PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT - 29 Dec 2023 to 6 Jan 2024

Four Hills Tournament

- The Four Hills Tournament will be held for the 72st time. It has been held every year since the inaugural edition in 1953.
- Janne Ahonen won the Four Hills Tournament a record five times. Jens Weißflog follows on four overall victories.
- Three ski jumpers completed the Grand Slam by winning all four events in a single edition: Sven Hannawald (2001/02), Kamil Stoch (2017/18) and Ryoyu Kobayashi (2018/19).
- The last ski jumper to claim the overall victory in the Four Hills Tournament despite winning none of the four events was Janne Ahonen in 1998/99 (5th, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd).
- In the history of the Four Hills Tournament, only once the victory was shared by multiple ski jumpers: Janne Ahonen and Jakub Janda finished on exactly the same amount of points after four events in 2005/06.
- Jens Weißflog and Björn Wirkola (10 each) share the record for most different event victories within the Four Hills Tournament.
- Oberstdorf will host the opening event of the Four Hills Tournament for the 70th time. The exceptions came in the inaugural edition 1952/53 (Garmisch-Partenkirchen) and 1971/72 (Innsbruck).

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft enters the 72nd Four Hills Tournament as the World Cup leader thanks to five individual WC wins out of a possible eight this season. He secured podium finishes in two of the other three events (2nd, 9th, 3rd).
- Only one of the last seven Four Hills Tournaments was won by the ski jumper who came into the tournament as World Cup leader: Ryoyu Kobayashi in 2018/19.
- Kraft (2014/15) is still the last Austrian winner of the Four Hills Tournament. Four ski jumpers representing Austria managed to win the Four Hills Tournament more than once: Hubert Neuper (1979/80, 1980/81), Ernst Vettori (1985/86, 1986/87), Andreas Goldberger (1992/93, 1994/95) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (2011/12, 2012/13).
- No Austrian ski jumper has reached the overall podium in the Four Hills Tournament since Michael Hayböck's third place in 2015/16.
- Austrian ski jumpers have not won any of the last eight editions of the Four Hills Tournament, directly after winning the competition seven times in a row from 2008/09 to 2014/15.
- Austria, Finland and Germany (including East and West Germany) have all won the the overall in the Four Hills Tournament a joint-record 16 times. Norway is next on 11 wins.

Halvor Granerud

- Halvor Granerud won the Four Hills Tournament last season. Granerud won three out of four Four Hills events last season, with the exception a second place behind Dawid Kubacki in Innsbruck.
- Granerud can become the first ski jumper to win back-to-back Four Hills Tournaments since Kamil Stoch achieved this in 2016/17 and 2017/18.
- Norway can win back-to-back Four Hills Tournaments for the second time, after Björn Wirkola won three editions in a row between 1966/67 and 1968/69.
- Granerud (4th, 3rd, 1st) is the only man to have finished inside the top five in each of the last three editions of the Four Hills Tournament.

Germany

- **Karl Geiger**, **Andreas Wellinger** and **Pius Paschke** are aiming to become the first German winner of the Four Hills Tournament since Sven Hannawald in 2001/02.
- Since Hannawald's victory in 2001/02, German ski jumpers finished runner-up in the overall standings five times: Hannawald (2002/03), Severin Freund (2015/16), Andreas Wellinger (2017/18), Markus Eisenbichler (2018/19) and Geiger himself (2020/21).
- In the last seven editions (since 2016/17), Geiger (Oberstdorf 2020/21) was the only ski jumper representing Germany to win a Four Hills event.
- Paschke (33 years and 231 days on 6 January 2024) could become the second-oldest winner of the Four Hills Tournament. Austria's Sepp Brandl won the inaugural edition in 1953 at age 35.
- Paschke achieved his first-ever individual World Cup victory in Engelberg on 16 December. At age 33, Paschke became the oldest first-time winner of an men's individual World Cup event.
- At least one German man was on the podium in all eight World Cup events this season (Wellinger 4, Paschke 3, Geiger 2, Stephan Leyhe 1). Geiger (both Klingenthal events) and Paschke (Engelberg) won a World Cup event this season.

Other Contenders

- Only four different men claimed a podium spot in the Four Hills events last season: Halvor Granerud (1st, 1st, 2nd, 1st), **Dawid Kubacki** (3rd, 3rd, 1st, 3rd), **Anže Lanišek** (2nd, 3rd, 2nd) and **Piotr Zyla** (2nd in Oberstdorf).
- None of the four men above have claimed a podium spot in an individual World Cup event this season.
- Kubacki (2019/20) is one of only three Polish winners of the Four Hills Tournament, alongside Kamil Stoch (3) and Adam Malysz (1).
- Lanišek can become the third ski jumper representing Slovenia to win the Four Hills Tournament, after Primož Peterka in 1996/97 and Peter Prevc in 2015/16.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi**, the Four Hills overall winner in 2018/19 and 2021/22, has won eight Four Hills events. Only Björn Wirkola (10), Jens Weißflog (10), Janne Ahonen (9) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (9) have achieved as many victories.
- This season, Kobayashi's best result in an individual World Cup event was a third place in Klingenthal on 9 December.
- **Kamil Stoch** (2016/17, 2017/18, 2020/21) is joint-third alongside Helmut Recknagel and Wirkola for most Four Hill Tournament wins. Stoch's best individual World Cup result this season is a 21st place in Engelberg on 16 December.
- **Kobayashi (3 in Oberstdorf) and Stoch (3 in Bischofshofen) can equal the record for most Four Hills event victories at a specific hill: four by Jens Weißflog in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (1983/84, 1984/85, 1989/90 and 1990/91).**
- **Gregor Deschwanden** could become the first ski jumper representing Switzerland to reach the overall podium of the Four Hills Tournament since Simon Ammann's third place in 2013/14.