

PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT BISCHOFSHOFEN – Saturday 6 Jan 2024

General

- The three Four Hill events in this season have had three different winners, from three different countries - Andreas Wellinger (GER), Anže Lanišek (SLO) and Jan Hörl (AUT). The last Four Hills tournament in which all four events were won by four different winners was in 2014/15 (Stefan Kraft, Anders Jacobsen, Richard Freitag and Michael Hayböck). Kraft won the Four Hills tournament that season.
- In only one of the 33 previous Four Hills tournaments (1990/91 to 2022/23) there were winners from four different countries: in 2002/03 Sven Hannawald (GER), Primož Peterka (SLO), Janne Ahonen (FIN) and Bjørn Einar Romøren (NOR) claimed victories.
- In the past eight seasons, the winner of a Four Hills event in Bischofshofen also won the overall standings. This includes 2021/22 when overall winner **Ryoyu Kobayashi** won the event in Bischofshofen on 5 January 2022 (when it replaced the Innsbruck event) and Austria's Daniel Huber won the final event in Bischofshofen on 6 January.

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi (2018/19, 2021/22) can become the sixth man to win the Four Hills tournament at least three times, after Janne Ahonen (5), Jens Weißflog (4), Helmut Recknagel (3), Björn Wirkola (3) and Kamil Stoch (3).
- Kobayashi finished second in Oberstdorf, Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck in this season's three Four Hills events. He can become the first ski jumper to claim the overall victory in the Four Hills Tournament despite having won none of the four events since Janne Ahonen in 1998/99 (5th, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd). No man has finished second in all four events in a season.
- Other overall winners without a win that season are: 1954/55 Hemmo Silvenoinen, 1955/56 Nikolaj Kamenski, 1969/70 Horst Queck, 1970/71 Jiri Raska, 1971/72 Ingolf Mork, 1986/87 Ernst Vettori and 1988/89 Risto Laakonen.
- Kobayashi can become the first man to win the Four Hills tournament after having **won all four events** (2018/19), and after having **won none of the events** that season (2023/24 ?).
- Kobayashi 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 has won two Four Hills events in Bischofshofen: 2018/19 and 2021/22 (when it replaced Innsbruck). Five men have won a record three times in Bischofshofen (Wirkola, Jiri Raska, Weißflog, Ahonen, Stoch).

Other contenders

- **Andreas Wellinger** can become the first German ski jumper to win the Four Hills tournament since Sven Hannawald in 2001/02 (won all 4 events). Hannawald is also the last German winner in Bischofshofen (1997/98 and 2001/02).
- **Jan Hörl** can become the first Austrian to win the Four Hills event in Bischofshofen since Daniel Huber in 2021/22. It marked Huber's first and last victory in an individual World Cup event.
- Hörl could become the first Austrian to win both Austrian hills Innsbruck and Bischofshofen in a Four Hills season since Gregor Schlierenzauer in 2012/13.
- **Stefan Kraft** is the last Austrian to win the overall Four Hills Tournament, in 2014/15. Compatriot **Michael Hayböck** won the final jump in Bischofshofen that season.
- If Kraft wins this season's overall Four Hills tournament, it would mark the longest period between two overall victories in the tournament's history (nine editions, 2014/15-2023/24).
- 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.
- **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 Bischofshofen) and Primož Peterka (2, both in Garmisch-Partenkirchen).
- **Kamil Stoch** has won the Four Hills event in Bischofshofen on three occasions: in 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2020/21 (his last win the tournament).
- **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).
- **Halvar Egner Granerud** won last season's Four Hills tournament (1st-1st-2nd-1st), including a win in Bischofshofen. His results in this Four Hills campaign are 48th-31st-16th. If he improves by another 15 places, he will become the second Norwegian man to win multiple Four Hills events in Bischofshofen, after Björn Wirkola (3).
- Granerud is the only man to have finished on the podium in each of the last four major events in Bischofshofen: 3rd-2nd-1st in the Four Hills event (two in 2021/22, one in 2022/23) and 2nd in the regular World Cup event here on 8 January 2022.

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