist Feng Tianwei at the 2015 Southeast Asian Games to be crowned champion in Singapore.
- Suthasini continued to enjoy success at the 2017 and 2019 editions of the Southeast Asian Games, securing the mixed doubles and women's doubles titles respectively for the Land of Smiles. She also made history when she clinched the women's doubles title together with her teammate Orawan Paranang on home soil at the 2018 Thailand Open.
- Suthasini is also a policewoman back home and has a younger sister who competes internationally in the sport as well.

**SHAN Xiaona:**

- Part of the German women's team that won silver at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, Shan Xiaona has played a crucial role in helping Germany win major titles on the continental and international stage.
- Shan's first major international title came when she claimed women's singles gold on home soil at the 2014 World Tour German Open.
- One of few female penholders left on the international circuit, Shan is known for her unique playing style, using short pimped rubbers on one side of her racket.

**YANG Xiaoxin:**

- Born in Beijing in 1988, Yang Xiaoxin has been representing Monaco on the international stage since 2014. Strong-willed and competitive, Yang never shies away from a challenge and is always ready to attack on the table!
- Securing her first international gold medal at the 2014 World Tour Croatia Open, Yang moved on to claim the title at the 2016 World Tour Czech Open.
- She has also made Monaco proud at the Games of the Small States of Europe, winning the women's singles title in 2015 and 2019, as well as women's doubles gold in 2019.

**Polina MIKHAILOVA:**

- Hailing from St. Petersburg, Polina Mikhailova has established herself as a crucial member of the Russian national team.
- She started her training in table tennis as an offensive-minded player but later switched to the defensive style of play. Polina is not afraid of making attacks on the table though, often surprising her opponents on court.
- The two-time Russian national champion has helped the team secure several trophies on the continental stage across singles, team and doubles disciplines.

**Bruna TAKAHASHI:**

- Bruna Takahashi's table tennis journey began when she started training at a Japanese club in Sao Paulo when she was eight years old, under the guidance of two-time Olympian Monica Doti.

- Considered one of the top rising Gen Z stars of the sport, Bruna burst onto the scene when she made history in 2015 to become the first-ever Latin American player to claim the singles title at the World Cadet Challenge. She also won team gold together with Adriana Diaz and Esmerlyn Castro.
- Bruna has since transitioned successfully into the senior circuit and established herself as a crucial member of the Brazilian national team, often representing her nation on the continental and international scene.

**Miyuu KIHARA:**

- Hailed as one of the rising stars from Japan, Miyuu Kihara is definitely one to watch out for on the international circuit.
- Crowned women's singles and women's doubles champion at the 2019 Challenge Croatia Open at just 14 years and 278 days old, Miyuu moved on to capture the women's doubles title together with teammate Miyu Nagasaki at the prestigious World Tour Grand Finals in 2019.
- A bright personality and positive attitude on and off the table has also earned Miyuu more fans across the globe.