

SCOTTISH NATIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FORT AUGUSTUS, LOCH NESS
WEDNESDAY 9th AUGUST 2000

This was a small entry by powerlifting competition standards though it brought an unprecedented response from a captive audience of around 1,500 spectators who enjoyed the lifting along with the other twenty or so attractions at the Loch Ness Highland Gathering.

The Native Championship was a competition especially promoted for natives of Scotland and for those of Scottish birth or ancestry.

Paul Stewart, in the 90's, made the journey from Norfolk to compete while local man, and European Deadlift Champion, Peter Whitehead could not make it due to work commitments, with his job as engineer on the steam train to Mallaig.

Alex Dick took a day off work, from his business as a house builder, to take the 100 kg. Unequipped class. "New Man" Derek Norrie, lifting on the 110's, made an impressive debut, between donning the kilt and running between the eight heavy events he was also competing in including caber tossing!!

Alistair Christie, the "Big Man" also competing in the Highland Games events, took the 145 kg. title with a 605 kg. total while younger brother Raymond took the 125 kg. Senior title with 592.5 kg.. Hamish Davidson took the M2 125 kg. title whilst organizing the whole show and also competing in the day's throwing events.

World M6 Record Breaker Peter Hudson drove up from Lancashire to referee the day's proceedings. Several light showers did not deter the enthusiasm of the competitors and all thoroughly enjoyed the meet, even though the venue *was* a bit different, and plans are afoot to hold a powerlifting championship next year on a much bigger scale.

	Wt	Squat	Bench	Deadlift	Total
Paul Stewart*	90	167.5	107.5	215	490
Alex Dick*	100	137.5	105	235	477.5
Derek Norrie	110	245	157.5	247.5	630
Raymond Christie	125	210	135	247.5	592.5
Hamish Davidson	125	237.5	157.5	265	660
*		197.5	157.5	265	620
Alistair Christie	145	220	127.5	257.5	605

* denotes lifters were Unequipped. Hamish lifted in both Equipped and Unequipped sections.