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Historic Success from National Table Tennis Player Görkem Öçal, Member of Team Akfen İnşaat

A National table tennis player Görkem Öçal, supported by Akfen İnşaat as part of its "Team Akfen İnşaat" project, won a silver medal in the U19 Doubles category alongside his partner, and a bronze medal in the U15 Singles category at the WTT Youth Star Contender tournament held in Metz, France.

Supported under the "**Team Akfen İnşaat**" project—launched by **Akfen İnşaat** to empower its sustainable growth strategy with social benefit and to provide long-term support for young national athletes on their path to international achievements—**national table tennis player Görkem Öçal** continues to make a name for himself in Turkish sports.

Achieving significant milestones on the international stage, the young athlete **won a silver medal in the U19 Doubles category with his partner and a bronze medal in the U15 Singles category at the WTT Youth Star Contender tournament in Metz, France.** Winning the U13 European Individual Championship in 2024, Öçal went on to achieve the U15 European Individual runner-up title, third place at the Youth Olympics, European Top 10 runner-up title, and World Youth runner-up title in 2025. Winning a total of 14 international medals in that same year, Öçal climbed to **top positions in European and world rankings.**

At just 14 years old, Görkem Öçal crossed a historic threshold in Turkish sports history by becoming **the youngest athlete ever to win the Senior Turkish National Championship.** This historic achievement proved the young athlete's competitive strength not only in age-restricted categories but also at the highest level of competition.

NEXT STOP: THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Görkem Öçal will face the next major test of his international career at **the World Team Table Tennis Championships**, held in London, England, from April 28 to May 10, 2026. Organized as a special 100th-anniversary edition, the championship will be one of the largest events in tournament history, featuring 64 men's and 64 women's teams. The tournament will begin with first-stage matches at the Copper Box Arena, followed by matches and knockout rounds at the OVO Arena Wembley.



Recognized as one of the most prestigious events in world table tennis, this championship will serve as a crucial milestone for Görkem Öçal to solidify his international experience and represent Türkiye at the highest level.