

PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT INNSBRUCK - Wednesday 4 Jan 2023

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud won the Four Hills events in Oberstdorf (29 December) and Garmisch-Partenkirchen (1 January).
- In 12 of the previous 70 Four Hills Tournaments, the winner of the first two events also won the third 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 12 occasions, the only Norwegian ski jumpers to achieve this are Olav Bjørnstad in 1953/54, Toralf Engan in 1962/63 and Björn Wirkola in 1968/69. All of them went on to win the Four Hills Tournament that season.
- Of the 12 occasions a ski jumper won each of the first three Four Hills events, one ski jumper failed to win the overall title: Yukio Kasaya in 1971/72. Kasaya participated only in the first three events before returning back to Japan to prepare for the Sapporo 1972 Olympic Winter Games.
- The last Norwegian to win the Four Hills Tournament was Anders Jacobsen in 2006/07.
- Only Finnish (14) ski jumpers have won the Four Hills event in Innsbruck more than the Norwegian (13) and Austrian (13) ski jumpers. Marius Lindvik (2019/20) was the last Norwegian ski jumper to win the Four Hills event here.

Dawid Kubacki

- Dawid Kubacki recorded a podium finish in each of the last two Four Hills events in Innsbruck, finishing second in 2019/20 and third in 2020/21.
- Polish ski jumpers have won three Four Hills events in Innsbruck: Adam Malysz in 2000/01 and Kamil Stoch in 2017/18 and 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.

Other contenders

- The Four Hills Tournament returns to Innsbruck after last season's event here was cancelled due to strong wind. The only other time Innsbruck was no part of the Four Hills Tournament was in 2007/08, when it was also cancelled due to strong wind.
- **Piotr Zyla**, 35 years and 353 days old on the day of this event, can become the oldest man to win the Four Hills event in Innsbruck.
- 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 Gregor Schlierenzauer in 2013 to win the Four Hills event in Innsbruck.

- Austria had four men in the top 10 in the Four Hills event Garmisch-Partenkirchen on New Year's day, but Kraft, who is fourth in the overall World Cup standings, finished 18th.
- **German** ski jumpers failed to claim a podium finish in Oberstdorf and Garmisch-Partenkirchen this Four Hills Tournament. They had claimed a podium spot on a German hill in each of the previous five Four Hills Tournaments.
- German ski jumpers have won one of the last 38 Four Hills events in Austria: Richard Freitag in Innsbruck in 2015.
- **Manuel Fettner** finished fourth in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on New Year's day, his best result in a Four Hills event since a third place in Oberstdorf in 2010.
- Fettner, 37 years and 201 days old on the day of this event, can become the second-oldest man to claim a podium place in Innsbruck, after Noriaki Kasai (42 years and 212 days) finished third here in 2015.
- **Ryoyu Kobayashi** has won eight Four Hills events, including in Innsbruck in 2019. 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.
- **Anže Lanišek** finished second in Garmisch-Partenkirchen to record his second podium finish in a Four Hills event. He finished second in Innsbruck in 2021.
- For Slovenia, Peter Prevc (3), Primož Peterka (2) and Peter Zonta (1) are the only men to win a Four Hills Tournament event. Zonta (2004) and Prevc (2016) won in Innsbruck.
- **Finland** has not recorded a podium finish in a Four Hills event since Anssi Koivuranta won in Innsbruck in 2014.

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