

PREVIEW MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LARGE HILL BISCHOFSHOFEN – Saturday 8 Jan 2022

Ryoyu Kobayashi

- Ryoyu Kobayashi secured the win in the Four Hills Tournament in Bischofshofen last Thursday. Kobayashi missed the chance for a Four Hills Grand Slam, by finishing fifth in the final event on 6 January.
- In four of the past six World Cup seasons, the winner of the Golden Eagle went on to win the next individual World Cup event on the calendar, including Kobayashi himself after his 2018/19 Four Hills win.
- Kobayashi (2) can become the sixth male ski jumper to win a record three individual World Cup events in Bischofshofen. The record is currently held by Jiri Raska, Björn Wirkola, Jens Weißflog, Janne Ahonen and Kamil Stoch.
- Kobayashi already won at least three individual World Cup events in Oberstdorf (4), Ruka (3) and Engelberg (3).
- Kobayashi won six of the 13 individual World Cup events this season. He is the only ski jumper to win more than two (Karl Geiger 2).
- Kobayashi (25) is joint-eighth on the list of most individual World Cup event wins, alongside Andreas Felder (25). Martin Schmitt is seventh on 28 wins.

Karl Geiger

- Karl Geiger has claimed six individual podium finishes this World Cup campaign, including victories in the opening event in Nizhny Tagil on 20 November and Engelberg on 18 December.
- Geiger has won 11 individual World Cup events. He is one of six ski jumpers representing Germany (including East/West Germany) to have reached double digits in terms of individual World Cup victories, alongside Jens Weißflog (33), Martin Schmitt (28), Severin Freund (22), Sven Hannawald (18) and Dieter Thoma (12).
- The last German ski jumper to win a World Cup event on Austrian snow was Severin Freund in Tauplitz on 10 January 2015.

Halvor Egner Granerud

- Last season's overall World Cup winner Halvor Egner Granerud has won one World Cup event this season, the second event in Nizhny Tagil on 21 November.
- Granerud finished third (5 January) and second (6 January) in Bischofshofen last week, his only individual podium finishes in World Cup events on Austrian snow.
- Granerud has won 12 individual World Cup events since the start of last season, at least three more than any other ski jumper in this period (Ryoyu Kobayashi follows on nine).
- Granerud's tally of 12 individual World Cup wins is already more than any other ski jumper representing Norway (Roar Ljøkelsøy next on 11).

Other Contenders

- This will be the first individual World Cup event in Bischofshofen that is not part of the Four Hills Tournament.
- Bischofshofen is the second Austrian ski resort to host three successive individual World Cup events, after Tauplitz in March 1982.
- **Kamil 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 Gregor Schlierenzauer (70) won more.
- Stoch (10) can join Ahonen and Jens Weißflog on winning an individual World Cup event in a record 11 different seasons. Stoch's best result this campaign was a third-place finish in Klingenthal on 11 December.
- **Daniel Huber** won his first individual World Cup event when he triumphed in the Four Hills Tournament in Bischofshofen on 6 January 2022. The last Austrian ski jumper to claim back-to-back individual World Cup wins on Austrian snow was Schlierenzauer in Innsbruck and Bischofshofen in the 2012/13 Four Hills Tournament.
- **Stefan Kraft** (22) is one short of equalling Thomas Morgenstern (23) in third place for most individual World Cup wins among Austrian men. Only Schlierenzauer (53) and Andreas Felder (25) won more.
- **Lovro Kos** recorded a 144.0 meter jump in the Four Hills event in Bischofshofen on 6 January, just one meter shy of the hill record set by Dawid Kubacki (145.0 meter) in 2019. Kos was one of three ski jumpers to make it past the 140 meter mark in Bischofshofen last week, along with Markus Eisenbichler (140.5 meter on 5 January) and Karl Geiger (140.5 meter on 6 January).

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