

PREVIEW Men's INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Saturday 30 Dec 2017

Winning Oberstdorf not a guarantee for Four Hills title.

- In the last five seasons only one winner of the opening event in Oberstdorf went on to win the Golden Eagle: Stefan Kraft (AUT) in 2014/15.
- Last season Kraft also won the event in Oberstdorf, but eventually finished sixth in the overall standings.

Freitag hoping to continue good form at Four Hills Tournament

- Richard Freitag (GER) has won three individual World Cup ski jumping events this season. No other ski jumper has won more than one.
- This already marks the first time in his career Freitag has won three individual World Cup events in a single season.
- The last time a German ski jumper won at least four individual World Cup events in a single season was in 2014/15, when Severin Freund (GER) won nine individual events.
- Freund is also the only German in the last 14 years to win the Oberstdorf event at the Four Hills Tournament, when he claimed victory here in 2015/16
- Freitag once won an individual event at the Four Hills Tournament, when he claimed victory in Innsbruck in 2014/15.

Kraft eyeing record-equalling third win in Oberstdorf

- Stefan Kraft won the Four Hills opening event in Oberstdorf in 2014/15 and 2016/17. He can join Dieter Thoma (GER) and Martin Schmitt (GER) on a record three wins in this city.
- Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT) and Simon Ammann (SUI) can also win the Oberstdorf event for a record-equalling third time.
- Kraft has not won any other Four Hills event than Oberstdorf. His best result in another Four Hills city is a second place in Innsbruck in 2014/15.
- Kraft's best results in individual World Cup events this season are third place finishes in Wisla (19 November), Nizhny Tagil (3 December) and Engelberg (17 December).
- Kraft has finished on the podium of an individual World Cup event on 16 occasions this calendar year. The only Austrian ski jumper to finish on the podium of more individual World Cup events during a single calendar year than Kraft in 2017 is Gregor Schlierenzauer (17 in 2009).

Stoch aiming for successive wins in Four Hills events

- Kamil Stoch won the Four Hills event in Bischofshofen last season and also claimed the Golden Eagle.
- The last man to win the Bischofshofen and Oberstdorf events back-to-back at the Four Hills Tournament was Thomas Morgenstern (AUT). He won the

final event in Bischofshofen in 2009/10 before winning the opening event in Oberstdorf in 2010/11.

- Stoch can join Adam Malysz (POL) on a Polish record of two event wins at the Four Hills Tournament. Malysz won in Innsbruck and Bischofshofen in 2000/01.
- Stoch and Peter Prevc (SLO) have both won 22 individual World Cup events. Next up for them are Simon Ammann and Thomas Morgenstern on 23 in joint-eighth place all-time.

Wellinger hoping to join Kraft on most podium finishes in 2017

- With Oberstdorf being the last individual World Cup event in 2017, Andreas Wellinger (GER, 15) aims to join Stefan Kraft (16) on most podium finishes in 2017.
- Kraft has won seven events, finished second on three occasions and third on six. Wellinger has won two events, finished second on nine occasions and finished third on four.
- Wellinger's nine second place finishes in 2017 in individual World Cup events is already a record for a single calendar year. Peter Prevc (SLO, 2015) and Simon Ammann (2009) had previously finished second on eight occasions in a calendar year.
- The only German ski jumpers to finish on the podium of more individual World Cup events during a single calendar year than Wellinger in 2017 are Martin Schmitt (GER, 17 in 1999) and Severin Freund (16 in 2015).
- Freund is also the only German in the last 14 years to win the Oberstdorf event at the Four Hills Tournament, when he claimed victory here in 2015/16
- Wellinger's best finish in a Four Hills event was a fifth place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2013/14.

Peter Prevc looking to complete Four Hills set

- In 2015/16 Peter Prevc won the Four Hills events in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Innsbruck and Bischofshofen on his way to claiming the Golden Eagle.
- If he wins in Oberstdorf, Prevc will become the 10th ski jumper to win all four hills as well as the overall title in the Four Hills Tournament.
- Prevc finished on the podium only once in his last 30 individual World Cup appearances, when he won in Sapporo on 11 February 2017.

Schlierenzauer targets record-equalling 10th individual Four Hills event victory

- Gregor Schlierenzauer has won nine individual Four Hills events: three in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and two each in Oberstdorf, Innsbruck and Bischofshofen.



- Schlierenzauer is one short of the record of 10 wins, held by Björn Wirkola (NOR) and Jens Weißflog (GER).
- Schlierenzauer last claimed a Four Hill event victory on 6 January 2013, when he won in Bischofshofen.

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