

PREVIEW Men's INDIVIDUAL - LARGE HILL – Monday 1 Jan 2018

Stoch aiming for Oberstdorf - Garmisch-Partenkirchen double

- Kamil Stoch (POL) won in Oberstdorf on Saturday and is looking to become the third ski jumper since 2005/06 to win the first two Four Hills events.
- Only Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT) in 2011/12 and Anders Jacobsen (NOR) in 2012/13 achieved this feat in the last 12 seasons.
- In 18 of the previous 65 Four Hills tournaments the winner of the first event also won the second event.
- Of these 18 occasions, six ski jumpers failed to win the overall title: Jacobsen in 2012/13, Martin Schmitt (GER) in 1998/99, Toni Innauer (AUT) in 1975/76, Yukio Kasaya (JPN) in 1971/72, Ingolf Mork (NOR) in 1970/71 and Aulis Kallakorpi (FIN) in 1954/55.
- Stoch could win three Hills in a row in the Four Hills tournament. Peter Prevc (SLO) is the last to achieve this as he won in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Innsbruck and Bischofshofen in January 2016.
- The last to do so across different seasons was Sven Hannawald (GER), who won all four events in 2001/02 and the first event in Oberstdorf in 2002/03.
- He can become the third jumper all-time to win the first two Four Hills events of a season after winning the overall standings the season before, besides Helmuth Recknagel (GDR, 1957/58 - 1958/59) and Björn Wirkola (NOR, 1967/68 - 1968/69).
- Stoch can surpass Adam Malysz (POL, 2) for most wins representing Poland in the Four Hills tournament. Malysz won in Innsbruck and Bischofshofen in 2001.
- Stoch finished in second place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen last year, behind Daniel-André Tande (NOR). He could join Malysz (4) as the only Polish jumper with multiple podium finishes here. No Polish athlete has won the Four Hills event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- Stoch has won 23 individual World Cup events, joint-eighth for most among men alongside Simon Ammann (SUI) and Thomas Morgenstern (AUT). Andreas Felder (AUT) is in seventh place on 25 wins.

Eight of last nine leaders after Garmisch-Partenkirchen winning overall

- Since 2008/09, eight of the nine leaders of the Four Hills tournament after the second event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen went on to win the overall title.
- The only exception in this run was 2012/13 when Anders Jacobsen had the lead after Garmisch-Partenkirchen but Gregor Schlierenzauer eventually won.

- That season Jacobsen won the first two events (Oberstdorf and Garmisch-Partenkirchen) ahead of Schlierenzauer (second twice), but Schlierenzauer won the final two events in Innsbruck and Bischofshofen.
- In 2016/17, Kamil Stoch was the leader after Garmisch-Partenkirchen and went on to win the Four Hills tournament.

Norway one win short of equalling Austria's record wins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

- Norway has won 13 times in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the Four Hills tournament, one fewer than Austria's record 14 wins.
- Norwegian jumpers have won three of the last five times in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, including by Daniel-André Tande last year.
- Tande can become the sixth man and the first since Andreas Felder (AUT) in 1991-1992 to win the Garmisch-Partenkirchen event in back-to-back seasons.
- Jens Weißflog (GER, 1990-1991 and 1984-1985), Matti Nykänen (FIN, 1988-1989), Jochen Danneberg (GDR, 1977-1978) and Björn Wirkola (1967-1968-1969) have all won back-to-back editions.
- Wirkola is the only Norwegian to win here in successive years.
- That was one of two occasions in which Norwegian jumpers won consecutive events in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, next to the first two events here in 1953 and 1954 (Asgeir Doelplads and Olav Björnstad).

Five jumpers aiming for another win in Garmisch-Partenkirchen

- Of all active ski jumpers, five have already won at least once in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- Gregor Schlierenzauer won in 2008, 2010 and 2012, Noriaki Kasai (JPN) won in 1993 and 2001, Simon Ammann (SUI) in 2011, Peter Prevc (SLO) in 2016 and Daniel-André Tande in 2017.
- Schlierenzauer could equal Jens Weißflog's (GER) record four victories in Garmisch. The only other jumper to win three times here is Björn Wirkola.
- They could be joined by Kasai, who has won twice.
- Ammann has reached the podium in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on five occasions, only trailing Janne Ahonen (FIN, 6) and Weißflog (10).
- Kasai and Schlierenzauer can join Ammann in third place on five podium finishes in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Freitag eyeing seventh podium in a row

- Richard Freitag (GER) finished second in Oberstdorf and claimed his sixth individual World Cup podium finish this season (3 wins, 3 times second) and the sixth in a row.
- Freitag's previous best seasons in podium finishes were 2011/12 and 2012/13, with five top-three ranks each.

- Freitag has recorded one win in the Four Hills tournament, winning in Innsbruck in 2014/15. This is also the only time he finished on the podium in a Four Hills event.
- The last German jumper to win on home snow in Garmisch-Partenkirchen was Sven Hannawald in 2001/02.
- Two of the last three German jumpers to win in Garmisch also went on to win the overall Four Hills tournament: Hannawald in 2001/02 and Jens Weißflog in 1990/91. The exception is Martin Schmitt in 1998/99 as Janne Ahonen won the overall standings.

Other contenders

- Stefan Kraft (AUT) just missed out on the podium in Oberstdorf as he finished in fourth place.
- 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 is still waiting for his first individual World Cup victory of the season.
- The last Austrian jumper to win in Garmisch-Partenkirchen was Thomas Diethart (AUT) in 2013/14.
- Dawid Kubacki (POL) finished in third place in Oberstdorf, his first ever podium finish in an individual World Cup event. His previous best result was a seventh place in Kuopio in February 2016.
- Gregor Schlierenzauer, who finished in 13th place, is one short of the record of 10 wins at the Four Hills Tournament, held by Björn Wirkola and Jens Weißflog.

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