

PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT - OBERSTDORF - 28-29 Dec 2021

Karl Geiger

- Oberstdorf native Karl Geiger won the Four Hills event in Oberstdorf in 2020/21. He became the first German ski jumper to win one of the four events in the competition since Severin Freund triumphed in Oberstdorf in 2015/16.
- Sven Hannawald won the 2001/02 Four Hills Tournament by becoming the first jumper to claim the victory in all four events in a single edition. Germany won only four Four Hills events since: Hannawald in 2002/03 (Oberstdorf), Richard Freitag in 2014/15 (Innsbruck), Freund in 2015/16 (Oberstdorf) and Geiger last season (Oberstdorf).
- Geiger could become the first German ski jumper to win the Four Hills event in Oberstdorf in successive editions since Hannawald (2001/02, 2002/03).
- Geiger finished inside the top-five in eight of the nine individual World Cup events in the 2021/22 season, with the exception his 22nd place in Klingenthal on 12 December. He is the overall World Cup leader coming into the Four Hills Tournament.
- Geiger won two individual World Cup events in 2021/22: in Nizhny Tagil (20 November) and Engelberg (18 December). Only Ryoyu Kobayashi (3) won more. Geiger and Kobayashi (both 5) claimed the most individual podiums.
- At the 2020/21 world championships in Oberstdorf, Geiger won a medal in all possible four events: two gold (men's team event, mixed team event), a silver (men's normal hill) and a bronze medal (men's large hill).

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi won the opening Four Hills event in Oberstdorf in 2018/19 and 2019/20. He went on to win all four events and the overall competition in 2018/19. Kobayashi finished fourth in the final standings in 2019/20.
- Kobayashi could join Dieter Thoma (3, 1988/89, 1989/90 and 1996/97) and Martin Schmitt (1998/99, 1999/2000 and 2000/01) as the ski jumpers to win the Four Hills event in Oberstdorf a record three times.
- Kobayashi won five Four Hills events, joint-most among Japanese ski jumpers alongside Kazuyoshi Funaki (5).
- Kobayashi (3) won the most individual World Cup events in 2021/22. His wins came in Ruka (27 November), Klingenthal (12 December) and Engelberg (19 December).
- In 2018/19 and 2019/20, Kobayashi had also won the final individual World Cup event coming into the Four Hills Tournament.
- Kobayashi has claimed 22 individual World Cup victories, one shy of Simon Ammann, Peter Prevc and Thomas Morgenstern (all 23) in joint-ninth place in the men's all-time list.

Stefan Kraft

- Stefan Kraft won the Four Hills event in Oberstdorf twice: in 2014/15 and 2016/17. For Kraft, those are his only two Four Hills event victories.
- Only Dieter Thoma and Martin Schmitt (both 3) won Four Hills event in Oberstdorf more often. Besides Kraft, Simon Ammann (2008/09, 2013/14) and Ryoyu Kobayashi (2018/19, 2019/20) also won here twice in the competition.
- Andreas Goldberger (3, Innsbruck) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (3, Garmisch-Partenkirchen) are the Austrian ski jumpers to have claimed at least three wins at a specific venue in the Four Hills Tournament.
- Kraft claimed four World Cup victories in Oberstdorf (all events), joint-most among men alongside Martin Koch, Martin Schmitt and Gregor Schlierenzauer (each 4).
- Besides those four World Cup wins, Kraft became the world champion in the men's individual large hill event in Oberstdorf on 5 March 2021. Robert Johansson (2nd) and Karl Geiger (3rd) completed the podium.

Other contenders

- **Kamil Stoch** claimed the victory in the Four Hills event in Oberstdorf in 2017/18. He went on to win all four events and the overall competition that edition.
- Stoch has won seven Four Hills events, including the most recent two (Innsbruck and Bischofshofen). Only Björn Wirkola (10), Jens Weißflog (10), Janne Ahonen (9) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (9) have won more. Matti Nykänen also won seven Four Hills events.
- Stoch has claimed 46 career World Cup victories (all events), joint-second most all-time among men alongside Janne Ahonen and Matti Nykänen (each 46). Only retired Gregor Schlierenzauer (70) has won more.
- **Halvor Egner Granerud** targets his first win in a Four Hills event. He came runner-up in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on New Year's Day in 2021.
- This century, **Norwegian** ski jumpers won the Four Hills event in Oberstdorf twice: Sigurd Pettersen (2003/04) and Anders Jacobsen (2012/13).
- **Anže Lanišek** won the individual World Cup event in Ruka on 28 November. He hopes to join Peter Prevc (3), Primož Peterka (2) and Peter Zonta (1) are the only Slovenians to win a Four Hills Tournament event.
- 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).
- Slovenia are waiting for a new triumph in the Four Hills Tournament since Peter Prevc emerged victorious in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Innsbruck and Bisschofshofen in the 2015/16 edition.
- **Austria** did not win any of the last 19 events in the Four Hills Tournament, following Stefan Kraft's win in Oberstdorf in 2016/17. Austria had one longer drought in the competition: no win from the 1964/65 to the 1973/74 edition (40 events).



- Like Anže Lanišek, **Jan Hörl** (Wisla, 5 December) also celebrated his first individual World Cup career victory this season. Hörl's best result in his previous three participations in the Four Hills Tournament: 11th in Oberstdorf in 2020/21.

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