

PREVIEW FOUR HILLS TOURNAMENT - BISCHOFSHOFEN - Thursday 6 Jan 2022

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi won the Four Hills events in Oberstdorf, Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Bischofshofen (replaced Innsbruck) this season. Kobayashi (2018/19, 2021/22) is the first man to win the opening three events of a Four Hills Tournament on multiple occasions.
- **Kobayashi is on course to become the first ski jumper to win a second Four Hills Grand Slam, after winning all four hills and the overall standings in 2018/19. He is one of three ski jumpers with a Four Hills Grand Slam to his name, besides Sven Hannawald (2001/02) and Kamil Stoch (2017/18).**
- On 11 previous occasions, a ski jumper won each of the first three events of a single Four Hills Tournament. Only one of those 11 ski jumpers failed to win the Golden Eagle: Yukio Kasaya in 1971/72.
- Kobayashi finished on the podium in eight Four Hills events. All those eight podium finishes were victories.
- Kobayashi (8) is fifth on the all-time list of most Four Hills event wins, right behind Janne Ahonen (9) and Gregor Schlierenzauer (9). Björn Wirkola and Jens Weißflog won a record 10 events each.
- Noriaki Kasai (2nd in 1992/93, 2nd in 1998/99) and Funaki (2nd in 1994/95 and 1st in 1997/98) are the Japanese ski jumpers to have reached the overall podium in multiple editions of the Four Hills Tournament.
- Kobayashi could win five successive individual World Cup events for the second time, after winning a joint-record six successive individual events from December 2018 to January 2019. That run included his first Four Hills Grand Slam.
- The last ski jumper to not win the Four Hills Tournament despite winning at three of the four hills was Toni Innauer in 1975/76..

Marius Lindvik

- Marius Lindvik sits in second place in the Four Hills standings. He could become the first Norwegian ski jumper to win the Four Hills Tournament since Anders Jacobsen triumphed in 2006/07.
- Lindvik finished in the top four in eight of his nine starts in Four Hills events, with the exception a 10th place on his Four Hills debut in Oberstdorf on 29 December 2019.
- Lindvik finished on the podium in all three events in Bischofshofen in which he started (third, second and second), since his first appearance here in 2020.
- Lindvik can become the second ski jumper to win the overall Four Hills Tournament after an other ski jumper clinched the win on the first three hills, after compatriot Ingolf Mork in 1971/72. Mork won the tournament, after Yukio Kasaya had won the first three hills.

Halvor Egnér Granerud

- Halvor Egnér Granerud is third in the overall standings this Four Hills Tournament. He could become the first Norwegian ski jumper to win the Four Hills Tournament since Anders Jacobsen triumphed in 2006/07.
- Granerud has won 12 individual World Cup events, but he has yet to claim his first win in a Four Hills event.

Other Contenders

- For only the second time in 70 editions of the Four Hills Tournament, and for the first time since 2007/08, the tournament will take place at only three hills. In 2007/08 the event in Innsbruck was also cancelled due to weather conditions and replaced with an extra event in Bischofshofen in 2007/08.
- **Norway** could have two men on the podium of the final standings for the first time since 2012/13 (Anders Jacobsen 2nd and Tom Hilde 3rd).
- Norway could claim its 50th win in a Four Hills event. Only Austria has won more (63).
- **Austrian** ski jumpers have won the Four Hills event in Bischofshofen a record 23 times (Norway follows on 12 wins), but not since Michael Hayböck won here in 2014/15. That was the last Austrian win on home snow in the Four Hills Tournament.
- Austria did not win any of the last 22 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).
- **Germany** have had at least one ski jumper on the overall podium in each of the last four editions of the Vierschanzentournee. The highest ranked German ski jumpers after three hills in this edition are Markus Eisenbichler (4th) and Karl Geiger (5th).
- **Karl Geiger** sits in fifth place ahead of the last Four Hills event. Geiger finished third overall in 2019/20 and second in last season's edition of the Four Hills Tournament. The only German ski jumpers (including East and West Germany) to reach the overall podium in three successive editions are Dieter Neuendorf (1965/66 to 1967/68) and Jens Weißflog (1982/83-1984/85 and 1987/88-1990/91).
- Dieter Neuendorf (2-3-3) and Henry Glass (2-3-2 between 1971/72 and 1979/80) are the German ski jumpers (including East and West Germany) to finish on the overall Four Hills podium at least three times without ever winning.

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