

# Table tennis dominated by China

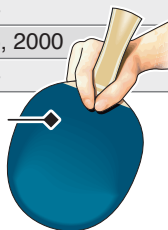
In the 20 years since table tennis made its Olympic debut in Seoul in 1988, China has dominated the event, sweeping 33 medals including 16 of the 20 golds on offer. China's long-time rival in table tennis is South Korea

Nation	Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Years
China	33	16	11	6	1988, 92, 96, 00, 04
South Korea	15	3	2	10	1988, 92, 96, 00, 04
Yugoslavia	2	-	1	1	1988
North Korea	3	-	1	2	1992, 2004
Sweden	3	1	1	1	2000, 2004
Germany	2	-	1	1	1992, 1996
France	2	-	1	1	1992, 2000
Hong Kong	1	-	1	-	2004
Chinese Taipei	2	-	1	1	1996, 2000
Denmark	1	-	-	1	2004

**Wang Hao:** Current world no. 1, pioneer in penhold grip with revolutionary reverse backhand move

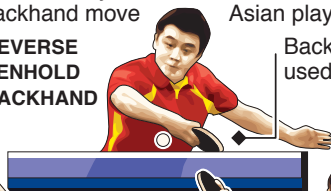
**REVERSE PENHOLD BACKHAND**

**Penhold grip:** Held like pen when writing. Favoured by Asian players

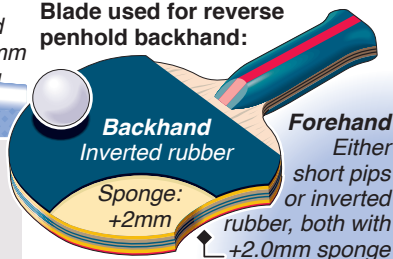


Back of penhold bat used to hit backhand

Produces heavy topspin ball with significant amount of left to right sidespin



**Blade used for reverse penhold backhand:**



**Ball**  
Celluloid  
Dia: 40mm  
Wt: 2.7g

Peking University Gymnasium

1 Medal events

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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