

PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT - Garmisch-Partenkirchen - 1 Jan 2022

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi won the Four Hills event in Oberstdorf on Wednesday. The last two men to win the opening two Four Hills events both went on to win all four events that season: Kamil Stoch in 2017/18 and Kobayashi himself in 2018/19.
- In 20 of the previous 69 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: Aulis Kallakorpi in 1954/55, Ingolf Mork in 1970/71, Yukio Kasaya in 1971/72, Toni Innauer in 1975/76, Martin Schmitt in 1998/99 and Anders Jacobsen in 2012/13.
- Kobayashi can become the first man to win the opening two events of a Four Hills Tournament on multiple occasions.
- Kobayashi won in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2019. He can join Noriaki Kasai (2, 1993 and 2001) as the only Japanese jumper to claim multiple Four Hills wins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- Kobayashi (6) can equal Matti Nykänen and Kamil Stoch (both 7) in joint-fifth place all-time on most Four Hills event wins.

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger, born in Oberstdorf, finished fifth in his home event on Wednesday. Geiger finished inside the top-five in nine of the 10 individual World Cup events this season, with the exception a 22nd place in Klingenthal on 12 December. He wears the yellow bib as the overall World Cup leader.
- The last German man to win the Four Hills event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen was Sven Hannawald in 2002.
- Germany has recorded seven podium finishes in Garmisch-Partenkirchen since Hannawald's victory in 2002, including Geiger's second place in 2020.

Norway

- Norwegian ski jumpers finished second, third and fourth in Oberstdorf last Wednesday: **Halvor Egner Granerud** second, **Robert Johansson** third and **Marius Lindvik** fourth.
- Lindvik won the Four Hills event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2020. Two Norwegian ski jumpers claimed multiple wins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the Four Hills Tournament: Björn Wirkola (3) and Anders Jacobsen (2).
- Granerud and Johansson target their first win in a Four Hills event. Granerud's best result were second places in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2021 and in Oberstdorf last Wednesday, Johansson's best result was a second place in Innsbruck in 2017.

- Granerud and Johansson can both become the 23rd Norwegian to win a Four Hills event. Only Austria (also 23) have had as many different winners.
- The last Norwegian to win the Four Hills Tournament was Anders Jacobsen in 2006/07.

Other contenders

- **Dawid Kubacki** won this event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2021. By recording 144.0 meters on his second jump last year, he set the Hill record on the Große Olympiaschanze.
- Kubacki can become the first man to claim back-to-back wins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen since Andreas Felder in 1991-1992 (shared win in 1991 with Jens Weißflog).
- **Kamil Stoch** has won seven Four Hills events, including one in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 2018. Only Björn Wirkola (10), 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 Ahonen and Nykänen (each 46). Only Schlierenzauer (70) won more.
- **Markus Eisenbichler** is aiming to become the first German man to win the Four Hills event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen since Sven Hannawald in 2002. Germany has recorded seven podium finishes in Garmisch-Partenkirchen since Hannawald's victory in 2002, including Eisenbichler's second place in 2019.
- **Stefan Kraft** and **Daniel Huber** can become the first Austrian man since Thomas Diethart in 2014 to win the Four Hills event in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- **Austria** did not win any of the last 20 events in the Four Hills Tournament, following 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).
- **Lovro Kos** and **Anže Lanišek** can become the third ski jumper representing Slovenia to win in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the Four Hills Tournament, after Primož Peterka (1997, 2003) and Peter Prevc (2016).

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