

Li Chunli

After arriving in New Zealand in late 1986, Chunli quickly demonstrated her vast superiority over every other women player in New Zealand, winning the New Zealand Open Women's Singles for 9 years in succession from 1987 to 1995. Had it not been for a career move to Japan in 1996 she would doubtless have kept winning as her greatest successes came in subsequent years.

Once eligible to represent NZ (1989) she played for her adopted country in a huge array of international events including four Olympic Games.

Her career-best achievement was finishing third in the 1997 Women's World Cup. She also triumphed at the 2002 Commonwealth Games, winning the Women's Singles gold medal and the Women's Doubles silver medal with her sister Karen Li.

Competing against Australia's best in the Oceania Championships she won the Women's Singles in 1990, 1996, 1998, 2000 and, just a few months before her 50th birthday, again in 2012.

Between 2005 and 2013, as part of the official management team, she coached 15 NZ teams at such events as the Oceania Championships, World Team Championships (3 times), Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Championships,

Throughout her playing and coaching career she has been National Coach of the Year, Player of the Year and NZ's No 1 ranked woman multiple times.

Her world ranking peaked at 19 in 1998.

In 2014 Chunli is coaching in the Auckland area and has been a TTNZ Board Member since 2011.

Team Member – International Events:

1989 Japan Open
1990 Oceania Championships
1990 Australian Open Championships
1990 World Doubles Cup Qualifying
1991 Noumea International Tournament
1991 World Championships
1991 Oceania Olympic Qualifying Event
1992 Olympic Games
1996 Olympic Games
1996 Oceania Championships
1996 Oceania Olympic Qualifying
1997 Women's World Cup (**Finished 3rd**)
1998 Women's World Cup
1998 Asian Championships
1998 Oceania Championships
1999 World Individual Championships
1999 Oceania World Cup Qualifying



2011



2012
Player of the year

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International Events continued

2000 Olympic Games
2000 Oceania Championships
2000 Commonwealth Championships
2001 World Championships
2001 Commonwealth Championships
2002 Commonwealth Games (**GOLD MEDAL**)
2003 World Championships
2004 Olympic Games (Singles & Doubles)
2004 Oceania Championships
2012 World Team Championships
2012 Olympic Qualification Tournament Final
2012 Oceania Championships and Cup
2012 Women's World Cup
2013 Oceania Cup

National Titles:

New Zealand Open

Women's Singles - 1987, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95
Women's Doubles – 1988, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95
Mixed Doubles – 1989, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95

North Island Open

Women's Singles – 1988, 89, 90, 91, 97
Women's Doubles – 1988, 89, 90, 91, 97
Mixed Doubles – 1989, 90, 91



2002 at Commonwealth Games with sister Karen (R) displaying their Silver medals.



2004 Olympic Games