

PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN – Wednesday 1 Jan 2020

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.
- After winning the first event in Oberstdorf on Sunday, Kobayashi could now become the first ever jumper to win six successive Four Hills Tournament events. He currently shares the record of five wins in a row with Helmuth Recknagel (1958-1959), Hannawald (2001-2002) and Stoch (2017-2018).
- Kobayashi won in Garmisch-Partenkirchen last year. He can join Noriaki Kasai (2, 1993 and 2001) as the only Japanese jumpers to claim multiple wins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- Kobayashi can become the first man to claim back-to-back wins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen since Andreas Felder in 1991-1992 (Felder had a shared win alongside Jens Weißflog in 1991).
- In 20 of the previous 67 Four Hills tournaments the winner of the first event also won the second event.
- Of these 20 occasions, six ski jumpers failed to win the overall title: Jacobsen in 2012/13, Martin Schmitt in 1998/99, Toni Innauer in 1975/76, Yukio Kasaya in 1971/72, Ingolf Mork in 1970/71 and Aulis Kallakorpi in 1954/55.
- Kobayashi (5) can surpass Funaki (5) on most Four Hills Tournament event wins among Japanese jumpers. He could equal Recknagel and Hannawald (both 6) in sixth place all-time on most Four Hills event wins.
- Kobayashi has won 16 individual World Cup events, second most among Japanese men. Only Kasai (17) has won more.
- Kobayashi won in Klingenthal, Engelberg and Oberstdorf this season and wears the yellow bib as the leader in the World Cup standings.

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft has won two Four Hills events, both in Oberstdorf (2014/15 and 2016/17).
- Kraft has claimed a total of five podium finishes in Four Hills events, including two second-place finishes in Innsbruck (2014/15 and 2018/19).
- Kraft's best result in Garmisch-Partenkirchen is a third-place finish in 2016/17.
- Austrian ski jumpers have won a record 63 Four Hills events and have claimed a competition-high 178 podium finishes.
- Austria's last victory in a Four Hills event was in Oberstdorf in 2016/17, when Kraft triumphed.
- The last Austrian ski jumper to win in Garmisch-Partenkirchen was Thomas Diethart in 2014.
- Kraft is the only Austrian ski jumper to claim a podium finish in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the last five seasons. He finished third in 2016/17.

- Kraft is currently in third place in the World Cup standings, behind leader Ryoyu Kobayashi and Karl Geiger. Kraft claimed a win (in Nizhny Tagil) and two second places (Klingenthal, Engelberg) this season.

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger finished in second place in Oberstdorf, claiming his first ever podium finish in a Four Hills event.
- Geiger finished in the top seven in all World Cup events this season, including podium finishes in Nizhny Tagil (2nd), Engelberg (3rd) and Oberstdorf (2nd). He is currently in second place in the World Cup standings, behind Ryoyu Kobayashi.
- Geiger's best result in Garmisch-Partenkirchen is a seventh place in 2018.
- The last German ski jumper to win in Garmisch-Partenkirchen was Sven Hannawald in 2002.
- Germany has recorded six podium finishes in Garmisch-Partenkirchen since Hannawald's victory in 2002, most recently Markus Eisenbichler's second place in 2019.

Other contenders

- **Dawid Kubacki** finished third in Oberstdorf, claiming his fourth podium finish in Four Hills events (1 second place and 3 third places). Last season, he finished in third place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- **Kamil Stoch** won the Four Hills Tournament in 2016/17 and 2017/18. In 2018, he won the event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. This season, Stoch started with a 19th place in Oberstdorf.
- Stoch (5) could equal Helmuth Recknagel and Sven Hannawald (both 6) in sixth place all-time on most Four Hills event wins.
- **Marius Lindvik** claimed a third place in Klingenthal this World Cup season. Lindvik (21y-188d on 1 January) can become the second-youngest jumper to win in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in this century, after Gregor Schlierenzauer (17y-359d in 2008).
- The last Norwegian winner in Garmisch-Partenkirchen was **Daniel-André Tande** in 2017.
- Norway and Germany (including East & West Germany) have both won 13 times in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the Four Hills tournament, one shy of Austria's record 14 wins.
- **Gregor Schlierenzauer** has claimed three wins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (2008, 2010 and 2012). Only Jens Weißflog (4) has more.

General

- Since 2008/09, 10 of the 11 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) and Schlierenzauer won the final two events in Innsbruck and Bischofshofen.

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