

PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT - BISCHOFSHOFEN - Monday 6 Jan 2020

General

- In the last 20 seasons, only once the leader after the Innsbruck event failed to win the Golden Eagle - in 2016/17, Daniel-André Tande (NOR) led after three events but was surpassed by Kamil Stoch and Piotr Zyla in the final event.
- Michael Hayböck is the last Austrian ski jumper to win in Bischofshofen. He won the event in 2015.
- Austrian jumpers won 23 times in Bischofshofen. No other hill has more than 14 winners from a single country.

Dawid Kubacki

- Dawid Kubacki is the leader coming into the last hill on the Four Hills Tournament.
- Kubacki has yet to win a Four Hills Tournament event. This season, he finished third in Oberstdorf, third in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and second in Innsbruck.
- Kubacki can become the first ski jumper to win the Four Hills Tournament overall without winning one of the Four Hills since Janne Ahonen in 1998/99.
- Kubacki can join Adam Malysz (2003) and Kamil Stoch (2017 and 2018) as only Polish ski jumpers to win the Four Hills Tournament.
- Including last season, Kubacki has finished on the podium in five of the last six hills, including the last four: 3rd in Garmisch 2018/19, 2nd in Bischofshofen 2018/19, 3rd in Oberstdorf 2019/20, 3rd in Garmisch 2019/20 and 2nd in Innsbruck (2019/20).
- Kubacki is the record holder on the Bischofshofen Hill. Last year he reached 145 metres.

Marius Lindvik

- Marius Lindvik won two of the three Four Hills events this season: Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Innsbruck.
- He can become the first Norwegian winner of the Four Hills Tournament since Anders Jacobsen in 2006/07.
- Lindvik can give Norway its 11th victory in the Four Hills Tournament. Only Austria (16), Finland (16) and Germany (16 - GDR 11, FRG 2, GER 3) have more overall wins in the Four Hills Tournament.
- The only Norwegian jumpers to win three consecutive events in the Four Hills Tournament were Olav Bjørnstad (1953/54), Toralf Engan (1962/63) and Björn Wirkola (1966/67 and 1968/69).
- The only ski jumpers to win three hills without winning the overall classification were Yukio Kasaya in 1971/72 (win by Ingolf Mork after Kasaya did not participate in Bischofshofen), Ingolf Mork in 1970/71 (win by

Jiri Raska), Karl Schnabl in 1974/75 (win by Willi Pürstl), Toni Innauer in 1975/76 (win by Jochen Danneberg).

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 can become the first Japanese jumper to win the Four Hills Tournament in consecutive seasons and the first non-European jumper to achieve this.
- 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 can become the fifth ski jumper to win the Four Hills event in Bischofshofen in back-to-back years after Jiri Raska (3, 1968-1970), Jens Weißflog (1983-1984), Andreas Widhölzl (1999-2000) and Kamil Stoch (2017-2018). Janne Ahonen won in two times in Bischofshofen in January 2008 when the hill replaced the cancelled event in Innsbruck.

Other contenders

- **Kamil Stoch** won the Four Hills Tournament in 2016/17 and 2017/18. Stoch (5) could equal Helmut Recknagel and Sven Hannawald (both 6) in sixth place all-time on most Four Hills event wins.
- Stoch won twice in Bischofshofen in the Four Hills Tournament. Janne Ahonen, Jens Weißflog, Björn Wirkola and Jiri Raska all won a record three times on this hill.
- Stoch (31-226) can become the second oldest winner in Bischofshofen after Sepp Bradl (35-363) in 1954.
- **Karl 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.
- **Constantin Schmid** will be 20 years and 40 days old on 6 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.



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