

PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT OBERSTDORF – Sunday 29 Dec 2019

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Last year, Ryoyu Kobayashi became the third man to win all four events of the Four Hills Tournament in a single edition, after Sven Hannawald in 2001/02 and Kamil Stoch in 2017/18.
- Kobayashi could become the fourth jumper to win a record five successive Four Hills Tournament events, after Helmuth Recknagel (1958-1959), Hannawald (2001-2002) and Stoch (2017-2018).
- Kobayashi (2018/19) is one of three Japanese winners in Oberstdorf, alongside Yukio Kasaya (1971/72) and Kazuyoshi Funaki (1997/98).
- Kobayashi can become the first man to win back-to-back Four Hills events in Oberstdorf since Janne Ahonen in 2004-2005.
- Kobayashi (4) is one shy of equalling Funaki on a record five Four Hills Tournament event wins among Japanese jumpers.
- Kobayashi has won 15 individual World Cup events, joint-second most among Japanese men alongside Funaki (15). Only Noriaki Kasai (17) has won more.
- Kobayashi won in Klingenthal and Engelberg this season and wears the yellow bib as the leader in the World Cup standings.

Stefan Kraft

- Kraft has won two Four Hills events, in Oberstdorf in both 2014/15 and in 2016/17. He also occupied third place here last season.
- Kraft could join Dieter Thoma and Martin Schmitt on a record three wins on this hill in Four Hills Tournaments. Gregor Schlierenzauer and Simon Ammann can also win the Oberstdorf event for a record-equalling third time.
- Kraft's best results in a Four Hills city other than Oberstdorf are second places in Innsbruck in 2014/15 and 2018/19.
- Kraft has nine podium finishes to his name in Four Hills Tournament events – two wins, two second and five third places. He claimed the most podiums in Oberstdorf and Bischofshofen (3 each).
- Kraft is currently in second place in the World Cup standings, behind Ryoyu Kobayashi. Kraft claimed a win (in Nizhny Tagil) and two second places (Klingenthal, Engelberg) this season.
- Kraft and Peter Prevc are the only ski jumpers to have finished on the podium in an individual World Cup event in each of the last eight seasons (incl. 2019/20).

Kamil Stoch

- Kamil Stoch won the Four Hills Tournament in 2016/17 and 2017/18. In Oberstdorf, he started off those winning campaigns with a second place and a win, respectively.

- Last season, Stoch finished in eighth place on the Schattenberg Hill. Stoch failed to reach the podium in each of last season's Four Hills events.
- Stoch could win in Oberstdorf for the second time, after 2017/18. He only claimed multiple Four Hills victories in Bischofshofen (2).
- Stoch could become the fifth man to win the competition at least three times, after Janne Ahonen (5), Jens Weißflog (4), Björn Wirkola (3) and Helmuth Recknagel (3).
- Stoch has won five Four Hills events: Bischofshofen in 2016/17 and all four events in 2017/18. Among active jumpers, only Gregor Schlierenzauer has more (9).
- Stoch needs one more to equal Recknagel and Sven Hannawald in sixth-place all-time on six wins. Matti Nykänen (7) is in fifth place.

Other contenders

- **Peter Prevc** won the Four Hills Tournament in 2015/16. That season, he finished third in Oberstdorf before winning the other three events. Prevc has failed to reach a Four Hills podium since.
- Oberstdorf is the only Four Hills event without a Slovenian winner. Prevc is the only jumper from Slovenia to reach the podium: three third-place finishes.
- **Gregor Schlierenzauer** has won nine individual Four Hills events: three in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and two each in Oberstdorf, Innsbruck and Bischofshofen. Björn Wirkola and Jens Weißflog (10 each) are outright record holders in individual Four Hills events.
- Schlierenzauer could reach his fifth Four Hills podium in Oberstdorf. Only Jens Weißflog and Andreas Goldberger have more (6 each).
- In the last 16 Four Hills Tournaments (2003/04-2018/19), only one German jumper managed to win in front of a home crowd in Oberstdorf: **Severin Freund** in 2015/16.
- Germany's **Markus Eisenbichler** (second) and **Stephan Leyhe** (third) finished on the Four Hills podiums last season. Eisenbichler finished second in Oberstdorf, behind Ryoyu Kobayashi.
- **Daniel-André Tande** is the last man not named Kobayashi or Kamil Stoch to win a Four Hills event. Tande won in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck in 2016/17. The last Norwegian winner of a Four Hills event in Oberstdorf was Anders Jacobsen in 2012/13.

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