

## PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT - INNSBRUCK - Saturday 4 Jan 2020

### General

- In the last 20 seasons, only once the leader in the Four Hills standings after the Innsbruck event failed to win the Golden Eagle - in 2016/17, Daniel-André Tande led after three events but was surpassed by Stoch in the final event.
- Finland have won 14 times in Innsbruck in the Four Hills tournament, one more than Austria (13). Norway has won here 12 times.
- Finland's last victory in a Four Hills event was Anssi Koivuranta's win in Innsbruck on 4 January 2014.

### 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 won in Innsbruck last year. Kazuyoshi Funaki (3) is the only Japanese ski jumper to have won here multiple times in the Four Hills tournament: 1995, 1997, 1998.
- Kobayashi can become the first man to win in Innsbruck in back-to-back years since Funaki in 1997 and 1998.
- Kobayashi (5) can surpass Funaki (5) on most Four Hills Tournament event wins among Japanese jumpers. He could equal Helmut Recknagel and Sven 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 Noriaki 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.
- Kobayashi is also leader in the overall classification of the Four Hills tournament, six points ahead of Karl Geiger. Last season he led the standings after two events by two points on Markus Eisenbichler.

### Marius Lindvik

- Marius Lindvik celebrated his first individual World Cup win by winning in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on New Year's Day.
- The previous Norwegian to win multiple hills in a singles season in the Four Hills tournament was Daniel-André Tande, who won in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck in 2017.
- Lindvik (21 years old) can become the youngest Norwegian ski jumper on multiple victories in the Four Hills tournament. The record now belongs to

Tande, who was 22-346 when he claimed his second win, in Innsbruck in 2017.

- In each of the previous four Four Hills seasons the winner of Garmisch-Partenkirchen also won the event in Innsbruck: Ryoyu Kobayashi in 2019, Kamil Stoch in 2018, Daniel-André Tande in 2017 and Peter Prevc in 2016.
- Norwegians to have won Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck in the same Four Hills season are Olav Bjørnstad (1953/54), Toralf Engan (1962/63), Björn Wirkola (1966/67 and 1968/69) and Tande (2016/17).

### **Karl Geiger**

- Karl Geiger finished second in Oberstdorf and Garmisch-Partenkirchen and he is second in the overall standings of the Four Hills tournament and in the World Cup standings this season.
- Geiger hopes to become the first German winner of a Four Hills event since Severin Freund in Oberstdorf on 29 December 2015.
- The only other German victory in the Four Hills tournament following Sven Hannawald's five wins in a row (2001/02 - 2002/03) was Richard Freitag's win in Innsbruck on 4 January 2015.
- The last man to finish runner up in three successive hills in a Four Hills season was Janne Ahonen in 1998/99 - second in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Innsbruck and Bischofshofen.
- Only one man finished second in the first three hills of a Four Hills tournament: Andreas Goldberger in Oberstdorf, Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck in 1994/95. Goldberger won the final jump in Bischofshofen and the tournament that season.

### **Dawid Kubacki**

- Dawid Kubacki finished third in Oberstdorf and in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Including last season he has finished on the podium in four of the last five hills, including the last three: 3rd in Garmisch 2018/19, 2nd in Bischofshofen 2018/19, 3rd in Oberstdorf 2019/20, 3rd in Garmisch 2019/20.
- Kubacki has five podium finishes in total in the Four Hills tournament (G0-S1-B4). This is the joint-most podium finishes for any man without having won an event in the tournament, alongside Otto Leodolter, Anatolij Zhiglanov and Anders Bardal, who all recorded three second places and two third places.
- Kubacki has claimed podium finishes in three of the four hills in the tournament. The exception is Innsbruck where his best result is a 17th place on 4 January 2017. He was 18th here last season.
- Only three Polish men have finished on the podium in Innsbruck in the Four Hills tournament: Jozef Przybyla (3rd in 1963/64 and in 1964/65), Adam Malysz (including win in 2000/01) and Kamil Stoch (including win in 2017/18).

## Other contenders

- **Kamil Stoch** won the Four Hills Tournament in 2016/17 and 2017/18. Innsbruck is the only hill in the tournament where he claimed three podium finishes: 1st in 2017/18, 2nd in 2012/13, 3rd in 2013/14.
- Stoch (5) could equal Helmuth Recknagel and Sven Hannawald (both 6) in sixth place all-time on most Four Hills event wins.
- **Constantin Schmid** will be 20 years and 38 days old on 4 January and he could become the youngest German (including East and West Germany) man to finish on the podium of a Four Hills event since 30 December 1988, when Dieter Thomas (19-072) won in Oberstdorf.
- **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).
- **Gregor Schlierenzauer** is the most recent Austrian winner in Innsbruck, on 4 January 2013. He won nine events in the Four Hills tournament, one shy of the record 10 by Jens Weißflog and Björn Wirkola.
- Schlierenzauer's last podium finish was when he won in Bischofshofen on 6 January 2013.
- **Daniel-André Tande**'s last top-10 finishes in Four Hills events were his win in Innsbruck in 2016/17 and his second place here in 2017/18. The only Norwegian to record more podium finishes in Innsbruck is Björn Wirkola (G3-S2-B0)).

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