

PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT – OBERSTDORF – 29 Dec 2020

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Halvor Egner Granerud has been victorious in each of the last five individual World Cup events this season and wears the yellow bib as the leader in the World Cup standings.
- Granerud can equal the all-time record of six successive individual wins in World Cup events, set by Janne Ahonen (2004-2005), Matti Hautamäki (2005), Thomas Morgenstern (2007), Gregor Schlierenzauer (2009) and Ryoyu Kobayashi (2018-2019).
- Granerud already holds the Norwegian record of winning most consecutive World Cup events.
- Granerud has never finished close to the podium in a Four Hills event. His best result in a Four Hills event is a seventh place in Bischofshofen in 2018/19. His best result in Oberstdorf is a 23rd place in 2017/18.
- Granerud can become the 23rd Norwegian to win a Four Hills event. Only Austria (also 23) have had as many different winners.

Dawid Kubacki

- Dawid Kubacki won the Four Hills Tournament last season, after being only victorious on the last hill in Bischofshofen.
- Last season, Ryoyu Kobayashi came into the Four Hills tournament as winner of the overall and the last hill in the previous edition. Kobayashi won the event in Oberstdorf.
- Kubacki has finished on the podium in each of his last five Four Hills Tournament events since an 18th place in Innsbruck on 4 January 2019.
- The last ski jumper to record at least six consecutive podium finishes in Four Hills events was Gregor Schlierenzauer (8), who finished in the top 3 on all four hills in both 2011/12 and 2012/13.
- In total Kubacki has recorded seven podium finishes in Four Hills events. Only Adam Malysz (12) and Kamil Stoch (9) have recorded more podium finishes among Polish ski jumpers in Four Hills events.

Other Contenders

- **Karl Geiger** finished second on three of the four hills last year (Oberstdorf, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Bischofshofen) and eighth in Innsbruck.
- **Markus Eisenbichler** won the first two World Cup events this season and is second in the World Cup standings coming into the Four Hills Tournament.
- In 2018/19, Eisenbichler claimed two second places in Four Hills events as he finished as runner up in both Oberstdorf and Garmisch-Partenkirchen. These are his only podium finishes to date in Four Hills events.

- Both Geiger and Eisenbichler have yet to win a Four Hills Tournament event. The last German to win a Four Hills Tournament event was Severin Freund in 2015/16 when he won in Oberstdorf.
- Germany (including West and East Germany) have won 21 times in Oberstdorf during the Four Hills Tournament. Austria and Finland both follow on 13.
- **Kamil 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 (5) needs one more win to equal Recknagel and Sven Hannawald in sixth-place all-time on most Four Hills event wins. Matti Nykänen (7) is in fifth place.
- **Daniel Huber** can become the first Austrian to win the Four Hills event in Oberstdorf since Stefan Kraft won on 30 December 2016.
- The last Austrian to win one of the Four Hill events was Michael Hayboeck, when he won in Bischofshofen in 2014/15.
- **Anze Lanisek** can become the second ski jumper representing Slovenia to record a podium finish in Oberstdorf during the Four Hills Tournament, after Peter Prevc recorded three third place finishes in 2013-2015.
- The Oberstdorf hill is the only one of the Four Hills that has yet to be won by Slovenian ski jumpers. Slovenia can become the ninth country to complete the set (Germany includes West and East Germany).
- **Yukiya Sato** could follow in the footsteps of Ryoyu Kobayashi (2018, 2019), Kazuyoshi Funaki (1997) and Yukio Kasaya (1972) to win the Four Hills event in Oberstdorf.

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