

PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN – Sunday 1 Jan 2023

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud won the Four Hills event in Oberstdorf on Thursday, claiming his first career win in a Four Hills event.
- In 21 of the previous 70 Four Hills Tournaments, the winner of the first event also won the second event, including in three of the last five editions (Kamil Stoch in 2017/18 and Ryoyu Kobayashi in 2018/19 and 2021/22).
- Of these 21 occasions, six ski jumpers failed to win the overall title: Aulis Kallakorpi in 1954/55, Ingolf Mork in 1970/71, Yukio Kasaya in 1971/72, Toni Innauer in 1975/76, Martin Schmitt in 1998/99 and Anders Jacobsen in 2012/13.
- The last Norwegian to win the Four Hills Tournament was Anders Jacobsen in 2006/07.
- Norway and Austria both won the Four Hills event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen a record 14 times. The last Norwegian to win this event was Marius Lundvik on New Year's Day in 2020.
- Granerud finished only once in the top seven in Garmisch-Partenkirchen at the Four Hills Tournament, a second place on 1 January 2021.

Dawid Kubacki

- Dawid Kubacki won this event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2021. By recording 144.0 meters on his second jump, he still has the hill record on the Große Olympiaschanze.
- The only Polish ski jumpers to win the Four Hills event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen were Kamil Stoch in 2017/18 (Stoch won all four events that season) and Kubacki himself in 2020/21.
- Kubacki wears the yellow bib as the overall leader in this World Cup season. He has won four individual men's World Cup events this season, already his personal best in a single season.
- Last year, Kubacki finished 39th in the Four Hills event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Other contenders

- **Piotr Zyla**, 35 years and 350 days old on the day of this event, can become the oldest man to win the Four Hills event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- The only man to win a Four Hills event after his 35th birthday was Sepp Bradl in 1954, when he won in Bischofshofen at age 35 years and 363 days.
- **Stefan Kraft** can become the first Austrian man since Thomas Diethart in 2014 to win the Four Hills event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- For **Slovenia**, Peter Prevc (3), Primož Peterka (2) and Peter Zonta (1) are the only men to win a Four Hills Tournament event. Peterka (1997, 2003) and Prevc (2016) won in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** has won eight Four Hills events, including in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2019 and 2022. Only Björn Wirkola (10), Jens Weißflog (10), Janne Ahonen (9) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (9) have won as many.
- This season, Kobayashi's best result in an individual World Cup event was a seventh place in Wisla on 5 November.
- The last **German** man to win the Four Hills event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen was Sven Hannawald in 2002.
- Germany has recorded eight podium finishes in Garmisch-Partenkirchen since Hannawald's victory in 2002, including second places in 2018 (Richard Freitag), 2019 (Markus Eisenbichler), 2020 (Karl Geiger) and 2022 (Eisenbichler).

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