

PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT INNSBRUCK – Wednesday 3 Jan 2024

Andreas Wellinger

- Andreas Wellinger won the opening Four Hills event in Oberstdorf on December 29. He can be the first German ski jumper to win multiple Four Hills events in a single edition since Sven Hannawald's four wins in 2001/02. Hannawald is the last German winner of the Four Hills Tournament (2002).
- The last German ski jumper to win the Four Hills event in Innsbruck is Richard Freitag (2014/15).
- Wellinger's best result in the Four Hills event in Innsbruck is a third place on 4 January 2018.
- A German man secured a podium finish in all 10 World Cup events this season, including six for Wellinger.
- Germany (4) has already doubled their number of individual World Cup wins of last season (2). The last campaign in which German ski jumpers clinched more individual World Cup victories was in 2020/21 (5).

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi finished second in both Oberstdorf and in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. He has won eight events in the Four Hills tournament, fifth-most after Björn Wirkola (10), Jens Weißflog (10), Janne Ahonen (9) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (9).
- Kobayashi's second places in Oberstdorf and Garmisch-Partenkirchen are his only two non-winning podium finishes in Four Hills events. His previous eight podium finishes were all wins.
- Innsbruck (1) is the only hill among the Four Hills where Kobayashi has not won multiple times (Oberstdorf 3, Garmisch-Partenkirchen 2, Bischofshofen 2).
- Kobayashi is trailing Wellinger in the overall Four Hills standings by only 1.8 points coming into Innsbruck. 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).

Other contenders

- **Anže Lanišek**, the winner in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, could be the third Slovenian to win multiple Four Hills events, joining **Peter Prevc** (3 in 2015/16, including Innsbruck) and Primož Peterka (2).
- The Garmisch-Partenkirchen winner on New Year's Day has won the subsequent Four Hills event in six of the past eight editions. The exceptions were Kamil Stoch's Innsbruck win in 2021 (after Dawid Kubacki's victory on 1 January) and Kubacki's win in Innsbruck last season (following Halvor Egner Granerud's win on 1 January).

- Lanišek (2nd in 2020/21, 3rd in 2022/23) and Kubacki (3rd in 2020/21, 1st in 2022/23) are the only men to reach the podium in both the last two Innsbruck Four Hills events.
- **Stefan Kraft** has won two Four Hills events, both in Oberstdorf (in 2014 and 2016). His best results in Innsbruck are second places in 2014/15 and 2018/19.
- Kraft has won 35 individual men's World Cup events. He is one victory short of joining Janne Ahonen (36) in fifth place in the all-time men's list of individual World Cup wins.
- Kraft can become the first Austrian man since Gregor Schlierenzauer in 2013 to win the Four Hills event in Innsbruck.
- **Poland** (99) can become the fifth country to reach 100 men's individual World Cup wins, after Austria, Finland, Norway and Germany (including former East and West Germany). Japan is on 98 wins.
- Polish men won the last two Four Hills events in Innsbruck: Kamil Stoch in 2020/21 and Dawid Kubacki in 2022/23. The 2021/22 Innsbruck event was relocated to Bischofshofen due to strong winds at the Bergiselschanze.
- **Manuel Fettner** (38 years and 200 days old on 3 January), can become the second-oldest man to claim a podium place in Four Hills events, after Noriaki Kasai (42 years) finished third in Innsbruck and second in Bischofshofen in 2015.
- The oldest winner of a Four Hills event is Sepp Bradl (35y-363d) when he won in Bischofshofen on 6 January 1954.
- **Jan Hörl** and **Michal Hayböck** are the only ski jumpers to have finished inside the top-10 in each of the last five Four Hills events. Neither of both Austrians reached the podium in one of those five events.
- Innsbruck is the only hill among the Four Hills where **Karl Geiger** is yet to record a podium finish (Bischofshofen 3, Oberstdorf 2, Garmisch-Partenkirchen 1).

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