

## 2022 ITTF WORLD TEAM TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS CHENGDU PRESENTED BY CHINA TELECOM MEDIA NOTES FOR DAY 10

### EVENT OVERVIEW

<b>CITY:</b>	Chengdu, CHINA
<b>SITE:</b>	Chengdu High-tech Sports Centre
<b>DATE:</b>	30 September–9 October 2022
<b>TABLE BRAND:</b>	DHS
<b>BALL BRAND:</b>	Double Fish
<b>FLOOR BRAND:</b>	Enlio
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The 2022 ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals Chengdu, Presented by China Telecom sees the globe's strongest teams face off to win two of the sport's most coveted prizes; the Swaythling and Corbillon Cups.

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# ROAD TO THE SWAYTHLING CUP

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## MATCH ORDER DAY 10

- China vs Germany (Men) – Final | Table 1 | 19:30 (GMT+8)

## KEY MATCHES OF DAY 10

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The 2022 ITTF World Team Championships Finals concludes in exciting fashion on Sunday evening as China and Germany leave it all on the line in pursuit of Men's Team glory. A repeat of the 2018 final, this marks the sixth time China and Germany has met in the title contest with previous showdowns coming in 2004, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2018, with China prevailing on each occasion. Germany is yet to lift the Swaythling Cup, but with the expert guidance of Coach Jörg Rosskopf, who appeared in the 2004 final as a player, the European team will believe it has what it takes to compete. Team China on the other hand is aiming to lift the trophy for a 10th consecutive occasion and a 22nd occasion overall. In fact, the last team to stop China in the final was Sweden in 2000. The hosts hold a perfect record in Chengdu, winning all seven fixtures so far, but head into the match off the back of a nervous semifinal encounter against Japan which went the full distance. Germany has won six of its seven matches in the run up to the final, with its sole defeat coming against India in the group stage. The last time China and Germany met in an international team final it was China that came up trumps 3-0 in the Men's Team gold medal match at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Will China's dominant trend continue or can Germany summon up a stunning performance to lift the Cup for the first time?

## STORIES OF DAY 9

### China lifts Corbillon Cup for record-extending 22nd occasion

The one match everyone had their eye on heading into the day was the showdown for the Corbillon Cup as China faced off against Japan for the Women's Team title. Contesting the final match for the fourth consecutive occasion, China and Japan renewed their fierce rivalry on Saturday evening, and once again it was the former team that held the upper hand. Missing World No.5 Hina Hayata through injury, Japan opted to field Miyuu Kihara in position one and the 18-year-old performed admirably, giving Olympic champion Chen Meng plenty to ponder. However, Kihara couldn't find a way to dent her opponent's progress as Chen powered to a straight games win (11-6, 11-8, 11-8), sending Japan back to the drawing board. Then came the prize match-up we had all been waiting for as World champion Wang Manyu and Japanese icon Mima Ito took the table. Meeting for the 14th time on the international stage, Wang was looking to pick up her fourth win in a row over the Japanese star but met stern resistance early on, requiring a mini comeback from 7-9 down to take a tight opening game. Ito hit back straightaway with a decisive showing in game two, and had the opportunity to take a 1-2 lead with game point in game three. However, she failed to convert, allowing Wang just enough room to snatch the lead for herself before going on to defeat the World No.6 across four games (11-9, 9-11, 12-10, 11-5). Just one win away from euphoria, Sun Yingsha completed the job for the hosts with her ruthless dispatching of Miyu Nagasaki (11-7, 11-7, 11-8) sealing a 3-0 victory for China.



### Hosts survive full distance epic

China would also prevail over Japan in Men's Team semifinal action, but the margin between the two sides was significantly tighter than in the Women's Team event with the hosts requiring the full match distance in a 3-2 epic. Fan Zhendong sent the home crowd into wild applause with a clinical display at the table in the opening showdown against Shunsuke Togami (11-5, 12-10, 11-4), but before long the mood began to quieten down as Tomokazu Harimoto toppled Wang Chuqin (8-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-9) to bring Japan level. Following a quick reset, Ma Long put China back on top with a four-game win against Mizuki Oikawa (8-11, 11-5, 11-5, 11-2) but the hall would soon fall into stunned silence as Harimoto pulled a magical performance out of the hat to upset World No.1 Fan in a 3-2 thriller (11-7, 6-11, 3-11, 11-9, 11-9). Locked at 2-2, the match went right down to the wire with all eyes on Wang and Togami to decide the match winner. Pressure began to ramp up for the hosts as Togami stormed into a commanding 9-4 lead in game one, before going on to hold game point. However, Wang showed great resilience to fight back from behind to steal a crucial early lead, and from that point on there was no stopping the 22-year-old, who chalked up two more game wins to keep the defending champs in the title race (12-10, 11-7, 11-4).

### Duda shows his class to keep German dream alive

Germany was the other team to book its spot in the Men's Team final after successfully coming from behind to defeat Korea Republic 3-2. Claiming a 1-0 lead through Benedikt Duda, who upstaged World No.17 Jang Woojin in the opener (10-12, 11-7, 11-7, 11-7), Germany soon found itself on the back foot as An Jaehyun and Cho Seungmin struck victory over Dang Qiu (11-7, 12-10, 6-11, 11-8) and Kay Stumper (11-6, 4-11, 11-5, 9-11, 11-8) respectively. With no room for error, the European side managed to claw its way back to a level scoreline as Qiu made amends for his earlier defeat with a stronger showing against Jang (14-12, 11-7, 11-13, 11-6). Down to the fifth and deciding match, it was Duda who rose to the occasion, prevailing 3-1 over An (11-9, 11-6, 8-11, 11-6) to lead Germany into its second consecutive Men's Team final.

### **EVENT FACTS**

- The 2022 World Team Championships Finals marks the 56th edition of the event and the sixth World Championships event to be held in China.
- Chengdu plays host to a World Championships Finals for the first time with Beijing (1961 – combined championships), Tianjin (1995 - combined), Shanghai (2005 – individuals championships), Guangzhou (2008 – team championships) and Suzhou (2015 - individuals) the other Chinese cities to stage the event.
- For the first time since the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games, China has welcomed athletes in elite competition. A closed-loop system has been employed for these championships, with athletes arriving on specially chartered flights from the ITTF.
- More than 250 athletes will be out in force in Chengdu, representing 60 teams across the 10 days of table tennis action.
- Uzbekistan's Asel Erkebaeva is the youngest athlete present in Chengdu (aged 12) and celebrates her 13th birthday on the opening day of play in Chengdu, Friday 30th September. Meanwhile, Luxembourg's Xia Lian Ni is the oldest player in attendance (aged 59) and competes in her 23rd World Championships overall.
- Play takes place in two stages, a group phase organised on the round robin principle followed by knockout phase contested by 16 teams.



- Each team match will be played in a best of 5 matches format, with each individual match following a best of 5 games format.
- The order of play for each team match will be: Player A vs Player X, Player B vs Player Y, Player C vs Player Z, Player A vs Player Y, and Player B vs Player Z
- At the completion of the knockout phase, the winning teams will receive gold medals as well as the commemorative cup, while the runner-up will be presented with silver medals and the two losing semifinalists will receive bronze medals.
- China is the defending Men's Team and Women's Team champions, lifting the Swaythling Cup and Marcel Corbillon Cup for a record extending 21st time at the 2018 World Team Championships Finals in Halmstad, Sweden.

### EVENT DISCIPLINES

There are two disciplines being contested at the 2022 World Team Championships Finals:

- Men's Team
- Women's Team

### KEY DATES/TIMES

#### Day 1 – Friday, 30 September

Group Stage – Men's Team, Women's Team – 10:00 (GMT+8)

#### Day 2 – Saturday, 1 October

Group Stage – Men's Team, Women's Team – 10:00 (GMT+8)

#### Day 3 – Sunday, 2 October

Group Stage – Men's Team, Women's Team – 10:00 (GMT+8)

#### Day 4 – Monday, 3 October

Group Stage – Men's Team, Women's Team – 10:00 (GMT+8)

#### Day 5 – Tuesday, 4 October

Group Stage – Men's Team, Women's Team – 10:00 (GMT+8)

#### Day 6 – Wednesday, 5 October

Round of 16/Quarterfinals – Men's Team, Women's Team – 11:00 (GMT+8)

#### Day 7 – Thursday, 6 October

Round of 16/Quarterfinals – Men's Team, Women's Team – 11:00 (GMT+8)

#### Day 8 – Friday, 7 October

Quarterfinals/Semifinals – Men's Team, Women's Team – 11:00 (GMT+8)

#### Day 9 – Saturday, 8 October

Semifinals – Men's Team, Women's Team – 11:00 (GMT+8)



2022 ITTF World Team Championships Finals  
Group Stage: 30 September–4 October  
Knockout Stage: 5–9 October

Final – Women’s Team – 19:30 (GMT+8)

**Day 10 – Sunday 9 October**

Final – Men’s Team – 19:30 (GMT+8)

**EVENT HISTORY FACTS**

- Winners of the Men’s Team event receive the Swaythling Cup; the trophy dates back to the first ever World Championships in 1926. It was donated by Lady Baroness Swaythling, mother of the Honourable Ivor Montagu, the first President of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).
- The Corbillon Cup was presented by Marcel Corbillon on the first occasion the Women’s Team event was held at a World Championships. The competition was introduced in the tournament’s eighth edition, in some publications recorded as the 1934 World Championships despite being held in December 1933 in Paris on the only occasion when the tournament has been staged twice in the same year.
- China is the most successful team in both the Men’s and Women’s Team events; they have won each title 21 times. The men first won in 1961 in Beijing, the women in 1965 in Ljubljana.
- Next in line in the list of Men’s Team champions is Hungary (12 titles), while Japan is the second-most successful team in the Women’s Team event (8 titles).
- The first World Championships when only team events were held was in 2000 in Kuala Lumpur.
- Now retired, Belgium’s Jean-Michel Saive holds the record for 25 World Championships appearances.